

Metro & Iowa

Ring renews holiday spirit in unusual way

A random act of kindness renewed an eastern Iowa woman's faith in the people of Iowa City at a distressing time.

By Stephanie Dell
The Daily Iowan

Tammy Weitz thought her mother's ruby and diamond ring had been lost forever.

Prior to her surgery Dec. 1 for a pancreatic tumor, Weitz's mother, Olga Weimer, gave her daughter the ring. Weimer had received the ring from her husband, who is now deceased, in the 1980s, and had never taken it off.

"The only time I ever saw her with the ring off was before her surgery," Weitz said. "It was something she wanted me to have."

Weitz said she put the ring on her pinkie finger when her mother gave it to her because she didn't have a purse with her at the time. However, the ring apparently slipped off her finger sometime that day.

"We were all just so upset about the prognosis that I didn't realize I had lost it until the next day," she said.

The surgery was unsuccessful and Weimer's doctors told her that she had between three

months to a year to live.

The next day, Weitz, along with other relatives, ransacked her motel room, hoping they could come up with the ring. They also searched her mother's hospital room, but to no avail.

Then, after following a suggestion from a nurse, Weitz checked the security office in the UI Hospital and Clinics parking ramp. "I told the security guard, 'I know it's probably a longshot, but did someone turn in a ruby and diamond ring?'" she said.

To Weitz's amazement, the guard produced the ring, which was found on the second floor.

The incident changed her perspective on the people of Iowa City, said Weitz, an Indiana native.

"We were just leery of people, mistrusting them," she said. "After the return of the ring, I have better faith in people. They could have pawned it off."

Weitz said she would like to meet the person who turned in the ring so that she and her family could show their appreciation.

After the ring had been found and Weimer appeared depressed about her prognosis, Weitz told her mother the story.

"It brought her back up to spirits," Weitz said. "I told her, 'You never know, miracles do happen.'"

Iowa brief

Stress relief in a balloon

AMES — Iowa State University senior Lisa Sadler took a balloon, stuck in a funnel and began pouring in sand — all in an effort to relieve stress.

With two presentations, two papers, one written final exam and one take-home final due within days, her stress is at an all-time high this holiday season.

"Any other semester it wasn't a problem," said the 24-year-old elementary education major, who hopes to graduate next week. "This semester you have to make sure you get everything in."

Sadler was making a stress ball — a balloon filled with sand to squeeze to relieve tension — at a "stress zone" set up by Iowa State.

Iowa State has set up stress-free zones stocked with dart guns, Play-Doh, balls, coloring books, building blocks and other toys where students can get goofy while away from studying.

"Just came here to chill out," said freshman Lana Gab, 19, an engineering student at Iowa State relaxing after working on an English paper. "Got done typing after two hours, and my brain is not functioning. After relaxing, I'm going back to typing."

At the stress-free zone, most students were too busy to take time to relax.

"They think it's going to be stressful making the ball," said economics student and stress-zone attendant Shazia Narmeen, 21. "One guy said it was fun and he wished he had time to make two to three."

LEGAL MATTERS & CALENDAR

POLICE

Jason E. Shipley, 20, 650 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance with intent to deliver at 650 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4 on Dec. 12 at 12:04 a.m.

Joy M. Owen, 21, 630 S. Governor St. Apt. 9, was charged with possession of a schedule I and III controlled substance at 650 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4 on Dec. 12 at 12:04 a.m.

Scott R. Edler, 20, West Liberty, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at One-Eyed Jake's, 18-20 S. Clinton St., on Dec. 12 at 10:05 p.m.

Michael T. Ingman, 20, 308 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1140, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at One-Eyed Jake's, 18-20 S. Clinton St., on Dec. 12 at 9:36 p.m.

Ronnie Thomas, 38, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged with public intoxication and possession of a schedule I controlled substance at 1958 Broadway St. on Dec. 12 at 7:45 p.m.

Marvel C. Jones, 19, Washington, Iowa, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and public intoxication at the Field House, 111 E. College St., on Dec. 12 at 10:43 p.m.

Daniel J. Smith, 21, Kalona, was charged with public intoxication at the Field House, 111 E. College St., on Dec. 12 at 10:43 p.m.

Steve R. Smith, 21, Washington, Iowa, was charged with public intoxication at the Field House, 111 E. College St., on Dec. 12 at 10:22 p.m.

Jeanine K. Beard, 27, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. B6, was charged with fifth-degree theft at Hy-vee, 812 S. 1st Ave., on Dec. 12 at 5:00 p.m.

Donald L. Wulf, 23, New Liberty, Iowa, was charged with operating while intoxicated at Burlington and Linn streets on Dec. 12 at 2:05 a.m.

Brooke A. Bickford, 22, 64 Overland St., was charged with operating while intoxicated, driving while revoked and interference with official acts at 10 S. Dubuque St. on Dec. 12 at 2:03 a.m.

Timothy J. Cruse, 18, Mayflower Residence Hall Room 633C, was charged with public intoxication at 10 S. Dubuque St. on Dec. 12 at 1:46 a.m.

David M. Smidt, 22, 406 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 936, was charged with public intoxication at Clinton and Washington streets on Dec. 12 at 1:08 a.m.

Aaron J. Koehn, 19, 6 Westview Acres NE, was charged with public intoxication at One-Eyed Jake's, 18-20 S. Clinton St., on Dec. 12 at 1:46 a.m.

Jessica A. Dunbar, 18, 753 Westside Drive Apt. A5, was charged with public intoxication at Vito's, 118 E. College St., on Dec. 12 at 1:59 a.m.

Barbara J. Jackson, 52, 1906 Broadway St. Apt. 27, was charged with an open container and driving under suspension at Hwy. 6 and Keokuk Street on Dec. 13 at 11:21 p.m.

John C. Bacon, 20, 4219 E. Morton Ave., was charged with possession of a

schedule I controlled substance at Jefferson and Linn streets on Dec. 13 at 1:59 a.m.

Christopher L. Richardson, 19, 532 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 3, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance and public intoxication at the Field House, 111 E. College St., on Dec. 13 at 1:01 a.m.

Jordan L. Honigschmidt, 18, Hinsdale, Ill., was charged with indecent conduct and public intoxication at 10 S. Clinton St. on Dec. 13 at 2:27 a.m.

Jennifer L. Lewin, 22, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 53, was charged with public intoxication at Vito's, 118 E. College St., on Dec. 13 at 1:00 a.m.

Mathias R. Miller, 20, 35 W. Burlington St., was charged with public intoxication at the Union, 121 E. College St., on Dec. 13 at 1:27 a.m.

Amanda R. Burgett, 18, Des Moines, was charged with public intoxication at the Holiday Inn, 210 S. Dubuque St., on Dec. 13 at 2:00 a.m.

Douglas R. Sander, 22, 804 Benton St. Apt. 21, was charged with operating while intoxicated at Burlington and Madison streets on Dec. 13 at 1:59 a.m.

Nia L. White, 29, Coralville, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Field House, 111 E. College St., on Dec. 13 at 2:20 a.m.

Danielle D. Leedon, 20, Coralville, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Field House, 111 E. College St., on Dec. 13 at 1:10 a.m.

Annie S. Witte, 18, 1410 Broadway St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at 520 S. Johnson St. on Dec. 13 at 3:05 a.m.

Jesse B. Tack, 20, Daum Residence Hall Room 3125, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at 520 S. Johnson St. on Dec. 13 at 3:05 a.m.

