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## Iraq can wait a minute more

### Soldier comes home to see one-week-old daughter before returning to war

By SAMAYIA EWING  
NEWS EDITOR

Eastern English major Nathan Ogle hopes to teach secondary school someday, but for now his focus will be his one-week-old daughter Kaylee before his July 6 deployment to Iraq.

Nathan Ogle enlisted at the age of 17, directly following high school, after a friend of his father encouraged him to check out the National Guard.

"That was back when the National Guard was literally weekend warriors, that was all you did, but as soon as I signed the papers they changed their mind on that," said Nathan.

Nathan was deployed to Kuwait following basic training prior to Sept. 11. After leaving Kuwait Nathan came home and met his future wife Becky at a training class at Consolidated Marketing Response in Charleston.

"I tried to propose on our one year anniversary, but eight months after we met I was leaving for Germany, so it had to get bumped up," said Nathan. "I bought the ring and put it under the Christmas tree, hidden literally underneath the tree stand."

"I had to literally rip the tree apart to find it (the ring), he had to be reminded that he still needed to ask and then he left for Germany, we got married when he got back," said Becky Ogle.

The couple uses the Internet to communicate with one another while Nathan is in Iraq.

"I get on the computers in the recreation tent, they have



NORA MABERRY THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Becky and Nathan Ogle sit with their daughter, Kaylee Erin Elizabeth Wednesday morning. Ogle enlisted in the National Guard at age 17. He is serving with his Army unit in Iraq and was given leave to see his newborn daughter.

web cams, and I just get on yahoo messenger, and she (Becky) has a web cam here, so we can see each other and chat."

One week ago, while still in Iraq, Nathan discovered that his wife was having labor pains.

"I was on the Internet talking to her one night and she said she was dilated," said Nathan.

Through the kindness of his first sergeant Nathan managed to secure a rather unconventional leave.

"My first sergeant said he'd see what he could do, so he went up the chain of command, it got up to the general, and he said alright, that's not the way it's supposed to work, but it got me home, I can't thank them enough," said Nathan.

After a day of traveling, Nathan arrived back in Mattoon to greet his wife and his new daughter, Kaylee Erin Elizabeth Ogle.

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## 600 million years of life on Earth

Alan Baharlou,  
geology/geography  
department chair, will  
retire at the end of July



ALAN BAHARLOU,  
HAS BEEN THE GEOLOGY/  
GEOGRAPHY  
DEPARTMENT CHAIR  
FOR THE LAST 25  
YEARS AT EASTERN

"Shaking the hand of a person that just reached their goal is something you never forget," he said.

Baharlou said he believes fair treatment and empathy for students and faculty is one avenue toward affective teaching and administering.

"I try to see myself in their place," he said. "When I go to class I don't see men and women, I see students."

As geology/geography chair, Baharlou said he has experienced a budget crisis but believes Eastern academics remained unharmed.

"We took it as an exciting opportunity, not a drag," he said.

Baharlou has accepted several honors as an instructor, administrator and geologist. From 1999 to 2000 he was Professor Laureate at Eastern. He has been recognized by the American Institute of Professional Geologists, Sigma Xi, Gamma Theta

Upsilon and Omicron Delta Kappa.

Baharlou has also received the Lawrence Ringenberg Award, the highest award for faculty members of the College of Sciences at Eastern.

"I wanted a job that could take me where the nature is," he said.

He graduated as valedictorian in 1963 at the University of Tehran with a bachelor's degree in geology. He moved to the United States a few years later to attend the University of Oklahoma where he earned a master's degree in geophysics. Shortly after, he received a Ph.D. in geochemistry from the University of Tulsa.

"The only way we can enjoy our work is to be involved in every aspect," he said.

Baharlou said he plans to spend his retirement with his family including a granddaughter expected to be born this week.

As Baharlou exits, Professor John Stimac of Structural Geology will enter as geology/geography chair at Eastern.

"I'm taking over his position, not replacing him," said Stimac.

Stimac is in his seventh year of teaching at Eastern. He has taught introduction to geology, weather and climate, earth science, tec-

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## Red, White and Blue days just around the corner

Staff report

Sunday begins the annual Red, White and Blue Days festival.

The events will take place at Morton Park in Charleston starting Sunday at 4 p.m. The festival will begin with a pork chop barbecue, which will last until 6:30 p.m. For tickets are required to the barbecue call 345-7034.

Headlining a free concert after the barbecue is Aaron Tippin.

Throughout Sunday, the Farmer of the Year Recognition and Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker will be named.

The events Monday will begin at 7:30 a.m. with the four-mile run/walk, which is sponsored by Habitat for Humanity.

At 9 a.m. Kid's Day activities begin.

At 1 p.m. the parade will begin at Town Square and proceed to Morton Park.

At 2:15 p.m. the Bell Ringing ceremony begins.

At 2:30 is the Craig Morgan concert.

Shuttle buses will begin taking people to the airport at 5 p.m. for the Coles County fireworks show.

By CINDY TANNEY  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

It is possible to read 600 million years of life on Earth in one day, Alan Baharlou, Eastern's retiring geology/geography department chair said.

Baharlou recalled a class visit to the Grand Canyon.

"We were able to see where we come from," he said. "We were able to see the challenges and see the volcanoes and glaciers. In spite of that, we build houses and cultivate fields."

The 69-year-old will retire at the end of July. He has acted as geology/geography professor and chair of his department for 25 years at Eastern.

The biggest reward as an instructor is watching students graduate and remembering their very first day at Eastern, Baharlou said.

## FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
<b>94</b> 68 Isolated T-storms	<b>83</b> 57 Sunny	<b>82</b> 59 Partly cloudy	<b>87</b> 66 Mostly sunny	<b>90</b> 67 Isolated T-storms

## Students rush to beat loan deadline

By JUSTIN POP  
AN EDUCATION WRITER

Borrowers flooded the Department of Education and lenders with phone calls as they rushed to beat the deadline to consolidate student loans before interest rates rise.

