



**THE LEDGE**

**CAN YOU NAME THESE CHRISTMAS SONGS?**

- Oh, member of the round table with missing areas
- Vehicular homicide was committed on dad's mom by a precipitous darling
- Wanted in December: top forward incisors
- The apartment of two psychiatrists
- The lad is a diminutive percussionist
- Decorate the entryways
- Cup-shaped instruments fashioned of a whitish metallic element
- Oh small Israel urban center
- Far off in a hay bin
- We are Kong, Lear and Nat Cole
- Duodecimal enumeration of the passage of the Yuletide season
- Leave and broadcast from an elevation
- Our fervent hope is that you thoroughly enjoy your Yuletide season
- Listen, the winged heavenly messengers are proclaiming tunelessly
- As the guardians of the woolly animals protected their charges in the dark
- I beheld a trio of nautical vessels moving in this direction
- Rose-colored uncouth Rangifer is aware of the nature of precipitation, darling

Answers to the Christmas Songs can be found at: <http://www.fun-nies.com/holiday/xsongs.htm>

the **BIG** picture



Mount Pleasant Correctional Center inmate Jodi Sindt works on a sewing machine as another inmate checks out a quilt Monday at the womens' facility in Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Twenty-nine women participate in a program that provides quilts for homeless shelters, school-supply bags and first-aid bags for needy countries and a variety of other items.

John Gaines/Associated Press

**newsmakers**

**Have some faith; you, too, can breathe**

HOUSTON (AP) — Thrilled by the crossover success of *This Kiss*, country artist Faith Hill wanted her next album to reward her new pop fans. Her fans like the sound judging by the sales of *Breathe*, which entered the *Billboard* chart at No. 1 last week, ahead of pop favorites Mariah Carey and Savage Garden.



Hill

**More surfaces to break for Louganis**

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Four-time Olympic gold medalist Greg Louganis still makes people cheer. Starring in the musical comedy *Nunsense A-Men*, he's getting rave reviews for his role as Sister Robert Ann, a streetwise nun who always wanted to be a star. That's nothing new for the 39-year-old Louganis, who has spent most of his life



Louganis

in the spotlight. He won his first Olympic diving event at 16, claiming a silver medal at the 1976 Summer Games.

**A new coop for Ozzy Osbourne**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ozzy Osbourne now has five bedrooms and 11,000 square feet to call his own. The rocker bought a Beverly Hills mansion for close to the asking price of \$6.5 million, the *Los Angeles Times* reported Sunday. He didn't waste any time, making his bid the first day the house went on the market. Osbourne put his old Beverly Hills house on the market for \$4.5 million.

**calendar**

The Faculty Senate/Council will meet in the IMU Iowa Room today at 3:30 p.m. **Healthy and Positive Interventions** will sponsor a "World AIDS Day 1999 Community Forum" in Meeting Room A, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., today at 6:30 p.m. **WSUI Radio** will sponsor a fiction reading by Rick Harsch as a part of the "Live From Prairie Lights Series" in Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., today at 8 p.m.

**UI brief**

**Coffeehouse celebrates winter with poetry, Gearl Jam**

The UI Women's Resource and Action Center will hold its final coffeehouse of the semester on Dec. 4 at 10 S. Gilbert St., beginning at 7:30 p.m. UI Writers' Workshop fiction student Megan Pillow and United Action for Youth rockers Gearl Jam will open the holiday celebration, followed by an open mike celebrating women's voices. Pillow is a first-year student in the workshop and a UI rhetoric instructor. She will read both poetry and prose. Gearl Jam, which performed at the 1999 Iowa Women's Music Festival, is composed of young women who perform solo and together. Following the featured performers, the coffeehouse will open up the microphone to other women performers. A small donation will be requested at the door. Food and drink will also be provided.

**horoscopes**

Tuesday, November 30, 1999

by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Your thirst for knowledge will draw you to unusual places. Communication with foreigners will be eye-opening. Make sure your papers are in order before you leave the country. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You'll be upset if someone you love has spent too much money. Be careful not to make unrealistic promises. You will probably have to take care of problems facing older relatives. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Romance will be what you're looking for. You can't sit at home and dream about the love of your life. If there's someone from your past you want to see again, pick up the phone and call. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22): One-sided romantic attractions are likely. Travel will bring you the most satisfaction. The people you meet and the things you see will

make a lasting impression on you. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You need to put your discipline to good use. It's time to end some of the bad habits you've managed to pick up throughout the year. Be prepared to take a serious stab at getting back on track. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan your social events carefully. Avoid friction with your mate. You may not enjoy a lot of the same things. Compromise if you wish to have any fun together. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can raise your knowledge through travel or reading material that elaborates on your interests. Your quick wit will win you points with those in a position to help you get ahead. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may become angry about legal matters and joint financial ventures. Be sure to get sound advice regarding your direction in

important affairs. Don't let anyone good you into spending your money. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you have been evasive with your partner, you may find yourself single again. Don't look back. If you can't give a commitment, it's probably time to move on. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Romantic encounters are likely to evolve through work-related events. You can make professional changes and deal with secret matters. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Money may slip through your fingers. Don't lend to friends, or you will lose both the friendship and the cash. Overspending on children will also leave you in a bind. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Get busy making festive alterations to your home. The whole family can be involved. Invite friends over who are alone through no fault of their own.

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By Deirdre Bello  
The Daily Iowan

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The poplar trees used in



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# UI prof presses charges of racism

The UI's interest in diversity is questioned by a professor after her tenure denial.

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Obiagele Lake's message was clear at a press conference Monday before the UI assistant professor of anthropology ever said a word: Discrimination is present on the UI campus.

The words "RACISM RAMPANT AT UI" marked a chalkboard at the Iowa City Public Library, where the conference was held.

Lake, who is black, said racism was responsible for the UI's deny-

ing her tenure in 1997. The Iowa Civil Rights Commission is investigating her case.

"It's not easy for some people to understand when racism is at work if there isn't any direct racist language," she said. "I've never been given respect by other faculty in the department."

Two instances of "unfair treatment" that Lake received from UI faculty have been documented, she said.

Keith Marshall, a UI anthropology professor and former department executive officer, wrote her a letter at the conclusion of her first year at the UI in 1991, Lake said.

"Mr. Marshall requested that a failing grade of a student be changed, but he didn't talk to me

about the grade, only to the student," she said. This incident may have led to an unfavorable reputation of Lake for some students, she said.

Marshall declined to comment on the matter.

Lake also said Linda Maxson, the dean of the College of Liberal Arts, wrote in an evaluation that a "minority student nominated Lake" for a collegiate teaching award.

"I don't think she ever said a teacher was nominated by a majority student," Lake said.

Maxson was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

Speaking on behalf of Lake were four UI student members of the Collective Movement for Equality, an organization whose purpose is

to raise money for a legal defense fund to support members of underrepresented minorities.

Luster Lockhart, a UI graduate student, said there has been a need for this type of organization for some time.

"A lot of times, people don't fight because they don't have the economic means to fight," he said.

Marisa Cummings, a UI senior, obtained statistics from a faculty analysis by gender and race from the UI Office of Affirmative Action; she found that blacks make up less than 2 percent of the total UI faculty members on tenure track.

"The UI pretends to be interested in diversity, but really it's not," Lake said.

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# Media find bull market in politics

The Iowa Electronic Markets are garnering attention.

By Chris Rasmussen  
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa Electronic Markets, which allow online traders to bet on political futures, have drawn national media exposure, resulting in more traders betting on who will be the next president.

The markets have been more accurate than traditional polls at predicting the winner of many political contests, closing within 0.2 of a percentage point in the last two presidential elections.

CNN's "Inside Politics" featured the markets last week with commentary by Robert Forsythe, a UI professor of economics, on the increased popularity of the markets.

The number of traders participating in the markets has increased and is more than three times now what it was at the same time four years ago, Forsythe said.

The Iowa Electronic Markets are a nonprofit research and teaching tool run through the Tippie College of Business. They are real-money futures markets that allow participants to invest up to \$500 in various political questions, including the outcomes of political elections. A trader who chooses a winning candidate in the current primaries market will earn \$1 per share.

Reasons for the three-fold increase in the number of traders include not only the expansion of the World Wide Web but also national media coverage, which brings people from outside academia to the markets, Forsythe said.

"For being 11 1/2 months before the election, we've had a lot (of coverage)," he said.

There are approximately 38,000

traders currently participating.

The national media coverage includes continuous monitoring of certain markets and on-the-spot reporting.

The markets are a regular feature in the Microsoft-owned online magazine *Slate*, which is devoted to political issues; it also included the markets in its coverage of the 1996 elections.

A crew from "Good Morning America" was in Iowa City on Nov. 18 and recorded a segment with the markets' office crew, said Jeanine Pfuntner, the operations manager of the markets.

