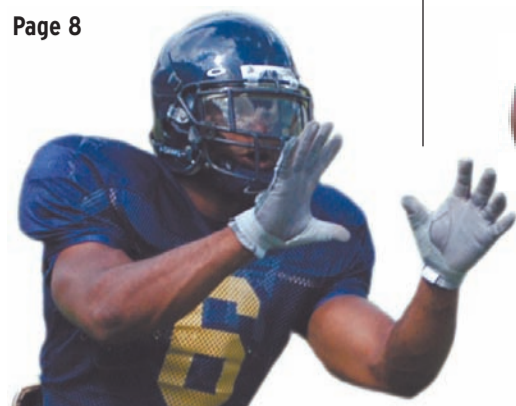


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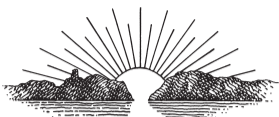
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Bush puts Bolton in U.N.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush installed embattled nominee John Bolton as ambassador to the United Nations Monday, bypassing the Senate after a testy five-month standoff with Democrats who argued that the tough-talking conservative was unfit for the job.

"This post is too important to leave vacant any longer, especially during a war and a vital debate about U.N. reform," Bush said at a White House ceremony with Bolton and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Bolton went directly from the White House to the State Department where he was sworn in. Within five hours of his appointment, he arrived at the U.S. Mission in New York to begin work.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan pointedly noted that Bolton was one of many U.N. ambassadors.

"I think it is all right for one ambassador to come and push," Annan said, "but an ambassador always has to remember that there are 190 others who will have to be convinced, or a vast majority of them, for action to take place."

Bush's appointment was the climax to a high-stakes test of wills with Democrats. Republicans failed twice to break a Democratic-led filibuster against Bolton's confirmation.

The president, after feuding for months with Democrats over judicial nominations, decided to defy his opponents and get his way with his U.N. candidate.

The shaggy-haired Bolton has been a sharp critic of the United Nations, a man who rarely muffled his voice for the sake of diplomatic niceties. His critics portrayed him as an uncompromising and hotheaded conservative who shut out or retaliated against any voices of caution or dissent. Bush said he was "the right man" to prod the U.N. to adopt difficult reforms.

Bush put Bolton on the job by means of a recess appointment, an avenue available when Congress is in recess. Under the Constitution, Bolton's appointment will last until a newly elected Congress takes office in January 2007.

The president has made 106 recess appointments, many of them judges. Bolton is the highest-level such appointment of Bush's administration and the first U.S. ambassador to the U.N. named by a recess appointment.

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U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton (R) speaks in the Roosevelt Room of the White House Monday where President George W. Bush announced his appointment in Washington.

Game-day grounds crew



Photos by Robbie Preece

Above: Brad Moser sets a sprinkler in the outfield of Miller Park to prepare the field for youth sport camps Monday morning. Bottom right: Before pitchers can take the mound, Moser makes sure it's groomed to perfection. Bottom left: JohnPaul Abbott's mower zooms by the stands in LaVell Edwards Stadium.

Busy, busy

BYU sports fields see more play time

By SARAH BILLS

The teams head to the locker rooms, the fans disperse and the stadium lights dim, but not everyone goes home.

The turf maintenance crew will spend the night on their hands and knees using nails to push and fold the grass back together where athletes left divots.

The entire cleanup process, including vacuuming the sidelines of shells, seeds and other debris, takes the crew about five hours.

It's a pittance compared with all of the time and work required to prepare and maintain BYU's playing fields.

BYU holds more sporting events — including collegiate and intramural games, practices, classes and camps — on their grass playing fields than any other university in the United States besides New York University.

While New York has 487 acres allotted to playing fields, BYU scrapes by with 27 acres, said Roy Peterman, BYU grounds director.

And with free play allowed on the fields in addition to organized events, the fields take a beating with little to no time to recover, he said.

Crews must constantly fertilize, aerate and dress the fields with a thin layer of sand in order to maintain them.

"There is a lot of behind-the-scenes kind of work," said Todd Munger, athletic event foreman over the football field. "The key to having a good field is maintaining and preparing it throughout the year."

With so much play, particularly on the intramural fields, the turf maintenance crew must work harder to sustain them, said Dave Schlotthauer, turf management foreman. But, the fields' popularity makes upkeep difficult.

"A lot of the fields are used almost continuously, so we have to sneak in between times to work on them," Schlotthauer said.

If administrators limited the amount of play on the fields, he said, the crew could maintain them better, but the fields were built for students to play on.

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BYU prof. conducts survey, aids courts

By ANGELA ROSE

BYU professor William Baker conducted a nationwide survey of city administrators to find essential factors that make public hearings successful and unsuccessful.

"The goal was to survey city managers from across the country and see what they found would work best to achieve effective public hearings," said Baker, a professor of organization. See **SURVEY** on Page 3

Texas may charge former Y player for sex crimes

By KRISTIN OWENS

A former BYU football player accused of gang-raping a 17-year-old girl in Provo is being investigated by Texas police in connection with two sexual assaults there.

Garland Texas police have evidence that B.J. Mathis, one of four football players dismissed from BYU last fall after being charged with sexual assault, may be connected to a separate assault that happened near Dallas this March, according to a court motion filed Thursday.

A Texas woman says she was assaulted by a young African-American male who had broken into her apartment on March 24. The Garland Police Department found a "dogtag" with Mathis' name and Social Security number on it at the scene and sent further physical evidence to the Texas crime lab for analysis, according to the motion. The testing will take several weeks to complete.

Mathis and another of the ex-football players charged with assault, Karland Bennett, have also been connected to a sexual assault episode in Richardson, Texas, according to the Utah County Attorney's office. The

case is similar to the incident that happened in Provo, as it involved a number of football players charged with intoxicating and raping a young woman.

Garland police called the Utah County Attorney's office after realizing that their sole suspect was also facing trial in Utah. The Attorney's office filed the motion asking Judge Samuel McVey to permit the pending Texas investigations as evidence in the upcoming trial.

Although the case is scheduled to go to trial on Aug. 24, the County Attorney's office said all the recent developments could lead to a delay.

Judge McVey has yet to rule on a motion by defense attorneys to change the trial venue.

Mathis' attorney was not available for comment Monday.

After the dismissals last fall and the heavy media coverage the incident garnered, the BYU football program has renewed its focus on honor code standards, BYU's director of football-media relations said.

"There's a renewed focus on discipline and accountability for yourself and your teammates," Jeff Reynolds said. "Obviously we're concerned with what happened in the past, even though we're looking forward." See **CRIMES** on Page 3

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Thunderstorms
High 91, low 61



WEDNESDAY

Thunderstorms
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Rebecca Nyandeng, the widow of John Garang is comforted by a family member in New Site village in Southern Sudan on Monday. Officials of the former rebel Sudan People's Liberation Movement (SPLM) began meeting on Monday to decide the future of the group after its leader Garang died in a helicopter crash.

Sudan grieves after death of vice president in crash

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) - Grief-stricken supporters of a former Sudanese rebel leader rioted in the capital Monday, smashing cars and shops and angrily blaming the government for their hero's death in a helicopter crash.

Despite doubts among the rioters, the southern rebel movement dismissed talk of a plot against Vice President John Garang and sought to keep alive the fragile north-south peace deal he championed for Sudan.

The 60-year-old Garang, who had been Sudan's first vice president for just three weeks, died Saturday along with 13 other people when their helicopter crashed into a mountain in southern Sudan in bad weather.

"I feel like all my hopes are now broken," said Ashraf Abdel-Hafez, sinking his head into his hands. Three weeks ago, the 26-year-old hotel employee beamed with excitement at the promise he saw in Garang's triumphant return to Khartoum. On Monday, he cried.

