PROFESSOR JACKSON

Jesse Jackson ‘warms up’ community for Black History Month

The opening ceremony of Johnson & Wales celebration of Black History Month was kicked off with a visit from the well-known Reverend Jesse Jackson. Sponsored by the Black History Month committee and the Office of Student Activities, Jackson visited McVinnie Auditorium on February 2 at 7:00pm.

Almost as if the audience had stepped into Professor Jackson’s classroom, the Reverend immediately began instructing the group of students, faculty, and the community. Highlighting the important people, events, and dates that paved the way to where African Americans are today.

Though his speech varied in topic, from the elections in Iraq to Kool-Aid, one underlying message was clear. Black History Month was not to promote African Americans self esteem, but to understand the true story of their own history. He expressed that February was not only a warm up for the next 12 months, but a study to begin a lifetime journey from.

Many of his statements during the night were corrections of common misconceptions regarding Black and American History. Jackson talked about Martin Luther King’s “I have a dream” speech and how commonly it’s message is lost. Dr. King, Jackson explained, is talking about the broken promises between the US government and the African American people.

One hundred years after equality was promised, Jackson felt, no governmental initiative had been made. “We couldn’t buy ice cream at Howard Johnson’s.”

By Alexis Jungwirth
Assistant Editor-in-Chief
WHERE IN THE WORLD IS DR. SCHNEIDER?

This elementary school is located in South Providence, and serves as a CSL site for over 40 J&W students each term. As a result of a partnership with the John Hazen White School of Arts and Sciences, faculty members have taught classes at the school, participated in parent-student enrichment programs, hosted the bell choir, and donated countless boxes of food, clothing and Christmas presents. Fraternities, sororities, student clubs and athletic teams have all contributed to the students and programs at this school, which is also host to J&W’s Power Lunch program, where 16 J&W staff members read weekly with children in grades 2 and 5. If you are a student and know the name of this school, email your answer to feinsteincenter@jwu.edu and you will be entered into a drawing for Feinstein IMAX or Roger Williams Park Zoo passes.

SAFETY & SECURITY CRIME BLOTTER

Sunday, 01/16/2005, 10:40pm
Narcotics Violation, Imperial Hall
Two male students at Imperial Hall were arrested by Providence Police for possession of marijuana.

Friday, 01/21/2005
Assault at the corner of Weybosset & Eddy Streets
The male student stated that after walking through an alley near the 7-Eleven, an unknown white male ejected a vehicle and began swearing at him. The suspect hit the student on the right side of the head with a bottle and then fled the scene. The student was unable to provide any description of the assailant or the vehicle.

Saturday, 01/22/2005, 12:55am
Narcotics Violation, Arcade
Two male residents of Snowden Hall were arrested by Providence Police for possession of marijuana near the Arcade.

Tuesday, 01/25/05, 1:55am
Male student assaulted at Renaissance Hall
Officers arrived and were advised by witnesses in the area that the suspects involved left the area in a black Ford Explorer.

Saturday, 01/29/05, 3:00am
Assault, West Lot
There was a brief confrontation between two students and an individual at the Shell Station on Narragansett Boulevard. The individual and two other suspects followed the students to the West Lot.

When the vehicle was in the West Lot, words were exchanged between the students and the suspects. One of the suspects in the black or blue Ford Taurus then displayed what may have been a firearm.

The three suspects were described as Hispanic males. The vehicle was last seen traveling north on Eddy Street. Providence Police and Safety & Security were notified.

If you have any information regarding these incidents, you are asked to contact Safety & Security at 598-1103.
Jackson: Reverend passes down true untold story of BHM

We couldn't use a public restroom." Jackson made no attempt to hide or soften his political standing, expressing his discontent with President Bush and the country's current state. He claimed Bush looks through a "narrow lens" and is out to help the rich become richer. In a more memorable moment, Jackson pointed out that voters in Iraq now have more freedom than American citizens. In Iraq, people have the protected right to cast their vote for the candidate they feel is most qualified. In the US, Jackson stated, it is the electoral college who hold this power. "Not the common people. Not true in Iraq. In 118 democracies around the world, it's not true.”

