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READ, THEN RECYCLE

School Board names Plugge superintendent

The new superintendent, from Grand Island, Neb., will begin work in August.

By Gil Levy
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa City School Board Tuesday afternoon named Lane Plugge the district's new school superintendent.

Board member Al Leff made the motion to hire Plugge, and the board, minus members Matt Goodlaxson and Nick Johnson, approved it.

"We're very excited to welcome Lane Plugge and his wife to Iowa City," said Susan Mims, board president. "It's a long process we've been through the past few weeks."

Plugge said there would be some sad good-byes after 12 years in his current Grand Island, Neb., district, but he is looking forward to working in Iowa City.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to serve in a community and district such as Iowa City," he said. "I've always enjoyed new challenges and change."

Plugge also said he was impressed by the district's public forums.

"There is a strong commitment to public education and pride in schools," he said. "That's very, very positive for the community and school district. Now I need some time to really visit with the staff and community members."

Mims thanked the community and those involved in the interviewing process, saying the board received invaluable information from the public.

Plugge's relationship with the community, board and staff most impressed the board, she said.

"He's seen as a teacher's superintendent," Mims said. "He's a man of incredible honesty and integrity with good leadership. He cares about the staff, students and teachers."

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Plugge

5,000 escape toxic spill

A chemical spill Tuesday at the Procter & Gamble plant forms a toxic cloud.

By Troy Shoen
The Daily Iowan

A chemical spill that caused a toxic cloud at Procter & Gamble Tuesday morning resulted in the evacuation of more than 5,000 Iowa City residents.

The spill at the company's plant, 2200 Lower Muscatine Road, occurred at 9:58 a.m. Chlorosulfonic acid, a highly toxic substance, leaked out of a pipe, said Mike Burnette, Procter & Gamble plant manager.

"The acid was being transferred from a train car to a holding tank," he said. "A technician at Procter & Gamble noticed the leak and immediately turned off the pump. A gallon of the acid leaked from a small hole in the pipe running from a pump to the tank."

The gas released by the spill causes irritation to the eyes and throat as well as burning in the lungs, said Mike McCleary, public affairs director at Procter & Gamble.

"It is the worst chemical we have at the Procter & Gamble facility," he said. "It is very dangerous."

Houses and businesses were evacuated north of Lower Muscatine Road to Court Street and east of Summit Street to the city limits.

The evacuations began soon after Iowa City police and the fire department were notified of the spill. Residents were allowed to return around 11:45 a.m.

"We started on the north and west sides of Procter & Gamble, which were downwind from the spill," said police Sgt. Mike Lord. "We started at the plant and worked our way out."

Residents were evacuated by police and firefighters, who went door-to-door using a loudspeaker, Lord said.

The residents were sent to area schools, with the majority going to West High School, 2901 Melrose Ave. UI Cambus and Iowa City Transit buses and school buses were used to transfer people to and from the schools.

When the wind shifted to the south, police began asking people



TOP: An Iowa City police officer directs traffic at Second Avenue and Lower Muscatine Road following a chemical spill at the Procter & Gamble plant Tuesday.

south of the plant to evacuate as well. Police then closed several blocks of Highway 6, and traffic was temporarily re-routed.

The liquid acid leaked onto the ground and reacted with rain and humidity to form a toxic cloud, Burnette said.

"When firefighters arrived on the scene, they saw a cloud 20 to 30 feet above the plant," said Andy Rocca, fire chief. "The cloud was moving to the west, toward Lower Muscatine Road."

In order to dilute the chemical and keep the spill on site, firefighters poured water on the cloud, said Roger Jensen, fire marshal.

Firefighters also hosed down cars in the plant's parking lot, while Procter & Gamble officials conducted pH tests to test the amount of acid in the area.

Testing showed that the acid never left the grounds of the plant, Burnette said.

On Monday, the fire department had toured Procter & Gamble to familiarize firefighters with the plant

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MORE CHOICES FOR WOMEN

New birth control option: the patch

Johnson & Johnson's Evra patch could be the newest contraceptive since Depo-Provera was introduced in 1993.

By Heather Pavnica
The Daily Iowan

A contraceptive patch that a woman could wear on her arm, abdomen or buttocks could get government approval as early as next year.

The Evra Contraceptive Patch, produced by Johnson & Johnson, a New Jersey-based health-care company, is likely to be the newest form of birth control since 1993, when Depo-Provera was introduced.

The patch, which is expected to be as small as a half dollar, contains hormonal drugs similar to those in oral birth-control pills. However, its adherence may pose a problem for women who take frequent showers or sweat often.

"The patch does not work for everyone," said Rudolph Galask, a UI professor of obstetrics/gynecology. "Some people cannot use it because they may not tolerate them, they can get skin irritation, or they can come off."

The patch is effective for a week, although it is unclear for what length of time the patches must be worn.

The patch is touted to be more attractive than birth-control pills because users don't need daily reminders. Also, because it is not ingested, health officials hope that fewer side-effects, such as nausea and vomiting, will occur.

Melissa Grant, the regional director for Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa, 850 Orchard St., said new contraceptives would be welcome because many people are dissatisfied with current methods of birth control. The reasons for the dissatisfaction include products not being 100 percent effective, difficulty of use and lack of accessibility, she said.

"There is no one contraceptive that everyone can use, so the more choices that are available, the more easily women and their partners can find a contraceptive that can work for them," Grant said.

Iowa City resident Mary McMillin said she would not purchase the patch because she fears the side-effects of hormonal drugs.

"I'm hesitant to put things in my body that change the natural order of my body," she said. "I use the methods for myself that don't involve hormones."

Katie Sutlive, a UI senior, said she would also not wear the patch because it would be a noticeable

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ABOVE: Sam Fosse, 5, of Iowa City, hugs his father, Richard, outside West High School. Sam and his classmates were evacuated from Kindercampus.

Investigators detail last minutes of JFK Jr.'s flight

As the search continues, divers concentrate on 15 sites, and the FAA says it had early word of missing plane.

By Erica Noonan
Associated Press

AQUINNAH, Mass. — John F. Kennedy Jr. pulled up his plane and banked to the right in a normal approach to Martha's Vineyard on the evening of July 16; then, as he turned east, the plane dropped rapidly to the water, officials said Tuesday.

Chief investigator Robert Pearce declined to speculate on the force of the impact but said: "I'm sure you can draw a conclusion by the debris we've been bringing in, which is fragmented."

Meanwhile, searchers planned to work through the night in an area of water believed to be the plane's splash point, and federal officials acknowledged they were asked to locate the Piper Saratoga II less than a half-hour after it

vanished from radar.

At a Tuesday briefing, Pearce, heading the investigation for the National Transportation Safety Board, gave a more detailed explanation of Kennedy's approach to Martha's Vineyard.

All seemed fine when Kennedy was approximately 34 miles from the airport, with his plane descending from 5,600 feet to about 2,300 feet at a slightly faster-than-normal rate of roughly 700 feet per minute.

Approximately 20 miles from the airport, the plane made two previously undisclosed maneuvers: It started turning to the right and climbing slightly back to 2,600 feet.

After leveling off at that altitude, it flew for a short time more before beginning another turn to the right and starting "a rapid rate of descent" that may have exceeded 5,000 feet per minute. That is 10 times faster than normal and even faster than the

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Bebeto Matthews/Associated Press
Barbara Deutsch watches as her daughter, Jacqueline Deutsch, 6, places a rose at a makeshift memorial for John F. Kennedy Jr. outside the offices of George magazine in New York Tuesday. "We were having lunch," said Deutch, crying, "and so she asked for some flowers to place here."

Barak assures Arafat on West Bank pullout

The United States promises Israel more military assistance.

By Barry Schweid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak assured Yasser Arafat Tuesday that he intends to withdraw promptly from a portion of the West Bank even while pursuing an overall Middle East settlement.

"There is no reason to wait," Barak said as he concluded a series of meetings here with the Clinton administration and members of Congress.

The new prime minister's visit produced promises of increased U.S. mil-

itary assistance, top-of-the-line jet fighter planes and strengthened security ties.

It also resulted in parallel statements by Vice President Al Gore and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright deferring decision-making to Israel and its Arab neighbors.

"The United States should not come up with its own decisions how to resolve these issues," Gore said. "In terms of trying to spell out the terms, that is not our role."

Similarly, Albright said, "It's obviously up to him (Barak) and others to set deadlines or framework periods of time. It's not something that we're doing."

But she voiced approval of the 15-

month time frame Barak set to determine if there could be final settlements with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon.

"I think that having this kind of a framework time is important," she said at a news conference in which she announced she would travel to the region "around the middle of next month."

In Gaza, which the Palestinian Authority now controls, Arafat called the 15-month timetable unacceptable. He demanded "immediate and speedy implementation" of the U.S.-guided Wye River accord he struck with Israel last October to acquire a further 13.1 percent of the West Bank.



Dennis Cook/Associated Press
Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, left, talks to reporters during a meeting on Capitol Hill Tuesday with House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. Barak is ending a U.S. visit with a series of meetings with congressional leaders.

THE LEDGE

LIFE'S LITTLE ANNOYANCES

- You have to try on a pair of sunglasses with that stupid little plastic thing in the middle of them.
 - You open a can of soup, and the lid falls in.
 - It's bad enough that you step in dog poop, but you don't realize it till you walk across your living room rug.
 - The elevator stops on every floor, and nobody gets on.
 - The tiny red string on the Band-Aid wrapper never works for you.
 - You can't look up the correct spelling of a word in the dictionary because you don't know how to spell it.
 - You rub on hand cream and can't turn the bathroom doorknob to get out.
 - Three hours and three meetings after lunch, you look in the mirror and discover a piece of parsley stuck to your front tooth.
 - You slice your tongue licking an envelope.
 - You set the alarm on your digital clock for 7 p.m. instead of 7 a.m.
- Source: <http://www.amsus.com/annoyances.html>

the **BIG** picture



Zac Howard, 10, a fifth grader at Columbus City Schools, concentrates Tuesday on dismantling a toaster at Marysville High School in Marysville, Ohio, during Camp Invention. During the 65-minute "I Can Invent" module, students work to dismantle old appliances. Today, they will begin creating fantasy inventions from the old parts.

Tom Powell/Associated Press

newsmakers

Will Smith, Tyson jump in hip-hop ring

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Will Smith and Mike Tyson have signed up to face-off as presenters of "The Source Hip-Hop Music Awards," airing in August on UPN. The awards show, created and produced by the Source music magazine, will include performances by Sean "Puffy" Combs, Master P, DMX & Ruff Ryders and Nas.



Smith

All in the disabilities

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Producer Norman Lear says he will fund a scholarship for comedians with physical disabilities. The first winner will be announced at the 17th Media Access Disability Awards on Oct. 24, Fern Field, co-founder and co-chairman of the awards, announced Monday. The scholarship will help pay for classes, demo reels, transportation, union dues and other expenses, Field said.

horoscopes

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by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Social events will lead to romance. Your youthful approach to life will attract all sorts of potential partners. Just be yourself, and you can't lose. It's your turn to be in the limelight.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will find it difficult to express yourself emotionally. Your lover may feel neglected, but now is not the time to deal with personal matters that will change the rest of your life.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Dealing with foreigners will not be easy. Try to avoid arguments with colleagues or employers and other stressful situations.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Physical and mental headaches will plague you. Don't get yourself into a tight financial situation. You need to protect your interests. Romance is highlighted; spend time with someone special.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Opportunities to make money are evident. Read the fine print when signing legal documents. A proper diet will be necessary if you want to feel up to par.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't let your personal life interfere with your professional goals. Be sure not to divulge secret information. Colleagues may misinterpret you intentionally if

you don't choose your words carefully.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let your lover cost you too much today. Lending or borrowing will get you in trouble. Purchases will not be worth the money you pay for them.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let your jealousy take over. Try not to restrict the freedom of those you love. You must channel your energy into self-improvement projects, not into trying to change others.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Try to get involved in competitive sports or join a fitness club that will help you expend that pent-up energy. Your love of excitement and adventure will lead to new friendships.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): You should do a little research regarding the real estate market. There is money to be made if you put your mind to it.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your depression has been getting you down. It's time to make changes that will aid you in eliminating the things that make you sad.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will attract romantic partners readily, but you must be careful not to move too quickly. Use discrimination. Someone interested in you is probably still involved in her or his last relationship.

calendar

The Iowa Summer Writing Festival will sponsor a reading by Marcos McPeck Villatoro in Shambaugh Auditorium, Main Library, today at 8 p.m.

