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Supreme Court dismisses UI case

By Renee Bovy
The Daily Iowan

After a nearly five-year legal battle with the UI, the appeal of three former faculty members was dismissed Thursday as the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review their discrimination case.

The Supreme Court decision upholds the July 19, 1996, decision by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals that found the UI did not discriminate against plaintiffs Beth Pelton, Paula Brine and Nancy Thompson by closing the UI's dental hygiene program.

The three women, then associate professors, first filed suit against the UI for discrimination in 1992, after their department was closed in response to a campus-wide economic review by the UI. Their suit

"I would have been very surprised if the (Supreme Court) decision would have been different."

Ann Rhodes, vice president for University Relations

claimed the department was eliminated because it consisted of an all-female faculty and student body. The plaintiffs said also the dismantling of the department left the tenure-track employees in less prominent positions.

In two other claims, the associate professors said they were denied freedom of speech in opposing the decision and were retaliated against when they spoke out against the closing. In June 1995, U.S. District Judge Celeste Bremer ruled the UI did not discriminate against the women but did retaliate against them by not giving them comparable positions in other departments.

The women were awarded \$65,000 each on the retaliation claims and \$227,000 in attorney fees. This ruling was overturned by the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and Thursday's Supreme Court ruling will uphold this decision.

Pelton, currently an associate professor in the UI's Sports, Leisure and Physical Studies Department, declined to comment on the Supreme Court's decision because she had not yet spoken with her counselors.

The associate professors' attorney, Kelly McClelland of Liberty, Mo., declined comment until he spoke with his clients.

"It just came out," he said. "They need to have a chance to discuss the case."

Ann Rhodes, vice president for University Relations, said she was not surprised at the Supreme Court's decision not to review the case.

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AIDS deaths see first-ever decline

Officials credit the 13 percent decline to better treatment and programs.

By Tara Meyer
Associated Press

ATLANTA — AIDS deaths fell 13 percent in the first half of 1996, the first significant drop since the epidemic began in 1981, the government said Thursday. Officials credited better treatment and programs for the decline.

"This is one of the first bright spots we have seen in this epidemic," said Christopher Portelli, executive director of the National Lesbian and Gay Health Association in Washington. "But we hope it is seen as a call to arms rather than a chance to relax and breathe a sigh of relief."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said about 22,000 people died of AIDS in the first six months of 1996, down from the 24,900 deaths in the same period a year earlier.

The CDC saw a slight drop in AIDS deaths in the second quarter of 1995, but researchers did not see

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it as significant.

There was more good news Thursday: While the number of people diagnosed with AIDS continues to grow, the growth rate is slowing. In 1995, about 62,200 people were diagnosed, an increase of less than 2 percent over the 61,200 new cases in 1994. The growth rate from

1993 to 1994 was 5 percent.

The first signs of the drop in AIDS deaths came in January, when New York City reported a 30 percent drop in AIDS deaths in 1996.

"I think this speaks to the success of the dual approach of counseling, testing and treating people

with HIV," said Patricia Fleming, the CDC's chief of HIV/AIDS reporting and analysis.

The CDC credits better treatment for AIDS patients, including new drugs, and better access to treatment through state and federal

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Brian Moore/The Daily Iowan

UI junior Dan Nelson gets his ID checked before he is allowed to buy cigarettes at City News, 113 Iowa Ave. Beginning today, all businesses that sell tobacco products are required by a federal regulation to ID customers who look under 27. "I think the new law will help, since I see a lot of underage smokers, and it is designed to protect them."

Federal smoking law requires ID

By Chris Gardner
The Daily Iowan

A federal regulation requiring businesses that sell tobacco products to ask for identification from customers who look under 27 will go into effect today — and area smokers think it's a drag.

UI sophomore Ann Smisek, 20, has been smoking since she was 16. She said she is asked for identification more often now than when she was a minor.

"It's pissed me off before when I haven't had my ID with me," Smisek said. "It's kind of a stupid law because how are they going to catch people that are of age but didn't get ID'd? I think the lawmakers could spend their time and money in better ways."

In anticipation of the Food and Drug Administration's regulation, some businesses started preparing for the ID process by beginning to ask customers for their identification before today.

Gary Smith, an employee of Gasby's Downtown, 114 E. Washington

"Everybody grumbles, but they have been asked all over town so they know it's nothing new. Sometimes I get a little embarrassed when I have to ask somebody I know is of age, and they also think it's a little strange."

Gary Smith, an employee of Gasby's Downtown, 114 E. Washington St.

St., said the store began preparing for the new regulation earlier this week. Smith said he has not had any experience with unruly customers while checking IDs.

"Everybody grumbles, but they have been asked all over town so they know it's nothing new," Smith said. "Sometimes I get a little embarrassed when I have to ask somebody I know is of age, and they also think it's a little strange."

Smith said he wonders about the criminal aspect of the new regulation.

"If a person over 18 buys cigarettes but doesn't show an ID, is that person committing a crime?" he asked. "A lot of the clerks are

wondering where they stand with this, and they can lose their jobs and receive a hefty fine for not asking for IDs."

If a store is caught selling tobacco products to an individual who is under 27 and doesn't ask for identification, the store will receive a warning letter from the FDA. After a second offense, the store will be fined \$250. Store owners caught selling to minors face federal fines of \$250 per violation plus additional state fines.

State laws already outlaw selling tobacco to anyone under age 18. Yet, government figures show

UI workshop gets No. 1 ranking

By Chris Gardner
The Daily Iowan

In the publication's first-ever ranking of creative writing programs, U.S. News and World Report rated the UI Writers' Workshop No. 1.

The Writers' Workshop was rated number one by the magazine's rankings of "America's Best Graduate Schools," which will hit newsstands Monday. The UI was notified Thursday.

"It's gratifying, of course, to see the recognition on a national scale," said Frank Conroy, director of the Writers' Workshop.

The creative writing program was joined in the No. 1 spot by the UI printmaking program, which also was rated No. 1.

A total of nine UI programs were listed in the U.S. News Report, including pharmacy, medicine, law, fine arts, engineering, education, drama/theater, creative writing and printmaking.

Joanne Fritz, director for University Relations, said the rankings display the quality of a variety of educational areas at the UI.

"We're doing very, very well all across the board, from science to the arts," Fritz said. "It shows the breadth we have that not all universities have."

Conroy said he appreciates rankings like U.S. News and World Report, but said he isn't ready to weigh their importance.

"With prizes and stuff like that, it's hard to tell how much they mean in the end," Conroy said. "But it's always better to get them than not get them."

Conroy said he hopes the

Graduate Programs at the UI Ranked

U.S. News and World Report gives UI graduate programs high marks:

- **Creative-Writing Program** ranked **FIRST** in the nation
- **Drama/Theatre Arts** ranked **23rd** in the nation (tied with Columbia University, Indiana University and Temple University)
- **Education** (doctoral program) ranked **14th** in the nation
- **Engineering** ranked **46th** in the nation
- **Fine Arts** ranked **6th** in the nation (tied with California Institute of the Arts, Carnegie-Mellon University, and Indiana University-Bloomington)
- **Law** ranked **28th** in the nation
- **Medicine** ranked **8th** in the nation (for primary care)
- **Pharmacy** (doctoral program) ranked **19th** in the nation
- **Printmaking** ranked **FIRST** in the nation

Source: U.S. News and World Report

Fritz said the No. 1 placement of the Writers' Workshop did not come as a total surprise to most people.

"It's a wonderful confirmation of what we've always known," Fritz said. "Ask anyone around the country — it's what they know the UI the most for."

Famous graduates of the UI Writers' Workshop include Jane Smiley, Rita Dove, Jorie Graham, John Irving and Paul Engle.

First-year graduate student Dan Weiss said he doesn't think the ranking will have any major effect on the creative program.

"I don't think it fundamentally changes the way the workshop is, for better or for worse," Weiss said. "It's nice, but it's ultimately unimportant."

Joanne Fritz, director for University Relations

peaks interest for financial reasons but not for enrollment purposes.

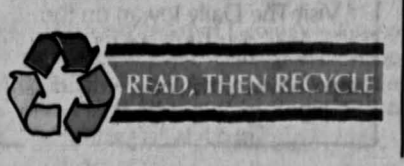
"What we don't need is more people applying, but we definitely need more money for scholarships," Conroy said. "Hopefully, it increases our risibilities with foundations and corporations."