Kenneth E. Parker, 31, 1511 Old Hickory Road Apt. 4, was charged with driving under suspension at Hwy. 6 and Westlawn Street on Dec. 13 at 9:59 p.m.

Matthew R. Seiler, 23, address unknown, was charged with interference with official acts, public intoxication and fifth degree criminal mischief at Burlington and Linn streets on Dec. 14 at 1:59 a.m.

Daniel M. Hughes, 20, Cordova, Ill., was charged with public intoxication at the Field House, 111 E. College St., on Dec. 14 at 12:05 a.m.

Danny W. Dearmore, 44, Nichols, Iowa, was charged with operating while intoxicated at 1st Ave. and Lower Muscatine Street on Dec. 14 at 1:07 a.m.

Denise L. Montgomery, 25, 412 Ronalds St., was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance at Ronalds and Van Buren streets on Dec. 14 at 1:02 a.m.

Stephen A. Bures, 25, 800 Kimball Road, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance at Ronalds and Van Buren streets on Dec. 14 at 1:02 a.m.

Blue J. Ballard, 18, 1107 Kirkwood Court, was charged with possession of

alcohol under the legal age at Vito's, 118 E. College St., on Dec. 14 at 12:05 a.m.

Isaiah J. Berger, 19, Hillcrest Residence Hall Room 910, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and public intoxication at the Union, 121 E. College St., on Dec. 14 at 1:30 a.m.

Jeffrey J. Cantalupo, 19, 1032 N. Dubuque St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Union, 121 E. College St., on Dec. 14 at 1:30 a.m.

BAR TAB

The Union, 121 E. College St., had four patrons charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and two patrons charged with public intoxication.

The Field House, 111 E. College St., had six patrons charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age, six patrons charged with public intoxication and one patron charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance.

One-Eyed Jake's, 18-20 S. Clinton St., had three patrons charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and one patron charged with public intoxication.

Vito's, 118 E. College St., had one patron charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and two patrons charged with public intoxication.

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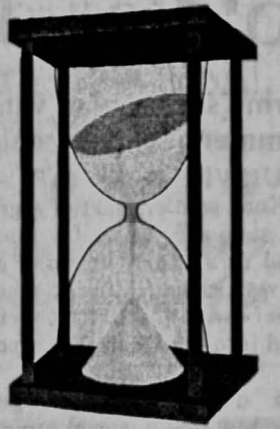
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Nichols' trial begins closing arguments

Second Oklahoma City bombing trial set to go to jury

By Sandy Shore
Associated Press

DENVER — No one saw Terry Nichols amass fuel or fertilizer. No one saw him build a bomb. And no one saw him in Oklahoma City the day a bomb destroyed the federal building, killing 168 people.

When closing arguments begin today in Nichols' trial, prosecutors will have to knit together a confusing array of mostly circumstantial evidence to convince jurors that the farmer-turned-gun-dealer worked side-by-side with Timothy McVeigh to carry out the worst act of terrorism on U.S. soil.

"This is a much closer case than the McVeigh trial," said attorney Andrew Cohen, a Denver attorney

who has attended both bombing trials. "These jurors are going to have more to think about than did the McVeigh jurors."

Defense attorneys will have to emphasize the doubts they raised about the government's case, from the elusive John Doe 2 and multiple Ryder truck sightings to claims that the FBI mishandled evidence.

Attorney Scott Robinson, a legal analyst, said prosecutors need to ensure that the jurors understand the facts.

"As long as jurors see that there is something rotten in the state of Nichols, the government will do just fine," he said.

Prosecutors contend that Nichols and McVeigh, enraged over a deadly government siege near Waco, Texas, set plans in motion months before the bombing.

They say Nichols purchased two

tons of ammonium nitrate fertilizer, stole explosives from a rock quarry and robbed an Arkansas gun collector to finance the bombing.

Nichols also is accused of helping his former Army buddy hide a getaway car in Oklahoma City three days before the bombing and pack fertilizer, fuel and explosives into plastic barrels inside a Ryder rental truck the day before the blast.

When McVeigh allegedly detonated the bomb on April 19, 1995, Nichols was home with his family in Herington, Kan.

Nichols, 42, faces 11 counts of murder, conspiracy and weapons charges. If convicted, he could be sentenced to death. McVeigh, 29, was convicted of identical charges in June and sentenced to die. His appeal is pending.

Prosecutors have introduced dam-

aging evidence found in Nichols' home: a fertilizer receipt, plastic barrels resembling fragments found at the bomb scene, a dismantled fuel meter, a drill linked to the quarry burglary and guns traced to the Arkansas collector.

Nichols' ex-wife, Lana Padilla, testified that she found a letter Nichols wrote to McVeigh in which he said, "you're on your own" and "go for it."

Much of the evidence against Nichols is circumstantial, such as phone records for a calling card that prosecutors say represent a road map of bombing preparations.

There are also receipts for storage sheds, where prosecutors say the ingredients were cached, and for motel rooms, which put McVeigh and Nichols in certain cities when bomb-related activities took place.

Soldier dies helping victims of car crash

Army says soldier will be recommended for medal

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A Fort Knox soldier, part of a group that stopped to help people injured in an early-morning accident, was killed Saturday when a car driven by a drunk driver plowed into the crash scene, police say.

The driver who allegedly swerved at a high speed around a police cruiser and into the emergency lane was charged with one count of murder. Christopher Love, 24, of New Albany, Ind., also was charged with drunken driving, driving on a suspended license, two counts of first-degree assault and one count of third-degree assault.

John Rickey, a Fort Knox spokesperson, said the soldier who was killed would be recommended for a medal and a posthumous promotion because of his heroism. He said Pvt. Christopher M. Ochs, 19, of Denver, Colo., reportedly pushed others to safety as the car barreled in on the scene and killed him. The Soldier's Medal can be awarded for gallantry in peacetime, Rickey said.

One of the people injured in the first crash also died. Police were

investigating whether the fatal injuries were sustained in the first or second collision.

In the second crash, a vehicle landed on top of the person who had been seriously injured in the first crash. Police said more charges could be brought if it was determined that the driver who plowed into the crash scene was responsible for the death.

Police said the incident began as a three-vehicle crash on Interstate 264. Several people were hurt in

that crash, in which a car had a tire blow out and a van overturned.

A group of soldiers returning to nearby Fort Knox was passing by and stopped to assist in first aid for the injured.

According to Officer Aaron Graham of Louisville police, a car — allegedly driven by Love — then plowed into the crash scene, killing Ochs.

Eight people, including two police officers, were treated for

injuries following the crashes.

The name of the accident victim who died was not available.

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The secret workforc of America: children.

By Verna Dobnik and Ted Anthony
Associated Press

From the fields and factories children's voices emerge.

They are children, yes. But this childhood?

She sweats into the soil of vast Ohio fields. A baseball keeps the sun and her uncombed hair from her almond eyes. Adult rubber gloves engulf small hands that snap cucumbers from their vines. Her name is Alejandra Renteria. She is 15.

Six hundred miles away, a designer fingers a cheap jacket in a Manhattan sweatshop where rats scurry across dirty floors. Amid noisy machines and hubbub of women stitching, Qing Ni laments: "I like New York, but not this place smells." She is 15.

Ervin Smith once had free time to play baseball, but no more. Now there is another world there, the Amish boy says, "I have to work." He has been a construction worker in Ohio since eighth grade. He is 14.

