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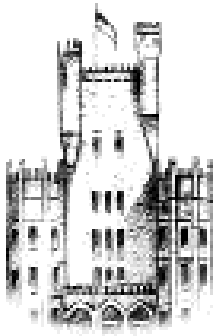
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Free speech in the seventh circuit in jeopardy

By Benjamin Tully
Editor in chief

A lawsuit against an Illinois university by three former university newspaper employees entangles a web difficult to unravel.

Margaret Hosty, Jeni Porsch and Steven Barba, all former employees of Governor's State University newspaper, The Innovator, filed suit in January of 2001 alleging administrators insisted on reviewing stories before they went to print.

Hosty and Porsch said GSU administrators and faculty did everything in their power to inhibit the employees' first amendment rights.

"Jeni and I had alerted the university administration to our English department coordinator, Rashida Muhammad, of having committed racial and religious discrimination, denying us our rights to serve on the University Curriculum Committee in our capacity as former student senators," Hosty said.

Hosty alleges the administration also imposed conveniently invented policies designed to further depress their presence at the university including covertly deleting them from class rosters, thus effectively slowing their graduate work and eligibility for financial aid.

"We also filed official grievances against the university President Stuart Fagan and dean of CAS (college of arts and sciences) Roger Oden for having defamed us throughout the entire university in their having published accusatory, hostile and emphatically untrue statements about our ethics motives for having criticized them in their paper," Hosty said.

GSU essentially wishes to have the same powers of prior restraint given to high school administrators in the seventh circuit following the Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier decision.

"Equating high schools to colleges is an absolutely ludicrous step," James Tidwell, Eastern professor of journalism and communication law, said.

Tidwell said publications that prove to be an independent public forum and provide their own funding are exempt from any notion prescribed

in the Hazelwood case. The Innovator is currently funded by funds allocated by GSU.

In November 2002 a federal trial court judge ruled some of the administrators involved in the case qualified as government actors making them immune from the suit.

Hosty and Porsch served on student government as well as being editors of The Innovator which is a violation of journalism standards and considered by journalism professionals to be a conflict of interest.

Their dual positions of power may have increased the aura of conflict between them and administrators.

Porche likened GSU to a third-world country. She said other university publications may question their journalistic integrity from the outside, but she and Hosty are simply doing the best they can with limited resources.

Hosty said they knew people view their former positions as a conflict of interest, but that a new age of reporting/editorials is becoming more accepted.

According to Hosty, GSU is a commuter school comprised of working adult students. Extra-curricular activities are not an option for most students, so if she and Porche didn't fulfill both functions, "nobody else would."

According to a court brief filed by Attorney General Jim Ryan supporting GSU, the students were never officially restricted from printing the paper and instead chose not to continue operations on grounds of conflict with administrators.

Hosty and Porche said they were dismissed.

The same brief reported that around late October of 2000 GSU Dean Patricia Carter called Charles Richards, president and owner of Regional Publishing and printer of The Innovator, requesting that Richards allow her to review the paper before it went to print.

Carter explained her intention was to review the paper for compliance with the University's standards for grammar and correct punctuation as well as journalistic standards.

Eastern alumna honored with plaque from school of business



Submitted photo

Eastern alumna Grace Bair shows of the plaque she received from the Eastern for being the first graduate of the school of business. The plaque featuring Bair, who graduated from Eastern in 1936, will be displayed in Lumpkin Hall.

By Chris Christenson
Staff writer

The first graduate of Eastern's school of business has been awarded a plaque.

Grace Bair, a 1936 graduate of Eastern, was given a plaque in her honor inside Lumpkin Hall.

Bair's career choices varied over the years since graduating.

According to a press release, Bair first taught business education classes in Ashmore, Ill., but went on to pursue a graduate degree from the University of Illinois.

Bair served in the Women's Marine Corps during World War II.

She was a business education teacher in Rantoul following the war until her retirement.

After retirement, Bair became an antique dealer owning and running a shop in Leroy, Ill.

She remained active in community organizations throughout the Rantoul area.

She also received an award from the International Poetry Society for a poem written about the vanishing of Native American life in the West. The

poem, "The Ballad of the Hoofbeats" won the National Medallion of Merit.

Bair and her husband of 42 years, Ernie, were the parents of two adopted children. Their son Jim resides in Houston, Texas and daughter Judy Reagan lives in Hannibal, Mo.

Bair currently resides in the Knight's Templar Home in Paxton.

She was a supporter of women attending college. She is also a member of the Eastern Foundation, giving back to the community and her alma mater.

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Thousands die needlessly from hospital infections

CHICAGO (AP) — Deaths linked to hospital infections in 2000 were 14 percent higher than the federal government estimated, and nearly 75 percent of the deaths could have been prevented, a newspaper reported.

About 103,000 deaths were linked to hospital infections, 13,000 more than the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention calculated last year, according to a report in Sunday editions of the Chicago Tribune.

Many of the deaths were caused by unsanitary facilities, germ-laden instruments and unwashed hands, the newspaper reported. Infection rates are soaring nationally, exacerbated by hospital cutbacks and carelessness by doctors and nurses, according to the newspaper.

Hospital infections are now the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, behind heart disease, cancer and strokes, according to the CDC.

Serious violations of infection-control standards have been found in the majority of hospitals nationally, the newspaper said. Since 1995, more than 75 percent of all hospitals have been cited for serious cleanliness and sanitation violations.

Hospital cleaning and janitorial staffs are overwhelmed and inadequately trained, resulting in unsanitary rooms or wards where germs have thrived, the newspaper said.

And payroll cutbacks have gutted staffs devoted to reducing infections.

In 1998, eight children died of an infection that spread from a Chicago pediatric medical center to a hospital. The flulike outbreak was halted months later after three dozen sick health care workers were ordered to stay home.

At Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill., a doctor dropped a surgical glove on a dirty floor, picked it up, put it on his hand and changed the bloody dressing on the open wound of a burn patient.

In Detroit, infections killed four babies in 1997 as doctors and nurses moved about the pediatric intensive care unit without washing their hands, according to court records and interviews. It took two months for administrators to close the nursery for cleaning.

Staphylococcus bacteria inside a West Palm Beach, Fla., hospital infected more than 100 cardiac patients, killing 13, according to court records. The survivors underwent painful and debilitating surgery, as rotting bone was cut from their bodies.

At Bridgeport Hospital in Connecticut, germs flourished in areas that are supposed to be the most sterile, according to a review of hospital records collected in a lawsuit. The case involved four patients who contracted infections in late 1996 and early 1997. The paper said

one operating room was often contaminated by dust because of faulty ventilation. Flies buzzed overhead during operations and doctors wore germ-laden clothes from home. Many did not wash their hands before operating, the paper said.

Hospitals are not required to disclose infection rates, and most don't, the paper said. Also, doctors are not required to tell patients about risk or exposure to hospital germs, the paper said.

To document the rising rate of infection-related deaths, the newspaper analyzed records from 75 federal and state agencies, as well as internal hospital files, patient databases and court cases around the country.

