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STAFF EDITORIAL

Political rat race is worth running

It's now 2008 — the year for the big choice.

Will America choose a black man, a woman, a Baptist minister or a Mormon?

Or is it even worthwhile? With the recent setbacks and failures of politics, apathy is in.

It is hip to be a hater of the political system. Some citizens choose to join the system through anti-mainstream voices like Ron Paul, Mike Gravel or Dennis Kucinich, while others cling to the raft of noninvolvement.

Unfortunately, much of the lack of interest is not fueled by political analysis, but instead is rooted in old-fashioned, don't-give-a-crap apathy.

It does not necessarily take any thought or effort to proclaim noninvolvement. There is a distinct difference between distaste in government and not caring.

Downright apathy in regards to the world and the venues to change is not a productive state of mind.

If one is going to be removed from the rat race of politics, it is best to have a foundation. A foundation that is rooted in thought or principle, such as overall irritation with the system as a whole based in actual, concrete reasons.

Ignoring politics because of interest in Britney Spears' parental abilities is a different sort of disinterest, and it is not healthy.

This foundation also must be independent of other entities that are only peripherally involved, such as the media.

One certainty is the media's love for the presidential competition. The media airwaves are officially obsessed with the race.

CNN treated the latest New Hampshire primary with the intensity of an actual election, full of commentary, analysis and sensationalized charts and maps.

It appeared as if nothing else was going on in the world. All that mattered was what the people of New Hampshire political opinions are and were.

This devotion to campaign coverage causes some to choose the misanthropic curmudgeon position toward politics.

The crazed hunger over the election has awakened more and more vociferous cynics calling for the moribund decay of the political system.

However, this cynicism should not provide a wide sweeping disregard to the world. Just because FOX News, CNN or Rush Limbaugh turns one off to politics does not mean that apathy to the whole situation is the only response.

If the mainstream media does not supply the needed information, alternative sources can offer other viewpoints. There is no reason to become apathetic.

Even if mainstream candidates rub one the wrong way, the candidates mentioned above provide a healthy alternative.

If the Democrat-Republican dialectic is the problem, support for a third party or an individual cause is still possible.

One need not even buy into the political system, party system or mainstream media to remain active, or cynical.

Even overt pessimism, such as that of full-time social critic George Carlin, is productive, if not more productive than other forms of commentary.

All in all, if one is going to be removed from the mainstream politics, a foundation is necessary.

Disinterest is all right, and at times appropriate and applauded; however, there must be substance.

Straight apathy is not a political perspective.



JOHN DARKOW, COLUMBIA DAILY TRIBUNE/Cagle Cartoons

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In our last edition (Dec. 5, 2007) it was incorrectly reported that Mark Shunock, who stars as Timon in Broadway's "The Lion King," attended NYU. Also, Shunock's name was incorrectly spelled.

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Four on Four

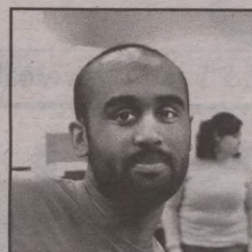
four panelists share their take on four topics



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Nick Degel
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The presidential primary elections will be taking place on Jan. 15. Do you plan on participating and do you support any candidates?

No, I never vote in the primary. It's more like a practice election. I don't see the point.

Yes. ... I'm a Republican so I'm kind of looking at Mitt Romney, because he's local to here. I'm not fond of Hillary.

I don't follow politics, I focus more on economics. ... The [candidates] are all really smart, but they placate to the ignorances of society. ... I'm not really sold on any of the candidates. Politics, to me, is an abhorrent waste of time.

No, because I don't believe in straight-ballot voting.

Toyota recently surpassed Ford as the number two automaker. Do you think this will have any impact or implications on Michigan's economy?

No, I don't think so. ... Toyota opened up research facility in Ann Arbor, so they're creating jobs in the state. I know a number of people who have gotten jobs with [Toyota].

I think that the [Big Three] need to up their standards to the world's because we're competing in a world market now. I think it's going to hurt before things get better.

Immediately, a few hundred jobs could be lost, but in the long run it may have a positive effect if, and only if, we reallocate the market and divide our labor and resources into something more productive.

First of all, everyone saw this coming — Ford has been dropping off and until they can find a niche market to dominate, they'll continue eliminating jobs, which will hurt our economy.

The University of Michigan recently hired former West Virginia coach Rick Rodriguez to succeed Lloyd Carr as their head football coach. Do you think this was a good move?

I think Lloyd did the tight thing by stepping down. It was nice to see him go out with a win, though. He brought character to U-M and there was never really controversy surrounding the team.

I'm not very familiar with that, so no comment.

I don't know too much about Rodriguez. But I think it was necessary. I loved Lloyd, but he just wasn't producing, he was being too conservative.

Had they not have hired Rodriguez, U-M would have been settling for a coach rather than choosing one. I think they were lucky to get him though. He should bring some exciting football to Michigan.

Pakistan's former prime minister and opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was assassinated on Dec. 27. What, if any, impact to you think this will have on the country?

I have to admit, I haven't thought a lot about it. ... In this country we're pretty passive. I don't know if anyone here is going to do anything. We can't get mad about things that are more important to us. And this happened way over there.

It will continued unrest [in Pakistan].

It's just another excuse for the U.S. to get involved. For Pakistan, it will cause fear within the population, and fear translates to more government power.

Pakistan is an extremely poor country and poor countries in that area are susceptible to religious extremist. Instability in that country is troubling because they possess nuclear weapons.

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Notable "news"

Be the first to be talking about these campus happenings

Nike dresses men's basketball to the nines

NIKE AND Oakland University have teamed up to test Nike prototype uniforms this season. "We are the only team in the coun- said. "When Nike came to us honor our relationship with mentions the players like they are not as easy to because they are tighter. numbers are small and "... attractive." Nike representa- end of the season to see how



try wearing them" Coach Kampe with the offer I wanted to them" he added. Kampe the uniforms because grab during the game The negative is that the the uniforms are not very tives will be returning at the durable the uniforms were.

Kresge gets a makeover

THE REFERENCE area in the library is undergoing renovations by adding 16 computers, new desks and chairs and putting Microsoft Office Suite on all of the computers according to Frank Lepkowski, Interim Associate Dean at the library. The monitors, desks and chairs will be ergonomic for students and, "More useful for students to study and work in groups. It will be a more useful place to do your studying and research" Lepkowski said. New computers, desks and chairs are also being added to the third and fourth floor. Renovations should be complete by next week.



JOIN OU students for "Protect the Grizz" outside the Athletic Center O'Rena Friday, Jan. 11, from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. Come by for food and beverages, t-shirts, make posters for the game and many more activities. The Athletic Center O'Rena will be open to go in and warm up throughout the event.



Protect the Grizz

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Bookstore threads lighten up

"**GRIZZ GIRL**" is the new clothing line gracing the clothing racks at the bookstore this year. Adam, a bookstore manager said, "This line is new, exciting and innovating." There are colors in pink, greens blues to name a few, here for the students" Adam



and "We're said. The proceeds from all clothing that has the word "Grizzly" on it goes to the athletics department and anything with "Oakland" on it goes to the university. "We are open to new ideas," said Adam and you can share your thoughts and ideas by stopping by the bookstore in person or e-mailing at sm244@bncollege.com.

Run in remembrance

of the race Oct. 5. The race is a half include a 5K race/walk. The sored by Oakland County, and Crim Fitness Founda- is in honor of L. Brooks Brooks Stuart Patterson. take runners through Hills and along parts of and the Paint Creek Trail. For

Briefs compiled by Stacie Bartman
Photos by Amber Dietz

Former WXOU DJ scores big gig

OU senior Lauren Podell lands traffic reporting job at WDIV-TV

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

On Thanksgiving, senior communication major Lauren Podell saw a commercial on WDIV channel 4 advertising a contest for the position of traffic reporter. With help from friends at OUTV, she put together a faux traffic report and submitted it with her resume.

After an interview with anchor Guy Gordon, she was selected as one of 2 new reporters—out of 332 applicants.

The only child of 101.1 WRIF deejay and program director Doug Podell, there's never been a time Lauren didn't want a broadcasting career. "Seeing him come home from working all day and loving what he did [inspired me]," she said.

She said she's grateful, but knows it was her hard work that paid off. "He gets a lot of credit, but I went out and made it happen."

She began her path toward broadcasting success as a host

of the student news program at Henry Ford High School.

Although she originally had her heart set on Central Michigan University, she said she was sold on Oakland University during a tour. "WXOU offered me an application on the spot," said Podell. "I wouldn't have to wait to get involved in communication at the university like I would at other universities."

Once she got involved, though, she found it to be stressful. She said she constantly worried about messing something up on the air—but in the end, it gave her more confidence.

She hosted "The Next Generation," a show spotlighting local rock music—bands like Paper Street Saints and Ashes of Soma graced her Monday lunch-hour show. She hung up her WXOU mic Jan. 8, but she didn't leave empty-handed. She's grateful to WXOU, both for her experience, and for helping her meet her fiancé, Ashes of Soma drummer Paul Doman.

She began her traffic reporting job this week—it's no Sunday drive. She said she'll miss being able to go to concerts during the week, because she needs to wake up at 2 a.m. for the 5 a.m. newscast.

Besides staying coordinated with the green screen image and memorizing all the information (she doesn't get a teleprompter), on-screen demeanor is complex. "You have to have a smile on your face, be enthusiastic, but not too enthusiastic because you're reporting on accidents," she said.