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January 18, 1998
7:00 pm, First Christian Church, 217 Iowa Ave.
The Bringing Together of Head and Heart: An Interreligious Celebration of the Work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & the 50th Anniversary of the UN.
Sponsored by: Consultation of Religious Leaders and UN Human Rights sub-committees

January 19, 1998
7:00 pm, Main Lounge, IMU
Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Week Community Convocation.
Reception immediately following.
Sponsored by: Office of Campus Programs & Student Activities and Vice President of Student Services Office

January 20, 1998
11:45 am - 1:30 pm, Iowa Room, IMU
Video Showing "The Road to Brown."
Discussion will follow.
Sponsored by: The Office of Affirmative Action

January 20, 1998
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Grant Wood Room., IMU
Immigration & Immigrant Rights in Iowa.
Sponsored by: Women's Resource & Action Center & Latino Native American Cultural Center

January 21, 1998
11:30 am - 1:30 pm, Iowa Room, IMU
Video Showing "Shattering the Silences: The Case for Minority Faculty."
Discussion to follow.
Sponsored by: The Office of Affirmative Action

January 21, 1998
7:00 pm, Old Brick Church, Iowa City.
African-American Performance and the Black Church.
Sponsored by: Hancher Auditorium

January 21, 1998
7:30 pm, Main Lounge, IMU
Lecture: Dr. Michael Dyson; "Race Rules."
Sponsored by: University Lecture Committee

January 22, 1998
11:45 am - 1:30 pm, Iowa Room, IMU
Video Showing "Skin Deep."
Discussion to follow.
Sponsored by: The Office of Affirmative Action

January 22, 1998
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Iowa Room, IMU
Diversity Forum.
Sponsored by: The Office of Affirmative Action

January 23, 1998
11:45 am - 1:30 pm, Iowa Room, IMU
Video Showing "A Time for Justice."
Discussion to follow.
Sponsored by: The Office of Affirmative Action

January 23, 1998
3:30 pm, Gerber Lounge, 304 EPB
Of Monument & Memory: The Making of the King Memorial. Slide show and lecture.
Presented by Professor Bolton Assistant Professor, UI English Department.
Sponsored by: English Department

January 23, 1998
8:00 pm, Hancher Auditorium
Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. For ticket information call the Hancher Box Office at 335-1160 or 1-800-426-2437. A pre-performance discussion in the Hancher Green Room at 7:15 pm; is free to ticket holders.
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Study reflects how nation's poor are coping

By Paul Shepard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite ailing economy and low unemployment, demand for emergency food and shelter continued to grow this year, U.S. Conference of Mayors says. A conference survey of 29 cities to be released publicly today, gains good and bad news on the nation's poor are coping.

On the up side, requests for emergency housing are up just 1 percent — the smallest increase in the survey's 13-year history.

On the down side, requests for emergency food rose an average of 16 percent, the largest increase since 1992, the survey found. As the reasons, officials said, are wages and high housing costs. In all the cities expected the demand for food and shelter to rise next year. The study, based on self-re-

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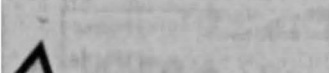
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Faviola Mares, 12, left, and her sister Laura, 10, watch over their nephew Albert, 2 months, while their parents work.

Stealing childhood: Child labor woes

■ The secret workforce of America: children.

By Verna Dobnik and Ted Anthony
Associated Press

From the fields and factories, children's voices emerge. They are children, yes. But is this childhood?

She sweats into the soil of a vast Ohio field. A baseball cap keeps the sun and her unruly dark hair from her almond eyes. Adult rubber gloves engulf the small hands that snap cucumbers from their vines. Her name is Alejandra Renteria. She is 6.

Six hundred miles away, a girl who dreams of being a fashion designer fingers a cheap jacket in a Manhattan sweatshop where rats scurry across dirty floors. Amid noisy machines and the hubbub of women stitching, Liqing Ni laments: "I like New York, but not this place. It smells." She is 15.

Ervin Smith once had free time to play baseball, but no more. "I know there is another world out there," the Amish boy says, "but I have to work." He has been a construction worker in Ohio since eighth grade. He is 14.

From America's fields they harvest onions, peppers, mushrooms, beans, berries, pecans. In

garment factories, they iron pants, hang shirts, trim clothing. In meat-packing and egg-producing plants, in sawmills and furniture factories they toil.

Among them are an estimated 61,000 child field workers, ages 14 to 17, who live apart from their parents, according to an unreleased U.S. Labor Department survey. In thousands of cases, their parents aren't even in the country. In all, about 123,000 children in that age group work in America's fields, the survey said. Younger children in the fields are an all-but-hidden, untracked work force.

Why do they live these lives?

Some kids want spending money to buy into the consumer culture they see as necessary to being American. But many, especially migrant children, work because their parents don't earn enough.

Near Homestead, Fla., sisters LaKeshia Brooks, 11, and Marie, 10, are already training the family's next breadwinner — their sister, Angelica, just 20 months old. "She can pick the beans one by one," LaKeshia says.

Many working children endure such lives. In some Manhattan garment shops, children eat lunch in dank, urine-soaked stairwells. Others sleep in overcrowded apartments or houses. And say to themselves, "Is all this worth it?" he says.

Mayors group finds more demand for food, shelter

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A conference survey of 29 cities, to be released publicly today, contains good and bad news on how the nation's poor are coping.

On the up side, requests for emergency housing are up just 3 percent — the smallest increase in the survey's 13-year history.

On the down side, requests for emergency food rose an average of 16 percent, the largest increase since 1992, the survey found. Among the reasons, officials said, are low wages and high housing costs. Nearly all the cities expected the demand for food and shelter to rise next year.

The study, based on self-report-

ing by the cities that varied widely in detail, found:

- Emergency food assistance requests increased in 24 of the 29 cities surveyed.

- About one-fifth of emergency food help demands is estimated to have gone unfulfilled. Only Alexandria, Va., and Charlotte, N.C., reported that no food assistance request went unanswered.

- Seventeen of the cities saw shelter requests rise, while the number of emergency shelter beds among all the cities decreased an average of 3 percent.

More common, however, are tales of reduced bed spaces and tougher eligibility requirements.

"Admission criteria to emergency shelters has been tightened," St. Paul, Minn., officials reported. "So many do not ask."

Of the homeless population, about 47 percent are single men, 36 percent families with children, 14 percent single women and 4 percent minors, the survey found.

Nation

Clinton is ready to foil Senate for nominee

■ White House says Clinton will pull an end-run around Senate.

By Sonya Ross
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will circumvent the Senate and make Bill Linn Lee his top civil rights enforcer, a top White House adviser said Sunday. The only question remaining is how to do it.

Clinton's senior adviser, Rahm Emanuel, said the president still wants the Republican-dominated Senate to vote on Lee's nomination as assistant attorney general for civil rights.

"That's not going to happen," said Orrin Hatch on Sunday. Hatch is the chairperson of the Senate Judiciary Committee, which would have to pass Lee's nomination.

With no vote forthcoming, Emanuel said Clinton would name Lee either in an acting capacity or through an appointment while the Senate is in recess, so Clinton can proceed with enforcing anti-discrimination laws.

"The process is not what's important. The goal line is what's important," Emanuel said on CNN's "Late Edition." "The president is going to decide which road he will take, but both roads lead to one goal line."

A recess appointment would let Lee hold the job for only a year. Installing him in an acting capacity would allow him to stay until Clinton's term ends, but without the authority Senate confirmation brings.

