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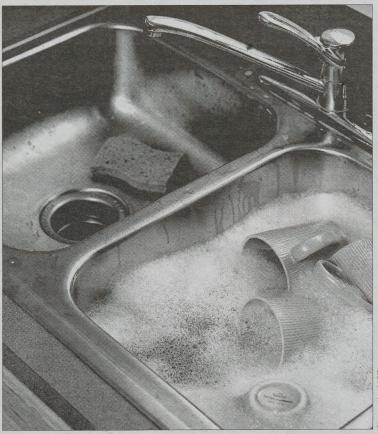


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Greenville water contaminated with bacteria



Greenville Utilities warned residents to boil water before washing dishes.

Water safe again after two day boil warning

JIMMY GALLOWAY
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On Wednesdays, June 25, Greenville Utilities Commission (GUC) announced a warning concerning the city's drinking water.

GUC reported that they had found fecal coliform bacteria in the water supply, and warned citizens to boil water before using it for drinking, brushing teeth and food preparation.

As a result, the Pitt County Health Department suspended the permits for all restaurants and food stands served by GUC's water system. This left many, especially those living on campus for the summer, wondering what to eat.

Rob Breiner, an ECU Orientation Assistant, said he and other OAs decided to travel down the road to Wilson to eat.

"We went to an Applebee's in Wilson," he said, "We decided we didn't care if we had to go out of town to get something to eat."

On campus, ECU Campus Living staff members posted signs in all res-



Greenville residents were advised to use boiled water for teeth brushing.

idence halls, including "Don't Drink" signs on water fountains and signs on doors warning residents about the contaminated water.

The ECU athletics staff was careful to provide water and ice to athletes that was from a source besides GUC. Fecal coliform bacteria can survive being frozen, so it was important to have ice made from non-contaminated water.

Campus Dining, which remained open during the warning, took several measures to protect its customers, such as serving only food items that can be prepared without the use of water. Only prepackaged food, milk and bottled

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"WE SPECIALIZE IN YOU!"

Master of Library Science students receive scholarships

Program will meet the growing need of library media specialists

> NATALIE JURGEN NEWS EDITOR

July 18 and 19 mark the second annual Community Oriented Librarian Recruitment Scholarships (COLRS) summer workshops. The first of the workshops will be held July 18 at the Joyner Library Teaching Resource Center and the second workshop will be held at Pitt Community College on July 19.

The workshops are hosted by the ECU Master of Library Science (MLS) program and are part of the COLRS scholarship program.

The goal of the COLRS scholarship program is to fulfill the growing need for certified library media specialists within rural and eastern North Carolina

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ECU students return home from Iraq

After a seven month stay, USMC soldiers are back in town

> NATALIE JURGEN NEWS EDITOR

This past April was an exciting month for both Corporal Webster Guthrie and Corporal Reggie Warren--it marked their return to ECU after seven months in Iraq with the United States Marine Corps.

Guthrie and Warren were both deployed out of Camp Lejeune in August of 2007 for a seven month stay 60 miles outside of Baghdad.

Just two days after ECU's 2007 commencement ceremonies, Guthrie and Warren received the news that they would be leaving the comforts of ECU to fight for their country overseas

Guthrie and Warren went for two months of training & and in August were deployed together. Initially, Cpl. Warren was on the roster to be sent to

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Two ECU students, Webster Guthrie and Reggie Warren, returned to the US in April after a year in Baghdad.

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drinks were served.

Campus Dining also used only paper and plastic utensils and drink ware, and instead of hand-washing, approved hand sanitizers were used by employees. Additionally, Campus Dining posted signs at all water sources to alert customers and employees of the contamination. They also discarded food and beverages prepared prior to the alert, and maintained communication with the Pitt County Health Department.

According to GUC's website, fecal coliforms are bacteria that indicate that water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches or other symptoms. They pose a special risk for children, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems.

Bacterial contamination in the water supply can occur when increased runoff enters the drinking water source, such as after heavy rains. It can also happen due to a break in the distribution pipes, or due to a failure

during the water treatment process.

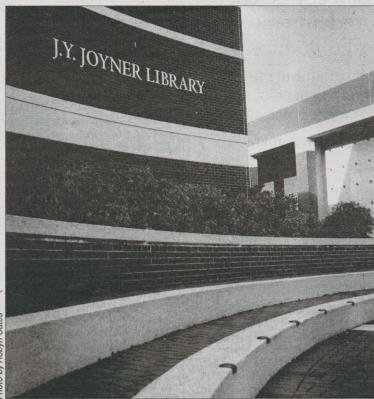
After discovering the contamination, GUC immediately began testing sites around the system to determine its extent, and began flushing the lines to clear the bacteria out. The point of contamination was soon discovered to be along County Home road, and the rest of the city was cleared to use the water.

Two days after the alert was initially issued, on June 27, Greenville Utilities officially rescinded the alert for all customers. Follow-up samples had been tested and determined to be free of fecal coliform bacteria, and were analyzed and cleared by State Certified Laboratories.

As a result, that day the Pitt County Health Department lifted the suspension of permits for restaurants on the GUC water system, allowing them to resume normal operations.

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One COLRS workshop will be held on July 18 in ECU's Joyner Library.

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Kuwait, however, plans changed and Warren was sent to a combat zone in Iraq.

"You just have to roll with the punches," Warren said about the change of plans. "Things don't always go as planned in the military."

Both Warren and Guthrie are back in school at ECU since their return home and each have three semesters left before graduation.

