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No Y2 Kayo for Iowa, officials say

■ ATMs, telephone companies and utilities will welcome 2000 glitch-free.

By Becky Bohrer
Associated Press

DES MOINES — After years of preparation and tens of millions of dollars spent to ward off any Y2K glitches, Iowa disaster officials have declared the state ready to enter 2000 — quietly.

"I don't have any concerns," said Ellen Gordon, the state's emergency management director. "We're prepared to be responsive at this point."

Iowa's emergency operations center will be up and running from Dec. 31 through Jan. 1, with state officials reporting the status of their own systems and providing necessary assistance.

No major disruptions are expected in utilities, banking or travel service, industry representatives said Wednesday. Testing and re-testing of any equipment that might be date-sensitive indicates

no reason for concern, they said. "My feeling is that this will be a typical winter weekend in Iowa," said Ben Hildebrandt, spokesman for the Iowa Bankers Association.

A recent Gallup poll found that nine out of 10 bank customers in the United States believe that their banks are ready for Y2K. That compares with 76 percent of customers in a March survey.

"The state feels no banks are underprepared," said Ron Bradshaw, a spokesman for the Iowa Division of Banking, which regulates 393 state charter banks.

Chris Thomas, a spokesman for Shazam, said automatic teller machines should operate normally. But because ATMs always are used more at the end of the year and customers may withdraw more cash than usual as Jan. 1 approaches, ATMs could run out of cash or receipt paper, shutting down, he said.

Disruptions in telephone service could occur if too many people pick up the phone at the same time, said Lynn Gipple, a spokes-

woman for US West. "We're expecting probably the heaviest number of calls we've ever seen," she said. "We want people to make their calls, but if they're just testing the phone to see if they have a dial tone, they're just tying up the line."

Rapid busy signals or no dial tone could signal a system overload, not a Y2K problem, she said. Systems at 10 Iowa airports, including Des Moines International, are Y2K-compliant, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"We're very confident our systems should work fine," said Tony Molinaro, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Chicago.

Mark Davis, a spokesman for Union Pacific railroad, said the trains will run as scheduled on Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, adding the traffic is usually lighter on holidays.

Electronic crossing devices are backed-up with batteries. If the batteries wear down, the safety light remains on, he said.

WTO's farm progress slow, Iowans say

■ The state's representatives are trying to put agriculture front and center at the talks.

By David Pitt
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Progress toward opening world markets for Iowa farmers is moving slowly at international trade talks in Seattle, and officials representing the state said Wednesday they are unsure how close they will come to making agriculture prominent in such talks over the next three years.

The purpose of the World Trade Organization meetings in Seattle is to set an agenda for future trade discussions, and U.S. representatives are pushing for elimination of tariffs and support programs that distort prices.

The United States also advocates environmental and fair-labor standards and wants to see the WTO open its processes to public scrutiny.

Europeans continue to resist those issues and at some meetings this week refused to discuss elimination of trade barriers.

"I don't think they can maintain that position," U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin said.

Harkin, D-Iowa, said if Europeans do not budge, international trade talks could quickly deteriorate, and the entire World Trade Organization process could be jeopardized.

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core labor, environmental standards and agriculture, then we're going to have a very rough time," he said.

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By Shawn Pogatchnik
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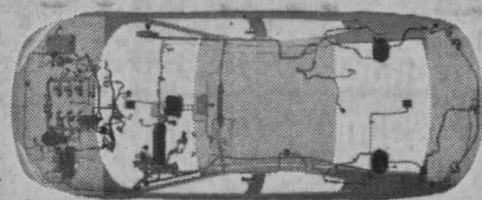
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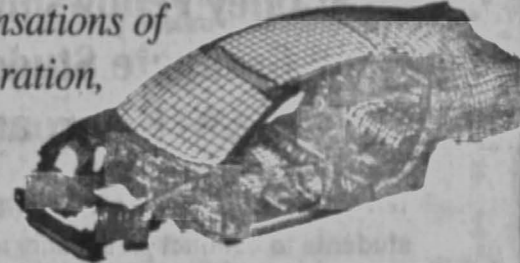
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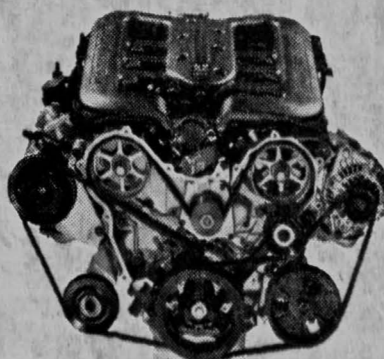


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"With the full political settlement about to be implemented, we have the strongest possible basis for permanent peace in Ireland, such as has never before been experienced in our history," Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern told lawmakers earlier Wednesday.

In Dublin, senior British and Irish officials were expected to sign treaties today that would authorize the closest political relations between the two nations since most of Ireland successfully rebelled against British rule in 1922.

The treaties will authorize the creation of a British-Irish Council, bringing together legislators from Britain and both parts of Ireland, and a whole series of cooperative policy-shaping committees between the Dublin and Belfast administrations.

Ahern will then issue a declaration authorizing the immediate amendment of the Irish Republic's 1937 Constitution to drop its territorial claim to Northern Ireland.

Ireland's constitutional change had been on hold as a dispute between rival parties in Northern Ireland over Irish Republican Army disarmament held up the formation of a coalition Cabinet for the province.

That 12-member Cabinet was formed Monday after Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble dropped his Protestant party's demand for IRA disarmament in advance. It will hold its first meeting today.

Ahern said the change to the Constitution, overwhelmingly endorsed by voters last year, would prove "that there is no longer any political

disagreement about the constitutional status of Northern Ireland."

In Belfast, two of Ahern's senior deputies, Justice Minister John O'Donoghue and Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Liz O'Donnell, held their first meeting with the Cabinet's two senior Protestant and Catholic members.

They agreed that the Irish government and Cabinet in Belfast will hold an inaugural summit meeting Dec. 13 in Armagh, the ecclesiastical capital of Ireland for both the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

Mexico dig yields remains of 5

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico (AP) — Working on tips from informants, Mexican and U.S. officials armed with sophisticated technology apparently located the remains of three more bodies south of the Texas border Wednesday, bringing the number to five found in a slow search for some of 100 people missing in the region.