His Sudan People's Liberation Movement stressed that the crash was an accident, not foul play, and quickly named Garang's long-time deputy, Salva Kiir Mayardit, to succeed him as head of the movement and as president of south Sudan, spokesman Yasser Arman told The Associated Press.

Kiir will also likely be first vice president, according to the January peace agreement that says whoever is Sudan People's Liberation Movement leader will hold that position.

Monsoon death toll 1,000

BOMBAY, India (AP) — Renewed downpours lashed Bombay on Monday, slowing efforts to retrieve bodies as the death toll crept toward 1,000 after six days of rains that have paralyzed India's financial capital.

Floodwaters poured into houses in Bombay's northern suburbs, as navy divers tried to rescue people in low-lying areas. Residents were ordered to stay home for a second straight day as heavy rains, which began late Sunday, pounded western India.

"We didn't sleep the whole night seeing the water level rise," said Shakuntala Nath, 68, standing outside her water-filled shanty home in the Santa Cruz district. "Everything is wet; our beds, furniture, all our belongings. When will this stop, I wonder?"

Flooding and landslides have killed 924 people in western Maharashtra state in six days. As many as 421 people were killed in Bombay alone, officials said.



Reuters

An Indian fisherman unloads fish from his boat in Digha, 200 km (125 miles) southwest of the eastern Indian city of Calcutta, on Monday.

24 protestors released

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egypt's prosecutor-general released 24 protestors on bail Monday, after detaining them last week during a demonstration against President Hosni Mubarak's announcement that he would run for re-election for a fifth time.

The demonstration on Saturday by pro-reform activists was violently put down by plainclothed security forces, some of whom, surrounded protesters, kicked them in the head and ribs and tore at their clothes. Others lifted protesters in the air and hauled them off to police trucks.

Their lawyer said the detainees were charged with gathering illegally, shouting slogans that harm national security, disrupting the traffic and assaulting police. The Interior Ministry said earlier the demonstrators refused warnings to leave and threw stones at police.

The day after their arrest about 70 people demonstrated outside the prosecutor-general's office demanding their. Six of those detained are lawyers, six others are students, many of them belong to the pro-reform movement called Kifaya, or "Enough" in Arabic.



Reuters

GET ON YOUR HORSE

A jockey rides after competing in a race along the beach of the southern Spanish town of Sanlucar de Barrameda on Monday.

Castro: 'power problems being resolved'

The Associated Press

HAVANA (AP) - President Fidel Castro said Tuesday his government was revolutionizing Cuba's aging electrical system, asking a nation weary of recent breakdowns to be patient while his government works to fix the problems.

Summer heat in the 90s and hours-long blackouts that stop fans and water pumps and cause refrigerated food to spoil have increasingly irritated Cubans and led to reports of small, sporadic protests and scattered anti-government graffiti. While occasional blackouts are common every summer, Cubans say these are the most frequent and longest of recent years.

"We will overcome. Have a little bit of faith," the Cuban leader said in an address of nearly four hours marking the 52nd anniversary of his revolution. It celebrated his 1953 attack on a military barracks, but he did not come to power for another 5 1/2 years on Jan. 1, 1959.

The address before a select group of government faithful and foreign supporters inside Havana's Karl Marx Theater was an unusually controlled gathering that contrasted with the large assembling of masses usually organized for the main July 26 celebration.

Castro said the island's economy grew 7.3 percent in the first half of 2005, and recent attempts to depict Cuba as being in crisis were fabrications by the

communist nation's enemies. "No other revolutionary process has been able to count on as much consensus and overwhelming support as the Cuban revolution has," he said.

Castro also defended the detentions of dozens of opponents during a recent pair of public protests.

He said the government would respond the same way "as long as traitors and mercenaries go one millimeter beyond what the revolutionary people— whose destiny and lives are at risk going up against the most inhumane empire— are willing to permit." The audience, including hundreds of Americans who arrived this week with a humanitarian aid shipment, cheered Castro and waved large red, white and blue Cuban flags.

Castro also criticized international media based in Cuba, accusing some journalists of siding with the American government "and working in full complicity with the office of the U.S. Interests Section to misinform and deceive the world about the Cuban reality."

The current power crisis is among the more serious domestic challenges faced in recent years by Castro, who turns 79 next month and has been in power for 46 years.

"There is complete consciousness of the dissatisfactions, insufficiencies, shortages and, above all, of the challenges we must overcome ahead," Pedro Saez, the Communist Party chieftain for Havana, said in the party's Granma newspaper.

Tobacco smoke increases risk

The Associated Press

DALLAS (AP) — Exposure to cigarette smoke raises the risk among teens of metabolic syndrome, a disorder associated with excess belly fat that increases the chances of heart disease, stroke and diabetes, according to a study.

Researchers said it is the first study to establish such a link in teenagers.

"The bottom line to me is: As we gear up to take on this epidemic of obesity, we cannot abandon protecting our children from secondhand smoke and smoking," said lead author Dr. Michael Weitzman, executive director of the American Academy of Pediatrics Center for Child Health Research in Rochester, N.Y.

For the study, metabolic syndrome was defined as having at least three of five characteristics: a big waist, high blood pressure, high levels of blood fats called triglycerides, low levels of good cholesterol, and evidence of insulin resistance, in which the body cannot efficiently use insulin.

In the study, published Monday in the American Heart Association online journal Circulation, researchers found that 6

percent of 12- to 19-year-olds had metabolic syndrome and that the prevalence increased with exposure to tobacco smoke.

The study found that 1 percent of those unexposed to smoke developed the syndrome, 5 percent of those exposed to secondhand smoke had the disorder and 9 percent of active smokers had it.

Looking at teens who were overweight or at risk for being overweight, the effect of smoke was even more marked, with 6 percent of those not exposed to smoke developing syndrome, 20 percent of those exposed to secondhand smoke getting it and 24 percent of smokers suffering from the disorder.

"What this shows is that the percentages of kids who are at risk is vastly higher if they're overweight and they're exposed to secondhand smoke, down to very low levels," Weitzman said. Weitzman said it is not clear what it is about smoking that appears to make teenagers more susceptible to metabolic syndrome.

However, in adults smoking has been linked to insulin resistance, a risk factor for metabolic syndrome. Doctors also point out that smoking can lower levels of good cholesterol and raise blood pressure, two more markers for the disorder.

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New U.S. ambassador to the United Nations John Bolton arrives at the U.S. mission to the U.N. in New York Monday. President George W. Bush bypassed the Senate and installed Bolton as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations on Monday over protests by Democrats.

Bush installs John Bolton

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Addressing concerns that Bolton's hand had been weakened by the process, Bush said the diplomat had "my complete confidence. ... He will speak for me on critical issues facing the international community."

Republican Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio, who had stunned the White House by opposing Bolton, said he was disappointed by Bush's decision.

"I am truly concerned that a recess appointment will only add to John Bolton's baggage and his lack of credibility with the United Nations," Voinovich said.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., called the appointment "shameful and irresponsible." Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada called Bolton "seriously flawed and weak-

ened." Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., said Bolton was a man who "bullies, marginalizes and undermines those who do not agree with him."

However, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said: "The president did the right thing by sending Mr. Bolton to the U.N. He is a smart, principled and straightforward candidate, and will represent the president and America well on the world stage."

"Let's not prejudice his behavior," said Brazil's U.N. ambassador, Ronaldo Mota Sardenberg. "Let's wait for how he comes and what he says here. ... The tendency here at the United Nations is for us to work together. So I hope that this general tendency will prevail."

An attorney, Bolton had been undersecretary of state for arms control and international security since May 11, 2001, and earlier he held a variety of jobs

at the departments of Justice and State under Republican administrations.