"I've never been so excited to go to school," Guthrie said. "After serving and seeing that some people lead such simple lives has really made me value education."

Guthrie and Warren's time in Iraq was an eye-opening experience for both of them.

"I was definitely hesitant at a first," Guthrie said. "I had to put my whole life on hold. However, nothing has been better then to go for a year. It really is a humbling experience; you don't get that in school."

Both Guthrie and Warren are happy with their time spent in Iraq and feel they made the right decision to join the Marines.

"If it came up that we had to go to Afghanistan, I probably wouldn't volunteer, but I definitely would be honored to go," Guthrie said.

Guthrie and Warren are just two of hundreds of thousands of US Marines that have served their country since the US-Iraq war began in 2003.

The war in Iraq will be an important issue to consider for many voting Americans in the upcoming presidential election.

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Guthrie and Warren pose in a group of US Marines while stationed in Iraq.



Guthrie's friends and family welcomed the student and Marine back home.

school districts.

The COLRS summer workshops will provide the COLRS scholarship recipients with a social networking opportunity, familiarity with the ECU MLS program and hands-on experience in their major's field.

The COLRS workshops will offer a wide variety of opportunities for students to become familiar with practical and theoretical experiences and resources and aid them in both their educational and work environments.

The workshops will host presentations by library practitioners and ECU LSIT faculty members.

"The presenters were chosen based on their ability to meet the needs of the graduate program and continuing education needs," said Dr. Larry Nash White, the Masters of Library Science program director and co-director of the scholarship program. "We found out what issues are developing and where we need help and then found people to present in those areas."

This year's workshops feature Donna Washington, a noted NC storyteller and presentations by Alan Bailey (multiculturalism), Dr. Ruth Clark (book talking), Dr. Jami Jones (teen resiliency) and interactive sessions on NC DPI IMPACT use on school media centers and MLS faculty research and professional issues.

This year 45 scholarships

have been allocated and these students will receive full tuition in the Master's online program.

The workshops are not reserved for only scholarship recipients, but are open to the entire library science program.

"The scholarship program was developed by Dr. John Harer after research into the need for library media specialists in NC," White said. "The library specialist programs in schools are not currently producing enough graduates to meet the projected need and there isn't much diversity in the program."

The Institute for Museum and Library Services solicits those who review grants for projects. Harer had been involved with the review process and was given the criteria in grant proposals.

"The idea had been in my mind and was a perfect fit with the Latham Clinical Schools Network and the Wachovia Project," Harer, professor of library science said. "It's hard to get professionals in the rural school districts and that is what this program is designed to do.

The COLRS scholarship program has been made possible due to a grant to the Department of Library Science and Instructional Technology at ECU of \$668,000 from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

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Opinion

RANT OF THE DAY

Thank you to Aramark/Campus Dining for keeping limited service going the last few days while the rest of Greenville went into a shut-down frenzy!

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A closer look at lead singer, Chris Martin

Front man, songwriter and melody thief?

ANDREA ROBERTSON

OPINION WRITER

Since iTunes released its newest commercial featuring Coldplay performing "Viva La Vida," I have fallen even more in love with the band. This song has been the band's most popular, rising to number one on the Billboard charts.

My love for Coldplay, however, nearly faltered when I heard a rumor of Chris Martin stealing the melody of "Viva La Vida" from Creaky Boards, an aspiring New York band.

According to Creaky Boards' lead singer, Andrew Hoepfner, his band performed their song "Songs I Didn't Write" before Coldplay released their song "Viva La Vida." Creaky Boards thought that they saw Coldplay's lead singer, Chris Martin, at a show where they preformed "Songs I Didn't Write" in October 2007.

Assuming that Chris Martin stole their melody, Creaky Boards found it to be very frustrating to see the praise and fame Coldplay was receiving for what they believed to be their song, so they moved forward with a claim that Coldplay stole their melody.

I couldn't fathom that a band that I believed to be so original had taken advantage of their fame and assumed that no one would even know that Andrew Hoepfner was the real creator of the song's melody, meaning that Coldplay felt it was all right to steal another band's music.

Luckily for Coldplay, this allegation of plagiarism was proven to be false. The night that Creaky Boards thought they saw Chris Martin, Martin was actually in London recording. Also, Coldplay began working on "Viva La Vida" months before Hoepfner taught his band "Songs I Didn't Write.

After gaining this knowledge, Creaky Boards dropped their claim, and Coldplay remains in my heart as one of the best and most creative bands to emerge from the 1990s.

Even though Coldplay was found to be innocent of plagiarism, many artists are getting away with plagiarism in the form of sampling. I don't know if it is due to lack of creativity or if it is flattery in the form of emulation, but the influx of songs containing the work of other bands is getting to be ridiculous.

I find it very hard to respect people as musicians and songwriters if they cannot create new and original music.

With that in mind, it is a shame that both Coldplay and Creaky Boards created a melody that was so similar. Andrew Hoepfner said in jest that Nintendo's Fairy Theme from Zelda, which was his inspiration for his melody, must have influenced both bands at the same time, making Nintendo the real winner.

Hopefully, neither band will lose fans due to this alleged, but false, plagiarism.

If anything, Creaky Boards will gain fans from this publicity; I know they have gained a fan in me!

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I totally agree; more John McCain PLEASE!