But she said she never expected such a visible position prior to graduation. "This plan has surpassed any plans of mine," she said. Someday, she'd like to become a local news anchor. An ideal position would be at a major national network like CNN or MSNBC, she said. "But I'd be just as happy here in my hometown," she said. "People allow you into their homes; they trust you...I think that's a goal all newspeople should have."

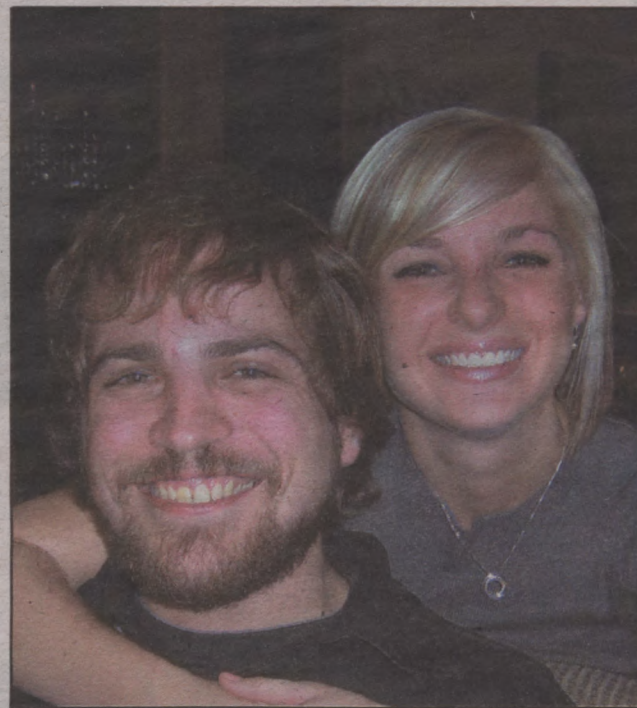


Photo courtesy of Lauren Podell
Lauren Podell (seen here with her fiancé) was recently named a WDIV-TV traffic reporter. Podell is a senior at Oakland University.

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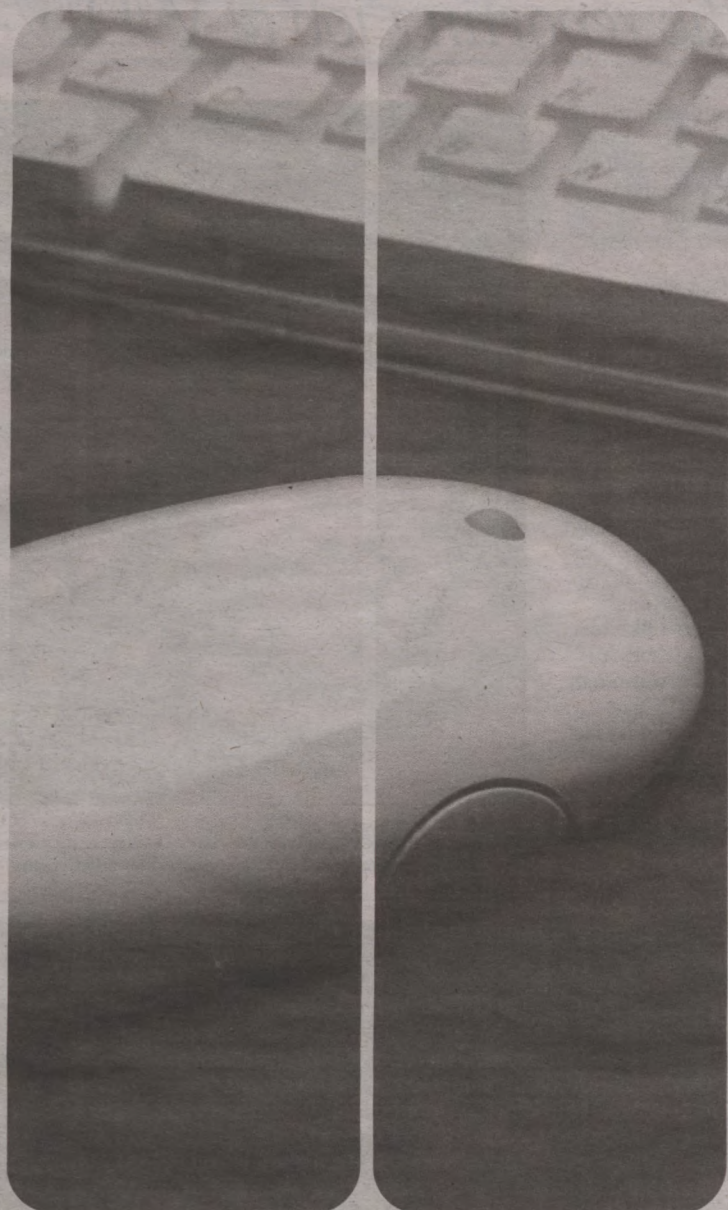
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OGL members flex their muscle with "the rock" (top) and strike a pose (bottom). Photos courtesy of Amy Ring

OU on tour

Orientation group leader program seeks new faces

By STACIE BARTMAN
Staff Intern

An Orientation Group Leader (OGL) is a student leader that helps students with orientation by providing tours and information about Oakland University.

OGLs assist with registration, advising and facilitating small group discussions, help support and guide students, making sure every student feels welcomed and comfortable as they make the transition to Oakland University.

Amy Ring, sophomore and Orientation Assistant and recruiter for the OGL program said, "You're given a lot of networking opportunities within leadership at the university..."

Some of the benefits to becoming an OGL are a \$1,800 stipend, \$200 Spirit Cash, ability to take one summer class and you get the entire month of July off. There is free housing for OGLs in Hamlin Hall from May through August and free meals during orientation.

OGLs also get four weeks of leadership training that will enhance personal growth, friendship and networking that

can last a lifetime.

Ring notes that it improved her public speaking in social settings as well as gave her confidence.

To become an OGL you have to be a currently enrolled undergrad, with cumulative GPA of 2.75, sophomore standing by fall 2008, good judicial and academic standing, able and willing to work irregular hours and live on campus May-August. As a potential OGL you will have to be available the first week of the fall semester 2008.

Interested applicants need to attend an information session; the next one is scheduled to take place Jan. 10 in the Oakland Center from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Applications are available at the information session or at www.oakland.edu/leadershipopps. The deadline to turn in the student leader application is Jan. 25, 2008 by 5 p.m.

The experience will have a "positive impact and change your life without a doubt," Ring said.

For more information please e-mail: gold@oakland.edu.

POLICEFILES

A wallet was reported stolen from Meadow Brook Theatre Dec. 18. It was taken from an employee's coat, which he left unattended while he worked. The victim cancelled his credit cards that were in his wallet, but about \$1000 had already been charged on two of his credit cards.

Police were called to investigate a Recreation Center patron acting suspiciously in the hot tub Dec. 19. The suspect was allegedly rubbing himself against the jets of the hot tub inappropriately. Officers questioned the man, who denied any wrongdoing, and asked him to leave for the night.

A computer monitor was reported stolen from a closet in North Foundation Hall Dec. 20.

Officers noticed nothing suspicious on a surveillance tape of the area. The closet was apparently only accessible to staff members and cleaning crew, according to the employee who reported the monitor missing.

Police responded to a breaking and entering call Dec. 23 at the University Student Apartments. A student returned to his apartment and noticed signs of forced entry. The frame around his door was damaged and the peephole was knocked out. The student didn't notice anything missing from the apartment, and residents in adjacent apartments didn't notice anything suspicious.

Ethics in trouble

Author David Callahan visits OU to discuss declining integrity in America

By ADAM ROBERTS
Senior Reporter

Author David Callahan is visiting OU Jan. 17 to speak and promote his book, "The Cheating Culture: Why More Americans Are Doing Wrong to Get Ahead."

The topic of the presentation is the lack of ethics in America today, and how cheating to get ahead is now the norm. Callahan will talk about the prevalence of cheating by students and give strategies for educators to promote honesty in the classroom.

His latest book highlights how economics has had a negative affect on the moral fiber of America.

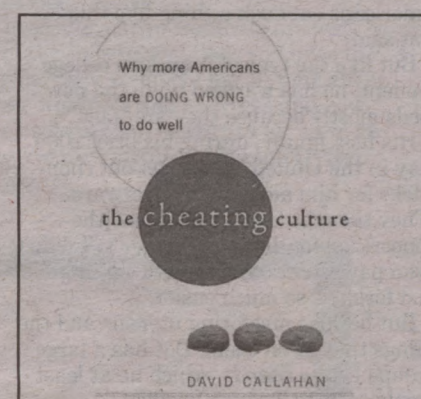
Callahan is scheduled to speak in the Oakland Center Banquet Rooms Thursday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m.

Seating is available on a first come, first serve basis and admission is free. The event is open to the public.

A book signing and reception will immediately follow his speech.

Callahan is the author of five other books, and has written articles and appeared as a commentator on such issues as American foreign policy, ethics and business.

Callahan has made recent appearances at Harvard Medical School, Columbia University, and UCLA Law School promoting the book, according to his Web site.



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Callahan is cofounder and director of research for Demos, a non-partisan public research and advocacy organization, which focuses on democratic reform.

The event is made possible by a coalition of Academic and Student Organizations. Sponsors include the Center for Academic Affairs, Athletics, Center for Student Activities, College of Arts and Sciences, Dean of Students office, Graduate Education, Kresge Library, OU Student Congress, Department of Rhetoric/Communications and Journalism, Rhetoric Faculty, School of Health Sciences, School of Nursing, School of Education and Human Services, Student Affairs, Undergraduate Education, and University Housing.

Perfect strangers

International Allies program unites OU students

By JESSE DUNSMORE
Senior Reporter

The verdict is in: the knife and fork are easier than chopsticks.