UI briefs

College of Nursing offers information on distance-learning

Professional nurses interested in UI off-campus coursework in nursing can attend an informational session to be offered via the Iowa Communications Network in nine communities on July 29 from 6-7:30 p.m. The interactive session will provide information about the College of Nursing's master of science in nursing and other programs, including admission requirements, degree program requirements, the graduate record examination and other topics. Participants will be able to ask questions.



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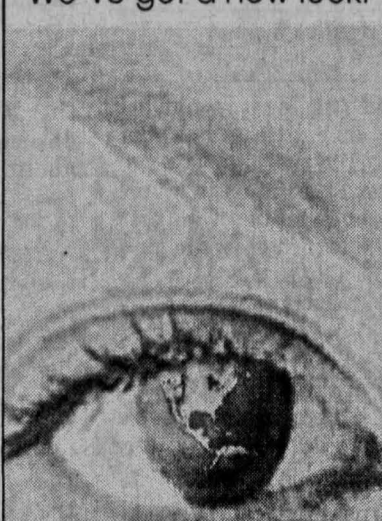
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CITY

Permit red tape snarls international students

■ Delays in getting job authorization from the INS has frustrated many UI international students.

By Troy Shoen
The Daily Iowan

UI international students seeking off-campus jobs after graduation are leery of going through the lengthy application process for work permits.

The Employment Authorization Document from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service is valid for 12 months and allows a student to live and work in the United States. After the permit expires, if the student wishes to remain in the country, he or she must apply for a change of status.

Some students say the process to secure the work permit has taken too long recently.

"One reason I don't want to get a full-time job here is because of the INS," said Girls Auskaps, a former UI student from Latvia who recently graduated with a degree in political science. "It is so



Justin O'Brien/
The Daily Iowan
Girls Auskaps pauses while making statistical updates on nutritional rehabilitation for Food and Nutrition Services at the UIHC.

painful to deal with it."

Auskaps works at the UI Hospitals and Clinics in Food and Nutrition Services. Because international students need the work permit only if they want to work at an off-campus job, he did not have to go through the INS for a permit.

Wang Xiaojie, a UI law student from China, agrees that the INS needs to become more efficient.

"There must be something wrong with the immigration ser-

vice," Wang said. "My boyfriend was not able to get a work permit for a long time, and it caused a lot of problems for us."

Wang's boyfriend, Xia Jiangfeng, also from China and a recent UI graduate, had to miss 15 days of work at his Muscatine job because his permit was not processed in time.

"His employer thought he would be able to work right away in June, but when he didn't receive his work permit, he had to tell his employer

he couldn't work," Wang said.

Cheryl Mason, a International Center student adviser, said that as a result of delays with permits, international students view the INS as a big, unfriendly government bureaucracy. Many problems students have did not surface until a year ago, she said.

"The INS center has said the problem is with non-government employees working in the mail room who are incompetent," Mason said. "They are just too understaffed to handle the number of students applying for permits."

Students apply for the permits at the International Center, which passes the application onto the INS for processing.

That process has Wang dreading her options after graduation.

"If it has gotten this bad in just the last year, I can't imagine what it will be like in three," Wang said. It is very frustrating."

Students can speed up the process if they go to the district INS office in Omaha, Neb., Mason said.

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Jerry James Hynes Jr./The Daily Iowan
From left, Jamie Schweser, Ross Willburn and Rod Sullivan discuss various issues at the Progressive Coalition meeting at the Lower Hickory Hill Park shelter off Bloomington Street Tuesday evening.

Progressives map local strategies

■ The Johnson County Progressive Coalition held its second meeting Tuesday night.

By Steve Schmadeke
The Daily Iowan

Approximately 20 people, including three candidates for city government positions, braved the heat Tuesday night for the second meeting of the Johnson County Progressive Coalition, held at Hickory Park.

Nearly a month after Iowa City City Councilor Karen Kubby hosted a "Time for Change" forum, at which 140 people showed up, the meeting was called to create small group discussions on progressive issues, said Janelle Rettig, an Iowa City resident.

The coalition talked about taking actions such as running a slate of Progressive candidates for governmental positions and raising money for the campaigns.

The coalition's agenda was to recruit candidates for city elections and to put elected officials' "feet to the fire," Rettig said. This would be done by working with different groups to form a list of questions that could be used to determine where candidates stood on particular issues, she said.

"In the past, I think councilors have been elected without having to define where they stood on these issues," Rettig said.

Having the candidates' stands clearly defined would also be beneficial for students, a group that does not usually have a high voter turnout in local elections, she said.

People would be more likely to vote if they knew exactly whom they were voting for and if their interests were being represented, said Iowa City resident Jamie Schweser.

Dale Schultz, a candidate for the Iowa City School Board, said he attended the meeting to look for support for his campaign and to learn about City Council issues. But, he said, his main concern was with the operation of the School Board.

"The superintendent selection process was a disaster," Schultz said. "The teachers I've talked to are very upset."

He added that changes were needed in the School Board as well as in Iowa City.

Also present were the other two candidates for City Council: Ross Willburn, who is running for the District A seat, and Charlie Majors, who is running for the at-large seat.

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CITY BRIEF

Man charged with sexual abuse

An Iowa City man was charged on July 14 with assault with intent to commit sexual abuse and indecent contact with a child.

Ronald S. Netser, 2215 Friendship St., is alleged to have touched two girls, ages 14 and 15, in a sexual manner against their wills on a number of occasions in March 1998.

Iowa City police reports said Netser, 38, knew the girls. The girls were forced to remove themselves from Netser's presence to avoid further contact, the reports said.

The girls recently described the alleged incidents to Child Protection Center counselors, who then reported the allegations to police, the reports said.

The defendant had been drinking during the incidents, the reports said.

Police Det. Deb Protasky said the delay in filing charges was due to a maternity leave; there was no contact between the suspect and the girls during that time.

— by Gil Levy

Regent leads Bush fund-raising effort

■ As he has done before for Terry Branstad, David Fisher is raising money for the Texas governor.

By Chris Rasmussen
The Daily Iowan

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush is getting financial support in Iowa from David Fisher, a member of the Iowa state Board of Regents.

Fisher, CEO of On Bank Co., has been volunteering his time raising funds for Bush since early June.

"I've been watching him since he became governor and liked what I saw," he said. "We had a mutual friend who set up a meeting in Austin early this spring, and I've had the honor of meeting with Bush several times since."

Fisher is the Iowa finance chairman for the early Republican front-runner, who already has set fund-raising records.

"He's raised a lot of money, and it's been very rewarding," Fisher said about Bush's efforts.

Raising funds for Republicans

in Iowa is nothing new for the regent, who has the experience of four elections behind him.

"I was Gov. Branstad's finance chairman in 1982 and then chaired his last three elections," he said. "I have many good friends and contacts."

While his experience has been helpful, Fisher said, fund raising involves a lot of hard work.

"I wouldn't say it's any easier raising money for Bush than Branstad," he said. "You still have to put in the time and do the work."

Bush's primary and secondary education policies most impress Fisher.

"I like his K-12 initiative," he said. "He put a policy in place where a youngster cannot pass onto the next grade unless certain criteria have been met. Many schools have what's called 'social passing,' and kids are just moved through the system."

Fisher predicts that Bush will win the Iowa caucuses on Feb. 7, 2000.

"He has a very strong organization and paid staff," he said. "They really know the lay of the land and can get things done."

The regent's presence and respect in Iowa are of great help to Bush's efforts in the state, said Eric Wolson, a Bush staff member in Iowa.

"David Fisher is widely respected as a leader in both the private and public sectors," he said. "He's recognized as a person who cares about the state, especially education."

Bush's organization in Iowa hasn't had time to raise a great deal of money since the presidential candidate announced an exploratory committee on March 9, Wolson said.

"We got a late start," he said. "Right now we are focused on building a strong organization rather than raising funds."

Fisher, a Boone, Iowa, native, attended Grinnell College and the UI College of Law. He said he has no plans for a position in Washington should Bush win the 2000 election.

"I'll help in every way I can in the caucus and general campaign, but I don't want a government job," he said. "I have a family and a good business here, though I would be honored if I were offered one."

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LEGAL MATTERS

POLICE
Teresa D. Kennedy, 25, 1960 Broadway Apt. 12A, was charged with eight counts of forger in Iowa City on July 19.
Justin Henderson, 15, Garrison, Iowa, was charged with third-degree burglary at King Park on July 19 at 4:24 p.m.
Jeffrey R. Hall, 14, Lone Tree, Iowa, was charged with third-degree burglary at King Park on July 19 at 4:24 p.m.
Ronald J. Krueger, 15, Lone Tree, Iowa, was charged with third-degree burglary at King Park on July 19 at 4:24 p.m.
Lane C. Sheffield, 37, 13 N.E. Park Lane, was charged with fifth-degree theft at Econofoods, 1987 Broadway, on July 19 at 4:15 p.m.
Frank Billa V. 15, 921 N. Dodge St., was charged with obstructing a police officer at 100 S. Capitol St. on July 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Ryan K. Therksen, 21, 537 S. Van Buren St. Apt. C, was charged with public intoxication at 300 E. Burlington St. on July 19 at 1:47 a.m.
Lucas S. Vanorden IV, 35, 3077 Newport Road N.E., was charged with first-degree theft in Iowa City on July 20.
Bradley J. James, 21, 620 Beachview, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance (second offense) at 620 Beachview on July 20 at 8:06 p.m.

— compiled by Steve Schmadeke

COURTS
Magistrate
Public intoxication — Kevin D. Baber, Indianapolis, Iowa, was fined \$90; Albert R. Brandon Sr., Hills, Iowa, was fined \$90; Shawn C. Countryman, 2854 Sterling Drive, was fined \$90; Michael J. Decamp, address unknown, was fined \$90; Jacob W. Hoffman, Perry, Iowa, was fined \$90; Brian J. Jarnigin, Mason City, Iowa, was fined \$90; Andy B. Kline, 1003 1/2 E. Washington St., was fined \$90; Todd C. Phelps, Lisbon, Iowa, was fined \$90; Connor J. Reed, Creston, Iowa, was fined \$90; Matthew K. Reinhart, 403 S. Johnson St., was fined \$90; David C. Ruelhman, Goleta, Calif., was fined \$90; Adam L. Shafer, Downers Grove, Ill., was fined \$90; Rufino Villarreal, Omaha, Neb., was fined \$90; Nicholas J. White, 758 Westwinds Drive Apt. 4, was fined \$90; Lance M. Willenborg, New Hampton, Iowa, was fined \$90; John D. Zimmerman, Cedar Rapids, was fined \$90.
Obstructing officers — Shawn C. Countryman, 2854 Sterling Drive, was fined \$90.
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— A NASA launch controller, after the space shuttle Columbia's mission was aborted just before its launch.