The variable interest rate on federal student loans will rise nearly 2 percentage points after midnight Thursday. Some borrowers could save thousands of dollars over the lives of their loans by consolidating at the lower rate.

The unusually sharp increase has prompted a wave of last-minute inquiries, causing back-ups for banks' 800 numbers and at the Department of Education's Direct Loan Servicing Center, where at least some calls weren't getting through Wednesday.

Department spokeswoman Susan Aspey encouraged borrowers to file electronically — the department added nine Internet servers for extra traffic — or to call at off-peak times. The center will remain open until midnight Pacific time Thursday.

Borrowers can generally apply for consolidation loans online, but the process can be tricky and they often end up phoning lenders with inquiries.

"The volume is tremendous," said Jennifer Darwin, a spokeswoman for Charlotte, N.C.-based Wachovia Corp., which said call volume was up 51 percent compared to a year ago.

A spokeswoman for Charlotte-based Bank of America said callers should expect to be on hold an hour or more, even though the bank has added staff to field calls.

Other companies said their preparations worked. Mark Brenner, president of San Diego-based College Loan Corp., said 97 percent of calls were being answered within 30 seconds.

At Collegiate Funding Services in Fredericksburg, Va., executive vice president Clark McGhee also said most queries were being answered, thanks to extra staff and overtime, despite several times the usual volume. Pennsylvania's Higher Education Assistance Agency had managers answering calls, which were at more than twice the usual volume.

Some lenders bombarded students with reminders encouraging them to consolidate, but it didn't prevent a last-second rush.

## CORRECTIONS

The Broomcorn Festival in Arcola is not during Halloween as it was stated in a story published in the Tuesday, June 28 edition of *The Daily Eastern News*. The Web site is festivaloffrights.com not festivaloffright.com.

The Daily Eastern News regrets the error.

## AQUA FRESH



DANIEL WILLIAMS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Jacob Gates (right) and twin brothers Adam and Aaron Sower, all of Lerna, cool off in the fountain at Lytle Pool in Mattoon Wednesday.

## WTF?

### Another scorcher

The first official weekend of summer brought a scorching heat wave to the Northeast and Midwest, with temperatures climbing well into the 90s.

Boston reached a high of 95 degrees Saturday, the hottest the city has been since August 18, 2002, and cracked the 90-degree mark again on Sunday.

"As long as you're in the shade it's OK," said Sean Cantwell, 28, of Cambridge, as he left a store in Harvard Square with a cold drink. "When you're out in the open, it's pretty rough."

In Michigan, temperatures on Sunday hit 94 in Battle Creek, 93 in Kalamazoo and 91 in Jackson. It's the seventh-hottest June on record in the state, with an average temperature of 72.4 degrees, about 4 degrees above normal, the National Weather Service said.

"Even our dog thinks it's hot," said Marcus Wright, 9, of Farmington Hills, as he and his sister sought relief by running through a sprinkler.

## PEOPLE

### Fighting poverty

LONDON—Bob Geldof seems to be gearing up for his Live 8 concert next week. At another festival, he got a crowd of 100,000 to join hands and yell the slogan, "Make poverty history."

Geldof, an organizer of Live 8 and its predecessor, the Live Aid concerts 20 years ago, appeared Saturday at the Glastonbury Festival. The 2004 Olympic Games in Athens captured a global audience of 3.9 billion people and 2.5 billion people watched or heard Princess Diana's funeral in 1997.

Artists scheduled to perform include Madonna, U2, Paul McCartney and Coldplay.

## ONLINE POLL

What are you doing to celebrate the Fourth of July?

- A) Shooting off my own fireworks, injuries be damned.
- B) Having a picnic. Nothing is better than apple pie, hot dogs, hamburgers and salmonella.
- C) Going to the lake, laying out in the sun and wishing I was anywhere but in Charleston.
- D) Attending Red, White and Blue Days because it rocks!

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

<b>FRESHMAN DEBIT</b>	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>OLD MAIN</b>
Tours, academic advising and registration		
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# 23

Days until the last day of Summer 6 classes.

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## PROVERB OF THE DAY

Never swap horses crossing a stream.

-English proverb

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# Booth offers free tech workshops

BY SARAH WHITNEY  
CAMPUS EDITOR

There is more to Microsoft Word than just writing a letter and Library Operations Assistant, Sandy Nees' class on Microsoft Word 2003 teaches attendees just how much more the program can be used for.

"The classes were first designed for staff and faculty on campus only," Nees said. "We were just trying to give them a bit of computer knowledge."

The library began offering the classes 12 years ago, and throughout those years students requested to have similar classes offered for them. In response, the library tried to start workshops specifically for students, but the attendance was minimal, said Nees.

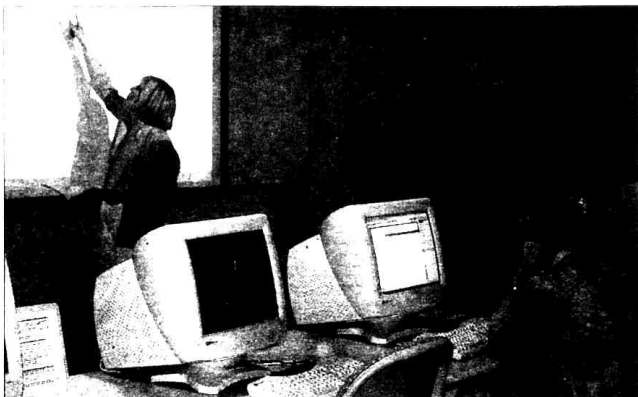
"So (instead) we expanded the workshops, and now invite anyone—on or off campus," she said.

For the summer, Nees said the Power Point class has the highest enrollment numbers.

"Power Point is most popular class right now," she said. "Many teachers are using it in their lectures and as part of their syllabus, and then they put it online for the students to access."