Aside from politics, the Reverend strongly focused on unity. The need for America to create a more perfect union between the blacks and whites of the country. Encouraging students to see beyond color, culture, or religion. Jackson pointed out that as the up and coming generation, young people have the burden to make the world a better place. "Strong minds break strong chains. Have a vision bigger than your own situation. Not to survive but to build. Be a citizen of the world.”

When asked what advice he had for a young person in today's society, Jackson offered five rules to live by. Being physically strong, mentally alert, setting high goals, avoiding self-destructive behavior, and being spiritually strong.

In the end, Jackson left audience members with the feeling that Black History Month was the key to passing down America's true, untold story, from generation to generation. His message seemed to give audience members a mission: to move forward and learn to live together as brother and sister.

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For many members of the audience, seeing the Reverend in person was lifelong goal. For others, his preachy and straightforward commentary was one sided. Following his speech, Jackson expressed what a joy and honor it was to be in Providence. After fielding several questions for students and community members, he departed.
Snoball offers students break from cold

By Kate McCallister
Culinary Editor

After a week filled with blizzards and snow, it seemed on right to finish it with a Snoball. Not a traditional snow ball aimed at a friend, but the University's traditional formal winter celebration. On Saturday January 29, Winter Week 2005 began with "An Evening of Elegance". The Westin Hotel's Narragansett ballroom filled with students for the 37th annual Snoball.

The students of JWU have celebrated the winter months with a formal ball since the 1950's, but the 1967-68 school year gave birth to the Snoball. Through the years the annual event has offered different entertainment. In the late 70's and early 80's the annual talent show was part of the evening festivities, and until 1999 the crowning of the Snow-Queen was the highlight of the night. This year attending students were surprised with a special dance performance. The Johnson & Wales University Ballroom Dance Club started the evening's dancing with traditional ballroom dancing expedition.

The night began with a reception in the lobby of the Narragansett ballroom with tasty hors d'oeuvres. The 400 plus guests moved into the ballroom at 8pm when dinner service began. A dinner began of a Greek salad was followed by a choice of Chicken with Red Pepper Sauce or a Vegetarian Entrée. The meal ended with a chocolate mousse dessert. As dinner ended the music was turned up and the dance floor was packed. Music played until 1 a.m., and the students enjoyed an evening of elegance.

"The snow ball was an evening filled with fun and good times with friends. I'll never forget the memories I made from that night," said sophomore Jonathan Arruda.

JWU picks up pace on tsunami relief efforts

Bracelets to go on sale at student activities locations

BY APRIL PAVIS
Staff Writer

Johnson & Wales University's has raised $25,000 to date for the Tsunami relief efforts since the disaster struck Southeast Asia a month ago. According to Erin Fitzgerald, the Dean of International Programs and Development, the first check to the International Red Cross will be cut within the next week.

Twenty five percent of the 1000 international students derive from countries affected by the disaster. On January 11th, President John Bowen issued a memo to all campuses. Launching the fund, which had a target goal of $50,000. All of the money collected through the drive will be donated directly to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Casual for Community is a program that partners universities with local RI non-profit agencies to raise funds and awareness for various projects. For $5, faculty members could purchase the opportunity to dress casually at work with money raised going directly to the JWU Tsunami Relief Fund account.

"More events are being developed and announced daily at all campuses," Fitzgerald stated.

"The University, has ordered green "Strength-Unity- Courage" bracelets. These bracelets will be sold for $3 at all campuses through the Student Activities Office at each campus," said Fitzgerald.

Jason Harrish, the Residential Director of Xavier Hall, and Patty Cross, the Operations Manager for Student Activities has assisted in organizing the effort.

"The bracelets will offer a symbolic representation of the university pulling together to offer assistance to the communities affected by the tsunami in their time of need," said Fitzgerald.

"We wanted to do something that the student body would really get behind... The Tsunami Tragedy created an international ripple that can be felt all across our campus; not just because of our large international student population, but because our students, faculty, and administrators truly care about what happens in the world around us," said Jason Harrish, the RD of Xavier Hall.
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Michael Joy visits campus as 143 Distinguished Visiting chef

By Kate McCallister
Culinary Editor

As professions grow and develop, new skills, techniques, and technologies emerge in order to set higher standards. The Baking & Pastry Arts profession is no exception. Chocolate making and molding has been the true test of fine chocolate artistry for centuries. In the metal molds were developed in order to aid Pastry Chefs in their creations. Since then, generations of chefs have continued to look for new and different products to produce better and different molds. Plastic has been the material of choice since then, but now the pastry world has rapidly expanded and embraced the use of Silicone in the bakeshop.

