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## Glenn named student affairs VP

### Staff Reports

After much interviewing, the new vice president for Student Affairs has been named. Robert K. Glenn, former dean of students at Southwest Missouri State University, has filled the position.

Glenn began his career at Birmingham Southern College, where his great grandfather held the position of president over 50 years ago. Back then it was known as North Alabama Conference College and later as Birmingham College.

"My great grandfather actually finished his undergraduate degree while he was the sitting president of Birmingham College," he said.

He was a Methodist preacher and in his forties, was named president and felt he needed to finish his degree. The joke was that the faculty would send him notes asking if he had finished all of his

homework. I sometimes think about that whenever I am dealing with students."

Glenn made it clear that growing up in church, with a Methodist minister for a father shaped his life greatly.

"The church was and is an important part of who I am," he said. "My father always was a good role model and gave me direction but let me know the decisions I made I would have to live with."

"I believe that in dealing with students and families our job is to help them understand that college is all about decision making. Students will be making decisions that will affect the rest of their lives.

"My job is to take care of students and enhance their experiences at MTSU. That may mean providing programs or services, dealing with residence hall questions, or just providing a sympathetic ear for someone to talk

to. But our biggest challenge is to provide leadership and facilities their ability to make good decisions.

"The world is changing so fast, that the rote memorization of facts is not the basis of a solid education. As the body of knowledge continues to grow, it will become impossible to know everything you need to know in any one subject. Rather, the goal is to give students skills in gathering knowledge, how to use that knowledge when it is found, and problem solving. I think Student Affairs is uniquely suited to assist in this endeavor.

MTSU president Walker had nothing but good things to say about Glenn.

"I am delighted that Bob will be joining our team in August," said Walker. "He has outstanding leadership credentials and has done an excellent job according to all the people who spoke to me about him. He is well qualified for

the challenges that his position will provide."

Glenn had many positive things to say about the retired Robert LaLance Jr., who he is replacing.

"I had the pleasure of knowing Bob LaLance for almost 20 years through his active participation in professional organizations on the national level," he said. "I learned a great deal about MTSU through my association with him. His hard work, integrity, and sincere interest in the well-being of the student were signs of what the university stood for."

Glenn is a Texas native, who holds a B.S. in chemistry from Birmingham Southern College. He also holds a master and Ph.D in counselor education from the University of Alabama. He has worked in student affairs administration for more than 20 years.

Look for Glenn in the Student Affairs office in mid-August. ■

## Customs strives to introduce new students to MTSU

Melanie McWhorter  
Staff Reports

If you see a bunch of students wandering around campus looking lost, it's because CUSTOMS 1999 is upon us.

CUSTOMS is MTSU's summer orientation program for parents and students, and it will draw more than 5,000 new students and their families to campus during the month of July, said Gina Poff, Director of Student Development.

The first freshman orientation sessions were held Tuesday and today; the first transfer orientation session was held June 29.

"It's going very well," said Poff of the first sessions.

The only major change this year is going to be a cookout at the recreation center, rather than the usual banquet held on the first day of the two-day orientation, said Stuart Eddings, Coordinator of Orientation.

Eddings said about 2,200 freshmen and 1,200 transfer students are expected to attend the sessions. About 2,300 family members are expected to accompany the new students.

CUSTOMS is designed to help new students and transfer students make the transition to college life a smooth one.

The CUSTOMS mission is, according to their website, "to facilitate the transition of new undergraduate students into the university; prepare new students for the institution's educational opportunities; and initiate the integration of new undergraduate students into the intellectual, cultural, and social climate of the institution. The CUSTOMS program falls in line with the overall mission of the university to provide student support services that create a campus environment conducive to learning and personal development."

During CUSTOMS, students have the opportunity to register for classes early, tour campus and the residence halls, meet in groups with others in their major for career planning and academic advising, and find out about student services and college life.

The CUSTOMS program will also assist new students in understanding the purposes of higher education and our University's mission; provide new students with information about academic policies, procedures, requirements, and programs that the University has; assist new students in becoming familiar with the campus and local environment; provide opportunities for the students to interact with faculty, staff, and other students; provide new students with information and opportunities for self-assessment; and provide relevant orientation information and activities to the new student's parents, guardians, etc. ■



Staff Photo by Melanie McWhorter  
Transfer student Anna Howell and her mother register for classes on TRAM at

## Governor School Students perform for their last week

Melanie McWhorter  
Staff Reporter

The 1999 Governor's School for the Arts at Middle Tennessee State University is drawing to a close, and its 237 excellent high school students from around the state can remember these last four weeks as a time of enrichment and fun.

One of the high points of the Governor's school experience is the performances that the students put on, especially the symphony orchestra and chorale performance at the fourth of July celebration here at MTSU, according to Jim Brooks, Director of the Governor's School and Associate Dean of MTSU's College of Liberal Arts.

"It went well. The students performed magnificently and also enjoyed participating in the festivities," said Brooks.

The Governor's Schools of Tennessee were created in 1984 when the Extraordinary Session of the Tennessee General Assembly mandated a summer program to benefit Tennessee's top high school students. In 1985, the first three Governor's Schools were opened: a school for the arts at Middle Tennessee State University, a school for humanities at University of Tennessee at Martin, and a school

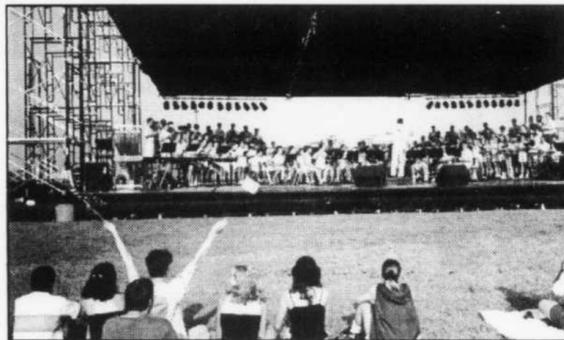
for the sciences at University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Other programs have been added since then.

The School for the Arts is the largest of these schools and it enrolls approximately 250 students per year. During the course of the four-week program, the arts students focus on music, ballet, visual arts, and theatre. Music students participate in piano ensembles, a chorale, a wind ensemble, and an orchestra. Dance students study ballet and other dance forms. The visual arts students study painting, ceramics, drawing, graphic design, computer design, printmaking, and sculpture. Theatre students study the various aspects of performance, theatrical design, and stage tech.

The Governor's School students begin their classes at 8 a.m. each day and continue into the early afternoon. Next, rehearsals and studio work take up the arts students' afternoons and early evenings. Each night, the students attend various concerts, lectures, and performances by guest artists. The Governor's School programs end with a three-day finale of art exhibits, concerts, and performances.

The 237 students enrolled in the various programs of the Governor's School for the Arts

here at MTSU were selected by auditions from 1,187 applicants from around the state. ■



Staff Photo by Melanie McWhorter  
Governor's School for the Arts orchestra, chorus, and wind ensemble perform America the Beautiful at the Celebration Under the Stars, July 4th at MTSU.

### Governor's School Finale Events-No Admission Charge

Date	Time	Event	Location
July 8	7pm	Theatre Performance	Tucker Theatre
July 9	3-6 pm	Visual Arts Exhibition	Art Barn
	7 pm	Concert/Piano, Chorale, Wind, and Orchestra	Wright Music Hall
July 10	10 am	Ballet Performance	Tucker Theatre
	10:30am	Visual Arts Slide Show	Tucker Theatre
	11 am	Dance Performance	Tucker Theatre
	11:30am	All School Awards	Tucker Theatre

## Recent college graduates help students avoid charge-card spending problems

Christine Tatum  
College Press Exchange

OVIEDO, Fla. (CPX) — While a student at the University of Central Florida, Russell Gentile took special note of all the credit-card pushers who visited campus.

They handed out T-shirts and promised a slew of goodies to students who signed up for their cards. Gentile loathed all the pressurized sales pitches, which many young men and women fell for without understanding the finer points of credit or considering how all that "free money" could affect their future.

"I felt there had to be a better way," said Gentile, who graduated from the university in 1995 with a degree in finance. "How students manage their money now is very

important. We want to help students use credit wisely now so that they can utilize it in the future when they want to buy new cars (and) houses."