CDC officials said they believe most hospital infections are preventable, but the agency has not arrived at a precise number.

The American Hospital Association said the last decade of unprecedented cost-cutting and financial instability has impacted all areas of hospital care.

"It's had an effect on infection control and it's had an effect on our ability to recruit and retain workers. It's had an effect on our ability to invest in new and updated equipment as much as we would like to," said Rick Wade, spokesman for the AHA.

"It's also a question in front of society: How much do you want to invest in high-quality, safe medical care?," said Wade.

Bills awaiting approval could add to prison costs

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Trying to balance a shaky state budget, Gov. George Ryan ordered big changes for the state Department of Corrections last month, including closing prisons and laying off thousands of employees.

Now Ryan has to decide whether to approve new laws that would add hundreds more inmates to the overburdened prison system.

Legislators sent Ryan eight crime bills this spring that would cost the state more than \$80 million during the next 10 years to deal with additional prisoners.

Ryan rejected one crime bill partly because of its cost, yet signed another with a much higher price tag last week.

He says cost remains a priority as he decides whether to sign legislation.

"Whether I'm cutting back or whether we're not, we're always concerned about cost," Ryan said last week.

The Corrections Department has seen huge increases in prison population and spending in the past 15 years. But officials cut spending there and at most other state agencies to plug a huge budget deficit.

The Corrections Department plans to cut about 2,400 jobs — including all 500 of its sergeants. That does not include employees who might take advantage of the state's \$64 million early retirement program.

The department is closing its prison in Sheridan, a juve-

nile prison in St. Charles, two work camps, a boot camp and four transitional centers for inmates being released.

Despite that, lawmakers easily approved measures that would put more than 350 inmates into the prison system within 10 years — a tiny fraction of a prison population that is expected to top 54,000 inmates by then.

However, the governor has indicated even small increases can be too much.

He vetoed a bill last week that would require drug traffickers to serve longer prison terms, in part because it would cost the department about \$3.3 million over 10 years.

"It is difficult to justify spending more money on longer prison terms for drug offenders at the same time that funds are being cut at both the federal and state level for incarceration and prison construction," Ryan wrote in his veto message.

Other bills that made it to his desk involve a much greater financial burden.

One would make it a felony punishable by a long prison term for possessing one gram of heroin. The Corrections Department estimates that would put 76 inmates behind bars during the next decade at a cost of \$18 million.

Ryan signed that bill into law Friday.

Another measure would make it a more serious felony for sexually dangerous or violent persons who assault or batter state personnel supervising them.

That would cost more than \$50 million for 211 inmates, the department estimates.

In all, lawmakers sent Ryan about 25 measures that expand or create new criminal offenses. Most have small or unknown costs, since they are new offenses for which the department has no data.

Corrections spokesman Brian Fairchild said legislators did relatively little this year to boost prison costs compared with past years. The department did not oppose any of the measures, Fairchild said.

"There's always going to be a cost to locking people up," Fairchild said. "This is really a small amount."

Prison reform experts contend this might be a good time to review the state's approach to preventing crime.

Jim Thomas, a sociologist at Northern Illinois University, said legislators should put more emphasis on rehabilitating criminals, especially nonviolent drug offenders. Instead, lawmakers take the easy — and politically popular — way out, he said.

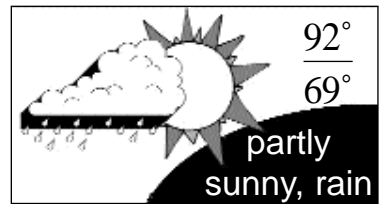
"It's so highly politicized," Thomas said. "Tough-on-crime sells."

Recent financial woes could force a review of state policy, he said, but it probably would take an even greater crisis and public outcry to change things.

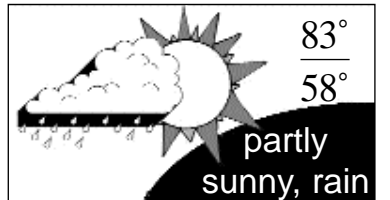
"The end in sight is basically we don't have any more money," Thomas said.

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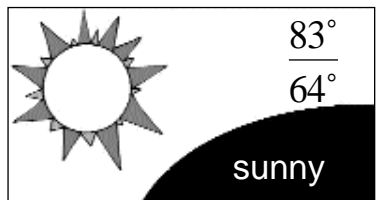
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Tuesday



Wednesday



Golden retriever repels unwanted geese at golf courses

STREATOR, Ill. (AP) — Bill Jarchow's favorite caddie has never carried his golf clubs and insists on riding shotgun in the cart, but he doesn't mind.

This particular Caddie, a purebred golden retriever, isn't a bit interested in golf, but she does have a hobby that dovetails beautifully with her master's. He's there for the golf, she's there for the birds.

Canada geese cause a health risk and eyesores at many golf courses and public recreation areas. And Caddie, 6 1/2, delights in chasing the big waterfowl, often frightening them enough to make them look for other digs.

"We live on a golf course (in Sandwich). I'd take her for walks and discovered she liked to go after the geese," Jarchow, 59, explained after a recent trip with Caddie to chase the big birds at Streator Country Club.

"She doesn't do anything to them, but they are really afraid of her," he said. "I don't know if it's because she's so big that she looks like a wolf or some other predator, or what."

Jarchow and Caddie have been pestering and expelling the geese near their home, located on Edgebrook Country Club, for four years. Last year, however, the duo hooked up with the Streator golf course through a friend.

"My next-door neighbor owed me a favor," Jarchow explained. "He was playing in the invitational in Streator and asked me to play. One of the members at Streator was complaining about the goose problem and I said, 'I've got this dog and we'd be glad to come down and try to help you out.'"

He and Caddie were invited to give it a try.

"We had some success last year," he said.

They've been asked to return this year and have made two or three visits so far, with mixed results.

Jarchow doesn't worry that Caddie will be hurt by the temperamental geese.

"They think the dog is meaner than they are, or that she will hurt them," he said, chuckling.

"She's a gentle, gentle dog," he mused. "She's never even caught one. I want her to scare them, but I don't want her to get one in her mouth. But I don't think she'd do anything to one if she did."

GSU

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Richards expressed concern about violations of the first amendment, but Carter assured him that was not her intent and ordered he show her every publication prior to print.

That same month, Hosty said officers Albert Chesser and Debra Boyd of the GSU department of public safety detained her and Porche for three hours changing the locks on the newsroom "before our very eyes" with their possessions still inside.

Hosty said Donald Bell, liaison to the Student Communication Media Board (SCMB), ordered the police swoop down after she uncovered evidence of his misappropriating newspaper funds.

"Bell is also the

individual responsible for calling the police to prevent me from entering a meeting of the SCMB as Chesser posted an armed police officer to bar my entrance to the room," Hosty said.

According to Hosty, Bell was fired last year and no official reason for his dismissal has been submitted to the public.

Hosty and Porch hired a lawyer for the initial case, but are being forced to represent themselves as a result of costs accrued.

Hosty said so far, civil liberties organizations have offered little help by way of legal expenses.

