

## U. Of Kentucky professor plans to clone human before 2003

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Two people, one a professor at the University of Kentucky, announced plans last week to create the first cloned human being within two years. Panayiotis M. Zavos, who teaches male reproductive physiology in the university's animal-sciences department, will join Italian fertility doctor Severino Antinori and several other doctors and researchers from around the world in hopes of producing the first human clone within 18 to 24 months' time.

Zavos said the team plans to convene in March to discuss the ethical methods of carrying out the plan. Zavos did say that any experiments will involve infertile couples only.

Not surprisingly, the announcement has its critics. University of Washington professor Michael R. Soules, who is also president of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, told the Washington Post that the plan is unethical "medical cowboy behavior," and said that Zavos and Antinori are simply looking for headlines.

Zavos could not be reached for comment—his university

voice mailbox was full—but told the Los Angeles Times that the announcement is not a stunt.

"We are serious people and have a track record to show for it," Zavos told the Times. "Cloning has already been developed in animals. The genie is out of the bottle. It's a matter of time when humans will apply it to themselves, and we think this is best initiated by us."

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## Police: Clerk uncovered plot to attack

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CUPERTINO, Calif. - Based on a tip from a drugstore clerk, police in San Jose, Calif., arrested a 19-year-old student who detectives say was planning to launch a Columbine-style assault Tuesday on a community college, armed with pipe bombs, rifles and 2,000 rounds of ammunition.

Al Joseph DeGuzman, a student at De Anza College, was arrested Monday night, and police later found an extensive arsenal, a diagram of the campus and notes on the planned attack at the home he shares with his parents, a spokesman said.

Detectives said they also found an audiotape on which DeGuzman expressed admiration and sympathy for the two youths who carried out the 1999 attack at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo. The rampage left 15 people dead, including the gunmen.

"He said he felt they were heroes," said Sgt. Steve Dixon, a police spokesman. "He said he was going to go out the same way and was going to kill as many students and staff as he could in the process."

Dixon said DeGuzman apparently had been planning the attack

for perhaps as long as two years and intended to launch it at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, during the busy lunch hour at the college's main cafeteria. The college has 28,000 registered students, officials said.

"He had a pretty elaborate game plan," Dixon said.

News of the foiled attack prompted authorities to evacuate the 112-acre campus in Cupertino, about 10 miles west of San Jose.

Santa Clara County sheriff's deputies and other officials conducted a daylong search but found no devices or other evidence on the campus.

Dixon said police were tipped off to DeGuzman's arsenal about 6 p.m. Monday by a young woman, the daughter of a police officer, who works as a photo-lab clerk at a local Longs drugstore. The young woman called police after developing photos of DeGuzman posing with his arsenal.

DeGuzman arrived at the store to pick up his photos before the police got there, Dixon said. "She did an excellent job. She stalled him for a few minutes, asking him for identification," he said.

DeGuzman turned to leave as unformed officers approached. He tried to walk away but was detained inside the store without a struggle, Dixon said.

## Former VP Gore to teach class at Columbia U.

by Billy O'Keefe  
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Don't cry for Al Gore. Columbia University has decided to take a chance on the scrappy youngster and give him a job.

The former vice president, out of work since Saturday, will teach a special non-credit seminar at the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, the university announced this week.

The seminar, entitled "Covering National Affairs in the Information Age," will examine the world of politics from the eyes of both politicians and journalists. Gore himself has been both, doing time in the 1970s as a reporter for the Nashville Tennessean.

"This is a special opportunity for the school," said Tom Goldstein, dean of the journalism school. "Al Gore will be an incomparable resource for our students and others at this university. From his unique perspective, students will get to see how government and the press intersect."

The class will begin in February, and will not offer students credit toward their degrees. The university has not announced final details on the seminar, but said that it would likely comprise of six to eight sessions.

## U. of Kansas student launches site for students tired of high bookstore prices

by Billy O'Keefe  
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Got those campus bookstore blues? Ryan Duckworth feels your pain, baby.