Gentile wasn't the only one determined to teach students the ins and outs of getting a credit card. His childhood friend, David Ogden, a 1996 graduate from Loyola Marymount in Los Angeles, had seen his friends get into trouble with credit. He, too, wanted to prevent others from falling into similar traps.

The two teamed to create StudentCredit.com, (<http://www.StudentCredit.com>) a Web site devoted to educating students about credit card use. The site is specifically targeted at students and free for all to use. It offers details about credit cards

offered by American Express, Discover, Master Card and Visa. It also contains exhaustive lists of terms every borrower should understand and provides detailed answers to frequently asked questions. The site also advises student borrowers on ways to establish solid credit and easy-to-maintain personal budgets.

"We just want to be on the Web, and when someone's ready, they can come to our site, educate themselves and make a good decision about the credit card that is right for them," Ogden said.

To keep the service up and running, Ogden and Gentile make money by offering students a chance to use their site to apply for credit cards. Their business earns a flat fee for each student who uses their site to apply for a credit card

and is approved.

"We're not pushing anything on anyone," Ogden said. "We want people to read the information and make their own decision. We will never favor one credit card company over another."

Ryan Westberry, a senior at the University of Central Florida, received a credit card from StudentCredit.com.

"It was really easy," he said. "No one was bribing me with a free CD case to fill out an application. I looked over all the cards offered, decided on one and entered all the required information. Plus, I learned a lot about how important good credit really is."

StudentCredit.com is located at <http://www.StudentCredit.com>. The Central Florida Future contributed to this report. ■

## Two dead others injured in racially sparked drive by

Martha Irvine  
Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO (AP) - The white supremacist suspect in last weekend's deadly two-state shooting spree got his guns last month from an illegal gun dealer, a federal agent said today.

Benjamin Nathaniel Smith bought the guns from an unlicensed gun dealer in the Peoria area, said Jerry Singer, a special agent for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

The rampage, which included shootings of minorities in several Illinois cities and in Bloomington, Ind., ended Sunday with Smith committing suicide as police tried to arrest him in the southern Illinois town of Salem.

Singer said Smith bought a Bryco .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun on June 26 - days after he was turned away from a licensed gun shop. Then on June 29, Smith bought a .22-caliber pistol, Singer said.

Singer said the ATF had already been investigating the unlicensed dealer before Smith bought the guns. The person's name has been turned over to the U.S. attorney's office in Springfield for possible charges, he said.

Skokie police Sgt. Michael Ruth, a spokesman for the task force overseeing the case, said earlier today that investigators had determined that Smith tried to make a purchase at a Peoria Heights gun dealer June 23. He said Smith was turned down because one of his ex-girlfriends had filed an order for protection against him.

Tony Schneider, owner of the shop, the Heights Gun and Hunter Supplies, confirmed in a telephone interview that Smith was there. He said he tried to buy two 9 mm handguns, a shotgun and ammunition. He said Smith was calm when told he couldn't have the items.

Ruth also said today that a search Monday of an apartment Smith

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# Bush raises \$36 million, sets campaign fund-raising record

Mary Anne Ostrom  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

LOS ANGELES — Admitting that even he was stunned, Texas Gov. George W. Bush said Wednesday he has raised \$36.25 million in four months — more than any presidential candidate has ever raised during an entire primary campaign that typically lasts 18 months.

Bush has raised almost twice as much money as all his GOP rivals combined. Democratic front-runner Al Gore, despite holding numerous fundraising events, has raised only half as much as Bush in the first half of this year.

For the other GOP candidates, Bush's success at vacuuming up cash could seriously impair their chances in a primary season that will require candidates to run expensive TV ads simultaneously in several states, including California and New York. Also, donors who might have favored Bush's opponents may now see Bush as a shoo-in and choose to back him.

Bush's \$36.25 million broke the

record set by GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole, who received \$31.3 million in contributions during an 18-month period in the last presidential primary. After Bush announced the figure at a Los Angeles charter school, there were audible gasps from the crowd.

"I am humbled by the response," Bush said, before heading to fundraisers in Sacramento and San Francisco. "People are hungry for something, and, as I say, I'm gratified. It's beyond expectations."

But shedding his humility later in the day, Bush called out, "36, 25," while signaling a play during a scrimmage with at-risk youth attending Oakland Raiders wide receiver Tim Brown's football camp in Sacramento. Bush then threw a touchdown pass to Brown.

The Bush fundraising phenomenon raises the risk that his opponents will criticize him for ignoring Watergate-era campaign-finance reform measures. Bush fueled speculation Wednesday that he will forgo taking public matching funds that would require

him to abide by spending limits. Bush said his immense fundraising success now "makes it an easier decision."

But if he decides to stick to the limits, Steve Forbes, who spent \$37 million of his own money in his 1996 run, could outspend him.

Bob Stern, co-director of the Los Angeles-based Center for Government Studies, said choosing not to accept fundraising limits would be "troublesome." "What we had hoped is to give the candidates enough money to get their message across but not enough to drown out all the other candidates," he said.

But, noted Stern, the experience of Forbes and Reform Party candidate Ross Perot also shows "money helps but doesn't ensure a win."

Wednesday was the final day contributions could be counted in reports that campaigns must submit by July 15 to the Federal Elections Commission. U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a vocal champion of campaign-finance limits, picked the day to deliver a scathing indictment of federal

campaign financing rules.

"We won't reform anything until we first reform the way we finance our political campaigns," McCain told a crowd in Bedford, N.H. "As long as special interests dominate campaigns, they will dominate legislation as well."

He also called for abolishing the unrelated donations to political parties known as "soft money," saying, "Americans will never have a government that works as hard for them as it does for the special interests."

In comments to reporters, Bush said, "If people think that a candidate is going to be corrupted by a \$1,000 contribution, then they shouldn't vote for that person."

He also said he leans toward raising the \$1,000 per election limit on individual donations to presidential campaigns, providing the contributions are instantly made public on the Internet. "Let the sunshine in," he said. He also said he wants to ban some soft money contributions from corporations and labor unions. ■

# Cleaner air means warmer temps in next millenium

Seth Borenstein  
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON—As America cleans its air dramatically, it will pay a price in noticeably higher temperatures, according to a report released Tuesday.

The United States and other nations have cut sulfur dioxide pollution, which causes health problems and acid rain. But the same sulfur in the air also reflects the sun's heat and slows global warming, top climate scientists said Tuesday.

So removing the sulfur from the air is expected to raise global temperatures in the next 100 years a degree above predictions made only four years ago, said the new study by Tom Wigley, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Colorado.

"If we save the world from acid rain ... we might exacerbate the global warming problem," Wigley said Tuesday.

And the United States will get hotter faster than the rest of the globe, Wigley predicted.

A wide swath of northern states should see temperatures go up 60 to 80 percent faster than the rest of the world in the winter and 40 to 60 percent faster the rest of the year, an average of 15 computer forecasts predicts.

Wigley said geography — the size and northern location of the continent — will contribute to the extra warming in America.

In 1995, international scientists said the warmup rate would be between 1.5 and 7 degrees by the year 2100. With the reduction in sulfur dioxide emissions, Wigley now predicts the warmup to be somewhere between 2.5 and 8 degrees by 2100.

The added warming will also increase a predicted rise in sea levels, Wigley said. Instead of rising from 5 to 38 inches, the sea will rise 7 to 40 inches.

That extra 2 inches should have dramatic effects on coastal areas of the United States, said Michael MacCracken, national assessment director for the U.S. government's Global Change Research Program. It will cause freshwater shortages in California and flood areas from the Gulf Coast to the Chesapeake Bay, he said.

Wigley based his forecasts on unpublished research by scientists studying emissions for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. In 1992, scientists thought sulfur emissions would double from 1990 to 2100, but those new studies show the emissions dropping. The rate of decrease could be anywhere from 15 to 61 percent, the research shows.

U.S. sulfur dioxide emissions dropped 12 percent from 1988 to 1997, much of that due to new acid rain regulations put into effect in 1995, said Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Dave Ryan.

"Cleaning up the sulfates is going to help remove this whitish haze that covers industrial areas and that's going to allow some further warming," MacCracken said.

The sulfur particle issue represents a "moral paradox" because cleaning the air in the short term is a priority, yet global warming is at a runaway pace, said Princeton University atmospheric sciences professor Jerry Mahlman, who heads the Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Lab for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Wigley's study is published by the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, a nonprofit that tries to raise global warming issues. It was peer reviewed by top climate scientists, including Mahlman and MacCracken, who said Wigley drew proper conclusions.