Library staff member Jeanne Goble decided to enroll in the MS Word 2003 class because it will help her with her on campus position as a library technical assistant II, she said.

"It's a lot different with XP than the previous programs we've used, and I felt I needed a big brush-up," Goble said.



Library Operations Assistant Sandy Nees points to a MS Word 2003 template for a memo while students followed along on their computers, Wednesday in Booth 408B. Templates, like memos, save time in the office, Nees said.

MS Word 2003 is just one of 15 Microsoft Application classes offered by the library to faculty, staff and students for free.

The MS Word class teaches students extra features that go beyond just letter writing, Nees said. The intermediate class learning objectives include setting up word options, customizing templates and toolbars and controlling number and bullet options.

Other classes taught include MS Excel, PowerPoint and Windows XP.

Each class meets once a week for two hours and can last three to five weeks.

"I see more staff than anyone else in the workshops," Nees said. She estimates that 70 percent of attendees are Eastern staff members who want to learn the extra features of Word, like creating columns or tables.

Randy McCammon, library technical assistant

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LIBRARY OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

II, took the class specifically to learn how to use the program's templates.

He said he continues to return to each session because he benefits so much.

Lisa Childress, library technical assistant II, works in the library computer lab and answers student questions about the programs.

"I need to keep up with the changes in the programs," Childress said. "It's nice to have a different answer than, 'I don't know.'"

# Byrnes sentenced

BY DAVID KEITH LOFTON  
STAFF WRITER

The conviction of a 2004 shooting incident in Charleston has resulted in a 15-year prison sentence for a Kendall County resident.

Steven J. Byrnes, 38, will serve his sentences consecutively on charges of aggravated battery with a firearm, along with a two-year sentence stemming from a drug conviction from Kendall County.

Byrnes was convicted of shooting Eastern student Terrance A. Williams, who was 18 at the time, in the shoulder with a .45 caliber handgun at his Charleston residence on July 11, 2004.

"We have a zero tolerance for this kind of behavior," said Charleston police Detective James Blagg. "(Charleston authorities) came down pretty quick (on Byrnes)."

Byrnes pled guilty to aggravated battery with a firearm after a charge of attempted murder was dismissed. Byrnes claims that the weapon went off accidentally when Williams tried to grab it, Blagg said.

"What actually happened was that the victim's roommate had stolen some CDs from Mr. Byrnes," Blagg said.

The CDs were taken from Byrnes' truck when Byrnes had given the roommate a ride home. According to a June 23 article from the Charleston Times-Courier, Byrnes, who was doing construction work in Charleston, broke into Williams' residence to retrieve the items. Williams, who happened to be at home, had no idea of the theft.

Byrnes fled after the shooting and was arrested two weeks later in Kendall County.

"Mr. Byrnes went about it the wrong way to get his things back," Blagg said.

About his assailant's sentence, Terrance Williams said, "It's straight."

# Local students' artwork travels to Oakland

BY SARAH WHITNEY  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Forty-one Illinois students colored and sculpted their way into the Tarble Art Center's 2004 to 2005 "Cultivating Creativity: Consolidated Communications Children's Art Exhibit."

The exhibit, which started touring last October, will be on display in Oakland July 1 to 24, instead of the previously announced dates of June 7 to 29.

Table Arts Director, Michael Watts wrote in an email that the dates were changed "at the request of the Citizens National Bank of Paris to accommodate another program at that bank."

The art in "Cultivating Creativity" was chosen out of 300 pieces shown in

the 22nd Annual International Children's Exhibition held at Tarble in May 2004. For the traveling exhibit one piece of art was selected to represent each school.

Consolidated Communications, which donates funding to the exhibit, also awards a \$100 savings bond to each participating student and donates \$50 to the students' schools for their art programs.

Oakland students represented in the exhibit include Nick Clapp and Dustin Olinger.

Students representing the Charleston school district are: Mandy Buell, Charleston High School; Holly N. Donnals, Carl Sandburg Elementary; Molly Emmert, Charleston Middle School; Moya Hunter, Mark Twain School; Casey

McKinney, Jefferson Elementary; Carlie Nicholson, Ashmore Elementary and Peyton Sledge, Lerna Elementary.

Watts and Kit Morice, Tarble's curator of education, selected the pieces to travel with the exhibit.

"When making the selections an effort was to choose what we considered the best work from each school, while at the same time selecting pieces that could stand the rigors of travel, getting a fairly even distribution between the various grade levels," Watts wrote in the e-mail.

Works featured in the exhibit range from paintings in watercolor, acrylic, tempera and oil to charcoal drawings and printmaking.

Sarah Greider, spokeswoman for Consolidated Communications, wrote

in an email that "Cultivating Creativity" encourages young people to participate and celebrate their work by showcasing artwork by area children.

### Exhibit schedule

- ◆ **Oakland:** July 1 to 24 at the Citizens National Bank
- ◆ **Marshall:** July 26 to Aug. 14 at the Marshall Public Library
- ◆ **Charleston:** Aug. 16 to Sept. 7 at Eastern, Booth Library
- ◆ **Springfield:** Sept 7 to 30, Illinois State Board of Education

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# OPINION

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid."

THURSDAY, JUNE 30, 2005

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### EDITORIAL

## Media should not be censored

#### At issue

A court ruled last week that it was within the bounds of the Hazelwood court case for college media to be censored by school administrators.

#### Our stance

Censorship of college media impedes the ability of student journalists to practice realistic journalism and prevents the public from important news that administrators may choose to censor.

The U.S. Court of Appeals ruled Monday in favor of allowing university officials to censor student-run publications. This sets a dangerous precedent for student journalists who value the freedom of speech.

A story in *The Chronicle of Higher Education* says a 7-4 vote dismissed the claim of a First Amendment violation filed by three editors for Governors State University's student newspaper, *The Innovator*. The story states that the student editors sued the university after Dean of Student Affairs and Services Patricia A. Carter told the newspaper's printer that content was to be reviewed by a Governors State official before publication.