The University of Kansas sophomore, with the help of fellow UK students, has created Bookmark101.com, which he hopes will turn into a coast-to-coast haven for students seeking out textbooks at reduced prices.

Born last summer and launched last week, the site is Duckworth's answer to frustrations, including his own, over the university's policy on buying used textbooks, as well as the high prices he and other students endure for both new and used books.

Additionally, the self-described CEO and owner, a computer science major, is treating the site as a project and a crash course in being an entre-

preneur.

"I created this business to gain the experience of starting my own company and have learned invaluable lessons," he said. "I hope that in the process the product I have developed will help other college students."

The message on the front page asks students if they're tired of being "screwed" by campus bookstores, and states that, with the introduction of his service, "the bookstores are scared."

Close to 800 people have visited the site since its Jan. 25 launch. Two books are currently available for sale.

Duckworth told the Kansas that while he wants Bookmark101.com to achieve national recognition. While he has contacted companies such as Napster in hopes of roping in investors, his current focus is to build the site's popularity at Kansas before branching out.

## Purdue running back charged with battery for October attack

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Three months after allegedly punching a fellow Purdue University student in the face, Boilermaker running back Steve Ennis was charged Monday with battery and criminal recklessness.

Ennis, a 6-foot, 200-pound running back from Flower Mound, Texas, is accused of punching 22-year-old Matthew Alexander in the head outside a campus-area bar around 3 a.m. Oct. 22, said Tippecanoe County Deputy Prosecutor Norris Wang.

If convicted of the charges, Ennis could face between six months and eight years in jail. Bond has been set at \$10,000.

Ennis was suspended indefinitely from the Boilermakers Dec. 22 and did not play in Purdue's Rose Bowl loss to Washington, said sports information director

Tom Schott.

The incident allegedly happened after a campus-area bar closed in "The Village," a section of West Lafayette that contains many student hangouts.

Alexander was walking down the street and tried to walk around a large group congregated in front of one of the bars. Ennis allegedly stepped out from the crowd and punched Alexander in the face, causing him to fall backward and hit his head, Wang said.

Alexander spent several days in the hospital and suffered a fracture at the base of his skull and a fracture to his eye socket.

Mathew Sandy, a lawyer representing Ennis, could not be reached for comment. Ennis declined to give a statement to police, Wang said.

Ennis' initial court date is scheduled for Feb. 2, at which time he is expected to post bond, Wang said.

## Clinton authorizes continued protection of daughter

by Matthew McGuire  
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Looks like Chelsea Clinton should be pretty safe during her last year at Stanford University.

In former President Clinton's final days in office, he signed a directive ordering Secret Service protection for Chelsea to be temporarily extended, the Associated Press reported Jan. 25. Chelsea's Secret Service protection was scheduled to end when her father left office Jan. 20.

Clinton also signed a similar directive for former Vice President Al Gore on Jan. 19.

Secret Service spokesman Jim Mackin would not say how long the protection would be offered or if Chelsea would be covered until she graduates this fall, the AP reported.

With few exceptions, Chelsea has remained out of the spotlight during her father's tenure in the White House. During the Monica Lewinski ordeal,

Chelsea served as a bond between her parents, and she's also accompanied her mother, Hillary, during her senate campaign and on foreign-relations trips.

The press - including Stanford University's student newspaper - has also taken a hands-off approach, at the Clinton's urging. The Stanford Daily pledged not to cover Chelsea and even went so far as to fire staff writer Jesse Oxfield after he wrote an opinion piece about how Chelsea's presence on campus has inconvenienced students.

There have, of course, been a few leaks about Chelsea's love life and her internship on a Montana ranch where she dealt with cattle and animal embryo transfers.

Under a 1997 change in federal law, the Clintons will be the last former president and first lady eligible for Secret Service protection for life. When President Bush and his wife Laura leave the White House they will be offered protection for a maximum of 10 years.