Democrats complained that the White House had refused to turn over classified information on Bolton's tenure as arms control chief. They said he was an ideologue who lacked the diplomatic touch to advance U.S. interests at the world body and repair the American image abroad. And they said that Bolton had twisted intelligence to fit his hawkish philosophy.

The Democrats and the White House deadlocked over Bolton's acknowledged request for names of U.S. officials whose communications were secretly picked up by the National Security Agency. Democrats said the material might show that Bolton conducted a witch hunt for analysts or others who disagreed with him.

The top Republican and Democrat on the Senate Intelli-

gence Committee received a limited briefing on the contents of the messages Bolton saw, but they were not told the names.

Bolton succeeds former Sen. John Danforth, who retired in January. The job has been filled temporarily by Anne Patterson, a career foreign service officer.

CRIMES

Police investigate former BYU player

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Everyone is aware of it, it's been publicized, but what the athletic administration is concerned about is what happens from today on."

This new focus is being carried over into the recruiting process, he said, as coaches make a considerable effort to ensure that future players have a "very good understanding" of what will be expected of them when they come to BYU, both from a competitive and Honor Code standpoint.

One team member said that the program has become more focused on spirituality and academics as well as athletic performance, so that players are "always on our toes".

"It's a shame that something like that happened," safety Dustin Gabriel said of the rape allegations. "Those things happen in every program, but at BYU we represent the Church and so much more than most schools, we need to be on a higher plane."

BYU football program administrators are dedicated to their new focus, and are hopeful that it will prevent future problems.

"Will we be able to prevent these things from happening in the future? I don't know that," said Reynolds. "But no one will be able to say that there wasn't a tremendous amount of effort put in to see that it didn't happen."

SURVEY

BYU professor aids cities in court decisions

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zational leadership and strategy in BYU's Marriott School of Management. "We want cities to make good decisions, and we also need to get support from the public. Effective hearings can achieve greater understanding so a better decision will be made."

Forty-six of 50 states responded to the survey with 256 responses in total. His questions focused on improving the quality of public hearings. Baker's findings were published in the July-August issue of "Public Administration Review," a top public administration journal.

Professors H. Lon Addams and Brian Davis at Weber State University helped in the administration of the survey to 500 city managers in cities with populations of 25,000 to 99,999.

The research shows that managers should carefully prepare for hearings, effectively publicize the hearing, launch the meeting well, keep things moving, pay attention and follow up effectively after the meeting.

"We are a government of the people and by the people," Baker said. "If we work together we'll do better than if in isolation. We can get more involvement and more support by getting the community involved earlier in the process, rather than at the end once the deci-

sion is made."

Peter Christensen, senior managing editor and policy analyst, said Baker's research on public hearings offers timely and useful insights on how to enhance this basic participation technique.

Baker decided to conduct the survey after being involved in a number of ineffective public hearings in his hometown.

"Citizens were very angry and upset," Baker said. "I thought the city could've handled it differently. A public hearing can go one of two ways. It can become a combating community event, or the non-event of the year."

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William Baker
BYU Professor

His research can also be applied to students in their jobs, church councils and city councils, he said. Just like in city councils, if corporations want good decisions and support from employees, managers need to involve employees early and often.

"We make better decisions as they come together," Baker said.

The U.S. government wants citizens to be involved, and public participation is at the very core of it, he said.

"Voting is the most basic way citizens become involved, and public hearings is probably the second," Baker said. "Too often public hearings fail because cities don't handle them correctly."

GROUNDS CREW

BYU fields hold more events than any university but NYU

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Ideally, he said, he'd like to see more fields built so athletes could use some fields while allowing others to rest. But because administrators turn away perspective intramural teams every year, too many fields would need to be built to keep up with the demand.

The artificial Astroturf field, which can handle constant play without deteriorating, has helped with the effort. The field is located just north of the Student Athlete Building. It also allows teams to practice during inclement weather when play would damage other fields.

On top of basic upkeep, the crew puts in a solid workweek preparing a field for a game.

Though the crew follows the same basic routine when readying all of the athletic fields, the football field requires extra work.

"I call it my adopted son," said Schlotthauer, who said he has a hard time watching BYU home games because he doesn't like seeing the grass damaged.

He said he's even more afraid

the sod will rip and trip a Cougar, causing the player to miss a catch or a tackle.

After edging and mowing the field, the tedious painting process begins.

Crewmembers use three souped-up '63 Volkswagen Bugs, each complete with a 60-gallon paint tank to mark the lines. Ropes, stretched across the field, guide the operators.

They paint the numbers using a hand-held wand, attached to the paint machines, and 6-foot by 4-foot stencils. Because the job can be tricky and spills or drips occur frequently, the crew keeps water buckets and rags on hand to wash the drips off the field.

Workers remove discolored chunks of grass and replace them with plugs of grass from BYU's off-campus sod and tree farm. To ensure the grass plugs look like the rest of the field, they treat the grass at the sod and tree farm exactly the same as the grass on the playing fields.

All in all, BYU holds a higher standard for their fields than most other universities, Schlotthauer said.

DID YOU KNOW

■ The baseball field slopes five feet from the east to the west side because when the grounds crew built it 30 years ago, they used an irrigation system to water the field instead of a sprinkler system.

■ The football field is built on a 12- to 14-inch sand layer above the native clay soil, enabling roots to spread out and grow deeper. Grounds crew regularly applies a thin top-dressing of sand to most all of the playing fields.

■ The first year the crew laid sod on the football field, big chunks of sod ripped off whenever players started or stopped quickly. The crew remedied the problem by spreading four to six inch pieces of green nylon yarn over the field.

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Janielle Christensen

Artistic Director of Living Legends

Janielle Christensen became active in professional theatre and music at an early age, cohosting a daily television show at 12 and joining the Musicians Union at 14.

For the past 35 years, Janielle has been involved in producing and directing summer theatre, performing groups, trade shows for national corporations, a family-oriented TV series, and large multimedia outdoor pageants. She has also served as a member of the board of advisors and as a producer/director for Promised Valley Playhouse in Salt Lake City. She was the producer of the *Pioneer Sesquicentennial Spectacular* in LaVell Edwards Stadium in 1997, and most recently served as associate director and media spokesperson for

the *Light of the World* and *Luz de las Naciones* at the Conference Center.

As artistic director of BYU's Young Ambassadors and currently of the Living Legends, she has taken these performing groups around the world, bringing uplifting family entertainment to millions of people through live and televised productions. She also is a producer for the School of Music, a member of the Music Dance Theatre Program faculty, and artistic director for the annual Homecoming Spectacular. Recently she received the College of Fine Arts and Communications' highest administrative award for excellence.

Janielle lives in Orem where she enjoys visits from her three children and seven grandchildren and serves as a Relief Society teacher in her ward.

Astronauts fix space station, will work on shuttle next

Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — As NASA mulled what to do about fabric dangling from Discovery's belly, two astronauts floated outside Monday with another key task: to replace a failed washing machine-sized spinning wheel that helps to steer the international space station.

Astronauts Stephen Robinson and Soichi Noguchi spent five hours exchanging the broken down 660-pound gyroscope, which failed in 2002, with a new one.

"Oh, the view is priceless," Noguchi said as he hitched a ride to Discovery's cargo bay on the outpost's robotic arm. "I can see the moon."

With Robinson's help, Noguchi secured the controller aboard the shuttle and retrieved the new gyroscope for installation. After hours of tedious bolting and unbolting with specialized silver drivers, the pair completed the installation.

"This is just like putting in an airplane engine," said Robinson, a pilot.

"Just wiggling until you get it," Noguchi responded, causing his partner to chuckle.

"Yeah, exactly. Prepare to wiggle," Robinson said.

Both continued bolting and wiggling until the unit was tightly attached.

Their seven-hour-plus spacewalk came a day after NASA officials said they may consider sending them to repair material dangling from Discovery's belly during a third spacewalk scheduled for Wednesday.

