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DEADLY FLU

Medical experts predict avian flu strain could ravage nation

By ANTHONY MARTINEZ BEVEN
The Oakland Post

The odds of a U.S. outbreak of an Asian flu strain, which has been fatal in half of all documented human cases, are still uncertain.

Some within the scientific community insist the likelihood of a national flu pandemic is remote; others believe it to be imminent. "If the bird flu is anything like the flu in 1918, it could be very deadly," said Gabrielle Stryker, assistant

professor of biological sciences at Oakland University.

The flu that hit in 1918 killed approximately 40 million people.

Spread from poultry to humans, the avian flu, or H5N1, is described as a

smart virus strain, comparable to the constant mutations seen in HIV/AIDS.

Recent news from the World Health Organization indicates that the avian flu may be shifting toward a

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Students baffled by eBill

By BRIAN DORMAN
The Oakland Post

Students expecting to receive their tuition bills in their mailboxes may be surprised if they never show up.

Oakland University will no longer be mailing paper bills via the U.S. Postal Service.

To access their bills, students will have to turn to a computer and log online.

"Going to a paper-less bill was a goal of ours, and we recognized the trend to provide this service," said Linda Switzer, manager of Financial Aid Accounting.

The service is meant to provide quick, convenient and easy access to accounts, eliminating mailing delays.

It shows students their current bill statement, payment history and most common billing methods.

It also allows students to schedule payments to be made at a later date, and authorize parents or grandparents to access statements.

The authorized third party receives an e-mail notification of the bill the same time the student

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The Associated Press
Dallas Mavericks' Rawle Marshall (1) goes to the basket in the first half Tuesday.

By DAVE PEMBERTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Rawle Marshall had circled the day on his calendar months ago: the day the Dallas Mavericks would face the Detroit Pistons at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Marshall had dreamed of playing at the Palace, and last night he got that chance as a member of the Mavericks.

In front of his friends, family and members of the

Oakland University basketball team, Marshall fulfilled his dream, and he did it in style.

With the Mavericks up 88-86 with 24.1 seconds to go, Marshall was fouled and sent to the free throw line.

The former Golden Grizzlies standout stepped to the line with the game in the balance and knocked down both shots to make it a two-possession game.

Less than 20 seconds later, Marshall grabbed a defensive rebound and was fouled again. This time the Mavericks were up four, but Marshall knocked down both free throws to put the game clearly out of reach.

"I'm back at home, you know I was going to make them," Marshall said.

"I was just as calm as possible. I just told myself 'don't blow the game.' I was just calm and sank the free throws. It seemed like a story book ending," he said.

In his fourth preseason game as an undrafted rookie, Marshall finished with six points, four rebounds and one assist in over 11 minutes.

He even impressed Mavericks head coach Avery Johnson.

"I thought Rawle Marshall coming

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Interventions reduce complications in state hospitals

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Complications in the intensive care units of Michigan hospitals dropped significantly with the use of simple interventions, such as reminding doctors to wash their hands, according to the results of project aimed at reducing medical errors.

The project, which began in 2003,

looked at pneumonia among patients on ventilators and at bloodstream infections linked to central line IVs that are used to deliver medication to a patient's main artery instead of vessels in the arm.

Results of the project were announced Thursday.

"What we have shown here is the

vast majority of those cases are preventable," Dr. Peter Pronovost of Johns Hopkins University, one of the project leaders told The Detroit News.

Among interventions used were nurses reminding doctors to wash hands, use of caps and gowns when inserting IV lines and use of a different disinfectant.

Also recommended was elevating the heads of patients on ventilators and daily assessments of conditions likely to jeopardize patient health.

Of the 127 ICUs in 77 Michigan hospitals, 68 had no infections or ventilator-associated pneumonias for at

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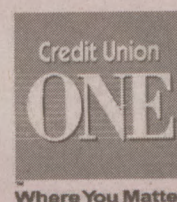
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Saving lives just got easier

By ZENNA SYEDA
Senior Reporter

The ribbon was cut and an echo of claps resounded through O'Dowd Hall at the opening of Oakland University's nursing lab.

The official ceremony took place 10 a.m. Thursday on the second floor of the Nursing School.

The lab received a high-tech makeover ranging from new flooring and lighting to tables with chairs.

Also, a Sim Man that breathes on its own and can be used for many medical scenarios was introduced. A Sim Baby will be added to the family with the help of outside funding.

"The Sim Baby is used primarily for nurse training. We can make it cry, hiccup, anything they would do in pediatric care," said John Mullins, a representative for Laerdal, the producer of Sim Babies.

Crittenton Hospital donated two beds and nine over-bed tables to the lab.

These beds will familiarize nursing students with equipment they will see in a real nursing environment. Additional beds were donated by Aileen Werner, account manager for Stryker Corporation.

The lab is made to give a



Photo courtesy of OU
Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Virinder Moudgil, OU President Gary Russi, Congressman Joe Knollenberg, School of Nursing Dean Linda Thompson Adams and Crittenton Hospital and Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Lynn Origen cut the ribbon to the lab.

real hospital look and feel to it.

"This lab gives us, nursing students, so many more opportunities plus hands on skills, which will prepare us well when we enter the nursing world," said junior Sadia Uddin.

School of Nursing Dean Linda Thompson Adams, OU President Gary Russi, Provost Virinder Moudgil and Congressman Joe Knollenberg all spoke at the opening.

"Thanks to our strong friendship and partnership

with Crittenton and Knollenberg, we now have a modernized lab to prepare future students," Thompson said.

"It isn't much about the federal government giving out pork. It's about bringing about your talent. You

pay taxes. You deserve it," Knollenberg said.

The lab had an addition 750 square feet classroom renovated on to total 2,250 square feet.

The space can be used as two classrooms and hold up to 30 students for lectures.

OUSC seeks student input

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Moments before the Oakland University Student Congress unanimously approved sophomore Josh Rotarius as a new legislator, he said one of his main goals was "to motivate many of the uninvolved students on campus and get the student body as a whole more involved."

For a large part of Monday's meeting, OUSC members brainstormed ways to involve and inform both students and faculty about campus events, policies and resources.

These ways included generating more student feedback about concerns, as well as seeking more student opinions on OUSC discussion topics.

Katie Miller, student services director, suggested having a traveling bulletin board on which the discussion topic of the week would be posted.

OUSC members would take the board to different buildings on campus and ask students to respond to the discussion topic by filling out a thought bubble and placing it on the board.

The board would then be taken to the next meeting so the body could review student feedback.

"It's more tangible because it shows we really did talk to students, instead of just asking a few friends," Miller said.

Legislator Bre Kopson agreed that a portable bulletin board was a good way of generating more feedback.

"It's good, especially for students who can't make it to the meetings," she said.

Legislator George Nahas suggested creating a specific feedback committee that would be charged with making OUSC more visible and reporting student opinions to the body at each meeting.

OUSC members also discussed ways to keep professors informed so they could give students accurate information about campus resources.

This includes clarifying the services provided at the Academic Skills Center.

OUSC had recently heard concerns from students whose professors tell them to use the center for proofreading papers.

However, the center does not provide that service.

After contacting the center in response to students' concerns, Legislator Adam Panchenko found that "tutors want to teach you to (proofread) yourself, rather than doing it for you."

According to Student Body President Michael McGuinness, communication with faculty members must be improved to avoid these situations.

"Many faculty members do not know the intricacies and are giving false information to students," he said.

McGuinness also encouraged legislators to tell their classmates about the services OUSC provides, including free Scantrons and blue books.

On the positive side of student involvement, McGuinness proclaimed last week a "very successful WOOU."

Legislators agreed that events were well-attended and talked about different themes and ideas for next year's festivities.

The next OUSC meeting is Monday, Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. in the Oakland Room.

Social Security; funds could fizzle

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Most students think of senior citizens when they think of people who receive social security benefits.

However, people of all ages, including students, receive benefits.

"Social Security is the backbone" of retirement, said Rufus Gaston, public affairs specialist with the metro Detroit branch of the Social Security Administration.

Gaston, who spoke at Oakland University last Thursday about the future of Social Security, finds that students should be more concerned with the issue.

"It's helping one out of every six seniors stay out of poverty," he said.

When many of today's students reach the retire-

ment age of 67, in approximately 45 years, that could mean 2,800 students would need social security to keep them above the poverty line.

But students feel the effects of Social Security the first day on the job.

For every dollar earned this year, 7.65 percent is withheld for Social Security taxes. Wages become exempt from this tax after \$90,000 is earned.

In addition, retirement benefits are based on the 35 highest earning years a person had.

A growing concern in the

country is that Social Security benefits will run out by 2041.

"Social Security has been around a long time, and we want it to continue to stay around," Gaston said.

When the program began

70 years ago, there were about 10 workers paying into the system for every one receiving benefits, Gaston said.

With the birth rate decreasing, so has the ratio of workers to

receivers. In 1960, it was down five to one, and this year it was three to one.

The SSA predicts it will

be two to one by 2030, Gaston said.

Currently, approximately 48 million people receive some type of benefits.

The majority of which, 28.8 million, are retired workers. Disabled individuals, surviving children, widows and widowers, parents and spouses can also qualify for benefits.

Earlier this year, President Bush proposed plans for the partial privatization and progressive price indexing of Social Security in an effort to save it.

This would allow individuals to create a "carved-out personal account that they would take dollars from and invest them on their own," said Kimberly Bilko, business services consultant with ONE's Financial Services.

"I personally think it

should be privatized completely," said freshman Jessica Edwards. "It's your responsibility."

Freshman Claire Koppin agreed.

"Someday we're going to be in the position of retiring," Koppin said. "We need to think about it before it's too late."

If nothing is done to the system, the SSA reports that in 2041, benefits could be cut by more than 25 percent and may continue to be cut each additional year.

Increasing payroll taxes and decreasing benefits are other ideas currently being considered.

For college students, who changes to Social Security will greatly affect, Gaston's advice is to "always look for another source of income, whether it is investments or savings."

"Social Security has been around a long time, and we want it to continue to stay around."

Rufus Gaston
Social Security Administration

POLICEFILES

■A student called the Oakland University Police Department after returning to his car in parking lot P-5. He found his driver side window broken, and his CD player and satellite radio stolen. The items were valued at \$400.

■While responding to a larceny from an auto call in P-5, OUPD noticed another car with a broken passenger window. The owner was notified and it was determined that his after market CD radio, which was worth \$150, was stolen.

■OUPD responded to a third and fourth call of larceny in P-5. A student reported his CD/video player, two sub woofers, an amplifier and a capacitor were stolen. The items were valued at \$3,000. Another student had found her front passenger window smashed in and her stereo, which she had just installed in June, stolen. What was used to smash each window is unknown.

■A student in Anibal House called OUPD after he noticed his wallet was missing from his dorm room. He was helping a friend move in to his dorm when he left his wallet on the desk in his room. When he returned, it was missing. The wallet contained \$6 along with identification and a credit card.

■Two employees fought in the concession stand at Meadow Brook Theatre. The women had been arguing the day before over the ringer volume of one's cell phone. One claimed that it was too loud and disturbed her work. They continued to argue the next day when it turned into a fight.

■An officer on patrol noticed two dogs chasing four deer across parking lot P-57. He tried to stop the dogs, but was unsuccessful. About 10 minutes later, the officer found the dogs in a car with their owner. The owner stated he did not have the dogs on a leash nor had control over them. The officer then discovered the owner had a revoked license and did not own the car he was driving. OUPD held the car keys until the real owner came to pick it up. The dog owner was issued a ticket for a leash law violation.

■A student called OUPD after her friend stole her ATM card. The card was left in her car when her friend took it. The friend had asked earlier to borrow some money but was not authorized to take the card. Her friend admitted to using the card to borrow \$50 from the student's account. She asked for her card back, but it has not been returned yet. Several other withdrawals were made using the same card.

Serious students must study

By ALICIA SOSSI
Senior Reporter

Junior Teresa Veltri has pulled all-nighters before. "I thought I could do something in the time I allowed, but I ended up staying up all night to finish it," the communications major said. "I'm trying not to do that again."

At a First Year Transition Workshop on studying and note taking held Tuesday afternoon, Charles Clark, director of the Oakland University Academic Skills Center, gave OU students tips on avoiding procrastination and guidelines for productive studying.

Clark said that the use of good study habits can make students better manage their time and prevent cramming sessions.

"If you follow them from the beginning of the semester to the end of the term, you will never have to pull an all-nighter," Clark said.

His tips included studying for long-term learning, which means following the general guideline of two hours of studying for every hour spent in class.

"Remember, you're here to learn, not just to get the grades," he said.

Clark recommended the SQ4R Method of Study Reading. SQ4R stands for Survey, Question, Read, Recite, Write and Review.

"When you open a textbook, the first thing you want to do is read the summary," he said.

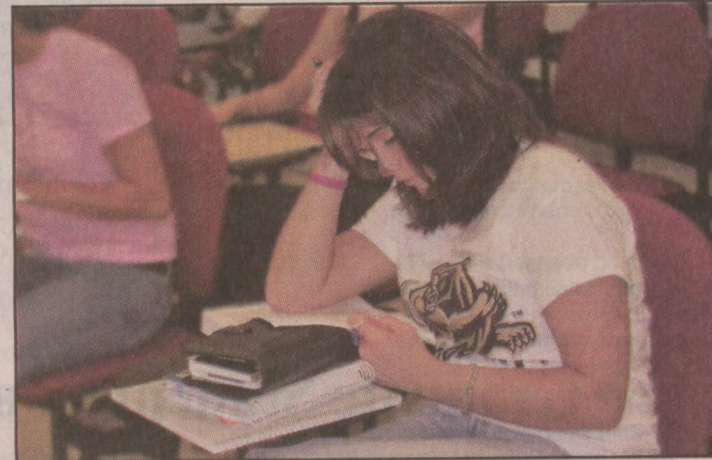
Clark says this will help you know what to look for before you go back and read the chapter.

After surveying the chapter, take each bold point and turn it into a question. Having to find answers to these questions gives a purpose to reading the textbook, and, as Clark said, "reading is easier when you have a purpose."

These questions also can be used later on to set up practice tests.

After writing the questions, Clark recommends reading to find the answers and then reciting the answers for memorization. Then, write notes, make index cards or do whatever is best for you.

For junior Chad Laidlaw, an English and secondary education major, note cards work best.



Julie Swidwinski/The Oakland Post
Prevent cramming for a test the night before by studying every day.

"I use flash cards to understand terms," he said. "I hate making them, but they work."