Carter's attorneys argued that the Supreme Court curtailed the First Amendment rights of students in 1988 with the *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*, where high school officials were granted the right to review and censor the high school students' newspaper.

Judge Frank K. Easterbrook of the Full Appeals Court indicated in the *Chronicle* that high school, as well as college, administrators have the authority over the content of student-run newspapers because the school or college subsidizes the publications.

Eastern is funded through the state and federal government, as well as taxpayers, donors and tuition payers. If everyone pays a percentage toward the university, will each person deserve a certain amount of content to "revise"?

As students of journalism, our purpose is to learn. Therefore, we are bound to make mistakes along the way. We have; we've been there.

The *Hazelwood School District vs. Kuhlmeier* ruling itself says, "The school officials in this case did not deviate from their policy that the newspaper's production was to be part of the educational curriculum and a regular classroom activity under the journalism teacher's control as to almost every aspect of publication."

This means that, if the student publication is a part of a curriculum, it is subject to the teacher, as well as administrators, since it is part of the educational process. In many cases, high school publications are used as a means of educating students in journalism. Some colleges, like Eastern, ask their journalism students to submit articles to student publications as a means of encouraging publication. Therefore, since Eastern's journalism students submit their writing to these publications as a part of the curriculum, potentially, Eastern's publications could become subject to review by the administrators through Monday's ruling.

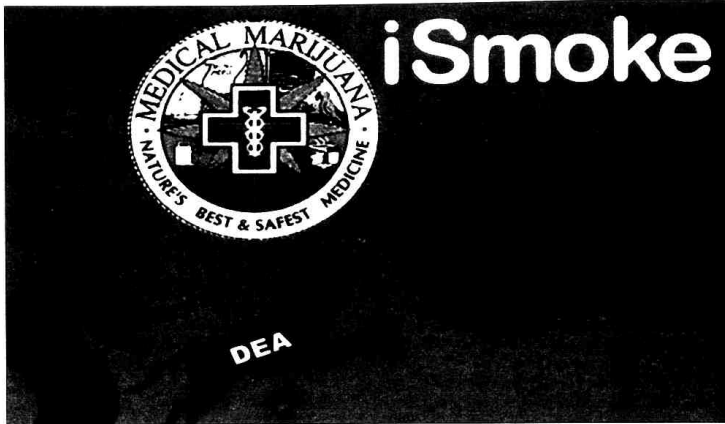
Unlike many university newspapers, we are fortunate to be treated as responsible working journalists by our administrators. Not only do they forgive our mistakes, a few are diligent enough to help prevent the major ones by verifying numbers and reiterating statements.

More importantly, Eastern administrators and our advisers have established a trust with the Daily Eastern News staff. They are here to guide us, not produce the news on their terms. Without this, accountability and responsibility are beyond our reach.

While this case has no direct effect on us today, we can only hope administrative authority won't broaden any time soon.

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

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY STEPHEN LARRICK



### COLUMN

## The big 2-0 signals a new era in life

Bear with me on this. Yesterday was June 29, which placed me one month away from my 20th birthday.

Many times, we look forward to our birthdays as a cause for celebration and merriment, a time to receive gifts and generally enjoy the fact that another year has passed without us doing the same.

However, as I stare down the business end of a month away from turning 20, I find myself not so much looking forward to it as I do back.

Many people might scoff or mock my nervousness at turning the big 2-0, but I find it gives me reason for pause.

In a scant 29 days, I will no longer be a teenager. I will no longer have an excuse for any lingering angst or a reason to act immature.

In short, by turning 20, in some people's eyes, I will no longer be a child.

Graduating high school, attending college, and taking out student loans — they were all a part of "growing up." They were all signs along the road that led me to the crossing of this final bridge into some semblance of adulthood.

Even though I have already gone through a lot of the things that come as part and parcel to becoming an adult, the feeling of being 20 is kind of frightening.

It is the realization that I have been stumbling around this world for two



DAVID THILL  
Thill is Editor in Chief and a columnist for *The Daily Eastern News*.

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decades. I have been here for 1985, 1995 and now 2005.

I find it makes me look back and realize all the things that I had once so looked forward to have already come and gone, and I hadn't even given notice. Learning to drive, voting, moving out — I have done them all and never took into account that they were all slowly helping to mold me into an adult.

It doesn't seem so long ago that I was riding my bicycle around the neighborhood with my friend Hank, talking about, "When I grow up..." And although, most people would still say I have not yet grown up, turning 20 stands out as one of the most noticeable markers that tell me I may not be an adult, but I am most definitely no longer a child. And I

don't like that.

I have responsibilities. I have bills to pay. I have rent that's due. I am the editor in chief of a newspaper — albeit a summer edition — but still, my point is made.

I used to be the little runt chasing family pets around and getting yelled at by adults. Now, I catch myself yelling at my eight-year-old nephew to stop chasing the dog.

I can no longer complain about adults not understanding me because I am almost one of them. I can't chalk up any trouble I get myself into as youthful exuberance.

Don't get me wrong, this is no pity piece. I enjoy all the things that have come along with reaching this point in my life. I merely am finding myself, for lack of a better term, a bit freaked out about it.

I am finding that my parents were right: the time truly does fly by. Life is a freight train, and all we can do is try to hang on. There are so many things I didn't notice along the way, but now, taking time to look back over them, I think I really should have noticed them more.

People say to cherish your youth. A few days ago, I was talking to a high school student, and I found myself saying the same thing. I am growing up, and turning 20 will just be one more piece of evidence to prove it.

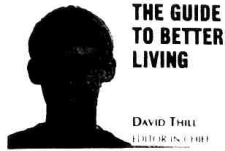
Oh well, at least I am only 29 days away from getting some presents.