Aides huddled at the White House on Sunday afternoon to weigh the political fallout from exercising either option. Lee, 48 and a veteran NAACP lawyer, would become the first Asian-American to hold the civil rights post.


Hatch, appearing on "Fox News Sunday," warned that the recess appointment would be "a finger in the eye of the Senate" that would touch off political retaliation.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., told NBC's "Meet the Press" that if Senate Republicans retaliate, Democrats may counter with retaliation of their own.


"This is a two-way street," said Kennedy. "The Republicans have a responsibility to carry the agenda, and if they're going to play that way, two can play it."

Hatch said making Lee an acting assistant attorney general might be more acceptable to senators than giving him a recess appointment "because acting means he doesn't have the job formally." He said he doubted the White House would use that option.


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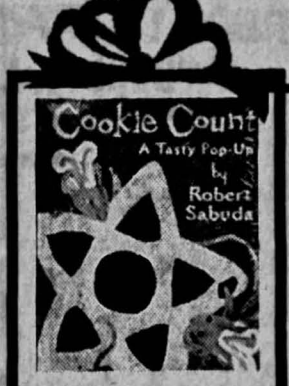
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Nation

Race not the issue in Pittsburgh mistrial

■ A black juror's misgivings caused a mistrial Sunday.

By Casey Coms
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — The lone black juror on a panel of 12 was the hold-out who caused a second mistrial in the case of two suburban white police officers accused in the death of a black motorist, a defense lawyer said Sunday.

The 11 white jurors were prepared to acquit Brentwood Lt. Milton Mulholland and Baldwin officer Michael Albert of involuntary manslaughter

charges, but Walter Moorefield was convinced they were guilty.

Moorefield, 53, contradicted an earlier statement from his lawyer, Patrick Thomassey, who said Moorefield feared outside pressures if he agreed to acquit.

"My guilty vote was based on some of the things I heard, some of the evidence I saw, and the rest was common sense. It's really hard to explain," said Moorefield, who works as a custodian at the University of Pittsburgh.

"Race didn't have anything to do with it. We're all God's children. What happened to Jonny Gam-

mage could happen to you. It was a scenario of being in the wrong place at the wrong time," he told the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

During the trial, Moorefield took the tranquilizer Thorazine to cure uncontrollable hiccups. The drug made him drowsy and he sometimes started nodding off, but he said he understood everything that was happening.

Also Sunday, a white male juror who spoke to WTAE-TV on the condition that his face was not shown and his name not released said he thought the officers committed no crime.

STRESS/Keeping cool as stress-levels rise

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However, stress is a very individual experience, and there are multiple ways to respond to stress, Keeton said.

"They range from totally shutting down and doing nothing at the end to starting everything very fast without completing anything well at the other," she said.

Renner said her way of reacting to stress is to swallow it.

"The more I talk about it, the more I think about it, and it gets worse," she said.

However, she knows that's not the perfect solution.

"So I build it up inside me," she said.

Sarah Hansen, health educator at Student Health Service, said she notices that more students ask for advice at this time of year, especially after Thanksgiving, when they real-

ize there is an overwhelming amount of work that still needs to be done.

"That's when the whole panic comes," Hansen said.

Like the Counseling Service, Student Health provides individual assessments to learn about stress management. However, one session won't provide an immediate cure, Hansen said.

"Managing stress isn't something that develops overnight. It's a negotiating process," she said.

The key to effective stress management is to change reactions to stress, Hansen said.

"Since you can't drop all classes or skip tests to avoid the stressing situation, you should try to change your behavior to get along with it."

In general, Hansen recommends setting priorities.

"Take a hard look on each item and decide how much time you can

spend on it. Make a list and work through it effectively," she said.

Keeton suggested taking frequent breaks from work.

"There are people who try to study six hours straight, although concentration usually fades after two hours," she said. As an alternative, Keeton recommended setting up a personal reward system to remain motivated.

That's what UI junior Chris Bunde does.

"I exercise to deal with stress," the biology major said.

After studying or having a test, Bunde said he usually treats himself with a workout at the Field House.

Hansen approves of this system.

"Don't feel guilty if you're not productive all the time," she said.

"Take your breaks — and you might be even more productive later."

SALARIES/UIHC tops list

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salary of \$270,160.

Niebyl said the reason there are so few women in high-paying UIHC positions is because there were so few women graduating from medical school before the 1973 anti-discrimination laws.

"Only five percent of my graduating class were women," she said. "Part of it was that we didn't get accepted to med school."

"I was told in some residency programs that they didn't take women. It was a different world back then."

Now 60 percent of medical school graduates are female, and Niebyl said that could change medical incomes in the future.

"Hopefully 25 years down the line half the medical high-paying jobs will belong to women," she said.

Rhodes said the UI is making strides to put women in the high-paying jobs.

"It's going in the right direction," she said. "We've added some women in some key positions. But I don't think anyone's happy with those numbers."

Among other notables were UI football coach Hayden Fry, who made \$264,159, and UI wrestling coach Dan Gable, who netted \$199,714. Arthur Smirl, UI professor of photonics/quantum electronics was the highest paid member of the College of Liberal Arts at \$219,162. And UI associate dean and professor of law Arthur Bonfield, who made \$200,444, was the highest paid employee of the UI law school.

Iowa Governor Terry Branstad, meanwhile, made \$102,040.

DEATH/West High grad killed

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forehead, Defillo said, adding that the woman did not know Staley.

Staley was shot in a "predominantly black" neighborhood of New Orleans, approximately two miles from the French Quarter and 10-12 miles from the campus of Tulane University, where he attended school, Defillo said.

Defillo said police shootings in New Orleans are not very common.

"They're rare, only about two to three per year," he said.

Defillo said that when officers are confronted with a potentially harmful situation, they are trained to "immobilize the threat."

Jerry Argenbright, principal of West High School, said Staley was an exceptional student.

"Rob was an outstanding student and citizen at West High for the four years he was here," he said. "He was one of the leaders in our music department, he was in the National Honor Society and he was very well-liked by teachers and students."

"There's a great deal of sadness now. We're shocked that we could lose someone so young from West High School."

"He was a happy, peaceful kid," said Corey Leo, UI freshman and

high school friend of Staley. "He made everyone else around him happy."

Leo said Staley went to Tulane for its art program, and when he talked to Staley at Thanksgiving, Staley said he was having a good time at school.

An investigation into the shooting is being conducted by the New Orleans police; it will be channeled through several other stages of review, including the internal affairs division, the district attorney and then be presented to a grand jury.

Until the reviews are finished, Vaccarella, a 15-year veteran of the force, will be assigned to desk duty, which Defillo said was routine.

Results of an autopsy and drug tests conducted by the New Orleans coroner's office are not expected to be available for a couple of weeks.

CAFFEINE/Getting a kick

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Staying alert — that's why UI senior Jessica Thoreson has one soda after another while studying in the library.

"I don't have caffeine in the day, but when I study during the night, I have to drink pop to stay awake," she said.

Fisher warned that persons with sensitive stomachs might have an upset stomach or diarrhea when consuming caffeine without eating enough.

"Make sure that you eat regularly when you have a lot of coffee while studying," said Fisher.

Fisher noted that caffeine is not limited to coffee and soda — tea, cocoa, chocolate, and medications such as aspirin also contain caffeine.