"At this moment, we have indications that we have the remains of five persons," Jose Larrieta Carrasco, head of the organized crime unit for Mexico's attorney general's office, told reporters at the Rancho de la Campana, some 10

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miles southwest of Ciudad Juarez, across the border from El Paso, Texas. "We're trying to determine if there are more," he added.

FBI forensic experts worked with Mexican soldiers and ski-masked police searching four desert ranches near the border, concentrating on two near Ciudad Juarez, the home base for the Juarez drug cartel, Mexico's largest and most violent drug-smuggling outfit of the mid-1990s.

While U.S. officials say an informant told them as many as 100 bodies might be buried at the ranches, officials now say they don't know how many bodies could be buried there.

Mexican Attorney General Jorge

Madrazo has said in several broadcast interviews that he has a list of about 100 people missing from 1994 to 1996 — 22 of them Americans. But he says he does not know how many of the missing might be buried in the desert.

U.S. officials have suggested that the number of missing Americans is smaller.

The searchers have been using techniques ranging from ground-piercing radar and DNA analysis to old-fashioned shovels and sieves to hunt for and identify the dead.

On Wednesday, reporters watching from afar at Rancho de la Campana saw investigators in hospital-type masks and gloves sifting sand and gravel over a screen near one of the compound's buildings.

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Police, Guard enforce order among protesters in Seattle

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the global trade meeting in Seattle stunned White House officials, threw the talks into turmoil, and gave Clinton and the United States a black eye.

"Flames of Hatred," declared a headline in London. "Anarchy in the streets of America," tsk-tsked a television report in Australia. "Chaos closes downtown," summarized a Seattle newspaper above a picture of a police officer in riot gear aiming a rubber-pellet weapon at protesters.

Orchestrated by Clinton, the gathering of the 135-nation World Trade Organization was supposed to have demonstrated the benefits of world trade and the promise of global prosperity as borders open and barriers fall.

Instead, it showed the world chaotic scenes of window smashing, tear gas clouds and fires. The free-trade message promoted so avidly by Clinton was buried amid anger and apprehension about health, labor and environmental protections in a profit-driven cor-

porate world regulated by the Geneva-based WTO.

"The United States has always been the leader in world trade development, and now we are looking like some kind of a circus over here," said former Rep. Bill Frenzel, R-Minn., a trade expert and scholar at the Brookings Institution.

"I believe it is going to take a fairly long time to get the WTO reorganized and get it back on track after this what I would call almost a catastrophic occurrence in the United States," Frenzel said. "It's an embarrassment for every citizen of the United States. And for our first citizen, it's a worse embarrassment."

However, not all saw things that way. Pascal Lamy, top trade negotiator for the 15-nation European Union, said in Seattle, "What's happening outside is having an effect on the negotiations." He said Clinton's hope to eliminate government subsidies in Europe — which make it tougher for American farmers to sell their goods abroad — "is even less possible" given the demonstrations.

Clinton said the WTO must lis-

ten to the voices of the overwhelming group of peaceful protesters who came to Seattle.

The Seattle battle recalled the anti-American melee that greeted Clinton less than two weeks ago in Athens, Greece. In that case, police closed streets and kept demonstrators far away from Clinton. In Seattle, however, Cabinet secretaries and WTO delegates were trapped in their hotels by the unrest. The streets were calm after a night of curfew and a ban on demonstrations in a 50-block area surrounding the convention center where Clinton spoke.

Even without the violence, the Seattle demonstrations underscored the long-standing trade rift between Clinton and his traditional allies in organized labor and the environmental move-

ment. They opposed the administration on the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada and succeeded in stopping Clinton's campaign for "fast-track" negotiating authority for trade talks.

The breach with labor and environmentalists puts Vice President Al Gore in an uncomfortable position as he seeks the Democratic presidential nomination.

Apparently yielding to pressure, Clinton offered a significant concession in Seattle.

The president suggested that a working group on labor be created within the WTO to develop core labor standards that would become "part of every trade agreement. And ultimately I would favor a system in which sanctions would come for violating any provision of a trade agreement."

Holiday spending to rise 4%

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spending during other parts of the year," she said. "Or, what's happened over the last several years is that people are spending more and not saving."

UI freshman Ryan Christie said people focus too much on the money aspect of the holiday season.

"I can honestly say I love to give. It's not about the money," he said. Kevin Perez, co-owner of the Peaceful Fool, 110 E. College St., said he keeps his focus on the local economy.

"The Peaceful Fool is twice as large as last year, so I'm expecting more business, especially from the people who just love downtown and don't go out to Coral Ridge," he said.

Employees of JCPenney, Coral Ridge Mall, say they particularly noticed the increase in spending on the day after Thanksgiving.

"We saw a double-digit (percentage) increase over last year's sales," said Chuck Black, the store manager.

While the day after Thanksgiving remains the biggest shopping day of the year for retail stores, Christmas Eve is becoming the Internet equivalent.

Paul Capelli, spokesman for Amazon.com, said, "On Dec. 24, there is a huge surge for gift certificates."

Recipients of gift certificates are notified within hours of their gift via e-mail, making the Internet an oasis for last-minute shoppers, he said.

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Freshman faces harassment charges

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feels "threatened and unsafe," he said, which constitutes a harassment charge.

The most recent trespassing incident was reported to Public Safety Monday by a third person.

The charges Binneboese faces are simple misdemeanors. Harassment is constituted by the intent to intimidate, annoy or alarm a person, either by personal contact, by telephone or in writing, Porter said.

Some of Binneboese's neighbors seemed surprised at the accusations. "He's always real happy and friendly — probably too friendly," said neighbor Ryan Richter.

Richter and roommate Grant Hirl had heard about the incidents and saw the first three charges posted on Binneboese's door.

"I've heard rumors about the thing, but it would be mere speculation if I said anything," Hirl said. "He's nice to us, but we're guys. I don't know how he is to women."

UI freshman Lisa Rosario, a Hillcrest resident, had also heard about the incidents and said she thought it was rare for someone to file charges against a male being overly forward.

"If it did happen, most people would ignore it," she said. "I live right by the door. On weekends, I get a lot of drunk people walking by. I just ignore them."

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Court skeptical of tobacco regulation

Most of the Supreme Court justices express doubts about the FDA's authority to regulate tobacco.

By Laurie Asseo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court administration's groundswell of support to curb smoking ran into trouble Wednesday as most Supreme Court justices expressed doubt about the government's authority to regulate tobacco as an addictive drug.