Before going back inside, Robinson and Noguchi gathered a pry bar and forceps from an outdoor tool box to use for the

potential shuttle repair. It took both of them to force open the box, on a count of three. "Yeah!" they shouted when the lid finally popped open.

There remains debate among engineers and others over how to handle what would be an unprecedented repair.

During their first spacewalk Saturday, the pair restored power to another gyroscope, which had stopped spinning in March. The gyroscopes are among four that help steer the station.

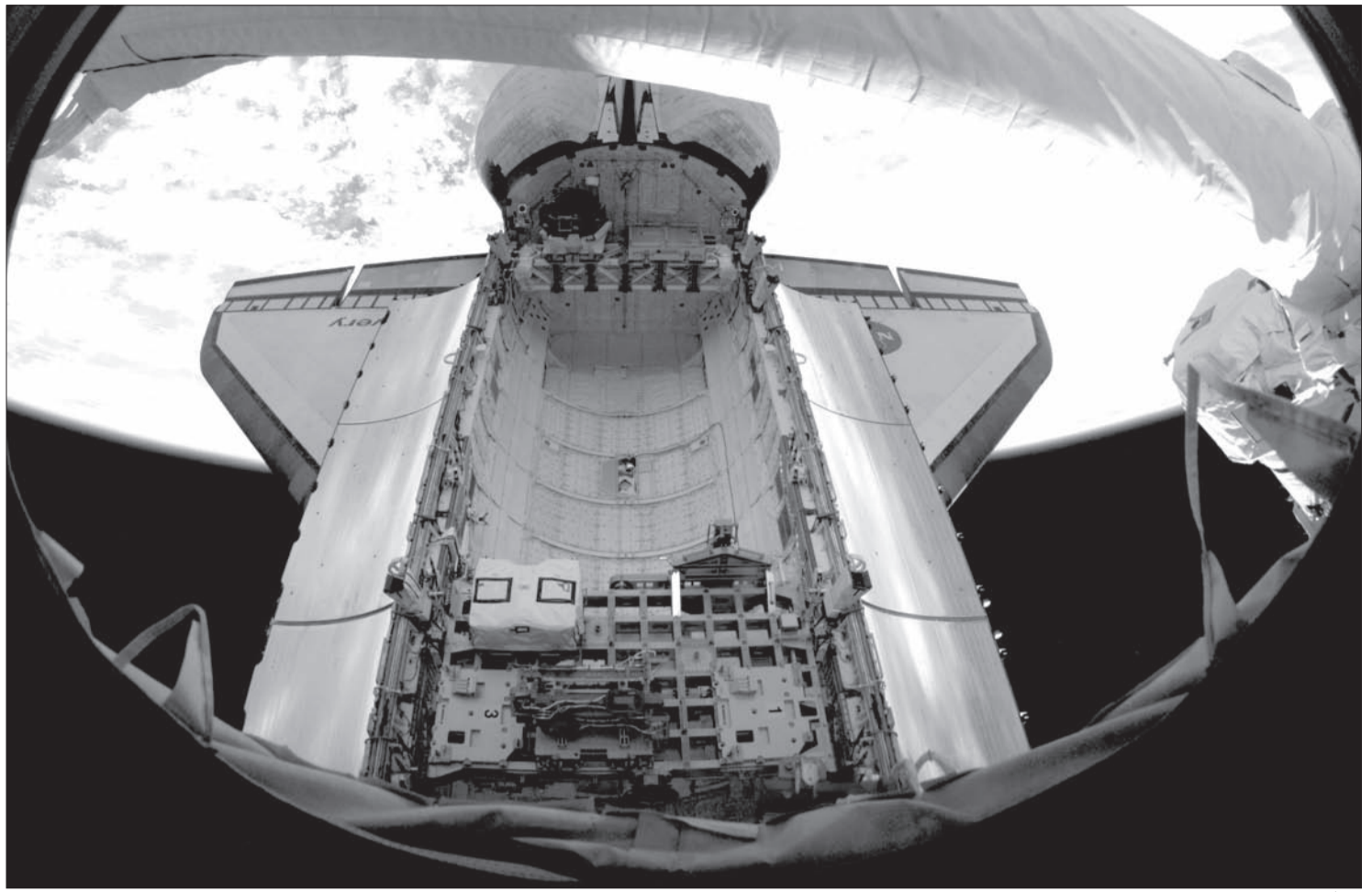
"Being outside was the most incredible experience I've certainly ever felt so far, and I almost can't believe we get to do it again," Robinson said Sunday as he prepared for his second orbital outing.

Only two of the four gyroscopes that control the orientation of the orbiting science lab have worked recently. Once power was restored to the third gyroscope Saturday, one of the two that continued spinning was given a break because its 6,600 revolutions per minute had become sluggish.

Once Discovery undocks from the station Saturday, NASA hopes to have all four gyroscopes operating simultaneously for the first time in three years.

NASA officials were scrambling to determine if repairs were needed by the astronauts. Some engineers worry the material that is protruding from between thermal tiles in two areas beneath the shuttle near its nose could trigger potentially treacherous overheating during re-entry.

NASA officials stressed that Discovery and its crew could be perfectly safe flying back with the exposed filler. Space shuttles have flown with exposed filler many times before, just not necessarily with such a large pro-



Reuters

A view of the docked space shuttle Discovery's payload bay, captured by an International Space Station camera during flight day 5 on Saturday. Astronauts sent to service the space station and make repairs may now have to fix Discovery after loose material was found dangling from the underside of the shuttle.

trusion.

One piece is sticking out 1.1 inches. The other protrudes at an angle from six-tenths to nine-tenths of an inch. The general wisdom and flight history indicate that the limit should be a quarter-inch, said flight director Paul Hill.

One solution would be to pull the filler completely out or fold it back in. Another could be to cut it, said Steve Poulos, manager of the orbiter project office.

Deputy shuttle program

manager Wayne Hale said more technical information is needed and the risks of causing further damage by going underneath the shuttle need to be considered.

"We certainly don't want to make the situation worse than it is," he said. "My immediate knee-jerk reaction was that we can live with this. On the other hand, this is bigger than we have seen before."

In 24 years of shuttle flight, astronauts have never ventured

beneath their spacecraft in orbit and have made few repairs to their ship.

If NASA's spacewalking specialists can come up with an easy fix, Hale says correcting the problem may be worth eliminating concern about flying home with the protrusions.

"Why would you not just go take care of it?" he asked. "Why should I lose sleep over these gap fillers if we can take care of them that easy?" The tools are

aboard Discovery and the crew has already been trained how to cut the fillers, Poulos said. The filler keeps the shuttle's thermal tiles from damaging one another as the spacecraft heats up during re-entry and its protective thermal tiles expand.

Hale said the analysis isn't complete.

"I certainly think the jury is out at this point as to whether or not we will do anything," he said.



Photo courtesy of Chinyere International

Models trained by Chinyere Sam, a UVSC senior from Barbados, pose for a promotional photo. Sam began the ethnically diverse modeling agency in Orem, fulfilling a lifelong ambition.

Cashing in on Utah diversity?

Student finds local model agencies lacking, starts her own

By SARAH BILLS

At 5'1", she's not generally considered tall enough to be a runway model. And casually dressed in a jogging suit, Chinyere Sam looks a bit like a tomboy, her friends say.

But, that hasn't stopped the UVSC senior of Barbados from fulfilling a life-long dream of opening her own ethnically diverse modeling agency — an agency that recently landed a commercial for the UPN television network.

Since its beginnings in February of this year, Chinyere International, the Orem-based modeling agency, has attracted 20 models, mostly students, who come from Honduras, England, Brazil and various African countries among others.