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OPINIONS

Film rating policy is laughable

Eyes Wide Shut, starring Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman, has been receiving a lot of press lately for its strong adult content, including sex scenes and drugs.

To avoid receiving an NC-17 rating for the movie, Warner Brothers has inserted several digitally produced figures into the foreground that block important bits of a sex scene. Never mind that this is the last work of a great filmmaker and that the studio will likely be reviled for tampering with art. NC-17 is so undesirable that Warner Brothers is apparently willing to risk being vilified as a philistine in order to receive an R-rating instead.

The NC-17 rating is commercially undesirable because it has been linked to pornographic material in the past. Many individual theaters and theater chains will refuse to show NC-17 movies, and some broadcasters and newspapers will refuse to show advertisements for it. So producers, realizing that fewer theaters equals less money, decide they don't want to risk it. They make a couple of edits, hope the Motion Picture Association of America calls it an R-rated movie, and watch the money come rolling in.

But, as Roger Ebert of the *Chicago Sun-Times* points out, even the digitally produced figures in *Eyes Wide Shut* don't make this movie acceptable for children. He writes, "*Eyes Wide Shut* is an adult film in every atom of its being." And the fact is that R-rated movies are now completely mainstream. Even children accompany their parents to R-rated movies. Regardless of any new promises that theaters have made to stop children from seeing R-rated movies, it is still ridiculously easy for anyone to get in, and R-rated movies such as *American Pie* are marketed with teen-agers in mind.

The R rating is a joke. So many popular, heavily hyped movies are R-rated that it has become acceptable for anyone to see them. So when a more adult-oriented film comes along — a film that should not be seen by children regardless of what edits have been made — it, too, is lumped into the R-rated category, and we all pretend that children have been adequately protected by this.

Someone needs to take the first step to change this. If one studio had a successful NC-17 rated film, all the others would try it. *Eyes Wide Shut* would have been a perfect guinea pig. It could have been released as Stanley Kubrick intended, and it could have paved the way for a rating that actually makes sense.

Christy Hall is a *DI* editorial writer.



Kennedys not entitled to favoritism

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 9: No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States. Section 10: No State shall ... grant any Title of Nobility.

Since JFK Jr.'s unexpected death rocked the nation last weekend, we have been treated to a never-ending round of laments about the demise of the Crown Prince.

No doubt we ought to treat the death of a single individual, no matter how young, old, famous or obscure, as deserving of our sympathy and respect. And we are a society fascinated with celebrities and their wealth and beauty.

But what is troubling about this story is the complacency with which we accept the media's assertion that certain families, such as the Kennedys, have a special prerogative on political leadership. All the talk of dynasty, legacy and royalty on every page of every major newspaper and magazine reveals more than the public's desire for a good story. It demonstrates our comfort with the notion that public service at the very highest levels ought to be restricted to a wealthy and influential elite.

We become less concerned with whether candidates are honest and can articulate their principles than whether they have a recognizable name and celebrity status. Hillary Rodham Clinton's carpetbagging in New York is just the most conspicuous example.

Sadly, our tolerance for this mentality of entitlement isn't restricted to Democrats. I say sadly because Republicans, the party of Lincoln, used to represent equality (this is why blacks overwhelmingly voted for Republicans in the generations following the Civil War).

Looming on the political horizon is also George W. Bush. Despite the fact that few people know what he stands for, pollsters tell us he is about to be "crowned." The reason is simple: name recognition and the celebrity that money can buy. He's simply spending his father's accumulated political capital. We ought to demand more from those who would be our leaders than a promise to tell us what they think later.

The Founders were very astute. They forbade the giving of such titles as Sir, Duke, Duchess, Prince, etc., because they knew that distinctions between citizens that were not merit-based would inevitably lead to the peddling of influence and inequality before the law. They knew European history after all and had just escaped monarchy with its endemic corruption. Our willingness to believe that we have betters who should assume the mantle of political office as a birthright, coupled with the ease with which we accept these appellations of royalty, ought to make us very nervous about the prospect of perpetuating our freedom.

David Noe is a *DI* editorial writer.

We need to know our legal rights

John Calvin Jones

"Know your rights, these are your rights," — the lyrics are by Mick Jones (then of the Clash), off the *Combat Rock* album. Though he wrote the song as a satire, the idea of knowing one's rights relates to a fundamental principle in the Anglo-American legal tradition. Our system of law presupposes that "all citizens know the criminal law." But as judges and lawyers understand, most of us neither know the law nor our rights. So I thought I might impart a few nuggets of information that students and young people might care to know.

1) You are assumed to have given permission for any illegal activity that occurs in your car, apartment, house, with your bike, etc. Just because you did not overtly tell someone it was OK to smoke pot in your house or tell them to drive drunk in your car — you consented to the use in general, and that is enough for the authorities. Police can seize your property when someone uses it for an illegal act.

But there is more. When it comes to seizure, you have no right to keep your car, money or other personal possessions if the police want them. If the police have "probable cause" (including "anonymous" tips — none of the that sixth Amendment "right to face your accuser" stuff) to believe you committed

a crime, they can simply take and sell your property.

2) If you are called for jury duty, you might get questioned about your history with illegal drugs. But you do not have to answer (at least not in Illinois). Even though you, as a potential juror, would not be under arrest or on trial, you are bound to provide honest answers so you maintain your Fifth Amendment protection against self-incrimination.

3) Another thing about juries. Perhaps your most important right is to vote your conscience as a juror. For example, if you think someone was entrapped by the police — such as in a drug sting, when the cops offer someone a macadamia nut and charge the mark with attempt to buy "an imitation controlled substance" — as a juror you can vote not guilty. No judge will ever tell you that you can do such a thing, but you still have the right.

In case you are wondering, defense lawyers are not allowed to tell jurors this little bit of law. A judge may cite a lawyer for contempt for telling the truth to a panel of jurors — go figure.

4) By the way, if you try to invoke your rights as a juror, the law will be on

your side, but you should still be prepared for the worst. In 1997, a woman in Colorado, Laura Kriho, was actually sent to prison because she followed her conscience and refused to vote guilty in a drug-possession case.

She told other jurors that the state should not get involved in drug issues that are better settled by the family. The other jurors complained to the judge that Kriho would not vote guilty, so the judge dismissed her from the jury. Subsequently, she was arrested and convicted of contempt.

Fortunately, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled that the evidence used against Kriho that came from the deliberations was obtained improperly, hence her conviction was overturned. I think she is still waiting for an apology from the guy who prosecuted her.

John Calvin Jones is a *DI* columnist.

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Woodstock '99: 3 days of peace, love and capitalism

Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin will be rolling in their graves this weekend, as the music festival that they helped immortalize sells its soul to corporate greed.

The creation of Woodstock '99 was, in some ways, a noble idea. The first Woodstock 30 years ago was, after all, memorable enough that many would find it worth re-creating. This was done in 1994 for its 25th anniversary and has been done again for this latest opportunity to capitalize on the Woodstock legacy.

Lucky us, huh? Now, thanks to Woodstock's brilliant organizers, we can enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime event time and time again. Free-spirited concert-goers can just pile into a Volkswagen van, pitch a tent, and camp out for another three days of peace, love and music.

As long, of course, as their credit cards can support it. Three-day tickets for this year's event (single day tickets are not

for sale) run approximately \$150, along with a \$7 "travel fee." Hotel accommodations are a must, because camping on the site is prohibited, and it may take more than a Volkswagen to reach Rome, N.Y. — about three hours northwest of the Woodstock's original site.

But still, who wouldn't want to miss this? Woodstock is not just a big music fest anymore, it's a full-fledged corporate entity. Can't make it to this weekend's shows? Why, order it on pay-per-view. At \$59.95, it's a bargain — throw some mud on the living room floor, charge a friend \$5 for a drink, and Woodstock can be had in the comfort of your own home. For the more enthusiastic fans, authentic Woodstock apparel can be obtained not only at the concerts, but at wood-

stock.com, where the official Woodstock '99 polo shirt runs for a modest \$29.95. Were you there or not? Your grandkids will never know the difference!

And if you are going? Better leave the magic bus behind. Woodstock '99 offers a travel package that includes round-trip air fare and three nights at the "deluxe Syracuse Hotel." Shuttle service, meanwhile, will be provided to and from the concert site. What a deal!

So what, you say, if Woodstock '99 is an extravagant display of commercialism. It will still be the uninhibited, free-swinging love-in that it once was. Who can stop that?

Its organizers can. On the agenda this year? No camping, no children, no pets, no drugs, no cell phones and no sneaking in. To prevent gate-crashers, who composed most of Woodstock's 1969 crowd, Woodstock '99 organizers have installed a 12-foot high, wood-and-steel reinforced wall around the entire premises, ensuring that all of the expected crowd will have paid hundreds of dollars to get in.

"This is not your father's Woodstock," said John Scher, one of the event's organizers, to *Entertainment Weekly*. True indeed. In fact, it's barely even Woodstock. The iconoclastic attitudes and appreciation of music that

Vietnam vets and hillbillies, what most of this year's Woodstock attendees have to rally against is price increases at the Gap.

It is only too unfortunate that I will be missing out on this event, seeing as how it will likely have a dramatic impact on those who will be there this weekend. That is, at least, on their wallets. Those of us who won't make it, however, can take solace in the fact that Woodstock will inevitably show up once again, either when another anniversary arises or its organizers need to pay some bills. You can't keep a cash machine like this down for long, and I'm anxious to see what Woodstock 2069 will have to offer.

I think I'll start saving up for it now.

Jesse Ammerman is the *DI* Viewpoints editor.

On the SPOT

Have the media given too much attention to the Kennedy tragedy?



"Too much coverage has been given. The family has the right to grieve in their own way without having cameras in their faces."

Elisha Pendleton
UI graduate student



"They've been giving the right amount of coverage, but it seems they presumed the worst at the beginning. It set a melancholy tone."

Craig Bentley
UI graduate student



"I think eight hours of coverage (a day) is a bit much, but I guess everyone's interested in it."

Holly Clark
UI sophomore



"It's the right amount of coverage to let people know what happened."

Thone Houang
UI freshman



"They have. I think running all this footage has to be hard on the family, especially his sister."

Randy Ringnald
UI graduate

CITY & NATION

Fugitive of 23 years posts \$1 million bond

■ Kathleen Soliah, a former member of the SLA accused in 1970s bombing, was granted her release.

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Friends of Symbionese Liberation Army fugitive Kathleen Ann Soliah posted her \$1 million bail Tuesday, allowing her to return to Minnesota to await trial on charges she planted bombs under police cars during the 1970s.

"I'm just looking forward to going home and being with my family and experiencing with my daughters the trauma of everyday teen-age life, cooking food for my friends, saying hello to my dog Emma," Soliah said after walking out of a county jail and being embraced by her husband.

Defense attorney Susan B. Jordan told a judge that 250 people — including artists,

lawyers, doctors, bankers, bakers and landscapers — had contributed large and small amounts to raise the \$1 million. Soliah would not violate their trust, she said.

"If she absconded, one of these 250 people would know about it before the electronic monitoring people," Jordan said.

Soliah, 52, had been underground for 23 years before she was captured last month in St. Paul, Minn., where she had been living as Sara Jane Olson, a doctor's wife, a mother of three and a local stage actress.

Bail was posted during a hearing before Superior Court Judge Larry P. Fidler, who accepted a plan to have Soliah electronically monitored in St. Paul. Her husband, Dr. Gerald Peterson, and her mother were in court. She flashed a big smile in their direction as she was being led away.

