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Study finds blindness link in mutated gene

■ The UI researchers' find may point the way to treatments in the future.

By Kate Thayer
The Daily Iowan

Researchers at the UI have found a mutated gene that causes a rare form of blindness — which may lead to the future treatment of retinal diseases.

The NR2E3 mutated gene causes Enhanced S-cone Syndrome, a disease responsible for night blindness and eventual complete vision loss, said Val Sheffield, a UI professor of pediatrics.

"Though this gene causes a rare form of blindness, it's a really interesting

These findings are just the beginning of the story.

— Natalla Aptsiauri,
an associate in ophthalmology and visual science

finding because from this we can learn about other genes in the retina that cause more common forms of blindness," he said.

Before vision is lost, patients with Enhanced S-cone Syndrome, when tested, are found to see blue light better than most people, Sheffield said. This means they have more blue-cone cells, one of the cells that enables color vision.

"If we can understand the mechanism of how cells become cones and

why patients with this rare disease have more (blue-cone cells), we may be able to learn how to produce cones by manipulating genes or by pharmaceutical means," he said. "It is a nice starting place for other studies of retina development."

The discovery of mutated genes may also lead to treatment discovery, said Natalla Aptsiauri, an associate in ophthalmology and visual science.

"These findings are just the begin-

ning of the story," she said. "Every time a new gene is found, it is important in understanding other eye diseases, which can lead to correction of the condition."

While the findings are significant, it will be many years before treatment of retinal diseases will result from the study, said Karen Gehrs, an assistant professor of ophthalmology.

"There are no immediate implications from this gene discovery," she said. "However, it builds on the understanding of genetic retina diseases, which in the long run will lead to better methods of diagnosing and treatment."

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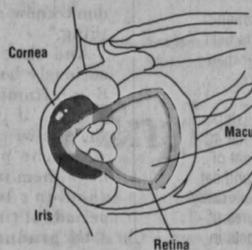
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The gene that, when mutated, causes an abnormal amount of blue-cone cells.

Photoreceptors:
Located in the outermost layer of the retina.

Rods: Photoreceptor cells that enable the eye to see light and dark.

Cones: Photoreceptor cells that enable the eye to see colors. They are classified as red, green or blue.

The anatomy of the eye



Jet plunges into sea off California

■ Eighty-eight were aboard a jetliner that crashed near L.A. after reporting mechanical problems.

By Jeff Wilson
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — An Alaska Airlines jet carrying 88 people plummeted into the Pacific Ocean 40 miles northwest of the Los Angeles International Airport Monday after reporting mechanical problems. Several bodies were recovered from the chilly water, but there was no sign of survivors.

Flight 261 was heading from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, to San Francisco and later to Seattle. It had been diverted to Los Angeles to attempt an emergency landing, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

A large field of debris rolled in big swells about eight miles offshore as aircraft and small boats converged on the site just before sunset. Hours later, the high-power lights of commercial squid boats illuminat-



An Alaska Airlines counter representative wipes her eyes Monday at San Francisco International Airport. Alaska Airlines Flight 261 crashed off the coast of Southern California near Point Mugu.

ed the darkness as a cutter and small boats continued the search.

Several bodies were found, Coast Guard Lt. Chuck Diorio said, but he could not give a specific number.

"Every resource is out there to find people," said Coast Guard Capt. George Wright. "We're actively searching for sur-

vivors ... In 58-degree water temperature, people can survive. We're not going to quit until we're positive there's absolutely no chance."

Cynthia Emery, a FAA flight operations officer in Seattle, said there were 65 passengers and five crew members on the flight. Alaska Airlines spokesman Jack

Evans said there were 80 passengers and 5 crew members. CNN reported that there were 88 people aboard.

The plane was an MD-83, part of the MD-80 series aircraft built by McDonnell Douglas, which is now part of Boeing, said

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Vonnegut 'critical' after blaze in home

■ The celebrated writer and former Writers' Workshop visiting lecturer is suffering smoke inhalation.

By Ryan Foley
The Daily Iowan

Kurt Vonnegut Jr., who wrote *Slaughterhouse-Five* while teaching at the UI Writers' Workshop, was in critical condition Monday after a fire broke out in his New York City home Sunday evening.

Vonnegut, 77, suffered smoke inhalation in the small blaze and was listed in critical-but-stable condition at New York Presbyterian Hospital.

The fire was reported at 7 p.m. Sunday; it was brought under control within 20 minutes. Vonnegut had been watching the Super Bowl in the study when the fire broke out.

A fire department official who spoke on the condition of anonymity said the fire may have been caused by a cigarette left burning in the room.

News of Vonnegut's condition shook up local residents who were friends and fans of Vonnegut.

Frank Conroy, the director of the Writers' Workshop, has been friends with Vonnegut for more than 30 years.