Clark recommends the Cornell Note-Taking Method for effective studying. In this method, all major topics go on the left side of the paper, and more detailed notes go on the right. Then, when you want to study, folding the paper in half is an easy way to review.

Of course, studying takes some time. For Brennan Edwards, a freshman in Business Administration, studying two hours at home

for every hour in class does not seem possible. "I have 17 credit hours and a job, so I won't do that," he said.

For making the most of the study time available, Clark encouraged students to study when their attention span is strongest and to take short breaks.

Studying each day also helps students to avoid waiting until the last minute. To fight procrastination, Clark said it's best to set goals to achieve every day, and to be serious about studies.

Don't let lax security spook your technology Keep technology pranksters at bay

Cyber Security Awareness Week at OU

Treat yourself to a week of lunch-time sessions on secure computing practices to halt technology tricksters. All presentations are noon to 1 p.m.

Monday, October 24 - Oakland Room, Oakland Center Cyber Security Awareness Week Kick Off

Virinder Moudgil, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost

Security at Work for You at OU

Theresa Rowe, Assistant Vice President,
University Technology Services (UTS)

Keynote Presentation: Tuesday, October 25 - 242 Elliott Hall Practical Issues in Cyber Security for Higher Education

Mark Bruhn, Chief IT Security and Policy Officer, Indiana University (IU)

Mark Bruhn shares his expertise about the challenges of overcoming the vulnerabilities, threats and incidents inherent among information systems at the technological, organizational and human level. Through his presentation, he offers practical advice on how everyone can play a role in improving cyber security in higher education.

Bruhn's experience includes his recent appointment to acting associate vice president for telecommunications at IU where he directs the IT Policy Office and IT Security Office. Bruhn is also associate director of the IU Center for Applied Cyber Security Research. There he was instrumental in establishing the IU-based Research and Educational Networking Information Sharing and Analysis Center, where he is also executive director. Bruhn is a member of the executive committee of the Internet2/EDUCAUSE Computer and Network Security Task Force and co-chair of the Task Force's Security Policy and Legal Issues working group.

Wednesday, October 26 - Lake Superior Room A, Oakland Center Banner: How is it Protected?

Theresa Rowe, Assistant Vice President, UTS

Thursday, October 27 - Lake Michigan Room, Oakland Center Ins and Outs of OU's Network Security

Brian Paige, Lead Network Engineer, UTS
Christopher Condie, Manager, Security and Helpdesk, UTS

Friday, October 28 - Lake Superior Room A, Oakland Center Protecting YOUR Computer - The Horrors of the Internet

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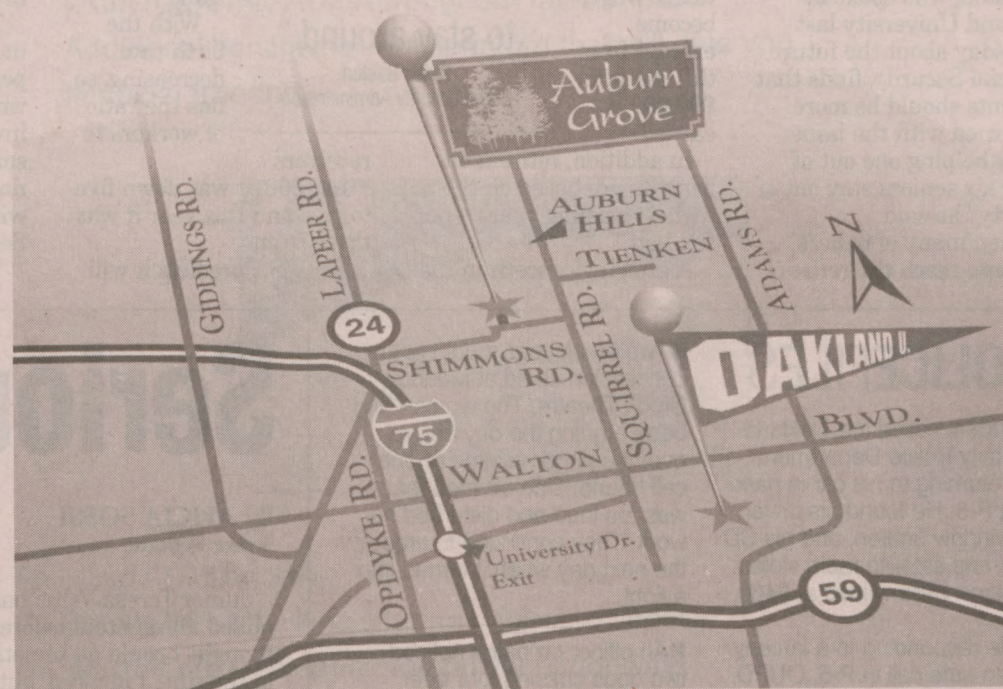
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FBI busts local spam king

WEST BLOOMFIELD, Mich. (AP) — A suburban Detroit man described as one of the nation's leading senders of unsolicited commercial e-mail, or spam, says an FBI raid on his home-office has halted his operation. Warrants unsealed last week show that a September raid on Alan M. Ralsky's home in West Bloomfield included the seizure of financial records, computers and disks. Agents also raided the West Bloomfield

home of his son-in-law, Scott Bradley. "We're out of business at this point in time," Ralsky told The Detroit News Sunday. "They didn't shut us down. They took all our equipment, which had the effect of shutting us down." Terry Berg, the top deputy in the U.S. attorney's office in Detroit, declined to comment. Ralsky, 60, has said that he has 150 million or more e-mail addresses. He has been a target of anti-spam efforts for years.

Verizon Communications Inc. sued him in 2001, saying he shut down its networks with millions of e-mail solicitations. He settled in 2002 and promised not to send spam on its networks. A federal law that took effect last year bans use of misleading subject lines and the sending of commercial e-mail messages that appear to be from friends. It also bans use of multiple e-mail addresses

or domain names to hide senders' identities. Penalties include up to 20 years imprisonment. The warrants say the FBI sought evidence that Ralsky and Bradley used at least 14 domain names to send commercial e-mail. "Alan Ralsky believes he's complied with the laws," said Ralsky lawyer Philip Kushner. "These are new laws that, in some cases, have never been interpreted by any courts or used before," he said.



A kicking record

Ann Arbor, Mich. resident Michael Hoffman, 12, a second-degree Tae Kwon Do black belt, completes a roundhouse kick that was one of 2,377 kicks he performed in an hour while trying to set a world record Saturday, at the Ann Arbor YMCA. The kick target is held by Sean Wirtz, center, while Shihan Scott Evans, right, observes.

The Associated Press

Bill to prevent invasive species languishes

■ Non-native organisms already affecting Great Lakes' ecosystem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation aimed at preventing invasive species from entering the Great Lakes aboard oceangoing ships has languished in Congress for the past three years, as the shipping industry has pushed an alternative bill with weaker restrictions. Environmentalists and Great Lakes officials want legislation that would keep invasive species from making the trip aboard ships' ballast water, which is used to balance the ships as they travel across the ocean. Some of those species, including zebra mussels and the European round goby, are already wreaking havoc on the region's ecosystem and its multi-billion-dollar fishery. The U.S. Coast Guard requires ships to exchange their freshwater ballast for saltwater in the ocean, in an effort to cut down on the amount of organisms that can survive in the Great Lakes. However, questions remain about the effectiveness of the approach because pumps aren't always able to flush out all of the water and organisms. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that 80 percent of ships entering the Great Lakes do not carry ballast because they are carrying so much cargo they don't need the extra weight. As a result, they are exempt from the exchange requirements. However, they may still be carrying residual water in their ballast tanks, and that water can harbor invasive species, which can escape into

the Great Lakes. "U.S. waters remain vulnerable to species invasions because many ships are still not required to conduct ballast water exchange," a recent U.S. Government Accountability Office report found. The National Aquatic Invasive Species Act, or NAISA, calls for phasing out ballast exchange by 2011, to be replaced by the development of water treatment technology that would kill invasive organisms. The bill also calls for the screening of live aquatic organisms entering the United States via international trade; research on invasion pathways; and improved prevention efforts in the Great Lakes. But the legislation, sponsored by Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and co-sponsored by Sen. Mark Dayton, D-Minn., has not moved in Congress. Meanwhile, a rival bill, the Ballast Water Management Act, has made it through the Senate Commerce Committee this year with the support of the international shipping industry. The legislation, sponsored by Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, is similar to an agreement adopted last year by the United Nations International Maritime Organization — although not yet adopted by member countries. The Inouye bill calls for standards 100 times more stringent than the IMO agreement's standards. But critics note that it gives the shipping industry more time to come up with technology to treat ballast water than NAISA. "We see the Ballast Water Management Act as something that will prolong ballast water exchange, perhaps indefinitely," said Allegra Cangelosi, a senior policy analyst with the

"It may be the most important bill in Congress to protect the Great Lakes from ecological collapse. On average, once every eight months a new invasive species invades the Great Lakes. This is a catastrophe waiting to happen."

Andy Buchsbaum
Director of the Federation's Great Lakes Natural Resource Center

Northeast-Midwest Institute, a nonprofit group which advocates for the regions. The group prefers NAISA. Inouye's office did not respond to requests for comment. In July, attorneys general from six Great Lakes states wrote to Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, on the eve of the vote, urging him not to move forward on the Inouye bill. The attorney general, representing Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania, said the bill would remove the Environmental Protection Agency's authority to regulate ballast water and would pre-empt state laws. Helen Brohl, executive director of the U.S. Great Lakes Shipping Association, which supports the Inouye bill, argued that the EPA was not in a position to regulate ships' ballast water. "Our position is that, while EPA has a role to play with regard to reviewing and scientific vetting of technology, it's the Coast Guard's experience and expertise to implement," she said.

Brohl, whose group represents U.S. vessel agents that handle foreign ships in Great Lakes ports, also said it doesn't make sense to have individual state laws when implementing a federal standard. NAISA, meanwhile, has the support of several environmental organizations, including the National Wildlife Federation. "It may be the most important bill in Congress to protect the Great Lakes from ecological collapse," said Andy Buchsbaum, director of the federation's Great Lakes Natural Resource Center. "On average, once every eight months a new invasive species invades the Great Lakes. This is a catastrophe waiting to happen." Not all shipping groups are opposed to the more comprehensive bill. The Lake Carriers Association, which represents vessel operators on the Great Lakes, supports NAISA. "It's a national issue that requires an international solution," said Jim Weakley, the Lake Carriers Association president.

Oakland University's

Student Affairs

GRAHAM HEALTH CENTER FLU CLINICS

The Visiting Nurses Association, hosted by Graham Health Center, will hold flu clinics at the OAKLAND CENTER on 11-1-05 and 11-2-05 from 11 AM-2 PM, and on 12-05-05 and 12-06-05 from 10 AM-12 noon at a cost of \$22. Pneumonia vaccine will also be available for \$35. The following insurances/payments will be accepted: Medicare Part B, HAP, Care Choices, cash or check (payroll deduction no longer available). Flu vaccines will not be available at GHC after the above dates; we apologize for the inconvenience. If students or staff who have a diagnosed chronic illness or otherwise fit into the priority group cannot attend one of the scheduled flu clinics, please make an appointment with your primary care provider.

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Wednesday, October 26, 5-6 PM,
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Σ Academic Trivia Game Show, Thursday, October 20, noon-1 PM, Fireside Lounge, OC
Σ Academia Mania, Thursday, October 20, 8-10 PM, Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH
Σ Golf Cart Advising, Friday, October 21, 9 AM- noon, various campus locations
Σ Academic "After" Mania, Lunch with The A-Team, Friday, October 21, noon- 1 PM, Vandenberg Dining Center, VBH

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Vaccine prevents harsh cases of whooping cough

(AP) — Two safer new vaccines against whooping cough could prevent up to 1 million cases among U.S. teenagers and adults each year and keep them from infecting children, who can die from the illness, a government study found.

The vaccine, tested on nearly 2,800 people ages 15 to 65, proved 92 percent effective in preventing infection with the highly contagious germ.

Whooping cough, or pertussis, can cause weeks of misery and coughing so severe it cracks ribs. The bacterial disease can kill children, particularly unvaccinated babies.

Cases of whooping cough dramatically declined over the past half-century because most children get several shots against it by age 6.

However, immunity wears off over time, and outbreaks among U.S. adults and teenagers began rising sharply during the 1990s.

According to the National Partnership for Immunization, teens and adults now account for about 60 percent of whooping cough cases.

Last spring, the Food and Drug Administration approved two new booster vaccines:

Whooping cough, or pertussis, can cause weeks of misery and coughing so severe it cracks ribs.

Boostrix, made by GlaxoSmithKline, is for 10- to 18-year-olds, and Adacel, from Sanofi-Aventis, is for people ages 11 to 64; both include boosters against diphtheria and tetanus.

The pertussis portion of those vaccines is identical or similar to the shot used in the study. The new vaccines use purified parts of the pertussis bacterium to build up patients' immunity. Older vaccines contain the whole germ and are more likely to cause side effects, including fever, jitters, drowsiness and loss of appetite.

The study was reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Students, health-care workers and other volunteers at eight U.S. medical centers got the pertussis vaccine or, in the

half serving as a comparison group, a hepatitis A vaccine. They were followed closely through the late 1990s for 22 months on average.

Just one person in the pertussis vaccine group became infected. Nine in the comparison group were infected.

The researchers estimated there are 1 million U.S. cases of pertussis each year among people 15 and older.

But most of those cases go undiagnosed.

In an accompanying editorial, Dr. Scott A. Halperin of Dalhousie University in Halifax, Canada, but said more research is needed on the vaccine's use in pregnant women and the elderly.

The study was supported by the National Institutes of Health under an agreement with GlaxoSmithKline.

Baring their scars for awareness

■ New calendar shows colon cancer isn't just for older generations

CHICAGO (AP) — The 5-inch vertical scar marking Steve DeLuca's belly didn't stop him from posing topless for a new pinup calendar — it's what got him the job.

The 37-year-old firefighter from suburban Mt. Prospect, Ill. is on display with 17 other buff amateur models in the 2006 "Colondar," designed to illustrate that colon cancer isn't just a disease that hits old people.

Cancer affecting the colon and/or rectum is diagnosed in more than 140,000 Americans each year. About one in nine cases affect people younger than 50, or up to about 15,000 young people annually.

The calendar is the latest project created by a support and education group called the Colon Club and features scantily clad men and women and their scars, along with stories of their diagnosis.