Caffeine only becomes dangerous when it is consumed in mass quantities. A person with a body weight of 155 pounds has to consume

Caffeine Comparison

Below, a comparison of the caffeine contents of several popular beverages. All data are for 12 oz. servings, except where noted. Measurements are in milligrams.

Jolt	100.0
Mountain Dew	54.0
Coca Cola	45.6
Diet Coca Cola	45.6
Dr. Pepper	39.6
Pepsi Cola	38.4
Diet Pepsi Cola	36.0
7-Up	0.0
Coffee (7 oz.)	90.0-150.0
Espresso (1.5-2 oz.)	100.0
Iced Tea	70.0

about 12 grams of caffeine to suffer from vomiting or convulsions, Fisher said.

"That would mean to have about 1,200 cups of coffee," Fisher said.

SUN BOWL/Down in the west Texas town of El Paso ...

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The desert landscape allows visitors to see the craggy Franklin Mountains, where the Rocky Mountains come to an end, and the gypsum dunes of White Sands National Monument.

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DEA agent Who died

■ DEA agent charged fatally shooting his league.

By John Pacenti
Associated Press

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The DEA and Miramar police were trying to piece together exactly what happened at the party when they found Fekete and Curl left a gathering at the Dade County Police Benevolent Association together.

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At first, police thought they were responding to a routine traffic accident — a vehicle ran off a highway and hit a guardrail. Curl was pronounced dead at the scene, while Fekete was taken to a hospital.

California

Man whose penis was severed mutilated himself, police say

FAIRFIELD, Calif. (AP) — A man whose penis was severed in a self-inflicted attack, police said Sunday, Dec. 12.

Police would not give a reason why the man cut off his penis Dec. 5. Doctors were unable to reattach the organ.

Authorities said the break in the penis occurred Dec. 11, when Hall voluntarily turned himself over to police. He was taken to the Fairfield Police Department to be treated for his injuries.

During questioning, Hall admitted mutilating himself with a hobby knife, police said. There is no information to suggest whether the man had a motive for the attack.

There were also no indications that the man was ever present inside Mr. Hall's trailer when the incident occurred, William Gresham said in a statement.

Hall, convicted in 1983 of voluntary manslaughter in the death of a woman, told police that he ran into a gas station and that he fled back to his trailer, where they had sex.

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New York

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Washington

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Fekete was held without bail Dec. 13 at the Broward County jail; the DEA put him on administrative leave with pay.

Feteke told officers he had been drinking a lot at the police hall, the affidavit said.

"He did not remember when he left or who he left with," Keesling said. "He did state he remembers crawling out of the vehicle. He stated he knew he was in trouble."

Fekete has been with the drug-busting agency since 1965 and has served throughout the United States and Latin America. Curl had served in Phoenix and the Bahamas and had been with the agency since 1987.

Both men worked out of the Miami office. The DEA and Miramar police didn't know what function the two agents were attending at the police hall.

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Coast to Coast



california

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washington

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binding" on the United States until developing nations make meaningful efforts to cut emissions of greenhouse gases that warm the planet's atmosphere, Energy Secretary Federico Pena said Sunday.

The Clinton administration agrees with a resolution adopted 95-0 by the Senate this year that it won't accept a treaty that does not bind China, India and other developing nations to reduce greenhouse gases, Pena said during an appearance on ABC's "This Week."

The treaty negotiated last week at an international environmental conference in Kyoto, Japan, is "not finished yet," Pena said. "And that's the point. We have to get developing countries meaningfully involved. That is the last step we want to get before we send this to the Senate."

The treaty's requirement that greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide be reduced 6 percent to 8 percent below 1990 levels applies only to the industrialized countries, including the United States, Japan and members of the European Union.

Clinton administration negotiators expressed disappointment that developing nations did not agree to binding requirements. And Republicans in Congress have charged that the treaty would hobble American economic competitiveness against countries not required to make the same investment in reducing air pollution.

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Nation

**Decking the halls with
last-minute shoppers**

**■ Holiday shopping picks
up, but retailers still need a
last-minute surge.**

**By Rachel Beck
Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Shoppers piled into the nation's stores and malls over the weekend, finally making their holiday purchases after spending weeks just browsing.

While relishing the crowds, retailers still are counting on a big burst of buying in the next week to make this a respectable holiday season.

"We've learned that the last weeks are very important — the most important — of the season," said Gail Dorn, spokesperson for Dayton Hudson Corp. "The closer we get to Christmas, the busier it should be."

Christmas arrived at retailers months ago, with trees and lights lining store corridors. But the holiday spirit is just hitting many Americans.

John Cap spent two hours poking around the Westroads Mall in Omaha, Neb., making a dent in his 10-person gift list.

"I thought I had a lot of time, but there really isn't," said Cap, with three shopping bags in hand.

Many merchants reported Sunday that sales had picked up over the weekend, with jewelry, home furnishing and toys among the top sellers.

In Dallas, Craig Karp made significant headway on his holiday purchases at the Galleria mall,

buying sweaters and shirts for family members and bath accessories for his mom.

Extra discounts drew some consumers to stores like Sears, Roebuck & Co., which offered 10 percent off everything early Saturday. JCPenney was busy during its Dec. 12 sale, while 50-percent discounts boosted traffic at Lord & Taylor.

"Consumers are more loyal to value and sales promotions than any particular store," said Ken Volk, marketing director for mall developer Simon DeBartolo Group.

Other shoppers flocked to stores once they realized that there's only one more weekend left before Christmas. Also, Hanukkah begins the eve of Dec. 23, much later than a year ago.

Despite strengthening sales this weekend, analysts warned that sales must rise significantly in the next week to salvage the season.

Any sign of a weakness may force stores to slash prices to clear inventory, which would likely erode their profits during the most critical part of the retailing year.

"They need that final big push," said John Konarski, vice president of research at the International Council of Shopping Centers. "They saw some good sales this weekend, but the surge needs to really come next week."

Last year, the four biggest shopping days came in the 11 days before Christmas, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers, a New York-based trade group.



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Viewpoints

Misguided views on residence halls in Viewpoints section

Over the past months, I have noticed several articles on the Viewpoints page portraying the residence halls in negative light, but I felt no need to respond. I assumed that most people reading *The Daily Iowan* Viewpoints pages, like myself, had grown accustomed to the slanted negative articles. I want to challenge the misinformation and challenge the writers' misperceptions about the residence hall living experience.

First, in Meredith Hines' editorial "Life in limbo for temporary residents," (DI, Nov. 13) three statements used to illustrate the problems of temporary housing are incorrect. First, she claims that the changes used to house residents are air conditioned when in fact a majority of those lounges are, in fact, not air conditioned. Second, Hines claims that "students in temporary housing are not considered residents of the floor where the lounge is located." This is also false. Lounge residents are involved in every level of residence hall government. Some lounge residents are even serving as executive members of their floor government.

Others are active in their hall government or ARH. The third error is that Hines claims that "the hall is closed off to lounge residents." Residents in temporary housing have access to all of the accommodations that the halls offer.

In the editorial "Enforcement moves parties to dorms" (DI, Nov. 23), Todd Hefferman draws a conclusion without any evidence to support it. He makes the claim that residence halls are turning into "night clubs" because the new drinking laws are causing more students to drink in the halls. It is not possible to tell whether drinking has increased in the halls. The statistics are tabulated at the end of each semester. The entire argument is based on one hall manager's impression after the first two months of school. Hefferman fails to mention that he interviewed at least one other hall manager who reported no noticeable change from last year to this year.