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**THE GUIDE TO BETTER LIVING**

DAVID THILL  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

## Piercings and tattoos should be accepted as self-expression

In today's society there are so many ways to express one's individuality:

Many people do so through fashion, hairstyle, tattoos and, my personal avenue of choice, piercings.

**"Personally, I have one barb in my left eyebrow and a ring through the left side of my bottom lip and I plan on getting more."**

are having to adjust their more traditional standards of what is acceptable in the work place.

Personally, I have one barb in my left eyebrow and a ring through the left side of my bottom lip and I plan on getting more.

Many times people ask me why I enjoy my piercings. They ask why I got them, if they get in the way, why would I put something like that in my face.

I have them because I enjoy the way they look. I have a personal preference and I feel happier with them than without. Many people I have spoken to whom also have piercings or tattoos have told me the same. Many of them say they feel more like themselves after they got their piercings or tattoos.

More than anything else, though, I hear: "You know you are going to have to take those out for a job."

Not necessarily true.

As an article in The Seattle Post Intelligencer explained, many employers are becoming more accepting of body art. The article states that too many employers are struggling just to find qualified employees as is. So to disregard someone who may very well be qualified for the job simply because of a little ink or placement of jewelry is ludicrous.

The times are changing and with them so are the social mores and taboos that people may have once thought unchangeable.

When people comment about my need to maintain an air of professionalism in being a journalist and then go on to point to my piercings as an example, I merely wave it off.

In my opinion, if someone is going to judge my ability solely on my appearance then I don't want to work for that closed-minded person anyway. I am aware of the ability I possess to do my job."

Tattoos and piercings are on the rise and I highly doubt it is going to stop anytime soon.

I have been approached by several people who have commented on my piercings. Some have been positive remarks, other have not been so kind. However, I am yet to come across someone who has run away in fear at the sight of a few pieces of metal in my face.

I have performed my job as a journalist so far without any comment from people I have talked to for events I may be covering.

The point is that, while it is more popular in younger people, piercings in general are not going to go away any time soon. Perhaps people should just try to deal with it rather than instantly writing someone off at the first sight of their chosen path of self-expression.

**"This is actual live, real reenactment. Each person picks a persona and writes out a history about the person they are reenacting; it's set from the period of 1208 to 1498."**

JESSE KNOPP, MEMBER OF SCA

## Time to get medieval

BY TIM EMMERLING  
VERGE EDITOR

Those passing through Kiwanis Park on Sunday afternoons might wonder why people dressed in chain mail are holding shields and attacking each other with swords and other medieval weaponry.

Have the fighting knights of time's past conjured themselves up from the grave to wage war on Charleston's lush battlefields? Not quite.

But members of two nationally recognized combat reenactment organizations are battling

their way out of the present and into a time where knights fought, royalty ruled and large kingdoms flourished.

One of the groups, the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA), is dedicated to studying and recreating the talents and lifestyles

of pre-seventeenth-century Europe.

Jesse Knopp, 20, of Charleston has been a member of the SCA for about three years.

Knopp said that the practices of the SCA go well beyond the battlefield.

"This is actual live, real reenactment," Knopp said. "Each

person picks a persona and writes out a history about the person they're reenacting; it's set from the period of 1208 to 1498."

Knopp, who assumes the role of a Scotsman who was a member of the knights' temple during the crusade, said the SCA "is more of a way of life."

"We've got blacksmiths, jewelers,

people who brew drinks, cooks and pretty much anything you can imagine," Knopp said.

During combat, the goal at hand is for one to kill his or her

opponent by striking target areas on the body. If a leg is hit, for example, the rules state that the struck combatant must fall to his knee as if he

leg were actually severed. The same rules apply to the arms.

"Someone is considered dead when they've lost two limbs or when they've been hit in the head or the body," Knopp said. "They're instructed to fall over on their side with their shield covering their body. A lot of the men are big, heavy strong men who are carrying shields and armor with some jagged edges from time to time. It's safety regulated to how you die."

Knopp's two swords are made out of rattan but weapons can also be made from metal, PVC pipe and plastic.



TIM EMMERLING, THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

(above) Fellow SCA members battle it out in the field of Kiwanis Park in Charleston. (right) Jason Staley, 15, became part of the SCA about a year ago and is still training with a sword.

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## Listen, they've done it again Regulation is a bloody mess

Coldplay's latest album is worth buying

GRADE: A

BY TIM EMMERLING  
VERGE EDITOR

After listening to Coldplay's new album, "X&Y," numerous times one thing can be said: it was all yellow.

Fans of previous albums don't need to worry about experiencing a new Coldplay. Chris Martin and the gang have yet to lose their unique sound.

Martin's vocals, terrific guitar and piano licks are the combination that makes this work so well. The lyrics are equally powerful, forcing listeners to reflect on life, love and the future.

Newcomers and fans alike will not be disappointed with "X&Y."

GRADE: B

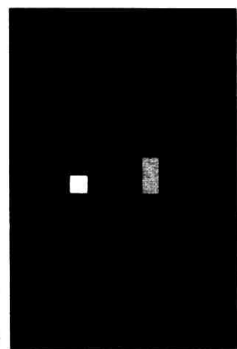
BY TIM EMMERLING  
VERGE EDITOR

When an autistic child enslaves an entire neighborhood by summoning up his favorite cartoon cowboys and unleashing them on the innocent, things can only go downhill.

Along the way limbs will be lost, heads will be blown open and blood will be splashed. But look on the bright side: "The Regulators," originally written by Richard Bachman and later revised by Stephen King is sure to entertain.

That is if you can stomach it. The plot is simple. Strange things are afoot; people are being attacked and killed by ghastly beings and something needs to be done quickly.

Will the neighborhood be able to band together to end this mess before the child-crafted meat wagons trample them?