Such regulation by the Food and Drug Administration "just fits" under a federal law that requires the FDA to ensure that products are safe and effective, said Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"Is it the position of the government that the use of tobacco is an addictive and effective?" she asked Supreme Court Justice General Seth Waxman. The government has asked the justices to overturn a lower court ruling and allow the FDA regulate tobacco and ban sales to minors.

The government has called the 1996 initiative the FDA's most important public health and safety effort in the past 50 years. The tobacco industry has been under increasing attack for selling a product that the American Cancer Society says is the leading cause of cancer.

Waxman contended the FDA's authority to act because nicotine contained in tobacco is "highly addictive" and acts as a stimulant, a sedative and an appetite suppressant and causes smokers' addictions.

But tobacco industry lawyer Richard M. Cooper insisted the government's action was "illegal" because cigarettes are not products as having positive effects on health. Several justices seemed concerned about the industry's argument that FDA regulation would have to ban tobacco products.

NATION

Bush tax plan to aid rich, poor

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- Reduce the penalty paid by couples who get married by restoring a deduction that ended in 1986.

- Eliminate all estate taxes, a GOP favorite that would primarily aid small businessmen and -women, farmers and family members who inherit huge sums.

- Make permanent the research and development tax credit that Congress just extended for five years.

- Raise from \$500 to \$5,000 the amount of money a person can put in tax-free education savings accounts. Current law limits the accounts to college expenses; Bush would expand it to kindergarten through 12th grade.

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While the day after Thanksgiving remains the biggest shopping day of the year for retail stores, Christmas Eve is becoming the Internet equivalent.

Paul Capelli, spokesman for amazon.com, said, "On Dec. 24, there is a huge surge for gift certificates."

Recipients of gift certificates are notified within hours of their gift via e-mail, making the Internet an oasis for last-minute shoppers, he said.

DI reporter Tom Tortorich can be reached at thomas-tortorich@uiowa.edu



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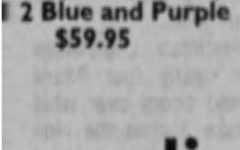
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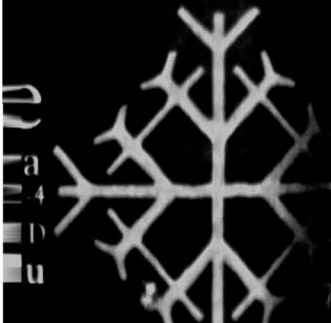
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Court skeptical of tobacco regulation

Most of the Supreme Court justices express doubts about the FDA's authority to regulate tobacco.

By Laurie Asseo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration's groundbreaking effort to curb smoking ran into trouble Wednesday as most Supreme Court justices expressed doubts over the government's authority to regulate tobacco as an addictive drug.

Such regulation by the Food and Drug Administration "just doesn't fit" under a federal law that requires the FDA to ensure drugs that are safe and effective, said Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

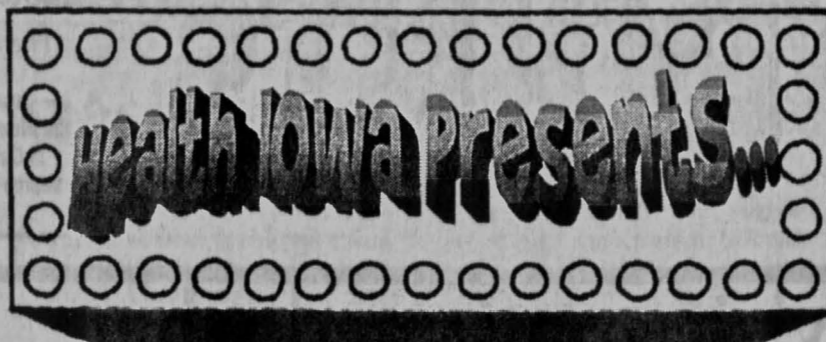
"Is it the position of the government that the use of tobacco is safe and effective?" she asked Solicitor General Seth Waxman. The government has asked the justices to overturn a lower court ruling and let the FDA regulate tobacco and crack down on sales to minors.

The government has called the 1996 initiative the FDA's most important public health and safety effort in the past 50 years. The tobacco industry has been under increasing attack for selling a product that the American Cancer Society says is the leading cause of cancer.

Waxman contended the FDA has the authority to act because the nicotine contained in tobacco is "highly addictive" and acts as a stimulant, a sedative and an appetite suppressant and feeds smokers' addictions.

But tobacco industry lawyer Richard M. Cooper insisted the government's action was "lawless" because cigarettes are not promoted as having positive effects on health.

Several justices seemed concerned about the industry's argument that if FDA regulation were allowed, it would have to ban tobacco products.



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VIEWPOINTS

Is that a white elephant under the tree, or are you just glad to see me?

Hanukkah, Kwanzaa and Christmas are upon us, and while my own faith (I'm a Vertebrate, non-practicing) excuses me from the spiritual aspect of holiday observances, U.S. citizenship obliges me to participate in the agony of gift shopping along with all my fellow consumer-culture members.

I like to think of something meaningful for everybody on my list rather than just jump on some passing fad such as Pokémon. Wait, I take that back. I would very much like to jump on Pokémon. Dismembering Elmo was kind of fun, too.

This is when the curse of a long economic expansion really hits home. Thanks to full employment and easy credit, everybody already has everything they need, and meaningful gift ideas become harder to come up with than an explanation for Ricky Martin's popularity. You can't even talk it over with family members. How can you be sure if your brother shot down your idea of getting Aunt Tina a speaker phone just so he could get one for her himself?

Of course, every family has some poor blighter who got pegged early, like my cousin Rudy. When he was 3, Rudy saw a snail and, knowing no better, he smiled while Grandma was watching. From then on whenever his name came up on the holiday gift list, people would think, "Oh, Rudy. He's the one who likes snails, right?" Thirty years later, he owns the world's most complete collection of snail art, snail literature, snail-shaped pencil holders, snail bedsheets and snail tableware, and he spends his days slithering around a private room at Sunnyvale with an upside-down garbage can on his back.

The situation is even worse when you have a legitimate reason for your assumptions about somebody's interests. You can try to get something for an expert, but if it's the right kind, they already have it, and if it's the wrong kind, they don't want it, and there's no way for outsiders to know which is which.