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Doellinger seeks to 'Innovate and invigorate' UI student body

This is the second of two profiles on the UISG presidential candidates. Students can vote for the candidate of their choice on March 3 and 4.

By Kristin Bauer
The Daily Iowan

Innovating the UI student body with fresh faces, open minds and a larger scope of Student Government's abilities is what UI Student Government presidential candidate Chad Doellinger deems his top priority.

To "Innovate and Invigorate" the students is the Doellinger campaign slogan, the heart of his campaign and helps publicize what he said is the key to the UISG's future.

"A lot of students don't know



"A lot of students don't know what the UISG does for them or what they do at all. We want to make sure that they do know, because it is their money, and we want the students to get something for their money."

UI Student Government presidential candidate Chad Doellinger

what the UISG does for them or what they do at all," Doellinger said. "We want to make sure that they do know, because it is their money, and we want the students to get something for their money."

Doellinger said his ticket stands out from the opposition as the alternative to the "status quo," and this would give UISG an edge with other student groups and students who normally wouldn't be involved with the UISG.

"We have experience in leadership, but a lot of the experience is

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Brain Ray/The Daily Iowan

UI graduate student Rani Welch is starting her own dance studio with six other students. Her thesis concert, which she choreographed, is expected to be presented Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Space Place Theater located in North Hall. See page 6A for story.

Metro & Iowa

Witnesses say Hardy admitted faking pregnancy

By Greg Smith
Associated Press

KEOKUK, Iowa — Kimmi Hardy admitted she faked a pregnancy with her husband, Robert Hardy, but insisted the baby she was caring for came from a mysterious drug dealer named Anthony, witnesses said.

The third day of testimony in the first-degree murder trial of Hardy, 36, Keokuk, was to begin today. So Lee County Attorney Michael Short indicated Robert Hardy would take the stand.

Kimmi Hardy is charged in the Aug. 28 death of Theresa Lynn Lund, 34, also of Keokuk. She is accused of shooting Lund twice in the head, hiding her body in a basement crawl space at her home and pretending Lund's 6-week-old son, Paul, was hers.

On Thursday, Keokuk police investigator Kevin Church said Hardy, married four times and a mother of three before having her

tubes tied on Oct. 10, 1984, was defiant even when he came to her home last Sept. 17 and told her Lund and her son were missing.

"She stated that was insane. It had nothing to do with her," Church testified.

In two interviews on Sept. 18 at the Keokuk police station, Church said Hardy insisted her baby, who she named Dusty Eugene Hardy, came from a mysterious drug dealer named Anthony.

Anthony, she told Church, promised to get her a baby for \$3,000 if she would peddle — or "mule" — drugs for him like she said she did in the 1980s.

Hardy told Church she came up with the money by saving her welfare checks and by selling bags of flour and sugar disguised as drugs at local bars.

Church said also he asked her if she indeed had faked her pregnancy.

"She admitted the entire pregnancy was faked and that she had

lied about a midwife," he said. "She admitted the child was not hers but that she did not know whose child it was."

Hardy initially denied knowing Paul Lund — witnesses on Wednesday testified the two women did business together on the sale of a house — but eventually changed that story, too.

"She stated she knew who she was but didn't know her that well," Church said.

Between interviews with police on Sept. 18, police data processor Darlene Loter testified she was told to keep Hardy company.

As Loter recounted for jurors what Hardy told her as they sat in the police chief's office, Hardy sat at the defense table, wiping away tears.

"She had this baby, this son. She didn't tell me exactly why she was there, but that she was picked up ... and she did something very, very wrong ... and she would have to pay for it," Loter testified.

She said Hardy told her repeatedly that her husband was in the dark about what was happening.

"She said she loved him more than life itself," Loter said. "She worried that he would hate her."

Loter said Hardy told her she got the child "from a man and that he was real good at what he did. That man told her the mother didn't want the baby."

"She said he (Bob) wasn't involved at all. He was innocent. He didn't know anything about it."

On Sept. 17, the day Church told Hardy he was investigating a missing person report on Lund, he asked to see the child. He said Hardy tried to put him off but eventually let him in to see the sleeping baby and he became immediately suspicious.

Jurors heard also testimony one of Hardy's former husbands, Wendell Smith, and a former boyfriend, Jeff Steele, who said Hardy had faked numerous pregnancies during their relationships.

Legislative panel approves 15 percent income-tax cut

By Mike Glover
Associated Press

DES MOINES — A legislative committee voted Thursday to cut income-tax rates by 15 percent in all brackets, a \$300 million reduction that majority Republicans hope defines this year's Legislature.

The House Ways and Means Committee sent the measure to the full House for debate and almost certain approval next week.

Along the way, the panel rejected an alternative offered by Democrats that also would have reduced income taxes by \$300 million, but would have given the bulk of the benefit to those making \$75,000 a year or less.

But Republicans argued that their across-the-board cuts are best because they treat everyone alike.

"It treats everyone fairly," said Rep. Chris Rants, R-Sioux City. "It seems to be a fair way to give the money back to the people we took it from in first place."

Democrats argue that Iowans making \$75,000 a year or less make about half of the total income in the state, but pay 62 percent of the taxes. Those middle-class families are the ones most in need of a tax break.

At a news conference, Democratic legislative leaders said they're confident of winning the political battle over tax cuts. Ninety percent of the taxpayers in the state would get a bigger break under their plan.

"We're ready to head into an election with this plan," said House Democratic Leader David Schrader of Monroe. "There is a middle-class tax penalty in Iowa."

Myers noted that the plan offered by Democrats reduces rates in every income bracket, but offers the biggest reduction in the middle.

"Every taxpayer under our plan will get a tax cut," Myers said.

Rants argued that the state's tax system is already progressive, with those in the top brackets paying the highest rate. Because of that it makes sense to simply lower each rate by the same amount, he argued.

But Myers said the rich would get thousands of dollars in tax breaks under the GOP plan, while middle-class families would get little. The Democratic alternative would target the money at working families who need it most, Myers argued.

With Republicans controlling both the House and Senate — and holding the governor's office — the odds of the across-the-board tax cut being approved are strong.

Senate leader calls for tougher teen-smoking laws

By Mary Neubauer
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Iowa teens would lose their driver's licenses for repeatedly violating state tobacco possession laws, under a proposal from the Senate's top leader.

"The most important thing that teen-agers possess is their driver's license. And I think if we tie it into that, that sends a very strong signal that we are serious about this," Senate Majority Leader Stewart Iverson said Thursday.

Iverson, R-Dows, is a smoker, and he admits he started when he was a teen-ager.

"If the law was there when I was a

teen-ager, who knows?" he said.

Iverson leads a group of senators who have endorsed a plan to crack down on underage smokers. Iowa law prohibits possession of tobacco products by anyone younger than 18. The senators' proposal would increase the current \$25 fine for first-time offenders to \$100. Second-time offenders would lose their driver's license for 60 days. Breaking the law a third time would mean losing the license for a year.

Local communities would get to keep all of the money from the fines as an incentive to enforce the law.

Iverson said a tough statewide smoking law would be better than proposals that would let local com-

munities develop their own smoking restrictions.

"Whatever laws we have, no matter what they deal with, should be uniform across the state. I have never been inclined to have 99 sets of rules in the counties or 1,000 sets of rules for cities," he said. "I just think that's wrong. I think a uniform law is what's important."

Attorney General Tom Miller, who released his own anti-smoking package this year, said Iverson's proposal is a step in the right direction.

"But probably the whole situation does need some balance. There needs to be, certainly, a penalty for the young people but there have to be substantial penalties and deterrents

for the tobacco companies and those people that sell tobacco," he said.

In his proposals, Miller called for the state to end a ban on local governments approving their own smoking restrictions. He asked for a 4-cent-per-pack increase in the cigarette tax, with that money going to an anti-smoking campaign. He also said he wanted to limit cigarette vending machines to places where youngsters aren't allowed, primarily taverns and casinos.

It's against the law for minors to buy cigarettes in Iowa and state law says vending machines must be monitored. But Miller said that law is ineffective and should be toughened.

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LEGAL MATTERS & CALENDAR

POLICE

Chad A. Hinkel, 24, North Liberty, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Clinton and Burlington streets on Feb. 27 on 12:57 a.m.

Amber M. Armbruster, 19, Riverside, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Lower Muscatine Drive and Pine Street on Feb. 27 at 3:16 a.m.