According to Mark Goodman of the Student Press Law Center in Washington, this case could have a great impact on colleges in Wisconsin, Illinois

and Indiana; the three states in the seventh circuit where the case is being reviewed.

"This case poses one of the greatest threats to college free expression that I've seen in my 17 years here," Goodman said.

Goodman said the brief filed by Attorney General Jim Ryan means the case is not just between the students and a small university.

Goodman said he would doubt Ryan is fully aware of what he is supporting, because he doesn't file every court brief.

Ryan is currently running for governor of Illinois.

"If I was a college student in Illinois, I would think twice about voting for Jim Ryan for Governor...if I knew what he was espousing," Goodman said.

Faulty steam trap causes tiles to fall

By Benjamin Tully
Editor in chief

The offices of five history professors in Coleman hall were left looking like the aftermath of a World War II air raid after a broken steam trap caused ceiling tiles to fall.

Shortly after the July 4 weekend, a steam trap in Coleman hall broke sending humid air through the mechanical room and into the space between second floor ceilings and the tiles beneath them.

"My boss Gary Reed talked about \$8,000 to \$10,000 just in ceiling replacement," Rick Bagwell of the environmental control department said.

The humidity caused ceiling tiles in offices located in the west wing of the building to become damp eventually weakening them until they fell on the desks and shelves below them.

Damages included roughly 200 tiles to the office of history department chair Anita Shelton, 100 tiles to history professor John McElligott, 4 tiles to history professor Charles Titus, 6 tiles to history professor Roger Beck and 26 tiles to history professor Roger Beck's office.



Geoff Wagner/ Photo editor

Room 2546 of Colman Hall, the office of History Department Chair Anita Shelton, sustained the most damage of the offices affected by a faulty steam trap, which caused tiles in multiple offices to fall from the ceiling.

Bagwell said the Honeywell company replaced 8,000 steam traps as part of a performance contract slated to help Eastern save money.

The performance contract repairs certain mechanical aspects in Eastern's buildings making the systems run more

energy efficiently and eventually saving money by reducing energy costs.

It's still unclear why the steam trap failed, but Bagwell said one failure out of the 8,000 replaced isn't surprising.

Israeli bread crisis averted after marathon talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's flour mills agreed to end a six-day work stoppage Sunday, reaching accord with the government for a 14 percent increase in flour prices and averting a nationwide bread shortage.

Throughout Sunday Israelis had scrambled to buy pitas and other baked goods as bread disappeared from shop shelves as a result of the strike by flour mills demanding a 20 percent increase in price.

Millers said the need for a price hike stemmed from the increased cost of importing wheat from the United States, where a poor crop this year had resulted in higher prices.

After six hours of negotiations that ended close to midnight, Trade Minister Dalia Itzik agreed to an immediate 14 percent rise in flour prices but insisted that bakers pass the increase on to customers only in the fancier bread types.

The price of standard loaves, which are the staple of lower-income families, will remain unchanged, Itzik said.

"We shall not allow the standard bread to rise in price," he told Israeli armed forces radio. "It is a basic need for very many Israeli citizens."

Bakers said shops' bread shelves should be replenished by midday Monday.

Bakeries across Israel sent workers home Sunday because they had no flour with which to bake. Others bought flour off the black market — at inflated prices. Shoppers flocked to markets to stock up, vowing to freeze their pitas in case they can't get fresh ones in the coming days.

Dani Angel, owner of Angel Bakery, one of Israel's leading bakeries, shut down his ovens and sent his 1,500 employees home for the first time in a career older than the 54 years of Israeli statehood.

"I have worked for 70 plus years in this business, and this is the first time that I have had to close my bakeries," said Angel. "It wasn't closed during the war of Independence, during the '67 war, nor during the War of Yom Kippur, and it is hurting my business badly."

WorldCom CEO: Bankruptcy filing imminent

NEW YORK (AP) — WorldCom Inc. will file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection Sunday, the embattled telecommunications company's chief executive John Sidgmore told The Associated Press.

The bankruptcy would be the largest in U.S. history and the latest in a spectacular series of corporate collapses. Sidgmore said the filing would take place in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan, and ensure that the company receives about \$2 billion in financing while it reorganizes.

"The first priority was to stabilize the company financially," he said. "We don't think that there will be any significant impact on the employees and vendors, for that matter, and we should have plenty of cash to make it."

Sidgmore said the company would look into selling some of its peripheral businesses, but not key franchises like MCI or UUNET. MCI is the company's core long-distance business; UUNET is a major Internet player.

Despite the bankruptcy, no immediate disruptions are

expected for Worldcom's millions of MCI long-distance customers or at UUNET, which accounts for 29 percent of the capacity on the nation's busiest Web routes.

WorldCom admitted June 25 that it had falsely booked \$3.85 billion in expenses to make it appear more profitable. The same day, the company fired chief financial officer Scott Sullivan, who was later accused by company auditor Arthur Andersen of withholding crucial information about WorldCom's bookkeeping.

Clinton, Miss.-based WorldCom also announced layoffs of 17,000 workers, or 20 percent of its global work force.

Worldcom's collapse follows costly scandals at other big-name companies, including Adelphia Communications, Global Crossing and Enron, all of which have filed for bankruptcy protection as they attempt to pay creditors and reorganize.

The bankruptcy would be twice as large as Enron's record-setting filing in December and four times as big as Global Crossing's in January. Worldcom reported more than

\$100 billion in assets at the end of March but is burdened by \$30 billion in debt.

Even before the hidden expenses were exposed, WorldCom was struggling.

In March, the SEC launched a wide-ranging investigation of the company that included a review of \$408 million in loans made to former chief executive Bernie Ebbers. WorldCom stockholders sued the company's board over those loans.

In April, Ebbers resigned amid mounting questions about the loans and the financial health of the company he founded in 1983. He was replaced by Sidgmore.

SEC investigators also focused on disputed customer bills, sales commissions and the value of contracts between WorldCom and customers no longer deemed financially viable.

Major credit agencies eventually cut WorldCom's long-term debt rating to junk status, and in June the SEC filed fraud charges against the company.

Worldcom's stock traded as high as \$64.50 in mid-1999. But shares of WorldCom and other telecommunications companies have slid ever since as the dot-com bubble burst and other market forces caused an industrywide implosion.

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Keep free expression

The case pending for Governor's State University and its paper should be open and shut.

There is no reason for expression to be hindered at the college level.

High school administrators may feel the need to shelter their under-age students from everything but happy unin-spired news and yearbook anecdotes.

Unfortunately we are at the college level. The press as the fourth estate is meant to be the watch dog of people in power.

A college newspaper is responsible for keeping the powers that be honest, just as a college newspaper is responsible for

Integrity important
Journalists need to know and understand ethical standards are in place for a reason

keeping the powers that be honest, just as professional journalists watch over world leaders and other powerful segments of society. The women at GSU do not understand how horribly they jeopardized their credibility

by both serving on student government and acting as journalists.

The professors of journalism at Eastern continue to teach us proper conduct and journalism standards.

The main reason they do this is not to quiet us, but to enable us a more powerful voice and command of our discipline.