How well I remember the frustration when my parents got me a G.I. Joe with the kung fu grip, except they got one with North China-style kung fu grip instead of the South China-style. Like I could show up for play group with that. I got back at them years later thanks

to third grade art class by making them a holiday centerpiece out of macaroni shells, orange spray paint and pretty pieces of candy wrapper I found in a parking lot, which they then had to display prominently every Thanksgiving for fear of hurting my feelings.

Receiving something really nice can also lead to problems, including one I like to call "gift creep," which affects the less fashionable among us who stubbornly persist in not achieving financial affluence — a group consisting chiefly of graduate students, West Virginians and anyone associated with the *Mod Squad* movie. In the old days, when the

King of Siam wanted to ruin somebody, he honored them with the gift of a sacred white elephant, which the recipient could neither refuse nor give away, but had to maintain at tremendous expense until the bank repossessed everything down to their second kidney. Think on this when you consider giving someone a Giacometti original, which will only make their whole house look shabby unless they have the place professionally redecorated.

I even did it to myself once, back in the heady middle years of the Reagan era, when, thanks to airline deregulation, you could fly standby to London for \$50 (how I wish I was just making this up) and when for one U.S. dollar you could get a fancy five-course meal anywhere in Europe and buy the chef's firstborn child with the change. My girl-

friend and I went to Scotland one spring break because it was cheaper than visiting family. She dragged me

into some designer clothing shops and in Laura Ashley's found a formal gown that looked so sensational on her I had to buy it, setting me back the equivalent of two large pizzas in Boston. But when we got home we had to contrive an occasion to wear it, and by the time I paid for opera tickets, dinner at *Chez Cout Chèr*, tuxedo rental and cab fare, I was committed to living on Fritos and carrots for the next seven years.

Thank goodness for planned obsolescence. No matter what model printer or digital camera someone has already, you can always get them something better

for Christmas if you wait until 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 24 to make the purchase. Once the Microsoft suit gets settled, it won't be long before the FDA requires expiration dates on all personal computers and accessories. Every new gadget will have a warning label that says, "Best if used before date of purchase."

I wish I could offer more suggestions, but it's much easier to knock an idea than to think of something better. Whatever you do, don't make a donation to charity in someone's name or put a lot of effort into making something special by hand. That kind of thing can only make

the recipient feel inadequate, because they only got you a bathrobe in the wrong size. Fortunately, Internet shopping is expected to be up 300 percent over last year. Nobody has to feel guilty when they open a box and ask, "Did you click on this yourself?"
Drew Herman is a *DI* columnist.

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3. Celebrate mediocre. Be not quite "celebrate," but per a huge waste of time. Examine yours of yourself during finals expecting perfection on every-spend longer than necessary papers and presentations "just about adjusting to a more at still acceptable, level of perfor-

me for yourself. Find a relaxe or exercise routine you truly efit from, and schedule time for uring finals week. This step is ving off steam before you reach ver" point. n finals.

Sarah Hansen health educator Health Iowa/Student Health Service

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take the same precautions they when preparing for a winter which seems to be the current phrase for Y2K advice. Despite urances from experts and Wolf r (who was on to promote CNN's ed coverage), I'm sure many view- ightly scoffed at the woman lanned to be on a plane, in the air, ight comes. n't know which is more frightening movie could cause people to lose at night or that Oprah could calm ne's fears. People have become so dent on what the media tell them hey are practically incapable of ng logically. They cannot rational- themselves what might happen pend on someone else to sort it out- ple don't like it when their security mfort are threatened, and they o great lengths to ward off the . Billions of dollars have been to protect us from the Y2K Bug, the corks pop off the champagne at midnight on Dec. 31, we will t has been worth it after all.

Kara Heinzig is a *DI* columnist

"I didn't get a chance to read the paper this morning."

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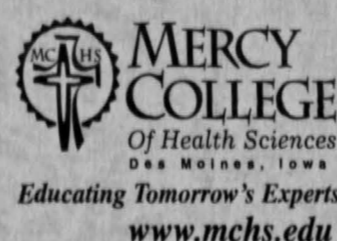


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ON THE AIR

Main Event

The Event: NFL, Pittsburgh Steelers at Jacksonville Jaguars, 7:15 p.m., ESPN.
 The Skinny: Pittsburgh hopes Kordell Stewart's move to wide receiver will spark their inept offense. 10-1 Jacksonville would like to see otherwise.



NBA

7:30 p.m. Mavericks at Bulls, Fox/Chi.

SPORTS QUIZ

What year did the NCAA Championship basketball game boast teams from the same conference for the first time, and what conference were they representing? See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

Cleveland	111	Charlotte	
Washington	108	at Portland	late
Miami	90	Indiana	
Philadelphia	83	at Vancouver	late
Phoenix	128	Golden State	
Houston	122, 20T	at L.A. Lakers	late
Denver	100		
Detroit	96		

NHL

Dallas	3	Edmonton	3
Montreal	2	Colorado	1
New Jersey	3	Tampa Bay	
N.Y. Rangers	2	at Anaheim	late
Detroit	4		
San Jose	2		

MEN'S HOOPS • TOP 25

Michigan State	86	21 Oklahoma St.	68
North Carolina	76	Wichita State	56
Auburn	65	22 DePaul	104
Belmont	56	Chicago State	57
Tennessee	78	25 Gonzaga	71
Miami, Ohio	59	Boise State	55
North Carolina St.	61	4 Arizona	
Purdue	59	Brigham Young	late
Weber State	84	12 UCLA	
Utah	72	Morgan State	late

READ, THEN RECYCLE

Iowa's spark comes from a sophomore

Jerica Watson is bumping up her numbers and has pushed herself into the starting lineup for the Hawkeyes.

By Robert Yarborough
The Daily Iowan

Iowa sophomore Jerica Watson did not want to leave any doubts about her ability this time around.

Disappointed with a lack of playing time last season, the Milwaukee native is quickly becoming a double threat this year for the Iowa women's basketball team. Watson is currently averaging a double-double per game with 10.8 points per game and 10.3 rebounds.

Coach Angie Lee expects Watson to continue her recent dominance when Iowa heads to Salt Lake City to take on the University of Utah tonight at 7 p.m.