Not only do I like to look at all these new girls walking around during orientation, I like looking at their hot

Libertarians are just constipated Republicans

So, even though I work two jobs because my parents don't support me, I've qualified for financial aid in the past, and I filed my taxes independently from my parents, I still count as a dependent of them in the US until I'm 24? And now I can't get financial aid? HUH?!?!

We should start a nudist colony on campus.

Is it true the Avett Brothers are going to be here for Barefoot on the Mall this year? They rock!

You didn't say nothin' 'bout no

It's summertime! There's no room for Negative Nancys or Debbie Downers!!!

I love summer school!

I'll be your Scully!

I work with a girl who is addicted to

A girl I work with sweats like crazy: the nole office smells like wild onions.

I watch the Olympic Trials religiously ... because when I get back to school the only Olympics I'll be practicing are beer pong and FLIP CUP.

I aspire to be Mrs. Pantana Bob's.

Full loads both summer sessions

Why the hell does the Minges bus only run every 20 minutes now?

Why does everyone think Obama's NON-plan plan is so damn great?

You sing really well, but do you have to practice it on the quiet floor in the library a day before the exams?

ECU got name recognition on the "Colbert Report." How cool is that?

To the guy I see walking down 5th Street every morning in the khaki shorts and no shirt: Dude, get some sun ... seriously

Must be nice to just show up whenever

When will Imus learn?

It really bothers me that Campus Living kicks us out of the dorms at 9 a.m. Some of us still have finals to take that afternoon. Thanks, guys. You should have planned to have move-in day for second session the day after first session ended!

A lot of good the text message alert system does when no one receives one informing about contaminated water. Thanks, ECU, for making me

The word sphincter makes me giggle.

REALLY?!? Did you have to do that?

I think I need a lesbian lover

Greenville has some of the hottest girl bartenders!

Can we get a Dave and Buster's around here please?

My friend has been trying to lose weight and she "accidentally" drank some of the water ... let's just say that won't be happening again.

If you can't contribute something worthwhile to the conversation, stop talking to us!

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Did you know?

On July 4, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress, starting the 13 colonies on the road to freedom as a sovereign nation. As always, this most American of holidays will be marked by parades, fireworks and backyard barbecues across the country.

11 places have "independence" in their name. The most populous of these is Independence, Missouri, with 113,288 residents.

Five places adopted the name "freedom." Freedom, California, with 6,000 residents, has the largest population among these.

There is one place named "patriot" - Patriot, Indiana, with a population of 202.

There's a one-in-six chance the beef on your backyard grill came from Texas. The Lone Star State was the leader in the production of cattle and calves, accounting for 7.2 billion pounds of the nation's total production of 42.2 billion pounds last year.

The chicken on your barbecue grill probably came from one of the top broiler-producing states: Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama, North Carolina and Mississippi. The value of production in each of these states exceeded \$1 billion in 2002. These states combined for well over half of the nation's broiler production.

There's a one-in-four chance your hot dogs and ribs originated in lowa. The Hawkeye State had a total inventory of 14.9 million hogs and pigs as of March 1, 2003 — about one fourth of the nation's total.

\$207 million is the value of fireworks imported from China in 2007, representing the bulk of all US fireworks imported (\$217 million). US exports of fireworks, by comparison, came to just \$14.9 million in 2007, with Japan purchasing more than any other country (\$3.8 million).

\$17.3 million is the value of US manufacturers' shipments of fireworks in 2002.

Number of U.S. flags flown over the U.S. Capitol last year at the request of House and Senate members. On July 4 alone, 1,200 were flown at our nation's capitol.

Obama talks about faith

Faith-based initiatives to stay if he is elected

(MCT)

Sen. Barack Obama said Tuesday that if he were elected president he would have his own version of President Bush's office of faith-based initiatives that would "help set our national agenda" and inject morality into policy debates about everything from AIDS to genocide.

Obama, who has criticized Bush's initiative as politicized and underfunded, would prohibit religious discrimination in hiring or services by the groups that received federal funds from his "Council for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships." He estimated that the program would cost about \$500 million per year. He said he would keep Bush's 11 faith-based offices and expand participation by smaller religious groups

A former constitutional law professor, Obama said he was committed to ensuring the constitutional principle of separation of church and state. He said federal grants would go only to secular programs run by religious groups, programs that don't proselytize religion.

The prospective Democratic nominee's remarks drew much attention, as Obama again is presenting a more centrist image to voters than he did in party primary contests.

"There are some who bristle at the notion that faith has a place in the public square," Obama said. "But the fact is leaders in both parties have recognized the value of a partnership between the White House and faithbased groups.

His remarks followed a visit to a community ministry in Zanesville, Ohio.

John DiIulio, a former director of Bush's faithbased program turned critic, praised Obama's proposal as "much that was best" of what Bush set out to do.

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"Especially in urban America, all the empirical 5



Barack Obama says that faith-based initiatives will be expanded, revised under his leadership.

Whet your appetite with these summer recipes

Summer picnics can be a real treat

VERONICA CARRINGTON FEATURES EDITOR

Summertime is picnic time! Time to get outside in the sun and soak up tons of food, fun and friendship... and what better way to do so than with a summertime picnic? Whether your picnic is taking place on the beach, boat, in a park or on campus, these recipes will make your special jamboree a true fête.

> Muffuletta Sandwich A Muffuletta is an Italian sand

wich, with lots of meat and cheese layered with olives. You can find olives from any gourmet or specialty shop.