"He's a very old friend of mine," he said. "He is one of the sweetest, most generous men I know, and it's horrible that he's in bad shape."

Conroy met Vonnegut while both were living in New York. Vonnegut read Conroy's first book, *Stop-Time*,

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Kurt Vonnegut Jr., author

Residents protest; dogs can't run free

■ The City Council may look into amending the pet-leash ordinance after complaints from some residents.

By Andrew T. Dawson
The Daily Iowan

Recent ticketing in Hickory Hill Park by the Animal Control division of the Iowa City police has prompted some residents to request a re-examination of the city's pet-leash law.

Eric Reed, an Iowa City resident for two years, said he plans to suggest some alternatives to the law at

the Iowa City City Council meeting tonight.

"There's nowhere within the Iowa City limits no matter how secluded," he said. "We just want an area to get our dogs out."

He proposes a free-range area and possibly a registration process for owners wishing to walk their dogs without a leash. The registration process would include a licensing fee and behavioral screening for the pets, he said.

Reed and his dog, Tucker, an 8-month-old golden retriever, frequently visit Hickory Hill, where there is enough space for the dog to run freely.

On a leash, Tucker would have to be walked all day to get the kind of activity that could be achieved in an open area, Reed said.

Misha Goodman, the director of Animal Control, said on the average, there are two tickets issued each week, for either \$40 or \$100.

Some local residents say Iowa City's leash law is necessary but could be adjusted to benefit the health of some pets. The addition of a free-range area would allow dogs to get the exercise they require.

Councilor Michael O'Donnell said

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Horatio enjoys running in Hickory Hill Park with owner Connie Ulrich of Iowa City. Ulrich said that she enjoys bringing her dog to the park for exercise.

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Presidential race shifts to N.H.; local groups put on hold

■ Life has gone from hectic to slow for UI student political organizations.

By Glen Leyden
The Daily Iowan

As the focus of the political world shifts to the New Hampshire primaries and the Iowa caucuses fade from political importance, many UI student campaigners find themselves with little to do.

After months of preparing for the caucuses, student political groups are keeping an eye on today's primaries in New Hampshire.

"We are taking a break," said Emily Hajek, a UI junior and supporter of Vice President Al Gore. "We are still active, but everyone worked so hard at the caucuses that right now we're not

really doing a whole lot as a group." Hajek said she is confident that the group's work will play an important role in the general election on Nov. 2.

"We still meet with students and organizations," she said. "We definitely want to expand our organization and carry it into the general election."

The UI chapter of Students for Bush has also lessened its campaigning efforts while the bulk of the political campaigning sweeps the East.

The student supporters of Texas Gov. George W. Bush hope to regroup if Bush is able to carry the Republican Party nomination, said Peter Matthes, a UI senior and the group's co-chairman of communication.

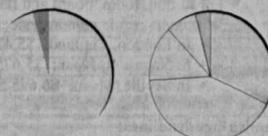
Matthes will have graduated from the UI by the time of the general election, but he is confident that the group's work will continue without him.

"Right now, we're taking a bit of a break, but we will retool and pretty soon get ready for the general election," he said.

Bush finds himself in a tight race with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., in the New Hampshire primary. Because he skipped the Iowa caucuses, McCain needs a good showing in New Hampshire, said Cary Covington, a UI associate professor of political science.

New Hampshire Primaries

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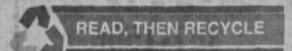


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LOVE THOSE FACTS

• A Saudi Arabian woman can get a divorce if her husband doesn't give her coffee.

• The average bank teller loses about \$250 every year.

• Every person has a unique tongue print.

• Your right lung takes in more air than your left one does.

• Women's hearts beat faster than men's.

• Pollsters say that 40 percent of dog and cat owners carry pictures of the pets in their wallets.

• You can only smell as well as a dog.

• Most American car horns honk in the key of F.

• The world population of chickens is about equal to the number of people.

• Every time Beethoven sat down to write music, he poured ice water over his head.

• In 75 percent of American households, women manage the money and pay the bills.

Source: <http://iafnw.com/humor/facts2.htm>

Tuesday's Profile

Shelter looks out for local pets

■ Pets left behind when students take a holiday is sometimes a problem in Iowa City.

By **Jeremy Shapiro**
The Daily Iowan

The Iowa City Animal Shelter warns students when leaving town for vacations not to forget to take along their pets.

Pet abandonment is a serious problem in the area — some students and community members have been known to head out of town and leave their pets behind, said Misha Goodman, the director of Iowa City Animal Control & Shelter, located at the intersection of Kirkwood Avenue and Clinton Street.

"It's common for some people to just leave them," she said. "They just can't take their pets with them. Perhaps the parents don't know about them or something."

And that is something that seriously bothers UI sophomore Sarah Hummel.