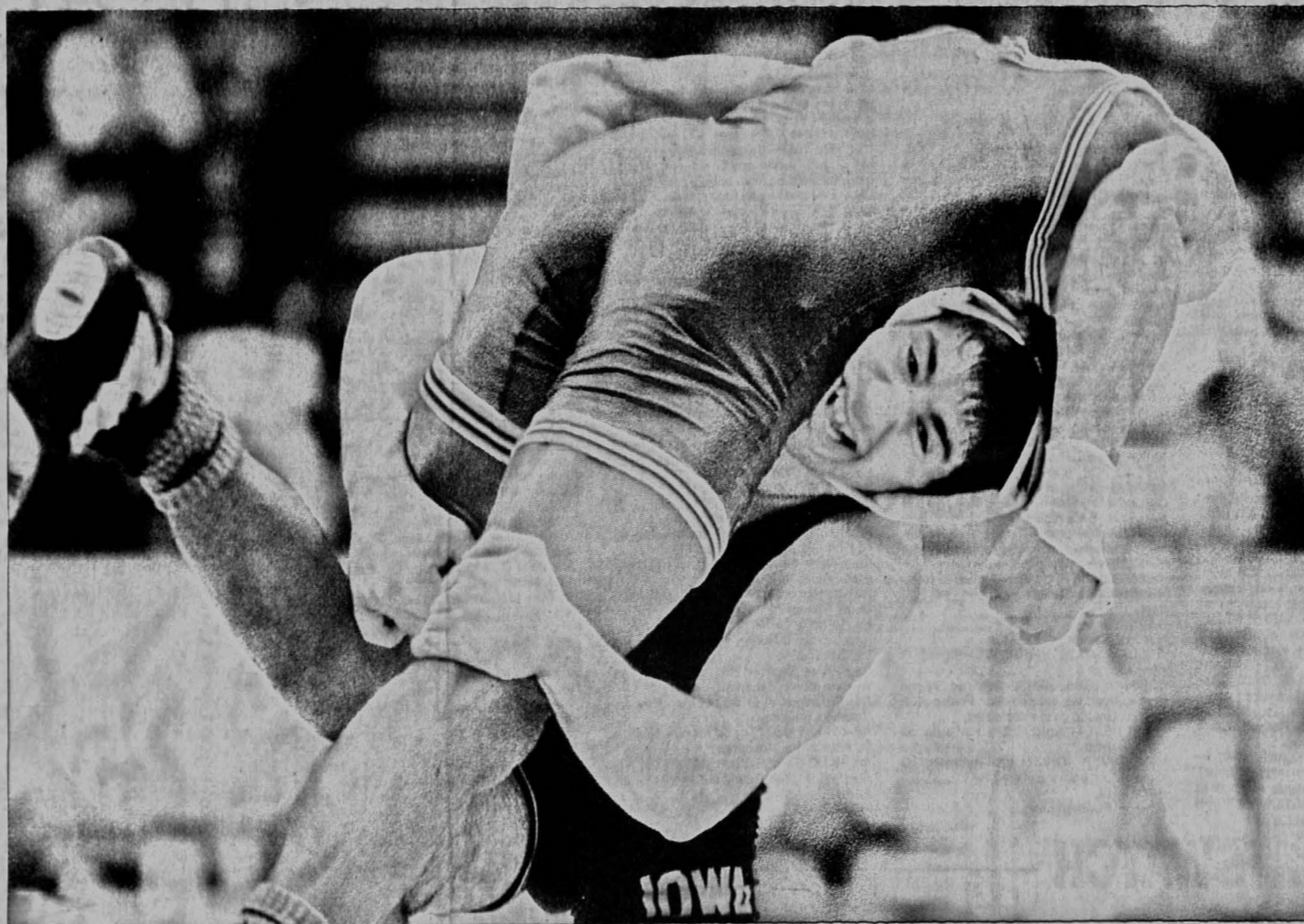
"Jerica's emergence has established a real good flow offensively for our team right now," Lee said. "She is doing exactly what we need her to do and she's hitting the boards extremely well."

A number of clutch shots in last weekend's 76-73 last-second victory over Syracuse secured Watson a spot in the starting lineup this week.

See WATSON, Page 6B



Watson
10.8 ppg, 10.3 rpg



Mike Zadick lifts Northern Iowa's Tony Davis in the 149-pound match Wednesday night. Davis won by decision, 10-6.

Brian Moore/The Daily Iowan

One down, one to go

The Hawkeyes defeated Northern Iowa to win half of the mythical state title. The Hawkeyes will battle No. 1-ranked Iowa State on Dec. 10.

By Greg Wallace
The Daily Iowan

The only weakness of the Iowa wrestling team reared its head Wednesday night.

The Hawkeyes (3-0) roared to a 25-3 lead through the first seven weights. However, Northern Iowa (0-1-1) exposed the upper weights of the Iowa lineup, winning the final three matches to close the final score to 25-15.

"We started off strong but those upper weights, aside from heavy-weight, were the ones I was really concerned with," Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said. "I'm still concerned. We need to get better at those upper weights."

The problems didn't lie so much in the beginning, but the finish. All three losses came due to Iowa passivity in the final period. 184-pounder Paul Jenn led Kyle Hansen 5-2 going into the third, but gave up an escape, and then was taken down and cradled into a pin

Iowa 25, Northern Iowa 15

Ibs.	Win	Score
HWT	IA	Hand dec. Hynek, 10-5
125	IA	Strittmatter m.dec. Dunmire, 9-0
133	IA	Juergens pinned Boudreaux
141	IA	Schwab tech fall Rial, 24-5
149	UNI	Davis dec. Zadick, 10-6
157	IA	Williams m.dec. Koenig, 24-13
165	IA	Anderson dec. Lawrenz, 5-4
174	UNI	Pugh dec. McMahan, 14-8
184	UNI	Hansen pinned Jenn
197	UNI	Weiland dec. Weber, 3-1

with :42 to go.

"He stopped attacking," Zalesky said. "He was up 5-3 and waiting for the guy to shoot. When you stop attacking, you're going to lose."

197-pound Lee Weber finished his match with Tony Weiland tied 1-1, and lost on a takedown in overtime. 165-pound Matt Anderson escaped with a victory — barely. Leading 4-1 late in the third period,

I'm not the coach, but I guess some of our guys should have come out more aggressive, more ready when the whistle blew.

— T.J. Williams

Anderson gave up an escape then a takedown, to tie the score 4-4. He was nearly turned for back points to end the match, and won only by the virtue of his 1:41 riding time advantage, 5-4.

"I guess it's not the performance we wanted," heavyweight Wes Hand, who was the only wrestler above 165 pounds to win, said. "It's early, and I think we're going to keep working. We're going to keep getting better."