Dennis M. Mahoney, 36, 413 N.E. 18 St., Cedar Rapids, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Dubuque and Fairchild streets on Feb. 27 at 12:52 a.m.

Damon L. Robinson, 28, Cedar Rapids, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the corner of Clinton and Washington streets on Feb. 27 at 1:36 a.m.

Alan W. Stacy, 21, 2428 Bittersweet Court, Apt. 7, was charged with public intoxication, public consumption and two counts of providing false reports to law enforcement officials north of the Water Treatment Plant on Feb. 26 at 2:49 a.m.

— Compiled by Jennifer Cassell

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OWI — Amber M. Armbruster, Riverside, preliminary hearing set for March 20 at 2 p.m.; Chad A. Hinkel, North Liberty, preliminary hearing set for March 20 at 2 p.m.; Dennis M. Mahoney, Cedar Rapids, preliminary hearing set for March 20 at 2 p.m.; Damon L. Robinson, Cedar Rapids, preliminary hearing set for March 20 at 2 p.m.

Willful injury — Kyle D. Ewert, Coralville, preliminary hearing set for March 7 at 2 p.m.

Driving under suspension — David J. Masson, Cedar Rapids, preliminary hearing set for March 20 at 2 p.m.

— Compiled by Brendan Brown

Student Legal Services will hold a free advice clinic in Room 155 of the Union from 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Iowa International Socialist Organization will hold an informational picket against the welfare cuts at the Iowa City Post Office, 400 S. Clinton St., at 11:45 a.m.

UI Department of Physics and Astronomy will hold a special astrophysics seminar titled "Theory of EU Orionis Outbursts" in Room 309 of Van Allen Hall at 1:30 p.m.

SATURDAY'S EVENT

Foreign Language House, UI Student Government and Education Programs will sponsor Gusto Latino in the Main Lounge of the Union from 8 p.m. to midnight.

SUNDAY'S EVENTS

Citizens for Justice and Accountability in the Death of Eric Shaw will hold an open forum on issues relating to the killing of Eric Shaw in Room A of the

Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

United Campus Ministry will sponsor "Eat At Church" at the First Christian Church, 217 Iowa Ave., at 5 p.m.

United Methodist Campus Ministry will sponsor a Sunday supper at the Wesley Foundation, 120 N. Dubuque St., at 5:30 p.m.

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Viewpoints

Letters to the Editor

Ex-gang member story was poorly phrased

To the Editor:
I read with interest the *DI*'s Feb. 26 front-page story about an ex-gang member who recently recounted his former life to a UI audience. Imagine my astonishment when I read the second paragraph: Johnson, 35 years old and a former Crip gang member from Compton, Los Angeles, spoke about being shot and stabbed several times and spending eight years in solitary confinement Tuesday evening in the Boyd Law Building.

My goodness, this certainly raises at least a couple of interesting questions. First of all, how did it escape campus security's attention that the brutalized Johnson was being held prisoner in the Boyd Law Building, and, perhaps more intriguing, how does one compress eight years in one evening?

Larry Long
Coralville resident

Sports editor deserves praise

To the Editor:
Your sports editor deserves a compliment. He does a great job. He's usually upbeat. He's usually positive. He usually makes a point to put a positive "spin" on stories. He deserves to be applauded, and Chris makes it fun to read *The Daily Iowan*!

Bill Bleeker Jr.
Iowa City resident

Valdez makes another mistake

To the Editor:
Just when I thought Amy Valdez might have learned her lesson after her Smashing Pumpkins column, her latest column proves me wrong (Feb. 26, "The myth of a woman's inability to lead").

Amy, Geraldine Ferraro didn't run for vice president in 1980. She ran in 1984. Second of all, she didn't run with Pat Schroeder, she ran with Walter Mondale. Third, Pat Schroeder briefly ran for president in 1988, but she withdrew before the primaries.

I realize you are writing an opinion column, Amy, but factual mistakes like these destroy your credibility. Why should readers take you seriously?

when you don't even have even a basic grasp of political history? The really sad part of this whole mess is that none of *The Daily Iowan's* editors caught this obvious mistake. These mistakes reflect poorly on the *DI*'s credibility as well. It's almost as if the editors don't even care about the content of the *DI*, and if they don't care, why should we?

William Brinkman
Iowa City resident

I.C. needs parking to compete with new mall

To the Editor:
Like a flying saucer from the film "Independence Day," the Coralville Mall, its Gap and its 47 movie theaters are looming ominously above the strip, and there is a parking problem in downtown Iowa City. Coincidence? I don't think so.

Since the days of ox-carts and riding shotgun with a shotgun, Iowa Citizens, like most Americans, have been very particular about where they tie up, drop the rag-top and beep the locks. Whether it's fetching sundries or eating cheese fries, people cannot rationalize wasting good pairs of shoes walking. And so, we circle our wagons passing up perfectly good parking in search of the ultimate space — just a little closer to destiny.

Despite the majority of the students commuting (a half-mile is no stroll if you've got a hangover), complaints about parking have gone unanswered for years. Now, with an impending

exodus of shoppers to Coralville, suddenly everyone agrees we have got a parking crisis on our lots. WE NEED MORE PARKING!!! Garages, ramps, lots, meters in the alley; anything to avoid reading a bus schedule. Isn't there some low-income housing we can tear down and replace with gravel? THIS IS IOWA, FOR GOD'S SAKE; WE'RE DROWNING IN UNDEVELOPED PARKING!
Why resist? Give in to the notion: Good parking is a basic human need. Sure, there are mutants — those with shiny sports cars who park on the edge of every lot. For the majority, however, the unconscious desire knows no gender, class, ethnicity or lifestyle. Even those who enjoy using their feet go for the good parking. Ever seen a line-dancer trade a good space for a chance at some extra two-stepping in the parking lot? You'd be lying if you said you never gave someone a nasty look when they tried stealing your spot. Why do you think drive-thrus are so popular — everyone gets the good space.

We could talk about overnight street parking for drunks and bus-route awareness until the oil runs dry. Call it crazy, call it lazy. Either way, it's an unfortunate truth. People will choose to drive their cars no matter how great the hassle. Seems to me, though, when everyone is shopping in Coralville, there will be much less of a parking problem in downtown Iowa City.

D.C. Hays
Iowa City resident

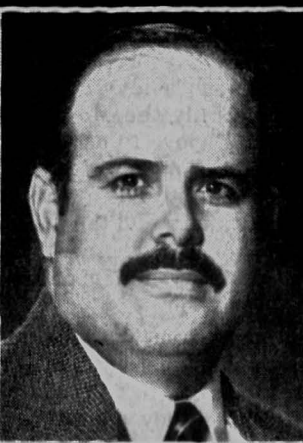


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PUBLIC LECTURE

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RESPONDENTS:
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science for NON-MAJORS

News from the war on AIDS

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Gusto Latino enters 15th year

By Joseph Leavitt
The Daily Iowan

Lively Latin music will fill the Main Lounge of the Union Saturday night as Iowa city residents celebrate Gusto Latino, the Foreign Language House's annual fiesta.

The celebration, in its 15th year, features the Jose Valdez Orchestra, a band that plays a variety of Latin dance music, from Salsa and Merengue to the lesser-known Cumbia and Samba.

Foreign Language House dancers will perform to Brazilian dance. The limbo and dance contests bring widespread participation during the celebration and are chances for dancers to showcase their skills, said UI sophomore Jenifer Raby-Lloyd.

The dance contest is an important part of Gusto Latino, she said.

"There are always a few couples who are really great and knock everyone's socks off," Raby-Lloyd said.

UI freshman Aaron Guffey agreed and said one of the best parts about Latin dancing is that you can do it for years, and there still are challenges. Small style moves and innovation are characteristics of good dancers, Guffey said.

"There is a broad spectrum of skill, the little things are what separates the men from the boys," Guffey said.

But being a good dancer is not a prerequisite for attending the party, said Ian Hillman, president of the Foreign Language House. One of the great parts about the Gusto Latino is that people don't care if you are a good dancer.

"You don't have to be a Fred Astaire to participate," Hillman said.

Recognizing Latin dance as an integral part of the American dance scene is a primary goal of Gusto Latino, said Program Coordinator Amanda Clark. The cultural diversity is one of the best parts about the celebration.