On Wednesday January 26 the members of the Baking & Pastry Arts program were given a day off from classes in order to attend a series of special programs geared towards enhancing their professional development and knowledge of chocolate molding and making. World renowned mold maker and author, Michael Joy visited the University as the 143rd Distinguished Visiting Chef (DVC). The DVC program was established in 1979 to honor outstanding culinarians and at the same time provide an expanded learning experience for students.

This year's program was an entirely different experience than any other DVC program has been in the past. Usually, students are gathered to watch a Chef at the top of their field do demonstrations using food product. This year, students were given a presentation on the uses and production of silicone molds, and a demonstration on how to make a mold by an artist at the top of his field. Following the presentation given by Joy, students attended a chocolate tasting and a new mold exhibit at the Culinary Archives Museum. The connections made throughout the duration of the day, between the old and new ways of molding and the application it has with chocolate products were extremely valuable for all aspiring chefs.

"This year's DVC exposed students to a new realm of the industry," said Claire Martha Crawford, Associate Dean of the J&W International Baking & Pastry Institute. Crawford continued to explain how huge molding and mold making is in the Pastry field, and how important it is for students to see the applications molding has in the bakeshop.

The title of the day's presentation was "The Shape of Food is Changing," and throughout all of the different programs students were encouraged to change their train of thought and expand their horizons. Throughout his presentation, Joy encouraged students to look outside their field for new ideas and techniques. "Look beyond the chef magazines and turn to other mediums like soap making, candle molding, the special effects used in films and even the extreme world of taxidermy for new and different inspirations," said Joy. Even at the chocolate tasting students were exposed to new chocolates that are emerging from Research & Development Labs like Carmel Chocolate and Honey Farm\n
"Look beyond the chef magazines and turn to other mediums like soap making, candle molding, the special effects used in films and even the extreme world of taxidermy for new and different inspirations."

—Michael Joy
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"This Week In Greek"

Greek of the Week

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**Friday, February 4th**

9:00 pm Providence Black Repertory Theater
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By Cheryl West.
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**Sunday, February 6th**

2:00 pm Pepel Forum
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**Monday, February 7th**

5:30 pm Pepel Forum
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**Tuesday, February 8th**

2:00 pm Pepel Forum
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**Wednesday, February 9th**

6:00 pm Multicultural Center
COTTON CLUB MIXER
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**Saturday, February 12th**

Anniversary of the day NAACP was founded. An integral part of Black History, the Johnson & Wales chapter of NAACP will be hosting a Founder's Day Dinner in its honor. For more information contact Shanyi Minda "09/113.

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**Tuesday, February 15th**

7:00 pm Wayneshott Street Cafe
AN EVENING OF SPOKEN WORD
Students are invited to share their poetry along with featured poet Ann Sabatone. Check out a preview of Ann at www Tìm laks.com.
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**Thursday, February 17th**

6:00 pm Pepel Forum
BLACK HISTORY MONTH CLOSING CEREMONY
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Mark Delorenzo - Fr. Business Mgmt.
“I think I have a date with my girlfriend.”

Hellen Kombe - Jr. Criminal Justice
“I plan to spend Valentine’s Day at work.”

Franchise Accfeus - Jr. Marketing
“I’m going to spread the Valentine’s Day cheer with all my close female friends, by showing them how much I appreciate them being woman.”

B. Smith - Jr. Marketing
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Amelia Williams - Fr. Computer Media
“Probably doing nothing. It’s just like any other day.”

Trisia Dever - Fr. Hotel Mgmt.
“By myself eating a pint of ice cream, making fun of all the couples.”

Gayle Patafio - Fr. Hotel Mgmt.
“A few things all weekend - with different boys.”

Kevin Hem - So. Culinary Arts
“Working at Snowdon dining hall.”

Louis Giarbolini - Sr. Culinary Arts
“With my mother - it’s her birthday!”