T.J. Williams, who scored an impressive technical fall over freshman Bob Koenig, 28-13, said that

See WRESTLING, Page 6B

NFL suspends Bears QB for drug policy violation

Jim Miller's rise from third-string Bears quarterback to starter ended Wednesday.

By Rick Gano
Associated Press

LAKE FOREST, Ill. — Jim Miller says he was only trying to save some money on a dietary supplement. It ended up costing him a suspension for the rest of the season and about \$100,000 in pay.

The Chicago Bears quarterback was suspended for four games by the NFL on Wednesday for violating its drug policy in what he admits was a "dumb mistake."

Miller contends he did not read the label on an over-the-counter dietary supplement that his agent said contained nandrolone. The banned substance is listed in the league's policy under anabolic and androgenic steroids.

"It was in no way, in any means done knowingly," said Miller, who has gone from third string to starting quarterback this season. "And I think anybody who knows me knows I would never take steroids or anything like that, obviously playing the quarterback position. ... I'm normally very conscientious. I made a dumb mistake."

"I can't explain how disappointing this is. ... Of all the people to let the team down, I thought I would be the last to do it."

Miller said in late September he ran out of his normal over-the-counter supplement he used before working out. He said he decided to wait for a 20 percent discount at a nutritional center before replenishing the supply.

During the four-day wait, he turned to another supplement he had. Several days later on Oct. 4, he underwent a random drug test. On Nov. 10, he was notified he had tested positive.

He and agent Joe Linta requested a second test, allowed under the league policy. They were informed Monday night that it also was positive, meaning that Miller was under suspension.



Miller
Suspended for season, fined \$100,000

IOWA GYMNASTICS SEASON PREVIEWS

Touted as one of the nation's best recruiting classes,

Iowa's fab five starts final quest for No. 1

The Hawkeyes will host the NCAA Championships in March, and are hoping to capture their first title since 1969.

By Melinda Mawdsley
The Daily Iowan

Flashback to 1997, when Iowa hosted its first NCAA Championship. Take a good, long look at the freshmen helping the Hawkeyes to a third-place finish in their first NCAA team final. Those bright-eyed youngsters are seniors now. The NCAA Championship is back in Iowa City, and the 2000 men's gymnastics team is ready to be on top.

Iowa coach Tom Dunn begins his 20th season, looking for the one title that has eluded him — a national title. With the help of assistants Alex Kolyvanov and Dmitri Trough and a hungry Hawkeyes squad, the season should be full of promise.

Iowa heads into the season trying to erase the memory of a year ago. With a dual and invitational meet record of 14-1 and a second-place conference finish, Iowa failed to qualify for the NCAA team championships for the first time in six years, despite being ranked near the top all year.

"The end of last year was pretty low for us," Dunn said. "Our performance



DI File Photo

All-American Anthony Petrocelli is one of Iowa's five returning seniors.

at the regional meet was very disappointing. We had to go to nationals with a few individuals who did a good job, but it's quite a bit different than going as a team."

See GYMNASTICS, Page 6B

Lorenzen brings new intensity, hope

Iowa's new gymnastics coach hopes to increase the success of the women's program, and has already started implementing the changes.

By Molly Thomas
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa women's gymnastics team is on the move to build a successful program and new coach Mike Lorenzen is leading the pack.

Lorenzen brings experience to the team, after recently being the team program director at the Cincinnati Gymnastics Academy — a national team training facility, which trained Olympians and national champions like Kim Zmeskal, Amanda Borden, and J.C. Phelps. Lorenzen said he came to Iowa because he saw its tremendous potential to take a step up nationally.

"This job was attractive to me because I could see that Iowa was one of the only programs that had all of the ingredients necessary to create a national contender," Lorenzen said. "It has very supportive alumni, a terrific athletic tradition and a very supportive athletic program, especially in women's athletics."

The Iowa women's gymnastics team has experienced many changes since it began official practice on September 10th. Lorenzen came from a background of very intense,

See LORENZEN, Page 6B

Thursday

Friday

Penumbra: an opera for suitcases
Old Public Library, Linn St. entrance, 7 p.m.
As part of "INTERMEDIA MANIFEST (ation)," this performance by Hans Breder (with Russ Nordman, Scott Siegling and Ianos Schmidt) is the second of six pieces and is described as a mnemonic action among performers, media and audience.

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Space/Place Theatre, North Hall, at 8 p.m.
The UI Dance Department production will feature new choreography by UI dance students Kerrie Thoma, Patricia Renzetti, E. E. Balcos, Alessandra Herszkowicz and Penny Askew, as well as a rare staging of a ballet masterpiece by George Balanchine.

"Snowflake Family Festival"
UI Museum of Art, from noon-5 p.m.
The eighth annual festival will entail an afternoon of art, music, hands-on activities and refreshments. There will be performances by the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre, the Chamber Singers of Iowa City and storyteller "Jessica Claus."

Thursday, December 2, 1999

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Surf's up for psychobilly

The Reverend Horton Heat and Los Straitjackets will preach the power of rock 'n' roll Saturday.

By Jeremy Erwin
The Daily Iowan

Here's a doozy for ya: What do you get when you combine a rabid rockabilly trio led by a greasy-haired reverend with a surf-rock quartet decked out in elaborate Mexican wrestling masks? I don't know about you, but I'd call it the best damn 12 bucks ever spent.

Saturday at 6:30 p.m., you can witness this rock 'n' roll extravaganza of epic proportions as the Reverend Horton Heat, with support from Los Straitjackets, rolls into the Union Bar.

Hailing from Texas — where rockin', cussin' and heel stompin' are not only adjectives used to describe the behavior of the locals but also the music of the Heat — this psychobilly trio has been preachin' the good word for nearly a decade. Carefully fusing punk rock and rockabilly with razor-sharp lyrics, the good Reverend (guitar/vocals), along with upright bassist Jimbo and drummer Scott Churilla, has created a unique style that rocks harder than many punk and metal contemporaries.

Since its 1990 debut, *Smoke Em' if You Got Em'*, the band's image and sound haven't changed in the slightest. However, when it comes to recording, the band has dipped its foot into uncharted waters with the album *Space Heater*.

"I went into the studio with the idea that in 30 days I was going to write and record 30 songs, point blank. I've always had the songs worked up beforehand, but not this time," said the Reverend.



Reverend Horton Heat and Los Straitjackets will be shaking the rafters at the Union Bar this weekend.

"That's how I wrote the whole album — with a devil-may-care attitude, which revealed itself in many of the songs."