Oakland University biology major Dat Nguyen is experiencing his freshman year of college in a country thousands of miles from his home in Vietnam, but he said what really took getting used to was the food.

Pizza had too much cheese at first, and he thought cereal was some kind of bread — he was appalled when people put milk on it.

"I said, 'Oh my gosh, how can Americans eat such a thing like this?'" Dat said.

But like the typical American college student, he has warmed up to the new foods mostly because they are "fast."

His host family, during his brief 2005 stay in the United States, set out chopsticks for him along with silverware. "They thought that I would use [the chopsticks] for dinner," said Dat. "I didn't even pay attention to them. I think knife and fork are so much easier."

But besides mastering utensils and the things that go on them, Dat has a large group of close friends, which he at least partly owes to Trenise Bradley.

Trenise, also a freshman biology major, met Dat through the International Allies student organization at OU.

International Allies was started as a program by International Students and Scholars Assistant Director Petra Knoche in 2006 and was so successful that Knoche decided to form a student organization, according to co-president Molly Rowland.

The organization matches up international students with other students, either domestic or international, based on information given by each student. The pairs, or sometimes trios, offer each other both friendship and experience with an unfamiliar culture.

Rowland said their first meeting attracted 60 members and the group is growing.

"Many students will say they don't

have time, and while it is a commitment, we only ask our members to come to as many events as they are able to, and that they contact their allies once or twice a month," Rowland said.

Although Trenise lives off campus, and work and studying keep her very busy, she has lunch with Dat and their mutual friends several times a week. Their circle consists of both domestic and international students—what Dat calls a "melting pot group."

"We kind of mixed in," said Trenise. "I brought some friends and he brought some friends, and everyone's really close now."

Dat and Trenise hang out with OU students from around the world, including China, France, Laos and Saudi Arabia.

While Trenise said that some International Allies pairs turn out to be incompatible, she and Dat got along right away. Their studies are similar, they each describe the other as "outgoing" and they both have an undeniable sense of humor.

Dat said he renamed his sister Chau "Mimi," while he was studying English, joking that she needed an English name.

Trenise laughed as she described how she and Dat decided to dance the Soulja Boy in Vandenberg Dining Hall.

"Neither of us is that good," she said.

Both Dat and Trenise have studied French, but Dat said that when she asked him if he spoke French, he just replied, "Oh yeah, 'Voulez-vous coucher avec moi,'" quoting a risqué lyric from LaBelle's disco hit "Lady Marmelade."

Trenise laughed when he told the story. "You shouldn't say that, by the way," she told Dat.

Dat didn't always feel so at ease, he said. When he first came to the United States, he had heard that relations among different ethnic groups were very tense, and he was afraid he might easily offend people.

He said he specifically heard a lot of stereotypes about black Americans.

"At first I didn't dare to say 'black people,'" said Dat. "I'd say 'African' or

something."

Racial relations are an issue that didn't come up much for Dat back home. "In Vietnam, we have just one race, just Vietnamese. Americans have a huge diversity of people."

Trenise, who is black, said: "He had some stereotypes coming into this, and I had some coming into it, so I think the main thing we helped each other do is break the whole barrier down."

"It prevents us from being close friends if he's afraid to say something to me because maybe he heard in his country that it was offensive."

Apparently, the barrier has been thoroughly broken.

"When I [met] Trenise, I thought, 'oh my gosh, black people are so nice!'" Dat said, laughing.

Both Dat and Trenise have dealt with some racial tension from others — nothing overt, they say: a strangely dismissive line-cutter here, some extra-rude mall security there.

Dat said most people are very courteous to him. A classmate last year let him copy her notes and helped him with homework because he had trouble understanding the professor.

Another student regularly offers him rides to school from his apartment in Beacon Hill. He got his laptop computer from an American friend who wasn't using it anymore.

The negative incidents are few and far between but have some intangible element that make both Dat and Trenise question the offenders' motivations, they say.

Trenise wants their friendship to help promote better racial understanding. "We're kind of hoping other people see us and are just like, 'oh, okay, I can have an Asian friend and I can have someone who's Caucasian, and not be afraid to say something that might offend them.'"

And that's what International Allies is about according to Rowland. "Wars start all over the world because of misunderstandings between cultures," she said. "If only we all understood each other. And we can, if we just try."



AMBER DIETZ/The Oakland Post
Trenise Bradley and Dat Nguyen have shared many laughs since they met through the International Allies program.

Avoid the gym with alternative workouts

Five creative ways to stay fit and keep your body guessing

By **SAMANTHA FRANZ**
Sports Editor

It's the dawn of a New Year and you know the drill: time to make a New Year's resolution to stay fit.

But are you sick of lifting weights? Cringe at the idea of hitting the treadmill?

Don't blame yourself. Your body's trying to tell you something.

Ever get so bored during a lecture that you are on the verge of nodding off? Well, your body goes through a similar effect when exposed to the same workout time and time again.

This can be explained through the SAID principle, according to John Ciecko, a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist through the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

SAID stands for Specific Adaptation to Implied Demands.

"Basically the body adapts to workout demands imposed on it," said Ciecko, citing that the body can adjust in a range of 4-8 weeks.

"So, if a person were to only do a certain exercise, then their body would only use the same amount of energy needed to complete that task, so they would never gain the results they wanted.

"A person's body would adapt to that workout, so it will not use more energy than needed to complete the task. The body does this so it can run as efficiently as possible," he added.

The body can also suffer disparities over time due to repetitive workout, according to Dr. Stafford Rorke, an associate professor in Oakland University's School of Health Sciences.

"One risk with the same repetitive workout is imbalance, or not balancing the health-related components of fitness, namely cardiovascular fitness, strength, muscular endurance, flexibility and body composition," Rorke said.

"Simply put, someone who has a focus only on cardiovascular fitness may lack fitness in other areas."

The trick is to mix up the workouts so you keep your body guessing.

Since not everyone enjoys going to the gym or hitting the pavement in running shoes, here are some unconventional exercises that can give you a surprisingly good workout.

Do chores

You probably wouldn't associate general housekeeping with physical fitness. But if you break down basic household tasks, you might be surprised how many calories can be burned in an hour's time.

Vigorous house cleaning, such as doing multiple loads of laundry, lifting heavy

objects to vacuum and window washing can burn as many as 388 calories an hour depending on body weight, according to NutriStrategy, a group that provides nutrition and diet information.

If you have a green thumb, general gardening activities can burn as many as 431 calories an hour, and pushing a lawn mower can burn as many as 474 calories.

Stuck baby-sitting little tykes? Don't think of it as a burden, but rather as a way to burn calories and get your body moving.

General childcare, such as dressing, feeding and entertaining the kids, can burn 200-300 calories an hour.

Playing outdoor games with the little ones can also burn a wide range of calories an hour, depending on body weight and choice of activity.

Have a jam session

Even if you and your band never make it big, at least you'll have the consolation of having worked up a decent sweat in the process.

Playing guitar in a rock 'n' roll show can burn 170-260 calories an hour.

If you're more of a Phil Collins than a Peter Gabriel, you can burn 230-345 calories an hour by playing the drums.

If acoustic is more your style, you can burn up to 170 calories an hour while serenading your sweetheart.

Get your Dance Dance on

Okay, before you label Dance Dance

Revolution as a "dorky" game, look at how effective of a workout it can be.

Newer versions of the game have a "workout mode", which not only calculates how many calories you burn in a game session, but also how many miles you've run, laps you've swam, and times you have jumped rope.

The game is relatively simple. You pick your difficulty level, find a catchy tune and put your foot on the corresponding arrow as it comes up in tune to the music.

On light mode, you can burn as many as 12-15 calories per song, which last anywhere from one to three minutes. Meaning, in one hour, you could burn as many as 900 calories. Not too shabby for a "dorky" game.

So grab some friends and make it a group workout; with all the laughing you'll be doing, you can burn as many as 40 calories in 15 minutes simply by spreading good cheer.

Suck it up and walk

As members of the Oakland University community, we all face the daily trials and tribulations of finding that coveted close parking spot, and we will go as far as stalking the aisles in hopes that somebody will find their car and leave their space vacant.

By doing so, you are completely negating the most simple of workouts: walking. No equipment, facilities or leg-warmers are needed; just your own two feet.

In fact, by parking your car at a far-

ther location from your destination and walking around campus for the day, you can burn as many as 400-600 calories an hour, depending on your pace, terrain and body weight.

This doesn't just go for parking at Oakland. Whether it's the mall, a concert venue or exploring downtown Rochester, you can get a decent workout simply by biting the bullet and parking farther away.

Use the buddy system

It's easy to fall off the workout wagon when you take on the challenge yourself. This is why Dr. Jackie Drouin, associate professor of physical therapy at OU, recommends doing physical activities with others.

"The accountability and camaraderie promote adherence to training," Drouin said. "The major reason people stay in an exercise group is due to the people they hang with."

Instead of getting together to watch television all day, get out of your seats and do something active.

You can play a pickup game with your friends or go on a jaunt with your favorite four-legged friend.

These alternative workouts are just the tip of the iceberg of options you have to stay fit. For a complete list of some alternative workouts and activities and how many calories can be burned for each, go to www.nutristrategy.com/activitylist.htm.



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4. Stop listening to news about pregnant 16-year-olds and their crazy sisters
5. Avoid browsing YouTube while doing homework
6. Quit buying lattes that are more expensive than a gallon of gas
7. Stop text messaging while in class ...driving ... during dinner ...or at work

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What are you looking forward to during the winter semester?