"I'm not embarrassed at all. I had no problems showing the scar," said DeLuca, featured in May's photo wearing firefighter gear sans a

shirt and next to bikini-clad Marci Westlake, a 36-year-old Sparks, Nev. mother of two who was diagnosed at age 31.

"We're showing that there is life after this, and, if it happened to us, it can happen to anybody," said DeLuca, who was diagnosed at age 33.

Colon Club co-founder Molly McMaster of upstate New York learned she had colon cancer on her 23rd birthday and created the group with a friend whose cousin died of the disease at 27.

"We want doctors to see that it can happen to people under 50 because you see so many young people getting misdiagnosed," McMaster said.

DeLuca was diagnosed after a routine physical exam. He had some rectal bleeding symptoms "but everybody blew them off because I had no history of cancer in my family and I was only 33," he said.

McMaster had classic symptoms — including blood-tainted stools, weight loss and stomach pains. She said doctors told her she had constipation and irritable bowel syndrome and told her not to worry. After six months, she consulted a different set of doctors who found a cancerous tumor the size of two fists.

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Discount tickets for the following shows and events are available to members of the Oakland University community. You can purchase tickets or pick up a detailed schedule of dates, times and prices at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center.

- Peter Pan (Oct 23)
- The Kirov Ballet: The Sleeping Beauty (Oct 21)
- Detroit Pistons vs. Philadelphia 76ers (Nov 2)
- DSO Pops: The Best of the Tonys (Nov 3)
- Menopause: The Musical (Nov 6)
- The Flying Karamarov Brothers (Nov 6)
- La Boheme (Nov 9 & 11)
- Detroit Symphony Orchestra: Bolero (Nov 10)
- Cats (Nov 13)
- Golda's Balcony (Nov 20)
- Savion Glover (Nov 20)
- Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular With the "Rockettes" (Dec 1, 5, 22)
- Joffrey Ballet: "The Nutcracker" (Dec 2)
- DSO: Ode to Joy (Dec 15)
- Broadway's Spirit of Christmas (Dec 4)
- Russian National Ballet Company: Swan Lake (Jan 8)

2005 OU Fall Blood Drive

Monday - Wednesday
October 24-26
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Gold Rooms, OC
Call the CSA Office by October 20 to make an appointment!
Some walk-ins accepted

"The Flicks" Cinema
Fall Schedule
Showtime: 7:30 p.m.
Meadow Brook Theatre
Cost: \$4/person

Oct 25 Red
Oct 31 The Fearless Vampire Killers
Nov 8 The Battle of Algiers
Nov 21 Beyond Silence
Nov 28 The Barbarian Invasions

Greek Week! October 24-28

Monday, October 24
OU Faculty, Staff and Students, wear your Greek Letters Day!
If you are a member of a Greek Letter Organization please support us by wearing letters!

Tuesday, October 25
Do a Good Deed Day

Did you miss the grand opening of the **Gender & Sexuality Center** or the **Student Resource Center?**

Come see what the buzz is all about!

Lower Level of the OC, located near the CSA Office
GSC Hours: to be determined
SRC Hours: M-F, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.
*These hours are temporary until we are fully staffed!

Make a Difference Day: Super Makeover 2005!

Student Organizations can sign up to help with a series of regional beautification efforts in which several thousand metro Detroit residents will come together to work on beautification projects, such as: removing paint & graffiti, removing trash, painting utility poles/boxes, and removing pavement weeds.

Saturday, October 22, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Downtown Detroit and key destination points across the region.

Contact Cressie Smith at smith212@oakland.edu to sign up for this event.

Check out more at www.theworldiscoming.com

CSA Fireside Chat

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EDITORIAL

Technology advancements guide our generation

Digital cameras. iPods. Cell phones. Plasma TVs. Luxuries? Think again, these tech-savvy products are must-haves for today's young adults, according to a study conducted earlier this year by Alloy Media Marketing and Harris Interactive.

The study caps college students ages 18- to 30-year-olds, just shy of focusing on the Generation Y of 11- to 27-year-olds.

Technology is moving faster and faster, while our generation keeps looking for the next best thing. In today's market, there are so many new gadgets to buy. And just when we decide to buy one, another comes along with a better feature.

The next cell phone with the coolest feature, such as a camera, games or text messages. The next iPod that can slip into your pocket and is capable of downloading even more songs. Or the next upgraded entertainment system.

Take a look in the Oakland Center. Numerous students ease back working on their laptops. Or notice the students walking across campus, listening to their iPods on their way to class.

We have come to a time in our lives when technology is a must — in our academic and social lives.

"For today's college student, rapidly expanding technology has not only created a 'must-have' and immediate gratification mind-set, but has truly become essential in navigating both their social and academic obligations," said John Geraci, vice president

of Youth and Education Research at Harris Interactive, in a press release.

Our professors require us to do research via the Internet or even take a class on the online.

We have cell phones at our fingertips that can access the Internet and can download ringtones. We are becoming more inclined to use technology everyday.

So, when a study indicates that our generation is spending most of its discretionary income on technology, it should be nowhere near surprising.

The study shows that discretionary spending among 18- to 30-year-olds has rocketed to \$41 billion in total this past year.

That's a 16 percent increase from the 2003 study, conducted by Alloy Media Marketing.

So, as technology advances, so does our spending on the products.

While the study calls us the "most sophisticated" generation, we also have a weak spot for technology. We see it as a necessity. And our society makes it a necessity.

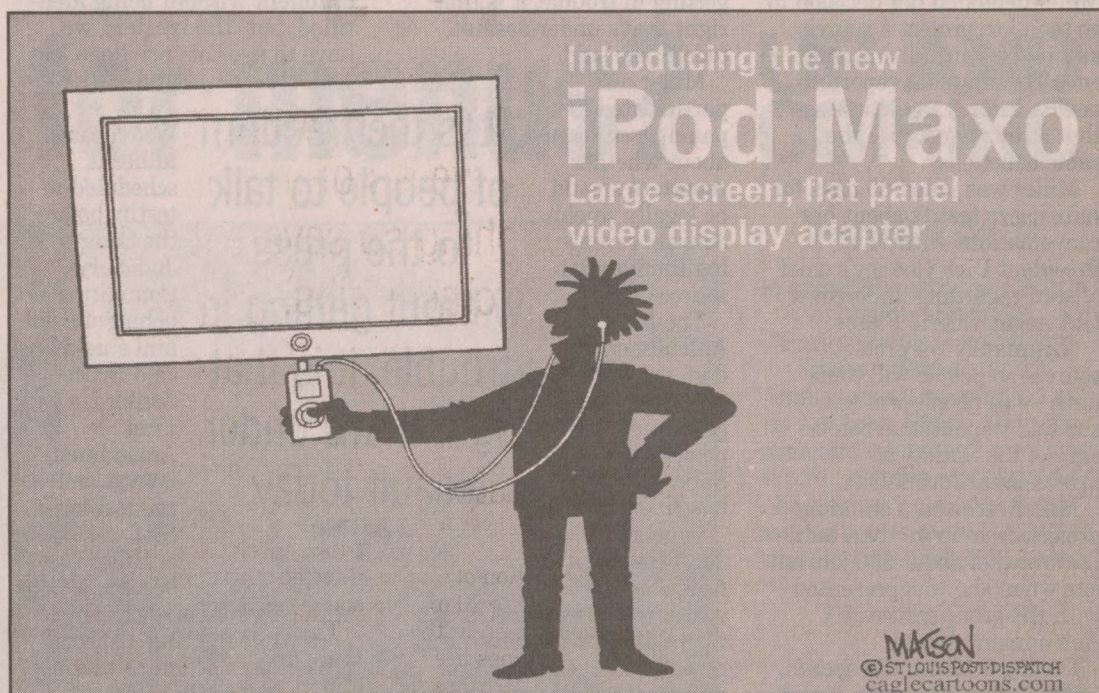
It all started out when they required graphing calculators in our middle schools. Where will it end?

— The Oakland Post

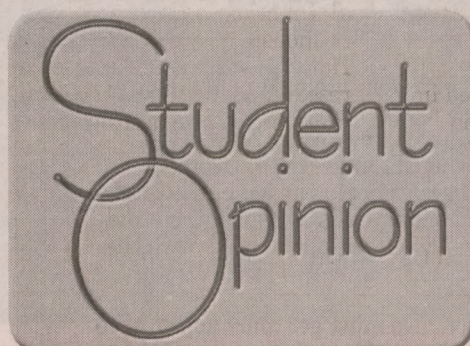
About one in every six college students considers themselves an early adapter of electronic devices and gadgets.

85% Of college students own a cell phone. And the models tend to have more ringtones and other electronic features.

One in five college students plan to buy a digital camera in the coming year.



"iPod Maxo Video Display" By RJ Matson



The leaves are changing into bright colors of red, yellow and purple. The cool brisk air rifts through Oakland University's campus. The last hints of summer dwindle away. In turn, in comes the sweater-wearing weather. It is the time of the year when we visit the cider mills, where cinnamon doughnuts and freshly pressed cider are offered. No matter what your pleasure is during this time of the year, it is none other than the fall season.



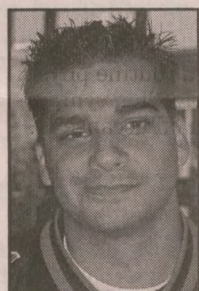
"I really like to see the fall colors when taking walks along wooded areas."

Bryan Matthews
Freshman
Computer Science



"I like that it's sweater weather and going to cider mills."

Sarah Davis
Senior
Health science,
pre-physical therapy



"Fall is my favorite. My birthday is in the fall. Football is my favorite, going to haunted houses is awesome, and apple picking is a must."

Anthony Gallina
Junior
Marketing



"I like to rake leaves and then roll around in them."

Greg Brown
Junior
Biology, secondary education

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Professor should not have been denied tenure

My name is Kelly Cole. I will be graduating from Oakland University in December of 2005 with a B.A. in biology. Over the course of my four years at Oakland University I have had the privilege of encountering many professors in a vast number of departments.

With that said, I can say with conviction that Professor Gabrielle Stryker is undoubtedly the best professor at Oakland University.

I am very shocked and appalled to hear that she was denied tenure. I truly believe it will be absurd if Professor Stryker is not awarded her tenure and allowed to continue to teach at Oakland University.

I am able to comment on Professor Stryker's skills as a professor because I had the privilege of taking her immunology course just a year ago. I registered for the class because I had heard from several of students that Professor Stryker was an excellent professor and her course fully prepared the students for further learning, such as medical school.

For me, that is exactly what I was looking

for. Professor Stryker's class turned out to be as challenging as I had heard, and worth every bit of effort.

She demands a great deal of learning from her students, not merely recognition and memorization, but complete comprehension of the subject.

It is important to note that Professor Stryker guided her students and provided endless amounts of explanation in class and in her office. Often I had to stop by her office to ask questions and gain a different perspective on the subject. Every single time I went to see Professor Stryker she was more than willing to give me all the assistance I needed.

Over the past four years I have never met another professor like Professor Stryker. Most professors at Oakland University seem very perturbed when a student visits their office or asks extra questions in class, which is why Professor Stryker's personality and commitment to her students was unbelievably refreshing and appreciated.

Overall, I would like to state that it would be a grave injustice to the school if Professor Stryker was denied tenure.

Whenever I recommend a class to a fellow student, Professor Stryker's Immunology course is top of the list. What an amazing pro-

fessor she is and Oakland University needs to fight to keep her.

Kelly L. Cole
Senior
Biology

Professor went out of her way to help out students

I am a biology MA student at Oakland University. I was appalled to hear Dr. Gabrielle Stryker was denied tenure by Oakland University. This summer I had the opportunity to work with Dr. Stryker on a research project. It was a thrill to work with such a talented professor.

Dr. Stryker helped me to design an experiment that may lead to a journal publication. This project would not have been possible without Dr. Stryker.

As a teacher myself, I can tell that Dr. Stryker is an exquisite instructor.

She is able to explain complicated ideas to students no matter what level of science they

have had. As an instructor Dr. Stryker is one of the best. Her knowledge of biology is phenomenal, and she is able to connect this information to cutting edge developments in computer science and engineering.

It is very rare that someone could have such knowledge over multiple disciplines.

Dr. Stryker is an excellent role model to young women pursuing a career in science education and research. I am grateful for my opportunity to work with such an amazing woman. I am very disappointed in Oakland University.

After completing my master's degree I had hoped to pursue a doctorate degree at Oakland University. This incident has made me rethink my plans. I hope the members of the Oakland University tenure board rethink their decision to deny Dr. Stryker tenure.

Losing Dr. Stryker as a professor and researcher would be a great loss to the entire university.

Holly N. Minoletti
Graduate Student
Biology

Editor's note: The provost made a recommendation to the board to deny her tenure. And the board accepted the recommendation.

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■ The story, "Students wage war on war," incorrectly quoted Linda Schweitzer, assistant professor of chemistry, saying the United States can be viewed by others as "the equal terrorist of the world." The quote should have said the United States can be viewed by others as the "ECO-terrorist of the world."

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Jailed journalist calls for federal shield law

LAS VEGAS (AP) — New York Times reporter Judith Miller defended her decision to go to jail to protect a source and told a journalism conference Tuesday that reporters need a federal shield law so that others won't face the same sanctions.

Miller was jailed 85 days for refusing to testify about her conversations with Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff regarding undercover CIA agent Valerie Plame.

"Ultimately we protect sources so people will come forth — so people will know," she told the national conference of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Miller received a standing ovation from more than half the crowd of about 350 journalists when she was presented with the group's First Amendment Award.

During a 12-minute speech, Miller defended her reporting and her decision to go to jail, saying she "could not risk a fishing expedition into all my intelligence sources."

"It is the freedom of people to talk to the press without getting in trouble, it is that right that's under assault today," she said.

Miller also participated in a panel discussion about whether reporters should be legally shielded from revealing confidential sources.

The First Amendment does not protect reporters from grand jury subpoenas, the Supreme Court has ruled.

Panelist H. Josef Hebert, an Associated Press writer who was found in contempt of court for refusing to reveal a source in the espionage case of nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee, said reporters should carefully grant confidentiality and stick to the pledge once given.

Hebert said Washington sources frequently want to comment without being identified, but "the truth is, we have to use this privilege less and less."

On Wednesday, Miller is scheduled to testify before the Senate Judiciary Committee on behalf of a federal shield law, said Bruce Sanford, a First Amendment lawyer and counsel for SPJ.

Miller became a focus of the discussion about shield laws while fighting a special prosecutor's attempts to compel her to testify before a grand jury investigating the 2003 leak of Plame's identity.