But NASA Goddard Institute for Space Sciences director James Hansen, who helped prove the world was warming, cautioned that determining how sulfur, clouds and other variables will factor into climate change was too complicated to predict outcomes confidently. ■

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rented in Morton — just outside of Peoria — turned up receipts for ammunition, boxes for two guns and stacks of hate literature.

Smith, 21, was a member of the World Church of the Creator, a white-supremacist organization, and distributed anti-minority literature while he was a student at Indiana University in Bloomington.

Ruth didn't know why Smith was living in Morton. The town is not far from East Peoria, where World Church of the Creator founder Matt Hale lives.

Two people were killed during the drive-by spree: former Northwestern University men's basketball coach Ricky Byrdson and a student in Bloomington, Ind.

At least eight others were wounded, one seriously. All the victims were black, Asian or Jewish.

Authorities said they believed Smith began his spree in Chicago on Friday by wounding six Orthodox Jews outside a synagogue. Within an hour, Byrdson, who was black, was shot to death in nearby Skokie and two Asian-Americans were shot at, but not hit, while driving in Northbrook.

The shooter also fired at Asians and blacks in two Illinois cities, Springfield and Urbana, on Saturday, seriously wounding one man. On Sunday, authorities said, he fatally shot of Indiana University student Won-Joon Yoon, 26, in Bloomington.

Authorities also believe the gunman wounded a black minister in Decatur, Ill., on Saturday, but

they were waiting for ballistics tests to confirm that.

In Salem, shattered glass, tire marks and a piece of orange plastic from a tail light are all that show where the chase ended.

Smith fatally shot himself Sunday night as he led police on a chase that was headed toward 2,000 people gathered for a Fourth of July celebration.

"Our main target was to get him stopped before he got there, but fortunately he did that for us," said Marion County sheriff's deputy Todd Garden.

Coroner Tom Nicolay said Monday he was treating Smith's death as a suicide, although an official inquest will be held.

Nicolay said Smith shot himself three times.

The first time was in the chin, and police believe that happened after they spotted the minivan

Smith had carjacked at gunpoint at a gas station in Ina, about 35 miles south of Salem and 270 miles south of Chicago. The woman who was driving the van and her 13-year-old daughter were not hurt.

The minivan went off the road and into a culvert, hitting a metal pipe and causing the air bag to inflate. Smith refused officers' orders to put his hands up, so several entered the van.

As he struggled with five officers, Smith shot himself in the chest and leg. None of the officers fired and Smith didn't appear to shoot at them, police said.

He was still combative even after being handcuffed and put in an ambulance but said nothing, police said. He bled to death from the chest wound a short time later in a hospital, authorities said. ■

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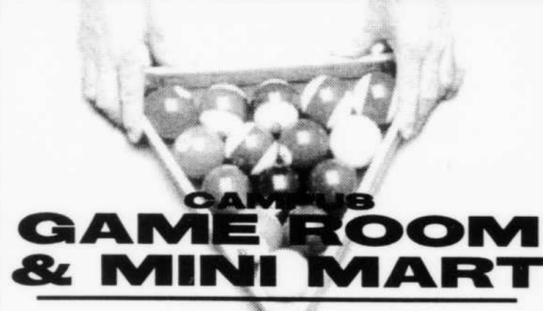
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# Senate debates 3-year-old nuclear test ban treaty

Tom Raum

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) - It's been nearly three years since President Clinton became the first world leader to sign a treaty calling for a global ban on nuclear test explosions. The Senate has yet to even hold a hearing on it.

The Senate is not alone: So far, only 18 of the 44 nations with nuclear capabilities that must ratify the wide-ranging Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty have taken action. Now, with a September ratification deadline approaching, treaty activists are stepping up their campaign to bring the measure to the Senate floor.

In Washington, the treaty remains bottled up in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, whose chairman, Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is locked in a dispute with the Clinton administration over two other treaties.

"The Senate is dragging its feet on this issue and it's unforgivable," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., a leader in the effort bring the treaty to a vote. He said he and other test-ban supporters will get "more aggressive" in the coming weeks.

Dorgan declined to say what that meant, but there's no question that a handful of determined senators can bring havoc to the Senate's schedule.

"Russia is waiting for us, China is waiting for Russia," said Thomas Graham, president of the Lawyers

Alliance for World Security and a former director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. "The delay in ratification is exclusively that there haven't been hearings. There is no other reason."

The 1996 pact includes a pledge against all testing of nuclear devices and sets up a global system of sensors to monitor compliance. It was signed by 152 nations, but ratification is moving slowly.

The approaching deadline is Sept. 23, the third anniversary of the treaty's opening for signature. After that, a conference will be held to convene to consider what measures might be taken to get non-ratifying members to join, including possibly economic steps. Only nations that ratified the treaty could participate in the conference - leaving the United States without direct influence.

Under the treaty, all 44 states with some nuclear capacity must sign for it to take effect. Even one holdout - by, say, North Korea - could keep the treaty from taking effect.

Supporters of the test-ban treaty say it would lock in U.S. superiority gained in over 1,000 nuclear tests during the Cold War, while failing to ratify the pact could open the door to additional nuclear tests by India and Pakistan - now caught up in another military dustup over Kashmir - or other nations.

Opponents argue it could threaten America's ability to deliver an effective nuclear strike, if one is ever needed.

Supporters are encouraged by Russian President Boris Yeltsin's expressed willingness last month to renegotiate a landmark 1972 arms-reduction treaty and signs that the Russian parliament may soon take up the START II treaty, a later nuclear-reduction pact.

Politically, the test-ban treaty has become linked with Russian action on those earlier treaties.

At the core of the dispute: the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty. Conservatives don't like it because it prohibits development of a national missile defense system. Some consider the ABM treaty defunct since the Soviet Union no longer exists.

Last week, Congress sent President Clinton a bill to commit the United States to such an anti-missile system, regardless of the ABM treaty.

In another concession, the administration's top arms-control official, John Holum, told a Senate hearing the United States should go ahead with plans to build the system despite ABM prohibitions, suggesting it was in the national interest.

But Helms has shown little interest in such overtures, at least publicly.

Before moving on the test-ban treaty, Helms wants the administration to first submit to the Senate modifications in the ABM treaty agreed to three years ago by Clinton and Yeltsin.

The administration says it will submit the modifications, but only

after Russia ratifies START II.

Helms also wants the administration to submit the climate treaty negotiated in Kyoto, Japan, in December 1997, even though it would likely be defeated.

Helms hasn't changed his mind, spokesman Marc Theissen said.

"They've got to submit the ABM treaty (modifications) and Kyoto," he said.

With Helms refusing to schedule hearings, the only way the treaty could be pried from the committee would be for Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., to bring it directly to the floor.

But Republican Senate sources said Lott was not inclined to do so, particularly after criticism from conservatives two years ago for helping to win ratification of an also-controversial chemical weapons ban treaty.

Dorgan conceded that getting Helms to change his mind, or persuading Lott to put the treaty on the Senate agenda, is no easy task. Furthermore, there's no guarantee the treaty - which requires 67 votes - will be ratified. But it's still worth the effort, he said.

The United States has not conducted a full-fledged nuclear test since 1992, although it conducted tests on two nuclear devices in 1997 using chemical, rather than nuclear, explosions.

India and Pakistan conducted tests last year, China in 1996 and France in 1995-1996. ■

# Y2K fears downplayed but troubles still possible

Woody Baird

Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - State and federal authorities don't expect widespread computer failures when the millennium arrives, but localized troubles with banks, utilities and such may be looming, speakers at a public forum said Tuesday.

John Koskinen, head of President Clinton's council on preparing for the Y2K computer bug, said the general public "should not over react, but not under react," either.

If computer-related breakdowns do leave people without lights and water or access to their bank accounts, those shutdowns will be similar to such troubles caused by ice storms or other natural disasters, Koskinen said.

The most serious problems will be if the breakdowns, though localized, happen in lots of places at once, overwhelming relief efforts by organizations such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency, he said.

"If you've got a 911 problem in one community, a short-term power outage in another and a hospital operating problem in a third, what has to happen is people have to be able at the community level to respond to those," Koskinen said.