The band's latest release, a greatest hits collection called *Holy Roller*, captures the band at its finest, featuring a premium blend of Reverend Horton Heat classics with a few additions, such as Johnny Cash's "Folsom Prison Blues."

The darker half of this rock 'n' roll revival comes in the form of the surf-rock quartet Los Straitjackets, a band that, despite being named "America's Instrumentalists," is best known for concealing its identity behind Mexican wrestling masks.

"We were looking for some sort of gimmick," said guitarist Daddy-O-Grand. "I had this big bag of wrestling masks that I picked up in Mexico City, so we started trying them on, and they were just what we were looking for."

Natives of Nashville, Tenn., Los Straitjackets

have become instrumental legends by combining fierce sonic guitar assaults with smooth stage moves, such as The Freeze, The Crow-Barre Chord and the ever popular Surfin' Suplex.

The band recently made its fourth appearance on "Late Night With Conan O'Brien," highlighting its unique musical prowess with a touching, surf-rock rendition of Celine Dion's "My Heart Will Go On," a cut off its latest release *The Velvet Touch of Los Straitjackets*.

"Conan and Andy Richter have been fans of ours for a while, and since everybody loves that song, we thought it would be perfect to perform for a national audience," said Daddy-O-Grand. "I'd like to say for the record, however, that our performing that song had absolutely no connection whatever with Celine Dion's sudden retirement the day before."

D/I reporter Jeremy Erwin can be reached at: daily-iowan@uiowa.edu

Cocoa & Carols open Yule season

The annual Christmas concert will feature music from three area choirs and cameos by Santa, Frosty and Rudolph.

By Akwi Nji
The Daily Iowan

With 55-degree weather at the end of November, it's hard to think of decking the halls with boughs of holly. But jingle your bells to Hancher Auditorium this weekend for Cocoa and Carols, and the UI Old Gold Singers will have you rockin' around the Christmas tree.

"Cocoa and Carols is one of the biggest events of the year for Old Gold because everybody likes a traditional Christmas concert," Old Gold director Kevin Kriegel said. "People bring their kids, and it's just a fun show for everyone."

The 28 UI singers will kick off the annual holiday performance at Hancher in their Christmas pajamas.

"We open up the show, and it's Christmas morning, so everyone's in pajamas. Then the group comes out in tuxedos and gowns for the more traditional feel," Kriegel said. "Then they're dressed in winter clothes, such as scarves and sweaters, and the audience gets to sing with us."

Guest appearances by Santa Claus and his elves, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph and Suzy Snowflake will give children a double dose of the Christmas spirit. And if that isn't enough, the stage will be decked with oversized candy canes and huge presents.

To add to the Iowa City community's holiday spirit, the Sweet Adelines, a Cedar Rapids women's chorus directed by Beverly Hamilton, and the Iowa City Girls' Choir, co-directed by Vicki Arnold and Ann Berry, will return for their third Cocoa and Carols with the Old Gold Singers.

"The girls like being on Hancher stage," Arnold said of the girls' choir. "For some, they're just awestruck because they've gone to performances where they've seen people on stage, but now they're the stars out there."

The group of more than 80 girls, representing most of the Iowa City schools from fourth through sixth grades, will sing "Think Snow," "Gling Glochen (Ring Little Bells)" and "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" as a finale.

"That's their all-time favorite, and they're going to sing it with attitude," Berry said. "They're supposed to pretend I'm the Grinch, but some of them can't help it and grin all the way through."

Though Cocoa and Carols is a "fun way to get the Christmas season started" and the singers enjoying preparing for the performance, the event is not as popular as it was several years ago, Berry said.

"When I was in it as a student at Iowa, one year it was sold out," she said. "As the years have gone on, there's more stuff to do for Christmas and different places to go see Santa."

Though attendance may be lower than previous years, the performance continues to add new attractions to promote the Christmas spirit. Along with the traditional hot cocoa and treats, this year is the first year that children will be able to have their picture taken with Santa in the lobby after the performance. The Polaroid pictures with old Saint Nick will cost \$4.

"It's a good, wholesome event that gets to be a real tradition, I think," Arnold said. "I know some people who have gone as kids, and now they're taking their families. It's something people can do as a family; that's the nice part."

As for the unusually warm weather, start dreaming of a white Christmas.

"This happened to us last year," Kriegel said. "It was like 60 degrees on our first concert and we were all drinking cocoa and going, 'Oh my gosh, it's so hot.' And the next day — a blizzard."

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Huffey finding the Rapture in writing

The author drew on her experience growing up in the Pentecostal Church.

By Tyler Steward
The Daily Iowan

As the daughter of Pentecostal preachers, Ames-native Rhoda Huffey was privy to fantastic events in her youth. Church members sprouted new limbs of interest; angels and demons made occasional appearances; the Rapture was always imminent.

"All kinds of wild things happened, and nobody was surprised," Huffey said in a telephone interview with *The Daily Iowan*. "It was just the way people lived. 'Every day was full of stories,' she said.

Consequently, Huffey relied on much of her childhood as inspiration for her new book, *The Hallelujah Side*, a story about Roxanne Fish, the 9-year-old

daughter of a Pentecostal preacher who is torn between love for her family and her love of the world. Much of the book is comic, from the miraculous retrieval of the pastor's lost wallet by the occasional tongue lashing Roxanne receives from God himself ("Depart from Me, for I am God Almighty. Phew. You stink.")

But at its core, the story is about painfully divided loyalties.

"I wanted it to be a story about a girl who loves her family desperately but has to leave," Huffey said. She is scheduled to read from the book, her first, tonight at 8 at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St.

Unlike her fictional narrator, Huffey remained in the church throughout her youth. The intense Pentecostal belief in

the Second Coming of Jesus was, Huffey suggested, partly responsible for her reluctance to leave.

"It was a little like being in a war zone," she said. "It kind of drew people together — there was always a sense of moment and excitement."

When Huffey went to Bible college, however, she decided to leave the church and move to Miami with a girlfriend. Fifteen years ago, Huffey was accepted into the writers' program at the University of California, Irvine.

In the years prior to her acceptance, Huffey, who had attempted to write poetry, found herself reading more fiction. Stories of authors such as Donald Barthelme had a profound influence.