The attention to the markets in the national media is the result of genuine interest and a little public relations work by the administration, Pfuntner said.

"It's kind of a cycle," she said. "When we first started the presidential primary market in June, the Associated Press wrote a story that ran across the wire. Now it's circled around with the John McCain spin-off."

McCain, who did not have an individual share, was spun off from the "rest of the field" candidates in the Republican primary, Pfuntner said.

George McCrory, an associate editor for the UI News Services, said such national publications as the *New York Times*, *Time*, *Forbes* and *Business Week* have all contacted the UI about the markets.

It would be good if the exposure brought in more traders, Forsythe said.

"There are a number of research questions a bigger market would help answer, such as, are bigger markets more accurate? How many traders do you need to be accurate? The media gets the word out to non-academic traders," he said.

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# Finding a poplar way to get to the root of pollution

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"The term didn't even exist 10 years ago," Licht said. "The UI is very much at the forefront for plant remediation."

The poplar trees used in the

process are grown on Licht's 200-acre farm in Calamus, Iowa.

A delegation of French scientists came to the UI in November to discuss the benefits of the phytoremediation process with Licht and Jerry Schnoor, a UI professor of civil and environmental engineering.

Licht plans to visit France in February. His goals there include cleaning up industrial plants and mine tailings and informing decision makers about resolutions to environmental problems, he said.

Licht's own roots began on his family farm in Lowden, Iowa, 40 miles from Iowa City. After graduating from Iowa State University in 1973 with a degree in chemical engineering, Licht earned his master's degree in agricultural engineering from Oregon State in 1978 and a Ph.D. from the UI in environmental engineering in 1990.

After experiencing some difficulty in the beginning with his vision to provide an environmentally safe decontaminate cycle with economic possibilities, Licht's perseverance paid off.

"I'm excited about the fact that this is being taken seriously," he said.

In October, Oregon State Uni-



Louis Licht, president of Ecolotree, holds a poplar tree he planted in late August as he stands next to one in its third growing season. A tree in its seventh season stands behind him.

versity recognized Licht with a Distinguished Engineering Alumni award. Out of 22,000 alumni,

100 have received the award.

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year-end bill

cooperation between Republicans and Democrats will likely diminish next year amid partisan campaigns for the White House and control of Congress.

There were pointed reminders about the bruising battles of the past year. Clinton boasted that the budget "avoids risky tax cuts that would have spent hundreds of billions of dollars from the Social Security surplus and drained our ability to advance education and other important public initiatives."

Republicans still are angry about Clinton's veto of their prized \$792 billion tax cut.

"We'll be back next year," Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said as he left the signing ceremony. "We'll have another major tax cut without touching Social Security, and we'll see where we go."

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Arming Public Safety  
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**PUBLIC SAFETY**  
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The UNI student group was approached by UNI Public Safety at the beginning of the fall semester, Arnold said, and asked what students thought about the issue.

"Our job is becoming more and more risky," UNI Public Safety Lt. Gary McCormack said. "We wanted to be able to provide the regents and university administration with information relating to the arming of police officers on the UNI campus."

But McCormack doesn't think the resolution, which was sent to the state of Iowa Board of Regents and the UNI administration, would have any influence in allowing Public Safety officers to carry firearms.

"I don't think the administration really cares what students or the university community think, and that's a shame," he said. "I cannot believe there would be any public policy allowing ill-equipped officers out to handle law enforcement."

UNI President Robert Koob could not be reached for comment, but UNI Vice President John Conner said the entire administrative cabinet is opposed to Public Safety officers carrying firearms.

"The students are entitled to voice their opinions, but we do not agree," he said. "We do not see them as police. They provide

public safety, not enforcement. We try to stress, 'Don't make a situation worse by inserting yourself with a weapon.' They insert themselves in situations they don't have to."

The regents have the final decision on whether campus police forces get guns, said Regent David Fisher, and they have been unwilling to discuss it at meetings.

"It's not even going to come up on the table," he said. "At this point in time, the board overwhelmingly supports the current policy — I don't see a need, and the administration doesn't see a need."

UI Public Safety Director Chuck Green said he didn't think the regents would support any campus police force carrying guns, but he was pleased that UNI students recognized the dangers of Public Safety officers' jobs.

"I don't think it's going to make a dent," he said. "It's not going to change the situation in terms of officers carrying lethal sidearms. It is important that it be known that officers risk their lives for individual communities and are indeed police officers."

But that may not be known to everyone making decisions.

"They're not police; they're security for the universities," Fisher said. "It's much different. Sometimes they get in the same situation, but they have different responsibilities."

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Non-traditional role may hurt  
Rodham Clinton in Iowa

**POLL**

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This seems to have a detrimental effect on her popularity in Iowa, said Arthur Miller, a UI professor of political science and the director of the study.

"In this case, those strong traits are sort of backfiring on Hillary because people in Iowa would like to see Hillary take a more traditional first lady role," he said.

While her "strengths" may be leading to her weaknesses in Iowa, UI freshman Patrick Viohl feels that her dealings with her husband's affair has lowered his image of her.

"At the beginning, she seemed like a good lady," he said. "She put up with a lot, but I don't respect the fact she stayed with him."

Miller believes Rodham Clinton's lack of support in Iowa may be in part because of fewer Democrats than in New York and that Iowa's agricultural situation leaves it less optimistic and positive about the economy. However, he said, he thinks the main reason is because of Iowa's view of feminists.

"We think in part that Iowans look less favorably on feminists, and she should maintain her role of the traditional first lady," he said.

However, Barnes feels that Rodham Clinton may be more well-liked in New York because people in New York know more about her. She also said New Yorkers may be more attuned to politics, thus leading to more support for Rodham Clinton.

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Social Security raises age of retirement

**RETIREMENT**

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almost 60 percent of Americans over the age of 25 think they are eligible to retire before they actually are eligible.

But some UI students are more realistic about the future of the country's Social Security.

"Hopefully, Social Security will still be an issue for me when I retire," said UI junior Justin Rose. "I really don't think it will be around that long."

"I think people should have a

personal savings as their own retirement plan," Scott said.

Marc Wilson, a UI assistant professor of military science, says he is not surprised that the age of retirement is increasing.

"I anticipated that this would happen. People today are working a lot longer than they ever expected," he said. "My wife and I have planned ahead because I don't plan on working past the retirement age."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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STATE BRIEF

Biotech crops loom as trade barrier

NEVADA, Iowa (AP) — Biotech-based crops are expected to dominate air time and spark protests this week when trade ministers from around the world convene in Seattle to set the agenda for the next round of global trade negotiations under the World Trade Organization.

In Iowa, a state that produces approximately 20 percent of U.S. corn and soybeans, the debate has raised concerns about the future of high-tech crops and the companies that have poured hundreds of millions of dollars into their development.

Farmers and agri-businesses have touted the genetically modified organisms as ways to help reduce pesticide use, increase food nutrition and improve producers' profits.

Environmentalists and consumer advocates oppose the crops, arguing

that too little is known about the potential effects on human health and the environment.

Biotech-based crops have been the focus of a dispute between the United States and Europe, which has halted new approvals of the crops in response to consumer concerns about their safety.

Charles Hurburgh, the head of the Iowa Grain Quality Initiative at Iowa State University, said the political debate over high-tech crops has the potential to delay development of the infrastructure needed to segregate the crops.

"If people want non-genetically modified organism crops, then we have got to have a system that can accommodate that. Otherwise, it's back to a political debate, and you're held hostage," said Hurburgh, one of several ISU specialists who joined Iowa Sen. Charles Grassley at a recent meeting in Nevada.

Internet gambling raises the stakes

**GAMBLING**

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Rolling Good Times online gambling magazine, defended the industry.

"One of the most common concerns is whether people will be cheated out of money, but that can be said for e-commerce and e-trading as well. There's always a risk," he said.

Schneider said many gambling sites are offshore because the United States has no laws for or against online gambling sites.

"It's undefined in the books, so many of these sites go to areas where they can operate under a license — that's why you'll never find a gambling site based out of the United States," he said.

According to a 1999 Gallup poll on gambling, there is far less support for gambling on the Internet than for other forms of legalized gambling. Seventy-five percent of adults disapprove of online gambling, while 20 percent approve. In addition, 76 percent of adults and 70 percent of teens believe it is easy for teens to gamble on the Internet, and a majority of both teens and adults believe that Internet access has increased gambling among teens. Despite these perceptions, only 2 percent of teens report using the Internet to gamble, according to the poll.

An opponent of the online gambling industry is Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., who drafted the Internet Gambling Prohibition Act, which would make online gambling illegal. The Senate has approved the bill; it is now waiting for passage by the House. The bill would prohibit both gambling by individuals and gambling businesses.

A recent Harvard Medical School study found that gambling disorders are significantly more prevalent among young people than among the general adult population.