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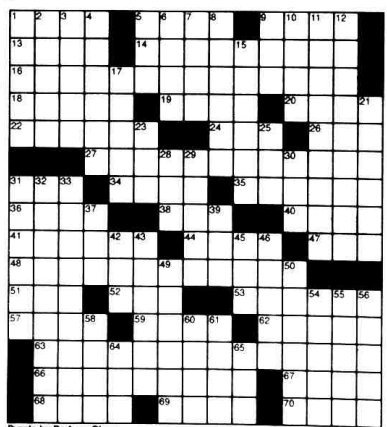


## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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- ACROSS
- 1 Arrange
- 5 Sixth Jewish month
- 9 Suddenly interested
- 13 Sho-cone choice
- 14 Football official
- 16 Blastoff of Spirit or Opportunity?
- 18 Danke preceder, perhaps
- 19 General Motors make, now
- 20 Gets
- 22 Etching tool
- 26 Time piece
- 27 Once-beautiful castle?
- 31 Desert land; Abbr.
- 34 Wrangle
- 35 Surveyor's aid
- 36 Turndowns
- 38 "I Will Follow" (1963 #1 hit)
- 40 Ill-humored
- 41 Cloaked
- 44 Syrup-soaked cake
- 47 Secretive org.
- 48 Moon-pastry?
- 51 Poetic contraction
- 52 Word repeated in Shelley's line "Dutch"? \_\_\_\_\_ happiness, \_\_\_\_\_ majesty, \_\_\_\_\_ fame"
- 53 Library area
- 57 Blah
- 59 Greek letters
- 62 "\_\_\_\_\_ the Sheriff" (Eric Clapton hit)
- 63 Three-hanky film?
- 66 Natural mood alterer
- 67 List ender
- 68 Certain N.C.O.
- 69 Donkey (game)
- 70 Artist Magritte
- DOWN
- 1 Commoners
- 2 55 miles an hour, maybe
- 3 Friendliness
- 4 Chocolatier Henn
- 5 Lord of the ring, once
- 6 God; Sp.
- 7 Pavlova of ballet
- 8 Second shot
- 9 Bite harmlessly
- 10 Food product figs.
- 11 Mutually accept
- 12 "Stop fooling around!"
- 13 "Really!"
- 15 Miscellany of merchandise
- 17 Big name in children's books
- 21 Dee of "Gidget"
- 23 Big letters in racing
- 25 Plant owner; Abbr.
- 28 Response during a medical checkup
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Puzzle by Barbara Olson

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"My middle name is Kay, his is Lee, so we put them together," said Becky. Nathan will leave for his final year long tour of duty in Iraq on July 6.

"It's going to be hard to leave her (Kaylee), it's going to be rough, but it's going to be a lot more worthwhile when I come home, it's probably going to be my best homecoming yet," said Nathan.

The couple works hard to keep their relationship strong while they're apart and credits much of their success to strong support systems.

"It's about support systems, whether it's family or friends, or other military wives, that's what really matters, between his (Nathan's) family and my family, we've got a really wonderful support system," said Becky.

"As far as dealing with the frustration of separation, it's just best to keep a positive attitude, whenever it starts to get rough and you want to give up, just know it will eventually be over, and you'll be back home where you belong," said Nathan.

The birth of Kaylee has affected both of the Ogles in different ways.

"I think it will make me a better soldier, having her (Kaylee) here, I'm a little more compassionate to the little kids," said Nathan. "When we drove up to Iraq we had orders that we weren't supposed to stop, that was hard on a lot of us, to drive by these little kids standing on the side of the road and wanting to give them food, but we knew we couldn't because it would make us too vulnerable."

"It's going to be a lot harder having her here and him gone, but that doesn't change how proud I am of him, or anybody else who's serving our country over there," said Becky.

While the couple remains optimistic, both Becky and Nathan understand the danger inherent in Nathan's job.

"I do realize that the danger is there, but if you dwell on that you're never going to survive the year. I need to take care of her (Kaylee), that's my main concern, I just keep telling myself he's coming home," said Becky.

When asked what he'd want his legacy to his daughter to be should he fail to return Nathan replied, "That I enjoyed the time I spent with her, and that I hope she ignores anything they may ever write in the history books about what I did over there."

# Lowest radiation levels show cancer risk, science panel says

By H. JOSEF HERBERT  
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON— Even very low doses of radiation pose a risk of cancer over a person's lifetime, a National Academy of Sciences panel concluded Wednesday. It rejected some scientists' arguments that tiny doses are harmless or may in fact be beneficial.

The findings could influence the maximum radiation levels that are allowed at abandoned reactors and other nuclear sites. The conclusions also raise warnings about excessive exposure to radiation for medical purposes such as repeated whole-body CT scans.

"It is unlikely that there is a threshold (of radiation exposure) below which cancers are not induced," scientists said in the report.

While at low doses "the number of radiation-induced cancers will be small, as the overall lifetime exposure increases, so does the risk," the experts said.

Scientists for years have debated how extremely low doses of radiation affect human health.

Pro-nuclear advocates, as well as some independent scientists, have maintained that the current risk models for low-level radiation has

produced more stringent requirements than is necessary to protect public health.

It is an issue in determining decontamination requirements at abandoned reactors and at federal weapons sites.

The academy's panel stood by the "linear, no threshold" model that generally is the acceptable approach to radiation risk assessment. This

past 15 years only strengthen the conclusions of the panel's last report, in 1990, on low-level radiation risks.

The scientists estimated that one out of 100 people exposed to 100 millisievert of radiation over a lifetime probably would develop solid cancer or leukemia, and that half of those cases would be fatal.

It also said that 42 additional cancers can be expected in the same

Dr. Henry Royal, a professor of radiology at Washington University in St. Louis. He said most often the benefits of such tests and treatments outweigh the risks.

But Royal also said that procedures such as CT scans should be used to deal with a specific medical problem and not part of annual medical screenings. "You should not be exposed to radiation for superficial reasons," Royal said in a telephone interview.