Speaking forcefully after her release, Soliah said spending five weeks in custody was "a

real education." She thanked "friends who have been so supportive and who worked so hard for me, and put up their houses and their retirement funds to get me out of jail."

Soliah was indicted in 1976 on conspiracy to murder and explosives charges. Prosecutors allege that in 1975 she placed bombs under two Los Angeles police cars in retaliation for a 1974 shoot-out with police in which six SLA members were killed. The bombs did not go off.

If convicted, she could get up to life in prison.

The SLA was a radical group that kidnapped newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst, who later went to prison for taking part in an SLA bank robbery.

Soliah's lawyers said there is no evidence linking her to the attempted bombings and there will be no effort to plea-bargain. No trial date has been set.

FBI agents acting on a tip generated by the TV show "America's Most Wanted" captured Soliah.



Nick UI/Associated Press
Former fugitive Kathleen Ann Soliah, accused of planting bombs under police cars as a Symbionese Liberation Army member 24 years ago, looks up at her attorney in Federal Court during her bail hearing in downtown Los Angeles Tuesday. Soliah was granted release from jail Tuesday after posting \$1 million bail.

Toxic spill forces evacuation

SPILL

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for emergency situations. Another tour had been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

"Being familiar with the plant was definitely helpful," Rocca said.

Two police officers were treated in connection to the spill, but their conditions were not considered serious, Lord said. No other injuries were reported.

Approximately 400 employees working in the plant at the time of the spill were asked to stay inside.

"We shut down the heating and ventilation system within three minutes so that no fumes would

enter the building," Burnette said. The evacuation was a frightening experience for many residents and workers.

"I left right away because they said it was pretty toxic," said Audrey Young, a UI junior. "It was pretty scary."

Nearby businesses, including Oral-B and MidAmerican Energy, both on Lower Muscatine Road, were also asked to evacuate employees.

"The firemen came into the office and asked us to urgently evacuate," said Barbara Van Wyk, a MidAmerican Energy employee.

Procter & Gamble officials and the fire department are investigating the cause of the leak.

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Plugge named superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT

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The board looked into the problems Plugge faced in Grand Island, Mims said, adding that they occurred only with the first board that he worked for.

She said the current Grand Island board is pleased with Plugge's performance.

Plugge said he wants to begin his new job around Aug. 15, before the start of the new school year.

Throughout the hiring process, the board received criticism on the manner in which interviews were conducted.

Board member Linda Levey said the decision-making process was difficult. The board conducted its own research on the candidates in addition to reports from the Bickert Group search firm.

"With the press raising all that baggage, we felt we had to check it," she said.

Board members felt they were doing their best and said they knew complaints were not from the citizens.

"The people we've talked to

have been very appreciative," Mims said. "It was an excellent process."

Levey agreed that the board proceeded in a proper fashion.

"I don't know how we could have been more inclusive than we were, unless we went door-to-door," she said.

The board had to choose between Plugge and Peter Flynn of Fayette County School District, Lexington, Ky. The third finalist, Mick Starevich, of College Community School District, Cedar Rapids, withdrew from consideration Monday.

"As I went through the process, I learned a lot about the district and was very impressed," Starevich said. "I had to look at what I accomplished at College Community, and this is where I wanted to stay."

Plugge has been hired on a three-year contract with a base salary of \$113,000.

"We have a great new superintendent," Mims said. "The longer he's here, the more people will get to know and appreciate him."

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Plane dropped 5,000 feet per minute

KENNEDY

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4,700 foot-per-minute estimate from Monday's briefing.

Though officials repeatedly warned against speculation, some aviation experts said Kennedy could have been experiencing a common problem among young pilots: spatial disorientation.

"Your middle ear ... can be tricked and what you think is up is sideways and what you think is sideways is up," said David Hinson, a former FAA administrator.

Several experienced pilots who flew into the Vineyard on the night of July 16 said the hazy skies and darkness were challenging even for them.

On the fourth full day of the search, the Federal Aviation Administration acknowledged it was asked in a phone call from an intern at the Martha's Vineyard Airport to help locate the plane.

The caller, 21-year-old Adam Budd, expressed no great urgency

as he telephoned an FAA station in Bridgeport, Conn., on July 16, FAA officials said. He said he called at the request of an unidentified couple who had come to the airport to meet Bessette. The couple told Budd that they had expected Kennedy's plane between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

At 10:05 p.m., Budd called the FAA's Automated Flight Service Station in Bridgeport, Conn. According to a transcript of the conversation, Budd asked an unidentified worker if he could track Kennedy's plane.

"Actually, Kennedy Jr.'s on board. He's uh, they want to know, uh, where he is," Budd said.

Budd never said he thought the plane might be in trouble.

When the operator told him he wouldn't give him the information over the phone, Budd backed off: "OK, well, if it's too much trouble, it's ... I'll just have 'em wait ... It's not a big deal."

The couple left the airport, and Budd did, too, assuming that Kennedy's plans had changed.

As it turned out, the plane had gone down about 9:40 p.m.

Firm to introduce patch birth control

PATCH

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method of birth control.

"Although it does sound like a good idea for some people because of its simplicity, I would want it to be really inconspicuous," she said.

Although the patch is supposed to be as effective as birth-control pills, Leslie Loveless, board president of Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St., said she was worried about the spread of HIV/AIDS.

"It doesn't seem like a good barrier method for disease like condoms," Loveless said. "Not every method that prevents pregnancy also prevents disease."

But some say the patch could

have some positive aspects, such as eliminating the hassle of taking a pill every day and the reversibility of the effects once the patch is removed.

"There aren't a heck of a lot of options," said Kevin Ault, an assistant professor of obstetrics/gynecology. "So, yeah, I think women would use it because it seems like there are a lot of advantages."

Sutlive said the patch probably would not be the most popular form of birth control for women.

"I think people have been using the pill for so long," she said. "It is more reliable and private. Plus, it is really cheap."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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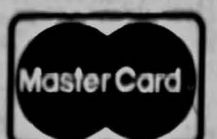
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TELEVISION

Main Event

The Event: Major League Baseball, Cardinals at Reds, 6:30 p.m., ESPN
The Skinny: The Reds are in first place, but most people don't know who a lot of these guys are. Find out tonight on ESPN.



Major League Baseball

1 p.m. Pirates at Cubs, WGN
 6:30 p.m. Cardinals at Reds, ESPN
 7 p.m. White Sox at Twins, Fox-Chi
 9:30 p.m. Oakland at Seattle, ESPN

QUOTABLE

"We all get tossed out like last year's lettuce at some point. I didn't think it would be this year."
 — Recently unemployed quarterback Erik Kramer after he was waived by the Chicago Bears Tuesday.

SPORTS QUIZ

Which one of Joe Fermino's teammates last year at Barton County CC, was drafted in the 1999 NBA Draft?
 See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL			
Los Angeles	8	Baltimore	4
Pittsburgh	4	Mets	1
Philadelphia	5	Toronto	11
Tampa Bay	4	Atlanta	6
Cubs	8	Yankees	7
Royals	7	Montreal	4
San Diego	2	White Sox	
Anaheim	1	Milwaukee	
Oakland	4	Cleveland	
Colorado	3	Houston	
Cincinnati	5	San Francisco	
Detroit	2	Texas	
Boston	7	Arizona	
Florida	1	Seattle	
St. Louis		See standings on	
Minnesota		Page 2B	

Elway may join bid to buy franchises

DENVER (AP) — Former Broncos quarterback John Elway has joined an effort to buy the Denver Nuggets, the Colorado Avalanche and their future arena from Ascent Entertainment Group Inc., a newspaper reported Tuesday.

Businessmen Lars Erik Borgen and George Gillett, who already had offered to buy the basketball and hockey teams and the Pepsi Center, are teaming up with the retired quarterback, the Denver Post reported, citing a source it did not name.

Two other bidders have also submitted formal bids to Ascent's board of directors, the newspaper reported. It said one of them is Denver businessman Donald Sturm, but the other wasn't named.

Borgen is a Denver mutual fund entrepreneur. Gillett owns Vail-based Booth Creek Ski Holdings Inc., and is a former owner of the Vail and Beaver Creek ski resorts. Sturm is a millionaire real estate investor and owns the Bank of Cherry Creek.

Neither Elway nor Ascent acting chairman Chuck Neinas would comment. Ascent officials did not return a telephone message seeking comment left by the Associated Press.

Ascent, a publicly held corporation based in Denver, agreed in March to sell the Nuggets, the Avalanche and the Pepsi Center to Bill Laurie and Wal-Mart heiress Nancy Walton Laurie for \$400 million.

But that deal fell through after Ascent shareholders filed lawsuits asserting that the price was below market value and that former Ascent chairman Charlie Lyons sacrificed the interests of shareholders in negotiating a sweetheart deal for himself.

A 'shocked' Kramer goes from being No. 1 to unemployed

The Bears' all-time leading passer was surprised his team did not want him back.

By Nancy Armour
 Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Erik Kramer didn't even make it to training camp as the Chicago Bears' No. 1 quarterback.

The Bears' career passing leader was cut Tuesday, two days before the opening of training camp. Although he missed the second half of last season after shoulder and knee surgery, he had just worked out for the Bears on Sunday and felt he was ready to play.

"It was a shock. I had no idea. This came out of nowhere," Kramer said. "I'm not going to say I was lied to, but I don't know. Obviously, I wasn't being treated honestly."

New Bears coach Dick Jauron had said repeatedly that, despite taking UCLA quarterback Cade McNown 12th overall in the 1999 draft, Kramer was Chicago's No. 1 quarterback, and it was his job to lose. The Bears supposedly wanted to bring McNown along slowly, allowing him to learn from Kramer.

So much for that plan. The way it was explained by Jauron and Mark Hatley, the Bears' vice president of player personnel, Kramer became expendable after impressive performances by McNown and journeyman quarterbacks Shane Matthews, Jim Miller and Moses Moreno during spring mini-camps.

"We like the way these guys are progressing," Jauron said. "We made the decision to go this way because of what we think we have at this position, the potential. We're not talking about potential two years from now. We're not, in any way, lessening our

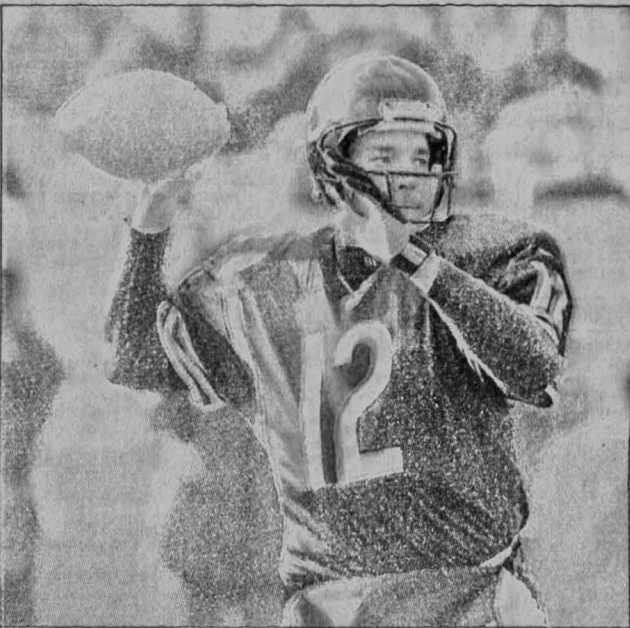
dreams and ambitions this year. We're not saying that at all."