"Even if it's just fish, leaving them is wrong," she said. "If you want the pets bad enough to have them in the first place, you shouldn't leave them for long periods of time."

UI graduate student Wendy Baker said she makes sure not to leave her dogs alone for more than eight hours. If she knows she will be gone any longer, she takes them to her mother's house.

Pet abandonment around Winter Break is doubly bad because it coincides with many animals' breeding seasons, Goodman said. If an abandoned pet is brought in to the shelter, the staff makes a considerable effort to find the owner.

"We attempt to locate the owner by taking a look at forwarding addresses as well as the following semester address guides and lease signatures," Goodman said. "But it's not always easy, and if the owner doesn't come in, the animal goes up for adoption."



Brian Ray/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City Animal Shelter Director Misha Goodman pets Carter, an 8-year-old female boxer, at the shelter Monday afternoon. Carter will be available for adoption starting today, Goodman said.

Another major problem for some students who own a pet is that UI dorms and most landlords prohibit pets. Most buildings managed by AUR Property Management do not allow pets, the exception being only four or five specific buildings that allow cats.

Students sometimes have too many things to keep track of. With a full load of classes and other activities, we wonder what kind of attention the pet's going to get. We are looking to provide pets a lifetime home, not just a two-year cat or a four-year dog. Short-term ownership just messes with the animals' emotions.

— Misha Goodman
director, Iowa City Animal Control

UI junior Jamie Williams was one of those forced to leave her cat at home because they are not allowed in her apartment. "I think they should allow it because my cat's really old, and

I'm afraid it might die at home," she said.

Finding landlords who accept pets can be rather difficult, Goodman said, and when students disregard the rules, they sometimes have no option than to take their pets to the shelter.

The shelter works with the UI Orientation Services to teach responsible pet ownership to incoming freshmen. Additionally, the shelter provides information packets to help students decide whether they are fit to care for a pet.

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The shelter welcomes students who miss their pets to volunteer to work with the shelter's 70 dogs, cats, birds and reptiles.

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calendar

The Center for Teaching will sponsor a seminar titled "Teaching with Film and TV" in the IMU Miller Room today at 3 p.m.

The Faculty Senate will meet in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber today at 3:30 p.m.

The Old Capitol Toastmasters will hold a meeting to help individuals improve their speaking skills at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market St., today at 5:45 p.m.

The Haunted Bookshop, 520 E. Washington St., will hold an open mic

today at 6 p.m.

The Women's Resource and Action Center will show and discuss "Just Another Girl on the IRT" at the WRAC today at 7 p.m.

Iowans Saving Our Attractive Rural Resources will hold a scenic road ordinance study and discussion titled "Orientation to Scenic Road Ordinances and Goals of Organization" in Meeting Room A, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., today at 7 p.m.

horoscopes

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by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your best investment will be property. Take the time to look at your options. Consider joint ventures. Females may present you with opportunities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Romance should develop while on business trips or if you attend lectures. You can sign contracts and formulate agreements that will eventually bring you prosperity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can make financial gains through calculated investments or dealing with other people's money. Secret affairs may lead you in an undignified direction.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Prior investments can pay off now. You will enjoy the company of children if you pursue activities they are interested in. Self-improvement projects will be successful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will accomplish the most if you can work out of your home today. Catch up on those domestic chores you have been putting off doing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of. Don't confide in relatives or friends when it comes to your personal life. Delays concerning mail and correspondence are probable.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Extravagance is likely. Your lover may cost you more than necessary. Don't lend money or possessions to female friends. Put energy into your work.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can discuss future plans with your lover today. Short pleasure trips or outings will be conducive to such talks. You may overreact to personal situations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may find that evading issues will backfire on you today. Lay your cards on the table and hope for the best. You may be misinterpreted if you aren't precise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Someone may be trying to undermine you. Be frank when talking to superiors or colleagues. Don't leave any room for misunderstandings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Investments appear to be dubious. Be cautious whom you trust with your hard-earned cash. Don't be too eager to lend to others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may find it difficult to relate to your partner. Listen to her or his concerns but don't voice your thoughts. You can't win today, so keep a low profile.

news maker

Jesse 'the Conspiracy Expert' Ventura



Ventura

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Jesse Ventura, professional tough guy, believes there are forces out there conspiring against him.

In an article in *Playboy*, the Reform Party governor and former pro wrestler and

Navy SEAL said: "Politics is all a conspiracy. There are conspiracies against me right now. Sure there are. To make me look bad, so that never again will an independent third-party governor get elected."

When asked how long he would live if he were elected president, Ventura said, "Before they'd kill me? I'd be concerned."

In a *Playboy* article published last year from the same interview, Ventura blamed the so-called military-industrial complex for President Kennedy's assassination. He names names in the latest story, including Presidents Nixon and Johnson.