What is more troubling than this slanted reporting is the general conclusion that is drawn at the end of the editorial that drinking in the halls is not such a bad thing compared to the worst possible outcome. Clearly, underage drinking

Guest Opinion Chad Doellinger

While the 10 p.m. time can vary from building to building, this should be seen as an asset, not a problem. A building's staff is better able to determine when other doors need to be locked. They have some degree of flexibility to meet a hall's individual needs. Her second inaccuracy is the most glaring of all: "Mayflower is the only dorm with this (peepholes) luxury." This statement is untrue. Peepholes are in every residence hall room and in all family housing facilities. This project was completed over the past summer.

What troubles me more than the glaring inaccuracies and slanted reporting is the negative image that is being portrayed of the residence halls. I do not intend to argue that the residence halls are problem-free utopias. However, the residence halls do provide students a safe, convenient, energetic and educational environment in which to live.

I would not mind the problems being discussed (if done accurately) if some of the positive events were also mentioned. This year, hundreds of student leaders attended a leadership workshop to help develop their skills for their floor governments. Numerous social programs have been presented by resident assistants, hall associations and the ARH to provide alterna-

tives to alcohol. Various educational and community service programs have occurred. Two separate scholarships are offered through residence hall organizations.

I encourage the student leaders in the residence halls to continue their hard work that often goes unrecognized, because the impact they make is tremendous. I also want to encourage *The Daily Iowan* Viewpoints writers to be more responsible in their reporting.

Chad Doellinger is a UI senior and president of the Associated Residence Halls.

Letters to the Editor

Editing mistakes plague newspaper

To the Editor:
Someone needs to brush up on his or her proofreading skills. For the second time, you have published an article in which the name "Sarah/Sara" is spelled two different ways in two different parts of the article. The most recent instance was in the recent "When HIV Comes Home." (DI, Dec. 1) Tony's daughter's name is "Sarah" in the article itself, but then spelled "Sara" in the bio box. In a story about a month ago, a similar mistake was made: The name of a child was spelled "Sarah" in the article, but "Sara" in the picture caption. Silly mistakes like this make the newspaper seem unprofessional.

Robyn R. Gebhard
UI employee

Thanks for return of lost tickets

To the Editor:
My family and I attended the Parents Weekend celebration at the UI. While we were there we had an experience which I would like to share with you: In order not to alarm you, I will say at the outset that it was a profoundly positive experience. Our daughter, Rachel, is a freshman at the UI. On the Friday of Parents Weekend she dutifully picked up our packet, as we were arriving from Kansas City late that evening. It was during breakfast together on Saturday when we discovered the football tickets we had received in the packet were missing. We retraced our steps to our car, where they were last seen, to no avail. As you might imagine, our anguish and despair were quite profound.

At this point we held a brief discussion and concluded it would not hurt to at least inquire at the football stadium if something could be done. We held out little hope, understanding the circumstances of a sold-out university football game. Ironically, the walk to the stadium with the crowd was quite electric. I'm not sure if the excitement lessened our burden or enhanced our grief, but we proceeded on.

In time we found ourselves to the Will Call window at the stadium. We waited our turn in line, feeling rather anxious and embarrassed about pleading our case. A nice young woman greeted us with a smile and listened to our plight. She left briefly to consult with others and returned with a few questions as to where the tickets were lost, how many there were, etc. She then produced our four tickets, stating that "a nice gentleman had turned them in." I need not tell you of our awe and excitement.

We wished we could have thanked this man, but he left no name. We understand that this type of generosity requires no thanks. As some token of our gratitude, however, I can say that we turned to our daughter and told

her, "We know now you are at the right place." We commend your community, your university and its citizens. If this message somehow finds itself to our Good Samaritan we want him to know his good deed has not gone unnoticed, and its message will not be forgotten. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Rachel, Robert, Christine and Lake Urie
UI student and family

Criticism is part of news business

To the Editor:
I realize that this response is a little late, but it has taken me a while to gather my thoughts on the allegations made against *The Daily Iowan's* sports writer who was accused of wrongfully criticizing Matt Sherman about his "lack of getting the job done."

Well, I will first say that I may not know much about football on the college level, but I will tell you from an athlete's perspective that with any sport there will be criticism. The media are there to "feed the fire"; they like to see players and coaches get mad over criticisms made on them. But they have a job to do, too, just like a coach and the players. They, too, have to deliver news on these sports, such as, in our case, football. They're here to tell you the reviews of the game and statistics on these teams. As in all journalism, these writers will add their two cents in about how they think the team is performing.

I'm sorry to say, but that is journalism for you, and they have to say what "sells," because they are also in the job of making money. And for all of you who read the papers, turn your ears off and keep your tempers down to these writers because they are not going to change. Whether James Kramer was right about Matt Sherman, I am definitely not the one to say one way, but I can say that unless these media people are invading your privacy — by exploiting you in a way that is unnecessary by writing about your personal life and not about the game and your performance — by all means then let the tempers flare. They are not trying to hurt you directly but just to give fans the information on sports.

Yes, I do realize that these players have a bond that is great, and it is good to know that teammates will stick up for their fellow teammates, but also you have to tell your teammates that they have to turn their eyes and ears away from the media and just get their job done. Don't sit and waste your energy on writing temper-flared editorials. Instead take that energy and use it on the field. I actually think knocking someone on his ass, on the field, has got to be better than just giving verbal threats. So let's just take the good with the bad and worry about the game rather than what some sports editor is saying about you or your teammates.

Michelle Burns
Iowa City resident

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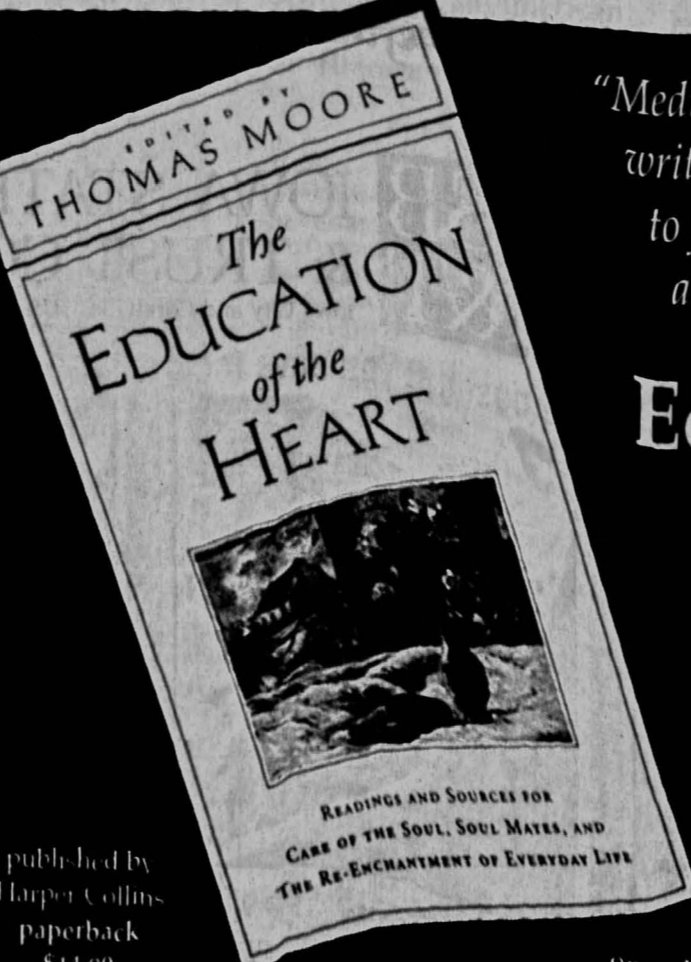
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World

New Irani leader opens new dialogue with U.S.