"People can see that that type of music is a part of the culture of the United States," Clark said.

Many of the people who will be attending Gusto Latino are members of the Latin American Dance



UI graduate student Louis Beaugris teaches members of the foreign language house a Brazilian dance in preparation for the annual Gusto Latino celebration. The event will take place Saturday night at the Union ballroom from 8 to 12 p.m.

Club, said Instructor Shyla Osborn. The culturally diverse group attends the party and the dancing helps people learn a new way to interact.

"A lot of people who are having trouble relating to people in other areas of their life can relate to people through this type of dance. It is non-verbal communication," Osborn said.

Hillman agreed that Latin dancing is a unique style of rhythm because people can make up their own steps to complement the ritualized steps. Programmer Alisha Crowe said the structure sets it apart.

"American dancing is kind of free-form or lacking in pattern," Crowe said. "In the Latin dancing, you have specific moves."

Latin American Dance Club instructor Modei Akya said Latin dancing relates to other music as well and is more than just patterns and beat.

"I was looking for couple-dancing, and found that Latin dancing

goes well with a lot of African music, especially the Merengue," Akya said. "I love to dance with people who enjoy moving their bodies. Dancing to Latin music is all about intimacy and the incredible energy you can generate by two bodies participating in call and response fashion."

Raby-Lloyd said it is important to go into the experience with an open mind, and that people can learn quickly if they want to.

"You can pick up enough basics in 20 minutes to enjoy yourself," Raby-Lloyd said.

Gusto Latino is about feeling good, meeting new people and experiencing new activities, Clark said.

"Basically, it's a time to jam," she said.

The celebration begins at 8 p.m. and lasts until midnight. Students can dance for \$3.50, the general public for \$6.00 and children ages 5-12 for \$2.50. A kid's craft room is available for children and there will be food for sale.

UI student begins new dance company

By Emily Shack
The Daily Iowan

As a stranger and a traveler to Iowa City, UI graduate student Rani Welch's love of choreography is taking her new places with the start of a dance production company.

Welch, originally from Alabama, came to Iowa City two years ago to study choreography and modern dance. The possibilities of starting a dance production company with six dancers who are performing in her master's thesis, "Story of Stranger and Traveler," compelled her to seek out funding opportunities and performance facilities.

"I feel that the community is intelligent and culturally ready for something contemporary," Welch, 26, said. "This city has been known to support and embrace the arts."

The first performance of the company is planned for May and will include four original works, produced on a budget of \$2,000. Welch hopes the company, which currently is composed of three women and three men, will tour Chicago and attend Dance Theater Workshops in other states. Another future goal is to receive mini-grants and set up a performing arts avenue for visiting companies, Welch said.

"The great thing about this company is that it's based on an attainable dream," said dance Professor and Adviser Alan Sener. "Here's someone with a goal who is willing to take the necessary, difficult steps towards realizing it."

One of the greatest challenges for the company is achieving non-profit status, which can take years. Most of the groups that give money for the arts demand the company have a non-profit status. Currently, Welch has four undergraduate students working on fund raising, marketing, publicity and booking.

The members of the new company are dancers Welch has worked with in past pieces and in the modern-dance classes she teaches at the UI. It is advantageous because the dancers know her style of communication through movement and speak her "language," she said.

"These dancers are people who can quickly adapt to the crazy movements I give them," Welch said. "I teach and use Bartineff training, which is about the use of energy, rather than line. We think about the dynamics of movement and using breath to connect the movements."

As an undergraduate at the University of Alabama, Welch studied dance and choreography. She calls

herself an atypical dancer and only took about two years of ballet, which she found to be too confining for her style.

"The process of my choreography is always a bit wacky," Welch said. "All of the dancers in the company make it possible because everyone has their own style."

"Her work is very fun to watch, but it's definitely not something to toss away," Sener said. "Rani is one of the most prolific choreographers we've had in the department."

Welch's dancers said they enjoy her laid-back rehearsals and often find them to be a time of self-exploration.

"She works with your strengths and expands your imagination, both on stage and off," UI sophomore Bryan Schuman said. "Her pieces challenge the dancers and the audience."

Welch attempts to tackle universal themes in her pieces, Sener said. Her graduate thesis work, about finding personal fulfillment, is a contemporary non-linear narrative.

The concert, which includes also work by Christina Marty, will be presented Feb. 28 and March 1 at 8 p.m. in Space/Place Theater. Admission is \$5 for the general public and \$4 for students.

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Pentagon: Gulf War chemical records lost

By John Diamond
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than three-quarters of the chemical weapons logs kept during the Persian Gulf War are missing, far more than the eight days' worth previously disclosed, the Pentagon reported Thursday.

A computer virus imported by an officer who brought some computer games to Gulf War headquarters may have wiped out half the logs, the report said. Two sets of the logs on disk and a paper copy shipped to U.S. Central Command headquarters in Florida after the war appear to have been lost from a safe in an office move. A third disk set and hard copy were lost from a safe at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Gulf War veterans concerned about unexplained illnesses that

have afflicted them since the war are anxious to know whether the logs mention chemical-weapons releases. Many believe chemical weapons, which the Pentagon says were not used by Iraq during the war, caused their illnesses. And some veterans charge the Pentagon with covering up the full release of records.

"The Pentagon has botched not only the handling of the records but also the investigation of the handling of the records," said Paul Sullivan of the National Gulf War Resource Council, a veterans' group.

Matt Puglisi, director of Gulf War issues for the American Legion and a veteran of the 1991 conflict, said having been in the military, he can understand the bureaucratic foul-ups that could lead to the loss of records.

"But there's certainly the appearance of a cover-up and that needs to be investigated aggressively," Puglisi said.

The new Pentagon report, disclosed at a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee, concluded that only 36 out of about 200 pages of the logs can be found. "This expectation is based on an assumption that one page of log was written for each day in theater from August 1990 to March 1991," the report said.

Previously, the Pentagon had said it was unable to locate records from a critical eight-day period in March 1991 immediately after the Gulf War, when Army demolition teams blew up Iraqi storage bunkers now believed to have contained chemical warheads. More recently, Bernard Rostker, the Pentagon official in charge with Gulf War illness issues,

has warned that much more than eight days appeared to be missing. Thursday's report confirms Rostker's statements.

The logs were kept throughout the Gulf War by a nuclear, chemical and biological weapons watch desk intended to track any events relating to these weapons.

Testifying Thursday, retired Army Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf, the Gulf War coalition commander, said he had no reports of chemical-weapons releases.

"And believe me, we were looking," Schwarzkopf said. He dismissed the idea that chemical weapons caused Gulf War illnesses because, "we're talking about something where one milligram on your skin is fatal and we never had a single report of a serious illness or fatality among 540,000 troops."

Earliest Siberians thrived up to 300,000 years ago

By Paul Recer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Primitive humans thrived in the killing cold of northern Siberia 300,000 years ago, sooner than once believed possible, according to new age-dating of stone tools dug from frozen tundra.

The finding means primitive humans were clever enough to live in one of the most severe climates on Earth far earlier than most experts had thought possible, said Michael Waters of Texas A&M University, head of a field expedition to Siberia.

"Prior to this, the oldest known occupants of Siberia were about 30,000 years ago," Waters said. "Before this, it was thought that only (anatomically) modern humans could have lived there."

"It shows us that people even in that early time had the skills to deal with the severe cold."

The study, to be published today in the journal *Science*, adds to a growing body of evidence that primitive humans were more intelligent, organized and resourceful than previously believed. Other scientists reported this week the discovery in Germany of some 400,000-year-old spears and evidence of a skilled hunting culture.

Waters said these findings are a surprise because most researchers had thought sophisticated survival skills came into wide use among ancient human-like animals only with the appearance about 150,000 years ago of anatomically modern humans.

The Siberian site studied by Waters and his team is called Diring Yuriakh. It is located on a plateau above the Lena River, near the town



Michael Waters/Associated Press

A researcher holds an artifact found near Yakutsk, Siberia, which is believed to be a crude quartz stone tool that was shaped by banging it against other stones until a sharp edge was developed.

of Yakutsk and just about 300 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

Russian archaeologists first excavated there in 1982 and discovered it was an ancient quarry that had been used during several different periods of human occupation over many thousands of years.

Waters and colleagues from the University of Illinois were invited to determine the age of the oldest site using a technique that counts the number of electrons trapped in the grains of quartzite sand.