Sure, journalism isn't as stringent as practicing law or doctorate work in history, but there are certain things aspiring journalists must learn.

The GSU administration shows definite signs of unethical behavior and a lack of respect for their students and members of the faculty

The editors of the GSU newspaper compromised their positions by acting on the student government while posing as journalists.

GSU has obviously proven itself to need a watchdog.

One cannot simply pick up a pen and paper and declare themselves a journalist.

Journalists should constantly strive to understand their field and all the complex moral issues surrounding it.

If being a journalist makes one a target, integrity will be one's shield.

Today's quote

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“For solitude sometimes is best society,
and short retirement urges sweet return.”

Novelist John Milton, 1608-1674

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■ The editorial is the majority opinion of *The Daily Eastern News* editorial board.

Democracy the best policy



Gregg Delgadillo
Guest Columnist

I would like to respond to Mr. Lempa's column, which appeared in the D.E.N. on July 15.

My friends were asking me the other day if I hate all liberals. I said I didn't hate all liberals, only the ones who use current events as a reason to write long-winded diatribes.

The left, throughout time, has been associated with thinking outside the box, pushing the envelope if you will. Today the left, much like the right, is an exclusive club where disagreement is simply not tolerated.

I too love our state and national parks. I too think it is a privilege to live in a country full of diverse people all calling themselves Americans.

I do not believe, however, that I am the subject of any corporate master. I guess I must be one of the poor, brain-washed saps shopping at Wal-Mart. The same Wal-Mart providing numerous jobs and products at affordable prices for this small town and many others.

I also love the Bill of Rights; that is, the whole Bill of Rights, including that one pesky amendment that seems to have all the liberals up in arms.

I didn't think Sudan's pharmaceutical plant was evil. That's just silly; buildings cannot be evil.

The innocent lives that were lost when that pharmaceutical plant was mistakenly blown up is tragic indeed. However, I find it disturbing that Mr. Lempa does not see the difference in making a tragic mistake and the premeditated mass-murder that was Sept. 11.

I don't hate any single person because a small group of his population is irrational. I am wary of the Axis of Evil however, which was what President Bush meant.

I don't know if Pat Robertson or the Christian

“I don't hate any single person because a small group of his population is irrational.”

Coalition who agree with the way Saudi Arabia treats the women living there.

Maybe they have been indoctrinated the same way Cuban children are indoctrinated to hate America. Perhaps the position of women in Saudi Arabia is just a byproduct of their culture.

We may need to head over there again and teach those silly Saudi's correct cultural etiquette.

All kidding aside, our inability to understand other cultures may have something to do with the present gulf between our country and most of the countries of the Middle East.

I don't want the entire country to judge me based on anything other than making my acquaintance.

I would be naive if I didn't think the rest of the world judges me just because I am an American.

I would rather have the rest of the world judge me based on our current Commander-in-Thief than some of our previous Commanders-in-Thief, but just to be on the safe side I'm going to watch my wallet.

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To clean, or not to clean?

By Jon Kinkley - Daily Illini

You are an average college student walking home on a beautiful summer evening. Two blocks

away from your home you first hear the piercing wail of a Fender Stratocaster mixed with low drum and bass tones.

You hear the chords of cheesy guitar riffs and neighbor-despising metal solos.

One block away you notice the broken orb of a street lamp. On the ground is a culprit beer bottle mingled with extra glass.

You watch the glints of sunlight reflecting off a host of metallic empty beer cans and their gaudy-colored cardboard boxes strewn about the lawn.

Fifty feet away you realize there actually is no lawn. In its place is a pockmarked, garbage laden dirt patch. In the bushes is an overturned, dented, empty keg.

And that is when you notice the smell. The innumerable spilt liquor and beer bottles and the myriad of cigarette butts can easily explain the sickly sweet and smoky smells.

But there is some deeper smell that violates the nostrils and churns the stomach. A smell that commonly causes the innocent passerby to scream in a fit of rage, "For the love of God, what is that rank-ass stank?"

In order to find the origin of this foul stench, you must follow the ants. They're lined up by the thousands, penetrating every crack,

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crevice and chasm of the household.

Follow them through the stagnant billows of smoke lingering in the still air.

Pretend you don't notice the blinking road barricade or the stolen statue, whose reward posters have been up around town for weeks.

You now find yourself in the kitchen.

This scullery is the epitome of sin, debauchery and refuse. From the condoms in the kitchen drawers to the fruit flies hovering around the moldy fruit to the sink filled with rot and mold — this is the source of the smell.

The refrigerators are veritable breeding grounds for mold cultures amid May 2000 expiration dates. There are actually mountains of empty pizza boxes.

Mount Dominos. Mount Pizza Hut. Mount Papa John's. Pop quiz, hotshot: What do you do?

Let's face it — you have to clean. Cleaning is not the simple "Whistle While You Work" activity many would have you believe.

The mentality is, "Why should I clean if no one else is willing to put forth the time or effort?"

Besides, everyone feels as if they shouldn't have to clean other people's messes. Who made the mess? Somehow, nobody is responsible.

The mess and apathy increase

proportionally.

How do you curb this horrible trend? How long do you continue to wallow in your own filth?

The answer is to just let it go. The pad will not stay clean. Cleanliness is comparable to the amount of respect you have for your own place of residence. We are in college. This is college life. Why rush to become some sort of premature adult with standards and oppressive responsibility?

There is no sense in devoting endless hours to the hopeless task of cleaning, especially since all your work can be reversed in the space of a house party.

When should you clean?

Definitely clean when the landlord calls complaining about that broken window.

Or maybe when the folks are coming into town and are likely to stop helping you out with rent if they see first hand your third-world living conditions.

Or when you are older and have concern for impressing other people with your anal-retentiveness and the "quality" of your home.

When you own your own home that you paid for with your own money, you develop a certain respect for its condition you would not otherwise have.

In the meantime, do not lose any sleep. Don't waste time with stupid, useless cleaning charts.

Why walk all the way to the kitchen when there is a perfectly good spot on the floor for that dirty dish?

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Europe shocked by serious crimes long associated with U.S.

LONDON (AP) — For years, many Europeans have seen the United States as the epitome of the Wild West, where gun control laws are weak, too many people own weapons and violent crime is widespread.

That helps explain why so many Europeans are shocked by recent serious gun crimes in their countries, including several mass killings and the July 14 attempt to assassinate the French president.

The disparate attacks do not seem to have a common cause and few are blamed on internationally recognized terrorist groups. But they leave many Europeans wondering if more must be done to control weapons, fight crime and prevent violent attacks by mentally troubled people.

Also, while many Europeans still consider their region far safer than the United States in terms of guns, some say Europe must accept the fact that it, too, is susceptible to horrific crimes.

"Nobody knows what has caused all these random attacks in Europe, and if there is any connection among them," said French journalist Ragis Verley, a correspondent for the European newspaper *Quenzin*.

"But everyone is asking two questions: How do such attackers suddenly appear on our streets with guns or rifles, and what are we doing to care for loners with mental problems?"