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PETER BANACHOWSKI
JUNIOR, MATH



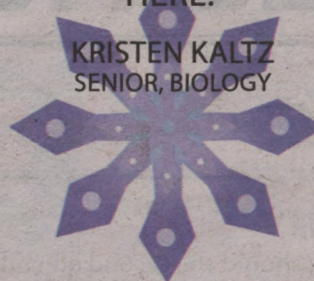
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Winter wonderland

What's your favorite outdoor winter activity and why?

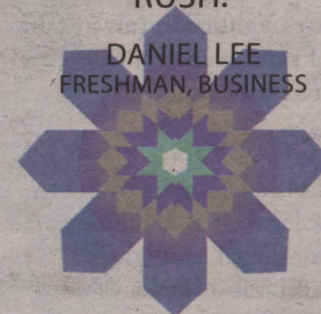
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PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION GUIDE

THE ISSUES

There are many issues at hand in this year's presidential race. The following is a collection of those that top the list. Check out the questions below each topic and decide where you stand.

ABORTION

- When does a life technically begin (at conception, at birth)?
- When should a woman have rights to an abortion (always, in cases of rape or incest, when the mother's health is at risk)?

IMMIGRATION

- Should the U.S. government provide legal citizenship opportunities for illegal immigrants?
- Do immigration policies need revision? If so, how?
- Do you support structural additions at the border to prevent further illegal immigration?

SOCIAL SECURITY

- Should the current system be reformed?

STEM CELL RESEARCH

- Is federal funding for embryonic stem cell research Constitutionally justified?
- Are you morally opposed to or in agreement with the pursuit of stem cell research?

GUNS

- How should the second amendment be interpreted (addresses a citizen's right to bear arms)?
- Should the assault weapons ban be reauthorized?
- Does legislation to control gun ownership affect the rate of crime?

HEALTH CARE

- Do you support universal health care?
- Should insurance companies reform to make health care more affordable and accessible?

IRAQ

- Should the U.S. continue to use military force in Iraq?
- Should the government continue to send troops to Iraq, or should they withdraw?
- How should the government address the financial costs of U.S. presence in Iraq?

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

- Do you agree with legislation that supports same-sex marriages?
- Should the government be involved in the definition of marriage?
- Should same-sex partners be entitled to legal rights and benefits?

ECONOMY

- What needs to be done to boost the economy?

THE SPEAK

You don't have to be a political science major to understand an election, but mastering some of the rhetoric will help you conquer confusion.

PRIMARY

- a preliminary election in which voters of each party nominate candidates for office, party officers, etc.
- a meeting of the voters of a political party in an election district for nominating candidates for office, choosing delegates for a convention, etc.

CAUCUS

- a meeting of party leaders to select candidates, elect convention delegates, etc.
- a meeting of party members within a legislative body to select leaders and determine strategy

GOP

"U.S. Republican Party;" an abbreviation of Grand Old Party. The Republicans were so called from 1876; the Democratic Party also was referred to occasionally as grand old party, with lower-case letters, in 1870s-80s.

DELEGATE

An elected or appointed representative of a U.S. territory in the House of Representatives who is entitled to speak but not vote

THIS JUST IN

By The Associated Press

Next stop: Michigan primary on Tuesday, Jan. 15.

At stake: 30 GOP delegates; 0 Democratic delegates. Because Michigan broke party rules by moving up its primary, it has been stripped of half its GOP delegates and all its Democratic ones. Leaders of both state parties expect to regain the lost delegates at their respective conventions, but Barack Obama, John Edwards and Bill Richardson pulled their names off the ballot. Polls show Hillary Rodham Clinton leading among Democrats still on the ballot, but voters also can choose "Uncommitted," which Obama and Edwards supporters may do; Mitt Romney and Mike Huckabee are in a close race among Republicans, but John McCain could be helped by crossover voters as he was in 2000.

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Local breweries bring new tastes

REVIEW

By JON SZERLAG
Contributing Reporter

Tired of drinking the same old brew? If you're looking for something different, all you have to do is visit to some of the local breweries.

With custom beers that vary from brewery to brewery, and some of the best food around, there's no reason not to venture out.

You might find a new favorite brew or an exotic one. Here are a few local breweries to check out.

ROYAL OAK BREWERY

Hiding on Fourth Street just east of Main Street, the Royal Oak Brewery is a chill place to enjoy a drink or something to eat while wandering around the downtown shops.

With a friendly staff and a gold-medal winning beer from the 2005 Great American Beer Festival, this brewery has a bit more to offer than the rest.

With six of its own brews on tap along with Guinness, Royal Oak Brewery doesn't just have good beer, it offers a full

menu. The famous Louisiana Jambalaya is their best dish. They also offer pastas, pizzas and specialty sandwiches.

One of the best selling beers, the Northern Light beer, is a golden ale that has a slight hoppy taste to it.

But the IPA is right up there with its strong hop flavor and full aroma. Anyone who enjoys IPA will love this brew.

And if you like the beer and want to become a regular, Royal Oak Brewery offers the Mug Club. During happy hour a 20 ounce mug of beer costs only \$2 and only \$3 during regular hours.

However, according to Pat Scanlon, one of the brewery's managing partners, there are already 500 members in the Mug Club and a month wait to join.

For the Monday Night Football fans, the Royal Oak Brewery has a beer special that everyone can look forward to.

During the first half of the game, beers are \$3 and during the last half they are only \$2. And during the final two minute warning, beers are only \$1.

Royal Oak Brewery doesn't offer live music or events often but sometimes features sets from its house band, The Reefermen.

During the warmer months, the Royal Oak Brewery opens its Bier Garden patio in back — a great place to dine, drink and enjoy the weather.

WOODWARD AVE. BREWERY

Entering the Woodward Ave. Brewery, located on Woodward just south of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale, large windows on the ground level show you where the beer is made.

Walking up the stairs, a wall of blue license plates greets you along with some great music pumping out of the jukebox.

Open since 1997, the WAB offers great beer and terrific food.

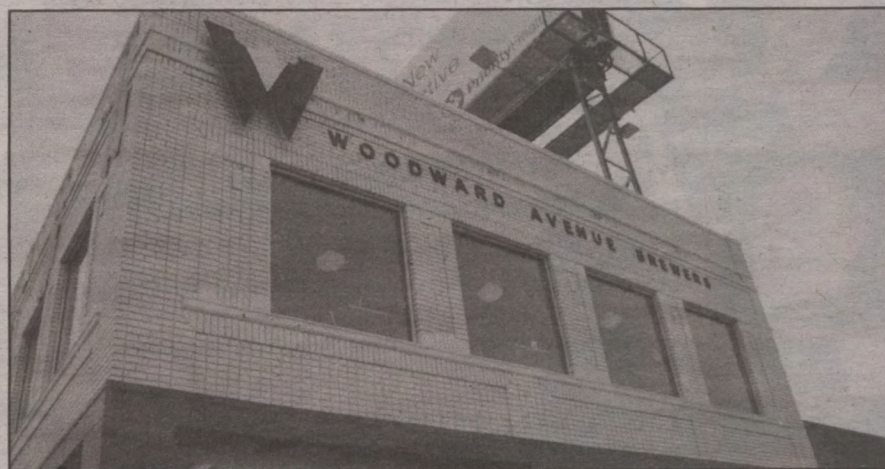
One of the most popular beers at the brewery is the Custom Blonde that has an overly sweet taste with a hint of citrus to round it off, for those who don't like the bitterness of beer.

Another favorite is the Raspberry Blonde that is very sweet and has a full aroma.

For those who want to have a bitter beer, go for the Porter. Its strong aroma and slightly bitter coffee flavor make it a beer with character.

They also offer two guest taps of specialty beer that the brewmaster chooses in case you want to try something new.

Whether you are looking for some



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
The Custom Blonde, the Raspberry Blonde and the Porter are among Woodward Ave. Brewery's most popular house brews. The brewery is located just south of Nine Mile Road in Ferndale.

lunch, dinner or are just craving some munchies, the WAB has it all.

From a hummus platter that is home-made with garlic and red peppers to burritos that are thick and generously stuffed, they will not disappoint.

But be sure to try the Chicken Avocado Quesadilla, a house favorite. It comes with seasoned chicken, avocado and spicy Monterey Jack peppered cheese that adds a nice kick.

There is also a pool table in the corner for those who like to shoot some stick and the jukebox is one of the best in the area.

On Sundays, the WAB has a drink special of \$2 pints and on Mondays, from 4 p.m. to midnight, all of the food is half-off.

During the day, the WAB is calm and collected, with shoppers and stragglers getting a bite to eat.

At night though, the music kicks up and the bar fills with locals and groups of friends.

DRAGONMEAD

"Hear ye, hear ye," is what you should expect to hear when walking into the castle-like building of Dragonmead Brewery, positioned on 11 Mile Road between Schoenherr and Hayes, in Warren.

But upon entering the brewery, it looks like a normal pub, with friends laughing and the staff talking it up with the regulars and befriending the newcomers.

The only difference are the medals lining the walls and the unimaginable amount of taps behind the bar.

With the honor of having the most beers on tap brewed on location in the world — meaning they have 30 to 35 different beers on tap at one time — Dragonmead offers something for everyone to enjoy.

From their World Beer Cup Final Absolution — gold-medal winner for best Belgian-Style Tripel in the world — to their Erik the Red Amber, there is no beer that goes unnoticed here.

For the person who is looking for something truly original and delicious, try the Ring of Fire brew.

Made with three different kinds of peppers, this beer leaves a kick on the back of the throat that is different than any casual beer drinker has had before.

Their food selection is typical of any normal pub. Cheeseburgers and onion rings can be found on their menu, but the brewery offers an interesting alternative.