Kaperos says the number of younger people in counseling has increased significantly since casinos came to Iowa and may worsen with the Internet.

While it may be only a potential risk to the beginning gambler, Kaperos said, the Internet could send a recovering gambler over the edge.

"The compulsive gambler, (who) may have stopped going to casinos or places to gamble, may discover while on the Internet a gambling site — that retrigger the habit," she said.

Recognizing the problem may help after an individual develops a gambling disorder, Black said.

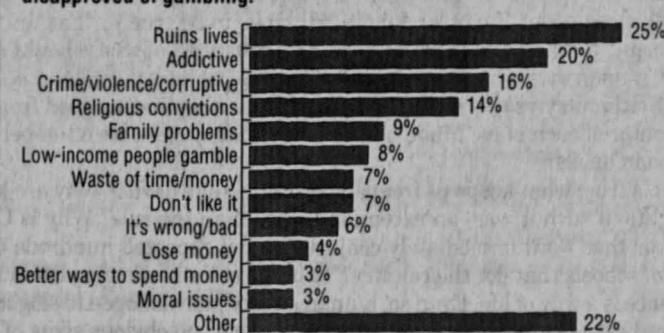
Extended periods of untreated, pathological gambling may bring about drinking, drug abuse, depression and possibly suicide, he said.

Mild gambling can be acceptable but needs to be kept under control,

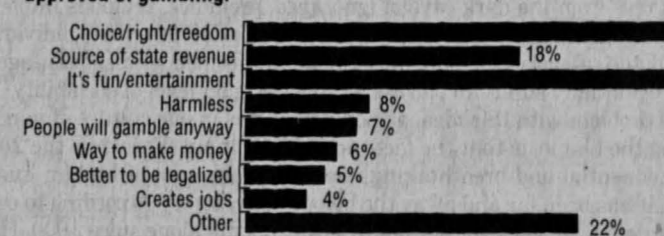
Opinions on gambling

This Gallup study is based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,523 adults conducted in spring 1999. Of those surveyed, 63 percent approved of legal gambling and 32 percent disapproved. Five percent had no opinion.

One or two most important reasons that 485 adults surveyed disapproved of gambling:



One or two most important reasons that 964 adults surveyed approved of gambling:



Source: Gallup Poll

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said UI junior Jason Gilbertson. "You have to do it in moderation; otherwise, you could over do it and wind up flunking out (of school).

Not having enough (money) to cover tuition is possible," he said.

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# VIEWPOINTS

### Quoteworthy

When there is no other reason to take a negative path, then it becomes racist.

—Obiagele Lake, a UI assistant professor of anthropology, on potential reasons that she was denied tenure. Lake noted that most of her student and faculty evaluations had been positive.

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### EDITORIAL

## Increased knowledge doesn't equal decreased violence

If the suspicions about EgyptAir Flight 990 prove to be true — that the plane crashed because of a suicide-sabotage — we will again be reminded of what should now be beyond doubt: The human heart is a black abyss capable of every imaginable crime. Or as Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn says, there is a razor-thin line separating good from evil running down the center of each of us. Made a little lower than angels, we often behave only a little higher than devils.

Yet if this is true, what keeps us from always acting like devils? Why are kamikaze commercial flights (if such it was) an exception rather than the rule? Why is Columbine and all the horror that word immediately conjures up not repeated hundreds of times in the thousands of schools that dot the country? To be sure, there are persons in this society for whom violence is a way of life. Even so, human society has managed to slog its way through the blood and carnage for several millennia and shows no obvious signs of imminent collapse.

Some say that society runs on knowledge. They view human history as an often slow but steady progress from the dark cave of ignorance, prejudice, religious intolerance and bigotry into the sunshine of enlightened rationality. Under this view, individuals cannot be described by the category evil, only misguided, uninformed, or disadvantaged. Proper education will eventually suffice to elevate all to a common level of sociability.

The only problem with this idea, as popular as it is in our culture of making scapegoats and passing the blame, is that the facts do not bear it out. For while the 20th century has seen an exponential and breathtaking increase in the sum of human knowledge, at the same time, it has been far and away the bloodiest in history. According to one account, 128 million murders have been committed by governments alone since 1900. How can anyone claim then that reason and science are sufficient barriers to chaos?

The real glue that holds together human society has two components: law and conscience. Law is that which stands above all of us regardless of status and position. It dictates consequences for actions and endures though those who formulated it are long dead.

It is grounded and rooted in that divine spark of conscience that, when not extinguished by habitual law-breaking, tells us instinctively that some things are wrong, others right. Conscience can, of course, be perverse, and laws can be unjust. But there is a basic and amazing consensus as to proper human behavior. We respect the laws that enshrine these basics because conscience innately recognizes them as something good. By the same token, the fear of the consequences for breaking them serves to restrain those whose consciences lapse or are permanently ruined.

The Greek philosopher Heraclitus once said that citizens ought to fight for their laws as for the city wall. For it is what protects us from the enemy both without and within. The question before American society is this: Do we have the respect for law and the strength of conscience to continue in this fight?

David Noe is a DI editorial writer.



### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Speed limit editorial did not give the whole picture

I'm writing in response to Evan Peterson's editorial (DI, Nov. 22) about raising Iowa's interstate speed limit from 65 to 70. Peterson states that doing so would be tragic, as there have been as many as 500 more deaths per year on roads that have higher speed limits.

Unfortunately, Peterson only used the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as sources of information. The insurance institute is quite biased. It likes the lower speed limits because that means more speeding tickets and higher insurance premiums.

If he had checked around for more complete information, he would have found that while traffic fatalities have increased since raising the speed limits, traffic fatality RATES have dropped almost equally across the board. Rates, which show deaths per number of miles driven, are a far more accurate representation of the effects of raising the speed limits. We drove more miles the past few years than ever before, yet the fatality rate has dropped by 5 percent in states that raised the speed limits (a slightly larger drop than states that kept the slower speed limits).

A traffic safety administration publication reports "no significant relationship between average speed

and the fatality rate." And, "states with high average speeds do not have higher fatality rates than states with low average speeds."

Since Peterson likes quoting Midwest states' data, perhaps he should include the fact that Wisconsin has seen the lowest number of fatalities since 1994.

The age-old argument of "speed kills" has been disproven time and time again, yet the same old arguments continue to resurface. Perhaps Evan's time would be better spent educating drivers that slower traffic should stay to the right. Maybe then we'll focus an effort on a real problem.

Jeremy Gardner  
Iowa City

#### Help stop violence against women

Nov. 25 was the start of an international campaign called "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence."

Iowa City is joining this global campaign as the Rape Victim Advocacy Program brings information of local and international violence against women to the community's attention.

We at the program believe this is a fight that can be strengthened by knowledge and community backing. The Rape Victim Advocacy Program has planned a series of displays around Iowa City for people to visit. These areas are places where

people can gather information and start working to become active members of this fight against violence.

From Nov. 23 through Dec. 10, people can check out the display about "16 Days" in the Old Capitol Mall. They can also visit the display at the IMU through Dec. 6.

Purple ribbons will also be available at the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, 320 S. Linn St. and at an information booth at the IMU on Dec. 6. Wearing these purple ribbons will symbolize a personal pledge to start speaking out against gender violence in the community.

Please join the victims' program and other community members in a worldwide fight to stop violence against women. If you have any questions, call 335-6001.

Tracy Van Slyke  
RVAP volunteer

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## A shrub's forays between the political and literary worlds

Just when you thought it was safe to come out from under Thanksgiving, along comes George W. Shrub, decked out with his book. (Deck the malls with books of folly, goes a famous Christmas carol. Not that it's time just yet for famous Christmas carols.)

As books go, it's apparently not the Second Coming. And we're not talking turning in the widening gyre here. Though falcons who cannot hear the falconer might fit right in. It should come as no surprise that the Shrub has a book — after all, most of the other would-be presidents have a book out. McCain, Bradley, Forbes — even George W. Gore, whose tome earned him his famous nickname: George W. Snore.

Of course, these days pretty much every American and 97 percent of her or his cousins have a book out. It's kind of funny, actually; in a time in which almost nobody seems to read, everybody is writing a book. It's almost as if, at the dawning of the gunpowder era, everyone were to come out with a new bow-and-arrow.

Even sports writers have books out these days. No offense to sports writers, but when it comes to

English, they keep swinging for the fences when a simple ground ball to the right side would move the adjectives along.

Remember the adages, I always say; get those damn adjectives in scoring position. As any modern presidential candidate/book writer (or business motivational guru) can tell you, that's how you achieve home plateness. Or, as his Shrubness would write it, plateness-tectonics.