On July 14, a young man with neo-Nazi connections used a rifle to try to kill French President Jacques Chirac during a Paris parade celebrating Bastille Day. The crowd overpowered him, although he did fire one shot, and Chirac escaped injury.

The assailant, a member of a right-wing student group, planned to commit suicide after the first known attempt on a French president's life since the early 1960s.

In the Netherlands, political violence is so rare that when the outspoken anti-immigrant politician Pim Fortuyn was murdered by a lone gunman on May 6, it created a political earthquake that upended the national elections nine days later.

A 32-year-old activist for the environment and animal rights was later arrested and accused of conducting the first political assassination in the Netherlands in decades.

Europe also has experienced a recent series of mass killings.

In France, a gunman killed eight officials at a suburban city council meeting outside Paris in March, prompting the government to vow to crack down on guns. The attack left people wondering how the gunman, who had a history of psychological problems, was able to obtain semiautomatic pistols and keep them even after his license expired.

Switzerland, which prides itself on its security, was shocked when a gunman walked into the regional parliament building in the central town of Zug in September and killed 14 people before shooting himself.

Afterward, the Swiss reluctantly beefed up security for politicians, including installing metal detectors in government buildings. But they stressed that the shooting did not represent a general rise in political violence, saying the gunman had mental problems and a grudge against the Zug government.

The Swiss government also planned to tighten some of the most relaxed gun control laws in Europe, but so far has not acted.

In Germany, an expelled student stormed through his former school in eastern Erfurt in April, gunning down 16 teachers and students before committing suicide.

The government later tightened gun laws, even though the 19-year-old assailant had licenses for the pump-action shotgun he carried into the school and the pistol he used in one of the world's worst school shootings.

The blood bath also caused commentators to wonder whether violent movies and computer games contributed to such crimes.

In Greece, a gunman fired shots at the prime minister's residence in June, injuring no one. The assailant turned out to be a drug addict, not someone with a political motive.

In Italy, an offshoot of the leftist Red Brigades terrorist gang claimed responsibility for the March slaying of an economist in Bologna. The dispute was local: he was working on the conservative government's bitterly contested labor reforms.

What is missing from this rash of crimes is a single trend, said professor Paul Wilkinson, director of the Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at Scotland's University of St. Andrews.

"What we are mostly seeing in Europe are incidents where a loner, not part of an international terrorist group or conspiracy, tries to assassinate their hate figures or symbols. We don't know what went on in their minds, whether it was drugs or a psychological problem," he said.

"It doesn't mean we are therefore destined to have an escalation in the number of attacks on political leaders because they are really one-off, and very much a matter of circumstance."

Deportation debate rages amid talk of Israeli withdrawal

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli officials, faced with an international outcry and a definitive ruling by the attorney general, acknowledged Sunday they couldn't legally deport relatives of suicide bombers unless they were directly linked to attacks.

Also Sunday, a Palestinian official said Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the Palestinians that Israeli troops could withdraw from two West Bank cities — Bethlehem and Hebron — in the coming days. Israeli officials denied the claim.

On Friday, Israeli officials had said they were considering deportation to the Gaza Strip for 21 people arrested in West Bank raids who were relatives of suspects in attacks last week that killed 12 Israeli residents.

The threat generated international condemnation and cries of collective punishment from the Palestinians.

Amnesty International and Palestinian and Israeli human rights groups said the proposal was a violation of international law. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said "self-defense cannot justify measures that amount to collective punishments."

Even Israel's closet ally, the United States, warned against deporting anyone based solely on their family relations.

On Sunday, Attorney General Elyakim Rubinstein's office issued a statement, saying deportation could be considered only for people "directly involved" in attacks.

Ranaan Gissin, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, said it was clear "from the beginning that it (deportation) was problematic."

"If you can't do the move in a legal manner, then you can't do it," he said. He said there was no legal possibility for deportation if there was no proof of clear involvement in a terror act.

Still, the 21 family members arrested Friday were being investigated to see if any fit Rubinstein's criteria for deportation. "If any were directly involved, who meet the criteria, you can consider deporting them," Gissin said.

The relatives had petitioned the Israeli Supreme Court to block any deportation. However, they withdrew the petition Sunday after the court said it could not rule unless the government ordered a deportation.

The proposal for more blanket and punitive deportations had generated some support in Israel.

"The expulsions of terrorists and their families is one of the most severe punishments we can give — and it will deter the terrorists significantly," Maj. Gen. Yom-Tov Samia, former head of the army's southern command, told the Yedioth Ahronoth daily.

Deportation is sensitive for Palestinians, whose close-knit family relations dictate much of their everyday lives. Deportation to Gaza from West Bank villages where their extended families live would remove much of their social, emotional and economic support systems.

The debate over deportation

came as Peres met late Saturday with Palestinian Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat and discussed conditions for easing restrictions on Palestinians and for Israel to end its monthlong occupation of West Bank towns and cities, both sides said.

Israeli forces occupied seven of the eight major West Bank towns and cities after back-to-back suicide bombings in Jerusalem on June 18-20 killed 26 Israelis.

A Palestinian official said Peres had told Erekat the army would leave Bethlehem and Hebron within days. Army Radio issued a similar report. But officials in Peres' office said they knew nothing of the proposal, and Gissin indicated a withdrawal wouldn't happen soon.

Peres didn't mention a timeframe or cities to be vacated in an interview Sunday with Israel Radio. The army, he said, has "no interest in staying in those places where the Palestinians can prove that they can take control."

The Palestinians have demanded Israel get out, arguing they can't assume security control while Israeli forces are in place, enforcing curfews and hunting for militants.

Gissin said that so far, the Palestinians hadn't shown they were ready to take over.

"We have in the past acted on the basis of promises, and what we got was terror attacks," he said. "Do you really believe we will do that again?"

In an attack Sunday morning, a bomb exploded on a passenger train traveling south of Tel Aviv, injuring the engineer. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but police said they believed Palestinian militants were behind it.

Late Sunday, Palestinians said that at a meeting of Israeli and Palestinian activists in recent weeks, Ami Ayalon, a popular former chief of the Israeli Shin Bet security service, presented a draft of new proposals on some of the thorniest issues dividing the two sides: the future of Palestinian refugees and the status of Islamic and Jewish holy places in Jerusalem.

Israeli media has reported in recent days that Ayalon seeks 1 million signatures for his proposal as part of a grassroots effort to break the stalemate in peace talks.

Palestinian officials and academics are studying the proposals, but they are unlikely to meet approval, a Palestinian source said.

A draft of the proposal obtained by The Associated Press speaks of a future Palestinian state absorbing those refugees who wish to live there, with international aid for those willing to resettle elsewhere. It makes no mention of the right of Palestinians to return to homes in Israel that they lost in 1948, long a key Palestinian demand.

It also proposes Palestinian "guardianship" of the Al Aqsa mosque complex in Jerusalem, revered by Muslims, while Israel would be guardian of the adjacent Western Wall, sacred to Jews. Neither side would have sovereignty, the draft says.