Bradley Dugger, the state's chief of information systems, told the 150 or so citizens attending the forum that Tennessee government is prepared for Y2K.

Dugger said the state has tested, and upgraded where necessary, more than 90 percent of its computer systems and should have the major ones Y2K compliant by the end of the year.

"We do think we're going to make it, but it's something we're constantly watching," he said.

Fears over Y2K breakdowns stem from the inability some computer programs, especially older ones, may have in making sense of the date 2000. Those programs were designed to read the last two digits of a year, meaning 2000 and 1900 look the same.

The forum at Christian Brothers College also included representatives from Memphis Light Gas & Water Division, BellSouth, Baptist Memorial Hospital and other local business and utility leaders.

They, too, said their organizations have made major strides in preparing for Y2K.

U.S. Rep. Harold Ford Jr., D-Tenn., the forum's host, said he was encouraged by those reports, but "I'm going to stay on them, though."

"I don't mean to be a cynic," Ford said. "I believe steps are being taken, but I'm going to encourage them to continue."

Some audience members also seemed less than totally at ease.

One ask how long people might be forced to fend for themselves without utilities and other such services if Y2K breakdowns do occur. She got no direct response.

Another wanted to know if federal authorities have discussed the possible need for martial law if Y2K breakdowns lead to civil unrest.

"We have no plans at this point to declare a national emergency," Koskinen said. "We have no plans to nationalize the National Guard." ■

# Foster care comes out a winner in a tough budget year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) - In a year of tight money, when legislators forswore their beloved pork projects and programs across the board were clamoring for money like a chick with its mouth open, one of the winners was foster care.

The Department of Children's Services helped itself in the months leading up to the legislative session by admitting it had problems. In February, House Speaker Jimmy Naifeh appointed a special ad hoc committee to study the program. In May a report was released detailing specific shortcomings in the system.

And by the end of budget time in late May, lawmakers and Gov. Don Sundquist found \$15.3 million to add to the program.

At the same time, programs in the governor's budget were cut by \$79 million. Raises for state employees were eliminated, as were all building projects and \$11 million set aside to start a program of at-home care for the elderly.

Because the \$15 million for foster care did not emerge until late in the contentious budget negotiations, some lawmakers wondered where it came from, and why other programs were shut out.

"Many of us were surprised. That money came out of nowhere," said Rep. John Arriola, D-Nashville, who has pushed unsuccessfully for several years to get funding in the budget for home- and community-based care for the elderly, which was the House Democrats' top priority before this session started. ■

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# OPINIONS

"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

—Thomas Jefferson  
Murfreesboro, TN



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## Editorial

### Organize, prioritize your time

School can get tough, huh? Add work, sports, clubs and organization meetings, studying, social time, or whatever else you do and you have one heck of a schedule. At times your schedule can get so hectic that you may not have enough time to catch your breath. Though everyday may not be this way for you, we all have experienced this at one point or another.

Sometimes we just want to give up, right? Right. But there are ways to beat this. Listen up. First of all, you need to examine your schedule and make sure that all of the things you are doing are worth the time and effort. If you find that there are things that you are doing that aren't in your best interest, let them go. If you find that everything on your agenda needs to be there, then the next thing you do is get a planner (pocket organizer) so that you can organize your day, hour by hour. Although you may be able to keep up with everything in your head, having a planner allows you to see everything on paper (or screen, if you have an electronic organizer). It can remind you of things you may have forgotten about.

While doing all of this organizing, it is also important to prioritize. You have to be aware of what's most important. For instance, most, if not all of the students on this campus will say that earning a degree is their primary focus. Sometimes states like this can seem so contradicting because many of us put more emphasis on partying. Now, partying can be just as much a part of the college experience as going to class but we must remember what's more important and what we have to focus on more.

Not all students are distracted from their school work by parties. Some are distracted by extracurricular activities. Although these are positive things, it is still important that you know what comes first. Let's just say this, if you put too much time into your sport, honor society, greek organization, job or whatever and you don't focus on your school work, you may end up kicked out of school with no extracurricular activities to participate in. And, you'll have plenty of time to work at your job. None of us want to be in this situation so let's become aware of what we need to do.

## Big Brother watches; right there on your shoes

David Klepper  
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The 50th anniversary of the release of 1984, by George Orwell, recently passed. He wrote it as a caution to various social and political trends he saw amassing strength in post-war Europe. He foresaw a large, fascist bureaucracy that controlled the lives of its citizens through mind-numbing social conditioning, paranoia and constant surveillance. This government, Big Brother, not only wanted the taxes and votes of its citizenry, but also their freedom, their minds and their individuality. It's a spooky book, one that cannot be dismissed as mere X-File-ish, conspiracy drivel.

Fifty years later, 1984 is still relevant, still terrifying in its critique of a homogenizing, demeaning and deluding world order.

1984 is about the troubles of one man who grows tired of Big Brother's constant surveillance and social control. His civilization, which is constantly at war with one of two other world powers, is divided into two socio-economic groups. These groups are the proles, short for members of the proletariat, and the Party Members. All Party Members are watched constantly by the all-seeing telescreens, and are held in check by terrifying paranoia. Any deviance from Big Brother's Party line, such as the very mention of the words 'God' or 'Freedom,' even in private conversation, is punishable by swift interrogation and death.

One character is carried away by the secret police because he once utters a condemnation of Big Brother in his sleep. His children hear him and turn him in. Family bonds, his relationships and even

private thoughts and wishes are viewed as dissident behavior and are punished rapidly. As a result, people lost their ability to love, to hate, to yearn and to think for themselves.

Most American readers of 1984 rest assured that this fascist regime could never happen here. They believe Americans, as individualistic and freedom-loving as we claim to be, could never allow this to happen. And they're right, sort of. Americans will not be executed or tortured. We are too soft for those kinds of things instead, we will be overcome by the Mighty Dollar, the Hardee's Star and the ever-advancing column of fads.

Orwell got it wrong when he laid the blame for the nightmare of 1984 on the government. It's not the government that is numbing our minds, turning us into blind consumers and television-dumbed vegetables. It's the commercialism and consumerism that fuels America nowadays. It's the fault of Nike, McDonald's and Hollywood big shots. And it's our fault. We're the ones who tune in to the television and turn off our minds. We have heated conversations about which is better, Coke or Pepsi. We wear shirts with a swoosh, just for the steal. I don't believe these corporations intend to steal our individuality, they're just trying to corner the market and make a few bucks. But somewhere along the way, capitalism has turned us from citizens to into consumers, who consume because it is what our economy demands. After all, it's good for business — we all make more money to spend on more junk.

Everything has been tainted by this consumerism. Commercials are now art and art is now commercialized advertisements are discussed and debated for their merits while art is judged by how many copies have been sold or how many people

tuned in to watch. We pay \$45 for a shirt with a special logo and shell out hundreds for little yellow stitches on a pair of shoes.

We always want more — we satisfy ourselves with new clothes, new cars, new trinkets. Songs are picked by record companies and radio stations because they are catchy and memorable for two weeks. And then, the song self-destructs, becomes boring and old, and is promptly replaced by another equally vacuous and catchy song. This is designed to happen, to ensure the fast turnover of CDs. Same with movies. And same with TV.

Does anyone else worry about this? I'm sure that if someone from a century ago were to visit us now in 1999, he would be shocked by our devotion.

Sure, maybe we're smarter, more informed. We can all read. But we don't instead we trade our individuality and our passion for the distraction of material things. Our pantsche said religion made us weak, sapped our wills.

Well, God has been eclipsed by the boob tube and that stupid Taco Bell Chihuahua. Television is mostly to lacerate. But you, reader, should pat yourself on the back. Good for you for actually reading a newspaper, though the media is also partly responsible for the numbing of America.

But at least you're reading, and not watching the damn television. Turn it off. Take off those hip shoes and go outside. Enjoy the summer, and try, maybe just for a week, to limit your purchases to the necessities — food and beer.

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## Corporate welfare: The leech on taxpayer money

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The first congressional hearings hundreds of corporate dollars spent annually on subsidies, bailouts, giveaways, tax escapes, etc. - were held June 30th by House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich, R-Ohio. And most of the major media organizations did not show up. But C-Span did and relayed a remarkable array of witnesses and testimony to the American people who are paying these bills, sometimes twice or thrice over.