The Americans took a number of samples, said Waters, and determined the crude stone tools were between sediment layers aged 260,000 to 370,000 years old.

Waters said the weather in Siberia 300,000 years ago is thought to have been very much like the weather there now. Winter temperatures at Diring Yuriakh routinely drop to minus 70 degrees and the soil freezes down to about 3 feet.

Results from national test show rise in math scores

By Robert Greene
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American students are improving in math, the Education Department said Thursday, but tests of fourth-, eighth- and 12th-graders found most know no more of the subject than the basics.

President Clinton seized on the results Thursday to push for voluntary tests of all eighth-graders starting in 1999.

Bothered that American children lag behind their counterparts elsewhere, the administration also wants schools to teach algebra in the eighth grade rather than waiting for high school.

"The scores are getting better, but they also show us why every child

should be tested based on these standards," Clinton told business leaders. The test results released Thursday relied on a sampling of students who took different parts of a long, involved test. Individual scores were not assigned.

Results from the tests given last year offered some encouragement, although almost four eighth-graders out of 10 still failed to reach the basic-skill level. All students did better than in 1992 and 1990, the last two years of testing under the National Assessment of Educational Progress.

The assessment takes periodic measures of achievement in basic subjects. It is sponsored by the Education Department but run independently.

Some results:

- Fourth-graders scored 224 on the test's scale of 0 to 500. That's up from 220 in 1992. Sixty-four percent scored at or above the basic level, up from 59 percent. Basic meant a score of 214 to 248. Twenty-one percent were proficient, and 2 percent were advanced.
- Fourth-graders with basic skills probably could measure lengths beyond 12 inches and solve a math problem using money to show they understand decimal places.
- Eighth-graders scored 272, up from 268 four years earlier. Sixty-two percent scored at or above basic, up from 58 percent. Basic required a score of 262 to 298. Twenty-four percent were rated proficient, and 4 percent were

advanced.

An eighth-grader with basic skills could probably look at a rectangle partitioned into squares and convert shaded squares into a fraction of the rectangle. They probably could identify acute angles — angles of less than 90 degrees.

- Twelfth-graders averaged 304, up from 299. Sixty-nine percent of 12th-graders scored at basic or above, up from 64 percent. Basic was a score of 288 to 335. Sixteen percent were proficient or above; 2 percent were advanced.

Educators said the improvements reflect higher standards adopted by some states. The scores reflect also changes pushed by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics since 1989.

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Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., (right) accompanied by aide Carl Parks, gestures during a Capitol Hill rally Thursday, calling for a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution.

Congress strives to end deficits

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even though the balanced-budget constitutional amendment was designed to pressure lawmakers to eliminate federal deficits, its all-but-certain defeat may do the same thing.

That's because in opposing the amendment, President Clinton and some lawmakers have argued that what's needed to balance the budget by 2002 is a will to make tough political choices, not a revision of the Constitution.

The upcoming effort to strike a bipartisan budget-balancing deal will be the chance to prove that argument — especially for returning members of Congress who oppose the amendment but want to cast a "yes" vote this year for eliminating deficits.

"The pressure is on them to be very supportive of an honest budget attempt," said Rep. Charles Sten-

holm, D-Texas, a sponsor of the amendment.

"He's put in a position where it's kind of, 'Show me, Mr. President,'" Senate Budget Committee Chairperson Pete Domenici, R-N.M., another amendment supporter, said of Clinton.

The Senate continued debating the amendment Thursday, a day after Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., sounded its likely death-knell by saying he would vote against it. Barring unexpected 11th-hour switches, that would make the final vote 66-34 for it — one shy of the two-thirds majority needed for constitutional amendments.

The vote is expected Tuesday. The amendment would require a balanced budget in 2002, but leave decisions about how to achieve it to lawmakers, who have been deadlocked over the question for nearly two decades.

Clinton echoed his sentiments anew. He told a business group it

was "a good thing" that the amendment will lose but called for completion of a pact by Thanksgiving, saying, "This budget is well within reach."

In an example of the pitfalls ahead, Capitol Hill budget aides said the Congressional Budget Office will report today that Clinton's newest spending blueprint would leave about an \$80 billion deficit in 2002, not the \$14 billion surplus he claimed.

The main difference is White House economic projections are more optimistic than the non-partisan CBO's. Clinton also envisions his plans for changing Medicare and auctioning parts of the radio spectrum would produce more savings than CBO believes.

With those and other disputes looming, some balanced-budget amendment supporters said its demise would deal a jarring blow to the chances for a compromise that actually would eliminate deficits.

Clinton's popularity remains strong

By Calvin Woodward
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is drawing high marks for his job performance despite swirling questions over campaign financing, Whitewater and his personal life, a new poll says.

The Pew Research Center survey found people are hearing a drumbeat of negative news about the president but, so far, it doesn't seem to matter.

"The American public has no nerve endings," said Andrew Kohut, survey director. "They overwhelmingly told us all they hear about Bill Clinton is scandal," then gave him a thumbs up.

Overall, 60 percent approved of the way Clinton is handling his job, a record in Pew polls and up one point from one taken the week before his second-term inauguration. Thirty-two percent disapproved, also up one point.

The new survey was taken from Thursday to Sunday, amid continuing revelations about Democratic money raising but before the release of documents showing Clinton's direct involvement in offering big donors White House access.

In a USA Today-CNN-Gallup poll done after that disclosure, 42 percent said Clinton was wrong to invite large contributors to stay in the Lincoln Bedroom. Even so, 53 percent said the issue was irrelevant to his character and job.

Kohut said sensitivities over Clinton's personal issues might be aroused if problems developed in matters most important to the public, such as the economy, or if Republicans began speaking up credibly on campaign finance.

But right now, "his zeroing in on education and his other policy initiatives are right on in terms of the public's agenda," he said.

As well, "It's a little bit of, 'We've re-elected him; let's make the best of him as long as we can.'"

Still, Clinton is having trouble getting his message out through the thicket. When people were asked to recall what they have been hearing about him, ethical questions dominated, and education and the budget were the only two domestic issues mentioned.

Whitewater easily made the most impact, even though recent headlines on that subject have been less about Clinton than about independent counsel Kenneth

Starr's decision to leave the inquiry, then stay.

Campaign financing and Paula Jones, whose sexual harassment complaint against Clinton figured in a Supreme Court argument last month, also were prominent in people's minds.

The court is deciding whether the case can proceed while Clinton is president and is not dealing with the merits of her allegation — denied by Clinton — that he propositioned her in 1991 when he was Arkansas governor.

The survey found continued improvement in the perception of Republican congressional leadership. But the view of the GOP agenda was more clouded.

Forty-four percent approved and 42 percent disapproved of the job GOP leaders were doing, a marginal gain from last month but a turnaround from a year ago when a majority gave the Republicans poor marks.

At the same time, respondents favored Democratic positions on Medicare, the environment and abortion and expressed little faith the country will get a balanced budget in five years, as both parties want.

Roosevelt memorial denounced by disabled

By Mike Feinsilber
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In wheelchairs, on crutches or with Seeing Eye dogs, disabled people protested Thursday that the soon-to-be-dedicated Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial fails to depict the nation's only severely handicapped president in his wheelchair.

About 75 people assembled at the construction site between the Potomac River and the Tidal Basin, carrying placards that read "Don't hide FDR's source of strength" and signs that said "Truth" in letters and in Braille.

They stapled to the wooden gate a reproduction of a rare photograph — only two are known to exist — of Roosevelt in a wheelchair.

A victim of polio, Roosevelt never took an unaided step in the last 24 years of his life.

"If this memorial has no depiction of Roosevelt in a wheelchair, then instead of a memorial to a great American, I honestly believe that it becomes a memorial to hypocrisy," said I. King Jordan, the first deaf president of Gallaudet University,



Justin Dart, director of the disability organization Justice for All, speaks at the site of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Thursday.

an institution for the deaf. He spoke orally and in sign language.

"Children who come to see this must know the truth, must know that despite his disability, or perhaps because of his disability, he was a great president," Jordan said.

The memorial — of stone, trees and moving water on a seven-acre site — will be dedicated May 2. Three statues of Roosevelt will show him seated but not with the steel braces he wore or other visible signs of his handicap.

The FDR Memorial Commission said a replica of the kitchen chair with wheels that Roosevelt used will be displayed at the visitors' center.