Plame's name was first made public by columnist Robert

Novak in July 2003, eight days after her husband, Bush administration critic Joseph Wilson, published an op-ed piece in the Times saying the administration had manipulated prewar intelligence on Iraqi weapons programs to justify going to war.

Miller, 57, never wrote a story about Plame, but was jailed for contempt of court for refusing to testify about her confidential sources.

She was released Sept. 29 after saying I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Cheney's chief of staff, had released her from her obligation to keep his name secret.

Miller said in her speech she did not feel comfortable that she had been released from her pledge of confidentiality until she heard from Libby.

Miller has since testified twice before the grand jury and said in a first-person account in the Times last weekend that in June and July of 2003 she discussed Wilson with Libby.

However, Miller said she could not remember who told



The Associated Press
New York Times reporter Judith Miller leaves U.S. District Court in Washington Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2005. Miller, who was jailed 85 days for refusing to reveal a source, defended her decision to go to jail to protect the source and told a journalism conference Tuesday that reporters need a federal shield law so that others won't face the same sanctions.

her name she wrote in her notebook as "Valerie Plame."

SPJ President Irwin Gratz, a radio producer for Maine Public Broadcasting in Portland, said 22 members of the society's board ratified the First Amendment Award on

Saturday to recognize Miller's refusal to cooperate with prosecutors, her pursuit of the case to the Supreme Court and her willingness to go to jail.

"What she has done is shine a bright light on the need for a federal shield law," Gratz said.

GM plans to cut benefits

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers on Tuesday asked a federal court in Detroit to approve a tentative agreement with General Motors Corp. that would cut benefits for 750,000 U.S. hourly workers, retirees and their families. It was a first step in what could be a sharp decline in union benefits at the Big Three U.S. automakers.

After learning of the deal between GM and the UAW, Ford Motor Co. and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group said Tuesday they'll ask the UAW for similar

cuts. It's typical for automakers to match each others' agreements.

Dieter Zetsche, the former head of Chrysler who will take over as head of DaimlerChrysler next year, said he is interested in matching GM's agreement, but didn't give a timeline for official talks with the UAW. Ford said it already is in talks with the union.

The union also must get court approval so retirees can't sue if benefits are cut. GM has maintained it has the legal right to unilaterally cut retirees' benefits but the UAW disagrees with that view. The court case will bind retirees together so there is no doubt the settlement applies to all of them, GM spokesman Stefan Weinmann said.

Analysts said Tuesday that the UAW's decision to offer concessions before its contracts with U.S. automakers expire in 2007 shows the gravity of the automakers' financial situation. GM lost more than \$3 billion in the first nine months of this year, and Ford is expected to announce a third-quarter loss on Thursday.

Merrill Lynch analyst John Casesa expressed concern that if GM's financial conditions worsen, the automaker won't get more help from the UAW and could face a severe strike that could cost it billions of dollars.

Pay your energy bill later

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Michigan residents will get an extra five days each month to pay their energy bills this winter and more customers will be shielded from having their heat shut off under emergency measures taken Tuesday by state regulators.

The Michigan Public Service Commission approved a number of rules aimed at helping people cope with high heating bills caused primarily by disruptions to natural gas production in the hurricane-ravaged Gulf of Mexico.

The due date for gas or electric bills can come no earlier than 22 days after the bills have been sent to customers.

The current due date is 17 days for residents and 21 days for businesses.

Utilities can't shut off service to residents who are at least 65 or whose household income doesn't exceed 200 percent of the poverty level — \$38,700 for a family of four — as long as the customers pay a monthly amount equal to 6 percent of their estimated annual bill. The existing rule now applies only to those making less than 150 percent of the poverty level and requires

them to pay a monthly amount equal to 7 percent of their annual bill.

Utilities can't require a deposit from customers unless they have been shut off for non-payment in the last year.

The deposit also can't exceed the customer's average monthly bill. The current rule allows deposits for 17 different reasons and lets utilities charge businesses a three-month deposit.

J. Peter Lark, chairman of the Public Service Commission, said Michigan consumers face dire circumstances this winter. The average residential natural gas bill in the state could increase 46 percent, from \$128 to \$187 a month, according to the commission. Eighty percent of Michigan households use natural gas for heat. Fuel oil costs also will rise significantly.

Cox said he wants to see the utilities recover their costs over a 12-month period instead of a four-month period so customers can deal with the higher prices over a longer period.

He also proposes delaying the start of rate increases until April 1, when the more expensive winter heating season is over.

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Cloned food meant for menus? UP AND COMING

ROUND TOP, Texas (AP) — About 80 miles east of Austin, out where the fire ants bite and men still doff their baseball hats when greeting women, 20 cows pregnant with calves cloned by ViaGen Inc. have just arrived.

Stampeding down a chute from a tractor trailer, the cattle join a menagerie of cloned pigs and cows that include Elvis and Priscilla, calves cloned from cells scraped from sides of high-quality beef hanging in a slaughterhouse.

The cloning of barnyard animals has become so commonplace and mechanized that ViaGen says it's more than ready to efficiently produce juicier steaks and tastier chops through cloning.

It now looks like federal regulators will endorse the company's plan to bring cloned animal products to America's dinner tables.

No law prevents cloned food, but ViaGen has voluntarily withheld its products pending a ruling from the Food and Drug Administration.

Over the past three years, it has worked to create elite bovine and porcine gene pools that can produce prodigious "milkers," top quality beef cattle and biotech bacon.

It has aggressively gobbled up competitors and locked up patents, including the one granted to the makers of Dolly the sheep.

All that really stands in ViaGen's way, besides a nod from the FDA, are squeamish consumers and skeptical food producers.

The FDA is widely expected to soon endorse the findings of a 2002 National Academy of Science report it commissioned that found food products derived from cloned animals do not "present a food safety concern."

Acknowledging the many critics who have raised ethical objections as well as safety concerns, the FDA commissioner said Sept. 19 that "within weeks" the agency was prepared to publish results of its examination of the issues in a scientific journal — a rare move for the agency, which used a similar forum to make public its position on genetically modified crops in 1992.

But then the commissioner, Lester Crawford, abruptly resigned, leaving the top ranks of the FDA in turmoil.

FDA spokeswoman Rae Jones said in an e-mail last week that Crawford "was talking about a draft risk assessment that FDA is now preparing to release. This release was not related to Dr. Crawford or his resignation."

But Jones said "we do not have a timeline" for the assessment's release.



Red Schoenst watches as 20 pregnant cows with cloned babies are delivered to a pasture owned by Viagen last week outside of Austin, Texas.

So, without a government cloning endorsement, the deep-pocketed corporate customers ViaGen hopes to court are staying on the sidelines.

"The National Milk Producers Federation does not at this time support milk from cloned cows entering the marketplace until FDA determines that milk from cloned cows is the same as milk from conventionally bred animals," said Chris Galen, a spokesman for the trade group, which represents the \$23 billion dairy industry.

Dairy farmers worry that without the federal government's blessing, American consumers will blanch at pouring milk from cloned cows on their breakfast cereal. Beef and pork producers have similar concerns.

A March survey by the International Food Information Council, an industry trade group, reported that 63 percent of consumers would likely not buy food from cloned animals, even if the FDA determined the products were safe.

Rapid advances in genetic technology are increasingly being applied further up the food chain.

It's one thing for traditional crops

like corn to be engineered to be pest-resistant, and people already eat genetically engineered soy beans in all manner of processed food.

But biotech companies run into what bioethicists call the "yuck factor" when they begin tinkering with animals.

An application to market salmon genetically engineered with genes from other fish to grow faster has been formally pending with the FDA for more than two years.

That's why ViaGen insists that its work has nothing to do with combining the genetic material of two different species. It likens it to now common reproductive technologies such as in vitro fertilization and artificial insemination.

To clone, scientists replace all the genetic material in an egg with a mature cell containing the complete genetic code from the donor. Cloners argue that the resulting animal is simply the donor's twin, containing an identical makeup, yes, but destined for its own distinct fate influenced by environment and chance.

The coat of the first cat cloned, for

instance, was a different color than that of its genetic donor.

So there are no guarantees that the cloned calf Elvis will yield the top highest quality beef — the USDA's "prime yield 1" designation — that gave him his life, but it certainly increases the odds he will produce prime meat.

As it stands, "prime yield 1" ratings come along once every 12,000 cows.

ViaGen's founder Scott Davis says knowing which cow is likely to yield premium beef could demand a \$250 premium per heifer, a big markup in the notoriously low-margin industry.

He said the price of a cloned cow continues to drop and, depending on the order volume, can cost as little as \$8,000 per animal.

Would you eat steak or drink milk that you know came from a cloned cow? E-mail your responses to editor@oakpostonline.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

In correlation with the College of Arts and Sciences "Environmental Exploration" theme, speakers and a workshop will be featured as part of Toxic Effects Day. The speakers will be at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., and the workshop will be held at 1 p.m. All events will be held in Gold Rooms A and B in the Oakland Center.

Thursday, Oct. 19

Also in correlation with "Environmental Explorations" is a symposium on the environment and public health. The day starts at 9 a.m. and runs through 4 p.m. From 9:30 to 10:45 a.m., Session I will examine air and water quality and the Earth's future. Session II, regarding global warming, will be held from 10:50 to 11:20 a.m. The keynote speaker will be D. A. Henderson, M.D., M.P.H., of Johns Hopkins University. The topic will be "New Infectious Disease Challenges for the 21st Century." The keynote address will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

"Southeast Michigan: Shaping a Healthy Environment" will be Session III, held from 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. Session IV, running from 3 to 4 p.m., will be panelists speaking about health and our counties. All events will be held in Banquet Rooms A and B in the OC.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

MALS and CAS will be holding a presentation about climate change at 7 p.m. in 204 O'Dowd Hall.

Also hosted as part of "Environmental Exploration" is a presentation about "The Emerald Ash Borer: An Exotic Pest with Ecological Consequences." The presentation will be held at noon in room 372 of the Engineering Building.

OU offers courses to feed students' environmental interests

By PAUL KAMPE
Senior Reporter

Students interested in becoming biochemists, botanists, ecologists or even zoologists don't have to go far to pursue their interests.

The College of Arts and Sciences has chosen the theme "Environmental Explorations," and is offering plenty of classes for students to explore.

BIO 110, Life on Earth, introduces students to all forms of life "from bacteria to humans, including plants," said Keith Berven, associate professor of biological sciences.

Berven said he expects students to "have a better understanding and appreciation of the life around," adding that students should understand the effects humans have on shaping the planet.

Berven said he hopes students taking the

course have a better understanding of the history of life on earth and the relationships between different organisms.

"It allows (students) to see a variety of diverse habitats from around the world along with the organisms," he said.

Berven teaches his class with a text comprised of chapters from different textbooks.

The course incorporates Sir David Attenborough's 13-part BBC video series "Life on Earth."

Students will also complete virtual laboratory assignments via the Internet on subjects like Catching Evolution.

For students who want a chance to get to know their environment, the Environmental Health Program is at their disposal.

The program is interdisciplinary and offers a bachelor's of science degree in four different spe-

cialization: occupational health and safety, public health, environmental and research management and toxic substance control.

The program offers a minor in environmental health.

It also offers a concentration in environmental studies, a major that most students don't recognize as a possibility until they're usually in their junior or senior year, said Dagmar Cronn, the director of the Environmental Health Program.

Cronn also teaches ENV 308, the Introduction to Environmental Studies.

She said the course is popular among students who need to meet their general education requirements in natural science and technology.

It's a survey course that looks at the atmosphere, water and terrestrial environmental issues from a scientific viewpoint, Cronn said.

Other environmental courses include ENV

364, Hazardous Materials and Emergency Response; ENV 452, Pollution Prevention; ENV 461, Environmental Law and Policies; and ENV 484, Environmental Toxicology.

There are 231 graduates in the program, Cronn said, adding that it is one of the first environmental programs started in the country.

The first courses were offered in 1968, and the first bachelor's degree was given in 1974.

"We are headed toward updated course requirements to make sure the program stays current with the present expectations of what students can do with a degree," Cronn said.

For more information about environmental-related courses, contact the Biological Sciences Department at (248) 370-3550 or the Environmental Health Program at (248) 370-2320.



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African-American Celebration 2006

Festivities for African-American Celebration 2006 will begin Monday, January 16, 2006 with the annual celebration of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and formally end with the Annual Keeper of the Dream Scholarship Awards Banquet.

This year our theme will be "The African American Journey—Liberation Through Organization." Our goal is to provide quality, inspirational, and educational programs and activities that support this theme. The participation of the entire university (students, faculty and staff) is important in gaining a better understanding of the struggles, frustrations, and triumphs African Americans have and continue to encounter.

Collaborations are encouraged and potential programs and/or activities may include:

- Guest Speakers
- African American Museum
- African American Arts and Crafts
- African Drum and Dance
- Debate
- Panel Discussions
- Poetry
- Celebration of Freedom

These are just a few of many wonderful ideas that we hope will entice you to think about the contribution you, your class, department or unit will make to enhance the understanding of "The African American Journey—Liberation Through Organization."

In submitting your proposal, please bear in mind the following criteria:

- Complete the Program Proposal Form
- Include a typed, one-page, double-spaced narrative describing the proposed program
- In the narrative, please explain how the proposed program relates to the theme
- Include Program Budget information (from Program Proposal Form) in the narrative
- Program should occur within designated celebration period

Please stop by 134 North Foundation Hall, or call the CMI at (248) 370-4404 to obtain a proposal form. Proposals must be submitted to the Center for Multicultural Initiatives by Friday, October 28, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.

Send or deliver completed proposals to:

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c/o Center for Multicultural Initiatives
Oakland University
134 North Foundation Hall
Rochester, MI 48309-4401

MARSHALL

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back home in front of his family and friends really made some key free throws for us tonight," Johnson said.

"He got four rebounds, so that was a big key," he said.

Marshall's clutch shooting could help him earn more minutes for the Mavericks in the pre-season.

Marshall has a guaranteed one-year contract with a team option for a second year, so he will likely make the 15-man roster.

Making the roster doesn't guarantee him any minutes or that he will be one of the 12 active players eligible to play.

There is also the chance he could be optioned to the Mavericks National Basketball Developmental League affiliate, but Marshall is happy to be part of the Maverick organization.

"Whatever they decide is cool," Marshall said. "I want to try and get in the 12-man rotation and get some minutes."

"That's my biggest goal right now, but whatever they decide, I will be cool with," he said.

Marshall earned the one-year contract after his impressive play for the Mavericks' summer league team.