The Kasich hearing was public education by Congress at its best. No sound bites. Instead, the testimony was detailed, the questions thoughtful and the proposals were numerous for ending these boondoggles, these vast transfers from the earners to the takers in the corporate world.

In a rare convergence of views, both conservative and progressive groups lined up to criticize the looting of Uncle Sam and the very big business that such looting has become.

My testimony described several categories of corporate welfare.

These included the giveaways of hard rock minerals like gold and molybdenum to domestic and foreign

mining companies; the giveaway of the public airwaves, which belong to the people, to radio and television stations (including the latest \$70 billion gift of the digital spectrum); taxpayer subsidies for giant defense weapons exports to governments overseas; and making patients pay twice for important drugs - once as taxpayers to develop the medicine and again as patients after the federal government gives a monopoly marketing power to the price-gouging drug company.

The effect of these handouts for corporations on people conveys this issue even more sadly. A woman with ovarian cancer contacted us with her desperate story of having to pay about \$14,000 for six treatments of Taxol sold by Bristol-Meyers-Squibb. Thirty-one million dollars of taxpayers' money developed this drug right through the human clinical trials.

Bristol-Meyers got it and no other company did. So there is no price competition to drive the Taxol price down. If patients with cancer have to go on Medicaid because they cannot afford this gouge, then the taxpayers again pay Bristol-Meyers for Taxol. By the way, Bristol-Meyers is not obligated to pay Uncle Sam any royalties on what this year will be \$1 billion in sales.

Do you know any business that develops and gives away its assets like that?

Then there is the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles (PNGV), which is a \$1 billion contribution by taxpayers to General Motors, Ford and Chrysler to entice them to build a more fuel-efficient vehicle. These giant companies are reporting record profits, year after year, and should be competing on their own to surpass one another with more efficient engines.

But PNGV, which President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore announced in August 1993 in a White House ceremony with the Detroit bigwigs, is yet more damaging. It effectively gives the auto companies immunity from the antitrust laws in this area, takes away the competitive pressures and staves off overdue consumer protection regulation. After six years, what is the result? A few technical papers, no model cars and no competition.

Guess what car companies are going to sell vehicles that will give over 60 mpg next year? Toyota and Honda, which are not part of this do-nothing partnership.

My testimony contained many proposals - both procedural (disclosure of corporate beneficiaries on the Internet, sunset provisions and competitive bidding for taxpayer

assets) and substantive (outright repeal of the corporate handouts, charging fair market value for inventions and natural resources, and reasonable pricing provisions on government-developed products such as Taxol).

It will be interesting to see if the presidential candidates now campaigning around the country, which include Kasich, will strive to make corporate welfare a major issue.

In addition to its other infirmities, corporate welfare breeds corruption in politics and often presents unfair competition to tax-paying small businesses that have to co-exist next to the Chrysler, the Intels or the Marriotts that demanded and received huge property tax holidays for their buildings.

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## 'South Park' continues our national intellect's downward spiral

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Summer is a time to catch up on missed courses, failed courses and courses that no one would dare sit through for an entire semester.

But all of that money you just spent on summer-school tuition is all for naught if you've gone to see that animated, brain-drainer, "South Park." That's right. This stupid cartoon could render all of your college work — not just your stint in summer school — completely useless.

How? Well, its stupidity will seep into your brain and turn up in the things you say and do — and even in the clothes you wear. You can't listen to all those racist, sexist and homophobic jokes — much less see a foul-mouthed kid try to ignite his own flatulence — and not be affected by it to some degree.

OK, so I laughed a few times when I saw the flick, but the movie wasn't nearly as entertaining as the audience that clamored to see it. A sea of people who appeared to be adults were captivated by four little foul-mouthed brats. They cheered every time Kenny died. They cheered every time Saddam Hussein tried to talk the devil into having sex. They left the theater parroting the same stupid comments they'd just heard, and probably will continue cracking those same dumb jokes for a very long time.

I predict we'll all be dumber by the time "South Park" leaves the big screen. After all, the country has been losing IQ points steadily for quite some time, and nowhere is that more obvious than in the schlock we dismiss as mere entertainment.

In the early '90s we chanted "Don't have a cow, man," in honor of little Bart Simpson. Then we sank a bit further when Beavis and Butt-head, uh, did America. (I didn't even have to see the movie to guess who had. People walked around for weeks with their shoulders touching their ears and grunting, "Hm-mm, yeah, yeah!") Ren and Stimpy did us no favors. Seemingly normal and intelligent people lost their ways when they fell prey to gags about nose hair and smelly cheese. Ace Ventura hardly helped the cause. Since that film was released, too many people now walk around insisting on answering every question with a resounding, "Alrighty then!"

And don't even get me started about Austin Powers. Our nation's intelligence took another blow when he hit the big screen. From this little gem people've picked up the expression, "Oh, behave, yeah, baby, yeah."

Excuse me? Seek lower, cruder and ruder forms of humor if you want, but do so at your own risk. You're losing brain cells along the way.

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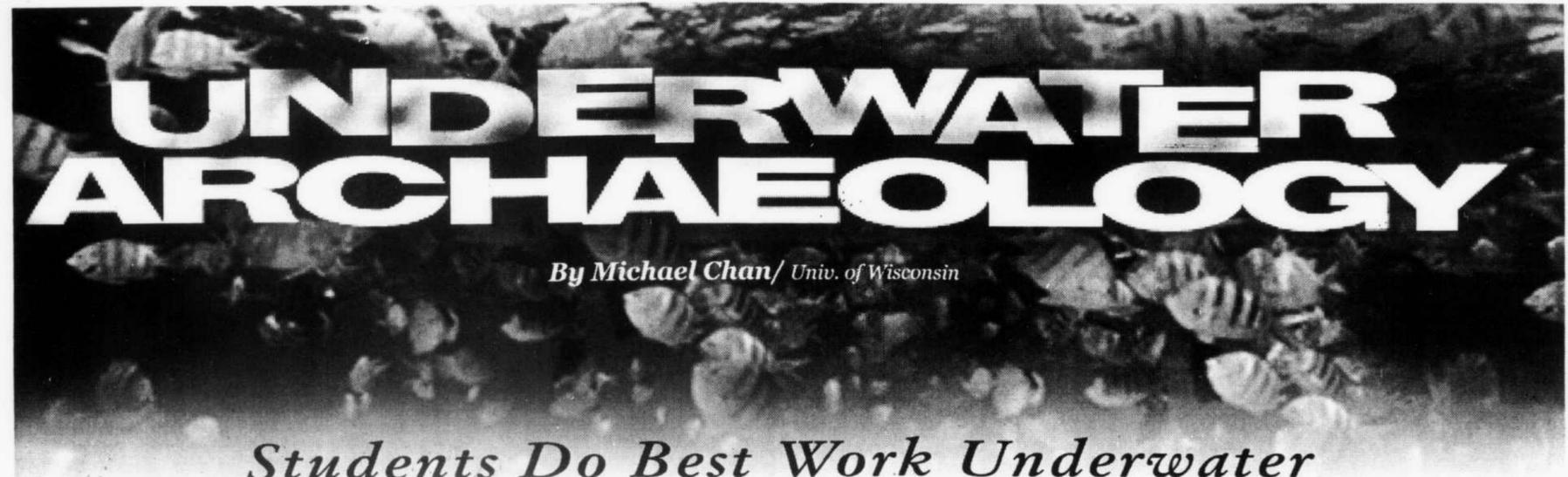
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By Michael Chan/ Univ. of Wisconsin

## Students Do Best Work Underwater

A good 50 feet below the surface is the green, murky outline of a ship, its engine covered in moss.

The deeper the diver goes, the more personal the experience gets. Silverware, binoculars and hair combs are haunting reminders of the lives claimed and history made here.

"It's an interactive museum," said Jeff Gray, an underwater archaeologist for the State Historical Society of Wisconsin.

More than 700 of these underwater displays are documented in the state's historical records - making Wisconsin and the waters surrounding it one of the best places in the world to view shipwrecks.

Only two universities in North America

- East Carolina University in Greenville, N.C., and Texas A&M in College Station - offer degrees in underwater archaeology. Students from both schools have traveled to the Midwest, of all places, to learn about the subject.