Of course, the Shrub didn't actually write his book. But then, that's the American way; if every American and 97 percent of her or his cousins actually had to write their books, they wouldn't have books out. The whole point of having a Virtual Society, after all, is being able to do virtual work. Ask any Shrub. Or, as Frank Zappa once wrote, call any vegetable.

According to Slate.com, Karen Hughes, the Shrub's communications director (which probably makes her some kind of expert on photosynthesis), wrote his book for him in less than a month, after the original ghostwriter — a sports writer (how is it that they keep wandering through our virtual lives?) — was fired. The sports writer had some arguments about the content, which should tell you a lot about the book right away.

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It contains such intellectual nuggets as, "I enjoy meeting people and shaking their hands and listening to their stories about their lives." (Oh, wow. That's deep. Like the '60s.) "I took my classes seriously and worked hard." (Apparently, given the Shrub's interview of a couple of weeks ago, geography wasn't

one of those classes to be taken seriously.) And then there's the never-to-be-forgotten, "No discussion of our family would be complete without mentioning our pets."

It goes on. And on, as if you were wading through a forest of Formica. And lest you think I'm only picking on his Shrubness by choosing only the intellectual highlights from "his" book, there's this tidbit from a Shrub interview on Nov. 21: "I think it's important for those of us in a position of responsibility to be firm in sharing our experiences, to understand that the babies out of wedlock is a very difficult chore for mom and baby alike. And, you know, hopefully, condoms will work, but it hasn't worked."

Babies out of wedlock — such quaint phrasing, isn't it? Almost makes you feel as if Ozzie & Harriet could come bounding out of the next commercial, wearing their trusty old black & white, and take over

"Friends." They could just kick all those quasi-sexual, suggestively "friendly" cast members out and make it a real sit-com — one where Dave is cool and drives hot '57 Chevys but never over the speed limit and Ricky is a rock 'n' roll star but never sways his pelvis so much as a 16th of an inch, and pretty soon Robert Young ambles along to tell the boys what he knows best while the kids look at each other and say, "Gosh, Wally" and "Oh, Beave," and around the edges of the frame June Lockhart and Donna Reed engage in a house-dusting contest, first one speckless gets to be born in Iowa and the loser gets to be lost in the ozone, holy as it is, and meanwhile Lassie sits in the background, on guard, tongue a shade out as if tasting the breeze, patiently waiting to save some children.

Back when Lassie was on guard, there were no pictures of missing kids on posters, his Shrubness says, and smacks his lips as if he's just drunk some milk.

Beau Elliot is a DI columnist.

BEAU ELLIOT



### On the SPOT

Do students have to pay too much to park around campus?



"Yes, there should be more student lots."

Carrie Dearborn  
UI senior



"Yes. Last year, I had \$800 in tickets."

Lee Wickwire  
UI senior



"It seems OK to me. At University of Missouri, it was more expensive."

Phil Goodin  
UI law student



"Yes. There should be more places to park."

Melissa Grothus  
UI freshman



"Parking should be free for students."

Mike Cunningham  
UI junior

## All char

Northern Ireland witnesses a historic day as Catholics and Protestants form a government.

By Shawn Pogatchnik  
Associated Press

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STATE & WORLD

# All changed, changed utterly

■ Northern Ireland witnesses a historic day as Catholics and Protestants form a government.

By Shawn Pogatchnik  
Associated Press

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — On a day many thought would never come, Protestant and Catholic adversaries Monday formed an extraordinary Northern Ireland government that attempts to bring together every branch of opinion within this bitterly divided society.

The unprecedented four-party administration — to receive powers Thursday from the British government — includes both Catholics who long vowed never to accept Northern Ireland's right to exist and Protestants who were just as unwilling to accept

Catholics as political equals. Triggering an exercise envisioned in the Good Friday peace accord but delayed for more than a year, the four biggest parties within Northern Ireland's Legislature took turns unveiling their choices for a 12-member Cabinet, an exercise akin to a pro sports draft pick.

Picking first were the province's major British Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, and major Irish Catholic party, the Social Democratic and Labor Party or SDLP. Both got four posts.

But Protestant legislators gathered at Stormont Parliamentary Building in Belfast gasped when Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams announced his first pick — his party's chief negotiator, Martin McGuinness, as education minister.

McGuinness — who rose to the top of the Irish Republican Army's command in the 1970s —

will now oversee the predominantly Protestant state schools as well as the separate Catholic system.

Sinn Fein's other candidate, schoolteacher Bairbre de Brun, had been considered the far more likely pick for the education post. She instead received the toughest job in the administration, because closing hospitals is on the agenda.

"The reality is that very many young people do look up to Martin McGuinness," said Sinn Fein Chairman Mitchel McLaughlin, who pledged that both McGuinness and de Brun would help project "a vision of a society at peace with itself."

And even the Democratic Unionists, the province's most uncompromising Protestant party, took their two allotted posts within a Cabinet they had hoped would never be born.

# Airline becomes temporarily InaccessibleAir

■ The Des Moines airline will temporarily ground its flights while it files for bankruptcy.

By David Pitt  
Associated Press

DES MOINES — AccessAir planned to stop flying at midnight Monday to file for bankruptcy reorganization but said it will be back within a month offering new destinations.

Company President Rich Musal said the struggling airline filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy Monday. "We elected to interrupt service temporarily while we reorganize route structures and our financial affairs," he said.

Planes were to stop flying at midnight Monday but should be back in the air within 30 days. Ticket agents

had stopped taking reservations earlier Monday.

Customers holding tickets may seek a refund or keep their tickets and get two for one when AccessAir begins flying again.

The Des Moines-based startup airline had 400 employees at its peak and offered daily flights to Des Moines; Moline and Peoria, Ill.; New York; Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Los Angeles. The airline's driving concept was to provide low-cost flights in a city that had unusually high fares. Organizers felt the high fares were an impediment to the region's businesses.

Musal said the airline's best month since it began flying Feb. 3 was November, when planes were only 34.9 percent full.

He said customers had not responded to the airline's discount flights to New York and Los Angeles. "We tended to set up routes that

were for the business traveler and at the same time wanted leisure travelers to fly as well," he said. "Evidently, those are not the destinations customers in our markets want to go to."

Musal also said a "fiasco" in July nearly destroyed the airline.

AccessAir booked customers on flights before the company had planes ready to fly. He said the airline spent more than \$3 million accommodating passengers with tickets on other airlines and hotel rooms. He estimated AccessAir lost \$6 million in bookings from the error.

"Confidence in our operations was destroyed. Travel agents quit booking with us," he said.

An additional error was implementation of a complicated pricing structure that took too much time for booking agents to figure out who qualified for discounts.

# Flee Grozny, Russians tell Chechens

■ Tens of thousands of civilians remain hiding in basements in the besieged Chechen capital.

By Ruslan Musayev  
Associated Press

GROZNY, Russia — Russian officials Monday urged civilians hiding in basements beneath ruined homes in Grozny to flee the Chechen capital — a risky endeavor with Russian rockets screaming relentlessly into the city.

Federal forces showed no signs of easing up raids on the breakaway republic of Chechnya even as a top international mediator held talks in Moscow to arrange a visit to the republic. The Kremlin has dismissed international criticism of its campaign in Chechnya as meddling in Russia's internal affairs.

The Russians have intensified their bombardment of Grozny in the past week, leaving hundreds dead or wounded and destroying scores of buildings and homes. Russian officials estimate that 50,000 civilians remain in the city, many of whom are old, infirm or lack transportation to leave.

In brief intervals between the strikes Monday, civilians crawled out of basement shelters to fetch



Musa Sadulayev/Associated Press  
Refugees wait at the border crossing from Chechnya, near Sleptovskaya, Ingushetia, Russia on Sunday.

water and try to find food.

"It's like an endless lottery, with death being the only stake. Every day brings new death," said Marzhan Khakimova, a 72-year-old woman living in a Grozny basement.

Monday's raids hit one of Grozny's main thoroughfares, Avtarkhanov Avenue, as well as residential neighborhoods and a car market. Witnesses said there were casualties, but no figures were immediately available.

In Moscow, Deputy Prime Minister Nikolai Koshman, Russia's

representative to Chechnya, said Moscow would rebuild Grozny when the war was over, but now was the time for civilians to flee.

"There is nothing to do in Grozny now; it is necessary to close it down and take the entire peaceful population away," he said.

Russian warplanes have been dropping leaflets on Grozny, offering civilians a safe corridor out of the city, but it was not immediately clear how the residents would be able to safely flee the steady strikes.

STATE BRIEF

## Albright combines kolacs, trade policy

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — Before Madeleine K. Albright's appearance at the meeting of the World Trade Organization, the U.S. secretary of State just had to have a kolac. Two of them, in fact.

Albright toured aviation electronics maker Rockwell Collins Monday before enjoying the traditional Czech pastries — filled with cherries, prunes, apricots or poppy seed and basted with butter — at the National Czech & Slovak

Museum. There, she held a round-table discussion with approximately two dozen farmers the day before global trade negotiations begin in Seattle.