Feel free to bring in your own favorite food or choose one of the local restaurants in the area and have it delivered.

They even offer a binder of local spots so you don't have to worry about remembering their menu or phone number.

The Dragonmead also has live performances nearly every Friday and Saturday, so check their Web site, www.dragonmead.com, to see who is playing. Be sure to check their site to see lists of what beers they will have on tap and a description of the beers they brew because it usually changes weekly.



DUSTIN ALEXANDER/The Oakland Post
The Royal Oak Brewery offers beer and food specials during Monday night football.

Johnny Depp: razor sharp in 'Sweeney Todd'

By JOE GUZMAN
Contributing Reporter

Tim Burton joins forces yet again with a razor-wielding Johnny Depp in the adaptation of Stephen Sondheim's 1979 Broadway musical, "Sweeney Todd."

We've seen Depp prove his barbershop chops in similar fashion in 1990's "Edward Scissorhands," but Depp is no longer the innocent and inaudible, scissor-handed creature conjured up by Burton's imagination.

In "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," Depp is the wrongfully-convicted prison escapee, singing and slashing his way through Victorian England, fueled by revenge (and terrible meat pies).

The story unfolds as the escaped convict, Todd, sails up the Thames River while bitterly introducing the setting with his ode to the city, "No Place Like London," as he returns focused only on the payback of the corrupt Judge Turpin (Alan Rickman) who wrongfully sentenced him and stole his wife and daughter.

The mad barber sets up shop in the upstairs apartment above London's notoriously nasty Mrs. Lovett's Meat Pie bakery, run by the sinisterly sexy Helena Bonham Carter. She reveals to him his old set of razors that she kept while he was imprisoned, divulging her

desire for Sweeney Todd's heart.

But her symbol of affection and her visions of a future together are futile, as Todd's hunger for revenge, can only be satisfied by the blood of the judge. Like her meat pies to the rest of the town, Lovett's love is ignored, undesired and utterly unappetizing to Todd.

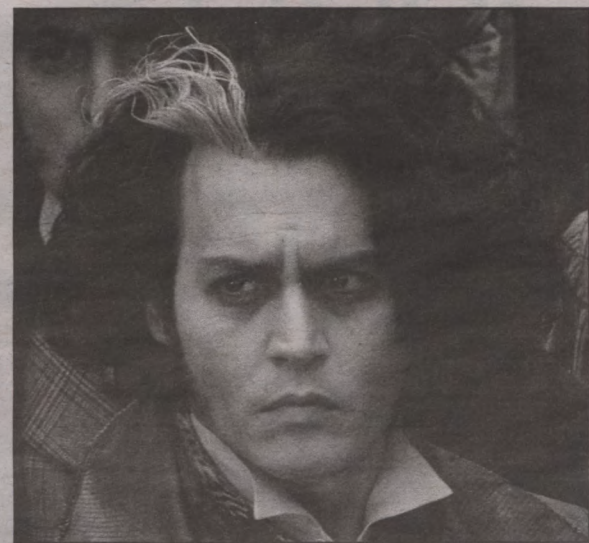
It is then no coincidence that as the death toll of Todd's victims grows, so does the town's desire for Mrs. Lovett's new and improved meat pies.

The film climaxes as Judge Turpin, in search of his missing adopted daughter, Todd's biological daughter Johanna, finds himself in Todd's barber's chair for a clean shave, so he can look his best when he reunites with the girl. A reunion Todd ensures never happens.

The story is compelling, the singing is impressive and the acting is top-notch. Burton's use of the overly gory, but viscerally enticing splashes of the crimson blood splattering the scenery is a creative contrast to his signature gothic tones.

Depp's willingness to take on risky roles and his successful interpretation of characters as complex as Todd prove that he is one of the best actors of our generation.

His versatility is unmatched and when given the freedom to show off his range, he can take on anything thrown his way, even singing.



LEAH GALLO/Paramount Pictures
Johnny Depp transforms into the vengeful, singing Sweeney Todd in "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street."

Familiar feelings for all in 'Juno'

By ALEXIS TOMRELL
Contributing Reporter



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For the slightly offbeat and slightly intellectual, the title character of "Juno" resonates our familiar feelings of being 16 years old.

Quirky, opinionated, naïve, confused, and traumatized by the suburban life around her, Juno is a girl we all can identify with, especially at our most awkward moments.

The film is a rare movie that caters to independent and mainstream audiences alike. "Juno" centers on a 16-year-old girl (Ellen Page), who gets pregnant by her uncomfortable, self-conscious love crush Paulie Bleeker (Michael Cera) and the clumsy, bonding journey it takes her and those around her on.

After becoming pregnant, Juno plans to have an eager, yuppie couple (Jennifer Garner and Michael Bateman of "Arrested Development") adopt the child.

At first, the film is annoying. Most of the teen characters talk like conceited bloggers with too much to say about nothing. Mostly, it feels like something already done in other semi-independent, offbeat films — perfectly cued music, lines too rehearsed and contrived.

As the story develops, the characters develop as well. The humor gets better, and things seem to be more authentic.

As Juno's pregnancy grows nearer, her attitude changes toward those around her, especially her father, changing her character incredibly.

And while she stays independent, eccentric and opinionated throughout the entire movie, Juno's persona seems more genuine and changed by the end of the film.

The music, mostly done by former Moldy Peaches' member Kimya Dawson, adds a special element to the movie. Dawson, with her one-woman-band of vocals and guitar, is just underground enough to be attached to the movie.

The soundtrack and story co-exist well together, better than the removed songs played in many films today.

The tiny touches of the movie — it's familiar suburban feel, the music, random popular allusions — give it hope.

Juno represents a reality of life rarely touched upon in film today — that even when things are ordinary, people will always be the most interesting and the expected is always the unexpected.

'Charlie Wilson's War' — journey of a Texas congressman to Afghanistan

By STEVE STAEGER
Contributing Reporter

The weeks after September 11, 2001 were filled with speculation.

Everyone wanted to know why the attacks happened, who caused the terrible disaster and what motivated them to do so.

As we started hearing names like Osama Bin Laden, al Qaeda and the Taliban, pieces of the puzzle started to come together, and still more and more questions arose.

One question, in particular, seemed to be on everyone's mind: why does this dangerous militant group in Afghanistan have U.S.-made weapons?

"Charlie Wilson's War," a film based on a true story, answers just that question.

It is the story of Charlie Wilson, a democratic congressman from Texas, played by Tom Hanks.

Wilson, a booze-hound and womanizer, sits on two major Congressional defense committees. Much of his politics are influenced by one of his wealthiest constituents and love interests, Joanne Herring, played by Julia Roberts.

Herring is strongly involved in the anti-communist and anti-Soviet movements. She convinces Wilson to travel to Pakistan to see an Afghan refugee camp, where many Afghan people are forced during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

After his trip, Wilson embarks on a mission to push the Soviets out of

Afghanistan and works on funding a more or less covert operation to do so.

With the help of a dry-witted, tire-some-speaking CIA agent named Gust Avrakotos, played by Philip Seymour Hoffman, Wilson privately funds a guerrilla group of Afghans to disperse the Soviets from Afghanistan.

The film was beautifully photographed by cinematographer Stephen Goldblatt, the Oscar-nominated cinematographer of "Batman Forever" and "Batman and Robin."

The witty repartee within the dialogue was also wonderfully written to keep the audience from getting lost with all the dry political jargon that surrounds the story.

The film itself is an adaptation of George Crile's 2003 novel, "Charlie Wilson's War: The Extraordinary Story of the Largest Covert Operation in History."

The only drawback of the film is that the audience must have an interest in foreign affairs to be able to follow the plot. If you are looking for a good thoughtless comedy, this isn't your movie.

But if you are looking for a good mix of mild humor and recent history, it's just the movie for you.

"Charlie Wilson's War" is a wonderful preface to the 9/11 generation's story. It fills in gaps and answers questions leading up to the conflict that caught the world's attention in 2001.

Roasted Duck, anyone?

Grizzlies knock off nationally ranked Oregon in historic win over break

By SAMANTHA FRANZ
Sports Editor

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Oakland University's men's basketball team earned what head coach Greg Kampe called the program's most important victory during his tenure at OU. The Golden Grizzlies upset then No. 23 Oregon, 68-62 Dec. 22.

The cards were laid out perfectly for the Ducks: two of their starters, Malik Hairston and Tajuan Porter were making a homecoming to Detroit (both are graduates of Detroit Renaissance), they were ranked 23rd in the nation, according to the AP Poll, and were in a perfect position to rebound after an overtime loss to Nebraska on Dec. 15.

What they weren't counting on was a resilient Oakland University team to take an 11-point lead in the first half and battle back from a 20-0 Oregon run in the second half, thus giving Oakland the 68-62 victory, OU's first-ever over a top-25 team.

"This is the most important game in my 24 years here," said head coach Greg Kampe following the game. "People might say 'You beat Michigan and you won a NCAA tournament game [in 2005],' but this is the biggest."

The Oakland (8-7) and Oregon (10-4) matchup was the nightcap of the Dick's Sporting Goods Spartan Clash Saturday night at the Palace of Auburn Hills and the home team put on a performance that was a great early Christmas present for Golden Grizzlies fans.

The Ducks drew first blood with a quick lay-up by forward Joevan Catron, but was quickly countered by two back-to-back 3-pointers by OU junior Erik Kangas, and the

Grizzlies took a 6-2 lead.

The score would continue to seesaw between the two teams until Oregon took their final lead of the half at 12:56 with a 12-9 advantage.