"Underwater archaeology exposes you to so much, because no two wrecks are alike," said Filippo Roca, a graduate student at ECU who is currently working with the historical society to explore the sunken 212-foot barge, Selah Chamberlain. "You're always learning."

People who don't think of Wisconsin as a maritime state should stop to consider that it's surrounded by water,

Gray said. Waterways were critical to the state's development in the 1800's and early 1900's because they were the cheapest and fastest ways to move freight.

With all sorts of crafts trying to maneuver the same passages, accidents were bound to happen.

Lake Superior, Lake Michigan, and the Mississippi River serve as icy graves for schooners, steamboats, Native American canoes, fur-trading posts, lumbering and ice-harvesting sites, quarries, and harbors that bustled up to 150 years ago.

The cold, fresh water now engulfing them acts as a natural deep-freeze that has preserved wooden and metal ship hulls. The boats' contents - including clothing, equipment, food and even paper and human remains - provide small portholes into life aboard a ship in days long past.

The best way to study underwater archaeology is for students to see it for themselves, said Bradley Rodgers, a professor of maritime studies who has led several ECU undergraduates to the icy waters of Wisconsin.



Students measure portions of the Selah Chamberlain, which is located at the bottom of Lake Michigan near Port Washington, Wisc.

"The real value of the field school is to learn history and add to history," he said.

But studying underwater archaeology can be an experience far less pleasant than anything seen on a Jacques Cousteau special. The Great Lakes' water temperature can drop to nearly

freezing. "One day it was snowing when we came out of the water," Rodgers said.

How far a shipwreck lies below the water's surface determines how long divers can stay under to explore it. When a wreck is 100 feet below, divers can stay underwater for only 15 minutes at a time. It's feasible that in one full day, only one hour of actual diving takes place.

In shallow water, divers can stay beneath the surface for four hours at a time.

The time limits make mapping a 200-foot schooner that is scattered across the bottom of a lake a long and difficult process.

"But sometimes it seems like the more adverse the conditions, the better you come out as a team," Rodgers said.

ECU is working with the Wisconsin historical society and the Underwater Wisconsin Archaeology Association to conduct research and to maintain the state's underwater museums for recreational and educational purposes.

Together, they have created the Maritime Trails program. With help from student divers, the program produces

waterproof cards to help visiting divers locate the precise points of shipwrecks. The cards also provide information about underwater visibility, the wreck's archaeological significance and history behind the shipwreck.

Volunteers for the Trails program also report newfound shipwrecks and any thefts of artifacts.

Underwater archaeologists believe hundreds of shipwrecks are waiting to be discovered.

Photos provided by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin

## Unlikely Vacation Spot Provides a Unique Experience *Jessica Chelekis/staff*

When I think about summer vacations, I usually think of beautiful, exotic (or semi-exotic) places, like Miami, Key West, any Caribbean island, New Orleans, Hawaii, you know. Or perhaps, if you have the money, a trendy, fill-your-friends-with-jealousy type vacation might entail travelling through Europe. Now there's a vacation plan guaranteed to provide some interesting culture shock stories.

One place I never think about when considering a summer vacation is Canada, which is where I ended up going this summer. It was my dad's idea, a family trip to Stratford and then Toronto. How he came up with Canada, I don't know, because it's rather easy to forget it even exists, isn't it? I mean, Canada is huge but just about everyone lives on the bottom half of it, huddling up against the American border. And what does Canada have, besides abundant natural resources? My brother-in-law once commented that Canada was really just America's largest national park.

Still, some pretty big comedians have come out of Canada: John Candy, Jim Carrey, Mike Myers, all the "Kids in the Hall", and everyone's favorite childhood TV show, "You Can't Do That on Television", spawned Alanis Morissette. Shania Twain came from Canada, too. So there's got to be more than just the Mounties riding around eating Canadian bacon, up there. But what?

Here is the thing about Canadians; they love America, and they love Americans (the opposite of France, which is why Montreal

is having such an identity crisis). Canadians love American culture and the American way of life, which confuses me a little bit because if you ask me, Canada is, on the whole, a much more pleasant place to be. A perfect example is Toronto. Toronto is a very large city, about the size of Chicago, but with a few key differences: it is unbelievably safe, unfathomably clean, and just about everyone is nice. In Chicago, there are certain places you just don't go, and if you are walking around at night, it's always better to have a friend with you. In Toronto, there are no bad parts of town. You can ride the subway at 2 a.m. and rest assured that you are perfectly safe in doing so.

Also, recycling is big in Canada. Everywhere you go there are separate containers for paper, glass, aluminum cans, and so on. I saw virtually no litter in Toronto. I did see some socially conscious graffiti, though. On a not-so-old, run down building someone had spray-painted the words, "this should be housing." That was it. No obscenities, nobody's phone number, nobody proclaimed that they had, at one time or another, been there.

Aside from clean streets and safe neighborhoods, Toronto, like any other big city, is filled with all kinds of fun things to do. They don't have MTV, but they have the Much Music Channel. Instead of paying VJs to walk around the street interviewing people, Much Music has set up booths all over the city where you can go in, pay two (Canadian) dollars, and a video camera will record you

saying anything you want to say on any subject for about five minutes. Every night the Much Music people collect the videotapes from the booths, edit them, and air them on their station. Pretty nifty, eh?

Then there are the underground malls. Almost half of Toronto is underground. There are gazebo-like structures around town with elevators that take you down to three or four levels of underground shopping fun. And if you are looking for some comedic relief, you can go to Second City, which is a comedy club (the original one is located in Chicago), where most of the Canadian Saturday Night Live people got their start; John Candy, for instance.

Although I was somewhat surprised when my dad first proposed a Canadian summer vacation, especially since both my parents had seen fit to treat themselves to a Caribbean cruise last year, I must admit I had a good time. But after wondering aloud whether or not I would like to live in Toronto, my sister answered my musings with a resounding No. When I asked why not, she answered with one word: winter.

Ah yes, I had forgotten. When my sister was in Toronto visiting a friend last year, she had to wear at least two layers of clothing, gloves, and snow boots if she was even thinking about going outside. And that was just in early September. So, if you have the chance, I recommend visiting Canada because it is simply a wonderful place. Just make sure you go there in the summer.

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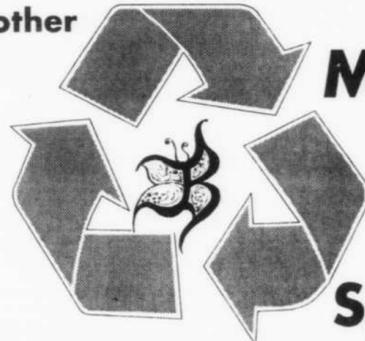
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## NL All-Star Team announced

Ronald Blum  
Staff Reporter

NEW YORK (AP) - Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, who led baseball's resurgence with their home-run race last summer, will be starting together in the All-Star game for the first time.

McGwire, who hit a record 70 home runs last year, and Sosa, who leads the major leagues with 32, were elected Tuesday to start for the National League at Boston's Fenway Park on July 13.

It will be the 11th appearance and seventh start for McGwire, and the third appearance and first start for Sosa.

The second-year Arizona Diamondbacks were the only team to place two players in the starting lineup: Matt Williams won at third and Jay Bell overtook Houston's Craig Biggio in the final week to win at second.

Mike Piazza of the New York

Mets will start at catcher for the sixth straight season and make his seventh appearance overall.

"I never get tired of going there," Piazza said. "As long as I am elected or selected, I will feel honored to go. It is probably the most fun you can have as a player, hanging out with the rest of the guys."

Cincinnati's Barry Larkin held off the Mets' Rey Ordonez at shortstop, and Colorado's Larry Walker and San Diego's Tony Gwynn were elected to join Sosa in the outfield.

Gwynn, elected to his 15th All-Star game and 11th starting spot, is on the disabled list because of a calf injury. Gwynn has been taking batting practice and might be activated in time to play.

Sosa, one of the few bright spots in the Chicago Cubs' dismal season, was the NL's leading vote-getter with 2,315,204, finishing third overall in the voting.

Seattle outfielder Ken

Griffey Jr. (2,918,055) led all players for the fourth straight year and fifth time overall and was followed by Cleveland second baseman Roberto Alomar (2,793,891).

McGwire, whose 26 homers for St. Louis tied him for second in the league going into Tuesday night's game, received the second-highest NL vote total, 1,669,066.

