

National and World News

Mideast talks end without progress

JERUSALEM, Israel. (MCT) — Outgoing U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice is wrapping up the Bush administration's yearlong attempt to broker Israeli-Palestinian peace with few tangible successes. Bush launched his late-term diplomatic push last November. Israel has defied U.S. pressure by building hundreds of new homes in disputed West Bank settlements and Palestinians remain divided, with hard-line Hamas leaders who refuse to recognize Israel holding firm control of the Gaza Strip.

Japanese economic stimulus plan may give citizens 12,000 yen each

TOKYO, Japan (MCT) — Under the Japanese government's new economic stimulus package, it has been proposed that 12,000 yen be distributed to each citizen and permanent resident, with an additional 8,000 yen to those 18 or younger and 65 or older, as cash benefits. The plan would distribute a total of 2 trillion yen. 12,000 yen is equivalent to around 123.20 USD according to Sunday's exchange rates. Early this week the government and the ruling coalition of the Liberal Democratic Party and New

Komeito will decide the sum and other details regarding the cash benefits, such as setting an income cap for households to qualify for the benefits and how the benefits will be distributed. The idea also aims at distributing additional funds to households with elderly people and children. If this were implemented, a couple with two children aged 18 or younger would be given 64,000 yen in total. Foreigners with permanent residency status also will be subject to the benefits, which would be distributed at local government offices.

Economic crisis hits tech industry

San Jose, Calif. (MCT) — Evidence is mounting that California's Silicon Valley, which previously had seemed unaffected by the global economic crisis, is beginning to feel the pain. Sun Microsystems recently reported a \$1.67 billion quarterly loss, and the internet networking giant Cisco Systems predicted sales would drop by 10 percent. Even Apple is planning to scale back production of its popular iPhone. By some estimates, at least half the business revenue generated in Silicon Valley is from tech industries.

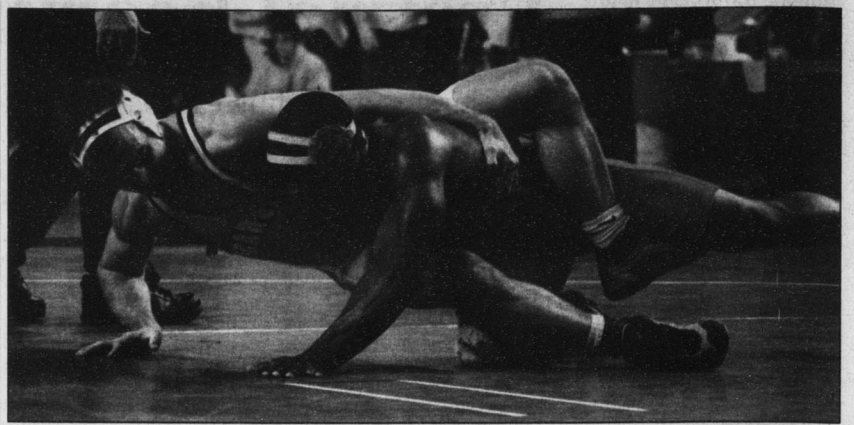
Obama to tackle the economy first

CHICAGO, Ill. (MCT) — President-elect Barack Obama used the Democrats' weekly radio address Saturday to pledge quick action by his upcoming administration to tackle the nation's economic woes. While Obama promoted the "rescue plan" to boost job creation efforts, he also said the downturn should not delay moving ahead with his agenda of promoting clean energy tech and jobs, expanded health care, education investment and tax cuts for the middle classes. He also praised President Bush for his help during the transition.

Palin criticizes unnamed sources

ANCHORAGE, Ala. (MCT) — Gov. Sarah Palin returned to work in her Anchorage office Friday afternoon and spoke out against anonymously sourced stories critical of her behavior on the campaign trail, saying "it's immature, it's unprofessional and those guys are jerks." "It's just very, very disappointing because this is Barack Obama's time right now. This can be a shining moment for America in our history," Palin said. She stated she was just glad to get back to Alaska to work as governor again.