Jose Trebino - So. Culinary Arts
“All alone.”
Land of the free, thanks to the brave

BY KAILA PINNER
Ideas & Opinions Editor

When I woke up this past Sunday, I turned on my television to only political news shows on. Still not ready to move onto the other networks, I began to watch television, I thought I would stay in my warm bed and educate myself on the happenings of the world.

I started with FOX News and caught up on the different opinions of the war in Iraq and how people don’t like President Bush. This was on Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, a date that can never be a thing of the past. Only a short part of the speech was shown, but it stuck with me and I got to thinking. Senator Ted Kennedy said, "President Bush needs to swallow his pride and run our country’s continuing failures in Iraq and in the eyes of the world." I decided to look up this speech and read the entire thing so I could fully understand what the Senator was trying to say.

As I read, I was hoping the one line FOX News decided to show, was out of context, but it was not. There was not any other way of making the one sentence seem like the Senator was not proud to be American.

Senator Kennedy said that the United States was failing in Iraq. Well Mr. Senator, how would you describe failure? Perhaps taking a man out of control that was killing his citizens for no reason isn’t good enough. Or maybe allowing a country to enjoy a governmental system such as democracy, like we do, is failing as well. I completely agree that letting other people in the world enjoy the freedoms that we are automatically given, such as freedom of speech, that allowed you to say that our President, the leader of our country, is a terrible idea. Just kidding. Mr. Senator, have we failed enough for you?

I am baffled that our efforts in Iraq have been nothing but a waste of time. I am sorry Senator Kennedy; you feel that getting people to vote, especially women, isn’t worth our time. So Mr. Senator, what is worth the time and energy of the United States? Well if it’s not the killing of people in Iraq, how about the Civil War in the Congo. Does that deserve our attention? Women and children are being raped, men are being beaten and or even killed, is that worth the attention of the American. And if that is not, I don’t understand why we should have freedoms either if we don’t allow the chance for other countries and people to have them as well.

We have lost American life trying to protect other people in another country. Is that what you are considering our failure. I hate that American life has to be taken for the freedom of another country. If that is how you are going to measure failure, then yes Mr. Senator, President Bush needs to swallow his pride and bring the troops home. But those troops have done much to rebuild a life of freedom for the Iraq’s.

Senator Kennedy, please don’t be ashamed of the President. He is trying to give a life of freedom and hope to others. And to all those troops, Americans live in the land of the free, thanks to the brave.

Church, state are nation's odd couple

BY MATT SUSMAN
The BG News

(U-WIRE) BOWLING GREEN, Ohio – Church and state are like Jack Klugman and Tony Randall’s (that’s an Odd Couple reference for everyone under 30). Many citizens of this country argue these two should be separated, but like Oscar and Felix, church and state can coexist peacefully despite being a comic mismatch.

Church is that shiny building people attend to pay homage to their creator. State is, well, consult your third grade social studies book if you want to know more about the government.

Church and state are separate – to an extent. Although the First Amendment mentions "freedom of religion," our money says sometimes that’s not God and how we trust him. The Declaration of Independence, The Gettysburg Address and the extended version of the National Anthem makes reference to God. Yet the Framers neglected to say "freedom of religion" meant "freedom of Christianity." Did they forget to specify – or did they understand the concept of religions better the ACLU?

The American Civil Liberties Union was founded to ensure that religion be stricken from the government. They’ve supported the removal of any religious reference in government service.

Any religious reference? Or any Christian reference?

Granted, governments can’t endorse a specific religion. Good idea, because while the majority of the United States is Christian, not everyone is.

So, can civic and religious duties share a nation without driving each other crazy? (Cue the catchy theme song.)

The village council of Swanton, Ohio, is considering adding prayer to the beginning of meetings, the Toledo Blade reported Monday. The sentiment among officials in and around Swanton is that "if nobody complains, then it’s OK." It’s no surprise that praying before government meetings isn’t a hot topic in a rural Ohio town.

But if Swanton is played by our messy tenant Oscar Madison, what happens when the ACLU of Ohio – played by Felix Unger – walks in the door? Something hits the fan.