President Khatami calls for a dialogue with Americans.

By Anwar Faruqi
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — In the strongest suggestion of rapprochement with the United States since the 1979 Islamic revolution, Iran's new president called Sunday for a dialogue with the people of the United States — a nation reviled by his predecessors as "The Great Satan."

"I take this opportunity to pay my respects to the great American people, and hope to have a dialogue with the American people and about

the United States in the not-too-distant future," President Mohammad Khatami said.

The offer could prove to be the moderate president's biggest gamble in his effort to steer Iran away from the influence of the hard-line clergy, which has been in power since the 1979 revolution.

A good word for the United States has been unheard of among Iranian leaders since the revolution toppled the U.S.-backed shah and installed a clerical government led by the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini. The revolution-era slogan, "Death to America," still is taught in schools.

Khatami, whose comment came at a news conference in response to

a question about whether he favored mending ties with the United States, did not say what form the dialogue should take.

Asked whether he would go beyond the American people and talk with their government, Khatami said: "The U.S. government is, after all, the U.S. government. It has been elected by the American people, and we respect that."

State Department officials did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

Sources close to Khatami said the president would deliver a similarly forward-looking speech intended for the American people for Christmas. Further details were not available.

The United States severed ties with Iran in 1979 after Islamic militants loyal to the revolutionary government stormed the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and took 52 Americans hostage for 444 days.

A resumption of U.S.-Iran ties is likely to be popular among Iranians, who are tired of being cast as a pariah state by the United States and much of the West.

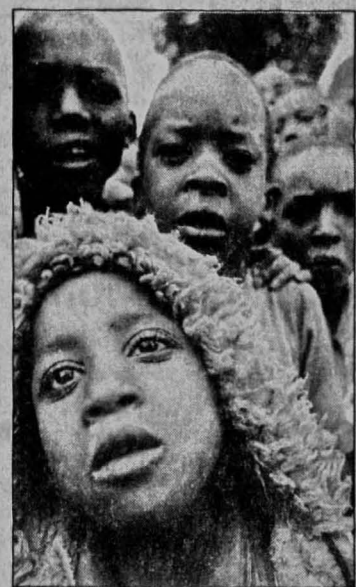
Although Khatami won by a landslide in May elections, his powers are limited. The final word rests with Iran's ultra-conservative spiritual leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who succeeded Khomeini. He had opposed Khatami's election.



Eric Marti/Associated Press

A girl from the Iranian team waves an Iranian flag during the opening ceremony of the Islamic Countries' Women Sports Games in Tehran late Saturday. More than 20 Islamic countries are participating in the games.

rwanda



Brennan Linsley/Associated Press

Congolese Tutsi refugee children who survived last Thursday's attack by Hutu extremist guerrillas at Mudende camp pass the day at another refugee camp in Nkamira, Rwanda, Sunday. Over 100 children were reported to have been among the roughly 300 people who were killed when Hutu rebels entered the Mudende refugee camp Thursday.

Glimpse at the Globe



iraq

U.N. arms inspector reports 'some progress' in Iraqi talks

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The U.N. weapons inspections chief reported progress Sunday in disarmament talks with Iraqis and said the next 48 hours could be decisive in the standoff over inspections at presidential palaces.

Richard Butler said Iraqi and U.N. weapons experts discussed ballistic missiles and warheads in Sunday's two-hour session — their first talks since last month's crisis over the arms inspections.

"The Iraqi side gave a report on where it thought the missile and warheads issue stood," Butler told reporters. "It seems to me that some progress is being made."

Butler said he hoped more progress would come from talks planned for late Sunday and today with Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz, with whom he planned to discuss chemical and biological weapons.

Previous Iraqi information on the subject of biological weapons in particular was insufficient and unsatisfactory, Butler said.

The inspectors monitor Iraq's compliance with U.N. Security Council orders that it get rid of its missile program and all the weapons of mass destruction.

israel



Rick Bowmer/Associated Press

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, center, wearing glasses, with Palestinian Minister of Civil Affairs Jamil Tariq, second from left, speaks to the press after meeting with members of Palestinian cabinet in Ramallah Sunday. Farrakhan was welcomed Sunday in Palestinian lands but rebuffed by Israel, which said no Israeli official would meet with the Nation of Islam leader.

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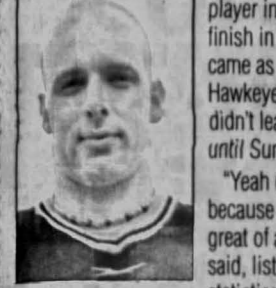
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HEADLINER

Dwight seventh in Heisman voting

Tim Dwight proved Iowa was just started its campaign to publicize his Trophy candidate.

Dwight finished seventh in the voting.



Dwight

became just the seventh player in Iowa history to finish in the top 10. He came as a surprise because he didn't lead in any of the major polls. "Yeah (it) because I've got a great of a record," said, listing statistics, returns ke-

ning and some of the records in the state. "Coming in seventh out of thousands is kind of a neat way to end the year."

Dwight led the nation in punt return average and three touchdowns. He has a record for career punt return yardage with 1,000 yards and five touchdowns. He led the team with 39 catches for 653 yards and eight touchdowns.

For his efforts, Dwight has already been named to four first-team all-American lists.

"I didn't come out here to be all about," Dwight said. "It's been good, show you that I've got a lot of other people who are performing well for me to get a lot of awards that I've got a reflection of our football team."

Dwight totaled 32 points in the voting. He received five first-place votes, 11 thirds. The only player to receive more first place votes than Dwight was Chuck Long, who placed second in 1996.

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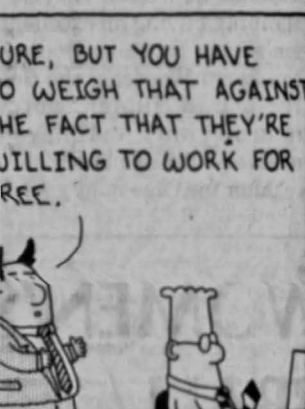
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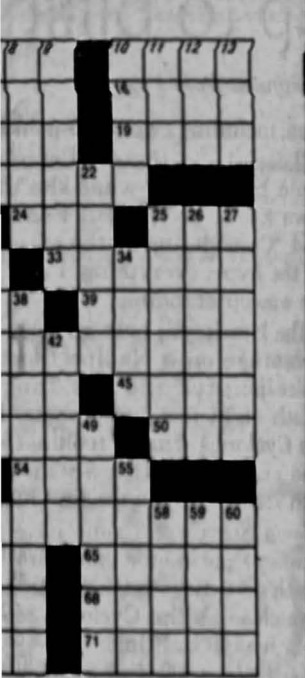
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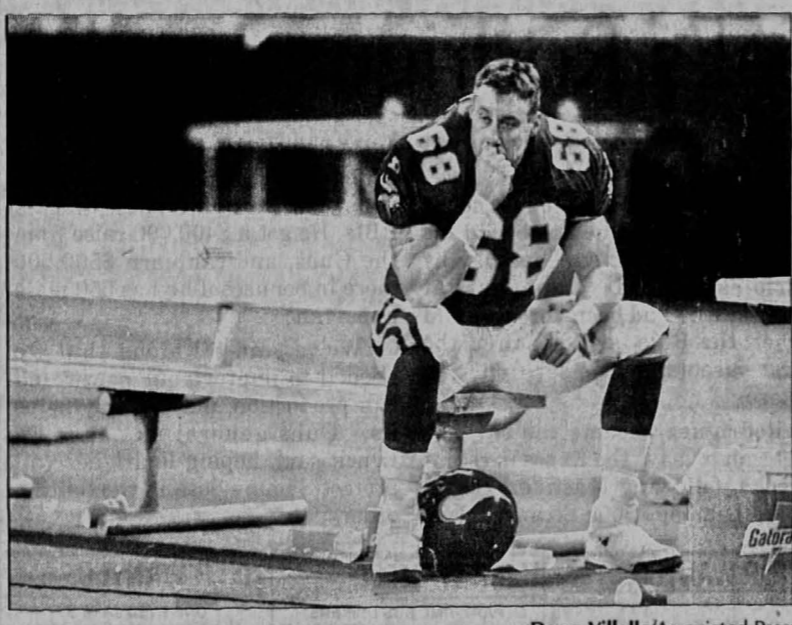
Vikes give one away to Lions