Bell, who trailed Biggio 697,326 to 658,407 in totals announced last week, finished with 1,203,902, about 32,000 ahead of his Houston rival, who wound up at 1,171,574.

Before this week, none of the votes cast on the Internet had been included in the weekly totals. Fans were allowed to vote up to 22 times on the Internet - the average number of home games for each team during the balloting. Sosa gained nearly 1 million votes in the final week of counting.

Larkin, who led Ordonez by fewer than 10,000 votes last week,

won by a wide margin, 858,203 to 799,858. Larkin will be making his 10th All-Star appearance, his fourth as a starter.

Walker will be making his fourth appearance, his third straight as a starter. Williams, a five-time All-Star, returns to the game for the first time since 1996 and will make his fourth start. For Bell, it's his second appearance and first start.

AL starters were announced Monday. In addition to Griffey and Alomar, the lineup includes Cleveland's Jim Thome at first, and Manny Ramirez and Kenny Lofton in the outfield. They will be joined by Texas catcher Ivan Rodriguez, Boston shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, Baltimore third baseman Cal Ripken and Tampa Bay designated hitter Jose Canseco.

Pitchers and reserves for both leagues will be picked Wednesday.

## Adelphia Communications Corp. to sponsor Titans Stadium

Gabe Frankel  
Staff Reporter

The Tennessee Titans' new stadium in Nashville will be called 'Adelphia Coliseum.'

The cable industry giant, Adelphia Communications Corp., purchased the naming rights to the stadium. The deal is for fifteen years at thirty million dollars. It will be formally signed at a reception for the stadium on July 8 or 9.

TITANS' NOTES: The Titan's new practice facility is turning heads.

"It's top of the line," Running Back Eddie George told the Tennessean. The NFL is even sending teams who want to build new practice facilities to Nashville to check that place out. The Titans' brand spanking new replica jerseys went on sale July 2.

The Titans' rookies and first year players report to training camp on July 27 and veterans report on July 31. The Titans' training camp will be at Baptist Sports Park in Nashville. In a recent NFL.com poll, Yancey Thigpen was voted most likely to lead the Titans in relieving.

## Sampras and Davenport claim Wimbledon Championships

Stephen Wilson  
Associated Press Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) - After a fortnight featuring the emergence of new faces and the farewell of old champions, Wimbledon ended on a familiar note: Pete Sampras holding up the men's trophy on Centre Court.

This Fourth of July was a banner day for American tennis as Sampras outplayed Andre Agassi for his sixth Wimbledon title and Lindsay Davenport beat Steffi Graf for her first.

Sampras overwhelmed Agassi 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 to become the first man in the Open era to win Wimbledon six times and tie Roy Emerson's record of 12 Grand Slam tournament titles.

Davenport outslugged Graf 6-4, 7-5 to add the Wimbledon crown to last year's U.S. Open title. Immediately after the match, Graf, a seven-time Wimbledon champ, announced she had played her last match at the All England Club.

Sampras, who has never lost in a Wimbledon final, put on one of the most brilliant displays ever seen on Centre Court. His serves, volleys, returns, ground strokes - all were virtually flawless.

Pat Cash, the 1987 champion, called Sampras' performance "as close to perfection as you're ever going to get."

playing 'in the zone.'" Sampras said he was too dazed to even think about his place in tennis history.

matches, was powerless against Sampras' serve-and-volley onslaught.

The match turned in the seventh game of the first set, when Sampras, down 0-40, saved three break points and held.

"He came out with four big bombs and basically an unreturnable second serve," Agassi said.

Agassi didn't see a break point the rest of the match.

Sampras, meanwhile, broke for the first time in the next game and never looked back, ending the match with his 17th ace.

"This place brings out the best in me," he said. "And Andre elevates my game to a level that is phenomenal."

Sampras is arguably the best grass court player in history. Whether he's the greatest player ever remains a matter of debate since he has never won the French Open or even reached the final of that clay court classic.

Agassi, who won the French Open a month ago to become only the fifth man in history to win all



Sampras returns a forehand during his victory against Andre Agassi.

Said Agassi: "He walked on water today."

Even Sampras himself was in awe.

"I couldn't have played any better," he said. "In the middle of the second set, I was on fire from all aspects of my game. I was

"It's a little overwhelming to have won what I've won," he said. "I don't know how I do it, to be honest with you."

Agassi's brilliant counter-punching style, which earned him the 1992 Wimbledon title and was so effective in his six previous

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## U.S. Soccer Team defeats Brazil; will face China in World Cup Finals

Barry Wilner  
Staff Reporter

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) - As the ball floated temptingly toward the U.S. net, the huge crowd collectively gasped. American players turned and stared at the one woman who could save them.

And Briana Scurry did just that. "Never a doubt," defender Kate Sobrero said after Scurry made the first of several spectacular saves Sunday, preserving the United States' 2-0 victory over Brazil and earning a berth in the Women's World Cup final against China. "We know that if we need it, Bri is going to be there."

The Americans needed it before 73,123 on the Fourth of July, when their usual offensive fireworks often turned into duds. Scurry tipped that shot by Brazil's Nene from 35 yards just over the crossbar early in the second half. Later, Scurry barely got a hand on Nene's kick in the 56th minute and made a sprawling two-handed stop on Pretinha in the 83rd.

So while the attack generally sputtered as the grind of playing two games in less than three full days affected both sides, Scurry stood firm for her 52nd career shutout and third of the tournament.

"Any game where I can do my part and get my team in the final of the Women's World Cup is my best game," said Scurry, who also backstopped the Americans to a 1996 Olympic gold medal, then streaked through the streets of Athens, Ga. - for a few seconds - in celebration. "I definitely think today was my best effort in five years of playing with the team."

But she might need another such display in Saturday's final at the Rose Bowl. China routed Norway, the defending champion, 5-0 in the other semifinal in Foxboro, Mass., and has looked like the best team in the field throughout the tournament.

Meanwhile, the United States has been inconsistent. Against Brazil, which U.S. coach Tony DiCicco once again called "the most improved team in our sport," there was little flow.

"I think fatigue probably played a part," said U.S. star Mia Hamm, who created a few scoring opportunities and was fouled in the penalty area, setting up Michelle Akers' 80th-minute penalty kick goal. "Both teams are pretty emotional, attacking teams. We both had our surges where we would be in their end for 15 or 20 minutes, then they would be near our goal."

But every time the Brazilians got close, Scurry was too good. "It's hard to keep them under wraps," Scurry said. "Brazil's going to get their chances no matter how well you play defensively."

"I just know that when the shots go up, I have to be there. I feel I really helped our team out to win today."

For once, the Americans got going quickly, thanks to a misplay by Brazil keeper Maravilha.

Julie Foudy's long cross went directly to the goalie. But as she leaped for it, the ball went off her hands into the air and Cindy Parlow headed it home in the fifth minute.

"We've been behind in some games and had to come back," Parlow said. "This time, we concentrated on not falling behind and it made things a lot easier for us to play our game."

Still, it was tight until Carla Overbeck's goal kick was headed downfield by Akers to Hamm, who broke into the penalty area. She was judged by Brazil captain Elaine and went down. Referee Katriina Elovirta signaled the penalty kick.

"FIFA should punish the referee," Brazil coach Wilson de Oliveira said. "In such a match of importance, to have poor quality refereeing with so many fouls not being punished..."

Akers supplied the worst kind of punishment for Brazil, sending the ball into the right side of the net for a 2-0 edge.

It was over, and the Americans could celebrate their second trip to the World Cup final in the three times the event has been held; they won in 1991. Sprinting to the far end of the field, they congratulated Scurry, who left the stadium pumping her arms above her head and saluting the crowd.

But it was Scurry who drew the salutes afterward.

"She was the player of the game," Wilson said. "She made the difference."

## Rob's Wrestling Corner

Robert Jordan  
Staff Reporter

What's up wrestling fans. I wanted to reach out and touch base with all of you on what's been happening in the world of Pro Wrestling. The A&E network is considering a biography show on the late Owen Hart. I could not think of a better way to pay homage to one of this sport's premiere gentlemen. He was the younger brother to wrestling great Bret Hart and son to the legendary Stu Hart.