Prosecutors review whether to seek death penalty in Calif. child slaying

STANTON, Calif. (AP) — The district attorney said Sunday he is reviewing whether to seek the death penalty against the man arrested in the kidnap and murder of 5-year-old Samantha Rynnion.

Alejandro Avila, 27, was scheduled to be arraigned Monday on charges of abducting, sexually assaulting and strangling the girl, the Orange County prosecutor's office said.

District Attorney Tony Rackackaus said he would meet with Samantha's family as well as Avila's attorneys before making the decision.

"After I review what they have to say with my staff and also review the evidence, then I'll decide whether or not to pursue the death penalty," Rackackaus said on NBC's "Today" show.

California law permits prosecutors to seek the death penalty against murder defendants if special circumstances exist, such as the commission of another crime.

Funeral services for Samantha were pending. Late Saturday night her mother, Erin Rynnion, broke a long silence and met with well-wishers in the courtyard of

the townhome complex where a massive memorial of flowers, candles, cards and toys has appeared.

"You are truly wonderful to us," she said, and warned people: "Take care of your babies. Take care of each other's babies."

Samantha was playing with a 5-year-old friend just yards from her home when a man claiming to look for a lost puppy carried her away, kicking and screaming.

The swift arrest of Avila followed a massive effort by the police, press and public that began minutes after the first 911 call, Sheriff Mike Carona told The Associated Press Sunday.

Under the department's child-abduction emergency alert plan, a Southern California alert went out 10 minutes after the report that the girl had been snatched, he said.

"We were in everybody's front room, bedroom. People were seeing the task force number and we were getting thousands of calls. And it was those calls that led us to Avila," the sheriff said.

Carona said the department

adopted the alert plan in 1999. It calls for an immediate county-wide law enforcement alert and the notification of media. The alert plan was first used in March 2000 following the abduction of an 11-year-old girl from Laguna Hills. She was returned safely from Mexico.

"We drill from the top down as to how to respond. We have play books," Carona said.

Carona said the department plans to create a playbook for other law enforcement agencies. It also will review how it reacted in Samantha's case.

"We're going to figure out what our strengths were, what our weaknesses were and what we can do better," Carona said.

Carona has been criticized for saying early in the investigation that Samantha's body had been left "as a calling card" and that the killer might strike again within 24 hours.

"There was no shock value," Carona said in his own defense. "This is information the public has to understand. We don't want people to overreact. But we want people to understand we have a sexual predator out there."

Finley experiences first hit with two bench clearing brawls during NL debut

PITTSBURGH (AP) — On a hot, tense day in which it seemed a fight might break out at any minute, Chuck Finley found a way to cool off the Pittsburgh Pirates and win his National League debut.

Finley overcame a shaky beginning by getting the offensive support he seldom got in Cleveland, with Albert Pujols homering and driving in four runs in St. Louis' 8-4 victory over Pittsburgh on Sunday.

Finley (1-0) wasn't dazzling in his first NL start following 17 seasons in the AL, giving back a three-run lead before leaving after allowing four runs, three earned, in six innings.

After being dealt Friday in a three-player trade, Finley said he was looking forward to exactly what he got Sunday — a lot of runs. Finley, 4-11 with Cleveland, got an average of only 2.9 runs of support over his last 15 Indians starts.

Shortly after the first of two brief bench-clearing incidents, Finley helped himself to one of the Cardinals' 14 hits with a double off Josh Fogg (10-7) in the fourth for his first hit in 27 career at-bats. The 39-year-old Finley scored on Fernando Vina's single, putting the Cardinals ahead to stay at 5-4.

"We came out scoring runs and

we kept adding on," Finley said. "I like what I've seen of this team in the two days I've been here. When you look around and see very good players all around you, it really picks you up."

By winning their 11th in 17 games, the Cardinals maintained their 3 1/2-game lead in the NL Central over the Reds, 9-1 winners over the Mets.

The Pirates outscored the Cardinals 27-15 in winning the first two games, only to be prevented by Finley and two relievers from scoring in double digits for a third consecutive game — something they haven't done since August 1930. The loss was only their third in 11 games since the All-Star break.

St. Louis also contained Adam Hyzdu, who singled in three at-bats after going 7-for-10 with 11 RBI, a grand slam and two three-run homers on Friday and Saturday.

The key moment — and one that might have momentarily cost Fogg his concentration — came after the rookie narrowly missed hitting Jim Edmonds with two pitches before walking him with one out and one on in the third.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa came onto the field, as the Cardinals dugout yelled at Fogg

and he yelled back, and Pirates manager Lloyd McClendon quickly joined him. The night before, J.D. Drew of St. Louis and Rob Mackowiak of Pittsburgh were hit with pitches late in the Pirates' 15-6 victory.

As the managers yelled at each other, standing nearly toe-to-toe, both dugouts and bullpens emptied. But there were no punches thrown and the umpires quickly restored control.

"I have a lot of respect for Tony La Russa, but this wasn't about Tony La Russa and Lloyd McClendon, this was between the Cardinals and the Pirates," McClendon said. "My kids play the game the way it's supposed to be played, hard and clean, and if people have a problem with it, that's tough."

La Russa said, "Sometimes the emotions come out. It's nothing serious. I'm not a big one for rehashing things publicly and there's really nothing there. I hope the Pirates don't spend a lot of time yapping."

The five-minute standoff may have unsettled Fogg, who probably should have tried to pitch inside to Pujols, too. Instead, he left the pitch over the plate, and Pujols hit over the left-field wall for a three-run homer that put the Cardinals up.

Lieber allows two in first and no more in Cubs win

CHICAGO (AP) — A 94-degree day at the ballpark made the Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros work as hard to keep cool as they normally do just to win.

Mark Bellhorn and Fred McGriff homered, and Alex Gonzalez drove in the go-ahead run with a double as Chicago beat Houston 3-2 on a steamy Sunday at Wrigley Field.

Humidity made it feel like 106 degrees, and players on both sides took precautions against the weather.

"Every chance I had, I went inside to get some" air conditioning, McGriff said. "It was hot for everybody."

Cubs starter Jon Lieber, who was limited to five innings, said he also ducked inside whenever he could to an air-conditioned room near the team's dugout. Catcher Todd Hundley drank jugs of Gatorade before being lifted for a pinch-runner in the sixth.

The Astros have too long of a walk to their air-conditioned clubhouse, so all they could do to escape was stand in a dank hallway.

"I tried to stay cool by going into the tunnel between innings," Houston starter Roy Oswalt said. "Summer league (as a teen-ager) is probably the last time I've pitched in heat like this."

Jeff Fassero (4-6) pitched one inning of relief for the victory for the Cubs, who have won seven of 10 and are 8-4 since Bruce Kimm took over as interim manager July 5.

"It was hot in the dugouts," Kimm said. "There wasn't any breeze. But it always makes it cooler when you win."

Antonio Alfonseca got three outs for his 13th save in 17 chances.

Lance Berkman hit his NL-leading 30th homer for Houston, which dropped two of three to fall seven games behind St. Louis in the NL Central.

Between innings, Wrigley Field personnel sprayed fans in the bleachers with water from a hose, and umpires were given frequent cups of water by clubhouse workers.