INGREDIENTS:

3 large garlic cloves, crushed

1 cup chopped green olives stuffed with pimientos

1 cup pitted and chopped "blackripe" olives or Calamatas

1/2 cup roasted sweet red peppers, chopped

1 cup olive oil

3 Tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

2 Tbsp. white wine vinegar

1/3 lb. salami

1/2 lb. provolone cheese

1/2 lb. mild cheese 1/3 lb. Mortadella

Take one loaf of fresh Italian bread (one big round for a traditional Muffuletta or individual sub loaves will do fine for smaller sandwiches). Cut the loaf (or loaves) in half, and scoop out a little of the inside to make some room. Make the olive salad by combining the olives and roasted pepper, garlic and vinegar. Drizzle some of the olive oil and juice from the olive salad on each side of the open loaf -- use plenty. On the bottom, place some salami, olive salad, provolone, mild cheese and mortadella. Top with the other half



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Story of a courageous robot hit theaters this week

Kids, adults alike flock to see WALL-E

(MCT)

The most ambitious film yet from the House of Pixar, WALL-E is an intergalactic epic about robot romance, furious physical comedy and the fate of humanity.

If that's a lot of ground to cover, if the film's reach exceeds its grasp ... well, we can forgive them.

You can't advance an art form without taking risks and making a few missteps. WALL-E bravely charges into thematic territory and a presentational style that few movies--much less animated ones--have dared to explore.

In the wordless but exhilarating first half-hour of Andrew Stanton's film we find ourselves on a barren dusty planet littered with the remains of civilization. People once lived here, but they're long gone, leaving behind a ravaged landscape of skeletal buildings and moun-

We get this information not through narration or Star Wars-ish creeping credits but simply by watching and observing. This is the first hint that WALL-E won't be business as usual.

WALL-E (short for "waste allocation load lifter Earthclass") is a boxy little robot with big binocular eyes on a long E.T. neck. Every day he gets up, recharges his batteries in the sunshine and gets to work picking up armfuls of junk. He places the refuse in his trash-compactor body, reducing it to large cubes, which he stacks to form soaring pyramids.

There are lots of these pyramids, suggesting that WALL-E has been hard at work for centuries. From the carcasses of worn-out robots we surmise that he once had help, but now he's alone.

Well, not quite. He does have a pet cockroach, a sign that inside his rusty frame there lurks something like a soul. And WALL-E is obsessed with an old video of Hello, Dolly! that

he watches at night in the trash bin he calls home. He's particularly fascinated with a scene in which a boy and girl sit on a bench and shyly hold hands. The guy's a romantic.

So when one day a strange spacecraft lands nearby and deposits a sleek white robot that floats effortlessly in mid air, WALL-E is smitten. (You can tell by his mechanical burblings, whistles and sighs).

This graceful visitor is Eve (Extraterrestrial Vegetation Evaluator), sent by what's left of mankind to check out conditions on Earth. At first she regards WALL-E as a threat and very nearly blows him away with her intimidating arsenal. Gradually she learns to tolerate her annoying suitor. And when he produces what she's been looking for--a lone spindly seedling that somehow has sprouted up among the refuse --her mission is complete and she heads for home with WALL-E a stowaway on her rocket.

What's amazing about all

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The precocious and lovable robot WALL-E is pictured here before his trip to space.

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evidence continues to show that local faith-based organizations can make a measurable civic difference," Dilulio said in a statement released by Obama's campaign.

Critics voiced two reservations: Some said that Obama's rule to ensure open hiring would discourage some organizations from participating; others said that any partnership between religion and government risked infringing on freedom of religion.

Barry W. Lynn, the executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said he was disappointed by Obama's stand because Bush's program had failed and should be shut down. However, Lynn praised Obama's support for church-state separation in principle and his intention not to subsidize religious proselytizing.

Michael W. Macleod-Ball, the chief legislative and policy counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union, reserved judgment but said, "We want to make sure that one religion is not favored over any other religion or over no religion. ... the more contacts you have between government and religion, the harder it is to meet that standard."

Jim Towey, a former director of Bush's faith office who's now the president of Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, said he was encouraged that Obama wanted to continue the initiative. But Towey said he expected that the hiring mandates would frustrate many organizations, including African-American churches and evangelicals.

"The reality is an Orthodox Jewish group ceases to be Orthodox if they have to hire atheists or Southern Baptists," Towey said. "What Senator Obama is saying is groups will have to secularize if they play ball with government and receive federal funding, and that flies in the face of what many small groups want. You're going to sap these groups of their effectiveness when you block them from hiring people who have the same heart and vision."

Obama has been under pressure to clarify his stance on religion's role in government since his former pastor's racially polarizing statements pushed Obama to leave his church of two decades. Obama's remarks Tuesday could help him move beyond that controversy and perhaps increase his appeal to religious voters.

His stand is consistent with a faith agenda that Obama, 46, has long advocated. In his 2006 memoir, "The Audacity of Hope," Obama wrote that he was drawn to join a black church in his 20s because of its tradition of social change and

community ministry.

Obama wrote of the danger he sees in fellow Democrats minimizing religions "We need to take faith seriously not simply to block the religious right, but to engage all persons of faith in the larger project of American renewal."

Obama's prepared remarks Tuesday included goals dear to liberals, who often are wary of faith-based policy.

"If we are going to do something about the injustice of millions of children living in extreme poverty, we need interfaith coalitions like the 'Let Justice Roll' campaign standing up for the powerless," Obama said.

That interfaith group pushed for an increase in the federal minimum wage in Congress last year.