Marshall hooked on with the Mavericks after a stint with the Memphis Grizzlies' summer team.

The Mavericks had shown interest in Marshall all along, and owner Mark Cuban even took the time to call Marshall after he was not picked in the NBA draft.

"He told me, 'How would you like to be the 61st pick?' I said, 'I would love that,'" Marshall said.

"He thought I would fit in well with the team and said he would love to have me," he said.

Marshall is currently fitting in well and has developed a good relationship with a number of his teammates.

He goes to them for advice, and is trying to improve his strength as an athlete and in various areas of his game.

Marshall says he wants to continue to grow as a basketball player and prove he belongs in the NBA.

His first visit to the Palace was a memorable one, but Marshall says he doesn't want it to be his last.



Dallas Mavericks Rawle Marshall (1) drives against Detroit Pistons guard Maurice Evans, left, in the first half of their preseason game Tuesday in Auburn Hills, Mich. The Associated Press

Do you know OU's history?

- Circle the correct answer for each question. Completed forms should be placed inside the box located outside The Oakland Post in the basement of the Oakland Center, office 61, no later than 5 p.m. Monday.
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| 1. Who gave OU all of its land?
A) Matilda Wilson
B) Alfred Hitchcock
C) James Brown
D) The OU Grizz | 2. What was Oakland University originally named?
A) Oakland State University
B) Rochester College
C) Michigan State University-Oakland
D) Oakland County University | 3. What year did the university become Oakland University?
A) 1776
B) 1814
C) 1963
D) 2005 |
| 4. What was the size of the graduating charter class?
A) 5
B) 125
C) 500
D) 1,000 | 5. What did Matilda Wilson give the graduating charter class?
A) Dodge Viper
B) Diamond chip class rings
C) Steak dinner
D) Varsity jacket | 6. What was the university's original mascot?
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HOSPITALS

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least six-months.

Overall, infections to patients receiving central IVs were reduced by 80 percent at participating hospitals and the rate of pneumonia fell by 45 percent.

"If you have to be in an ICU, this is the place to be in one," Spencer Johnson, president of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association, told the Detroit Free Press.

Researchers estimate that the changes pre-

vented 1,500 deaths and saved nearly \$166 million in health care costs.

The Michigan project was one of the first and largest of 13 to receive grants from the federal Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, Pronovost said.

The agency paid \$1 million for the project, which was conducted by John Hopkins and the Michigan Health and Hospital Association Keystone Center for Patient Safety and Quality.

On the Net:
Michigan Health and Hospital Association Keystone Center for Patient Safety and Quality: <http://www.mhakeystonecenter.org>

EBILL

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does. To view the bill, students should log onto their Oakland SAIL accounts accessible at <http://sail.oakland.edu>.

"Not everyone has the resources at home to pay for bills online," said freshman Justin Pelcher. "More mistakes will be made with the eBill, especially when parents are paying the bill," he said.

"It's just too complicated," said sophomore

Annalisa LaMilza.

Freshman Pierre Kamel said he likes the new system's environmental friendly way of saving paper. "But it's too much of a hassle if you're not using your e-mail," he said.

The university expects students to constantly check their OU Webmail accounts and holds them accountable for all information transmitted via these accounts, Switzer said.

For more information on the new system, visit the Student Business Services Web site at <http://www.oakland.edu/sbs>. Click on Student Accounts, then on eBill.

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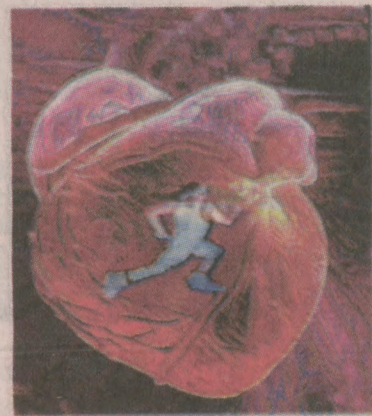
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School of Health Sciences



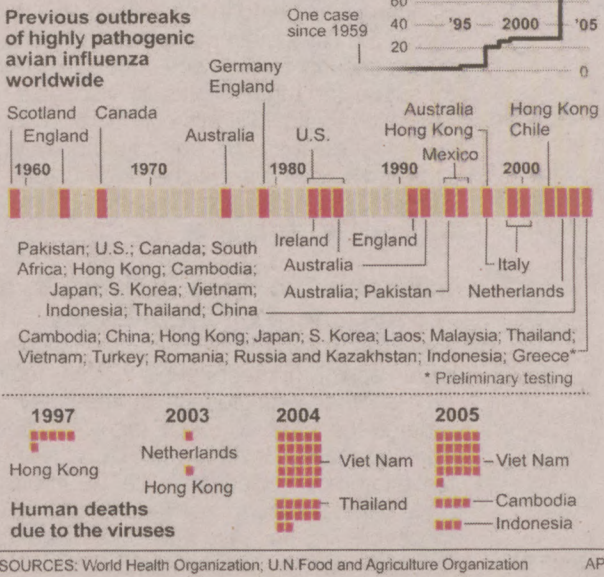
Above: Romanian health workers catch turkeys in an enclosure before they are gassed in the eastern village of Ceamurliu de Jos, Romania Thursday. The World Organization for Animal Health said Thursday that there is a "high" probability that bird flu found in Romania is the H5N1 type that scientists worry might mutate into a human virus.

Below: A veterinarian examines a sick chicken in the village of Nikuljane, some 25 miles northeast of Macedonia's capital Skopje, Monday. Hundreds of chickens have died in the past week in the village of Nikuljane, but there are no reported cases of bird flu virus in Macedonia to date.



Bird flu, a global threat

The deadly H5N1 bird flu strain spread from Asia westward by migrating wild fowl. The first confirmed outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza was reported in 1959. Since then, 24 outbreaks have been recorded worldwide, of which 14 have occurred in the past 10 years.



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form that can be easily passed from human to human. "The concern is that if it develops the ability to go person to person, this could go around killing millions of people," Stryker said.

This has been a concern for the past several years, she said, but "there's no reason to believe that this is the year that it can go person to person."

The avian flu is currently being spread from bird-to-human in Asian countries.

It has recently been detected in bird populations in Turkey and Europe.

A report from Trust for America's Health, a nonprofit agency based in Washington D.C., approximates that Michigan could experience 2.5 million cases of the avian flu, killing an estimated 20,000 people.

Nationally, the report states more than a half million Americans may die and over 2.3 million could be hospitalized.

An additional 67 million people are projected to be at risk for contracting the disease.

"Once it's in the human, chances of rapidly spreading increase because it can mutate in the person and become more or less infectious," said Rasul Chaudry, professor of biological sciences at OU.

Mutation may spark outbreak

The Associated Press recently reported that 117 in Indonesia have caught the disease and 60 have died.

Nearly all infections have been traced to direct contact with infected birds.

Officials there are racing to vaccinate domestic bird populations in Indonesia.

Dr. Arnold Monto, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Michigan, discounts a high probability of the avian influenza reaching the United States this flu season.

He does, however, concede that the more the strain spreads to humans, "the more likely there will be a mutation."

Monto, who specializes in the study of infectious diseases in third world countries, said the avian strain that has left many area residents unnerved first appeared in Hong Kong in 1997. It was highly pathogenic, killing six people, he added.

In 2003, the world saw a re-emergence of the avian flu strain in Southeast Asia, which proved to be even more lethal.

During the past few years, there have been continuous flu outbreaks in Thailand and Vietnam, with the latest upsurge in Romania.

"The concern is that it is spreading in several directions. It has been detected in migratory birds in China with fly paths that lead down to India and also Siberia," Monto said, noting migrant birds become infected in one country and, in turn, cross-contaminate bird populations in other countries.

If the situation in Asia worsens, Monto said, a rash of avian flu could spread to Europe. Before it reaches North America, though, he believes European health agencies "may be able to snuff it out at the source."

Drug treatment in shortage

The avian influenza is striking the human body in common flu form and then infecting the respiratory tract, causing severe pneumonia.

There is no vaccine for this flu strain, and the only drug treatment, Tamiflu, is in limited supply worldwide.

The United States has just two million Tamiflu course treatments. Michigan is set to receive less than 200,000 treatments, according to Trust for America's Health.

Over 30 countries have placed substantial orders for the Tamiflu antiviral.

The Dutch Health Ministry has ordered five million doses of Tamiflu, enough to

treat one-third of their population. Britain has ordered enough supplies to treat 15 million people.

For now, the avian flu is transmissible by bird-to-human contact, but as the report from Trust for America's Health points out: "New strains of the flu traditionally emerge in animals, often in poultry and pigs, and then as the disease develops over time, it can become transmitted to humans."

While Monto questions an avian flu outbreak this year, he said a pandemic will likely be seen in coming years. He said preparation for future infectious diseases is crucial.

"If it doesn't occur, one of the advantages of being prepared is that a pandemic will occur at some point. We have had three in the twentieth century," he said. "The same things we do to control pandemic influenza will help to control regular influenza."

Michigan preps for possible outbreak

The U.S. government has supplied the Michigan Department of Community Health with "federal dollars to create the state's flu pandemic plan," said T.J. Bucholz, spokesman for the MDCH.

Although Oakland County health officials have yet to meet with the state health division to coordinate cohesive efforts, George Miller, spokesman for the county health department, said local steps are being taken in anticipation of an avian flu breakout.

"Do we have the skills to handle something like this? Yes. Public health is about emerging diseases," he said.

Acknowledging there are unforeseen "gaps and holes" in planning for emergency health situations, Miller said the county health department will identify shortfalls and adequately response as needed.

Miller said the county avian flu plan has been based on containment and response plans for other infectious diseases such as sudden acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS. He added the county health department has met with all area hospitals in an effort to broaden surveillance measures.

"There are so many communicable diseases, and we have plans in place in case any of them should hit our community," said Dr. Paula Keller, technical director of epidemiology at Royal Oak Beaumont Hospital, one of many county health facilities briefed on a potential flu pandemic.

Keller expressed her doubts about an avian flu hitting America, labeling scientific speculation as "a lot of 'what-ifs'?" But, she said during this flu season, patients coming to Beaumont with any respiratory problems will be required to wear face masks. She said this is "routinely done" every flu season.

— Senior Reporter Paul Kampe contributed to this report.



A Taiwanese girl chases pigeons with her grandfather at the Chiang Kai-shek Memorial Hall, Tuesday, in Taipei, Taiwan. Taiwan has been urging residents to avoid close contact with wild birds in parks and athletic areas on the island in fear of contracting possible strands of the bird flu.

Americans fearful of bird flu, pound health officials with questions

ATLANTA (AP) — Americans fearful of bird flu are peppering health officials with all sorts of questions: Is it safe to have a bird feeder in my yard?

If I see a dead bird, should I report it? Is it still OK to have turkey at Thanksgiving?

The answers are yes, no and yes.

Officials at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have been handling an avalanche of phone calls from the public and the media.

"It's been insane," said Dave Daigle, a spokesman for the CDC, which has been getting an average of 447,000 hits a day on its avian flu information Web page.

That's more than the CDC got from people wanting to know about the flu shot shortage last October or the West Nile virus outbreaks in 2003.

And bird flu isn't even here. It is just now infecting poultry in eastern Europe.

So far, it almost never spreads between humans, and in two years has infected 117 people, all in Asia. More than 60 have died.

But in the past couple weeks there has been tremendous attention on the virus and U.S. government plans to cope with a possible global outbreak.

Health experts believe the bird virus may one day mutate to a form that is not only dead-

ly, but easily spread among people.

The U.S. government has started stockpiling Tamiflu and other medicines that scientists believe might be effective against a pandemic virus.

Some people wonder if they should do the same thing.

The manufacturer of Tamiflu, which was created to treat ordinary human flu, advises the drug be taken within 48 hours after flu symptoms begin.

So some health officials agree it might be wise to have a supply at the ready, especially if a shortage develops.

But people should suppress the urge to pester their doctors for Tamiflu prescriptions, said Dr. Charles Woernle of the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Those who hoard Tamiflu will reduce supplies for the elderly and others at risk of serious illness and death from conventional flu, he said.

"You'd be denying some folks who have definite, immediate needs," said Woernle, Alabama's assistant state health officer for disease control and prevention.

Debbie Crane, a spokeswoman for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, said if people really want to take precautions, they should eat right, wash their hands and take

common sense steps to bolster their health and immune systems.

She also suggested getting a flu shot.

The vaccine for the upcoming flu season doesn't confer protection against bird flu.

But protecting people against conventional flu could make them stronger against a new illness, health experts say.

One more thing: Quit smoking, Crane advised.

CDC addresses flu concerns

Here are answers from CDC and global health officials to some of the questions worried Americans have been asking:

Q: Is it safe to keep a bird feeder in the yard?

A: Yes.

Q: If I see a dead bird, should I report it?

A: No. While there has been avian flu in the United States, it has not been the H5N1 strain that has spread through poultry farms in southeast Asia and into eastern Europe.

Q: We keep a small flock of chickens. Should we get rid of them?

A: No.

Q: If I feel fluish, should I ask my doctor to perform a particular test to check for the bird flu virus?

A: You may ask your doctor to conduct either a rapid diagnostic flu test or a lab test for influenza.



A veterinarian in protective clothes collects a dead dove from the street in downtown Belgrade, Tuesday. In Turkey, health officials say it is impossible to stop the spread of H5N1 via migratory birds, and are now trying to minimize its impact on domestic poultry and humans, a challenge that will become more difficult as the birds move south.

If you have a recent travel history to an area where bird flu is endemic, inform your physician.

Q: Should I buy Tamiflu for my home?

A: Tamiflu is effective at treating ordinary flu and scientists believe it may help combat human infections caused by the H5N1 virus.

However, the effectiveness of any antiviral medicines such as Tamiflu could change depending on how the virus changes.

Q: Is it safe to eat poultry? Does freezing/cooking destroy the bird flu virus? Is it safe to serve turkey for Thanksgiving?

A: Eating properly handled

and cooked poultry is safe. The U.S. government has banned imported poultry from countries affected by bird flu, including H5N1. In addition, European health officials say cooking kills the virus.

On the Net: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian/gen-info/facts.htm>

Flood fears lead to evacuations, closings

TAUNTON, Mass. (AP) — A damaged, century-old dam continued to hold Tuesday as the water level behind it was reduced, but an evacuation order remained in effect, and schools and highways were closed amid fears of a flood.

Mayor Robert Nunes said the wooden Whittenton Pond Dam upstream from the city on the Mill River had developed more failures at about 2 a.m.