After that, the first half was dominated by OU. Junior Derick Nelson led the charge with 11 first-half points and five boards and helped his team leave the Ducks stunned as the ranked team found themselves in a 37-26 hole going into halftime.

However, Oregon demonstrated why they were a ranked team in the second half. The Ducks stormed out of the gate and quickly erased a 13-point deficit en route to a 20-0 scoring run. With 14:33 left in the contest, OU found themselves down seven.

But Oakland didn't surrender; they began to battle back. Senior sixth man Brandon Cassise got the ball rolling with a three-point play, thanks to being fouled on a fade away jumper with 8:16 remaining, bringing OU within one, 52-51. Clutch shots from Kangas and aggressive drives from Nelson helped OU gain a 60-54 advantage with about four minutes to go.

The Ducks would tie the game one more time with 3-pointers by Porter and Bryce Taylor, tying the score 60-60 with three minutes left. But trips to the charity stripe would keep OU on top and when the buzzer sounded, the Golden Grizzlies celebrated their 68-62 victory — their first over a top-25 team.

"This means a lot to me and (the) players, but it means more to the program," Nelson said about being part of the historic victory. "This is about all the players who helped bring Oakland to Division I and the players that will be here in the future."



DUANE BURLISON/Associated Press

Sophomore Johnathon Jones (23) and freshman Tim Williams (33) leap in the air after defeating the University of Oregon, 68-62 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

CARLOS OSORIO/
Associated Press

Johnathon Jones (15) chases the ball past Oregon's Frantz Dorsainvil (15).



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Associated Press

Derick Nelson (1) drives to the basket against Malik Hairston. Nelson led all scorers on the floor with 22 points.



More Golden Grizzly action over break...

By SAMANTHA FRANZ, ROB TATE and
BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
The Oakland Post sports staff

Week of Dec. 6-13

Men's basketball Dec. 6 vs. UMKC

Oakland University scoring records were broken left and right as the Golden Grizzlies defeated the Kangaroos 114-105 in the opening game of conference play. The 114 points are the highest scored in OU's league play history since joining in 1998. Junior Derick Nelson and freshman Tim Williams notched career-highs in points, scoring 31 and 17, respectively.

Dec. 8 vs. Southern Utah

OU fell to Southern Utah, who were 1-7 overall before tipoff, 82-73. Junior Erik Kangas scored 27 points, hitting six 3-pointers. Thunderbird Geoff Payne led all scorers on the floor with 32 points.

Dec. 12 at University of Michigan

OU traveled to Ann Arbor to take on the University of Michigan, but couldn't make an impact on the scoreboard as they fell 103-87. Nelson tied his career-high in points with 31, scoring 27 in the second half.

Women's basketball

Dec. 8 vs. Southern Utah

The Golden Grizzlies led nearly from start to finish as they defeated the Thunderbirds, 78-56. Oakland went up by as many as 26 points midway through the second half. Five Golden Grizzlies had double-digit point totals, led by April Kidd's 13.

Dec. 10 vs. UMKC

Oakland was dominant again at home against Summit League foe UMKC with a 78-50 victory. Charlese Greer came in off the bench to score a team-high 15 points.



BOB KNOSKA/The Oakland Post

Redshirted freshman Keith Benson drives to the basket against Southern Utah University. Benson currently ranks third in the Summit League in blocked shots with 21. He also scored a season high 17 points against UMKC on Dec. 6 at the O'Rena.

Club Hockey

Dec. 8 vs. Adrian College

Brent Cooper led the Golden Grizzlies in Friday's 7-4 victory with two goals and four assists. Kevin Kranker was right on his heels, scoring his first career hat trick and assisting on both of Cooper's goals. Brett Haugh and Tony Yearego also scored for Oakland.

Dec. 9 vs. Adrian College

The Golden Grizzlies were down 1-0 in the third period in the second matchup against the Bulldogs, but OU reeled off three unanswered goals to take the 3-1 win. Jarrett Samp, John Parrish and Cooper each tallied a goal and Collin Chase turned aside 26 shots.

Week of Dec. 14-20

Men's basketball

Dec. 19 vs. Rochester College

Junior Dan Waterstradt recorded his first double-double of the season with 12 points and 12 rebounds as the Golden Grizzlies defeated cross-town rival Rochester College, 67-53.

Women's basketball

Dec. 17 vs. West Virginia

Oakland dropped their record at 1-3 against top 25 teams this season with a loss to No. 13 West Virginia, 84-65. The Mountaineers got off to a hot start with a 29-10 run that was just too much for the Golden Grizzlies to make-up. Freshman Anna Patritto scored a career-high 17 points to lead Oakland.

Dec. 20 at Siena

The Golden Grizzlies survived a scare, but managed a 73-58 win on the road. Oakland got out to a 19-point lead with 14:57 in the second half. But Siena went on a 26-8 run to pull within one point with 6:11 remaining in the game. Junior Jessica Pike helped propel Oakland the rest of the way, scoring eight of her game-high 25 points in the final minutes.

Week of Dec. 21-27

Women's basketball

Dec. 22 vs. Niagara

Pike had another strong effort two days later as her game-high 19 points led to a 72-64 victory over Niagara. Oakland held on through nine lead changes in the first half, but they managed to lead the entire second half.

Dec. 28-Jan. 7

Men's basketball

Dec. 29 at Toledo

Oakland came back from a 17-point second half deficit, but the effort just wasn't enough as they lost 71-69 in Ohio. The Golden Grizzlies tied the game at 69-69, but the University of Toledo's Tyrone Kent spoiled the comeback victory with a layup with three seconds remaining. Sophomore Johnathon Jones scored 29 points for OU.

Jan. 3 at South Dakota State

OU defeated Summit League newcomers South Dakota State by a score of 73-72. Williams set a new career high in points with 19 and earned his first career



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Sophomore Hanna Reising looks for the open shot against Niagara Dec. 22 at the O'Rena. Reising tallied 13 points and tied a career high with six assists. Reising has also started in every contest this season.

start after Kangas re-injured his shoulder. Kangas is expected to sit out for the Jan. 12 match up against Oral Roberts University.

Jan. 5 at North Dakota State

This game proved to be another close call for Oakland, but they prevailed with a 73-71 decision over the Bison. Jones' 21 points helped OU snap North Dakota State's 16-game winning streak at home.

Women's basketball

Jan. 2 vs. Rochester College

Oakland dominated Rochester College with a 99-19 victory. The win was the largest in Division I history for the Golden Grizzlies. At one point, Oakland went on a 42-0 run. Freshman Brittany Carnago scored a career-high 21 points on 10-of-10 shooting from the floor. The win clinched Oakland's best start in school history at 9-3.

Jan. 5 at South Dakota State

Oakland continued to add to their historic start with an 80-67 victory over new Summit League member, South Dakota State. April Kidd poured in a career-high 22 points.

Jan. 7 at North Dakota State

The Golden Grizzlies couldn't overcome 11 3-pointers from the Jackrabbits and fell 81-71, snapping a four-game winning streak. Jessica Pike led OU with 18 points.

Men's and women's swimming

Jan. 5 at Florida International Invitational

The men and women's swim teams wrapped up their winter training trip in Florida January 5 with the Florida International University Invitational. Both teams finished second out of four teams, with the men scoring 102 points and the women scoring 98.

The men's 400-yard medley relay team took first place, as Patrick Downing, Nicholas Bonucchi, Chris Tansel and Andy Kellogg clocked in at 3:32.19.

Club hockey starts the new year against archrival

By BRITTANY OCHTINSKY
Senior Reporter

GRAND RAPIDS/ROCHESTER – After six straight unsuccessful attempts the past two seasons, Oakland hockey head coach Sean Hogan has finally found the key to beating Davenport University.

It was never a lack of talent, as Hogan's teams won the national championship both years, but he was only 1-6-1 against the Panthers heading into last weekend.

Instead, Hogan discovered the best way to crack their archrival was to better prepare his team mentally. The approach paid dividends last Friday when the Grizzlies downed the Panthers 5-2.

"At practice, during the break, we gave them a different handout each day," said Hogan. "The first day's had different quotes from former players about the Davenport rivalry and how important it is. The following week, we talked about accountability."

The bad blood began to boil when forward Jonah Rogowski and goaltender Chris Joswiak transferred from Oakland to Davenport following the Grizzlies Division II championship in 2006 and has grown from there.

With 14 new players on this year's roster, Hogan felt it was important that they knew what to expect coming into last weekend's games.

"I told them they need to focus their energies on playing a complete hockey game. In these rivalry games, you can feel the hatred. You can feel it in the rink and the guys get caught up in it and they start worrying about taking kids' heads off instead of playing hockey," Hogan said.

The focus in Friday's contest was unlike any other game this year. Kevin Kranker scored goals on two separate power plays 46.2 seconds apart in the

second period and added a short-handed tally in the third to run away with the game for the Grizzlies.

"Kevin is probably the best player on both teams right now," said Hogan. "That's an amazing thing to say when he's only 19 years old and he's not even that big of a guy."

OU's Jesse Worrell tied the game in the first and Brent Cooper made it 2-1 in the middle frame. Collin Chase stopped 39 shots and improved his personal record to 9-6.

But Davenport came back a different team Saturday night and Rogowski rejoined the lineup after missing Friday's game.

The first shot of the game came off the stick of Panther Dayne Gluting, who beat Chase. The goal eventually stood as the game-winner, as Oakland was shut out for the second time this season, 2-0.

"I tried to explain to them that Davenport would be a better team tonight. They had two guys who had literally just gotten off a plane from Europe [Friday]," said Hogan, referring to Davenport's players who played for the Division II Selects Team, playing five games in six nights, and went a perfect 5-0.