Bush last week trumpeted his own faith-based initiative as part of his presidential legacy, saying that "more of our fellow citizens have discovered that the pursuit of happiness leads to the path of service" and that by his administration's count, 35 governors—19 Democrats and 16 Republicans—had established their own faith-based programs.

Asked about Obama's plan, a White House spokeswoman, Emily Lawrimore, said simply that Bush hoped that the next administration would continue his faithbased initiative.

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this is how invested we become in characters lacking faces or human voices. Stanton and his animators suggest personality only through body language, gesture and movement. The makers of this film seem to have tremendous faith in the intelligence of their audience.

It's in WALL-E's second act that things get iffy.

that things get iffy.

WALL-E and Eve rendezvous with the Axiom, a massive ship that is home to what's left of mankind. After 700 years of being waited on hand and foot by robots, humans have devolved into bulbous, pear-shaped couch potatoes who drift about on motorized recliners. Their unused limbs have atrophied, their minds have been numbed with non-stop entertainment, their children are bred in test tubes.

Which apparently is fine with Auto, the computer autopilot that runs the Axiom. Auto is shaped like a ship's wheel and has the same single red glowing eye so familiar from HAL 9000 in Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey. (At one point the soundtrack even blares out "Also Sprach Zarathustra.")

Ostensibly Auto serves his human makers, but like many rulers he wants to preserve the status quo. WALL-E and Eve's news that earth is once again habitable threatens his reign. It's up to the usually ineffectual ship's captain (voiced by Jeff Garlin) to defy this mechanical mutineer and steer the Axiom back to her home planet.

While the film's opening passage is quiet and measured, the Axiom sequence is busy and a bit silly. A small army of robots must be battled, tricked or coerced by WALL-E and Eve, and the high jinks are so dense and frantic that it's hard to keep track of who's who.

Worse, the film fritters away its gentle, even heartbreaking mood by attempting to placate the kids in the audience. In its second half *WALL-E* becomes confusing and cluttered and fails to deliver the emotional payoff we've been waiting for.

Moreover, the film is rarely funny in a conventional sense. Odd and quirky? Certainly. Laugh-outloud? Hardly ever.

Whatever its shortcomings as narrative, WALL-E is a brilliant visual accomplishment, a sci-fi saga in a palpably believable environment (at least until the cartoonish humans show up).

humans show up).

An uneven blend of brooding art film and kiddie comedy, WALL-E falls short of greatness. Even so, it pushes the animation envelope with every frame.



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You can still see the world with minimal funds

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With the economy struggling as it is today, may luxuries associated with the American lifestyle have been halted. According to American Airlines, leisure travel is at an all-time low, while business travel still drives the market.

However, these tips can help any traveler see the world for a fraction of the regular costs. Though overseas travel may still be pricy, hopefully these tips will help to make your travels affordable and enjoyable.

1) Check airline deals.

Europe's low-fare carriers are good for more than cheap airfares--many also sell packages (plane tickets and hotel rooms for a bargain price) and offer hotel and car-rental specials. Holidays.EasyJet.com has hundreds of packages in dozens of European cities, many departing out of London. However, the deals will require careful planning and a lot of patience: EasyJet does not fly to the US, so you will have to connect to it in a hub like London.

2) Dig deep into tourism websites.

Tourism bureau websites are often loaded with overly rosy descriptions of a place, but some can also have good deals. Just as you would save money on gas at home, use a bike to get around the city you are visiting. In Paris, about 20,000 bikes are available for short-term rentals at hundreds of pickup and drop-off spots. You buy a Vélib' card for 1.50 Euros per day or 7 Euros per week; each bike is then free for the first half hour, 1.50 Euros for the second half hour, 3 Euros for the third half hour and 6 Euros for every half hour after that

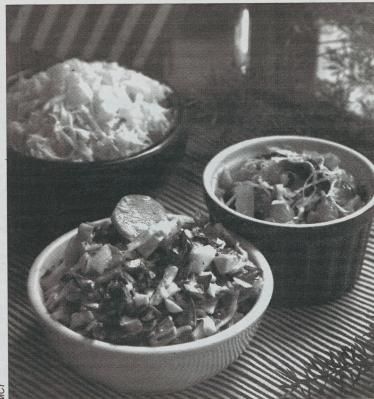
3) Find free deals at your destination.

Though it is said there is no such thing as a free lunch, you may find some free entertainment in the city you are traveling to. Scour the Internet before your trip for free museums, concerts, cultural events and activities--you may be surprised by what's out there. The blog at EuroCheapo.com is a worthwhile source on how to find free stuff in Europe.

Here is hoping that your journey overseas will be a safe and cheap one! Bon Voyage!

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loaf. Slice into wedges (or eat the individual loaves).

Caesar Coleslaw

Prepare this new take on coleslaw the day before serving, refrigerate and allow the dressing to soak into the salad.

INGREDIENTS:

Dressing: 1 cup of low-fat mayonnaise

3 Tbsp. of lemon juice

1/2 Tsp. of minced garlic

1Tsp. of anchovy paste 1 Tsp. of Dijon mustard

2 Tsp. of freshly ground pepper

1 head of shredded green cabbage

2 carrots shredded

4 scallions thinly sliced

2 cups of croutons

Make the dressing: in a large

serving bowl, whisk together the mayonnaise, lemon juice, garlic, anchovy paste, mustard and pepper. Add the cabbage, carrots and scallions to the bowl and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate the salad until ready to serve. Top with croutons. Serves 6 to 8.