Gates in the dam were opened to

release water from Lake Sabbatia and relieve pressure on the structure, and the reservoir's level had fallen several inches by late morning, officials said at a briefing.

"As the water level decreases, it will be taking a load off the structure, and that's what everyone is looking for," said Matthew Bellisle, a private engineer who inspected the dam.

The condition of the dam at Whittenton Mills has not deteriorated significantly over the past

several hours," Nunes said.

City officials said Monday that the 12-foot-high dam was buckling, and later a timber column washed away. Officials warned that the entire structure could fail.

Early Tuesday, more wooden timbers failed, allowing additional water to leak through and under the dam.

"I've got my fingers crossed that this thing is able to hold," Gov. Mitt

Romney said Tuesday morning.

"Water's going under the dam. It's going through some areas that are weakened and there's every prospect that it will give way and we'll have a very significant water event."

"On the other hand, a few of us can hope that it hangs together and it ties together as long as possible, and that the water is able to leak out in a relatively controlled manner," he said.

Taunton, a city of nearly 50,000 people, has received 11 1/2 inches of rain this month, including more than seven inches from Friday through Sunday, according to the National Weather Service.

Nearly 2,000 people were evacuated from homes near the river on Monday.

The state Highway Department closed roads into Taunton, and the Massachusetts National Guard sent teams to the area.



A lioness cleans one of her cubs Monday, at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City, Kan. Monday was the first time that the two newly-born cubs were let out into the exhibit. The cubs were born Aug. 24.



Formerly conjoined twin Clarence Aguirre walks on his own as he prepares to leave with his brother Carl and mother Arlene Aguirre, Tuesday.



Whittenton Dam is seen Tuesday in Taunton, Mass. An evacuation order was in effect, and schools and highways were closed amid fears of a wall of water up to 6 feet high should the dam fail.

NATION

Tunnels under Baltimore's harbor reopen after threat

BALTIMORE (AP) — Authorities closed one of two highway tunnels carrying traffic under Baltimore's harbor for nearly two hours Tuesday and partially shut the other because of a threat to detonate vehicles full of explosives inside the tubes. The Baltimore Harbor Tunnel was closed and the Fort McHenry Tunnel was reduced to one lane of traffic in each direction, said Lt. Col. David Franklin of the Maryland Transportation Authority Police. The closures began about 11:30 a.m., and officers began reopening the tubes about 1:15 p.m.

Wilma, the 12th hurricane of the season, may threaten Florida

MIAMI (AP) — Tropical Storm Wilma strengthened into a hurricane Tuesday on a path that could threaten storm-battered Florida, tying the record for the most hurricanes to form in an Atlantic season. Wilma is the 12th hurricane of the season, the same number reached in 1969, the highest since record-keeping began in 1851. At 11 a.m. EDT, Wilma had top sustained wind of near 75 mph, just above the 74 mph threshold to be a hurricane.

Many had access to estate where defense attorney's wife was killed

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) — Despite fearing for their safety, criminal defense lawyer Daniel Horowitz and his wife allowed easy access to the sprawling hillside compound they were building. The number of people with access to the property could complicate the investigation into the killing of Pamela Vitale, whose body was found by Horowitz in their home's entryway over the weekend. An autopsy revealed Vitale, 52, was beaten to death. MSNBC said Horowitz told its legal reporter that his wife had a head wound and defensive wounds on her hands and other parts of her body. "She fought like hell," Horowitz said Tuesday in the San Francisco Chronicle. Authorities said Monday they had no suspects in custody. They questioned several people, including Horowitz and Joseph Lynch, who sold the couple an adjoining four-acre lot where he had a deal to live for 10 more years in a camper. Both were cooperative, said Contra Costa County sheriff's spokesman Jimmy Lee. The sheriff's office has said they were not focused on any one individual and were consid-

ering a wide range of motives. Horowitz's co-counsel and friend Ivan Golde said Tuesday he believed police were narrowing in on a suspect. "From what I have heard, an arrest is imminent. It will occur," Golde said on NBC's "Today." Horowitz was so worried about his safety that he owned a gun and other weapons because of his line of work defending criminals including drug dealers and killers, Golde said. Golde said he was worried about his own safety as well, and that police had warned him to be careful. He wouldn't say why. Golde and Horowitz were defending Susan Polk in a high-profile murder case until a mistrial was declared Monday because of publicity from Vitale's slaying. Horowitz was not in court.

Supreme Court nominee Miers backed ban on most abortions in '89

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee Harriet Miers pledged support in 1989 for a constitutional amendment banning abortions except when necessary to save the life of the mother, according to material given to the Senate on Tuesday. As a candidate for the Dallas city council, Miers also signaled support for the overall agenda of Texans United for Life — agreeing she would support legislation restricting abortions if the Supreme Court ruled that states could ban abortions and would participate in "pro-life rallies and special events."

California thunderstorms trigger mudslides, power outages

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A spectacular series of thunderstorms rolled through Southern California, bringing walnut-sized hail and bursts of heavy rain that triggered mudslides and shut down the main highway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Parts of the region remained under a severe weather watch early Tuesday. Interstate 5 was closed for about five hours Monday in both directions about 65 miles north of Los Angeles, because of mudslides and up to four feet of standing water on the road, said California Highway Patrol spokesman Johnny Fisher. "There's a few feet of mud all over the roadway," he said. At least one death was blamed on the storms. A gasoline tanker crashed and caught fire on Interstate 5 north of downtown Los Angeles, killing the driver, police said. Approximately 140,000 customers in Southern California lost power, utilities said.

WORLD

Shooting breaks out in southern Russian city targeted by militants

NALCHIK, Russia (AP) — Security forces sealed off parts of this southern Russian city after shooting erupted during their search for suspected militants Tuesday. A suspect in last week's attacks by alleged extremists was reportedly killed in a clash with police. Residents were advised not to leave their homes if possible, and parents were told to take their children home from school. The regional Interior Ministry told people to carry their identity documents, to submit to body searches by authorities and to obey police commands to stop their cars immediately. Shooting was heard in the suburb of Dubki, where the city's main morgue is located and where security forces were conducting a sweep for suspected rebels, rights activist Luiza Orazayeva said. Militants conducted a coordinated series of attacks on police and other government buildings in Nalchik on Thursday. Some 137 people were killed in the fighting, according to official data.

Iraqi court to open Saddam trial for massacre on Wednesday

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein and seven senior members of his 23-year regime go on trial Wednesday to face charges they ordered the 1982 killings of nearly 150 people from the mainly Shiite town of Dujail following a failed attempt on Saddam's life. Court officials have said they are trying Saddam on the Dujail massacre first because it was the easiest and quickest case to put together. If convicted, Saddam and his co-defendants could face the death penalty, but they could appeal before another chamber of the Iraqi Special tribunal. Saddam and his co-defendants are expected to hear the charges against them during Wednesday's hearing, and the court will address procedural matters. The trial is then expected to be adjourned for several weeks.

Transit workers join teachers strike in western Canada

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP) — Transit workers joined protests in support of 38,000 illegally striking public school teachers in British Columbia on Monday, bringing transportation services in at least two Vancouver Island cities to a halt. Pickets appeared before dawn at bus yards in Greater Victoria and Nanaimo, prevent-

ing drivers from reporting to work. The transit shutdown came hours before a scheduled rally involving thousands of public and private-sector union members in front of the British Columbia legislature. The teachers are demanding a 15 percent wage increase, smaller class sizes and better classroom supplies and working conditions. British Columbia teachers earn an average starting salary of about \$36,000 a year.

Coalition forces mistakenly kill four police in Afghanistan, official says

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S.-led coalition forces killed four police officers after mistaking them for militants during an operation in southern Afghanistan, a provincial spokesman said Tuesday. The coalition said it could not confirm the incident and was investigating. Coalition troops opened fire at the police in Kandahar province's Maywand district late Monday after spotting the officers firing their weapons into the air and mistaking them for Taliban rebels, Kandahar Gov. Asadullah Khalid said. He said the shooting occurred while the coalition forces were hunting for militants thought to be in the area. A fifth officer was injured in the shooting, and five police fled the area but were later found, he said.

Becks, Posh file suit against tabloid

LONDON (AP) — David Beckham and his wife, former Spice Girl Victoria, are taking legal action against a British tabloid that claimed their "happy marriage" is a sham. Beckham, the world's most recognized soccer player, and his wife are seeking libel damages against the News of the World newspaper over an article that carried the headline: "Posh and Becks on the Rocks." The case will be heard before a judge and jury in London in December. During a pretrial hearing Monday the couple's lawyer said the Beckhams would argue they had been defamed by the newspaper and there was no truth in the story. Richard Spearman, a lawyer for the newspaper's publishers, News Group Newspapers, said the article suggested that because the Beckhams' "substantial fortunes depend upon their public perception, the claimants have been cynically and hypocritically trying, for financial reasons, to convince the public that they continue to enjoy a happy marriage." Spearman said the defense would argue that suggestion was true.

A man tries to comfort the mother, name not given, of an Iraqi man killed when two mortar rounds landed on a street in central Baghdad, Tuesday. Militants killed five Iraqis on Tuesday, including an advisor to one of the country's top Sunni Arab officials who was shot while driving to work in Baghdad, police said.

The Associated Press

Denmark's newborn prince makes his first public appearance carried by his mother Crown Princess Mary as they leave the Copenhagen University Hospital.

The Associated Press

Pakistani Kashmiris jostle for a bag of wheat donated by the U.S. government for the Oct. 8 massive earthquake victims near Bala Hattian, 12.5 miles from the Indian border in Pakistani Kashmir, Tuesday in Pakistan. The U.N. World Food Program warned that half a million earthquake survivors have yet to receive relief supplies

The Associated Press





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Photo Editor

Local haunts scare students

By Adam Bark, The Oakland Post

Formerly known as the Haunted Gallery, **Castle of the Dead** is now in its' second year of operation under new owner, Steve Hopton.

This year Hopton is joined by his partner, Tony Amore, and together they are working to make this year's attraction the best.

Built inside 10 connected doublewide trailers, Hopton says it takes customers 30-45 minutes to make it through the castle.

Though there is no theme or storyline to the castle, Hopton is quick to point out that his attraction has its benefits.

Because many patrons duck through the haunt covering their eyes, the castle is set up so that even they get a fright. Many of the creatures come at patrons from below, so even customers who are ducking get attacked.

Hopton said the creatures who walk around on stilts, towering over patrons, are favorites with the customers.

They also tend to enjoy the electric room, in which a caged creature sends sparks flying while the floor vibrates, giving customers the sense they too are being electrocuted.

Another popular room is that of the beast, where a giant dinosaur-like creature with glowing red eyes emerges from its cave to swallow people whole.

The rooms in the haunt vary by large degrees, with strange new experiences lurking around every corner, including clowns.

Castle of the Dead is located in the parking lot of the Gibraltar Trade Center in Mt. Clemens.

It is open Friday and Saturday 7 p.m.-1 a.m., and Thursday and Sunday 7-11 p.m. until October 30.

The admission fee is \$15 for ages 13 and up, and \$10 for under the age of 13.

For more information call (586) 792-6641 or visit their Web site at <http://www.castleofthedeath.com>.

A piece of Detroit history has returned home, but with a twist. Said to have disappeared from Boblo Island in 1999, the tour boat returned home. A party reportedly left port on Halloween night, never to return. Until now.

Nautical Nightmare is said to have recently drifted ashore, along with the remains of those who were on board. They are believed to be the remnants of those who took the fateful cruise, forever lost.

They seemed to be in the middle of a party, because the Ball Room was filled with the undead. This seems to be a customer favorite, along with the dining area and storage area.

The supposedly lost boat is themed with life jackets and other marina paraphernalia located throughout the site. Other points of note include the luggage area, where tourists find that the baggage is not safe, and the chop shop, where body parts can be found virtually anywhere.

The current owner, John Belko, says that he's had patrons throw up, or worse, soil themselves. While he enjoys running the vessel as a haunt, he said that he plans to one day turn this nightmare into the piece of cruise ship that it once was. However, it may be years before the spirits that once haunted this boat decide to abandon ship.

Nautical Nightmare leaves from 1 Belanger Park on River Rouge.

There is a \$3 fee to enter the Belanger Park, and admission into Nautical Nightmare is \$14.

It's open Friday and Saturday 7 p.m.-12 a.m., Thursday and Sunday from 7-11 p.m. until October 30.

For more information call (216) 402-6116 or visit their Web site at <http://www.nauticalnightmare.com>.

Currently in its sixth year of operation, **Erebus** has earned the distinct honor of being named the largest walk-through haunted house by The Guinness Book of World Records. With four stories and approximately 30,000 square feet, the record-breaking haunt has been home to "Fear Factor" competitions in past years, along with celebrity appearance such as Gunnar Hansen, the actor who played Leatherface in the original "Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

The haunt is themed as an experiment gone horribly wrong. The story is that in an attempt to eliminate disease and natural disasters, scientists created a time machine.

Teams were sent through the "time portals" that were created, but they never returned. Rescue squads were sent to retrieve their comrades, but they were lost as well. The creatures in the time periods tried to eradicate the humans, as if they were a virus.

Determined to fix the flaws in the system, but short on staff, the head scientist decided he had to find an alternative way to keep the project running. He knew he needed a plan to get as many people as possible

through the portals so that he could monitor their progress. He disguised the time machine as a haunted house, and now the clueless patrons are part of his twisted experiment.

Portals scattered throughout the haunt indicate that patrons are entering a new time period, ending up anywhere from ancient Egypt to the time of the dinosaurs. Passing through, some unsuspecting victims even get buried alive.

Erebus is located at 18 S. Perry in Pontiac.

It's open Friday and Saturday 7 p.m.-1 a.m., weekdays and Sunday from 7-11 p.m. until October 31.

Admission is \$19.

For more information call (248) 332-7884 or visit their Web site at www.hauntedpontiac.com.



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Oakland Post

Haunted horrors for Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties

Look no further for a good haunted attraction in your area. The Oakland Post has your all-inclusive haunted guide. Find the scariest attractions in Oakland University's three closest counties. Take this guide with you to find one that scares you best.