TAR HEELS START STRONG



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UNC junior 165-pounder Keegan Mueller struggles with UNC-Pembroke's Jamitra Davis on Saturday at N.C. State's Wolfpack Open in Reynold's Coliseum. Six UNC wrestlers notched top-three finishes. The Open was the first match of the season for the Tar Heels, who continue next weekend with three matches in the ACC/Big Ten Clash.

Community mourns loss of local drummer

BY JESSICA BODFORD
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The musician some described as a Jedi master with drumsticks, Kevin James Brock, 37, died in his sleep of natural causes early last week. "When he played drums, my God, the Earth shook," Chapel Hill writer Mark Derewicz said in an e-mail. Derewicz played alongside Brock two years ago at the Carrboro Music Festival. "He took our music to a level I never knew could exist." Despite many attempts, neither Derewicz nor Brock could reunite the band for another performance before his death. "I started weeping because I realized, selfishly, that I'll never play music with Kevin again," Derewicz said in an e-mail. "Kevin took our music and made it more powerful than I could have possibly imagined." Brock taught music in the Chapel Hill area and performed with the local group Paperhand Puppet Intervention, which has hosted a range of parades and theatrical productions, including "I am an Insect," in the Forest Theatre earlier this fall. "He communed with rhythm in infinite spaces," Donovan Zimmerman, the group's co-founder, said in an e-mail. "His music stirred the emotions of all that heard it. The hole left in our hearts will not easily be filled." He died in his home in Graham. Crystal Fisher, sales manager of the Orange Community Housing and Land Trust, has seen Brock perform twice at Forest Theatre. "You could tell that he got as much joy from the talents he shared as those of us in the audience," she said. Brock also performed with a variety of artists including gypsy jazz group Club Boheme, world music group Different Drum, jazz bassist John Brown and singers Jimmy Magoo and Jonathyn Byrd. Chapel Hill resident Patrick Cross, guitarist of the Michael Jackson tribute band Who's Bad, has also played alongside him in the past.

"It was always a pleasure when I saw him or played music with him," he said in an e-mail. "It's rare to find someone who is both such a wonderful person and such an exceptional musician." Even as a schoolboy, Brock was well known amongst his peers. "He had such a gentle soul and a kind heart," Cynthia McNeil Orr, a special education teacher at Union County Public Schools who attended both middle and high school with Brock, said in an e-mail. A memorial service was held Sunday night in Chapel Hill, and Brock's family will receive friends Wednesday at their home in Roanoke, Va. "I was amazed at how his smile and warm personality could light up an entire room of people," Cross said in an e-mail. "It is a great loss to everyone here in Chapel Hill and Carrboro. "He will be dearly, dearly missed."

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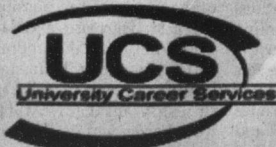
- Student Conservation Association:** Information session: 11-10-08, 4:00-5:00pm, 3413 Student Union. Open to all individuals. Casual Dress.
- Student Conservation Association:** Information session: 11-11-08, 3:00-4:00pm, 2510 Student Union. Open to all individuals. Casual Dress.
- Cambridge Associates, LLC:** Investment Performance Associate (Marketable Assets): 11-12-08, 5:30-6:30pm, 239B Hanes Hall. Open to students on 11/13 interview schedule only. Business Casual Dress.
- Naval Sea Systems Command:** Information session: 11-13-08, 7:00-8:00pm, 219 New West. Open to all individuals. Business Casual Dress.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

- **Teaching English Abroad:** 11-10-08, 4:00-5:00pm, 239B Hanes Hall.
- **Teaching Careers for Non-Education Majors:** 11-10-08, 5:00-6:00pm, 239B Hanes Hall.
- ***Career Clinic:** 11-11-08, 12:00-1:00pm, 239B Hanes Hall.
- **Student-to-Student Networking Night for Students Seeking Internships in I-Banking and Consulting:** 11-13-08, 5:30-7:00pm, 4th Floor, Hanes Hall.
- ***Masters & PhD Career Fair:** 11-13-08, 1:00-4:30pm, Friday Center.

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