Caribbean Queen INGREDIENTS:

1½ ozs. of watermelon schnapps

1 ounce of rum

1½ ounce of triple sec

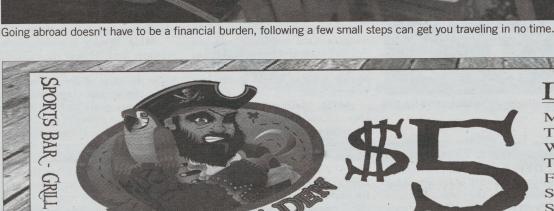
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3 ounces of lemonade

½ lemon juice

Fill glass with handful of ice and add ingredients. Then mix.

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Former Pirate has golden aspirations



Former Pirate LaShawn Merritt looks to book his ticket to Beijing on Thursday in Eugene, OR.

Former ECU track star eyes Beijing

(AP)

This was more a warm-up than the real thing. Still, it's hard not to pay attention when Jeremy Wariner and LaShawn Merritt are running side by side. Going shoulder to shoulder in the 400-meter semifinals Monday night at US Olympic trials, Wariner beat Merritt by .10 seconds to set up a rematch in the finals Thursday.

Wariner, the defending Olympic champion, improved to 12-2 lifetime against the man who figures to be his biggest competition this summer, finishing in 44.66 seconds and setting aside a loss to Merritt in Berlin last month that shook up the sport a bit.

"I think all Merritt and me were trying to do was just qualify, and make sure we get a preferred lane," Wariner said. "We both qualified 1-2, so it's going to be interesting to see how the lineup is come Thursday. But

we'll be ready."

In the decathlon, Bryan Clay made his second straight Olympics with a personal-record score of 8,832. That marked the best score by an American in 16 years and bested Dan O'Brien's Olympic trials record.

While Clay can relax now, Wariner and Merritt still have work to do.

It figures to be a two-man show when they meet Thursday in the finals, though you didn't have to work hard to see them go at it on this night, either—even though the air was thick with haze and smoke due to winds blowing northward from the forest fires in California.

Wariner was in lane 4, Merritt in lane 5, and Merritt had a lead on the backstretch. But at about the 250-meter mark, Wariner started reeling him in. He had a comfortable lead down the stretch and, though Merritt closed the gap at the very end, it wasn't by enough.

Merritt said that, like Wariner, his top priority was to make the final. Asked if he wanted Wariner next to him again Thursday, when the top three finishers get trips to the Olympics, he said "lanes do make a difference."

"They shouldn't, but come Thursday, all you've got to do is run your race. No matter what lane you're in, if you run your race, you'll be all right," Merritt said.

Wariner has said he thinks he has a good shot at Michael Johnson's venerable world record of 43.18 seconds at some point this summer, and Johnson said Saturday he thinks Wariner might be better off with someone pushing him.

Merritt appears to be the guy, though his win last month was somewhat unexpected. The only other time Wariner hadn't beaten him head-to-head was when he pulled up and did not finish. This was their first rematch.

"It didn't startle me," Wariner said in an interview Saturday. "There have been races in the past where LaShawn has been with me at the 300 mark. The difference was, in those races, my finish was stronger. In Berlin, when I tried to kick for my finish, I didn't go" anywhere:

This week's poll:

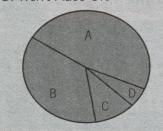
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Poll results:

How will USA Basketball fare in the 2008 Olympics?

- A. Gold Medal-48%
- B. Silver Medal-35%
- C. Bronze Medal-10%
- D. Won't Place-6%



Spain erases 44 years of disappointment



Spain's Fernando Torres burns German keeper Jens Lehmann for the only goal of the Euro 2008 final.

Euro 2008 superlatives

HART HOLLOMAN STAFF WRITER

GK: Iker Casillas, Spain- Casillas cemented his status as the top keeper in the world. "Saint Iker" was pretty pedestrian through most of the tournament behind a surprisingly tight defense, but performed fantastically when called into action, and bested Italy's own

stellar keeper Buffon in a quarter-final shootout.

DEF: Sergio Ramos, Spain-Everyone is aware of his attacking prowess down the flank and those skills shown throughout the tournament as he sent in dangerous crosses galore, but it was his rock solid defense that oozed class and made his part of the field a no attack zone for opposing offenses. **DEF**: Carlos Marchena, Spain-

DEF: Carlos Marchena, Spain-Marchena was the aerial stopper for a height-challenged Spanish squad and was rarely caught out of position by opposing offenses. He came into the tournament as the question mark of the Spanish defense but his steady and consistent play outshone and often covered up for the mistakes of the more cavalier Carlos Puyol.

DEF: Yuri Zhirkov, Russia-Zhirkov attacked down the left flank with danger throughout the tournament while providing shackling defense on some of the best wingers in the world. His dead-ball delivery made almost every Russian set-play a potential goal without having a lot of height in the box to work with.

MID: Marcos Senna, Spain-One of Luis Aragones' more head scratching selections when the Spanish squad was announced turned out to be one of brilliance from "The Wise Man from Hortaleza." Senna protected the Spanish backline with ease throughout the tournament and often forced opposing teams to play down the wings because of how well he patrolled the middle of the field. And what's even more amazing, he didn't pick up a single booking the entire tournament.

MID: Tuncay Sanli, Turkey-

Sanli was the heartbeat for the "Cardiac Kids" of the tournament. He was responsible for pulling the strings in midfield for a side that had the knack of making goals out of nothing. He roamed the area behind the Turkish strikers and cut defenses apart with his passing. And in the final group match, when his keeper was sent off with no remaining substitutes for his side, he donned the goalie shirt and finished out the victory in goal.