Some anti-nuclear advocates said the study reaffirms that stringent regulations are needed when cleaning up abandoned nuclear sites or considering health risks near nuclear power plants.

"The NAS panel puts to rest once and for all claims that low doses of radiation aren't dangerous ... nuclear advocates have been making this claim for years" said Daniel Hirsch, president of Committee to Bridge the Gap, a Los Angeles-based nuclear watchdog group.

Mitchell Singer, a spokesman for the Nuclear Energy Institute, the industry's lobbying arm, said the report "is a positive finding. It shows there is very little risk of exposure from low levels of radiation."

The academy is a private organization chartered by Congress to advise the government of scientific matters.

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NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES PANEL

approach assumes that the health risks from radiation exposure decline as the dose levels drop, but that each unit of radiation — no matter how small — is assumed to cause cancer.

"The scientific research base shows that there is no threshold of exposure below which low levels of ionized radiation can be demonstrated to be harmless or beneficial," said Richard R. Monson, the panel's chairman. He is a professor of epidemiology at Harvard's School of Public Health.

The panel said new and more extensive data developed over the

group from other than low-level radiation sources.

A millisievert is a measurement of radiation energy deposited in a living tissue. People absorb about 3 millisievert of radiation annually from natural sources and 0.1 millisievert every time they get a chest X-ray.

The report noted that exposure from a whole body CT scan is about 10 millisievert, much higher than a normal X-ray. That raised concerns about the frequency of such medical diagnostics.

The report should not scare people away from nuclear medicine, said

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"They're very solid and very heavy and they hit hard," Knopp said. "This is why we wear the armor."

He said members wear full-plate mail, having the right areas covered so that combat is safe and so nobody gets seriously injured.

Knopp is currently helping his friend, Jason Staley, 15, of Olney get involved with the SCA and was teaching him blocking techniques last Sunday. Staley has been involved with the group for nearly a year.

The other organization, started in 1975 by a college student in Champaign, is called Belegarth.

Belegarth, a medieval combat society, is made up of several

"realms," or regions around the globe. Realms are then inhabited by "councils" of Belegarth participants.

Charleston happens to fall within a region known as "Mid-Realm" and is inhabited by the "Council of Khaza-Dum."

Alan Smith, 24, of Charleston, said he became a member about a year ago when a friend of his said "Hey we beat up each other with swords, want to join?"

Smith said the difference between Belegarth and the SCA is that the SCA is more of a reenactment group than they are.

"We're more of a sport than a reenactment group," Smith said.

"We're a competition sport."

Like the SCA, Belegarth members still create profiles for themselves and assume alternate egos when they're on the battlefield.

Smith made a character based off "Invader Zim," a cartoon character from Nickelodeon, because the character already matched his personality traits.

Belegarth combat utilizes a similar system where target areas are immobilized once they're struck, but there's also a point system involved.

Bartlers also specify a unit type beforehand, describing the manner in which they attack and prowl the field.

"Each unit fights their own way," Smith said. "Some units charge in as a massive group and other units are smaller and more elite fighters."

Belegarth weaponry is made from PVC pipe and foam, fiberglass rods and even graphite golf clubs. Designers can use several different materials available to them as long as the weapon doesn't have a metal core.

Even with the armor they wear, Smith said "it can sting every once in a while."

Knopp and Smith both recognize that their groups may get weird looks or be laughed at by passersby from time to time, but it doesn't bother them at all.

"I say I'm having fun," Knopp said. "It's my escape from reality, it's exercise and it's stress relief."

More information on the SCA and Belegarth can be found at [www.SCA.org](http://www.SCA.org) and [www.belegarth.com](http://www.belegarth.com) respectively.

**BAHARLOU:**

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tonics and said he is primarily interested in the geology of the Western United States.

One important lesson students will reach you, Stimac explained, is the importance of being a good listener.

"You have to be very, very patient with everyone," he said. "There's always more than one side."

Stimac said his interest in science is most emphasized through geology.

"It is the comprehensive science," he said.

Stimac received a bachelor's degree

in environmental sciences from the University of Virginia and a master's degree in geology from Fort Hays State University in Kansas. He also earned a Ph.D. in geology from the University of Oregon.

He said he will miss teaching his 100-student classes next fall but looks

forward to the challenges as chair.

Stimac will oversee 13 full-time instructors and 80 students are enrolled as geography and geology majors at Eastern, Baharlou said.

Calls made to Eastern geology/geography faculty were not immediately returned.

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**CAUGHT ON THE WARNING TRACK**

**BRIAN KIDWELL**  
SPORTS EDITOR

## Get your act together

How many of you enjoy the occasional sporting event fight? What about a coach who has Bobby Knight-type temper tantrums? I'll admit I like these crass distractions, which rank in sporting event significance somewhere between "The wave" and an Ashlee Simpson halftime show.

There is a certain allure to watching professional athletes and coaches put on their best scowl and attempt to pick fights with referees, fans, other athletes; you name it.

There is no appeal, however, when this athletic sideshow occurs at amateur sporting events. Brock Friese, assistant coach of the Stewardson-Strasburg American Legion Post 289/611 baseball team, can attest to this.

During a game with the Mattoon Post 88 baseball team last Saturday, Friese lost his cool. After a couple iffy calls by umpire John Alexander, Friese snapped. Giving way to a hot head, Friese went to argue with Alexander and, in the process, committed one of the gravest baseball sins of all: bumping an umpire.

In the art that is baseball bickering, there is a very fine line between much and too much. Anything ranging from kicking dirt on an umpire's shoes too using four-letter words, nudging an umpire too sharing an inadvertent saliva shower is definitely crossing the line.

Get as red in the face as you will, grunt as much as you feel necessary but do not come in any contact with the umpire. For once you have made contact with an umpire, you have crossed the event horizon of the black hole that is manager ejection, from which there is no escape.