"I think it's essential to touch base with some real people before I get there," said Albright, who was born in Prague and has stayed in contact with the museum since her first visit in 1988.

"For us, agriculture... is essential to trade. It is front and center in our minds," she said. "We are doggedly going to pursue this."

Albright, accompanied by Al Larson,

the undersecretary of State, as well as Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, said her priority at the World Trade Organization meetings would be to reduce agricultural tariffs and subsidies paid to European farmers by their governments.

Such subsidies "stack the deck" against American farmers and ultimately affect their profits, she said.

"The first thing we're going to do is eliminate the subsidies that others have," Albright said. "Something has to be done to undo the subsidy problem."

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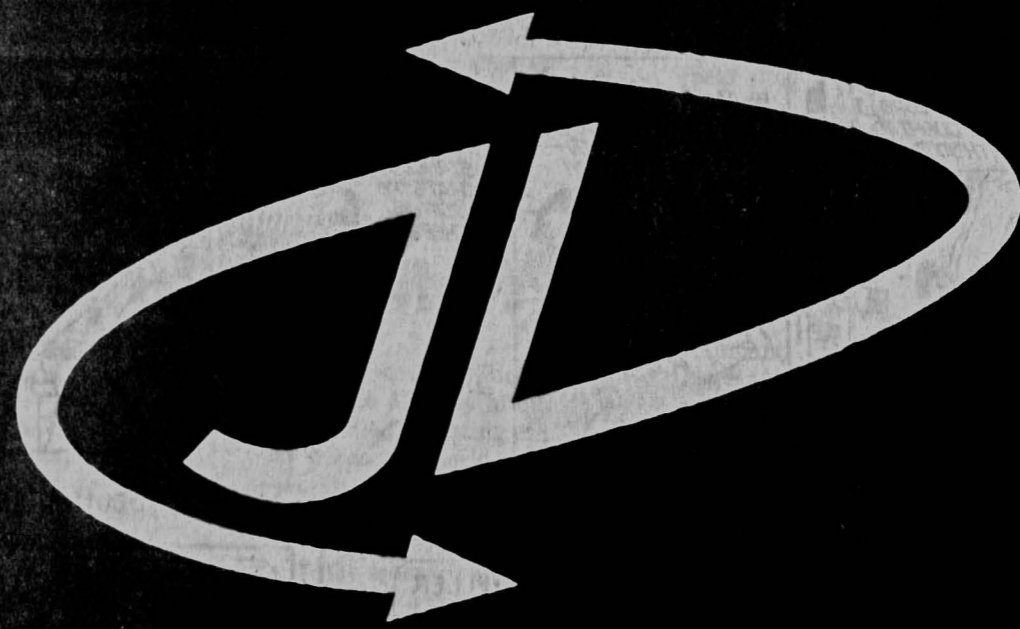
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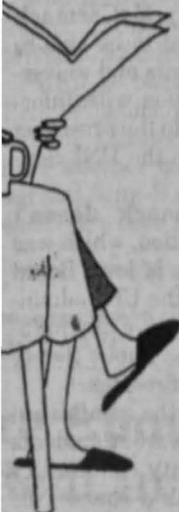


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INSIDE

Malone passes M.J.: Monday night, Karl Malone scored 27 points to take over 3rd place all-time on the NBA scoring list. See Page 3B.



Keeping time

ragtime's three parts — two played by the left hand. The bass note is carried like on a tuba or a trombone or a bass fiddle ... And the middle, that part is like a banjo strumming," Robinson says.

"Then when I got to the piano, it was actually easier to play," he says. Robinson has a hard time explaining exactly what it is about ragtime — especially Joplin's music — that touches him so deeply.

"What is it? Some sort of brain defect?" he says, laughing. His willingness to take chances has drawn praise from music critics, including the Chicago Tribune's Howard Reich. "Far more than just a proficient imitation of historic ragtime forms, Robinson's rags sound as fresh, real and vital as the Scott Joplin, Jelly Roll Morton and Louis Chauvin originals that inspired them," Reich wrote in one review.

ON THE AIR

Main Event

The Event: ACC/Big Ten Challenge, Duke at Illinois, 8:00 p.m. ESPN. The Skinny: This matchup in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge pits up-and-coming Illinois and Duke. See if Illinois' Peoria trio of Griffin, Williams, and McClain can handle the big time pressure that the Blue Devils will bring.



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7:30 p.m. Knicks at 76ers, TBS.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:00 p.m. Wisconsin at Wake Forest, ESPN.

SPORTS QUIZ

What is the name of Maryland's Terrapin mascot? See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

Table with NFL, NHL, NBA scores and Men's Hoops Top 25 list.

Sugar Bowl to pit Florida St., Virginia Tech

Virginia Tech widened its lead over Nebraska in the BCS poll, making the Sugar Bowl matchup nearly final.

By Richard Rosenblatt Associated Press

Book it: No. 1 Florida State vs. No. 2 Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl on Jan. 4.

In what will become a perfect ending to a perfect regular season, Virginia Tech is certain to hold off Nebraska in the final Bowl Championship Series standings, setting up a No. 1 vs. No. 2 game for the national title in New Orleans.

The Hokies (11-0) increased their second-place lead over the Huskers from .63 points to 1.54 points in the latest BCS standings released Monday. The final BCS standings, which determines the teams that will play in its title game, will be released Dec. 5.

The advantage, according to one computer expert, is all but impossible to overcome — even if Nebraska routs Texas in Saturday's Big 12 Conference title game in San Antonio. "There's no suspense," Chicago-based computer expert Jerry Palm said. "If Nebraska wins 50-0, I'm not sure that could overtake Virginia Tech."

From the start of the Hokies-Huskers points battle, Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer has been confident the top teams would end up in the national title game. But until the final results are in, he's not taking anything for granted.

Rose may sue baseball to gain reinstatement

Pete Rose claims that baseball blackmailed witnesses during his gambling investigation in 1989.

By Ronald Blum Associated Press

NEW YORK— Pete Rose is launching an Internet petition and may sue baseball to end his lifetime ban.

"You can't keep a guy from making a living," he said Tuesday in an interview with The Associated Press. "It's not the American way."

Following an investigation of his gambling, baseball's career hits leader agreed in August 1989 to a lifetime ban from the sport. He applied for reinstatement in September 1997 and while commissioner Bud Selig has said several times that he has seen no evidence that would make him change the ban, he hasn't formally responded to Rose.

"If you find in your heart you didn't want to give me reinstatement, just write back and say, 'No,'" Rose said. "I know he has stationery. I know the mail is delivered in Milwaukee."

Rose claimed baseball's lawyers "blackmailed" witnesses against him during its investigation 10 years ago. When pressed for details, he referred comment to his lawyer, Roger Makley, who declined comment when contacted at his Ohio office. Those who led the investigation at the time, Fay Vincent and John Dowd, denied Rose's accusation.

Rose was in New York for Tuesday's launch of sportcut.com., which through Jan. 15 will contain a fan petition calling for Rose's admission to the Hall of Fame. As long as he's

banned from baseball for life, Rose is ineligible for the Hall.

"One thing you have to understand is we're not looking for a fight," Rose said. "If that has to be an option, that will be an option. That's a last resort. I don't need it. The game doesn't need it."

While baseball's rules allowed Rose to apply to reinstatement after one year, he's waited eight. He didn't want to apply while Vincent was commissioner — Vincent headed the Rose investigation as deputy to commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti and hired Dowd, who compiled the report on Rose's gambling.

"Fay Vincent wasn't going to give me a chance," Rose said. "I have no respect for John Dowd. He didn't do

You can't keep a guy from making a living. It's not the American way.

— Pete Rose, on his lifetime ban from baseball

an impartial investigation. We're sick and tired of him going on the air and talking about all this evidence he has."

Rose also is angry Dowd put his report on the Internet.

"How much is he making on the Dowd report?" Rose said. "If I died tomorrow, we wouldn't hear about John Dowd again until the day he died."

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Iowa tries to rebound

The Hawkeyes will attempt to bury the bad memories of Omaha with a trip to Baltimore to battle Maryland.

By Megan Manfull The Daily Iowan

Voters either love or hate the Iowa men's basketball team.

Monday, the Hawkeyes (2-2) fell out of the Associated Press Top 25 rankings hard. The team only received 10 votes, as opposed to the 236 votes it garnered a week ago.

By tomorrow, however, Iowa could start climbing right back up.