The ACLU of Ohio’s legal director Jeff Gamso told the Blade that opening a council meeting with a prayer such as the Lord’s Prayer is "clearly unconstitutional" because of that whole "neutral government argument."

There is nothing wrong with acknowledging the presence of religion in a governmental meeting. Religion is just a proclamation of faith. If Swanton picks a universally pleasing prayer that each spiritual being applies to their own faith, Felix’s anal retentiveness ought not rain on their parade.

Similarly, maybe non-Christians, atheists and agnostics can light up about the presence of religion and hopefully learn that religion doesn’t hurt anybody, even if it takes place in a government setting.

I have a feeling that neither democracy nor religion are leaving any time soon. It won’t be canceled in lieu of another wacky sitcom. The characters won’t be typecast. So there’s nothing left to do but make the best of it.

And if we learned nothing from this column, we learned that the theme song from "The Odd Couple," once stuck in your head, doesn’t go away – even after you incorporate it into your writing.

Ward Churchill claims 9/11 was warranted

By Jason Williams
Staff Writer

Ward Churchill, a Cherokee Indian and Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of Colorado in Boulder, wrote an essay following the attacks on September 11, 2001, outlining and summarizing his beliefs regarding said attacks. In this essay, entitled "Some People Push Back: On the Justice of Assisting Chickens," Churchill claims that those killed in the World Trade Centers on 9/11 were victims, but rather, a "technocratic army at the very heart of America’s global financial empire," whereas, those in the Pentagon comprised military targets.

Churchill’s essay argues that the attacks brought to our soil by Islamic extremists were in retaliation for atrocities committed by the United States in years past. Citing a thousand year Crusade between what he calls the “Christian West” or the United States, and the “Islamic East,” he claims that the terrorist attacks were not “the first acts of war of the new millennium” as President Bush stated, but rather, a long standing feud of spiritual proportions.

The controversy over Churchill’s piece erupted recently when he was invited to speak at Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. Due to the nature and content of the essay, students and faculty members alike began protesting the speaking appearance which was scheduled for February 3. A Hamilton College spokesman released a statement noting Hamilton is devoted to "the free exchange of ideas." We expect that many of those who strongly disagree with Mr. Churchill’s comments will attend his talk and make their views known.

Churchill stated that he is not surprised by the uprising at Hamilton, but has maintained his stand on the issues presented, saying “When you kill 500,000 children in order to impose your will on other countries, then you shouldn’t be surprised when somebody responds in kind,” later noting, "If it’s not comfortable, that’s the point. It’s not comfortable for the people on the other side, either."

When asked what he wanted his audience to walk away with, Churchill said, "A fundamental understanding of the nature of their obligations to intervene to bring the kind of atrocities that I’ve described to a halt by whatever means necessary.”

On Monday, January 31, Churchill resigned from his position as chairman of the CU Ethnic Studies Department, but has remained on staff as a Professor of American Indian Studies.

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Study says MTV delivers a diet of "incessant sleaze" to its young

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK (AP) Approaching the first anniversary of Janet Jackson's famed wardrobe malfunction, a study released Tuesday criticized MTV for the "incessant sleaze" of steamy programming aimed at young people.

During one week last March, the watchdog Parents Television Council said it counted 3,056 flashes of nudity or sexual situations and 2,881 verbal references to sex.

"MTV has clearly chosen to cater to the lowest common denominator, to offer the cheapest form of programming to entice young boys ... dangling forbidden fruit before their eyes," said Brent Bozell, PTC president and conservative activist.

MTV labeled the report unfair and said the group ignores the network's public service efforts, like its Emmy-winning "Choose or Lose" campaign on last year's presidential election.

An independent analyst said the findings shouldn't come as any surprise to people who watch MTV regularly but would be eye-opening to people who don't just like the MTV-produced Super Bowl halftime show did when exposed to a large audience on CBS last year.

"There are a lot of things that most rational adults would consider inappropriate or uncomfortable with their children consuming," said Robert Thompson, director of the Center for the Study of Popular Television at Syracuse University.

The group decided to look at MTV's programming after the Jackson incident and picked the network's annual "Spring Break" week of shows to study.