McNown is still unsigned, although agent Tom Condon — Kramer's agent, too, coincidentally — was at Halas Hall for more negotiations Tuesday. The Bears expect him to be signed before camp starts, Hatley said.

Even if McNown does sign, he won't automatically become the No. 1 quarterback.

"This guy is a rare find; he is our future. We want to make sure we handle him the right way," Jauron said. "I can tell you it's going to be Cade's (job) at some time. I don't know when that will be."

"I don't think you'll be able to hold him off for long," he added. Kramer was asked if McNown is ready to be No. 1.



Beth A. Keiser/Associated Press
 Chicago Tuesday waived Erik Kramer, who became its all-time leading passer in his five years with the team.

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Joe Fermino's long road to Iowa

After three high schools and three colleges, Iowa's newest big man is where he wants to be.

By Greg Wallace
 The Daily Iowan

Joe Fermino hasn't earned his bachelor's degree from any universities yet. The Boston native already has his own special degree, though. It's a Ph.D. in the school of hard knocks.

After a basketball career characterized by move after move, most of them bad, Fermino is hoping that Iowa, his third college, is his final one. Now that he's here in Iowa City, he intends to earn his degree and make Carver-Hawkeye Arena his basketball home for the rest of his playing days.

After attending a high school and two prep schools before graduation, Fermino was recruited by ACC and Big East schools. He took the SAT four times and finally achieved the minimum requirements for freshman eligibility, but it was too late — the big schools had lost interest in him.

Fermino decided on Monmouth, N.J., College, a lower Division I college, where he felt he could grab a starting position right away. It was a freshman year in hell. The team went 5-23, and Monmouth was clearly a poor fit for Fermino.

"It was horrible, a bad experience," Fermino said. "Kids didn't care. We'd go into games, they'd say, 'We're gonna lose, we know we're gonna lose.' It wasn't a good scene at all."

Disappointed by his experi-



J.J. Hynes/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Joe Fermino (left) takes a shot in a Prime Time League game Monday. Fermino comes to Iowa from Barton County CC, a junior college in Kansas, where his team went to the NJCAA championship game.

ence at Monmouth, Fermino transferred to Barton County Community College, a junior college powerhouse in Kansas. His time there was much more successful; the team went 35-3, losing in the national title game to Indian Hills of Ottumwa, Iowa.

Fermino played with Aleksander Radojevic, who was the 12th selection overall in the recent NBA draft. He averaged 12 points and 5 rebounds per game, which are deceptively low because of the balanced attack that Barton

County employed. Even Radojevic averaged only 13 points per game.

"Out east, the junior colleges are horrible, but here in the Midwest they're great. It's unbelievable how good and how competitive they are here. It took me a while to adjust, but I finally did, and it's great out there."

Fermino was being recruited by new Iowa Coach Steve Alford while he was still at Southwest Missouri State, as well as by Texas Christian and UNLV. But once Alford got the head job at Iowa, there was no

doubt in Fermino's mind where he was going to continue his basketball journey. Alford accepted the Iowa job on March 22, and in late April, Fermino agreed to become a Hawkeye.

"Once he told me he had the job, I knew in my mind I was going to sign (with Iowa) regardless of what happened," Fermino said. "You can't beat the Big Ten, and Iowa is well known for its basketball."

The clearest factor in Fermino's attraction to Iowa is Alford. Fermino said that although Southwest Missouri State was too small for his tastes, he loves the young coach's style and attitude toward his players.

"He's a real down to earth guy," Fermino said. "He's a player's coach, he can relate to us, and he's been there and done that. He's really someone that I can relate to and listen to."

Fermino is just what Alford needed after losing big men Guy Rucker and J.R. Koch, as well as forwards Joey Range and Jess Settles from last year's Sweet Sixteen team. The only returnee with size and experience up front is Jacob Jaacks, whom Fermino will be counted on to team-up with in the paint come November.

"He's very athletic," Alford said. "That's going to help, because we lost a lot of athleticism. He's going to fit in very well playing the four-three position."

"Lack of size is definitely going to be an issue next year," Jaacks said. "I'll be taking one of the other team's big guys, and I see Joe taking the other big guy on."

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U.S., rattled by Brazil, rolls on to victory

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Brazil played so well that its players walked off the floor believing that the impossible is now possible — that the American team can be beaten.

Brazil gave the United States its first scare of the Olympic qualifying tournament Tuesday night, pulling within three points early in the second half before losing 90-73.

"In order to beat the Dream Team we'd have to be very lucky, and they would have to have a very, very bad day," guard Demetrius Conrado said.

It was the toughest game for an American team of NBA professionals since the gold medal match against Yugoslavia in the 1996 Olympics. The Brazilians came out energized, and stayed the more aggressive team into the second half.

"We feel we won the game," assistant coach Enio Vecchi said. "We're proud of the work we did, we were consistent, we hit shots, we played better. We have a history of playing well against teams like the United States and Yugoslavia, and in this game we did it again."

Steve Smith, Tim Duncan and Allan Houston broke the United States out of its lethargy, combining for all but two points in a 30-11 run that gave the Americans a 78-56 lead with 7 minutes left.

Duncan finished with 24 points, 12 rebounds and three blocks, Smith had four 3-pointers and 18 points and Houston scored 13 as the United States, playing before a sparse crowd that appeared to be less than 2,000, won its sixth game of the tournament.

No team had managed to keep things close against the Americans for more than a couple minutes, but the Brazilians did.

"We came out and felt we were going to blow Brazil away," Jason Kidd said. "But they shot the ball well."

On the mound and at the plate, Sanders clutch for Chicago

CHICAGO — Reliever Scott Sanders singled home the go-ahead run in a five-run fifth inning as the Chicago Cubs rallied from a three-run deficit to beat the Kansas City Royals 8-7 Tuesday, stopping a three-game losing streak.

Manny Alexander singled, doubled and tripled, going 3-for-5 with two RBIs for the Cubs, who out-hit Kansas City 15-14.

Chicago finished interleague play 6-9, while the Royals went 6-12.

Sanders (4-4), who went 2-for-3 in the second two-hit game of his career, entered in the fourth inning with the Cubs trailing 5-2 and allowed one run and three hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Terry Adams pitched the ninth for his seventh save in eight chances, allowing a home run to

Carlos Beltran, who went 4-for-5. With the potential tying run at first, Joe Randa hit into a game-ending double play.

Dodgers 8 Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH — Todd Hundley hit a go-ahead, two-run homer in the eighth inning as the Los Angeles Dodgers bounced back after ace Kevin Brown squandered a four-run lead.

Hundley followed Raul Mondesi's leadoff walk by connecting off Brad Clontz (0-3) for his 14th homer, his second in two games and seventh in 17 games.

Brown (10-6), who had been winless in four starts since beating San Francisco 4-2 on June 25, struck out seven in seven innings but gave up Brant Brown's two-run homer in the fifth and run-scoring doubles by Warren Morris

and Ed Sprague in the seventh. Devil Rays 5, Phillies 4, 13 innings

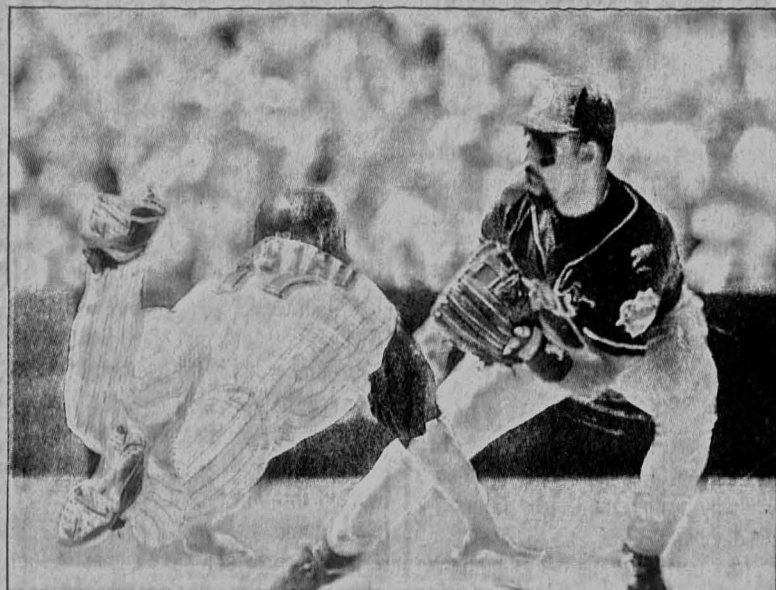
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Fred McGriff hit a sacrifice fly in the 13th inning, and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-4 Tuesday for just their fourth win in 18 interleague games.

Pinch-hitter Kevin Stocker walked against Steve Schrenk (0-1) leading off the 13th, Miguel Cairo sacrificed, Dave Martinez was intentionally walked and Herbert Perry was hit by a pitch.

Athletics 4, Rockies 3

OAKLAND, Calif. — Kenny Rogers allowed three hits in 7 2-3 innings, winning his 17th straight decision at the Oakland Coliseum, and the Athletics completed a three-game sweep with a

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Reed Saxon/Associated Press
 San Diego Padres second baseman Quilvio Veras waits to tag out Darin Erstad of the Anaheim Angels Tuesday.

SPORTS

SPORTS QUIZ

Alex Radovic was the 12th pick in the first round and will be spending his days north of the border in Toronto.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDINGS

Table with columns: East Division, Central Division, West Division, W, L, Pct., GB. Lists standings for teams like Toronto, Boston, Tampa Bay, Baltimore, Cleveland, Chicago, Kansas City, Detroit, Minnesota, Seattle, Anaheim.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

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WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

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BASEBALL

BASEBALL HALL OF FAME—Named Frank Simio vice president of business and administration, Ted Spencer vice president and chief curator, Jeff Iselson vice president of communications and education, Anne McFarland director of technical services, Mary Wiedeman Quinn director of exhibits and design, and John Odell curator of history and research.

AMERICAN LEAGUE OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed Of Tim Raines on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 19. Recalled RHP Blake Stern from Vancouver of the PCL. TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Acquired RHP Marty Barnett from the Philadelphia Phillies for a player to be named and assigned to Durham of the International League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE FLORIDA MARLINS—Signed INF Mariano Duncan to a minor-league contract and assigned him to Calgary of the PCL. HOUSTON ASTROS—Placed INF Jack Howell on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to July 18. Recalled INF Doyle Ward from New Orleans of the PCL.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE INDIANAPOLIS INDIANS—Announced the promotion of LHP Justin Alchey from Chattanooga of the Southern League.

BASKETBALL DENVER NUGGETS—Signed F James Posey to a three-year contract. Signed WR Chad Plummer. DETROIT LIONS—Signed WR Herman Moore to a contract extension through the 2005 season.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed LB Jeremy Beutler. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed RB Jerome Charyn and RB Joe Aka. TERMINATED the contract of OL Sale Isala. Waived OL David Andres and OL Trey Sartin.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed K Wade Richey to a one-year contract and RB Charlie Garner to a two-year contract. ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed P Rodney Williams.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to terms with F Dean Sylvester. Signed P Nelson Emerson. FLORIDA PANthers—Signed C-RW Eric Boguniecki and RW Craig Reicher.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed RW Glen Metropolit. SALT LAKE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE—Named Heather Linhart figure skating sport manager for the Olympic Games of 2002.

MID-CONTINENT CONFERENCE—Named Dustin Bozwell assistant commissioner for external affairs, effective Aug. 16. ALVERNA—Named Edward L. Haas assistant director of athletics for sports information.

BUCKNELL—Named Douglas Hess assistant soccer coach, Stacy Belman graduate assistant athletic trainer, and John Barnett assistant athletic trainer.