The commission responded to the protest by sending news organizations an article written last year by Sen. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, who

lost an arm in World War II. A commission member, Inouye wrote that Roosevelt "deliberately and painstakingly presented himself to the public" without calling attention to his disability.

The commission also noted that a time line would take account of Roosevelt's polio. The photo of Roosevelt in a wheelchair also will be displayed and on postcards.

The protest was organized by the National Organization on Disability, which has offered to pay for a fourth statue with a "March of Dimes" comparable to the "March of Dimes" Roosevelt organized to fight polio.

The organization has long campaigned for acknowledgement of Roosevelt's disability, which was only barely known to the public during his 12-year presidency.

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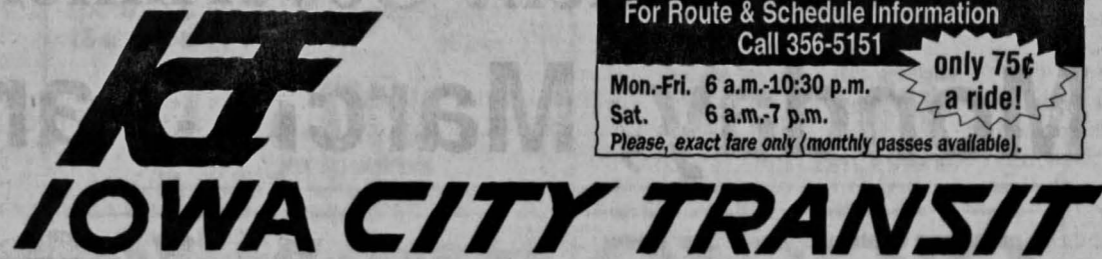
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World

Report: Criminal charges likely in Israeli scandal

By Gwen Ackerman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Benjamin Netanyahu's justice minister, a top aide and a key coalition ally are likely to face criminal charges in a growing influence-trading scandal, Israeli media reported Thursday.

But the prime minister said he has confidence in his government. "I feel very strong," Netanyahu said Thursday at a gathering of Likud Party supporters. "I have one characteristic — I like challenges. I especially like to win, and we are winning."

The scandal grew from the short-lived appointment last month of Jerusalem lawyer Roni Bar-On as attorney general. He resigned after one day in office amid criticism he was a judicial lightweight chosen for his political ties.

Israel TV alleged Bar-On's appointment was part of deal in which he would end the corruption trial of Shas Party leader Aryeh Deri in exchange for Cabinet votes needed to approve Israel's withdrawal from most of the West Bank city of Hebron. Netanyahu's government depends on Shas for its parliament majority.

Israel TV reported Thursday that Justice Minister Tsahi Hanegbi was emerging as the most serious suspect in the case.

Hanegbi reportedly is suspected of falsely telling the Cabinet that Supreme Court Justice Aharon Barak approved of Bar-On's appointment — while Barak reportedly has told police he opposed it.

Israel TV said police investigators are leaning toward charging Hanegbi with breach of trust and fraud, which together carry a maxi-

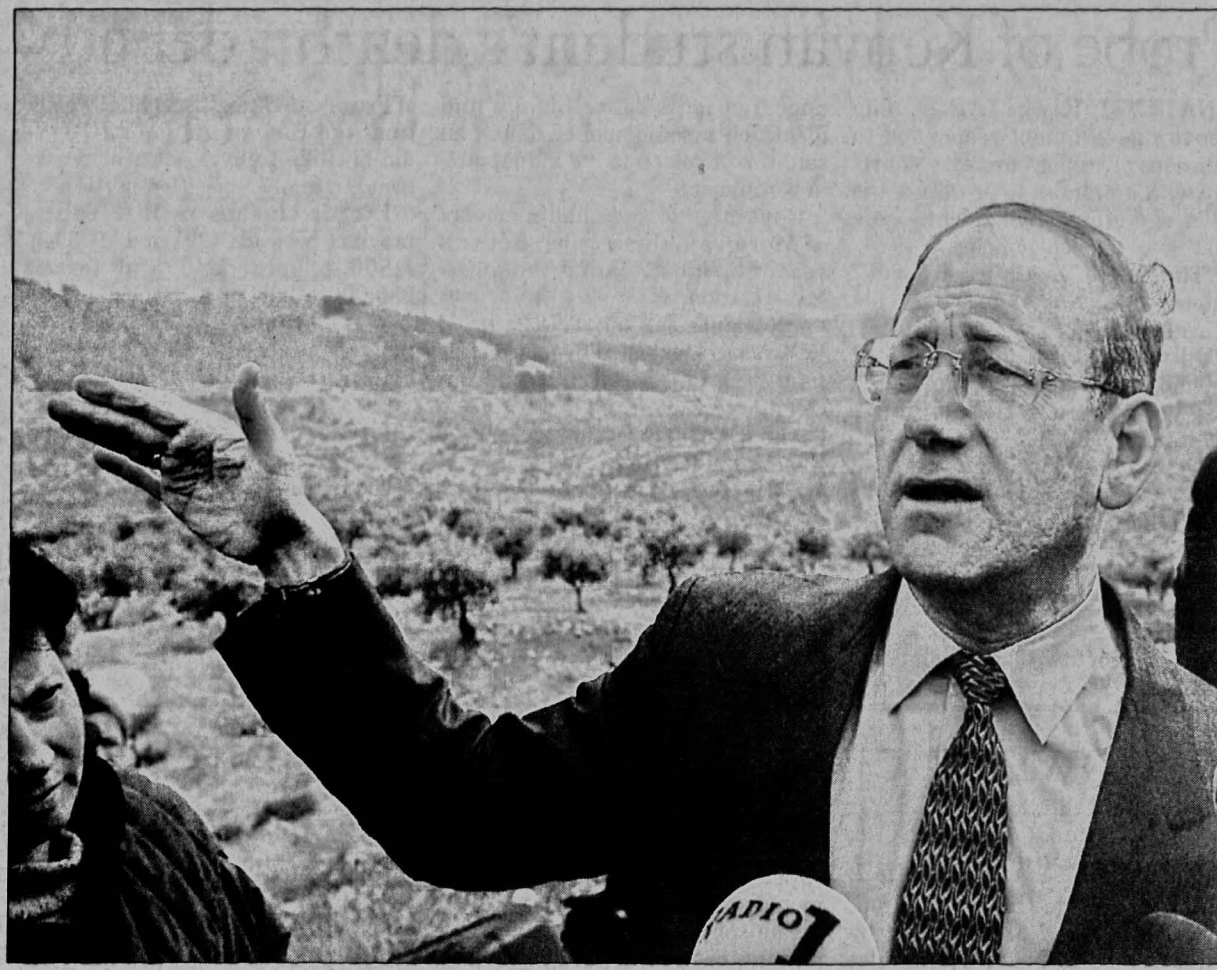


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Israeli Justice Minister Tsahi Hanegbi faces journalists in his Tel Aviv office Thursday.

mum sentence of six years in prison. Police are also likely to charge Deri with extortion or conspiracy, Israel TV said.

Channel 2 TV said Avigdor Leiberman, the director-general of Netanyahu's office, may be charged for passing Deri's threats to the premier.



Eyal Warshavsky/Associated Press

With the disputed hill Har Homa in the background, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert speaks to reporters during a press conference in Jerusalem Thursday. Wednesday's government decision to go ahead and build 6,500 apartments here came despite Palestinian warnings of violent protests. The Israeli move was criticized by the United States, Britain and Arab countries.

Housing war erupts in Jerusalem

By Hilary Appelman
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — From the window of the house she shares with two other families, Muna Abu Teir can see the forested hillside where bulldozers soon will clear land for a new Jewish neighborhood.

Abu Teir and her husband can't get a permit to expand their house, so they share a bedroom with their four children. The extra land they once owned has been confiscated.

"The government is putting pressure on Palestinians to leave the city," she said Thursday. "We can do nothing."

Palestinians are outraged at Israel's decision this week to build the 6,500-unit Har Homa neighborhood in east Jerusalem. The Palestinians hope someday to establish a capital in the area.

Around Jerusalem, massive Israeli construction projects — neat rows of red-roofed houses and landscaped highways to connect them — are under way in every direction.

Arab building is severely restricted. What construction there is in Palestinian neighborhoods is haphazard and often illegal, and can be demolished by Israeli authorities.