In an episode of "One Bad Trip," MTV depicted a human sundae competition where men licked whipped cream placed on women's bodies with a cherry for each breast. In "Spring Break Fantasies," five women in swimsuits rubbed lotion on a man, using more than their hands. An episode of "Room Raiders" showed a man looking through a woman's underwear drawer and commenting on what he finds.

The parents group said MTV's reality programs have even more sexual content than its music videos.

During the week, the PTC said it recorded 3,137 instances of profane dialogue "bleeped" out and another 1,518 other instances of unedited rough language.

MTV spokeswoman Jeanine Kedas said the network follows the same standards as broadcasters. MTV reflects the culture and what its viewers are interested in, she said.

"It's unfair and inaccurate to paint MTV with that brush of irresponsibility," she said.

"We think it's underestimating young people's intellect and level of sophistication."

Besides the "Choose or Lose" campaign, MTV won a Peabody Award last year for the "Fight for Your Rights" series that focused on issues such as sexual health and tolerance, she said.

Thompson said the report offers valuable consciousness-raising, particularly when many children have television sets in their bedrooms that aren't monitored by parents. He said, though, that it's dangerous to leap to a conclusion that MTV's programs influence young people's behavior.

The PTC has frequently monitored the broadcast networks for sexual content, bad language or violence. MTV has roughly three times as many incidents throughout the day as ABC, CBS, NBC or Fox do at 10 p.m., when standards are generally loosened because most children have gone to bed, Bozell said.

"I have done thousands of these studies over the years and I know these numbers would be troublesome," Bozell said. "I had no idea it would be this bad."

His group favors requiring cable and satellite companies to offer "a la carte" programming, giving customers a chance to pick and choose which networks to buy. MTV is generally included in basic cable packages that most customers get whether they want it or not.

"The incessant sleaze on MTV presents the most compelling case yet for consumer cable choice," Bozell said.

Bozell acknowledged that the PTC could be criticized for singling out MTV's spring break week, a particularly hormonally charged time for college students. But he said that was fair game because MTV uses it as a showcase for new programming.

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NEED TO KNOW IN '05

Metal Bands: Trivium
Trivium's new album, Ascendancy, comes out on the 13th of March, or 15 to 20, depending on whom you listen to. With all the new genres popping up and bands mixing this and that, Trivium takes on one thing and does it well. That one thing is heart pounding double bass and dueling guitars that make the hair on the back of your neck stand up. Screaming verses and melodic choruses seem to be the trend these days. Instead of the emo chorus, however, Trivium intricately blends it with an opethish chord-like style. While today's modern rockers are busy fixing their eye-liner and trying on girls jeans, Trivium is writing metal anthems for the masses.

TV Show: Seabath 2011
Move over late night talk shows, cartoons have taken over. No one may remember the old show Seabath 2004 because it wasn’t that good. Cartoon Network’s Adult Swim, the insomniac’s best friend, has redrawn the characters with new voices from special guests such as Erik Estrada. If you’re the type that enjoys the shows, then you won’t like Seabath 2011. They simply hang out in an under water research vessel and blow it up nearly every show. For some hilarious nonsense, tune in every Sunday night at midnight.

DV: Napoleon Dynamite
Napoleon Dynamite is a somewhat quirky teen comedy. An instant classic, this movie touches on the everyday ordinary high school life in the not so ordinary character we know as Napoleon. While he tries to cope with his not so perfect life, Napoleon helps his best friend, and new kid in town, win class president. So grab some tatter tots and enjoy one of the funniest films in a long time. Vote for Pedro.

Grammys add tribute to Ray Charles, Southern rock, and performance by Kanye West

NEW YORK (AP) Ray Charles, posthumously nominated for seven Grammys including album of the year for "Genius Loves Company," will be honored in a tribute at next month's awards show.

Bonnie Raitt and Billy Preston will perform in a segment honoring Charles, the Recording Academy announced Thursday. The famed singer and musician died June 10 at his Beverly Hills home of acute liver disease. He was 73.

The 47th Annual Grammy Awards, to be presented Feb. 13 at the Staples Center in Los Angeles, also will include a tribute to Southern rock featuring Tim McGraw, Keith Urban, Gretchen Wilson, some members of Lynyrd Skynyrd, Dickey Betts of the Allman Brothers Band and Elvin Bishop.