AMERICAN LEAGUE LEADERS BATTING—Jeter, New York, .376; T.Fernandez, Toronto, .358; GarciaParra, Boston, .349; PAlfaro, Texas, .346; Surhoff, Baltimore, .339; BeWilliams, New York, .337; SGreen, Toronto, .331; MRamirez, Cleveland, .331.

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STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 187; Mussina, Baltimore, 107; CFIney, Anaheim, 107; DWells, Toronto, 106; Colon, Cleveland, 99; Cone, New York, 97; Sele, 92; A. 95. SAVES—RHernandez, Tampa Bay, 27; Wetteland, Texas, 27; Taylor, Oakland, 25; MRivera, New York, 24; Perovich, Anaheim, 23; MJackson, Cleveland, 20; Mesa, Seattle, 18.

NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING—Casey, Cincinnati, .373; LWalker, Colorado, .370; LGonzalez, Arizona, .357; HRodriguez, Chicago, .336; Glavine, Philadelphia, .334; Kendall, Pittsburgh, .332; Abreu, Philadelphia, .324.

HOME RUNS—Sosa, Chicago, 34; McGwire, St. Louis, 32; Bagwell, Houston, 31; LWalker, Colorado, 27; Bell, Arizona, 27; Bumitz, Milwaukee, 26; Rolen, Philadelphia, 24; CVAUGHN, Cincinnati, 24.

STOLEN BASES—Cedeno, New York, 50; Womack, Arizona, 39; EYoung, Los Angeles, 34; Cameron, Cincinnati, 28; Henderson, New York, 27; DuJackson, San Diego, 23; Reese, Cincinnati, 22; Kendall, Pittsburgh, 22; RSanden, San Diego, 22.

PITCHING (12 Decisions)—Botterfield, St. Louis, 14-3, 3.24; O11, Hampton, Houston, 12-3, 3.00; 2:81; Schilling, Philadelphia, 14-4, 7.78, 3.06; Lima, Houston, 13-4, 7.65, 3.20; Astly, San Diego, 9-4, 6.92, 3.00; Woodard, Milwaukee, 11-5, 6.87, 4.04; Milwood, Atlanta, 11-5, 6.87, 3.27.

STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Arizona, 219; Schilling, Philadelphia, 138; Brown, Los Angeles, 127; Reynolds, Houston, 125; Hitchcock, San Diego, 117; Astacio, Colorado, 116; Ortiz, San Francisco, 115.

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Fermino says aggression will make up for lack of size

FERMINO Continued from Page 1B Fermino is a complete player, and is very mobile for a player of his size. He is just as likely to take a mid to long-range jumper as he is to be battling for a rebound under the glass or throwing down a tomahawk slam. On a normal

Iowa team, he would be playing a small forward's position, but due to the Hawkeyes' lack of big men, look for Fermino to man the power forward position. "The fans are really going to enjoy his style of play," Jaacks said. "His aggression is a big part of his game, and his willingness to learn the game is also great."

"I've got a big heart," Fermino said. "I'm going to work hard, and give them 110 percent. I'm going to play four (power forward), and I'll be small for the Big Ten, but my hard work is going to make up for that." Fermino knows he'll have to shoulder much of the load, but finally achieving his dream

playing under the bright lights of college basketball makes it all worthwhile. "I've been looking forward to this my whole life," Fermino said. "It never came true because of my SAT scores, but now I finally get a chance, and I am excited."

Kramer questions Chicago's decision to release him

KRAMER Continued from Page 1B said. "Hey, if you're a parent and your 14-year-old comes home with a straight-A report card, that doesn't mean you give him the keys to the car." Kramer, 34, led the Bears in passing last season despite missing the last eight games. He completed 60 percent of his passes for 1,823 yards and nine touchdowns. He threw for 10,582 yards and 63 touchdowns in five years with Chicago.

the first four games of the 1996 season but a neck injury kept him out the rest of the year. Then there were shoulder and knee injuries last year. "When I was hobbling around, I told (them), 'Whatever happens, just let me know. If you have a change of heart, all I ask is that you be up front with me and let me know what's going on,'" Kramer said. That didn't happen, Kramer said. "I asked them today, 'At least be honest with me and tell me why it's changed,'" he said. "They

couldn't." It was simply a decision based on football, Hatley said. It had nothing to do with injuries or money. Kramer had two years left on a three-year, \$9 million deal that included a \$2 million signing bonus. "There's nothing easy about this decision," Hatley said. "We came up with a feeling this was best for the Chicago Bears." Kramer laughed at that. "How do you go from No. 1 to No. 5?" he asked. "If they think I'm the fifth-best quarterback on this roster, they're crazy." Although he did miss half of

last season, there won't be an injury settlement for Kramer. He passed a physical last weekend. And when he worked out for the Bears on Sunday, a videocamera was rolling. "That should have been my first clue. I thought they were videotaping it because they wanted to put together a training tape," he said. "I couldn't understand why no one was jumping over backward or doing cartwheels on what a good workout I'd had. "I thought it was an oversight on their part. Apparently, it wasn't."

Ramirez reaches 100 RBI mark in Cleveland victory

BASEBALL ROUNDUP Continued from Page 2B 4-3 win over the Colorado Rockies. Ben Grieve homered for the second straight game, and Matt Stairs and Eric Chavez also homered for the A's, who have won five of six since the All-Star break. Padres 2, Angels 1 ANAHEIM, Calif. — Mark Petkovsek's throwing error allowed Carlos Baerga to score from third with the go-ahead run in the ninth inning Tuesday, and the San Diego Padres beat the Anaheim Angels 2-1 for a three-game sweep. With runners at first and third, Petkovsek (9-3) appeared to be faking a throw to third, but the ball slipped out of his hand and rolled into foul territory between third and home. Baerga scored ahead of third baseman Jeff Huson's throw to the plate. Reds 5, Tigers 2 CINCINNATI — Greg Vaughn homered and Sean Casey doubled home two runs as the Cincinnati Reds avoided a sweep by beating the Detroit Tigers 5-2 Tuesday night. Steve Parris got his career-high seventh victory by allowing six hits in seven innings, including solo homers by Juan Encarnacion and Damion Easley. Parris

(7-1) had won six games twice before. The right-hander was the last Reds pitcher cut during spring training, but has become the most successful member of the rotation since being called up May 3 to replace Brett Tomko. Blue Jays 11, Braves 6 TORONTO — Darrin Fletcher hit a tiebreaking grand slam in the sixth inning as the Toronto Blue Jays rallied to beat the Atlanta Braves 11-6 Tuesday night to complete a three-game sweep. Toronto, which has won four straight and 11 of 14, trailed 5-4 before a six-run sixth. After third baseman Chipper Jones misplayed a grounder, allowing Shannon Stewart to reach, Craig Grebeck singled, Shawn Green reached on a fielder's choice and Carlos Delgado hit an RBI single off Tom Glavine (8-9) to tie it. Orioles 4, Mets 1 BALTIMORE — Sidney Ponson pitched a six-hitter and Albert Belle hit his 20th homer as the Baltimore Orioles defeated the New York Mets 4-1 Tuesday night to avert a three-game sweep. Ponson (9-6) struck out three and walked three in his AL-high fifth complete game. He went 3-0 with a 2.06 ERA and three complete games in four starts against the NL East this season. Yankees 7, Expos 4 NEW YORK — Paul O'Neill hit a

tiebreaking two-run double in the seventh inning and the New York Yankees scored four unearned runs to give Roger Clemens his first win in three weeks, 7-4 over the Montreal Expos on Tuesday night. Clemens (9-4) struggled for seven innings, allowing nine hits, three walks and retiring the side in order just once. He gave up four runs — three earned — and stranded seven runners, including the bases loaded in the seventh. Red Sox 7, Marlins 1 BOSTON — Jason Varitek drove in four runs and Brian Rose stopped Boston's streak of poor starts with seven strong innings, leading the Red Sox over the Florida Marlins 7-1 Tuesday night. Rose (6-2) allowed one run and four hits in seven innings. Derek Lowe pitched a hitless eighth and Rich Garces finished with a one-hit ninth. Sox won two straight starts after going winless in four. Rangers 6, Giants 3 ARLINGTON, Texas — Rick Helling pitched 6 2-3 strong innings for his first win in a month as the Texas Rangers completed a three-game sweep of the San Francisco Giants, 6-3 Tuesday night. Todd Zeile and Ivan Rodriguez drove in two runs each for the Rangers, who have won five of six.

Indians 7, Astros 1 HOUSTON — Manny Ramirez hit a three-run homer and became the first player this season to reach 100 RBIs, and the Cleveland Indians stopped the Houston Astros' eight-game winning streak, 7-1 Tuesday night. Bartolo Colon (9-3) allowed one run and five hits in eight innings run, as Cleveland ended a four-game losing streak, its longest since last Sept. 22-25. Brewers 5, White Sox 4 MILWAUKEE — Alex Ochoa hit a go-ahead home run off Sean Lowe in the seventh inning Tuesday night as the Milwaukee Brewers overcame a four-run deficit to beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4. Trailing 4-0 in the fourth, Milwaukee closed with two runs. After walks to Geoff Jenkins and Marquis Grissom, Jose Valentin hit a sacrifice fly, pitcher Mike Sirotko threw late to third on Steve Woodard's sacrifice and Ron Belliard walked with the bases loaded. Twins 4, Cardinals 2 ST. LOUIS — Brad Radke threw 7 1-3 strong innings and Jacobs Jones homered and had two RBIs as the Minnesota Twins beat the St. Louis Cardinals 4-2 Tuesday night. The American League's worst team took two of three from the Cardinals, who are 22-26 at home and two games above .500 on the road.

Partial view of another page containing sports news and advertisements.

SPORTS

Anguished memories from the Open

Pros at the British Open cursed like everyday golfers last weekend.

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

CARNOUSTIE, Scotland — Three days before the first tee shot in the British Open disappeared into the rough and the first curse was uttered at Carnoustie Golf Links, Mark Brooks tossed a ball into the hay and handed his caddie the sand wedge.

"You try it," he said. The caddie could see the ball through lush, green grass that was hidden by wheatlike strands swaying in the wind. He set down the bag, planted his feet and took a Ruthian swing. The ball hopped like a toad, visible only for a second before vanishing into more deep rough.

Brooks chuckled, took the sand wedge from his caddie and gracefully lofted the ball 20 yards into the fairway on the 15th hole. We see them kneel deep in the grass. We see only the top of their hats as they stand in the abyss of a pot bunker. We see them whiff. We see double bogeys, sometimes worse.

Put the best golfers in the world on the toughest links



Elise Amendola/Associated Press
Sergio Garcia puts his hand to his head as he walks towards the 18th green, Friday.

course in the world under the most trying conditions, and we think they look a lot like us.

Wrong. They only sound like us. Tom Watson, a five-time British Open champion, had it right when he quoted Bobby Jones as saying that golf is not meant to be a fair game.

The problem was, as Watson also noted about Carnoustie, "We're not on a fair course."

If average players had to take on Carnoustie last week, they might still be there. Make the

officials who set up the course play a round of golf in such fabricated conditions and the British Open might not have resembled a U.S. Open on steroids.

"No one in the R & A could break 100 around here," Phil Mickelson said. "And that includes Sir Michael Bonallack."

Bonallack is the secretary of the Royal and Ancient, and one of the top officials on the defensive when 30 percent of the field failed to break 80 in the first two rounds.

Among the casualties was Sergio Garcia, who had rounds of 89-83 and vowed to not even watch the British Open on television that weekend.