MID: Wesley Sneijder, Netherlands- Sneijder was the midfield maestro for the team that appeared to be the class of the tournament after the group stage. Sneijder scored two goals and set up two more in three games of work during the tournament. He seemed to be the only Dutch player who wanted to win against Russia in the quarters and nearly put them through by himself. He also scored the goal of the tournament against France when his curling, long range effort beat the keeper and clipped the crossbar on the way in.

MID: Andrei Arshavin, Russia-Arshavin lifted his team to new levels when he returned to the

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Bulls select Rose, Heat can't pass on Beasley



Kyle Weaver, Alexis Ajinca and D.J. Augustin show off their new threads to the Charlotte media.

Best and worst of the 2008 NBA Draft

JARED JACKSON STAFF WRITER

To nobody's surprise, the first three players chosen in the 2008 NBA Draft were Memphis guard Derrick Rose by the Chicago Bulls, Kansas State forward Michael Beasley by the Miami Heat and USC guard O.J. Mayo by the Minnesota Timberwolves. This marked the first time in draft history that the first three selections were college freshmen.

UCLA guard Russell Westbrook made the jump from relative unknown to the fourth layer taken overall by Seattle, while his teammate Kevin Love was chosen by the Memphis Grizzles with the

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Best Chicago Bulls

The Bulls got a franchise point guard in Derrick Rose, a lock to be an all-star within three to four years and will develop into the mold of a Chris Paul or Deron Williams-type point guard. Even though the Bulls could lose stars Ben Gordon and Lou Deng to free agency, they will be able to rebuild fast around Rose and get back to the championship caliber last seen when Michael Jordan called Chicago his home. Chicago also picked up international player Omer Asik at No. 36, who critics say could be a solid role player with great energy.

New Jersey Nets

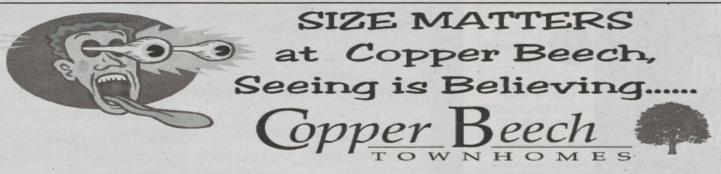
The Nets did exactly what they set out to do coming into the draft. For starters, the Nets were able to trade Richard Jefferson to Milwaukee for Yi Jianlian and create some cap space. Then, during the course of the draft were able to pick up Stanford's Brook Lopez (a true seven footer that can score), Ryan Anderson (a solid forward out of California) and Chris-Douglas Roberts (a slasher out of Memphis who should be a great sixth man.) What more could you ask for?

Worst Sacramento Kings

The Kings made a huge reach for Jason Thompson with the No. 12 selection and then chose Patrick Ewing, Jr. with the No. 43 pick. The only decent pick was Sean Singletary at No. 42, as he should be a solid back-up. Thompson was taken with the likes of Brandon Rush and Anthony Randolph on the board. The Kings should be embarrassed at basically wasting a lottery pick like that. As for Ewing, Jr., I don't think he belongs in the NBA and wouldn't be surprised if he doesn't make the Kings next season.

Charlotte Bobcats

The Bobcats had a bad draft because they wasted the No. 20 pick and the money spent on it to get it from the Denver Nuggets. While many Bobcats fans are outraged at the selection of D.J. Augustin at No. 9, I believe it was a smart pick for a team that doesn't have another viable point guard option other than Raymond Felton. The pick of France's Alexis Ajinca at No. 20 pick is just a travesty. Once again, it seems Michael Jordan flipped a coin to see who he wanted to select. I don't know why anyone believes that a five-points-per-game average in the French League will be good enough to produce a double-double player in the NBA. Kyle Weaver at No. 38 is a great pick as it gives Larry Brown someone who specializes in defense and can shoot.



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Thousands of Spaniards greeted the national team upon its arrival in Madrid.

line-up after serving a two-match ban at the start of the tournament. He ripped the Swedish and Dutch defenses to shreds with his mazy runs and tricky ball skills. Ashavin wasn't quite able to get things going against the Spanish in the semis, but it appears as though he will have a chance to play with some members of that squad, as it is rumored he is on his way to Barcelona before the end of the summer.

MID: Lukas Podolski, Germany- The natural striker was used by German coach Joachim Low on the left side of midfield throughout the tournament and to great effect. He scored three goals and set up two more, both to club teammate Bastian Schweinsteiger. His speed and ball control gave teams fits and his powerful, long range efforts made them think twice about giving him too much space outside the box.

FWD: Roman Pavluchenko, Russia- The much-maligned front man found his fitness and form in Euro 2008. Guus Hiddink found a way to get the best out of the often "too big" big-man. His aerial prowess was a danger throughout the tournament on set pieces and he and Arshavin formed a wonderful big man/little man combo up front upon his return to the line-up.

FWD: David Villa, Spain-Often overshadowed by the exploits of teammate Fernando Torres and coming off a sub-par season with club team Valencia, Villa came into Euro 2008 with something to prove: mission accomplished. He led the tournament with four goals and his late winner against Sweden showed the type of instincts possessed by a top striker. The teams vying for his signature this summer will really have to open their wallets after his performance in this tournament.