"We started this company because there was a void that needed to be filled," Sam said. "Beauty comes in all shapes, sizes and races, and so I decided people need to see what Utah has to offer."

Sam, who began modeling in Barbados, continued her career after arriving in the United States, but she said she saw a lack of diversity, professionalism and talent in most Utah modeling agencies. She also

said she noticed a stereotype in the fashion world: Utah produces second-rate models.

Seeing an ethnically diverse pool to draw from in Utah County, she began training models in her own agency in order to remedy the situation.

"I want to make it one of the most prestigious and most articulate agencies here in Utah so that people from New York or California can come and hire my models with confidence," Sam said.

Her vision is huge, she said, with plans to open similar agencies throughout the nation and the world that represent all ethnicities and ages. She trains models for three categories: runway, commercial and fitness. But, visions like that come at a cost.

Ezzi Alahwal, a UVSC junior from Yemen who manages the agency, said the company started from scratch with just himself and Sam training models, managing the business and presiding over the company. Sam even quit her job in order to devote her time to the agency.

She said she is seeking a loan, but right now, the agency's funding comes out of her own pocket.

Chinyere International

doesn't charge models an entry fee like most agencies, she said, but models will return 20 percent of their earnings to the agency.

"As much as we need money, I don't feel that it's right to take money from students like myself," she said. "It's a bit tough, but I can see the great potential in the people we have. I believe that if I give them all the necessary training and invest in them, they will go out and I strongly believe they will produce quality work."

Murielle Moliere, 44, from Haiti, is Sam's assistant and said she's seen Sam's training work for her 13-year-old daughter, who looks like a professional after only one month of tutelage.

Moliere said she's confident that Chinyere International will continue to grow in success and in size.

It's a dream coming true for Sam, who said she hopes landing the commercial with UPN will help make potential clients aware of all of the ethnicities they represent. The agency also plans to develop their clientele and make producers and directors aware of their presence in part through holding a spring and fall fashion show each year.

Spending a slow summer

By MICHAEL J. KOBERLEIN

With more than half the BYU population gone for the summer, some local businesses experience a decrease in profit and a high turnover rate, but they still survive.

Mike Tippets, Macey's store director, said during the fall and winter semesters, sales increase 10 to 15 percent. When people leave for the summer, profit decreases for a period of time, but it's nothing to worry about.

"When the students leave for the summer there's a few months where it's like 'man what happened,' but when they come back you realize real fast what you were missing," he said.

A lot of students leave for the summer holidays, but Provo shoppers increase their spending during the season, Tippets said, so there's not a huge difference in profits.

Tippets, who has worked at

about every Macey's, said the difference he's seen in Provo is the high turnover rate.

"Right now a lot of people are telling us that they need to go to school so we need to cut back on hours and hire a bunch more part-time help," he said. "It doesn't pose a problem because we get so many applicants. ... It's not hard to hire but we do have to hire a lot."

In the fast food industry, Wendy's in Provo does really well because of their value menu, said Field Marketing Manager Cheryl Preyer.

The product mix in Provo calls for a larger inventory of value menu products because there are many students living on a student budget, she said, and a lot of students

"I believe that's one of our stronger stores," Preyer said. "They do well across the board, whether it's the amount of people coming in or the amount of money people are spending."

Laura Washington, Jamba Juice general manager, said fall and winter semester sales are dead because of the weather and the holidays, but business starts to pick up during spring graduation and finals week.

"With our business, summer is the busiest time of year," she said.

Washington said she has noticed that the Provo store, in comparison with other stores, has busier nights because of students out on dates. For that reason, they stay open later than a typical Jamba Juice.

She said she has a really high employee turnover rate between semesters.

"Usually about a month before the semester ends I'm hiring to replace the students we're losing," she said. "We've kind of gotten used to it over the years. It would make things easier if the turnover rate wasn't so high, but that's just how it is in a college town."

BYU proves good site to find salespeople

By RYAN DI LELLO

Door-to-door sales recruiters say BYU has become the No. 1 place to recruit new representatives for their companies because of the skills students learn on two-year missions.

Nate Shillig, a BYU student who worked as a manager for Icon Security Systems, recruited 60 percent of his salesmen from BYU last year. Shillig said a good work ethic is something that sets BYU returned-missionaries apart from everyone else.

"The key to door-to-door sales is 90 percent work ethic and 10 percent skills," Shillig said. "We recruit a lot of return missionaries because typically, return missionaries are associated with hard work."

Because BYU is such a hot spot for recruiting, Shillig said his friend from California came all the way out to BYU to recruit return missionaries to sell pest

control. Shillig said his friend came here looking for representatives who have the right look to be successful in door-to-door sales.

"The local guys don't even compare to the clean-cut, good-looking Mormon kids that go out and work hard," Shillig said. "They do a lot more business."

Shillig said all four of his pre-mission sales representatives went home before the end of the summer, and the only ones to stick it out were return missionaries.

For those that stick it out, Shillig said a conservative estimate of what representatives at his company make is about \$20,000 a summer.

BYU student J.J. Lant sold satellite systems for Linx Satellite, a summer job Lant said was in some ways similar to his two-year mission in the Philippines.

"It was a similar situation to my mission because most people, without even talking to you, would just shut the door in your

face," Lant said. "However, it was much easier to take the frustration on the mission because of the motivation."

Spencer Anderson, a BYU student majoring in economics, currently works as an office manager of I-Satellite in Anaheim, Calif. For Anderson, staying self-motivated is the main factor that determines a person's success in this kind of job.

"This is the most mentally and emotionally taxing job that you could ever imagine," Anderson said. "It's a battle within yourself to stay motivated. For anyone who can't motivate yourself, don't do it."

Although he will make about \$50,000 by the end of the summer, Anderson said he's not out there just for the money.

"This really can test what kind of man you are," Anderson said. "It gives you the opportunity to really test yourself and see what's inside yourself. If you can do this, you can do anything."



Kristine Bone, of Kaysville, reads on a bench at Brigham Square during Education Week 2004.

Photo by Mario Ruiz

Ed week to focus on Joseph Smith

By JACK SHIRTS

An organist plays prelude hymns while thousands of people fill the Marriott Center. A bustle of anticipation spreads through the room as the crowd waits to hear a General Authority speak.

The scene is not uncommon to students who attend weekly campus devotionals, but each August, a different, more mature crowd flocks to campus for BYU Education Week.

From Aug. 15 to 19, approximately 22,000 people will attend classes and other events associated with the program. This year's theme is "The Prophet Joseph Smith: 'Whom I Did Call Upon to Bring Forth My Work.'"

"Education Week isn't an official part of the Church's commemoration of Joseph Smith's birthday, but due to the singular nature of his life events, we wanted to give special recognition to the prophet," said Neil Carlile, director of Education Week. "He was such a remarkable person. His work, faith and legacy continue to bless the lives of millions of people."

Bishop Richard C. Edgley, First Counselor in the Presiding Bishopric of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

will give the campus Devotional address Aug. 16, focusing his comments on "Joseph Smith the Prophet."

The Devotional and 11 classes by other prominent speakers will be broadcast on Church Satellite and BYU-TV Sept. 13-16.

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Neil Carlile
Director, Education Week

"We think this [Education Week] is one of the prime ways the university makes its resources available to members at large," Carlile said. "The program also helps people to continue learning throughout their lives."

Carlile said some participants come to hear expert teachers on a variety of subjects, attending just for the pure joy of learning.

Lydia Scholes of Germantown, Md. has attended Education Week programs since 1973. She said the experience has always been re-

freshing and enlightening. She said it has helped her gain new perspectives and a vision of ways to improve her life.

Education Week began as Leadership Week in 1922 and didn't offer any youth courses until 1958. The program, which had a name change in 1963, now offers classes to anyone age 14 or older.