"Stories just make sense to me," she said. "A story has its own logic. You have

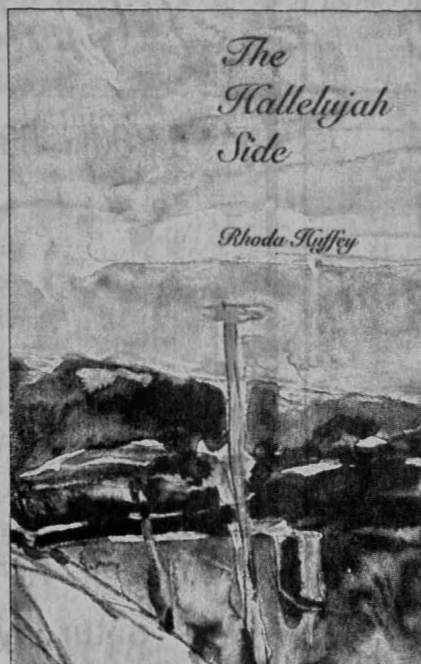
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Rhoda Huffey

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Quote of the week
... I have been blown away by the public's demand for this program.
—Michael Davies, executive producer of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire"
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Wanting to give till it hurts

ABC is deciding when and how to come back with "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Regis Philbin, the man who makes millionaires, says it jokingly: "I'm just ready to save the network any time they call."

Don't laugh. It's hard to overstate the impact of ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

ABC executives are huddling to decide how and when to bring "Millionaire" back, either as a regular series or another sweeps event in February.

"Over the course of time, I have been blown away by the public's demand for this program," said Michael Davies, the show's executive producer.

"It's a huge morale boost," added Tom DeCabia, executive for Schulman Advanswers, a media buying firm in New York. "It's like picking a dark horse and seeing it win the World Series."

It's safe to say ABC is making more off "Millionaire" than it is giving away in prize money, although it's hard to quantify exactly how much. The show enables ABC to meet — or exceed — viewership levels promised to advertisers. And it increases interest in other ABC shows, although that residual effect hasn't been dramatic.

DeCabia said he expects "Millionaire" to return as a regular series because it is more profitable and easier to sell to advertisers that way.

ABC is considering both approaches and may ask for the show as many as five times a week, Davies said.

He said he feared the show will become less of an event if it is on so much. But the public appetite is such that other networks will step into the breach with their own quiz shows if "Millionaire" is not on regularly, he said.

Waving goodbye on the final night, Philbin promised viewers, "See you next year!" Davies said he had slightly hedged his bets — the signoff was originally supposed to say, "See you in January."

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Alanis Morissette plays God in Kevin Smith's *Dogma*, a comedy in which humans and supernatural beings join to stop an apocalypse.

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CD REVIEW

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Third Eye Blind

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out in the open. "Ten Days Late" is another possible keeper. It's very reminiscent of the band's previous album's sound structure. In the song's story line, a girl is 10 days "late" and may be pregnant — a typical youth horror story.

In conclusion — the music on *Blue* is a little harder sounding than you may expect. Some of it sounds experimental.

The track "Farther" has a space-age, computer-like texture. The vocals even get kind of screamy/whiney at times.

My golden advice: If you have heard "Never Let You Go," you've heard about all there is to hear. This song is definitely one for true fans. Listen to "Ten

Days Late" and "Farther" for a deeper understanding; otherwise don't write home about it.

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(From Billboard)

ARTS BRIEF

Sticks and stones

NEW YORK (AP) — Michael Jackson doesn't know why everyone is always picking on his nose. Jackson says in the latest *TV Guide* that lots of celebrities have plastic surgery and insisted the only work he's had done has been to his nose.

"All of Hollywood has plastic surgery! I don't know why they point me out," Jackson said. "The press exaggerated it. It's just my nose, you know. They want it to be everything. Just the nose isn't enough."

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where they developed into the men of hip-hop that they are today. And pretty young men at that. The average age of the group comes out at 18, a far cry in expectations from the intelligent and mature sounds emitted on their debut EP. SHV has been together since October 1998, but in the last year, with the exception of Lost Won, who is still in high school, the other four have moved on to college. DJ Maestro is here at Iowa, Drub at Southern Illinois, Chapter and Lord

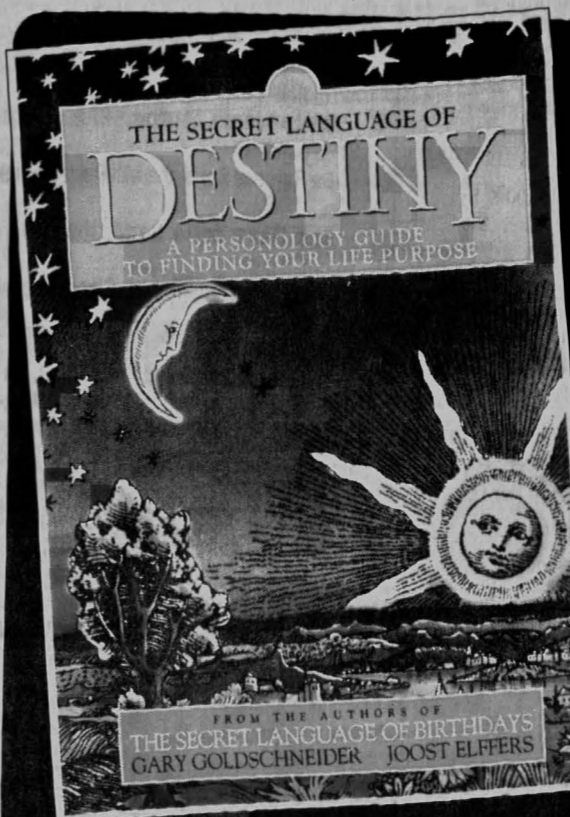
360 are at Columbia in Chicago. (They have all read the Vonnegut masterpiece).

What's Next: SHV has already been signed to the Chicago based Rebirth label, ILL LOGIK, and is working on new full length album project as well as remixing all the tracks on the *Pentagon Destructo Factor* EP. The guys will be touring nationally in the next year, opening for the Arsonists and Non Phixion and then will move on to Europe in the Lon-

don area. They plan on recording with Celph Titled, an up and coming producer of Tampa, Fla. They'll also be recording a track with Rubberroom, of 321 Records, out of New York for a Rebirth compilation album. Another track is in the works to be recorded with Jedi Mind Trick out of Philadelphia.

Local Play: SHV infiltrated the Green Room in October. Look for it at Gabe's next semester working with Tack Fu and others from the local hip-hop scene.

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— by Jim Mack



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