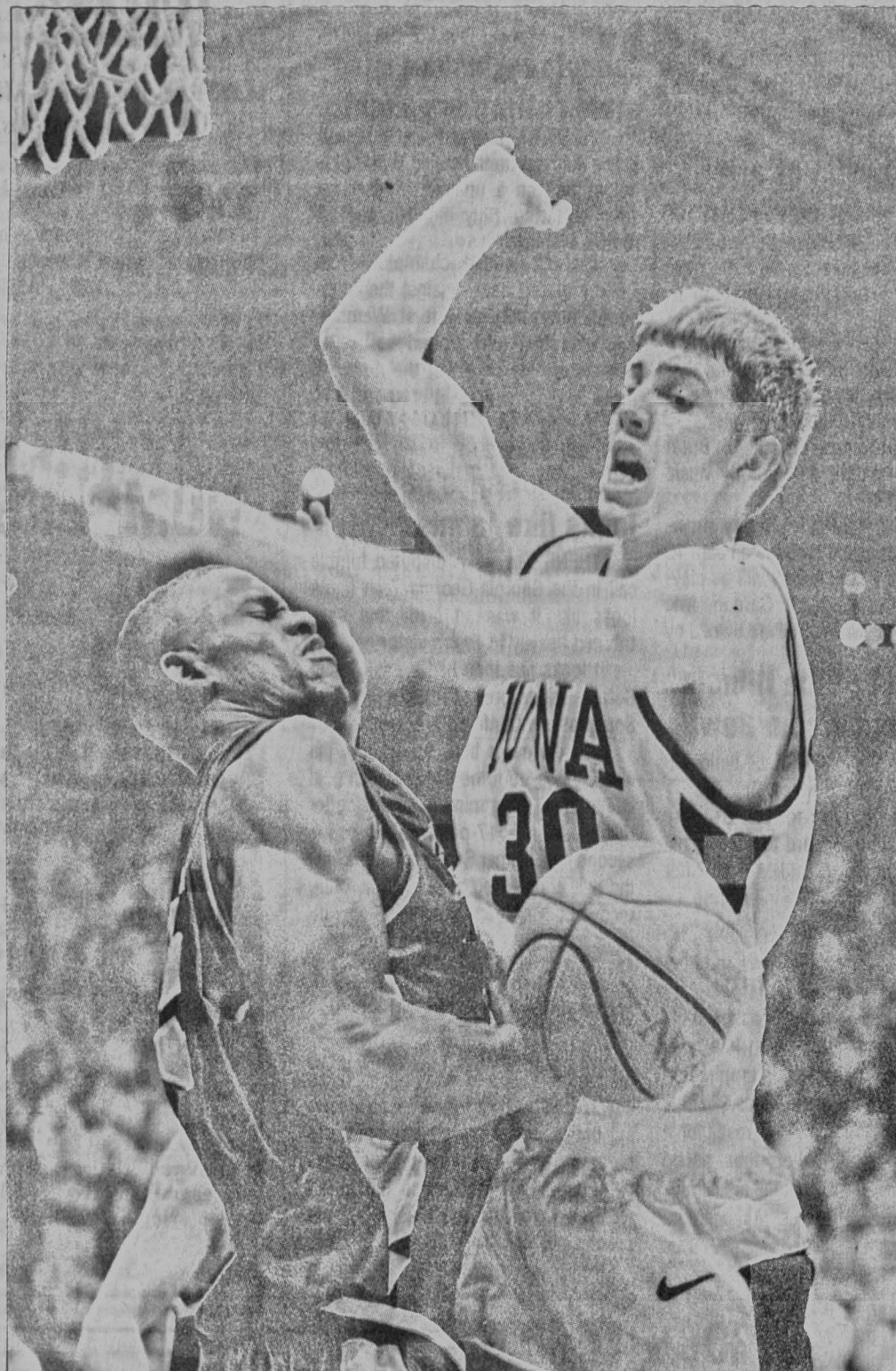
With the team's rigorous schedule continuing, the Hawkeyes travel to Baltimore, Md., to face No. 24 Maryland (4-1) tonight in the Big Ten-ACC Challenge. Tip-off is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and the game will be broadcast on ESPN2.

To redeem themselves from last weekend's upset by Creighton, the Hawkeyes are going to have to show a newfound maturity. But Iowa coach Steve Alford is not so sure his team has changed.

"We played with four starters not doing a whole lot against Creighton," Alford said. "Our bench kept us in that game. But we need everyone."

Kyle Galloway was injured in the opening minutes of Saturday's game with an elbow to the eye from teammate Duez Henderson. He fractured a bone under his eye and is questionable for tonight's game. Henderson battled in foul trouble, which seems to be becoming a habit for him. Ryan Leuhrmann

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Iowa's Kyle Galloway fights for a rebound against Eastern Illinois' Merve Joseph in the second half of the Hawkeyes' 95-79 win over the Panthers Nov. 21.

JIM LITKE COLUMN

'I was doing something else... I was giving to God'

The now outlawed throat slash is just one of a number of needless NFL celebrations.

By Jim Litke Associated Press

People who say you can't legislate behavior apparently don't watch enough pro football.

The number of throat slashings reported in the NFL on Sunday was down to one, and even that one — pardon the expression — wasn't clear-cut. No sooner had New Orleans' Willie Whitehead finished drawing his finger across his neck than he began insisting the gesture wasn't what it seemed, that his inspiration was actually religious, not homicidal.

"I do something that looks a little like a throat slash," Whitehead said after his Saints lost in St. Louis. "It wasn't that. I was doing something else, I was giving to God."

Assuming commissioner Paul Tagliabue is as good as his word, Whitehead will be giving a little something to charity, too, before the week is out. On Tuesday, after Packers quarterback Brett Favre became the latest high-profile star caught making the throat-slashing gesture on camera, the NFL sent a memo to all 31 teams threatening fines and on-field penalties against any player depicting an "unacceptable act of violence."

Whitehead didn't get penalized for the gesture, which he made following his first-quarter sack of Rams quarterback Kurt Warner. But once the league's lords of discipline have had a chance to review the videotape, he will need more than a note from George Burns to avoid getting whacked with a fine.

The bigger it is, the faster memory lapses like Whitehead's will disappear altogether. The comforting thing is that he already got a good part of what was coming to him even before

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Nick Saban reportedly new LSU head man

Louisiana television stations reported LSU offered Saban one million dollars to coach the Tigers.

By Dee-Ann Durbin Associated Press

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Michigan State football coach Nick Saban will replace fired Gerry DiNardo at LSU, two Louisiana television stations reported Monday. A Michigan station reported that he has been offered the job but had not yet decided whether to accept.

WAFB television in Baton Rouge and WWL television in New Orleans both cited unidentified sources in their reports. LSU sent an airplane to Lansing, Mich., to pick up Saban to bring him to campus Monday evening, WAFB reported.

LSU's sports information office said they could not confirm the

report.

Saban met with Michigan State players late Monday afternoon in a prescheduled meeting to discuss their upcoming Florida Citrus Bowl appearance and told them they might be hearing media reports that he was considering another job. He didn't specify the school, two players said.

"All he said was that he had been contacted by another school," tight end Ivory McCoy said.

Defensive back DeMario Suggs said he supports whatever decision Saban makes.

"I'd be sorry to see him go, but it's his decision," Suggs said. "Whatever is best for him and his family."

Saban was not at his office Monday evening and could not be reached for

comment. Offensive coordinator Morris Watts said he believes Saban planned to talk with his family Monday night to try to make a decision.

WLNS-TV reported that LSU is offering Saban about a million dollars a year. At Michigan State, he has a base salary of \$203,530 and makes \$493,000 from other sources, including his TV show, for a total of \$697,330. The Detroit News reported Sunday.

"The going rate in that league is more than \$1 million," said John Lewandowski, Michigan State sports information director.

Lewandowski said LSU officials contacted Michigan State on Monday

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Michigan State football coach Nick Saban is reported to be the next football coach at Louisiana State.

Crossword puzzle grid with clues.

Clues for the crossword puzzle.

Cartoon by Troy Hollatz.

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**SPORTS**

**Cooper creates a stir within staff**

■ John Cooper fired Mike Jacobs and Shawn Simms. He promoted three other coaches after OSU's 6-6 season.

By Rusty Miller  
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — After a 6-6 season, Ohio State coach John Cooper said he wasn't happy with any area of his team, including the coaching.

On Monday, he did something about it. Saying it was "ridiculous to stand with a pat hand when you think you can do better," Cooper fired offensive coordinator Mike Jacobs and defensive ends coach Shawn Simms and promoted three other assistants.

Jacobs was fired a year after Ohio State had one of the most prolific offenses in school history. Cooper was asked what the difference was between the way Jacobs coached in 1998 and this year.

"We weren't the same this year

as we were last year," Cooper said. "I'm not pointing my finger and blaming Mike Jacobs for all the mistakes we had on this football team this past year, whether it's on offense, defense, special teams — whatever. Again, I think decisions had to be made and changes had to be made and we made them."