Queen Latifah will host the show, which will air on CBS television.

Kanye West, who leads all artists with 10 nominations, will appear with John Legend, Mavis Staples and the Blind Boys of Alabama.

Previously announced performers include McGraw, Green Day, Alicia Keys and U2.

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AP NewsBreak: Bush to seek $419.3 billion for defense

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush will ask Congress for $419.3 billion for the Pentagon for next year, 4.8 percent more than this year's spending, as the administration seeks to beef up and reshape the Army and Marine Corps for fighting terrorism.

The request will not include money for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Congress already has appropriated $25 billion for those wars this year, and the White House is planning to request another $80 billion soon.

The president plans to roll out his military spending proposal Monday as part of a roughly $2.5 trillion federal budget. But documents obtained by The Associated Press on Friday show that he will request $19.2 billion more for the Defense Department than its $460.1 billion budget this year.

However, his request is $3.4 billion below the $422.7 billion the Pentagon estimated in January that it would need for next year.

Shiite candidates hold wide lead over Iraq's U.S.-backed prime minister

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - U.S.-backed Prime Minister Ayad Allawi was trailing a Shiite ticket with ties to Iran in Iraq's historic election, according to partial returns released Friday. One U.S. soldier was killed and seven wounded in the north, and gunmen seized an Italian journalist in Baghdad.

The United Iraqi Alliance, endorsed by Iraq's top Shiite clerics, captured more than two-thirds of the 3.3 million votes counted so far, the election commission said. The ticket headed by Allawi, a secular Shiite, had about 18 percent, or more than 579,700 votes.

Those latest partial figures from Sunday's contest for 275 National Assembly seats came from 10 of Iraq's 18 provinces, said Handiyah al-Husseini, an election commission official. All 10 provinces have heavy Shiite populations, and the Alliance had been expected to do well there. So far, 45 percent of the vote has been counted in Baghdad, with varying percentages tallied in the other nine provinces.

Rice says diplomacy can succeed in Iran; allies united to nudge Mideast peace

BERLIN (AP) - Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice joined British and German allies pledging Friday to help Israel and the Palestinians seize an opening for peace in the Middle East. They also said diplomacy can neutralize a nuclear threat in Iran.

Now is the time for our diplomacy to put our alliance to work in the service of great goals and great opportunities that stand before us," Rice said.

"Calm waters still troubled by the U.S.-led war in Iraq is a major aim of Rice's weeklong trip through Europe and the Middle East. Rice's jammed schedule takes her to two or three countries each day of the trip, her first abroad as America's new top diplomat.

She seemed to make headway in Germany, where Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's government fiercely opposed the war and refused to commit troops.

Bush acknowledges tough battle on Social Security overhaul

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - President Bush, on a road trip to promote private Social Security accounts, acknowledged Friday that his proposal would not by itself fix the future financial problems of the retirement program.

Though many in his own party are wary of tampering with a beloved domestic program, the president said he would push ahead.

"The harder the issue, the bigger the challenge, and the more exciting it's going to be when we get the job done," he said.

Bush began the day in Omaha, Neb., and then traveled to Little Rock and finally Tampa, Fla. He said he was open to any idea for making Social Security solvent.

"Bring 'em on and we'll sit down and have a good discussion about how to get something done," he said.

The president warned against "scare tactics" in the debate. "We're not going to play political gotcha," he said. "Now is not the time to make this issue a highly partisan issue."

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Ruling could cripple U.S. case against tobacco companies

WASHINGTON (AP) - An appeals court Friday dealt a major blow to the government's attempt to hold the tobacco industry accountable for decades of alleged deceit about the dangers of smoking, ruling the Justice Department can't seek $200 billion in penalties.

In a 2-1 decision, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit found the government could not use a federal racketeering law to seek the huge penalty.

The decision comes in the midst of a monthslong trial in U.S. District Court on the government's lawsuit contending the industry knew about the health dangers of smoking but hid that information from the public. The trial will crumbling continue
LEO (July 23 to August 22) Caprican can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubbier cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leos who already share a special love line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you’ll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by who wants to be your traveling companion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea, but only if your advisers are trustworthy.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult. But the good news is that you won’t want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a very much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

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