Friese's fate is currently up in the air as the American Legion Baseball State Commission analyzes the incident and considers an appropriate action. If this is an incident which has never before happened in John Alexander's 18 years of umpiring, then the only possible punishment for Brock Friese is a lifetime ban from American Legion baseball.

If he can not control his emotions enough in an amateur baseball league, a league based not upon the careers of its athletes but instead sportsmanship and clean competition, then Friese should have no role in the league.

This incident had no effect on the future careers of his players, nor himself. This is American Legion baseball, not game seven of the World Series. That Friese has confused the two and chose to act with a Lou Piniella flair suggests he is too hot-headed for a baseball league which stresses any sort of sportsmanship. And sportsmanship, not managerial quarrels, is the allure to amateur sports.

## Turner takes on sports promotion

By DAVID THIEL  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

After serving for two years as a graduate assistant in the sports information department, Ben Turner has finally received a promotion. Sort of.

Turner, a 2003 graduate of Eastern, has been named the new Assistant Sports Information Director, effective September 1.

What duties does that job entail? Nothing new to Turner, if that's what you're asking.

"I'm grateful for the opportunity," Turner said. "I like everything that goes on here.

"It doesn't really feel like a new job, though. It's kind of a funny feeling." He's starting to feel like an "Eastern lifer," Turner said with a laugh.

Media guide design, post-game Web site updates, putting together press releases and calling play-by-play for the women's basketball team are just a few of the responsibilities that come with the job, Turner said. Although, much of that is what he

already does, he said.

The numerous responsibilities are part of the reason he enjoys the job so much, Turner said. But is there anything specific he likes about the job?

"I get to do a lot of travel," Turner said. "That is one of the perks of the job."

"On the other hand, there are a lot of weekends."

Turner also said he plans on making some improvements to the position.

"I would like to try to build a bit of a better database for players'

hometowns," he said. "I would also like to find a bit more consistency with baseball announcing.

"But that's just a few I can think of off the top of my head."

"(Turner) is doing great," Dave Kidwell, assistant director for sports information and marketing, said. "It's sort of an easy transition; he's been doing it for a few years."

Kidwell said Turner works well with athletes and coaches, a difficult thing to do sometimes.

"He's a team player and we're all on the same page," he said.

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**Katie Wirth, senior elementary education major swats at the ball during a game of tennis on the Seventh Street courts across from Thomas Hall Wednesday night.**

## Basketball camp improves footwork for young players

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Eastern will once again play host to more than 100 young athletes when it kicks off its high school post player/guard camp today.

Coaches and players recently finished with the team camp which wrapped up this past weekend. Mike Miller, head coach of Eastern's men basketball, said.

"Everything went well," Miller said. "I think it was a good experience for (the athletes). It was good to participate at Eastern's facilities."

The camp beginning today is very skill specific and will focus around basic fundamentals that go with mastering the athletes positions, Miller said.

Much of the skills and fundamentals the athletes will be coached on are footwork.

"So much of the game is based on good footwork," he said. "Whether you're a 7' center or a 5' 10" guard."

Athletes attending the camp will range anywhere from seventh-graders just learning their positions to those entering their senior year in high school who are trying to refine the skills needed for their positions, Miller said.

Over the course of the three-day camp,

campers will cover a variety of things, Miller said.

"They will come in with different skill levels," he said.

Miller said if campers can be helped with just one thing, one aspect of their game, then he thinks the coaches will have helped them.

The athletes also need to remember to have fun and have a good time, Miller said.

The age of the players will not affect the way they are taught, however.

"We coach them just like they were our players," he said.

The camp will not just focus on basketball, though. Miller said he also plans to speak with the attendees about life off-court as a student athlete.

"I will talk to them about choices," Miller said. "They are going to be faced with a lot of choices."

"Also to be prepared for competition. You are going to encounter competition on any level."

Miller has been pleased with the way camps have been progressing so far this summer and expects this camp to be no different.

"Eastern has done a very good job and has a good reputation for hosting summer camps," he said.

## Robinson signed on to play at Eastern

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Eastern may have found one more piece of the puzzle that may bring it closer to an Ohio Valley Conference championship in Mike Robinson.

Robinson has signed a scholarship to play basketball at Eastern in the fall. Mike Miller, Eastern's head basketball coach announced last Thursday.

Robinson will bring with him two state championships by way of IHSA Class A Hales Franciscan high school and a reputation as a "proven winner," Miller said.

What is the big thing Robinson can bring to Eastern other than a couple of championships, though?

Versatility.

"He can make plays on both ends of the court," Miller said. "He can make a play when the ball is in his hands and when the ball isn't in his hands."

Robinson's defensive ability will be an added bonus as well, he said.

"He has always defended the best player on the other team," Miller said.

Always?

"Always," he said. "He was a shut-down player and you feel good having someone like that on the floor."

In his high school career, Robinson averaged 15.1 ppg, 4.4 assists per game and shot 49 percent from the field.

Could he find a spot right away on the floor at Eastern? Miller said that's all up to the players.

"We're going to have to develop a lot of depth," Miller said. "Looking at our schedule, we play a lot of games in short pockets."

"I think there are two weeks back-to-back where we play three games each week. If we have quality depth, that helps you. Anytime you can add quality players, that helps."

Miller will begin his first season at the helm of Eastern's men's basketball team following the departure of Rick Samuels.

How hard is it to follow a 25-year tenured head coach?

"All of us have the same feelings,"

Miller said. "We want it right now."

Eastern has a good "core of players" as well as a good coaching staff in place, Miller said. And his intentions are clear.

"I know this," he said. "I want Eastern to be the best basketball program in the Ohio Valley Conference."

"I'm excited to be here," he said. "I've said it before and I'll say it again, there is a good program in place but you've got to improve. And you do that by building. You never stop building."

With two-time state champion Mike Robinson signed on, Miller may have found one of his first bricks to build upon.