In June, Jacobs pleaded guilty to a charge of disorderly conduct after he was accused of striking his ex-wife during a fight in January. He was placed on paid administrative leave after the charges were filed, then later was reinstated.

The firings were announced weeks after the Buckeyes finished the year on a three-game losing skid.

"The main reason, obviously, was the kind of year we had," he said. "I wasn't happy with any-

thing concerning our football team this year. I wasn't happy with the offense, I wasn't happy with the defense, I wasn't happy with special teams — and I wasn't happy with the way we coached. I think we've got to coach better than we did this year."

Cooper said it was his call on all the changes.

In addition, defensive coordinator Fred Pagac was promoted to assistant head coach, although he will continue to work with the defense. Secondary coach Jon Tenuta was elevated to defensive coordinator, and wide receivers coach Chuck Stobart was promoted to offensive coordinator.

The Buckeyes, who missed a bowl berth for the first time since Cooper's first year in 1988, had problems at almost every position. The offense averaged 24 points a game but turned the ball over 29 times. The line surrendered 40 sacks and quarterback Steve Bellisari had the school's worst passing percentage (45.1) in 26 years.



Cooper



Gene J. Puskar/  
Associated Press  
**Kordell Stewart stands on the sidelines after being benched early in the second quarter by coach Bill Cowher, left, Sunday against the Cincinnati Bengals in Pittsburgh. The Bengals won the game 27-20.**

**Stewart's benching may not be brief**

■ Bill Cowher said Monday that Kordell Stewart will move to wide receiver Thursday and will be the Steelers' third option at QB.

By Alan Robinson  
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Bill Cowher insists that, much like the Pittsburgh Steelers' offense, he isn't going anywhere.

But as he dismissed questions about his own status Monday, saying, "I'm planning to be here," Cowher raised doubts about floundering quarterback Kordell Stewart's future in Pittsburgh.

Cowher said 37-year-old Mike Tomczak probably will be the starting quarterback the rest of the season, beginning Thursday in Jacksonville, and hinted that second-year pro Pete Gonzalez, not Stewart, will be the backup. "To say it's a one-week thing for Mike would be unfair," Cowher said.

Asked if Gonzalez, a former Pitt star who has played only once in two seasons, is ready to play, Cowher said, "We'll find out."

By default, Stewart becomes the highly paid wide receiver the Steelers have sought for years, reprising the "Slash" role of part-time receiver and quarterback he

played before becoming a full-time quarterback in 1997.

Injuries to Will Blackwell (sprained foot) and Courtney Hawkins (sprained ankle) left the Steelers with only four receivers and, Cowher said, created the perfect opportunity for Stewart to play, instead of sitting and fretting about his benching.

"With Kordell, there's indecision and a lack of confidence," Cowher said. "Now, he'll get a chance to run around and release some of that anguish and frustration."

Stewart made four touchdown catches in 1995 and 1996, plus another in an AFC championship game, and Cowher said he could have been an excellent receiver if he stayed there full time.

But can Stewart, who has thrown only six touchdown passes in his last 15 starts, ever regain the confidence at quarterback that helped him lead the Steelers to the AFC title game in 1997?

"I don't know," Cowher said. "I want to win games. What we're talking about is an individual and I'm looking at the team. Too many guys here have paid the price and worked and sacrificed to worry about one individual."

Cowher also said, for the first time, Stewart's \$27 million contract will not influence whether he plays, this year or beyond. The

Steelers would take a huge hit under the salary cap if they get rid of Stewart.

"I don't look at what a guy makes; when you do that you're not coaching, you're managing, and I want to coach," Cowher said.

Stewart was benched after throwing two costly interceptions, one for a touchdown, as Cincinnati (2-10) quickly opened a 24-3 lead in upsetting the Steelers 27-20 Sunday. Tomczak replaced him and passed for 264 yards and two touchdowns, albeit against one of the NFL's worst defenses.

Tomczak will go up against a much better defense Thursday at Jacksonville (10-1). The Jaguars can complete their first season sweep of Pittsburgh.

"But based on what Mike did, it would be foolish from anybody's standpoint to think you should go back (to Stewart)," Cowher said. "You can't lose sight of salaries and the salary cap, but you also can't lose sight of the accountability you have to your team."

And there are Steelers aplenty for Cowher to blame for a three-game losing streak that is beginning to resemble last year's five-game season-ending slide. Cowher singled out Stewart, the secondary and the offensive line for playing poorly, but said the blame extends directly into his office, too.

**Packers make it seven-straight for 49ers**

By Dennis Georgatos  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — There was no miracle finish this time for the San Francisco 49ers, not even the hope of one. Instead, it was just one more bad performance in a season of failure.

Brett Favre passed for two touchdowns and Green Bay's defense held San Francisco's struggling offense without a touchdown as the Packers sent the 49ers to their seventh straight loss, 20-3 Monday night.

It's the longest skid for San Francisco (3-8) since losing eight in a row in 1980, and ensured the 49ers would finish with their first non-winning campaign since going 3-6 in the strike-shortened 1982 season. And a crowd used to seeing the 49ers win turned on the home team, showering them

with boos even as the players were pelted by rain late in the game.

Green Bay (6-5) pulled to within a game of Detroit, Tampa Bay and Minnesota in the NFC Central with five remaining and ran its record to 6-1 against the 49ers since 1995, including four playoff encounters.

San Francisco's lone victory in that span came in last January's Wild Card playoff when Steve Young threaded a 25-yard touchdown pass to Terrell Owens through three defenders in the final seconds.

But this time, Young watched from the sidelines, probably out for the rest of the season with a concussion suffered Sept. 27.

First-year Green Bay coach Ray Rhodes, a former 49ers assistant, got his first win in eight Monday night games. The 49ers saw one

more streak end when San Francisco coach Steve Mariucci, a former Packers assistant, lost for the first time in eight Monday night games.

**Malone passes Jordan's scoring mark**

■ After going 6 for 6 in the opening minutes, Karl Malone made his mark on history by scoring his 29,278th point.

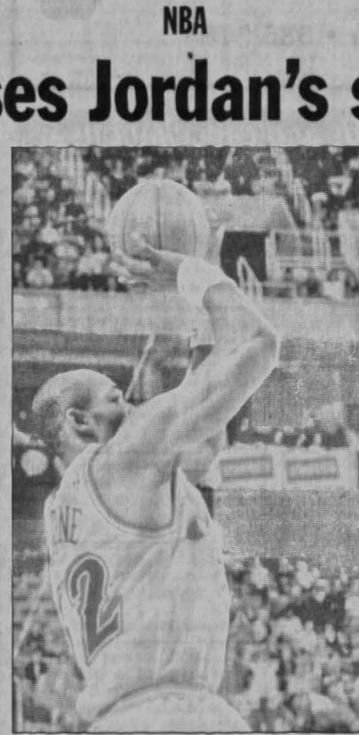
By Tim Korte  
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone scored 27 points, passing Michael Jordan for third place on the NBA career scoring list, as the Utah Jazz beat the Golden State Warriors 115-99 Monday night.

With Malone making his first six shots, there was no suspense about whether he could reach the scoring milestone. He came in needing six points to pass Jordan, and he did it on an 18-foot jumper with 9:24 left in the first quarter.

There was no suspense about who would win the game, either. Utah built a 16-6 lead and was ahead 41-19 at the end of the first period.

Malone made 12 of 14 field-goal attempts and narrowly missed a triple double with 10 assists and eight rebounds. He now has 29,299 points, trailing only Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (38,387) and Wilt Chamberlain



Chuck Wing/Associated Press

**Karl Malone launches the ball for his 29,278th career point in the first quarter against the Golden State Warriors Monday.**

(31,419). Jordan finished his career with 29,277 points.

Rookie Scott Padgett scored a career-high 16 points for Utah. Jeff Hornacek had 16, Bryon Russell 14 and Jacque Vaughn 10 for the Jazz.

Damon Jones led the Warriors with 17 points, hitting all five of his 3-point shots. Antawn

Jamison and Tony Farmer each scored 15 and Tim Legler had 14 for Golden State.

The Jazz limited the Warriors to 43 percent shooting in the first quarter and held Jamison scoreless until 4:50 left in the first half.

Utah led 66-46 at the break and never was challenged in the second half, extending the advantage to as many as 32 points.

Golden State missed three standouts who continue to nurse injuries. Donyell Marshall (tendinitis, left knee), John Starks (tendinitis, right knee) and Chris Mills (sore left ankle) were listed as questionable but didn't play.

Notes: John Stockton came close to a scoring milestone of his own. After getting eight points against the Warriors, the NBA's career steals and assists leader needs 15 points to reach 16,000 for his career. ... Utah has beaten Golden State 10 straight games at the Delta Center. ... Led by Malone's eight boards, the Jazz held a 41-25 rebounding advantage. ... Warriors center Adonis Foyle took an elbow to the mouth from Utah's Quincy Lewis and left the game.