Look what he missed — a collapse like no other when Jean Van de Velde took a triple bogey on the 72nd hole to cause a playoff. Garcia also would have missed Paul Lawrie becoming the least accomplished player to win the British Open in its 139-year history.

Lawrie was ranked 159th, the lowest to win a major since John Daly (No. 168) overpowered Crooked Stick in 1991 to win the PGA Championship. Lawrie, a 30-year-old Scotsman who had only two European tour victories, didn't overwhelm anything or anybody.

Cone collects third key to New York City

NEW YORK (AP) — David Cone, who pitched the 14th perfect game in modern baseball history and 16th overall, collected his third key to the city Tuesday and got a giant keychain to ensure none of them get lost.

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, an obsessive Yankees fan, told Cone that New Yorkers are "all living in the reflected glory" of the pitcher's masterpiece against the Montreal Expos on Sunday at Yankee Stadium.

Cone, who got his other keys after Yankee teams won the World Series in 1996 and 1998, told a crowd of about 250 persons inside City Hall that players appreciated Giuliani's exuberant support of the Bronx Bombers.

"Mr. Mayor, on behalf of all the Yankees players, I want to say how happy we are to have you as a fan, and how your sincerity as a Yankees fan really comes across," Cone said.

Entire court on which Jordan made his last shot to be auctioned

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — The entire basketball court on which Michael Jordan made the final shot of his career will be auctioned off by Michael Barnes, the man who negotiated the \$3 million sale of Mark McGwire's 70th home run ball.

The floor is the one the Utah Jazz used from 1996 to 1999 and on which Jordan made the jumper with 5.2 seconds left in the sixth game of the 1998 NBA finals. That beat Utah and gave Chicago its sixth NBA title in seven years.

"This will probably go down as one of the most expensive pieces of sports memorabilia ever sold," Barnes said.

Lawrie and Van de Velde both withdraw

HILVERSUM, Netherlands — Scotland's Paul Lawrie and France's Jean Van de Velde, two of the three players in Sunday's three-way British Open playoff, have pulled out of this week's Dutch Open, organizers said Tuesday.

Lawrie, who came back a 10-stroke deficit to snatch the claret jug, and Van de Velde, who triple-bogied the 18th at Scotland's Carnoustie Golf Links to blow a three-stroke lead, both cited "mental and physical exhaustion," as their reason.

The tournament is at the Hilversumsche Golf Club, east of Amsterdam.

Jagr opens up a chain of bars in Prague

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — Pittsburgh Penguins star Jaromir Jagr has opened the first of a chain of bars bearing his name.

The Jagr Sports Bar in downtown

SPORTS BRIEFS

Prague features a Hall of Fame of Czech athletes, four large screens and 35 TV sets. Patrons will be able to watch live NHL matches, soccer and track-and-fields events.

Police say angry driver rammed car, spectators

VINTON, Iowa — A race car driver who police say rammed another driver's car at the Benton County Speedway and then backed up into a crowd of spectators was in jail Tuesday on felony charges of criminal mischief and reckless driving.

One of three spectators struck by the car was taken to a hospital in Waterloo, where he was in good condition Tuesday, a nursing supervisor said.

Police said David Duane Dains, 41, of Marengo had become upset with another driver, Benjamin Metcalf, 23, of Evansdale, during Monday night's race.

Broncos reach contracts with top players

DENVER — The Denver Broncos, clearing salary cap room and rewarding top starters, have reached long-term deals with Bill Romanowski and Tom Nalen, the Denver Post reported today.

Romanowski, a starting linebacker, and Nalen, the team's center, each had two years remaining on their contracts. The new agreements extend the contracts for five years, the Post said.

The Broncos also added a handful of incentives to defensive tackle Keith Taylor's contract, making it possible for him to earn as much as other top tackles.

Former IU center arrested for beating girlfriend, second woman

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Indiana University basketball player William Gladness faces two misdemeanor battery charges after his girlfriend and another woman accused him of beating

them. Gladness, 25, was released on his own recognizance Monday after an initial court appearance in Marion Superior Court. He was declared indigent and granted a public defender. A pre-trial conference was set for Aug. 16.

Unassisted triple play turned in minors

MOBILE, Ala. — Second baseman Robbie Kent of the Southern League's Mobile BayBears turned in an unassisted triple play Monday night against Greenville.

Kent snagged a line drive hit by Steve Goodell as runners were going from first and second on a 3-2 pitch. He stepped on second, then tagged Wes Helms, running for first.

It was the first unassisted triple play in Mobile history.

Giants and Padres turn the clock ahead

NEW YORK — The San Diego Padres and San Francisco Giants will have a futuristic look for their game Wednesday, the first of a series of "Turn The Clock Ahead" games planned by major league baseball and Century 21 real estate.

The players will wear hats and jerseys projected to be the style in 2021. Positions on the field will be renamed to reflect the future with shortstop called "intermediate station" and left field becoming "left sector." The scoreboard will be graphically enhanced with special effects and the sound system will be modified digitally.

Over the second half of the season, 22 clubs will participate in the promotion.

Minor leaguers ready for Pan Am Games

A U.S. team full of minor leaguers has to finish first or second to qualify for the Olympics.

By Mel Reisner
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — This is as close as it gets to a baseball Dream Team — and that's a long way off.

The Pan American Games begin this weekend, and for the first time the baseball competition is open to professionals.

However, major league owners decided only those players not on 40-man rosters may compete. In addition, major league clubs denied the Pan Am teams other players.

The Americans must finish first or second in the nine-nation tournament to qualify for the Olympics. The baseball competition in Winnipeg, Manitoba, starts Sunday and ends Aug. 2.

"We're going to make the Olympics in 2000," said Arizona Diamondbacks prospect John Patterson, one of the top pitchers on the U.S. team. "I don't think it's going to be a question of whether we go. It's going to come down to us and Cuba in the gold-medal game."

The roster is filled with some former major leaguers such as Craig Paquette, Shawn Gilbert and Jason Hardtke. There are

also prospects with fewer than three professional seasons who didn't have to be protected on the 40-man roster for last December's major league draft.

"My biggest concern, quite frankly, is that these guys don't know each other, and there's always that transition period that you have to go through," U.S. manager Buddy Bell said. "We're going to try and do as much scouting as we can on those guys, but right now I have no feeling how it's going to go up there."

There is reason for concern. In a pair of warmup games, the Americans lost to the Dominican Republic 10-3 Saturday and 5-1 Monday. The Dominicans and Cuba have won nine of 12 Pan Am baseball titles since 1951.

Bell, the Detroit Tigers' manager from 1996-98 and Cincinnati's minor league coordinator, has been stressing the format of the tournament.

"It's like the seventh game of the World Series," Gilbert said. "How they explained it to us is that you have to get to the final game to be a part of the Olympics, and I think we realize that now."

The United States and Cuba are in the same Pan Am division. The Americans begin play Monday against Canada, followed on successive days by Mexico, Cuba and Brazil. The Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Panama and Nicaragua are in the other division.

Eight teams advance from the first round and will be reseeded for the quarterfinals, which start July 31. Then, the format is single elimination.

Gilbert, a 34-year-old outfielder, signed with Los Angeles this year after playing in 36 major league games with the New York Mets

and St. Louis Cardinals. Currently at Triple-A level in the Dodgers' organization, he is the oldest player on the roster — chosen as much for stability as ability.

College players earned the United States its only Pan Am gold in 1967 and took silver medals by finishing second to Cuba in 1951, 1963, 1971, 1975 and 1987.

If the United States makes the Olympics, it may be through the steady influence of players such as Gilbert and Paquette. Paquette, a 30-year-old infielder, played in 426 major league games with the Oakland Athletics, Kansas City Royals and Mets and is now at Triple-A.

"I think it's good that we have a lot of young guys and older ones," said left-hander Mark Mulder, a Triple-A pitcher for Oakland.

"The older guys, those are the guys who are going to step up for you and get the younger guys to step up too," he added. "I mean, I remember watching one of Cuba's games against Baltimore, and I didn't even know who he was, but an older guy stepped up for them and hit a two-run single or something. And those are the kind of things that seem to happen with older guys."



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Spawning a cartoon industry

The creator of *Spawn* turned to drawing when a career in baseball didn't work out.

By Michelle Rushlo
Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — Todd McFarlane's mind must work at a dizzying pace if the way he talks is any indication. Tune him out for a second and you'll be scrambling to catch up.

Ask whether he's religious, because his work often centers on theological themes, and the creator of the *Spawn* comic book empire says no, then launches into a rambling fantasy about God, Satan and Mother Nature in the world's final days.

Then, he veers: "I don't get why women are afraid of spiders," he says. "If (spiders) put on a little lip liner, you wouldn't squish spiders."

Clearly, there's a prolific imagination at work that has paid off handsomely. McFarlane, whose pro baseball hopes were dashed by a college injury, turned a dark, caped character first sketched in high school into a \$65 million empire of comic books, movies and action figures.

And, at age 38, he has indulged in baseball the way few fans can. In January he paid \$2.7 million for the crown jewel of collector baseballs, St. Louis slugger Mark McGwire's 70th home-run ball. He has eight other home-run balls pounded by McGwire and fellow record-breaker Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs.

McFarlane grew up reading comic books and sketching characters. His father, who taught graphic arts at a junior college, helped him publish his first comic book while he was still in high school.

McFarlane's *Spawn*, a mercenary anti-hero who bargained with the devil to return to Earth after his death, has changed little since those teen-age renderings. "You can tell it's an old design..." McFarlane says. "Modern comics don't have capes, masks, all the trappings of Batman and Superman."

Regardless of *Spawn*'s style,



Publicity Photo

Todd McFarlane's comic creation *Spawn* has evolved into a behemoth.

fans have responded well. The shadowy character has appeared in movies and cartoons, while *Spawn* books consistently rank among the top sellers.

"He is one of the giants in the industry," says Robert Overstreet, author of the *Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide*, a bible for comics collectors. "He is an icon in this market."

At one time, comic books were only McFarlane's career fallback. In college, he was recruited to play baseball for a Seattle Mariners' semi-pro team. But a broken ankle during his senior year at Eastern Washington State University sidelined him permanently.

McFarlane's passion for the game remains. Just peer into the wrinkled, brown bag he clutches. Inside? A pair of black socks, black loafers for his bare feet and nine blue-green boxes. Each box contains a famed McGwire or Sosa home-run baseball.

His collection hit the road this summer with stops at stadiums across the country. The tour allows McFarlane to spend time watching the game and gives him the chance to promote his business through media interviews.

College roommate Al Simmons, whose name McFarlane borrowed for *Spawn*'s alter ego, says his longtime friend has always combined his love of baseball with his drawings.

He would often doodle while watching "Sports Center" in college, Simmons said, but any time McFarlane was asked what he was working on, he responded predictably: "Nothing."

"One day, (the portfolio) was sitting on the living room floor, and I said, 'Let me see what's in there.' I said, 'My God, look at these,'" Simmons recalls.

Comic book artists and executives were apparently less impressed.

McFarlane sent out 700 samples during his senior year in college and collected a grocery bag full of rejections.

Even the rejection letters proved positive. "You were getting autographs at the same time," he says in jest.

Then, three weeks before graduation, he landed a job at Marvel Comics and raised just one burning question: "Does this mean I don't have to study for finals?"

Over the next eight years, McFarlane worked for Marvel and rival powerhouse DC Comics. Then, in 1992, McFarlane and six other artists left Marvel to start their own company. Image Comics handled the publishing, but the artists each controlled the trademarks and rights to their characters and stories.

That's when *Spawn* was resurrected.

It was an immediate hit and has remained so.