For residents of Umm Tuba, a village of rough winding streets and jumbled low stone houses inside Jerusalem's southern city limits, the discrepancy is particularly painful: One-third of the land Har Homa will be built on was confiscated from the village. The other two-thirds came from Jewish landowners.

Suleiman Ibrahim Hussein Abu Teir — a distant relative of Abu Teir — runs a tiny grocery store in Umm Tuba. For three years he applied for a permit to expand his family's two-room house, and was rejected every time.

So this year, he built an illegal second floor and moved in with his wife and eight children. If he is caught, he could be fined thousands of dollars.

The new addition has shiny green floor tiles and tall windows that look out on Jabal Abu Ghneim, the Arabic name for Har Homa.

Abu Teir's family also tried for years without success to get a permit to build on the 7½ acres of the hillside they owned, he said. Seven years ago, it was confiscated. "I think they were always planning to take it away," he said.

Shawqi Issa, executive director of the Palestinian rights group LAW, said the confiscation is part of a pattern.

"Land owned by Arabs is always not for building," he said. "As soon as they confiscate it and give it to Jews, it becomes a residential area."

Amir Cheshin, an adviser to the last two Jerusalem mayors, said the government long has tried to keep the city's demographic balance at 72 percent Jewish and 28 percent Arab — the same as when Israel captured east Jerusalem from Jordan in the 1967 Mideast War.

"This was the basis of all master plans in Jerusalem since 1967," he told the AP.

Zoning plans designate large parts of Arab neighborhoods as "green

areas" where landowners cannot build, and restrict building density to far lower than in Jewish neighborhoods.

About 170 building permits are issued each year to Palestinians, compared to 3,000 for Jews, former city council member Sarah Kaminker said.

About 405,000 Jews and 155,000 Palestinians live in Jerusalem. As a result of Israeli construction, Jews now have a small majority in the disputed eastern sector.

In an attempt to soften the blow of the Har Homa construction, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu promised Wednesday to build 3,000 houses for Palestinians at the same time. But officials later backed off of the promise, saying authorities instead would develop the area for construction by paving roads and installing water and sewage lines.

Without their confiscated hillside land, Abu Teir's family lives with the families of his father and five uncles and their children and grandchildren — more than 200 people in all — on slightly more than an acre of land.

Abu Teir said he does not know what he will do when bulldozers begin clearing land for the Jewish neighborhood.

But one thing he does know: his children and the Jewish children who will grow up on the hill above them will never be friends.

"No! Impossible!" he said, jabbing his finger into the air. "This will make another generation hate each other, so we can't make peace."

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World

French far right chooses culture as battlefield

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

MARIGNANE, France — The citizens of Marignane always have been proud of their town library. A "temple of culture," the town's history book calls it.

But lately, visitors to the periodicals section wanting to read *Liberation*, a major newspaper with a leftist attitude, have had to go across the street to the newspaper kiosk. Marignane is National Front territory.

The leader of the far-right party, Jean-Marie Le Pen, has made headlines worldwide for his war on immigration, which he blames for high unemployment and crime.

But here in southern France, where the Front controls four city halls, people are talking about a different kind of war. A quieter one, but one many say is equally dangerous.

It is being waged in libraries, theaters and festivals, and it is creating a climate of anger, vengeance and sometimes fear.

"We have a choice: censor ourselves, or lose our jobs," said a librarian in one of the cities, who refused to be further identified for fear of being fired.

Marignane, a town of 32,000 near Marseille, was one of three captured by the Front in June 1995 municipal elections, along with Orange to the north and Toulon to the south. This month, nearby Vitrolles joined them.

A book by a National Front supporter with a preface by Le Pen was on display recently in Marig-



Florian Launette/Associated Press

Pedestrians walk past the town library "Jean d'Ormesson" in Marignane, southern France, Tuesday. Marignane is one of the four cities controlled

by the far-right National Front party, and the leftist daily *Liberation's* subscription has been "interrupted".

to us," said the handwritten response, directing the reader to the mayor's office.

Marignane is not alone. In Orange, the same leftist publications have been removed from the library, and all four professional librarians have resigned in protest, according to Marie-Pascale Bonnal, regional president of the Association of French Librarians.

And in both towns, librarians have been advised not to order non-European children's books, especially ones from Africa or Asia, Bonnal said.

None of the librarians who spoke to The AP would give their names.

Under French law, municipal

employees are banned from discussing their jobs.

Marignane mayoral aide Josette Quinz confirmed that her office had removed some leftist publications and added some rightist ones, saying the policy would continue "in the spirit of giving representation to the national right."

The Front's strategy of targeting cultural institutions is particularly effective in France because so many of them, even if private, are heavily subsidized by local governments.

Some of the most visible disputes recently have been in Toulon, a port city of 170,000 that is the largest controlled by the Front.

Dutch construction debate enrages environmentalists

By Jennifer Chao
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — God made the earth and the Dutch made Holland, a saying here goes. But the latest bit of the Netherlands is stirring up a fuss before it's even on the map.

Amsterdam voters decide next month whether to develop part of the IJmeer, a vast lake next to the city's harbor, and build 18,000 homes on six man-made islands.

But there's a hitch — the IJburg, as the proposed community is called, would go up in what environmentalists contend is a prime nesting area for endangered waterfowl.

The Dutch seem torn between their two greatest passions: creating their environment and protecting it.

"Reclaiming land is in a Dutchman's blood. We can't stand open water," said Taco van den Heiligenberg of the Dutch Society for Nature Preservation, which is spearheading the fight against the IJburg.

Pinched by a growing population and limited space, the Dutch have been forced to put their engineering savvy to the test and reclaim vast underwater areas.

Roughly half of the Netherlands sits below sea level. Hundreds of square miles have been reclaimed by building dikes, pumping out water and adding dirt and sand to build up the land.

Engineers are even tinkering with the idea of building an airport that extends into the North Sea to relieve congestion at Amsterdam's Schiphol Airport.

Urban developers have been



Peter Dejong/Associated Press

Amsterdam residents look over a model of the latest expansion plans Wednesday, in the city center.

eying the IJmeer since 1965, and in 1989 the government gave its go-ahead to have construction plans drawn up. Amsterdam voters must approve the project in a March 19 referendum.

City officials say the IJmeer's proximity to the city center and national highways makes it the perfect solution to the capital's chronic housing shortage.

They tout the \$3.7 billion project as an ecologically friendly island city of upscale lakeside apartments, shops, offices, a beach and a marina.

But environmentalists say the 1,630-acre IJburg would wipe out wetlands that have sheltered endangered birds, rare ducks and plants for generations.

"There are many other locations to build apartments. Why here?" van den Heiligenberg said.

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Sports

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS Iowa falls to Iowa State in Ames

By Chuck Blount
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa women's gymnastics team posted one of its top team totals of the season against Iowa State Thursday night, but it wasn't enough.

The Cyclone barraged the Hawkeyes, topping 48.7 points in three of four events to clearly outdistance Iowa, 194.675-191.800.

"(As a team) I think we didn't approach this meet with the same mentality as our past meets," Iowa gymnast Lori Whitwer said. "However, we had some great things happen out there tonight."

Iowa State had the better team Thursday night, but the Hawkeyes posted the top gymnast in Whitwer. Scoring strong in each event, Whitwer set a new career-high all-around total of 39.050. She edged out Iowa State's Kim Mazza, who totalled 38.650.

Iowa (5-6 overall, 3-2 in duals) set a team season high on the vault, an event that has given the team some problems this season, with a 48.275. Whitwer set an individual season high with a 9.850. All five scoring vaults registered scores of 9.5 or better, including Shrutika Sulkar's career high (9.625) performance.

The only team-event won by the Hawkeyes was the balance beam. Led by Courtney Burke's 9.850, Iowa outpointed the Cyclones 48.300-48.025.

Burke had a solid evening, setting individual season high's with her beam and vault (9.525) totals.

On the uneven bars and the floor exercise, Iowa fell victim to some uncharacteristic falls, leading to low team scores (47.200-bars, 48.025-floor).

Grace Lee and Whitwer both hit a 9.650 to lead Iowa on the bars, while Whitwer (9.825) and Burke (9.775) turned in the team's best floor routines.

"We had a couple of falls on the floor and bars that we don't usually have," Burke said. "Overall, I thought we competed as best we could."