Macomb County

Dr. Phobia's Haunted House

Location: Warren, inside Universal Mall

Hours: 7 p.m.-midnight

Dates: Oct. 19-31

Admission: \$12 Adults, \$10 Children

Why go: It's billed as being open year-round, on certain dates

For more info: (586) 582-9019 or

<http://www.drphobias.com>

Fear Factory

Location: 29300 Dequindre, Warren, next to Produce Palace

Hours: Opens at 7 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 19-31

Admission: \$16

Why go: Find the secret door and receive double your money back

For more info: (586) 216-2291

or <http://www.thefearfactory.com>

Haunted Terror Zone

Location: Johnny Appleseed Cider Mill, 26 Mile Road between Mound and Van Dyke, Washington

Hours: Opens at 7 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 20-31

Admission: \$18 Adults, \$12 Children 12 and under

Why go: Has multiple haunts, including a house, forest, graveyard, an electric chair, haunted putt-putt and bumper boats.

For more info: (586) 677-6666 or

<http://www.theterrorzone.net>

Slaughtered At Sundown

Location: 71800 Romeo Plank Road, north of 32 mile, Armada

Hours: Opens at 7 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 21, 22, and 28-30

Admission: Adults \$12 per event, \$20 for the combo

Why go: They advertise Hollywood-style effects, free cider and doughnuts

For more info: (586) 752-7669 or

<http://www.slaughteredsundown.net>

Urban Legends

Location: 35481 Gratiot, at 15 Mile, Clinton Township

Hours: 7 p.m.-midnight

Dates: Oct. 19-30

Admission: \$15 Adult, \$10 Children

Why go: In previous years, the haunt offered a chance to win your money back

For more info: <http://www.urbanlegendshaunt.com>

Oakland County

Amazing Corn Maze

Location: Leonard, Hagerman between Rochester and Dequindre

Hours: Friday 6-11 p.m., Saturday noon-11 p.m., Sunday noon-6 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 21-23, 28-30

Admission: \$7 daytime, \$10 nights; \$2 extra for hayride.

Children under 3 are free.

Why go: Fun for children during the day, including a petting zoo, airbrush tattoo and hay pile, over two miles of haunted maze at night.

For more info: (248) 628-4014 or

<http://www.amazingcommaze2001.com>

Haunted Winery

Location: 31505 Grand River, Farmington

Hours: Friday-Saturday 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Thursday, Sunday 7-10 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 20-23, 27-30

Admission: \$10 Adult, \$5 Children under 52 inches

Why go: This 7,500 square-foot attraction features 25 rooms inside the 120-year-old building.

For more info: (248) 477-8833

Mutilation Mansion

Location: 13 Mile west of John R. behind Civic Center Park, Madison Heights

Hours: Friday-Saturday 7:30 p.m.-midnight, Thursday-Sunday 7:30 p.m.-10 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 21-23, 27-30

Admission: Adults \$12, \$10 for kids under 10

Why go: It's their 40th anniversary

For more info: (586) 214-2835

Nox Year Two: The Blasphemous Damned

Location: Novi, Novi Road and Expo Center Drive

Hours: Monday-Thursday 7-11 p.m., Weekends 7 p.m.-1 a.m.

Dates: Oct. 19-31 (Open every night)

Admission: Adults \$17, \$10 Children 12 and under (Student discounts available)

Why go: It's rated 4 and a half stars by the Zioptis Foundation.

For more info: (248) 494-1592 or <http://www.noxdark.com>

Realm of Darkness

Location: 79 S. Glenwood, Pontiac

Hours: Opens at 7:30 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 20-31

Admission: \$17 for haunted house, \$5 for 3-D maze, \$20 for the combo

Why go: It's set up like a game, make the right decisions and you get a chance to meet the Wizard and earn prizes.

For more info: (248) 338-0029 or

<http://www.therealmofdarkness.com>

Wayne County

Chop Shop

Location: 26505 Homet, Grosse Ile

Hours: Friday-Saturday 7 p.m.-midnight, Thursday and Sunday 7 p.m.-10 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 20-23, 27-30

Admission: \$10

Why go: Self-proclaimed goriest haunt around

For more info: (734) 327-4907 or

<http://www.detroitchopshop.com>

Demon House

Location: 14256 Wyoming, Detroit

Hours: Friday-Saturday 6 p.m.-midnight,

Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday 6 p.m.-11 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 19-23, 26-30

Admission: \$10

Why go: It's haunted paintball, and you have to shoot your way out (Dress appropriately, you will be shot with paintballs)

For more info: (313) 986-5486

Detroit Legends

Location: 3901 Cass, at Seldon Road, Detroit

Hours: Opens at 7 p.m., closing times vary by date

Dates: Oct. 21-23, 28-31

Admission: Adults \$10, \$6 for children under 10

Why go: Proceeds benefit Cass' programs for homeless women and children

For more info: (313) 833-7730 or (313) 883-2277

Exfearience Haunted House

Location: 15525 Racho Road at The Gibraltar Trade Center, Taylor

Hours: Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m.-midnight, Thursday And Sunday, 7:30 p.m.-11 p.m.

Dates: Oct. 20-23, 27-30

Admission: \$13

Why go: It bills itself as an opportunity to make your own "movie like" experience, where customers experience their death.

For more info: (734) 913-9609 or

<http://www.taylorhaunt.com>

The Scream Machine

Location: Heritage Park on Pardee, Road, Taylor

Hours: 7 p.m.-midnight every night

Dates: Oct. 19-31

Admission: \$12 for The Scream Machine or \$16 for combo

Why go: Received 5 stars from the Zioptis Foundation

For more info: (734) 379-3778 or

<http://www.thescreammachine.net>

Idols take the stage

By MARINA CRACCHIOLO
The Oakland Post

Tickets were sold out for last week's talent show before the first half was over.

The crowd roared when actress Kim Cole from "Living Single" and "In Living Color" took the stage to host the show.

She did a five-minute standup describing her experiences on the various shows she has starred in.

Six judges from organizations on campus judged the 10 contestants participating in WOCOU Talent Show, which was sponsored by the Association of Black Students and Student Program Board.

The acts included singing, dancing, bands and instrumentals.

The first place prize of \$375 went to Richard Williams for his solo tap dance.

Williams, who appeared in a black-studded shirt with the words "Righteous Movement" written across his chest, jeans and a tweed blazer, was cheered on by the crowd.

He tapped to the electronically charged beats. When the music stopped, he made beats with the sound of his tap shoes and then picked up the beats of the music again.

Williams has been dancing for nine years, and has studied under legendary tap dancers such as Bruce Bradley.

Williams says he is passionate about tap dance culture and wants people to recognize it as growing artistic movement.

"Tap is not widely known, not in the public eye," he said.

Kara Kimmer, runner-up and last year's first place winner, sang "Amazing Grace" and received \$225.

O'Juman Edwards, third place, won \$175 for his vocal performance.

Fourth and fifth place prizes of \$50 certificates to the OU bookstore went to Speedhead, a band, and vocalist Tifani Vandenberg.

"I loved the show. People don't recognize different talent like that," said junior DeAnne Whitfield.

The disc jockey warmed up the crowds between acts. Students were dancing on the side of the stage, and Kim Cole invited some girls up to teach her the hustle.

Speedhead members they were appreciative of the enthusiastic crowd and felt welcome.

"I didn't like the sound system," sophomore Brandon Coney said. "It seems like they could have adjusted everything prior to the show to make it go smoother."

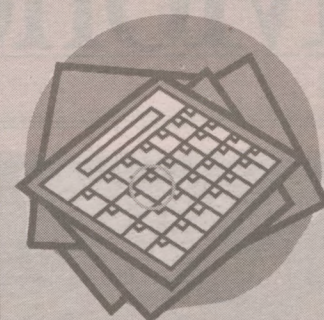
sophomore Brandon Q. Coney said.

Other members of the crowd said they are anticipating next year's show.

"I enjoyed it a lot and I am looking forward to there being another one, because I missed some. I want to see it from beginning to end," said Alexis Milner, a crowd member.

"This event provides dynamic entertainment for hundreds of students. The Association of Black Students and the Student Program Board deserve a lot of credit for their hard work," said Student Body President Michael McGuinness.

Life is full of choices



Monday, Oct. 24

The Association for Women in Communications is hosting "Careers in Communication and Journalism." The program is intended to help students decide what to do once they get their degree. It will be at 3 p.m. in Room 128 of the Oakland Center.

Tuesday, Oct. 25

The Muslim Student Association and Center for Multicultural Initiatives are collecting donations throughout campus to help out the Oakland County Food Bank. They are also asking students to fast on Tuesday. They hope to raise awareness of people who do not have a meal on their table. Those who pledge to fast — abstain from all food and drink during daylight hours — will be invited to break their fast at a large dinner provided by the MSA at 6:30 p.m. in the Kresge Library eating area.

— Compiled by Zenna Syeda/Senior Reporter

Audiences did not mind 'Waiting'

By CHERYL HIGGINSON
The Oakland Post

"The Waiting Room" successfully showed that, when it comes to beauty practices, women have changed little over time.

Written by Lisa Loomer, a contemporary female playwright, the play was an Oakland University production through the department of music, theatre & dance. It was directed by Karen Sheridan, associate professor of theatre, and the set was designed by faculty and students.

The play started out with an 18th century Chinese woman with bound feet, Forgiveness from Heaven, played by Stephanie Bonin, and a corseted woman, Victoria, played by Annie Phillips, in a modern day doctor's office discussing their ailments.

They joked in great detail about the pain and deformation that was happening to their bodies so they could be beautiful.

Later, Wanda, a modern day woman with unusually large breast implants, played by Renee Turner,

entered the conversation.

The actresses successfully get the serious message across by exaggerating how great the practices are and by explaining the reality of them, while also showing the unsettling logic of the society and time period of each woman.

You soon realize that these women and their practices mirror today's society.

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The play much needed questions about what is considered "beautiful" and what harm it may be doing to women, people and society.

"So often we look back at beauty practices and laugh at the ridiculousness of them, not realizing that we are doing the same thing today," said senior Adela Levis.

"Uninformed of all the implications of altering one's body in the name of beauty, we (women) continue to cut up our bodies with serious consequences to our physical and mental health. It was nice to see a serious subject portrayed in an entertaining way," she said.

For information on future productions, call the Varner Box Office at (248) 370-3013 or e-mail mtd@oakland.edu.



Photo courtesy of department of music, theatre and dance
The three main stars of the play, shown above, discussed the pain and deformation their bodies were subjected to in order to attain beauty.



Attention students, faculty and staff! Are you getting married, expecting a baby or celebrating an anniversary in the near future?

If so, please e-mail your information to life@oakpostonline.com or call (248) 370-4268. Announcements are coming soon to the Life section.





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Keep more cash in your wallet by budgeting how much you plan to spend on holiday gifts before going to the mall.

Planning can help reduce holiday shopping angst

(AP) — It's not too early to start thinking about a holiday spending strategy, not only to hold down debt, but also to reduce the stress that comes with putting things off to the last minute.

Many families may have less to spend for holidays this year because of the higher cost of gasoline and home heating fuel.

And some may be less comfortable spending as usual when they know so many people on the Gulf Coast are struggling to put their lives back together after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

"With time on our side — a couple of months in advance of the holidays — we have the opportunity to step back and ask, 'What's a reasonable amount of money I can spend on holiday festivities, gifts and donations?'" said Sheryl Garrett, head of a fee-only financial planning service based in Shawnee Mission, Kan.

Families can talk about what they really want, which may have less to do with buying things and more to do with spending time with people who matter or giving to those less fortunate, she added.

"Maybe it's a reaction to going overboard in the 1980s and 1990s, but I sense a lot of people are moving away from materialistic things (and) toward more thoughtful and meaningful holidays," Garrett said.

In fact, there are many tactics families can adopt for the holidays that don't bust their budgets for the rest of the year.

Linda Arroz, who was a professional shopper before she and a partner opened the Makeover Media business consulting firm in Los Angeles, suggests families make a list of the people they want to buy gifts for and set firm price limits.

"A lot of people just blunder out," she said. "They get caught up in the

music, the decorations, and they whip out that credit card and before they know it they've spent \$1,000."

She likes what she calls "gifts that last all year," like magazine subscriptions for hobbyists, whether they're into knitting or fly fishing, and annual memberships to museums.

And she's a fan of gift certificates. "You don't have to worry about choosing between those cashmere gloves or the acrylic gloves," she said. "Give them a certificate and let them be creative with it."

Arroz also thinks the holidays are a good backdrop for families to decide together on charitable contributions.

Many, this year, may want to contribute to hurricane survivors, she said. "There are also a lot of local charities that may not be doing very well this year that would really appreciate donations," she said.

Winter heating costs increase

LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Natural gas users in Michigan will likely see their monthly bills go up this winter by an average \$59 to nearly \$190, state utility regulators said Tuesday.

The 46 percent increase is due to a number of factors, but is largely because of the disruption to natural gas production in the Gulf of Mexico caused by Hurricane Ivan in 2004 and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita this year, the Michigan Public Service Commission said.

Over the 2005-06 heating year, the average natural gas user in Michigan is expected to pay nearly \$1,300 for heat, up 38 percent from \$944 in 2004-05, the commission said in its winter energy outlook released Tuesday.

Commission Chairman J. Peter Lark said the spike in this winter's natural gas rates could have been worse, but the state has been able to sock away more fuel than others because it has the largest underground natural gas storage capacity in the nation.

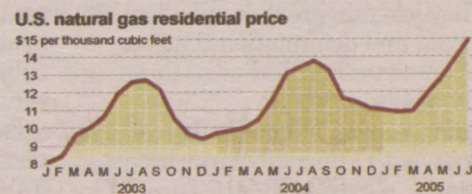
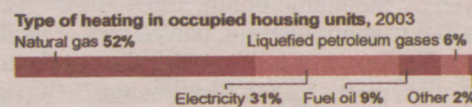
"It's hard to say we're very lucky," Lark said. "If there's a positive aspect to this, it's that Michigan's rates are among the lowest in the region."

Lark and the state's other two utility regulators — Monica Martinez and Laura Chappelle — encouraged residents to take steps to lower their heating bills by "winterizing" their homes and apartments.

They suggested turning down the thermostat during the workday, putting in energy efficient windows, or installing caulk or weather stripping along windows and doorframes.

Commissioners have also asked the state's two largest natural gas providers — Michigan Consolidated Gas Co. and Consumers Energy Co. — and other utilities to provide poor or elderly customers with a plan to protect them from heat shut-offs during the coldest months.

A costly winter for home heating expected



SOURCE: Energy Information Administration

AP



The Associated Press

With the aid of 50 gallons of dye, a fountain at Point State Park in Pittsburgh flows with pink water to draw attention to Breast Cancer Awareness Month and women's healthcare in general.

Awareness of breast cancer is key to disease prevention

By MARY MCKAY
The Oakland Post

In the time it will take you to read this article, one woman will be diagnosed with breast cancer.