Chase stood on his head once again and turned aside 30 shots, but still came out with the loss.

"I don't know how many defensive breakdowns we had that Collin bailed us out of. This game could have easily been five or six nothing," Hogan said.

The battle between the two teams is hardly over, as they meet once more this season, February 1-2.

"I thought [Friday] was probably the best game of the year, but the weekend isn't complete without two," said Cooper. "Next time, we just have to prepare ourselves a little bit better and limit our mistakes."



AMBER DIETZ/The Oakland Post file photo
Goaltender Collin Chase waits for the puck to come his way during warm-ups at the Onyx. Chase made 10 saves after replacing Andrew Stewart 10 minutes into the Dec. 8 matchup against Adrian College. He also picked up his first career point with an assist the same date.

Men's hockey news and notes

OU's Kevin Kranker celebrated his birthday Nov. 30 and, since then, has had eight goals in five games, compared to four goals in the previous 15 games

The Panthers outscored Oakland 26-11 last season. This season, the margin is much closer, as the Golden Grizzlies have a 5-4 advantage.

Two new faces join the Golden Grizzlies roster this semester. Forward Cody Austin transferred from UMass-Boston's NCAA Division III team, where he tallied 12 points (5 goals, 7 assists) in 26 games. Defenseman Colin Ronayne attended the Golden Grizzlies' summer camps, but didn't enroll at the university until this semester. Last season, Ronayne played with current teammate Jesse Worrell on the Metro Jets in the Central States Hockey League. He accumulated six assists and 35 penalty minutes in 13 games.

Hogan believes that with two wins over Stony Brook this weekend, his team could solidify its bid to the ACHA Nationals. The Grizzlies are currently ranked 11th and have only three other ranked opponents – Stony Brook (16), Adrian (23) and Arizona (25) left on the schedule.

—Brittany Ochtinsky, Senior Reporter

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The ethnic grab-bag

Who is that Mexican-Greek-Eskimo-Mongolian guy? He may be a hapa

By ALEX CHERUP
Mouthing Off Editor

I am a member of the unnoticed minority — one not advertised as often as other ethnicities. There is no month to celebrate my type; nor is there a parade in our honor. However, I am the poster child for diversity.

Because of this, people want to immediately identify me as a certain group to make me more containable.

Here are my Facebook-esque statistics for categorization purposes:

Age: 21

Sex: Male

Interested in: Women who read Mouthing Off.

Ethnicity: Guess. Most think I'm: Eskimo-Hawaiian-Polynesian-Korean-Mediterranean-Filipino-Italian-Greek-Lebanese-Mexican-Iraqi-Alaskan-Mongolian-Vietnamese-Hispanic-Native American-Chinese-Irish.

I'm not joking, I have gotten all of these.

Yes, my ethnic grab-bag appearance has even confounded someone to think I'm Irish (my picture is on the right).

Personally, I have always thought of myself as a hybrid anomaly; my own subspecies requiring my own classification. In fact, if you would like to guess my ethnicity, go to oaklandpostonline.com and offer your guess. I'll give a hint: I am half Asian and half Caucasian.

The official term, "hapa," is Hawaiian, and refers to half Asians. I don't use the term. However, it is a legitimate word, implying that my people are out there.

We even have our own Web site, mixe-dasians.com, and several Facebook groups, including "PAMMO," or "Part Asians Make Me Orgasm," which — ladies, take note — has over 300 members. Incidentally, I'm willing to assist any other women who would like to initiate a member.

The need and urge to stereotype is obvious, and I believe the confusion that my ethnicity brings prompts an uneasy

curiosity with those I meet. The second question asked when I become friendly with a new acquaintance is always race related.

The first question is simply "Do you know you look like Michael Jackson?"

Nonetheless, the race inquiries are odd. All of my grandparents were born in the United States, I am not bilingual, I have never left North America, I choose whiskey over vodka and I loathe sushi — if I'm going to pay that much for fish, it better be cooked.

Yet the general public immediately masquerades me as an ethnic challenge, aside from my pure Americanism. I am the unintentional face of all minorities.

And to the other ethnicities who think they have it bad — I get blamed for all of your stereotypes. To the Americans who are intolerant bigots, I am the illegal terrorist who owns a casino, lives in an igloo, can't tell the difference between hello and goodbye, will run them around in a rickshaw and do their laundry.

At least they think I am good at math, and I can get away with a variety of different ethnic jokes.

It also doesn't help those with uneasy curiosity, that, if my hair falls correctly, I look like Lisa Marie Presley's ex-husband. I'm sure some elementary schools and Toys "R" Us stores even have restraining orders against me. As a matter of fact, the longer my hair, the more Jacko comparisons I draw. I use it as a gauge of when I need a haircut.

The difficulty in identifying me has prompted some to take refuge in comparing me to celebrities.

In addition to everyone's favorite alleged child molester, I am the guy from "Entourage," the dad from "The OC," Stephen King, Jeff Goldblum, Eugene Levy, a skinny Elvis, Clark Kent, a young Neil Diamond, Jack White, Johnny Depp in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" and other odd movies, John Lennon's sons and Raiden from "Mortal Combat."

From Stephen King to the guy from



CELESTE FILIATRAULT/The Oakland Post

Ethnic unknowns resemble the worst (Michael Jackson) and best looking (Adrian Grenier) celebrities. If you wish to guess Alex Cherup's ethnicity, go to oaklandpostonline.com.

"Entourage," apparently I resemble the worst and best looking celebrities. Mathematically speaking, that makes me mediocre — okay for a blind date, but nothing more than that.

The unique nature of my appearance stings the layman with the apprehensive urge to pry. It is a good reflection of society — we love to label and categorize, and when something falls outside the prepackaged categories that our modern politically correct world has organized, uneasy curiosity results.

Progress has been made, but there is still more required for the future.

The standardized tests of grade school are the epitome of the disregard toward individuals of my background.

For the ethnically indecisive child, the most segregated segment of existence involves the introduction of these tests.

On the test, there is the "race" question, where it seems like 67 races are listed, none of which apply. African American, Caucasian, Slavic, and even Pacific Islanders are represented, in case a Komodo Dragon is trying to get MEAP scholarship money.

I always had to settle for the last cat-

egory labeled "Other," and always felt forgotten. What sort of bigot wrote the test? Since I was forced to choose one ethnicity, I was marginalized to the same grab bag category as Bigfoot.

I submit that all who selected "Other" in the past should join forces and work to stop this segregation. Perhaps "O of OU" or the "Others of Oakland University."

Improvements are drastically needed — just look how the media treats "others." The Nicole Kidman movie shows the disregard given to "The Others." Completely racist!

As for us real, live "others," we need a month! A parade! A fraternity!

There are more than just me. The managing editor of this paper is a hapa. Michelle Branch and Apolo Anton Ohno are both hapas. There are a variety of genres, which are referred to as Eurasian, Amerasian, Blasian, and Hafu. We are out there.

So, if you see an individual on campus who might be Italian, Korean, Mexican, or Greek, but you can't tell, congratulate yourself on identifying a hapa.

If he also happens to be doing the moonwalk, then stop and say hello.

Job security behind bars

By PAUL GULLY
Managing Editor

In the market for a stable job? One that will provide health care, guarantee a roof over your head, and provide daily meals?

If you're like tens of thousands of Michigan residents, you probably are. Well, I have the solution.

After some analysis and research, I have found the secret that many Michiganders in recent years may already, unknowingly, be sharing in.

The answer: self-incarceration. Unlike never before, crime does pay.

Prisons, federal, state and private are increasingly putting their inmates to work.

If you're reading this, Jenny Granholm (and I know you are), you need to invest in the Big Three.

No, not GM, Ford, or Chrysler.

The Big Three I'm talking about are CCA (Corrections Corporation of America), the GEO Group, and Cornell Companies.

What are these three godsend companies? What do they do? How can they provide jobs?

Well, my friends, these Big Three are

corporations that run prisons and correctional facilities for profit purposes. CCA, GEO Group and Cornell Companies, combined, operate 205 facilities with the ability to house over 100,000 inmates across the country.

Now why and how are private prisons the secret to Michiganders finding stable jobs?

Well here's the correlation:

According to research done by the Southeastern Michigan United Way, which cited the U.S. Census Bureau, "Michigan experienced its first population loss between 2005 and 2006 since the early 1980s ... the primary reason for this loss was the large outmigration (over 65,000) of residents looking for jobs."

Provided was a chart (which has been reproduced in the center of the page), listing the top 10 states in which Michigan residents migrated to.

What is interesting about this is

that every one of the top 10 states Michiganders relocated to have a private prison run by one of the Big Three corporations.

Moreover, GEO has head offices in Texas, California and North Carolina, and its headquarters is conveniently located in Florida — all of which are on the list.

Coincidence? I think not. I'd be willing to bet ... oh, let's say 20 years without parole on it.

The correlation is undeniable and obvious.

The road to true employment stability, while it may also lead to communal showers and long nights awake with Bubba, a biker doing hard time, can you really put a price on job security?

Sure, you'll be earning pennies on the dollar in comparison to those not living behind the protections of metal bars, a gated (and razor-wire) community with 24-hour sniper surveillance; but the free health care benefits are top notch — just make sure you negotiate the

shank protection, it's a must.

And why private prisons over federal? Apparently, federal prisons are all about "rehabilitation" and other nonsense.

They want to cycle inmates through the system and get you back on the streets to become a "productive" member of society.

Yeah, you'll be put to work in prison, but upon being released, what company would hire an ex-con?

Also, in federal prisons, you run the risk of being released early, due to overcrowding.