Iowa will have the opportunity to rebound from the loss Sunday at 1 p.m., when the Hawkeyes host Ball State in dual meet action at the UI Fieldhouse.

Jordan misses shot at buzzer; Bulls fall

By Ken Berger
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The "Running of the Bulls" looked like it was stuck in cement against the Cleveland Cavaliers.

The Bulls, seeking to equal last year's historic 72-10 regular season record, added a bunch of dubious milestones instead, losing 73-70 to the tight-defending Cavaliers Thursday night.

Chicago, which won 50 of its first 56 games last season, dropped to 49-7 and will now have to go 23-3 to equal last year's record.

A win on Friday against Sacramento will put Chicago in a tie with the 1982-83 Philadelphia 76ers for the second-best record with 50 victories in NBA history. Last year's Bulls remain first.

Still, Dennis Rodman wasn't all that concerned about Chicago's first loss since Feb. 5.

"So we lost one. So?" Rodman said. "Now we have to try to get back on track. I think we have the ability to do that, don't you?"

The Bulls, who started the season with 12 straight wins, were on a seven-game winning streak.

Cleveland's third sellout crowd of the season stood and roared as Michael Jordan, who has caused so much heartbreak for this city, threatened to send the game into overtime.

But Jordan's 3-pointer from the left side rimmed out. It was Chicago's 13th miss in 14 tries from beyond the arc, one of several season lows induced by the swarming, ball-control Cavs.

"It was a busted play and I tried

to get a good feel for the ball but couldn't," said Jordan, whose career high of 69 came against the Cavaliers in 1990.

"It just was an off-night for us. There really is no other explanation for it."

Bulls coach Phil Jackson had one.

"It was a dismal performance for our ballclub," he said.

Cleveland, the league's top-rated defensive team, held the Bulls to season lows in points and field-goal shooting. The Bulls made 25 of 76 shots from the field (.329), eclipsing their previous season low of .337 against Indiana in December.

The Cavs won without their top rebounder, Tyrone Hill, who was out with a sprained ankle.

"We talked about the number of times this year against good teams that ... we don't hang on," said Cleveland coach Mike Fratello, who has guided the Cavs to the seventh playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. "You could feel in the huddle how much they wanted to hang on."

Terrell Brandon had 23 points for the Cavs, who snapped a six-game losing streak against Chicago. Bobby Phillips scored 13 and forced Jordan into a 7-for-25 shooting performance.

Cleveland rookie Vitaly Potapenko had his best game of the season with eight of his 12 points in the fourth quarter.

"He was the X-factor tonight," Jackson said.

Jordan led the Bulls with 23 points. Rodman tied a season-high with 16 points and had 16 rebounds. Scottie Pippen had 14 points and 14 rebounds.

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ESPN breaks new ground on Robinson

By John Nelson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — ESPN has uncovered evidence of a major league-wide conspiracy among players to go on strike 50 years ago when Jackie Robinson took the field for the Brooklyn Dodgers, breaking the game's color barrier.

For the first time, men who played against the late Robinson have come forward, alleging the conspiracy, which apparently was thwarted by Dodgers president Branch Rickey, National League president Ford Frick and commissioner Happy Chandler.

"I think every team in the league voted," former Pirates outfielder Al Gionfrido told ESPN in the network's first new edition of "Outside The Lines" of 1997, scheduled to be broadcast Friday night.

In a segment of the show, ESPN's Keith Olbermann says the network spoke to 93 of the Dodgers' 107 living 1947 opponents, and "players from three franchises said they took votes on whether to play."

Those teams were Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Chicago, and ESPN also had evidence that St. Louis probably took such a vote as well. Of those that voted, ESPN could confirm only that the Cubs voted to strike on opening day April 15.

Hank Wyse, a Cubs starting pitcher in 1947, said team captain Phil Cavaretta held a team meeting.

Dewey Williams, the Cubs catch-

er, said he and his teammates all were waiting for a call from Dodgers outfielder Dixie Walker, confirming that Robinson had taken the field. Then the strike would go on.

"Everybody in the clubhouse was sitting around waiting for Dixie to call, which we thought for sure he was going to do," Williams said.

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Film takes sex war to new level

By Stacey Harrison
The Daily Iowan

With sexual dynamics between men and women being such a hot topic right now, thanks to books like "The Rules" and "The Code," it seems as though the new comedy "Booty Call" is coming along at just the right time. So why does it seem so dated? "Booty Call" tells a simple story of a clean-cut brother, Rushon (Tommy David...), who sets up his boy, Bunz (Jamie Foxx), on a blind date with Lysterine (Vivica A. Fox). Actually, Rushon just needs Bunz to keep the girl company while Rushon tries to get his girlfriend, Nikki (Tamala Jones), into bed. The two gentlemen even make a bet to see who can get his date to

The major problem that arises is when the guys — just when they're about to answer that infamous booty call — find themselves without the necessary of latex condoms. Shenanigans ensue as they walk the city streets in search of rubbers. Though this may sound like the lamest of plots, it isn't without its charms. This is not due to the so-so script, but to the players involved. Foxx, the movie's clown, can be as funny as Eddie Murphy (providing Murphy is having an off day), and he has instant chemistry with anyone he comes into contact with. His character is a one-dimensional moron, but he's hard not to like. Davidson, on the other hand, is forced to play straight man to Foxx's dynamo, and he suffers in the part. He so obviously wants to break out into some of the antics of his wild stand-up show that you feel sorry for him for having to play it so safe.



Publicity photo

Vivica A. Fox stars in the comedy "Booty Call," opening tonight at Coral IV Theatres, Coralville.

Though the paper-thin plot does manage to hold together for a few episodes, it isn't long before the film runs out of places to go, and then must rely on sitcom devices so tired that they should have a moratorium placed on them. This is a shame, because "Booty Call" is a movie you really want to like a whole lot more than the actual film allows you to.

This may seem like the perfect movie to take a date to, and it certainly can be. However, the frank and explicit nature of the jokes and situations make it more likely that a group of couples, or a couple who has been going out for more than a few dates, will get the most enjoyment out of it. "Booty Call" definitely is not the movie you want to see on a first date. But do see it.

FILM REVIEW
"Booty Call"
Starring..... Jamie Foxx
Tommy Davidson
Directed by..... Jeff Pollack
Written by..... Takashi Bufford
Bootsie
★1/2 out of ★★★★★

"knock boots" the quickest. From the very premise, "Booty Call" sets itself up for quite a climax.

It is absolutely obligatory that the date, and the doomed resolution of the bet, will not go off without a hitch. Otherwise, how would this extended episode of "In Living Color" fill its oft-labored 80-minute running time?

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Arts & Entertainment

Ohio's The TwistOffs promise spontaneous show at Gunnerz

By Chris Curtis
The Daily Iowan
Going through 20 different band members, performing more than 200 shows a year and lighting your trumpet player on fire would shorten any band's lifespan - but not The TwistOffs.



Album jacket

While the TwistOffs hope their latest album, Cup of Fish, reaches a wider audience, the band takes pride in their lively, unpredictable live performances. The TwistOffs play Gunnerz, 123 E. Washington St., tonight at 9.

The TwistOffs' singer/guitarist. "It's like a truck full of chickens hittin' one of those windmills they use for electricity out west," he said.

With three horns, a burly rhythm section and a couple of guitars, The TwistOffs' expansive range of sounds can be described as David Byrne meets R.E.M. and Fishbone, Mothersbaugh said.

"We're a non-genre band," Mothersbaugh said. "We're unclassifiable. We're not ska, we're not reggae and we're not rockabilly with horns."

Although the band has gone through many different line-ups and performed more than a thousand shows during their 13-year existence, The TwistOffs managed

to release two prior CDs, Make Me Laugh and Live in Ohio, selling nearly 22,000 copies.

Cup of Fish is expected to reach an even wider audience, thanks in part to Sol 3 Records founder and acclaimed producer Richard Gottehrer, the co-founder of Sire Records. Gottehrer also has produced albums for Joan Armatrading, Blondie and the Go-Go's.

"The biggest difference on the new album will be on the technical side," Walter said. "This new release is actually a reissue, so we really haven't had a chance to work on the quality and technical aspects with our new producer."

Future plans for The TwistOffs

LIVE MUSIC IN IOWA CITY
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include heading back into the studio to record a few new songs and begin work on a new record this summer.

Doors for the show will open at 9 p.m. Special guests Bambu will open for The TwistOffs.

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