According to <http://www.breastcancer.org>, one in seven women are diagnosed with the disease every year.

There will be 270,000 new cases diagnosed this year, and 40,000 may die from it. It is the second leading cause of cancer death among women, following lung cancer.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the focus is on early detection of the disease. Early detection leads to diagnosis at an earlier stage, when cancer is much easier to treat.

Many people are showing their support of the breast cancer awareness campaigns by wearing the color pink. Already this month, a sea of pink ribbons, T-shirts and wristbands are being sold to raise money to find a cure for breast cancer.

Awareness is key in early detection and treatment of breast cancer.

More than 90 percent of breast cancer cases are diagnosed at earlier stages, according to the American Cancer Society, and because of this early detection, breast cancer death rates have declined.

Dr. Erica Smith, an obstetrician and gynecologist from Beaumont Hospital, said that if a young woman has first degree relatives with the disease — a mother, sister or even father — a red flag should go up, and the doctor should order screening tests and further investigate the patient's family history.

"There needs to be a better consensus among doctors on when to start the baseline for the mammogram. Many now suggest it be started at age 35 instead of 40," Smith said. "If a patient finds a lump themselves and a mammogram or ultrasound does not verify it, that patient needs to be

Know your breast cancer risk

The National Cancer Institute cites the following situations as placing women at high risk for developing breast cancer:

- Family history of breast cancer
- Being overweight
- Having first menstrual period before age 12
- Remaining childless or having first child after age 30
- Frequent X-rays during youth
- Having a higher breast tissue density (making it difficult to detect cancer)

Important steps you can take to prevent breast cancer are:

■ **Start monthly self-exams by age 20** — If you don't know how to do a self-exam, visit www.breastcancer.org for step-by-step instructions on checking yourself for breast cancer.

■ **Get a doctor's exam every year** — Visiting your primary care provider or gynecologist annually may help you catch any problems early.

■ **Investigate family history** — Ask family members on both sides of your family if they have ever been diagnosed with breast cancer. Having this information can help your doctor to know that you are in a high risk group.

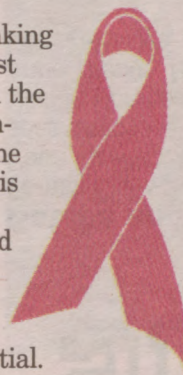
referred to a breast surgeon for further evaluation. Doctors should never ignore a lump detected on self-exams, even if tests do not confirm it."

Although breast cancer is quite rare in young women, when it is diagnosed, it is often a more aggressive form.

This is one reason all women need to know their risk and to be screened at a young age if they fall into a high-risk group.

Some lifestyle factors associated with high risk can be changed, such as drinking alcohol. Risk for breast cancer increases with the amount of alcohol consumed, so drinking one drink or less per day is recommended.

Lack of exercise and being overweight is also a risk factor, so participation in regular exercise is essential.



There is also evidence to support prevention through natural foods, supplements and activities.

According to Dr. Christine Horner, author of "Waking the Warrior Goddess," drinking green tea can help prevent breast cancer by decreasing the amount of estrogen a woman produces. She contends that green tea enhances the effectiveness of chemotherapy as it protects against organ damage.

Breast Cancer Awareness Month ends Oct. 31, but many awareness campaigns welcome donations and volunteers year-round.

For further information on breast cancer detection and treatments, or to donate, visit the Karmanos Institute at <http://www.karmanos.org> or the American Cancer Society at <http://www.cancer.org>.

— Money/Health Editor Blythe A. Simmons contributed to this report.

Did you know?: Women are not the only ones at risk for breast cancer — it can also strike men. Men make up less than 1 percent of all breast cancer cases.

Frezza blazes trail for teammates to follow

By ERIN MALLARD
The Oakland Post

Do you ever wonder what cross country runners think about during a race? The scenery, their shoes coming untied or maybe lunch?

Oakland University men's cross country runner Adam Frezza thinks about nothing.

"Basically the way I race is to just not think about things ... when you're thinking about things you're not very focused. There should be a blank screen in your head," Frezza said.

This kind of focus has led Frezza, one of three team captains, to five 1st place finishes among the Golden Grizzlies this year.

Frezza finished first among OU runners at Saturday's Pre-Nationals meet in Terre Haute, Ind. He finished 48th overall in the 217-competitor race, with a time of 24:44.5.

Frezza is in his fifth year at OU.

He was red-shirted last year, along with two other runners on the men's team, to allow them an extra year of eligibility, making this year's men's team more experienced and better prepared for a Mid-Con run.

"The best thing about Adam is what he's done for the team overall," head coach Paul Rice said.

"Obviously his individual running helps the team, but his progression as a runner from high school to the present is something the other guys on the team can look up to," he said.

In 2003, Frezza was OU's top runner.

He finished first among OU runners in every meet but one in both 2002 and 2003. Over the course of his years at OU, he has dropped his 8K time by over a minute.

"Adam wasn't always the number one runner on the team, but through his hard work during the season, and especially during the off-season, he has been able to establish himself as the number one runner," said women's cross country captain Kim Schultz.

This year, Frezza hopes to qualify for Nationals.

He will have to place at the regional meet in Bloomington, Ind., where the Grizzlies will compete against some of the top schools in the nation.

"With his drive and determination, it is a huge possibility," Schultz said.

Frezza likes fast food and spends as much time in his pickup truck as he does on his feet.

On Oct. 29, Frezza will lead OU at the Mid-Con Championship held at Valparaiso, Ind.

OU finished second to Notre Dame at the Crusader Invitational earlier this year, which was held at the same place the conference championship meet will be.

"It was good to get our runners some experience on that course," Rice said.

Frezza led the way there earlier this year, and his self expectations won't be any different in two weeks.

Frezza will switch on his powers of focus again Friday at the Eastern Michigan Fall Classic in Ypsilanti.

It's one of the last tune-ups before the Mid-Con.

SPORTS

Batcha and Manakova take game to Europe

Former OU women's basketball players Amanda Batcha and Petra Manakova have continued their playing careers overseas. Batcha is currently playing for the Horsholm Basketball Club in Horsholm, Denmark for former OU assistant coach Anne Thorius. Manakova is in Germany playing for the BBV Leipzig Eagles.

OU blanks Centenary to move up to .500

After a tough non-conference schedule the men's soccer team is at .500 for the first time this season. The Grizzlies defeated Centenary 2-0 to improve to 6-6 and 2-1 in the Mid-Con. Doron Draai and Jim Denk each scored for OU. The Grizzlies outshot the Gents 23-13, led by Draai's six shots.

OU cheerleading tryouts next week

Cheerleading tryouts for OU will be held Monday, Oct. 24 and Wednesday, Oct. 26. Tryouts will start at 6:30 p.m. on both days. Comfortable clothing and prior experience is recommended. For more information, e-mail Pam Gregor at plgregor@oakland.edu.

Volleyball splits pair of conference matches

The Grizzlies made quick work of Centenary on the road, but fell to Oral Roberts the next night in Mid-Con action. Adrienne Leone had 16 kills and Heather Lippert had 15 kills and six blocks in OU's 3-0 (30-20, 31-29, 30-27) victory over Centenary. Lippert had 11 kills in the Grizzlies 3-0 (30-23, 30-23, 30-16) loss to the Golden Eagles. OU (4-19, 3-4 Mid-Con) is currently in a three-way tie for fourth and final spot in the Mid-Con Tournament with seven conference matches remaining. The Grizzlies host UMKC (3-4 Mid-Con) 7 p.m. Friday and Western Illinois 7 p.m. Saturday.



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Whitney Lane goes up the spike.

Frezza top Grizzly at pre-Nationals meet

Senior Adam Frezza was the top OU finisher for a fourth meet in a row. Frezza finished the 8K event in 23:44.5, good for 48th place in the 217 competitor race. Paul Kulisek took 112th place, and Jason Young finished in 167th place for the Grizzlies. Junior Laura Fisher was the top finisher for the women's team. Fisher finished in 22:34.7, good for 139th place. Kim Schultz was the second OU competitor to finish and took 173rd place, and Katie Reilly took 178th place.

Four Grizzlies earn Mid-Con weekly honors

OU's soccer programs dominated the weekly awards in the Mid-Con this week. Junior Marianne Samdal and sophomore Jessica Howard earned Player of the Week honors for the women's team. Senior Jeff Wiese and freshman Wade Allan earned the same awards on the men's side. It was the eighth time in Wiese's career he has earned the award.

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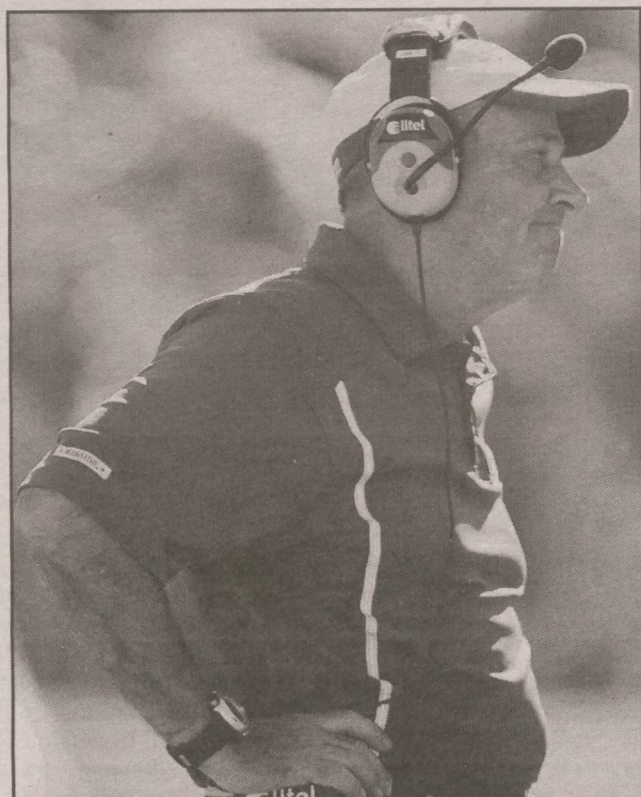


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Above: Joe Paterno has quieted the critics, leading the Nittany Lions to a 6-1 start. They are currently 10th in the BCS and are tied for the Big 10 lead. Paterno has shown that he will play freshmen and open the playbook when he has the team to do so.

Below: John L Smith coached Michigan State to a huge win over Notre Dame earlier in the season, but has yet to do it against the Big 10's elite. MSU suffered back-to-back losses to Michigan and Ohio State after starting the season 4-0. Penn State faces MSU in the regular season finale.

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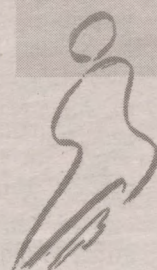
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Grizzlies shut out Jaguars

By DUSTIN FRUCCI
Sports Editor

Oakland University jumped on IUPUI early and coasted the rest of the way.

Three goals in the first were more than enough as the Grizzlies (6-6-1, 2-1 Mid-Con) shut out the Jaguars on Sunday.

Junior Marianne Samdal scored her fifth goal of the season when senior Kristi Swaving beat the Jaguar defense and found Samdal one-on-one with Jaguar goalkeeper Jessie Mann.

Just 6:34 into the game, the goal would end up being the game-winner, Samdal's third of the year.

Ten minutes after the Samdal goal, OU got on the board again. Senior Silje Peltopera took advantage of a miscue by the Jaguar defense and scored her first goal of the season.

OU added one more goal before the half. Mann came out of the net to defend, but Swaving beat her to the

left side and tapped in her team-leading ninth goal of the season.

For most of the first half the ball didn't leave IUPUI's side of the field.

In the second half, OU played to their lead and maintained good defensive position.

The Jaguars played with the wind in the second half and put up a better effort offensively, but were still not able to muster many real scoring chances.

OU out shot IUPUI 24-4 on the day, with nine of the Grizzlies' shots coming from Swaving. She now has 63 shots for the year, 40 of them on goal.

Grizzlies' goalkeeper Jessica Howard made three saves in the shutout. Mann had 10 saves for the Jaguars.

OU will celebrate its seniors today when they face Oral Roberts at 4 p.m. on the OU Soccer Field. It will be the final home game of the season and the last time the seniors will play on their home field.



Senior Kristi Swaving maneuvers around an IUPUI defender on Sunday. The Grizzlies defeated the Jaguars to move to 2-1 in conference play. Swaving will be honored with the rest of the seniors on the team when they play their final home game today at 4 p.m.

Big 10 Football

FACT or FICTION

Pemberton Frucci

John L. Smith is capable of leading MSU to a Big 10 title.

Pemberton: He is capable, but not until he can recruit better defensive players. Smith puts too much emphasis on Drew Stanton. The Spartans will go as far as Stanton takes them. If Smith wants to win the conference, he needs to do it by stressing defense.

Frucci: I think he puts too much emphasis on the big games, rather than treating each one the same. They won't win a Big 10 title until they can beat Michigan, and if they weren't able to beat the Wolverines last year or this year, I don't know when they will. With that said — sure, he's capable.

Michigan will not lose another Big 10 game this season.

Frucci: They'll lose another one. My guess is this Saturday at Iowa. There's also that nasty night game at Northwestern the following Saturday — 54-51 anyone? Michigan hasn't showed the mental composure to put together a string of wins yet this year.

Pemberton: That is a fact. Michigan beat an overrated Penn State team on the last second. I am not confident in this team on the road, so with games at Iowa and Northwestern, that is two potential losses. Indiana is a gimme, but Ohio State's linebackers could lead them past the Wolverines.

Penn State's program is back among the Big 10 elite.

Pemberton: Penn State was one tick away from being the runaway favorite to win the Big Ten, but that's one season. I think the programs recruiting will continue to suffer until ole JoePaw goes out to pasture, and this season likely bought him more time.

Frucci: Yeah, they are. The loss of Derrick Williams for the season hurts, but this team is loaded with young talent. The playbook is much more balanced than in the past. The only cause of concern would be the graduation of Marcus Robinson, who's been terrific in guiding the Lions to a 6-1 start.

Watching the Big 10 is better than watching the NFC North.

Frucci: Absolutely. Michigan-Penn State, Wisconsin-Minnesota, Michigan State-Ohio State — and that was just last Saturday! I'll take those over watching the Detroit Lions offense, the ill-effects of a Vikings boat trip or the impending 7-9 champion of the league.

Pemberton: The NFC North is a joke, but I'll take it over college football. College football is great, but it's not the NFL. I watch every Saturday, but until they invent Fantasy College Football, it's just not the same. You can have your rivalries, I'll take Brett Favre and Chicago's defense.