# Miss America 2000 trades her crown for a backpack

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After completing her reign as Miss America 2000, Heather French picked up her backpack and returned to University of Cincinnati Monday.

Some may have doubted French would return to pursue her master's degree in fashion design after her wedding to Kentucky Lt. Gov. Steve Henry, but she said she always keeps her word. French promised her mother the day after her reign ended she would return to school.

"I said I was coming back," said French through laughter and smiles, but her tone was all business. "When I say I'll do something, I will."

French originally planned to write a book for her thesis project, but decided she would rather do something that would enable her to continue helping veterans.

Now, French is designing a line of clothing with proceeds benefiting her foundation to help veterans. She said the line will feature comfortable clothing made of high-tech fabrics.

French said military-style clothing inspired her designs. She is working with companies such as Dillard's and Wal-Mart to distribute the line, which she said is unusual for a thesis project. "I wanted to design the line, and I'm fortunate it will be made," she said. "Now's the perfect time to return to school and accom-

plish both goals."

French said although it will not be her thesis project, she plans to complete the book concerning the history of fashion after she graduates.

By the time she graduates in June 2001, French will have less than two months to prepare for the birth of her first child, due July 25. "I'll be waddling around here before too long," she laughed.

Although she is about to become a mother, many still consider French a daughter. She said veterans realize her commitment to her cause and treat her as family.

"Veterans know I am not trying to push some issue I don't care about," said French. "These people consider me their daughter." Continuing her efforts on behalf of the more than 25 million U.S. veterans, she created the Heather French Foundation.

The foundation earns money for grants to aid veterans' programs in small cities. French said because government bases funding on population, smaller cities tend to receive less help than larger ones. The foundation recently received their federal tax-identification number and is now writing its bylaws.

French has volunteered her time to veterans' issues since she was a member of Girl Scouts. She said she has always been passionate about the issue, in part because her father Ron struggled with post-traumatic stress disorder after returning from the Vietnam War.

French's father not only inspired her to advocate for veterans, but also to compete in the Miss America pageant. He told her "we need a Miss America to look out for us."

After winning the pageant, French

said the judges told her that her devotion to veterans' issues was the essential factor for her win.

"I walked into the judges' interview and told them with or without this crown, I'm continuing the



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work," she said. "We're losing our nation's heroes because they are living on the streets and have poor medical care while we're looking at them in the face."

Three months after receiving her crown, French attended her homecoming celebration in Augusta, Ky. The town of 1,400 people earned more than \$20,000 for her platform. She said she was so moved at the town's generosity and belief in the cause that she decided to put the money in a trust to continue her work following her reign via the foundation.

French said veterans are thankful she has become a national spokeswoman for their concerns. She squinted as she thought of their pain when she talked of veterans' hospitals that operate without proper women's facilities and children of veterans who have never had a home.

"It's criminal that these people served our country and the system can sometimes be so overwhelming that some people do not know what services are available," she said.

French remembered receiving letters containing veterans' social security numbers and medical records asking for her help. She found a contact in Washington D.C. to forward the information and help those veterans.

Although she appeared six times before Congress to fight for veterans' causes, French said she has no

intention of running for public office.

Instead, she hopes to earn enough money for the foundation to become a stronger advocate. "Sometimes it's better to be the person that has the money to push the issue," she said.

In addition to donations and other fundraisers, French hopes the release of her clothing line will earn more money to further her cause. She will be spending a few days each month on campus finalizing her line.

"The campus has changed," said French as she walked to Edwards Hall to pay her student loans. "Students here now may be so far inside of things they can't see out, but when you've been removed for a while, seeing it again fills you with pride."

French said her life has changed since she was last a student. She traveled 20,000 miles in one year, with only one day off per month. Now a spokeswoman, writer and commentator of veterans' issues for Stars and Stripes, she has a lot to balance in addition to her foundation.

French said it is nice to be able to concentrate on starting a family and working for veterans instead of attempting to make ends meet. Before she won the crown, French worked three jobs to pay for school. She said, "at least now I can afford to buy my art supplies."

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