"We feel that people over the age of 14 can monitor themselves," said Bruce Payne, program administrator for Education Week. "This allows for whole families to attend the program."

A dance and more than 90 of the total 1100 classes are geared toward youth participants.

In addition to classes, musical performances will be offered each evening in the Harris Fine Arts Center. These include performances by Jenny Oaks Baker, Michael McLean, Hilary Weeks, Kenneth Cope, Cheri Call and Julie de Azevedo. A new play, "Parley P. Pratt's Great Escape," will also be presented.

It takes six hundred volunteers to run the program. Payne said he was amazed at the response of so many people willing to help. Around 550 have already committed to volunteer this year.

For a schedule of classes, events, broadcast and registration information, see education-week.byu.edu.

Living Legends director to speak at Devotional

By JACK SHIRTS

Janielle Christensen, artistic director of BYU's Living Legends performing group, will speak today at 11:05 a.m. in the de Jong Concert Hall for a campus Devotional.

Live broadcasts will be available on campus in the Joseph Smith Building auditorium and the Varsity Theater in the Wilkinson Student Center. KBYU-TV, BYU-Television, KBYU-FM (89.1), BYU-Radio satellite networks and byubroadcasting.org will air simultaneous live broadcasts.

In her address titled "And You Present Me Wings," Christensen will discuss many of the experiences Living Legends have had to give "wings" to people throughout the world, allowing them to gain a vision of a better tomorrow.

"The main message is that all of us are part of a noble heritage, an elect generation," Christensen said. "Opportunities to reach out to others around the world are not just reserved for performers; all of

us have that responsibility."

Christensen has been the director of Living Legends, BYU's Native American, Latin American and South Pacific performing ensemble, since 1990. She has traveled with the group to four continents and more than 50 countries, showcasing the talents and cultures of students.

Tau Ioane was a member of last year's Living Legends. He said Christensen is well qualified to give a Devotional address.

"She always wants to make sure that we remember that this group is part of BYU, but is a missionary tool also," Ioane said. "People come to the performances not knowing exactly what to expect but they get to feel the spirit."

Living Legends member Rachel Johnson said Christensen's attitude and energy had a huge influence on the performing group.

Johnson said the student body can expect Christensen to share a lot of spiritual experiences. She said Christensen has helped members of Living Legends and others around the world to have their testimonies strengthened.

Man gives up law career to pursue performing

By ISELIN JOHANSEN

Few people would give up a successful career as a lawyer to pursue a future in the unpredictable and merciless entertainment business — yet Justin Elswick did just that. He made the bold move of trading a secure life for the chance to follow his dreams.

Elswick, a Southern California native, has been accepted to the prestigious University of Southern California School of Cinema-Television, and he is releasing his first CD in a couple of months.

"I feel a responsibility to create art that is affecting people," Elswick said.

According to Elswick, music has always been one of the main focal points of his life.

"When I was 3 years old my parents got me a Fisher-Price record player and I was just obsessed with it," Elswick said.

Since then, Elswick has nurtured a great love for music. He has basically taught himself everything he knows about making music, and for several years he has been writing and producing music from a multi-track system at home, with the aspirations of one day being able to share his music with others.

Now that his hopes are becoming a reality with the release of his debut CD "The Dawnseeker," Elswick is experiencing a lot of excitement and satisfaction.

"Many people have been really positive in response to my album," Elswick said.

But he has no intentions of stopping there. By embarking on a 3-year venture of film school, Elswick hopes to bring his ideas to life in cinematic form.

"There are so many great

stories that need to be told," Elswick said.

Elswick said he has already developed a number of story ideas for movies, one of which was inspired by his master's thesis work studying the European witch hunts.

Elswick said he has no plans to return to practicing law, but rather hopes to spend the rest of his life directing movies and making music.

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Justin Elswick
Musician and aspiring filmmaker

"If you want to work with film and make a living of it you have to devote a lot of time," Elswick said. "Music is a little more accessible in that you can still make great music without having to do it full time."

Elswick graduated from BYU's J. Reuben Clark Law School in 2001 and has been working as a general civil litigator since then. Although Elswick describes his law profession as mentally challenging and stimulating, it still left him wanting.

"Now that I have accomplished law, I am just not completely emotionally satisfied with it," Elswick said.

Elswick said he chose to pursue a career in law partly in response to the environment he grew up in.

"I basically did law as a responsible safety net for my

life," Elswick said. "My dad was disabled in Vietnam and my mom was a stay-at-home mom — when I was growing up we had no money at all and I always felt a lot of pressure to make sure that I prepared for a stable career."

When Elswick told family and friends he had decided to ditch law and instead focus on making movies, he was met with the response, "You should have done this a long time ago."

Elswick's parents were not at all disappointed, but said they would always be completely supportive of their son's decisions as long as he chose to follow good principles they taught him.

"My family has always been really supportive of everything I've ever wanted to do," Elswick said. "They've never deterred me; they always encourage me."

And although he is only in the early stages of his new entertainment career, Elswick already has a solid fan base.

"He's one of the most fascinating, intelligent people I've ever met," said Lisa Bleazard, long-time friend.

Friends and acquaintances describe Elswick as a true renaissance man.

"He's the most versatilely talented person — law, music, film," said Brian Probst, a friend of Elswick.

Elswick said he is positive about the future.

"Both directing and making music could take off," Elswick said.

And while he hopes to accomplish much in his career, there are also a few other things Elswick would like to see happen in his personal life.

"I'm really proud of the things I've done," Elswick said. "But I'm 33 years old and I'm starting to feel the importance of having a family."

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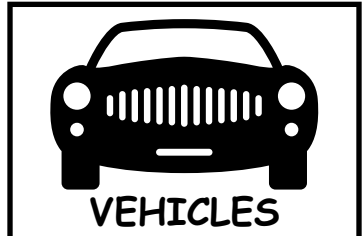
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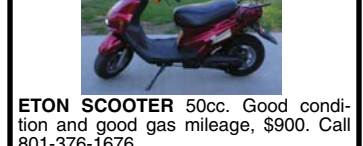
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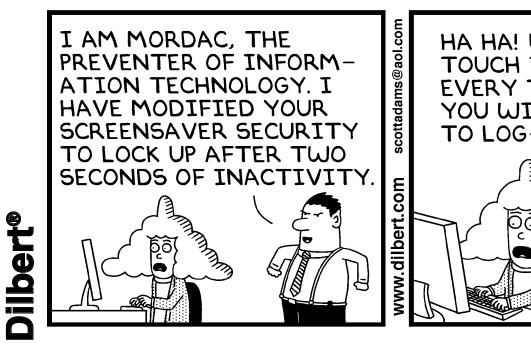
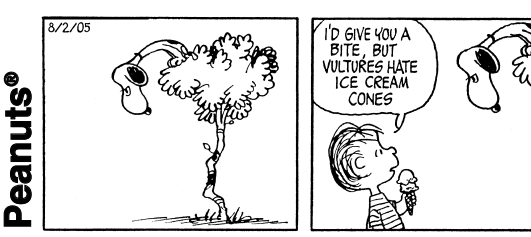
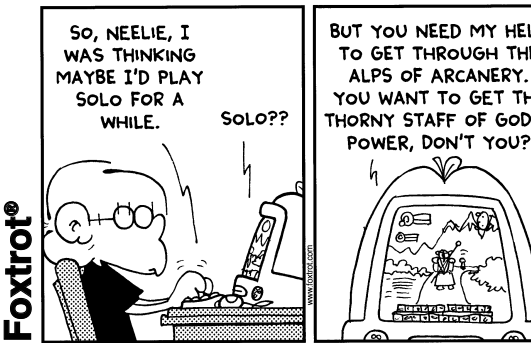
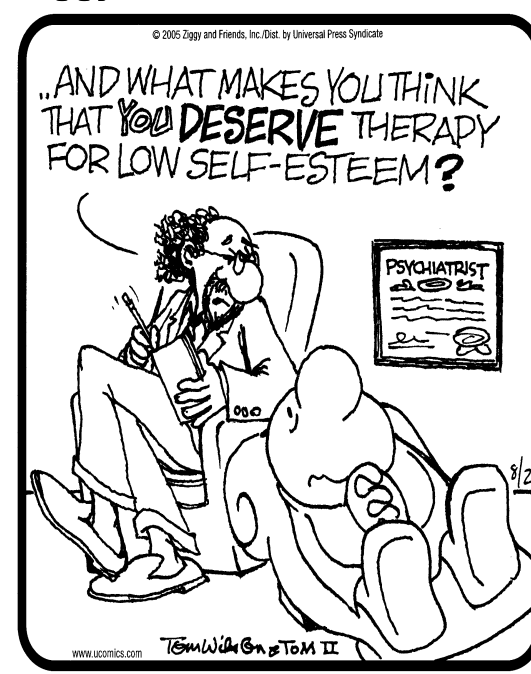