Player of the Tournament

Wesley Sneijder, Netherlands-He set himself apart with his skill and class in the group stage and it seemed as though he was the only Dutch player to get off the bus when they played Russia. The playmaker on the team that left everyone wanting more just couldn't quite do it alone, though he did try and almost succeed. I think everyone at St. Jakob Park

in Basel that night were left wondering what would have happened had Robin Van Persie allowed him to take that late free kick from his favorite spot.

Young Player of the Tournament

Arda Turan, Turkey-His touch and skill on the ball showed why this 21 year-old has a host of top clubs around Europe vying for his signature. He showed a wide array of passes and was especially effective sending in crosses from the wings. Look for this young man to make waves in future tournaments along with the rest of this relatively young Turkish side.

Biggest Disappointment

France- The World Cup 2006 runners-up exited the tournament after the group stage with two losses, a draw and one goal. The second oldest team in the tournament showed their age and by the end it was obvious they needed new blood. The loss of Patrick Viera hurt, but the negative tactics employed by coach Raymond Domenech hurt more.

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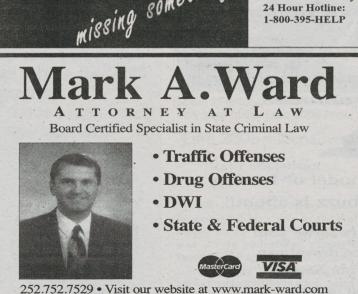
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2008-2009 Rookie of the Year

O.J. Mayo will be the NBA Rookie of the Year next season, simply because he is the highest caliber player that can start right away and make a seamless transition from college to professional basketball. While others might say Rose or Beasley, I believe that neither will make that same transition quite as well as Mayo. I think that Rose will likely come on the bench for the first couple of months to get used to the flow of the game while Beasley will likely start, but his defense is just too questionable.

number five pick.

By 2 a.m. Friday morning however, Love would swap places with O.J. Mayo in a blockbuster trade. Other than Mayo, Memphis also received Antoine Walker, Marko Jaric and Greg Buckner, while Minnesota received Mike Miller, Jason Collins and Brian Cardinal in addition to Love.

The New York Knicks then chose Italian forward Danilo Gallinari, who endured a chorus of boos from the Knicks faithful at Madison Square Garden.

Knicks fans don't exactly have the best reputation for being receptive and the selection of a foreign-born player made for a bleak welcome for Gallinari.

Gallinari, of Armani Jeans Milano, has been compared to the likes of Hedo Turkoglu and Dirk Nowitzki.

ESPN's Fran Fraschilla believes Gallinari will reach Derek Jeter and Michael Strahan "status" in a city obsessed with sports stars.

• Indiana guard Eric Gordon was chosen No. 7 by the Los Angeles Clippers and was followed by West Virginia big man Joe Alexander at No. 8 going to Milwaukee.

The Charlotte Bobcats made the earliest splash of the night by choosing Texas point guard D.J. Augustin with the ninth pick.

Stanford's seven-footer Brook Lopez's face was one of dejection after the Bobcats passed on him for a point guard.

New Jersey then took Lopez at 10th followed by Arizona's Jerryd Bayless at No. 11 to Indiana.

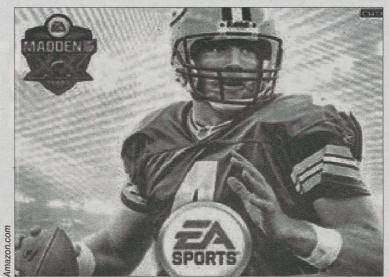
Bayless was later traded to Portland along with Ike Diogu for Brandon Rush, the No. 13 pick, Jarret Jack and former Duke forward Josh McRoberts.

Sacramento chose Rider forward Jason Thompson at No. 12, the first senior chosen in the draft. To end the lottery portion of the draft, Golden State chose LSU forward Anthony Randolph with the No. 14 pick.

NBA Commissioner David Stern may be happy to see high school players out of the draft, but now, the top of the draft is becoming freshman-heavy. The first 14 selections were made up of seven freshmen, one senior and one foreign player.

The top of this draft could go down as one of the best in the history of the NBA if all of the potential pans out.

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Madden football franchise celebrates 20 years

10 things you should know about Madden 2009

KELLEN HOLTZMAN SPORTS EDITOR

10. 20th anniversary—It's hard to believe, but the Madden franchise began in 1988 on platforms like home computers and Sega Genesis.

9. 20th anniversary features—A Madden 09 Collector's Edition will be available in addition to Madden 09. The set will include NFL Head Coach 09.

8. Cover athlete—Brett Favre seems the perfect fit for a 20th anniversary celebration. Fortunately, the "Madden jinx" won't come into play—if Favre stays retired, that is.

7. Franchise mode adjustments—Adjustments made to the franchise mode include an optional salary cap and a scoring system that awards points based on wins, increasing attendance and drafting well.

6. **Broadcast**—No more John Madden and Al Michaels—this year, Tom Hammonds and Cris Collinsworth take over the play-by-play.

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- Utilities**, Cable and Internet Included
- Washer and Dryer in Each Unit
- · Swimming Pools & Hot Tubs
- 1,2,3 and 4 Bedroom Suites
- ECU Buses Running Continuously
- Gated Community w/Courtesy Officers

- 5 Tanning Beds
- Volleyball Courts
- 2 Clubhouses
- Full Court Gymnasium
- Modern Fitness Center
- · ATM on Site
- · Pet Friendly