"It's very rare for artists to be able to break away and to be successful with their own creation," says comic guru Overstreet. "There is so much competition. Todd was able to go out there and do something that worked. It took a lot of courage."

McFarlane credits fearlessness for his success. "I circumvented the system," he says. "You just need a good idea and enough money."

Now he exercises considerable control over *Spawn* movies, an HBO series and the action figure company he started when others wouldn't agree to his way. Now Todd McFarlane Productions spins figures, often noted for gruesome detail, based on everything from *Spawn* to heavy-metal bands.

The figure of shock-rocker Ozzy Osbourne, for example, offers vein-popping arms amid headless doves and bats.

Such action figures draw criticism from religious groups and some conservative activists. "They don't get it," McFarlane says. And he doesn't care. He's not targeting them: "I'm not here to make more cute stuff..."

WEDNESDAY PRIME TIME

	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
HOME ANTENNA												
KGAN	News	Seinfeld	Cosby	Cosby	The Almost Perfect Bank Robbery (99)	News	Late Show w/ Letterman	C. Kibon				
KWLV	News	Wheel	Dateline NBC	Most Amazing Videos	Law & Order	News	Tonight Show	Late Night				
KFXA	Roseanne	Roseanne	To Die For (R, '95) **	(Nicole Kidman, Matt Dillon)	Mad About The Nanny	Cops	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Cheers			
KCRG	News	Home Imp.	Two Guys	Norm	Carey	Line	20/20	News	Friends	Coach	Nightline	
KJIN	NewsHour	Burt Wolf	Fiesta	Old Amusement Parks	Mary Jane Colter: House of Dawn	Business	Ballykissangel	Alexander				
CABLE CHANNELS												
TBS	Roseanne	Roseanne	National Geographic Explorer	The Final Countdown (PG, '80) ***	Geographic Explorer							
UITY	France	Spanish	In Iowa	Que Pasa?	Classic TV Drama	Living	Time/Grow	Korean	Greece	France	Italy	
DISC	Creatures of Outback	Crabs & Lobsters	Discover Magazine	Inside/Space Shuttle	Crabs & Lobsters	Discover Magazine						
WGN	Matters	Matters	Dawson's Creek	Charmed: Blind Sided	News	MacGyver						
CSPAN	House of Reps.	Prime Time Public Affairs										
BRAV	Inside Actor's Studio	At Play in the Fields of the Lord (R, '91) ***	(Tom Berenger, Aidan Quinn)									
BET	Planet Groove	Hi List	Sparks	G'd News	Comicview	Tonight w/ Tavis Smiley	Sparks	2/27				
FAM	The Incredible Mr. Limpet (G, '64) **	The Reluctant Astronaut (R, '71) **	(Don Knotts)	The 700 Club	Show Me	Show Me						
TNN	The Waltons	Century of Country	Prime Time Country	Crook & Chase Tonight	Dallas (Part 1 of 2)	Dukes of Hazzard						
ENC	Mr. Magoo (5:30) (PG)	An American Werewolf in London (R, '81) ***	The Directors (8-45)	Mo' Better Blues (9:50) (R, '90) **								
AMC	Farewell to Arms (4:15)	North to Alaska (G, '60) ***	(John Wayne)	The Desperate Hours (9:15) (50) ***	Farewell to Arms							
MTV	News Link	Woodstock	TRL	Method	Daria	FANATIC	Loveline	Blame	Method			
USA	Xena: Warrior Princess	Walker, Texas Ranger	In the Name of the Father (R, '93) ***	(Daniel Day-Lewis)	New York Undercover	Stalag						
FX	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue	The X-Files: Irresistible	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	The X Show	The X-Files				
NICK	Doug	Rugrats	Hey Arnold	Journey	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	Jeffersons	WKRP	Lavene		
TNT	ER: Fear of Flying	Airborne (PG, '90) **	(Shane McDermott)	Crusade	The Hurley (99) (Armand Assante)							
ESPN	SportsCtr.	Baseball (Live)										
AAE	Law & Order	Biography: Ernest Hemingway	Wrestling With Life	American Justice	Law & Order: Thrill	Biography						
SPC	Sports	Game R'm	Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Minnesota Twins (Live)		Fox Sports News	Fox Sports News						
LIFE	Party of Five	Chicago Hope	Her Hidden Truth (95) **	(Kellie Martin)	Attitudes	Golden Girl	Golden Girl	Mysteries				
UNI	Preciosa	Camila	Angela	El Super Blablazo	Impacto	Noticiero	Al Ritmo de la Noche					
PREMIUM CHANNELS												
HBO	From Earth to the Moon	Earth/Moon	Tracey	The Sopranos	Oz	Spawn	Fatal Twisters: Fury	Movie				
DIS	All Dogs Go to Heaven 2 **	Air Bud (PG, '97) **	(Michael Jeter)	Inspector Gadget	Zorro	Zorro	Walt Disney Presents					
MAX	Robin Hood	City of Angels (PG-13, '98) **	(Nicolas Cage)	Trail of a Serial Killer (98)	Emman.	Junk Mail (97) **						

Doonesbury

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Summer TV not advised for the intelligent

TV's foibles can be irksome in the heat of summer.

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It's summer. It's hot. And I'm hot under the collar about television.

Little things are bugging me. Big ones, too. You may have your own list. After all, a medium that exists for the purpose of selling, selling, selling, and interrupting programs to do so, is annoying by its very nature.

Too many reruns, too many dull shows those are the routine complaints. But TV, so vast and constantly in our faces, manages to come up with endless ways to irritate.

For instance ... retro thinking, and from a most unexpected source: the hip WB series "Buffy the Vampire Slayer." Buffy is clearly a girl-woman of the '90s: independent, assertive and a snappy dresser, to boot.

But in the July 13 season finale, which the network had postponed because of scenes of campus violence, I was dumbstruck by two snatches of dialogue running nearly back to back.

A man, apologizing for being ineffectual, seeks a bigger part in an upcoming good vs. evil battle. He can do more than "scream like a woman," he insists. Then two

high school boys are chided by Buffy for bickering like old women over who's boss.

Gee, Buff, thanks a lot. You and your gal pals get to be valiant, but your gender is dissed and dismissed.

According to WB, the show was the evening's top-rated among teen-age girls, with more than 750,000 tuning in. Very few of them will be Buffy when they grow up; let's hope they're not too disappointed over morphing into quarrelsome biddies.

Some commercials also suffer retroitis. Many look contemporary, with slick camera work and artful editing. And given all the big money spent on research, you figure they know how to target consumers.

But food and household product ads have a distinctly moldy scent. Who's spritzing the shower cleaner with a smile? A woman. Who's cheerfully mopping up after the toddler's spilled milk? A woman. Who's fumbling with dinner because mom had the gall to have a life? A man. (He has to take the kids out for fast food, poor guy.)

Perhaps there's a male cabal paying TV sponsors to continue the stereotype that housework remains "wimmin's work." There's undoubtedly truth to the image, since studies repeatedly show women tend to do more than men.

But if companies think we're charmed by these domestic goddess images, boy, are they wrong. I'd be much more inclined to pick a laundry soap that boldly advertises a man doing the towels.

I may not live the fantasy, but at least I can pretend it's possible.

Speaking of fantasies, could Hollywood please get over the idea that it is endlessly enthralling? Granted, many of us are guilty of an overblown obsession with the industry and celebrities, but even we commoners have standards.

Take the new WB comedy "Movie Stars." Please. The setup is stale — beleaguered parents, smart-aleck kids — and the "inside" jokes are worse. Seeing Patrick Swayze's brother brag about posing as his celebrity sibling to get dates is not funny.

Over at Showtime, there's the considerably better "Beggars and Choosers," a behind-the-scenes look at the television industry, while ABC offers fictional intimacies about actress Jennifer Grey (playing herself) in the mildly amusing sitcom "It's Like, You Know ..."

Television's take seems largely to be bothersome narcissism. Or maybe, as has been noted, these television-makers grew up so immersed in pop culture that their only frame of reference is entertainment itself.

Enough of this summertime angst. As the organization TV-Free America and my mother would advise, I really should turn off the set and go play outside. Good idea.

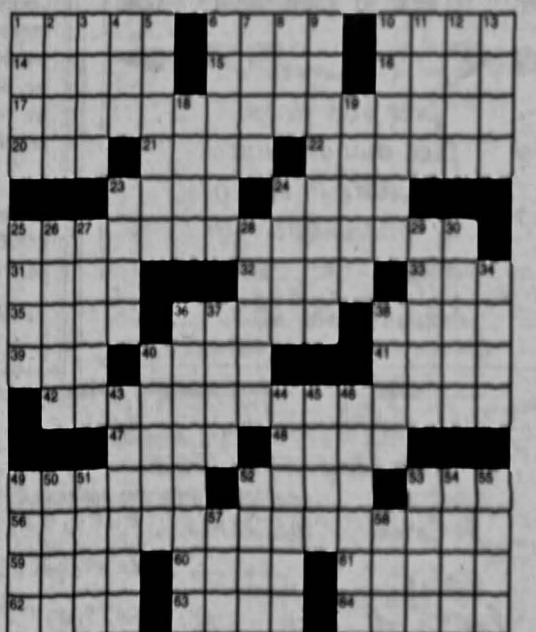
Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0609

- ACROSS**
- Rice dish
 - "See ___?"
 - Some bank hldgs.
 - Actress Deborah
 - Put to sleep, in a way
 - Have an impact on
 - Start of a quote
 - Part of a Road & Track course
 - Cousin of a tearoom
 - Hematologist's study
 - EI ___ Tex.
 - List ender
 - Speaker of the quote
 - River connected by canal to the Tiber
 - Sharp movements
 - Legal thing
 - Spring times
 - Spring arrivals, on a farm
 - Carry's partner
 - Latin I verb
 - Late-night pioneer
 - ___ consequence
 - Part 2 of the quote
 - Chemical endings
 - Q ___ queen
 - Eastern religion
 - Kind of gen.
 - Sony and Cher, once
 - End of the quote
 - Story opening
 - Family dog
 - Make merry?
 - Kodiak, e.g.
 - Eruption
 - Genuses they're not

- DOWN**
- Fancy spread
 - Wedding exchange
 - Mekong River country
 - Ambition
 - Donnybrook
 - Seek
 - Word before and after "against"
 - Here, in France
 - People with questions
 - Things to uphold
 - The supreme Supreme
 - Speck
 - Parlor piece
 - Boss Tweed skewerer
 - Reunion groups
 - Mavens
 - The dark force for the county (Glen Campbell lyric)
 - Senator Phil
 - "The joke's ___"
 - Pole Position game company
 - Velveta maker
 - Ancient Andean
 - Eliot title character
 - Lacking oomph
 - "For ___ us a child is born ..."
 - Poems of praise



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ARSON ESP RADAR
LITHO MOO EUDGE
ADAMBOMBS AIMED
REGALIA TORNADO
GEL TUBE
ANTE EYEMONTAND
BAR BREA EDITOR
ABATE EYA EMILE
BODIES IGOR MAS
ABELSEAMEN DENS
YAME IINE
SALTINE COLEST
ALIEN CAINSUGAR
RETAG HIT EXILE
AXELS ERE DESEX

Puzzle by Elizabeth C. Gorski

- Kind of question
- "Begone!"
- Showdowns
- Klutzes
- Attorney Roy
- Niña's companion (Glen Campbell lyric)
- Bass, e.g.
- One-lane
- "What ___ now?"
- Expressed wishfulness
- Neatnik's opposite
- Sharpen
- "The dapple in the eighth," e.g.
- 1980 rock hits.

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