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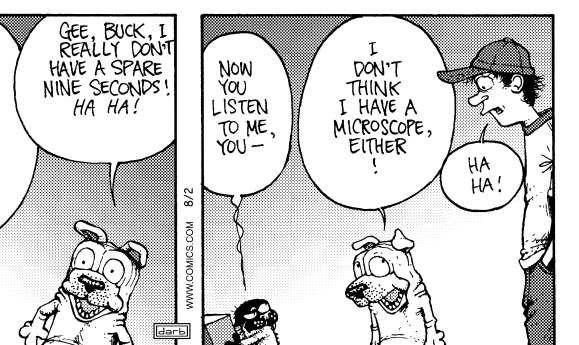
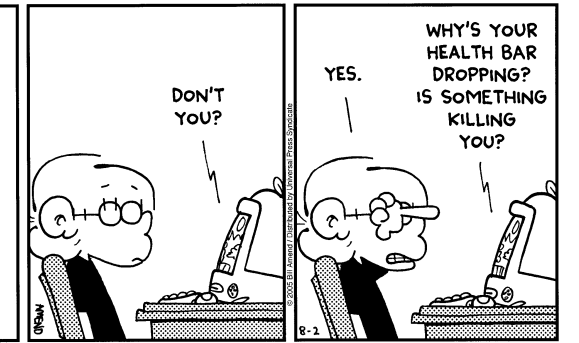


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ACROSS

- 1 Set-to
- 6 Carpet type
- 10 Meat on a kabob, maybe
- 14 Cute "bear"
- 15 Contented sound
- 16 Decorative pitcher
- 17 Bear and Berra
- 18 One opposed
- 19 Big do
- 20 One liable to get hurt
- 23 Ally of America
- 27 It may need massaging
- 28 Sodium hydroxide
- 29 Provision for late-arriving spectators
- 33 Prayer start
- 34 Potato bud
- 35 Star in the constellation Cygnus
- 39 Declare
- 40 Like hilly beaches
- 43 Be the master of
- 44 French mothers
- 46 The last King Richard of England
- 47 Abstraction
- 48 Insect that's well-camouflaged on a tree
- 52 Grow old
- 55 China's Chiang ___-shek
- 56 Atlas features
- 57 Co-nominee
- 61 Keen on
- 62 Paint unskillfully
- 63 Originator of the phrase "Familiarity breeds contempt"
- 68 Barely gets, with "out"
- 69 Other than
- 70 Maker of Seven Seas salad dressing
- 71 Ancient harp
- 72 Losing proposition?
- 73 Busybody

DOWN

- 1 Poseidon : sea :: Uranus : ___
- 2 Avian sound
- 3 Cleaning cloth, often
- 4 MacGraw of "The Getaway"
- 5 Said "no thanks"
- 6 Set-to
- 7 Event for hounds
- 8 More pretentious
- 9 "Old ___" (1989 Jane Fonda film)
- 10 Show the way
- 11 Just terrible
- 12 Something asked of the 33-Across
- 13 Out of money
- 21 Fibber's words
- 22 "Well done!"
- 23 Belief of 4 1/2 million Americans
- 24 Griddle locale
- 25 Harder to find
- 26 Fergie's ex
- 30 Big Apple educ. institution
- 31 They may be rubbed out
- 32 Is worthy of
- 36 Skin flick
- 37 Vote in
- 38 Woodpeckers' peckers
- 41 German article
- 42 Finger or toe
- 45 "The Square Egg" writer
- 49 Got, as a job source
- 50 Capital of Rwanda
- 51 Underhanded
- 52 Sharon of 23-Across
- 53 Gooyo
- 54 Keyboard key
- 58 Sniffer
- 59 Inspiration source
- 60 Help in a heist
- 64 Before, before
- 65 ___ Andreas fault
- 66 Frequently
- 67 Mom-and-pop org.?

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Pair of Cougar football players change plans

By JEFF REYNOLDS
BYU Athletic
Communications

BYU head football coach Bronco Mendenhall announced Monday that running back recruit Harvey Unga has requested to delay his enrollment at BYU.

"We feel this decision is best for both Harvey and our program," Mendenhall said. "Through the process of making this decision, Harvey has expressed his strong commitment to our program. We are equally committed to Harvey and look forward to him joining our program."

Mendenhall said Unga is expected to enroll in January and join the team at that time.

Mendenhall also announced he has released offensive line recruit Peter Vailahi from his commitment to play football for the Cougars.

"This was a mutual decision made in the best interest of Peter, as well as our football program," Mendenhall said.

Vailahi, a 6-foot-4, 290-pound offensive lineman signed with the Cougars in February and is expected to pursue other playing opportunities closer to his home in North Carolina.



Seven days and counting ...

Only a week remains until the BYU football team opens up fall camp. A few key dates to remember:

Mon., Aug. 8	Players report
Tues., Aug. 9	First practice (helmets only)
Mon., Aug. 15	First day of two-a-days
Sat., Aug. 27	Final practice of fall camp
Mon., Aug. 29	Boston College practice sessions begin
Sat., Sept. 3	BYU vs. Boston College

Photo by Nick Sowards

Palmeiro suspended 10 days

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rafael Palmeiro jabbed his finger in the air for emphasis and raised voice with all the indignation of a man falsely accused.

"I have never used steroids. Period," he told a congressional panel in March.

On Monday, nearly five months later, the Baltimore Orioles slugger became baseball's highest-profile player to be suspended 10 days for using steroids.

While he didn't deny testing positive for the drugs, he insisted that ingesting them was an accident.

"When I testified in front of Congress, I know that I was testifying under oath and I told the truth," he said during a telephone conference call Monday. "Today I am telling the truth again that I did not do this intentionally or knowingly."

The 40-year-old Palmeiro became the seventh player to fail a test under the toughened major league policy that took effect in March, rules criticized by Congress as not being stringent enough.

On July 15, Palmeiro joined Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Eddie Murray as the only players with 3,000



Reuters

Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro points to the crowd after getting the 3,000th hit of his career during the fifth inning against the Seattle Mariners in this July 15 file photo. Palmeiro was suspended for 10 days after testing positive for steroids.

hits and 500 homers. Baseball would not say when the positive test occurred.

Without giving specifics, the four-time All-Star left the impression that the banned substance was contained in a supplement that was not prescribed. He said it was an "embarrassing situation"

and still did not know what caused the positive test.

"Why would I do this in a year when I went in front of Congress and I testified and I told the truth?" he said. "Why would I do this during a season where I was going to get to 3,000 hits? It just makes no sense. ... I'm not a crazy per-

son."

Palmeiro, who is currently in 9th place on the all-time home runs list with 569, wouldn't predict whether his chances of being elected to the Hall of Fame were damaged.