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SPORTS

# Taunts questionable

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The final whistle blew Sunday. The Rams, who led just 7-3 after one quarter and 15-12 at the half, scored 28 unanswered points in the second half. Warner, who had completed just 5 of 15 passes for 60 yards in the first half, topped that in the third quarter by completing six consecutive passes. He finished with 213 yards, two touchdowns and a very resounding 43-12 win, which one of Warner's predecessors would argue is the sweetest kind of revenge, anyway.

"There's always another game," former Cowboys quarterback Roger Staubach said over the telephone Sunday from his home near Dallas.

"I'm not against celebrating, just the opposite. But I always remembered that sooner or later, there was going to be another game against the same guys you were celebrating in front of. And you knew that some of them had long memories. That was enough to keep things short and pretty respectful."

In an era when single sacks and meaningless scores become the subjects of one-act dramas, Staubach took the Cowboys to six NFC championship games and four Super Bowls, winning two, but can't remember celebrating any of them with anything more elaborate than a fist pump.

His wildest celebration apparently came at the end of a come-from-behind 34-16 win over Washington in 1977; Staubach says "apparently" because he didn't remember jumping into the arms of teammate Ron Springs until he saw the photo in the newspaper the next day.

His coach, Tom Landry, had

very specific notions about when and what to celebrate, but Staubach recognizes a one-style-fits-all approach won't work either.

"Football is an emotional game; it was never meant to be played by automatons," he said. "I don't think reasonable people are going to argue about the throat-slash; it's way over the top. The more you see it, the more you see why."

"But the other side of the coin is this: if players would just quit celebrating every little thing," Staubach said, "there would be a lot less need for the league to rule what's OK and what's not."

If Whitehead's meaningless celebration was Sunday's worst, then we should recognize the best. It belonged to Cleveland's Tim Couch, who celebrated his own short touchdown run in a 33-21 loss to Tennessee by spiking the football, then leaping into the embrace of fans in the first row the Dawg Pound, a variation on the Green Bay Packers' "Lambeau Leap."

The celebration came in the middle of an afternoon when Titans defenders would sack the rookie QB seven times and bloody both his eyelid and his mouth. It also came after Couch, a respectful sort, had talked with Cleveland great Otto Graham about the subject. He wanted to know how the late Paul Brown, the team's former owner, would have treated his players for indulging in even the smallest celebration.

"If they had done anything, he would have fined them," Couch recalled Graham saying. "And if they'd done it again, he'd probably have kicked them off the team."

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# Jaacks needs to avoid fouls for Iowa to succeed

IOWA BASKETBALL

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continued to struggle with his shot, and Jacob Jaacks let his emotions get the best of him.

The 6-foot-8 center fouled out with only eight points and three rebounds in 17 minutes.

"We need to keep working on Jaacks' frame of mind," the first-year coach said. "I'm trying to tell him that you don't want to be a player that ends up losing by beating yourself. He needs to keep control of his emotions."

"We are 2-0 with Jaacks staying out of foul trouble. We are 0-2 with him in it."

The challenge isn't going to be easy for the Hawkeyes, even with Jaacks. The Terrapins have a full-court pressure defense that Maryland coach Gary Williams learned as an assistant under former Iowa coach Tom Davis.



Jaacks

The squad's only loss has come at the hands of No. 13 Kentucky in the semifinals of the Preseason NIT. Maryland lost 61-58, and then picked up a win against Notre Dame in the consolation game last Friday.

The team has shown balanced scoring with three players averaging double figures, and is led by preseason All-America candidate, forward Terence Morris. He's averaging 16 points and 6.8 rebounds per game. The Terrapins also have a strong defender and offensive threat in 6-foot-3 sophomore Juan Dixon. He averages 17 points and has already picked up 18 steals.

Just last week, the Hawkeyes were ranked above the Terrapins. However, Maryland held on to the No. 24 ranking, while Iowa fell far out its No. 23 slot.

"There are going to be a lot of challenges," Alford said. "They are very well coached, they have a great system, they've had a lot of success within that system."

"It's a tall order for us. We made enough mistakes in that last game to be concerned with how many mistakes we can turn into non-mistakes against a good basketball team."

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# LSU chancellor says new coach 'within 36 hours'

SABAN

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morning to say they wanted to speak with Saban about a job. Lewandowski said he expected to make a decision quickly.

"I just know this is something that coach would like to resolve quickly. We've got a bowl game to prepare for," Lewandowski said.

Saban has not been out of the state and any negotiations have been conducted by telephone, Lewandowski said.

LSU officials have said they want a new coach in place by Dec. 10 to replace DiNardo, who was fired two weeks ago after going 2-8 this season, and 4-7 in 1998 - the year LSU was expected to contend for an SEC championship after three winning seasons under DiNardo.

LSU Chancellor Mark Emmert met with LSU players Monday and told them a new coach would be named "within 24-36 hours," WAFB

reported.

Saban guided No. 10 Michigan State to a 9-2 record this season, a second-place finish in the Big Ten and a berth in the Florida Citrus Bowl, the Spartans' first Jan. 1 bowl game since appearing in the Gator Bowl in 1989.

Including a year at Toledo, Saban has a 43-26-1 record as a college coach and a 34-24-1 record at Michigan State. He also was a defensive coordinator for the Cleveland Browns for four seasons and the secondary coach for the Houston Oilers for two seasons.

Saban's name has come up repeatedly as a possible candidate for NFL coaching jobs, including two years ago for the Cleveland Browns' coaching job, and before that his name was linked to jobs with the Minnesota Vikings, the Indianapolis Colts and the New York Giants.

# Rose says Gray inappropriate

ROSE

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Dowd said Rose is wrong. "We did it to educate the public, and we did it solely at the firm's expense," he said. "We never charged anyone a dime."

The document Rose signed says, "Nothing in this agreement shall be deemed either an admission or a denial by Peter Edward Rose of the allegation that he bet on any major league baseball game" but it also says, "Peter Edward Rose acknowledges that the commissioner has a factual basis to impose the penalty provided herein, and hereby accepts the penalty imposed on him by the commissioner and agrees not to challenge that penalty in court or otherwise."

Giamatti said he personally had concluded that Rose bet on the Cincinnati Reds, the team he was managing, to win. Rose repeatedly has denied betting on baseball.

Rose said baseball originally



Dude

proposed he wait 22 years to apply to reinstatement, then cut it to 11 and then to one - the period specified in the Major League Rules.

"At some point, there was talk of a specific time period, but it wasn't 22 years," according to Vincent.

Rose's election to baseball's All-Century team and his confrontational interview with NBC's Jim Gray following the on-field ceremony at Turner Field have brought renewed attention to his quest for reinstatement.

Rose said the broadcaster convinced him to do the interview by saying he had "inside information" that would "help your case." Gray repeatedly pressed for Rose to admit he bet on baseball.

"Here was a guy that was looking for a feather in his cap," Rose said. "The timing was not right. I'm not saying the questioning, it was the timing."

Rose said Gray's NBC on-field partner, Craig Sager, apologized to Rose afterward.

Gray did not respond to a message left with NBC, and Sager did not respond to a message left with Turner Broadcasting.

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**Experts probe border ranches for 100 bodies**  
U.S. officials and Mexican police believe the people were victims of a drug gang.

By Niko Price  
Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico - forensic experts joined Mexican and ski-masked police in searching two desert ranches on the border for the bodies of more than 100 Mexican and U.S. citizens, mostly the victims of a drug gang.

U.S. officials, Mexican soldiers and police spent the day working the baby-blue buildings in the hills of Ciudad Juarez, Attorneys General said. The ranches in the hilly, scrub desert seemed to be concentrated in a concrete barn-like structure workers were using a backhoe.

In the afternoon, Jose L. Garrasco, head of the organic crime unit for the Mexican Attorney General's Office, told journalists in El Paso, Texas, across the border from Ciudad Juarez, that he had found "some remains, but in the process of investigating."

"They could be human remains," he said.

Earlier, Assistant FBI Director Thomas Pickard in Washington said that part of one body had been buried by midday. Pickard said "a pretty good assumption" Americans are among those at the ranches, given "the proximity to the border."

Authorities were led to the ranch by an informant who approached FBI early this year, a federal enforcement official said in Washington. The informant said there were as many as 100 bodies including people who had been providing information to U.S. agents, said the official, who on the condition of anonymity.

Mexican Attorney General Madrazo told the Televisa television network that investigators of the victims were killed by the drug cartel, once Mexico's most violent drug-smuggling outfit.

Madrazo said that while the number of bodies in the ranch was unknown, the number of reported missing in the area around 100 people - including Americans.

U.S. officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said only five Americans had been reported missing in the area over the past several years.

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