When Bret Hart makes it back to the WCW, look for one of the biggest turn arounds of all time. Bret is expected to get one of the biggest pushes of all time. I think the push would be deserving, not because of his brothers tragic death, but because of his wrestling skills. WCW is having a hard time keeping the younger wrestlers happy and content due to the fact that the organizations continue to get all its mileage out of the older stars. But Hart's different in that he has kept himself in great shape without the obvious use of steroids, and he is still a main attraction.

Steve Austin's popularity continues to grow. Austin apparently is going to play a big part in Scream 3, the sequel to the ever so popular horror series. He will be the police partner of the main character, Dewey.

Rumor has it that Austin, who is currently the WWF heavyweight champion, is expected to lose the belt to Hunter Hearst Hemsley at the next pay-per-view, possibly setting up a big feud with the Heartbreak Kid Shawn Michaels.

"Saturday Night Live" officials have been talking to WCW about using "Slick" Ric Flair to do another cameo role on "S.N.L." for the new season. Flair has been on the show before and "S.N.L." and was very happy with his performance. Flair wrestled "El Nino", (the late Chris Farley), because the producers figured it would boost the ratings.

Well that's going to do for this weeks behind the scenes inside the ring and I will be back next week with more gossip.

This weeks top ten wrestlers:  
1. Stone Cold Steve Austin, WWF

Austin lost his job as CEO in the WWF, but then he won his belt back from the Undertaker the only way he knows how, and that's the bottom line cause Stone Cold says so.

2. "The Rock" Rocky Maviva, WWF

Lately, "the Peoples Champ" has lost a few and won a few, but he is still the most electrifying athlete out there. The only reason he doesn't have the belt right now is because of Stone Cold.

3. Big Sexy Kevin Nash, WCW

Nash is losing a little bit of his luster and needs to defend his title against quality opponents on a regular basis.

4. The Undertaker, WWF

The Undertaker lost his belt to Stone Cold last week, but he is still the "Phenom" in the WWF, and he will not rest in peace until the belt is around his waist.

5. "Macho Man" Randy Savage, WCW

Savage is starting to pick up steam with his ongoing feud with Kevin Nash. He has surrounded himself with three beautiful women and Sid Vicious, so look for him to focus and go after a title. OOH YEAH!!!!

6. Sid Vicious, WCW

See above. The madness is beginning.

7. Billy Gunn, WWF

Billy recently won the King of the Ring and has stolen a tag team belt. He beat up his former tag team partner on a few occasions and can be seen dropping his pants and showing the world his "ass" every time a camera is present.

8. Jeff Jarrett, WWF

"The Intercontinental Champion" made the top ten because he has a belt. I wish someone, anyone, would beat the crap out of this guy and give us

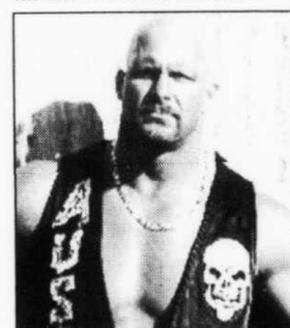
somebody entertaining to either root for or boo. Jarrett sucks.

9. Godfather, WWF

Godfather is raising the roof with his antics by proclaiming that the art of "pimping" ain't easy. He has been more than generous with other wrestlers by offering them one of his many women for the night or staying around and getting his butt kicked. The Godfather will be riding the "HO-Train" all the way to the top in the coming months.

10. Ric Flair, WCW

"Slick" Ric Flair doesn't have a belt and isn't wrestling right now, due to injury, but there is always room on the charts for the 14-time world heavyweight champion. He has been acting as President of the WCW as of late and pushing for his son David to become champ. But if I know the Nature Boy, he will be angling for the title in the near future.



# Jarrett's win solidifies Winston Cup lead

**Eddie Pells**  
Associated Press Writer

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - With about five laps to go, Kelley Jarrett and the kids were getting antsy. They wanted to hurry down to victory lane.

"But we heard on the radio that Dale Earnhardt was trying to take the lead," she said. "We thought it would look pretty foolish if we're down there waiting and we didn't win the race."

No need to worry. Nobody, not even Earnhardt, could catch Kelley's husband for the victory at the Pepsi 400 on Saturday night. And the next question is: Can anyone cut into Dale Jarrett's commanding lead in the Winston Cup points standings?

The victory gave one of stock car racing's most popular drivers a 177-point lead over Bobby Labonte heading into the second half of the season. Not since 1992, when Alan Kulwicki overtook Davey Allison in the last race of the season, has someone leading at the halfway point failed to win the championship.

"That's a good stat to know,"

said Jarrett, in pursuit of his first series title. "I don't want to end that string."

"Without sounding cocky or overconfident, if we can continue doing what we've done, they'll have trouble catching us. But it only takes one race to make this a close battle."

Jarrett, however, has been the most unlikely candidate to throw in a stinker this season.

His only bad effort came on opening week in the Daytona 500, an event he won in 1993 and 1996. This time, Jarrett was involved in a multicaer accident that resulted in a 37th-place finish.

Since then, he has finished out of the top 10 only once, a 16-race stretch of consistency unlike any the 15-year veteran can recall.

"I can't remember being involved in anything like it," Jarrett said. "We've overcome some things where we shouldn't have finished in the top 10 and we did."

"We've done things we need to do to win championships. There have been days we needed all 500 miles, or all 600 miles, to get the car right. But we continued to

work on it and get it right."

This race was won thanks to crew chief Todd Parrott's decision to turn the last pit stop into a quick "gas and go." On lap 144, Jarrett made a four-second stop - maybe not even that long - that gave him just enough fuel to complete the race.

Coming out of the pits, Jarrett opened up a big lead on Rusty Wallace and the rest of the field. A pair of yellow flags tightened the gap, however. And when the final yellow came out at the end of lap 157, it was Jarrett trying to hold off Earnhardt for one more lap around the 2 1/2-mile tri-oval.

He did, then ran the last two laps of the race under yellow. So slim was the margin that Jarrett's car ran out of gasoline on his victory lap. It left some doubt as to whether he could have held Earnhardt off had the yellow not come out.

"I don't think it would have been any different," Jarrett said. "Earnhardt wasn't getting much of a push from anybody, so I was able to keep him kind of where I needed to keep him."

Earnhardt disagreed. He had taken on two new tires on his final pit stop. It helped him move from sixth to second in the eight laps before the final yellow came out.

At the finish, he was bearing down on Jarrett, looking for his second straight victory on a restrictor-plate track.

"I think within a few more laps we would have gotten by Jarrett," Earnhardt said. "He might have run out of gas, because he was really close. That caution really helped him."

It's one of those great debates that will linger for years to come.

And now, the drivers are hard-pressed to make the chase after Jarrett over the rest of 1999 even half as interesting. ■

# It is a great time for American Sports

**Josh Ezzell**  
Staff Reporter

As everyone knows, this Sunday was the Fourth of July. As many people also know, the United States has been very successful in athletic events as of late.

In tennis, the United States took both the men's and women's singles titles. Pete Sampras defeated fellow American Andre Agassi to claim his record sixth Wimbledon title in the last seven years. He is now ranked third in the world while Agassi, even though he lost to Sampras, is ranked first in the world.

On the women's side, Lindsay Davenport defeated seven time Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf to claim her first Wimbledon title. By reaching the finals, Davenport regained the number one ranking in the world.

The future looks bright for American tennis. Up and comers such as Alexandra Stevenson, Venice

Williams and Serena Williams have shown potential and promise to keep America on top for years to come.

The women's soccer team is making headlines as well: as it advanced to the World Cup finals on Sunday by defeating Brazil 2-0. America will face China in the finals on Saturday.

Traditionally, the American women have been successful in soccer. The Americans won the World Cup in 1991 and they made it to the semifinals in 1995. In 1996, the Americans defeated China for the Gold medal.

China, with its attacking offense, present a problem for the United States, whose defense has faltered at times during this year's World Cup. China is the only team to defeat the United States this year, as it defeated the Americans 2-1 twice last spring.

Tiger Woods has also represented the United States well. On Sunday, he won the Western Open, his third PGA Tour victory this year. In the process, he regained the number one ranking over fellow American, David Duval.

As if this is not enough, it is now baseball season. Unlike most years, this year there is not a team that is head and shoulders above everyone else. In the NL East, for example, Houston and Cincinnati share first place. In the NL West, San Francisco leads Arizona by only a game and a half.

Overall, it is a great time for American sports. ■

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