"Really, that's not for me to determine," he said. "I hope that people look at my whole career and appreciate that I've given everything that I've got. ... I respect the Hall of Fame, and if they think that I'm worthy enough, I would be very honored. And if they don't, I gave it all that I had to this game."

Appearing with Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and other baseball stars before a congressional committee on March 17, Palmeiro made an opening statement in which he said, pointing his finger for emphasis: "Let me start by telling you this: I have never used steroids. Period. I don't know how to say it any more clearly than that. Never."

Palmeiro also expressed indignation over accusations made by former slugger Jose Canseco, who cited Palmeiro as a steroid user in his tell-all book. In an interview on the CBS television show "60 Minutes," Canseco — who also testified before Congress — said he had injected Palmeiro with steroids.

After speculation, T.O. shows up at Eagles camp

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Terrell Owens bobbed his head to the music on his headphones, ignored dozens of reporters and walked quietly into his dorm room.

His silence and attire — Owens wore a camouflage shirt and cap — spoke volumes about his mood.

Owens reported to training camp Monday, ending months of speculation about whether the disgruntled All-Pro receiver would hold out because of a contract dispute with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Though Owens refused to answer questions, his agent, Drew Rosenhaus, accompanied him and said he will meet with Eagles coach Andy Reid and president Joe Banner on Tuesday to discuss his client's contract.

"All the talk, all the rhetoric in the offseason is meaningless," Rosenhaus said. "He's here. He's not happy with his contract, but he's a professional and he'll do his best to help the Eagles win a championship."

Owens arrived shortly after 6 p.m. Players were due to report by 7 p.m. for a team meeting. Pro Bowl running back Brian Westbrook didn't show up, even though he said earlier this summer he wasn't going to hold out. Westbrook signed a one-year, \$1.43 million contract in June, but wants a long-term deal.

"We've been very aggressive in trying to secure a long-term contract for Brian. We had thought we were making good progress in that regard. Unfortunately, Brian made a counterproductive and almost unprecedented decision to not report to training camp," the Eagles said in a statement.

Defensive tackle Corey Simon also wasn't in camp. He still hasn't signed a one-year, \$5.13 million franchise tender and doesn't plan to report.

Owens' squabble has dominated headlines in Philadelphia since the Eagles lost to New England 24-21 in the Super Bowl almost six months ago.

Owens skipped minicamps and, along with Rosenhaus, was very vocal about wanting a new contract one season into the seven-year, \$48.97 million deal he signed after coming to Philadelphia in March 2004.

The Eagles have said they won't renegotiate the contract. Rosenhaus is hopeful the team will change its stance.

"It's always productive when you have dialogue," Rosenhaus said. "We're looking forward to it."

Owens was a big part of Philadelphia's offense last season, setting team records with 14 touchdown receptions and seven 100-yard games.

Philadelphia started 13-1, winning nine of the first 12 games by double-digit margins, including five by at least 21 points.

Marino finally ready for memory lane

Part one in a series on this year's Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees

The Associated Press

MIAMI — As a player, Dan Marino never was much for discussing the past.

No. 13 always regarded conversation about his record-breaking games and seasons as a distraction from the games and seasons to come. Reflection could wait.

Now, five years into retirement, Marino is ready to reminisce. This weekend will be all about memories and achievements as Marino enters the Pro Football Hall of Fame along with Steve Young, Benny Friedman and Fritz Pollard.

"It's a great time in your life, when you think about all the things that you were able to accomplish," Marino said. "It's a little bit overwhelming to think that in all the years of the NFL, 80-some years, I'm one of the few guys that's going to be in the Hall of Fame. That's pretty special."

In his prime with the Miami Dolphins, Marino always was reluctant to rate his feats or help put them in perspective. The most prolific passer in NFL history preferred to let his 61,361 yards passing, 420 touchdown throws and 37 fourth-quarter comebacks do the talking.

But now that Marino's willing to wax nostalgic, we learn that his favorite pass — among the 8,358 he threw — came on a trick play. Among the 242 games he played, he singles out a Monday night victory 20 years ago against the Chicago Bears. Among the flood of impressive statistics, he's most proud of his 145 consecutive starts from 1983 to 1993, excluding the 1987 NFL strike.

We also learn that his biggest thrill has nothing to do with football, but instead involves the South Florida children's hospital bearing his name that he helped establish in 1998.

"When a mother or dad comes up to me and says, 'Hey Dan, the center is helping our kid and making a difference in our family's life,' it makes you feel great," he said. "That's something I enjoy hearing."

Community work has kept Marino busy in retirement, as has a successful TV career. His fit physique and boyish good looks make it easy to forget he turns 44 in September, and while he wishes he was still throwing passes, he knows he no longer belongs on the field.

HEADED TO THE HALL

Highlights of the career of Hall of Fame inductee Dan Marino:

- Is the ninth longtime member of the Miami Dolphins to be inducted into the Hall
- At 6'4", is the tallest quarterback in the Hall of Fame
- Became the only player to throw for 5,000 yards in a season when he passed for 5,084 yards in 1984
- Threw 420 touchdown passes in his 17-year career



Dan Marino

Source: www.profootballhof.com

"It would be awfully dangerous for me to go out and try to play," he said with a smile, "because I couldn't get out of the way."

He played 17 seasons, all for the Dolphins, and while injuries eventually took away his mobility, his arm remained strong to the end. Blessed with football's fastest release, he transformed plays seemingly destined for disaster into touchdowns, zipping passes into places where mere mortals would dare not throw.

No wonder he trotted onto the field with a swagger.

"He simply was the best that ever played," said Mark Clayton, who caught 79 of Marino's touchdown passes.

"Marino brought the feeling you were never out of a game, no matter what the score," said his former coach, Hall of Famer Don Shula.

One comeback in 1994 culminated with the pass Marino remembers most fondly. He faked a spike that would have stopped the clock in the final 30 seconds and instead threw for a game-winning touchdown against the archrival New York Jets.

"People remember it because it's kind of the first time anybody's done that," Marino said. "That makes you smile."

The Monday night victory over the Bears came at the Orange Bowl in 1985, ending Chicago's bid for the only perfect season since the 1972 Dolphins. Marino and Miami scored 31 points in the first half and won 38-24.

"It was probably the loudest stadium I've ever played in," Marino said. "The Bears were considered one of the best defenses ever. I remember we matched up really well against them, and it was a great night for us. I would have loved to get an opportunity to play them again, but we didn't get there. That would have been a fun Super Bowl."

While Marino is honored this week, contrarians are sure to seize upon the one big blemish on his resume. The subject resurfaced last week during a national conference call to promote his Hall of Fame induction, when the first reporter asking a question noted that Marino never won a Super Bowl.

"I think about it sometimes, probably more while I was playing than I do now," Marino responded. "But that's part of life. There are a lot of people where I'm sure there are things in your life that you've wanted to accomplish that you haven't. You have to deal with things like that. I don't think it has taken away from my career at all."

In truth, it likely eliminates Marino from consideration as the game's greatest quarterback, even though his failure to win a ring is largely a reflection of the Dolphins' mediocre defense and lousy running attack for most of his career.

He's too gracious to mention that at his induction ceremony Sunday in Canton. He'll be introduced by his 18-year-old son, Daniel, a budding actor. Marino's other five children will also be there, along with wife Claire, his mom and dad, Shula and many others. The Marinos sent out 500 invitations to friends and family from Miami, his native Pittsburgh and elsewhere.

Marino said he hopes he doesn't cry. He'll try to heed the advice of Hall of Famer Joe Greene, who told him a well-prepared speech is the best way to withstand the emotions of the occasion.

"He said, 'You better have it together,'" Marino said. "I'm not sure I will. It's a lot of years of memories."

The time for Marino to savor them has arrived.



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