Oswalt said pitchers had it the worst.

"We were out there giving 100 percent on every throw. That's the difference between pitchers and fielders," said Oswalt, who threw 97 pitches over five innings. "You give 100 percent for 80 to 90 throws, it's like doing 80 to 90 sprints."

After Craig Biggio's first-inning single, Berkman hit Lieber's 0-1 pitch into the shrubbery in center to move one ahead of Sammy Sosa for most homers in the league. Sosa went 0-for-4 with three strikeouts.

The Cubs stranded six runners over the second, third and fourth innings, but they caught Oswalt in the fifth.

Bellhorn hit a leadoff homer to right and two outs later McGriff hit his 20th homer to center, tying it at 2.

McGriff joined Barry Bonds as the only active major leaguers with 15 seasons of 20 or more homers.

"I pride myself on trying to be consistent," said McGriff, who missed 20 homers once, in 1998 with Tampa Bay.

Oswalt allowed two runs and five hits. He struck out eight and walked three.

"When (manager) Jimmy Williams came out to the mound (after the McGriff homer), I felt like throwing up. It was really hot," Oswalt said.

The Cubs took a 3-2 lead in the sixth when Gonzalez hit an RBI double to left off Tim Redding (3-6).

Gonzalez took third as Redding threw wildly for an error trying to pick him off second, but the pitcher came back by striking out pinch-hitter Roosevelt Brown and Bellhorn.

Tom Gordon put the first two Astros on with walks in the seventh, but he got out of it.

"You've really got to hand it to their pitchers, especially Gordon," Williams said.

Game notes: Despite the oppressive heat, a man wearing a Tony the Tiger suit threw a perfect strike to Mark Prior with the ceremonial first pitch.

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#	Player	Houston Rockets													
		S	F/G	3 PT	FT	OR	DR	TR	F	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
8	Kyle Hill	*	3-11	1-5	2-3	0	5	5	0	9	0	2	0	1	28
14	Fred Jonzen	*	5-8	0-0	2-2	3	4	7	2	12	0	1	0	0	31
16	Oscar Torres	*	2-6	1-1	3-3	2	3	5	3	8	0	2	0	0	21
25	Tito Maddox	*	4-9	0-0	4-4	1	4	5	4	12	6	3	0	0	32
44	Terrance Morris		1-6	0-2	4-4	1	2	3	1	6	1	1	1	0	20
00	Ismail Ahmed		9-17	1-4	1-1	2	5	7	4	20	2	2	0	0	31
1	Dana Fife		1-2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	23
10	Tierre Brown		1-5	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	2	3	3	4	0	0	21
32	Ike Nwankwo		5-7	0-0	3-7	2	5	7	4	13	1	2	0	0	17
41	George Williams		5-5	0-0	1-3	1	1	2	0	11	2	0	1	0	16
TEAM						3	0	3							
Totals			36-76	3-12	21-29	16	29	45	23	96	16	18	2	1	240
			47.4%	25%	72.4%										

#	Player	Miami Heat													
		S	F/G	3 PT	FT	OR	DR	TR	F	PTS	A	TO	B	S	MIN
12	Mike James	*	10-17	4-7	4-4	1	1	2	5	28	3	3	0	6	30
23	Ernest Brown	*	3-3	0-0	1-2	2	2	4	4	7	0	0	0	0	14
40	Malik Allen	*	1-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	9	
52	Caron Butler	*	5-14	0-0	1-1	1	4	5	3	11	3	2	0	1	28
54	Rasual Butler	*	1-5	0-0	1-2	0	2	2	0	3	2	1	1	1	22
1	Tertence Robertson		1-3	0-0	9-11	0	0	0	1	11	1	1	0	1	15
2	Dean Oliver		3-5	1-2	1-2	0	3	3	2	8	1	0	0	0	18
3	Luke Recker		4-6	1-2	2-3	0	1	1	2	11	1	0	0	1	11
24	Ken Johnson		2-3	0-0	0-0	1	5	6	0	4	0	0	2	0	21
32	Kimani Ffriend		1-3	0-0	0-0	2	4	6	4	2	1	1	0	1	27
34	Bill Phillips		4-7	1-2	0-1	2	3	5	2	9	2	1	1	1	25
43	Sean Lampley		6-9	0-0	1-1	1	2	3	2	13	2	0	0	0	20
TEAM						1	0	1							
Totals			41-78	7-13	20-27	11	27	38	25	109	16	10	4	12	240
			52.6%	53.8	74.1%										

Score By Period	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Houston Rockets	23	19	23	31	96
Miami Heat	20	35	24	30	109

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Ernie Els wins golf's oldest major championship

GULLANE, Scotland (AP) — Relief washed over Ernie Els as he cradled the silver claret jug after winning the British Open in a battle that could have ruined him.

He didn't beat Tiger Woods at Muirfield. It only felt that way.

"I'm back on track," Els said. "I can now legitimately try to win the majors."

After four years of marveling at Woods' skills and questioning his own, Els showed he has the mettle to do just that.

The Big Easy made it hard on himself Sunday by squandering a three-stroke lead on the back nine, by taking a double bogey when the trophy was in his grasp, by making the kind of history he could have done without.

In the first four-man playoff in British Open history, and the first one to go to sudden death, Els outlasted Thomas Levet of France with a signature bunker shot to save par on the first sudden-death hole.

"I didn't come here with a lot of confidence," Els said. "I'm going to leave here as the Open champion. It's been a little journey for me this week."

He had just enough strength left to throw his arms in the air and his hat into the fading sunlight of a Scottish sky after his 5-foot par putt curled in the right side of the cup.

"It was truly hard work, but nobody said it was going to be easy," Els said.

It proved to be far more difficult for Woods, who was trying to win the third leg of the Grand Slam but shot himself out of the tournament with an 81 in the third round, his worst score as a professional.

He left town on a much better note: seven birdies for a 65, matching the best score of a sunny, almost balmy, day in Scotland. Woods finished at even-par 284, tied for 29th.

Els was in despair after a double bogey on the 16th hole, which put him one stroke behind with two holes to play. Somehow, he pulled himself back together.

He finished birdie-par to get into the playoff, and had enough time to eat a sandwich and consult with his psychologist, Jos Vanstiphout.

"He just basically agreed that I had four more holes to play," Els said. "And those four holes were the most important holes of my career. I was going to give it 100 percent."

Els made all pars in the four holes of overtime to force sudden death with Levet.

Then came the most amazing par of all.

With his right foot anchored on the top of a bunker left of the 18th green, Els dug in and blasted out to five feet.

"That bunker shot was a piece of nerves," Levet said. "He's very, very talented. I lost to a great player."

Els was utterly exhausted and exceedingly pleased.

"I guess I've got a little fight in me when it counts," Els said. "It would have been a very hard loss if I didn't win this jug."

No other trophy has ever meant so much.

Els honed his game on European tour soil and was destined for greatness until Woods came along and started collecting majors at a frightening rate. Els has been runner-up to him twice in the majors, six times overall.