Private prisons, who have shareholders and are in business to turn a profit, are paid on a per-prisoner basis — that is, they are paid for every inmate they house.

What incentive do these corporations have to "rehabilitate" and release inmates — they'd be throwing away money. Hence, job security. Why take the part-time jobs offered by federal prisons when you could go with the full-time — or lifetime — gig at the Big Three?

So now you have it. Go out there, commit a crime in one of the aforementioned states, earn a living and make something of yourself ... behind bars.

Top 10 Net Recipient States for Michigan Out-Migrants, 2005 - 2006

1. Florida	10,521
2. Texas	3,969
3. Arizona	3,757
4. Georgia	3,314
5. Tennessee	3,047
6. N. Carolina	2,814
7. Illinois	2,586
8. California	2,226
9. Indiana	1,546
10. Nevada	1,534

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FREE Use of Bumpers Game Room

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Bumpers Game Room
Sponsored by the Oakland Center

College Bowl Demonstration

Noon-1:00 p.m., Honors College, 112
Vandenberg Hall
Sponsored by Center for Student Activities

Thursday, January 10

Kresge Café (with Cookies & Coffee)

8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m., Student Lounge,
Kresge Library
Sponsored by Kresge Library

Meet the Greeks: “Come Chill with the Greeks”

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge & Main
Hallway, Oakland Center
Sponsored by Greek Programming Board

Student Program Board (SPB) Open House

11:00 a.m.-2:00 pm, Bumpers Game Room
Sponsored by Student Program Board

Men’s Basketball: OU vs Centenary

Pre-Game Pep Rally in Vandenberg Café at
5:30 p.m.; Game at 7:00 p.m., O’rena

Friday, January 11

Cozy Coffeehouse featuring Tom Butwin

Noon-1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Oakland
Center
Sponsored by Center for Student Activities
and WXOU 88.3 FM

Friday Night Live: Comedian Myq Kaplan

7:00-8:30 p.m., Banquet Rooms, Oakland
Center

Sponsored by Residence Halls Programming

P&P Break: Pizza & Pop

8:30-9:00 p.m., Banquet Rooms, Oakland
Center

“Dueling Pianos” from JD’s Key Club in Pontiac

9:00-11:00 p.m., Banquet Rooms, Oakland
Center
Sponsored by Center for Student Activities and
Student Program Board (SPB)

“Guard the Grizz”

FREE T-shirts for the first 100, food and fun,
11:00 p.m., Grizz Statue by Recreation and Athletics
Center
Sponsored by Residence Halls Council

Saturday, January 12

Winter FREE Day of Fun and Health

9:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., Campus Recreation
Center
Sponsored by Campus Recreation

Pre-Game Tailgate Party for OU’s Men’s Basketball

11:00 a.m.-Noon, Outside, Recreation and
Athletics Center
Sponsored by Oakland University Student
Congress

Men’s Basketball: OU vs Oral Roberts

Noon, O’rena (Televised on FSN)

Pre-Game Tailgate Party for OU’s Women’s Basketball

2:00-2:30 p.m., Outside, Recreation and
Athletics Center
Sponsored by Oakland University Student
Congress

Women’s Basketball: OU vs Oral Roberts

2:30 p.m., O’rena

Clinton, McCain win in New Hampshire

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press Writers

CONCORD, N.H. — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton powered to victory in New Hampshire's Democratic primary Tuesday night in a startling upset, defeating Sen. Barack Obama and resurrecting her bid for the White House.

Sen. John McCain defeated his Republican rivals to move back into contention for the GOP nomination.

"I felt like we all spoke from our hearts and I am so gratified that you responded," Clinton said in victory remarks before cheering supporters.

Her victory, after Obama won last week's Iowa caucuses, raised the possibility of a prolonged battle for the party nomination between the most viable black candidate in history and the former first lady, seeking to

become the first woman to occupy the Oval Office.

"I am still fired up and ready to go," a defeated Obama told his backers, repeating the line that forms a part of virtually every campaign appearance he makes.

McCain's triumph scrambled the Republican race as well.

"We showed this country what a real comeback looks like," the Arizona senator told The Associated Press in an interview as he savored his triumph.

McCain rode support from independent voters to defeat former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, a showing that reprised the senator's victory in the traditional first-in-the-nation primary in 2000.

It was a bitter blow for Romney, who spent millions of dollars of his own money in hopes of winning the kickoff Iowa caucuses and the first primary — and finished

second in both.

After Iowa, Clinton and her aides seemed resigned to a second straight setback. But polling place interviews showed that female voters — who deserted her last week — returned to her column in New Hampshire.

At the time of print Clinton was winning 39 percent to 36 percent for Obama. Former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina trailed with 17 percent, but had no plans to step aside despite running a distant third. New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson was fourth, polling less than 5 percent.

McCain was winning 37 percent of the Republican vote, Romney had 32 and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who won the leadoff Iowa GOP caucuses last week had 11 percent. Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani had 9 percent, Texas Rep. Ron Paul 8.



Some of the bodies in the Nairobi Mortuary lie piled up Thursday Jan. 3, 2007, during a visit by Raila Odinga, the opposition leader of the Orange Democratic Movement (ODM).

Violence, turmoil continue in Kenya

By KATHARINE HOURELD
Associated Press Writer

ELDoret, Kenya — Kenya's opposition leader rejected a presidential invitation for talks, calling the offer "public relations gimmickry" that would undermine international attempts to end an election standoff that has killed more than 500 people.

On Monday, President Mwai Kibaki invited opposition leader Raila Odinga to his official residence for a meeting Friday.

Kibaki named a Cabinet dominated by his allies, undeterred by accusations he stole the vote.

Diplomatic efforts intensified to end the political violence, which has deteriorated into clashes between other tribes and Kibaki's Kikuyu, long dominant in Kenya's politics and economy.

Barack Obama, whose late father was Kenyan, spoke with Odinga for about five minutes from New Hampshire, asking the opposition leader to meet directly with Kibaki, said the Democratic presidential candidate's spokesman.

Cornelius Korir, the Catholic bishop of the town where dozens died when a mob torched a refugee-filled church, said Tuesday that the attacks against members of Kibaki's Kikuyu tribe appeared planned.

Eldoret and surrounding areas have seen an exodus of Kikuyus since.

"No, [the attacks] did not seem spontaneous to me ... It seems it was well planned," Korir said as the chief U.S. envoy to Africa toured the region Tuesday.

Kibaki's government also has charged the attacks were orchestrated, and both sides have traded accusations that the violence amounted to genocide or ethnic cleansing.

Jendayi Frazer, the U.S. diplomat, rejected that accusation on Monday, saying "We would not agree that what has happened — even the worst of what has happened — has been a genocide."

Nation | World News Briefs

12-10 | Former Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick receives a 23-month jail sentence for his involvement in a dogfighting.

12-12 | One million doses of a childhood vaccines are recalled by Merck & Co. after tests show a sterilization problem at a Pennsylvania factory.

12-13 | Former U.S. Senator George Mitchell releases his 409-page report, following his investigation into the use of steroids and human growth hormone in Major League Baseball. Stars such as Roger Clemens, Miguel Tejada and Eric Gagne are named in the reports.

12-25 | A tiger escapes from its enclosure in the San Francisco Zoo, and attacks three visitors, killing one man and mauling two others.

12-26 | At least 78 people are killed on the island of Java in Indonesia after hours of torrential rains cause landslides.



Bhutto supporters remain in mourning

Supporters of Pakistan's slain opposition leader Benazir Bhutto light candles at Bhutto's residence in Karachi, Pakistan on Jan. 5, 2008. Benazir Bhutto's widowed husband implicated members of Pakistan's ruling regime in his wife's killing and called Saturday for a U.N. investigation, as British officers aiding Pakistan's own probe pored over the crime scene. British anti-terror police joined the inquiry into the assassination of Bhutto on Jan. 4, invited by Pakistan's president in an effort to dispel accusations of government involvement. President Pervez Musharraf also wants to quell growing demands for a U.N. investigation into the shooting and bombing attack that killed the former prime minister after a campaign rally Dec. 27.

Toyota surpasses Ford as No. 2 automaker

By TOM KRISHER and DEE-ANN DURBIN
Associated Press Auto Writers

DETROIT — Toyota Motor Corp. overtook Ford Motor Co. to become the No. 2 automaker by U.S. sales in 2007, using new products and relentless strategy to break Ford's 75-year lock on the position.

Shares of Ford Motor Co. dropped to their lowest level in 22 years on Friday, the day after automakers released their full-year 2007 sales fig-

ures, showing that Toyota sold 2.62 million cars and trucks, 48,226 more than Ford.

Toyota's sales were up 3 percent for the year, while Ford's sales fell 12 percent to 2.57 million vehicles.

GM remained in the top spot, selling 3.82 million vehicles.

John Casesa, managing partner for the Casesa Shapiro Group, an auto industry financial advisory firm, blamed Ford's drop more on broader economic issues than 2007

sales figures or Toyota taking the No. 2 slot.

"The company is highly leveraged and is heavily dependent upon pickups and sport utilities. The economy's slowing and oil's hitting record highs. The environment was difficult a year ago, but it's just gotten much worse," he said.

Mark Fields, Ford's president of the Americas, said in a telephone interview that the company remains more concerned about returning to prof-

itability as opposed to boosting sales to beat Toyota.

Ford, he said, is starting to head in the right direction and plans to stick with its strategy of trimming low-profit fleet sales and reducing use of incentives, moves the company had made in the past to bolster sales figures.

"There's no pride in being No. 2 and losing \$12 billion while you're doing it. The key is making sure that we return ourselves to profitability," Fields said.