Lions 14, Vikings 13. MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Vikings gave Detroit one chance too many Sunday, and that left the Lions one win from the playoffs.

Atlanta retained one of the league's hottest teams over the second half of the season, beating the Philadelphia Eagles 20-17 on Monday's 33-yard field goal as time ran out Sunday.

The Lions took over at their own 26 after Murray's miss and drove to the Minnesota 12 on a 20-yard catch by Moore with under 20 seconds remaining.

The Packers (7-8) have won five straight games, their longest winning streak since 1991, and six of seven since reaching the midway point of the season at 1-7.



Minnesota's Mike Morris reacts to his team's last-second loss Sunday.

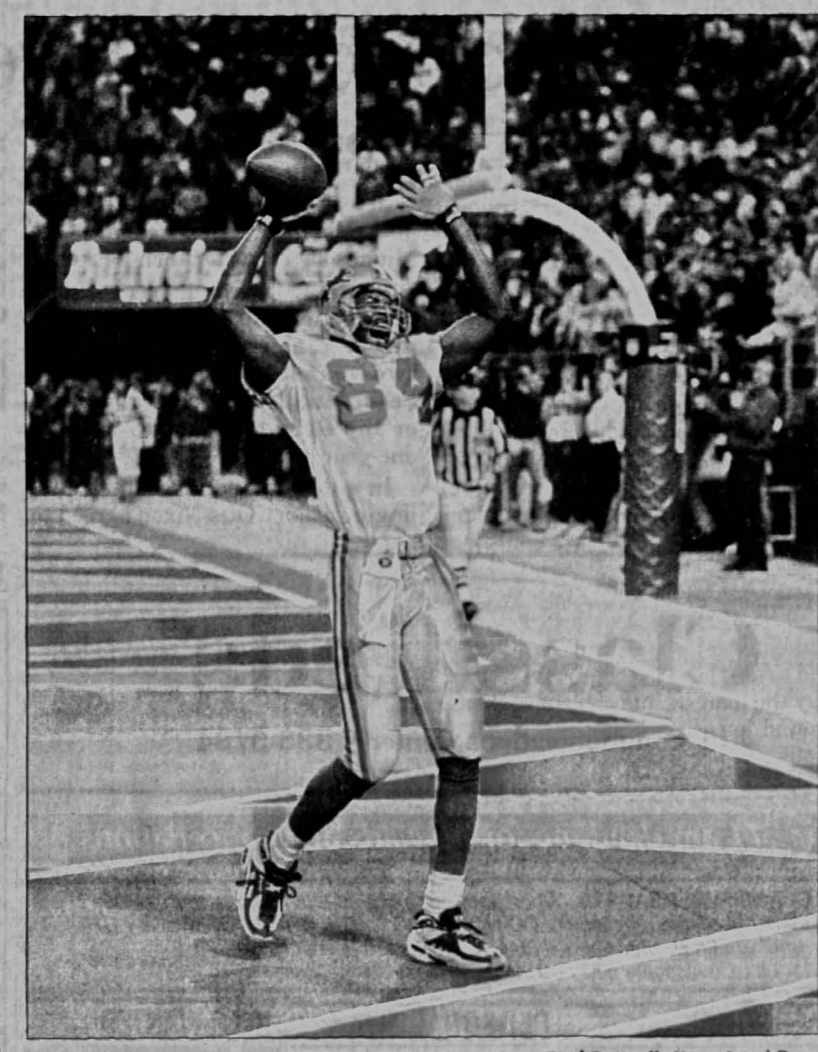
Statistical table for Minnesota vs. Carolina Panthers game, including Rushing, Passing, and Receiving stats.

Packers 31, Panthers 10

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Different season, same result. The Green Bay Packers once again methodically knocked the last breaths of life out of the Carolina Panthers.

Saints 27, Cardinals 10

NEW ORLEANS — Billy Joe Hobert must have taken a closer look at the New Orleans Saints' playbook at halftime.



Detroit's Herman Moore celebrates the winning touchdown Sunday.

Statistical table for Detroit vs. Chicago Bears game, including Rushing, Passing, and Receiving stats.

Giants 30, Redskins 10

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Great defenses made the New York Giants Super Bowl champions under Bill Parcells.

Colts 41, Dolphins 0

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Jim Harbaugh took the blame when everything was going wrong. Now, with everything going right, he can take the credit.

Steelers 24, Patriots 21, OT

FOXBORO, Mass. — Forget about "Blah," just called Korle Stewart "The Comeback Kid."

Jaguars 20, Bills 14

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — The Jacksonville Jaguars are in the playoffs, and in the long run, that's the important part.

Ravens 21, Oilers 19

BALTIMORE — The theme of the day was nostalgia, so Eric Zeier did his best imitation of Johnny Unitas in helping the Baltimore Ravens shut down Memorial Stadium in style.

Falcons 20, Eagles 17

ATLANTA — If the NFL used a split-season format, the Atlanta Falcons would be going to the playoffs.

Chiefs 29, Chargers 7

SAN DIEGO — It's possible the Chiefs won't have to leave Kansas City again until it's time to return to San Diego for the Super Bowl.

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INTERCONFERENCE ROUNDUP

Smith returns pair of INT's in New York win

Jets 31, Buccaneers 0. EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Who needs an offense when you're busily running interceptions and kickoffs into the end zone?

First downs 10, 23. Rushing-yards 27-148, 37-214. Passing 107, 253. Kickoff Returns 4-2, 3-1. Intercptions Ret. 0-0, 0-0. Sacked-Yards Lost 0-0, 0-0.

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— Sen. Edward Kennedy

Democrats join Republicans to overhaul tax

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"This is a much closer case than McVeigh trial."
— Attorney Andrew Cohen,

Oklahoma City bombing case Nichols, Timothy McVeigh's aspirator whose trial was set to argue

LOCAL BRIEF

Local video store

Mr. Movies, a video store at Trek Blvd. in Iowa City, was closed Monday night.

The armed suspect demanded from employees, was given receipts and fled on foot.

The suspect was described as approximately 6 feet tall, white build. He was dressed in a suit, black gloves and a mask worn in the movie "Scream."

No injuries were reported and is under police investigation.

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