He won the British Open the same way he won his two U.S. Open titles — with grit and determination, unfazed even when it looked as though he had wasted his chances.

"This was one of the hardest tournaments I've ever played," Els said. "The emotions I went through today — I don't think I've ever been through that."

It was the third major championship for the 32-year-old Els, his first since the U.S. Open at Congressional five years ago.

None of three was easy, but this one tops the difficulty list.

Ahead by as many as three shots on the back nine, his lead was down to one when Els took double bogey on the par-3 16th.

"Walking off 16, I was like, 'Is this the way you want to be remembered? By screwing up in an Open championship?' That wasn't one of my finer moments," he said.

Els had no room for error, and didn't make any.

He finished birdie-par for a 1-under 70 to join Levet, Stuart Appleby and Steve Elkington at 6-under 278.

The largest British Open playoff before Sunday involved three players in 1999 at Carnoustie and in 1989 at Royal Troon. The lowest score over four holes is the winner.

Levet struck first, making a 50-foot birdie putt on the second hole in the playoff (No. 16). It was about the same distance as his eagle putt on the 71st hole that enabled him to shoot 66 and get into the playoff.

But the Frenchman started to feel the pressure, and he was lucky to escape the final two playoff holes

with a par and a bogey.

Appleby, who birdied three of the last four holes for a 65 to make the playoff, hit his approach into the right bunker, couldn't get on the green and made bogey to finish 1-over. Elkington, the '95 PGA champion who closed with a 66, missed a 6-foot par putt on No. 18 and also dropped out at 1-over.

Els and Levet, who finished the four-hole playoff in even par, headed back to the 18th. Levet found a pot bunker on the left side of the fairway, and the best he could do was advance it down the fairway. Bogey was imminent.

Els split the middle with a safe 2-iron, but then pulled a 5-iron into the greenside bunker, leaving himself more work. He came through with another clutch shot, then faced perhaps the longest 5-foot putt of his life.

It was shaky, but it was good enough.

Though no one saw Grand Slam history in the making Sunday, the gallery was hardly deprived of drama. Muirfield was a mixture of cheers and moans that resounded across the links, and both belonged to Els.

Starting with No. 9, he birdied three of four holes to build a three-stroke lead and suddenly seized command of the tournament. If only the ending had been so easy.

The roller-coaster began when Els hit into a pot bunker on the par-3 13th green that had a wall so steep he could barely see over the top. He had to place his left foot on the sodded wall, and the ball was nestled in a furrow where the sand had been raked. Els dug in and blasted out to two feet for a remarkable save.

It was the kind of shot that wins majors, only Els had much more work left.

He found another bunker off the 14th tee and had to play out sideways, leading to bogey. But the real damage came on the par-3 16th, where Els had a one-stroke lead and a 7-iron in his hands.

He pulled it long and left, and all the way down a swale. Then, Els hit his chip too hard. It went to the front of the green, paused, then continued onto the fairway. He chipped back and missed an 8-foot putt, taking double bogey.

Suddenly one stroke behind, Els gathered himself quickly and smashed a drive down the 17th fairway, allowing him to easily reach the green in two and take two putts for birdie to make it a four.

Hill starts summer league game for Houston Rockets

Long Beach, Calif. -- A big second quarter propelled the Miami Heat to a 109-96 summer league win over the Rockets on Friday. Miami outscored Houston 35-19 in the second period and the Rockets were never able to recover in falling to 3-4 in summer league action.

Former Eastern graduate Kyle Hill started the game playing 28 minutes and scoring nine points with five rebounds. Hill was three for 11 from the floor including one for five from three-point range.

Ismail Ahmed led five Rockets in double figures with 20 points. Ike Nwankwo added 13 points, while Tito Maddox and Fred Jonzen each poured in 12. University of Houston product George Williams, who was recently added to Houston's summer league roster, hit all five of his field goal attempts and finished with 11 points.

Regulars Eddie Griffin, Tierre Brown and Jason Collier did not see action for Houston. The Rockets will wrap up their L.A. Summer Pro League schedule Saturday with a rematch against the Heat.

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White Sox go down to Orioles then comeback to win

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Chicago White Sox were well on their way to another narrow defeat when suddenly, for one of the few times this season, they received an assist from the other guys.

The White Sox took advantage of three ninth-inning errors Sunday, including two by center fielder Chris Singleton, to score two unearned runs and snap a four-game losing streak with an 8-7 victory over the Baltimore Orioles.

"Seems as if we've given away breaks, so to speak, to the opposition," Chicago manager Jerry Manuel said. "I can't remember the last time something happened for us to determine the outcome of a game."

The White Sox got homers from Ray Durham, Jose Valentin and Tony Graffanino, but the decisive runs came courtesy of Baltimore miscues in the ninth.

Graffanino led off the inning with a single off Willis Roberts (5-3) and took second when Roberts threw wide to second for an error on a bunt by Mark Johnson.

Buddy Groom replaced Roberts and got Kenny Lofton to pop out on a bunt, but Durham followed with a single to center field. Graffanino scored on the play, and Johnson came home when Singleton first bobbled the ball, then threw wildly to second base in an effort to get Durham.

Singleton, obtained from the White Sox during the offseason, was given two errors on the play. He had only one the entire season before Sunday.

"I'm not going to make any excuses for Chris, but his left hand was cut earlier in the game," Orioles manager Mike Hargrove said. "What really hurt was not having anyone covering second on the play."

Second baseman Jerry Hairston was supposed to man the base, but

Singleton's throw soared over the glove of first baseman Jay Gibbons, who took it upon himself to cover the bag.

"The ball was in the middle of the infield. I could have walked home," Johnson said.

Chicago improved to 2-46 when trailing after eight innings and 6-17 in one-run games.

"It's nice to win that kind of game. We've been struggling the last couple of games," said Magglio Ordonez, who singled and scored a run.

Bob Howry (1-2) got the win and Antonio Osuna worked the ninth for his sixth save, enabling Chicago to salvage a 4-8 record on a four-city road trip following the All-Star break.

"Every win is key for us," Johnson said. "We have to put something together, and now is the time."

Gibbons hit two of Baltimore's four home runs, but the Orioles failed for the fourth time since May 14 to reach .500.

"The holy grail is not being .500 in July," Hargrove said. "It doesn't matter if we're at .500 now; it's how we finish the season that counts."

Hairston and Marty Cordova also homered for the Orioles, who fell to 36-4 when leading after eight innings. Baltimore was without closer Jorge Julio, who worked two innings in Saturday's 14-inning game.

Both of Gibbons' homers were solo shots. Scratched from Saturday's game because of a sore right wrist, Gibbons has 18 home runs this season, including six in his last 14 games.

Gibbons' second homer got Baltimore to 6-5 in the sixth. The Orioles then scored two in the seventh off Keith Foulke, on a solo homer by Hairston and an RBI single by Tony Batista.

A poll is currently on www.nba.com/rockets asking "Which Rockets summer league invitee do you think has the best chance of making the regular season roster?"

The Daily Eastern News encourages you to go vote former Eastern basketball player Kyle Hill!!