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CITY

Campus gears up for Black History Month

■ A multitude of events across campus will celebrate the month.

By Lisa Livermore
The Daily Iowan

Today marks the beginning of a month-long tribute to black history with various activities planned to celebrate and educate students about minorities on campus.

Many UI groups are planning activities for the month, although some members say recognition of black history should occur throughout the year, not just in February.

"It shouldn't just be a month," said UI junior Maya Thomas, the president of the Black Student Union. "Black history is American history, and it should be celebrated throughout the year."

Paul Moten, a UI graduate student and member of Phi Beta Sigma, said he thinks that Black History Month doesn't gain enough publicity on campus, though it is worthwhile to educate people about black heritage. "I'd like to see a full-out black history week where there is a lot of publicity," said Moten, who felt the shorter period of time would gain more attention.

This week is Founders of Our Frat Week for Phi Beta Sigma, and the fraternity will hold activities daily, he said. The group will host a retreat to form brotherhood with black males at the Afro-American Cultural Center Wednesday from 9-11 p.m.; the event is open to all males.

"We will be talking about different problems that we are having, different contacts we may need for networking, and how to get things done on campus," Moten said. "It's geared towards people

who don't know much about the university and to talk about our relationships with each other."

Phi Beta Sigma will also sponsor a lunch for the homeless at the Wesley Foundation, 120 N. Dubuque St., today from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A "pre-midterm blow-out" is scheduled for Thursday at Planet X, 115 Highway 1, Moten said.

Miss Black and Gold, a black beauty pageant sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, is scheduled for Feb. 12 at the IMU.

Black Love Week begins on Valentine's Day with a Brother to Sister Social at the Afro-American Cultural Center at 7:30 p.m., said TaLisa Clark, a UI freshman and secretary for the Black Student Union. Approximately 50 people attended the event last year, which is designed to confront unity issues on campus, she said.

"They thought (unity on campus) needed to be addressed as a whole. There were questions of enough enrollment, enough scholarships and enough recruitment (of black students)," Clark said.

There were 718 black students enrolled during the fall '99 semester, said Catherine Pietrzyk, a senior associate in the registrar's office.

On Feb. 18, the Black Student Union will host a high school exchange for potential UI students so they can see what it is like to be a minority student, she said. There are 12-14 students currently enrolled for the exchange.

The Black Student Union is trying to raise funds for a trip to a Big 12 black leadership conference at Oklahoma State University. Thomas said eight UI students will be attending the conference, which is scheduled for Feb. 17-20.

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D.M. company snaps up Bremers

■ After 37 years as a family business, the clothing store will open under new management today.

By Avian Carrasquillo
The Daily Iowan

The sale of Bremers Clothing to Des Moines-based Midwest Clothiers was completed Sunday, and the store will be under new management beginning today.

Bremers, 120 E. Washington St., has existed for more than 37 years as a family business, said former co-owner Jim Murphy. He said several factors figured into the sale.

"We've been thinking about it for a few years; our lease was coming due, and it was time to renegotiate that," Murphy said. "These people had approached us three years ago about selling it to them. It was just a good time, and I was ready to try something new."

The store will retain the name Bremers; all current employees will keep their jobs.

Former Bremers employee John McKenna, currently with the Mid-



Iowa City resident Jon Fialkov picks up a suit from Bremers co-owner John Murphy Monday evening. Bremers, which has been in Iowa City since 1915, was sold, but the name and merchandise will remain the same.

Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan

west Clothiers subsidiary Reichart's Clothing Store in Des Moines, will take over for Murphy as the store manager.

"He worked for us for 22 years and works for them now but is coming back to manage us - so not

much will change. It'll stay the same," Murphy said.

Bob Noser, the owner of Ewers Men's Store, 28 S. Clinton St., has known about the possible sale of Bremers since December; he is still disappointed about the change in

management.

"Sure, they're our competitors; they offer a lot of the same types of things we do - but any time you have big-city management take over a small-town store, you lose something in the change," he said.

The sale has brought Noser some new customers, he said, because long-time Bremers customers have known about the sale for some time.

"I've had a few more people come in, but I had one gentleman in particular who used to shop at Bremers come in and buy a suit," he said. "He said he didn't want to deal with the impersonal feel of new management."

Murphy sympathizes with Bremers' customers and says he will continue working until May 10 to help to smooth the transition.

One of Bremers' regular customers, Dennis Farrell of Iowa City, said he will miss the owners but will continue to shop at the store.

"I wish the Murphys the best of luck, but I'll continue to shop there," he said.

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City Council ready to decide the fate of Englert

■ Councilors expected to vote tonight on Englert offer.

By Chao Xiong
The Daily Iowan

Iowa City councilors are expected to formally vote tonight on a resolution to purchase the Englert Theatre from Kip Pohl - though they remained on opposite ends of the issue during Monday's work session.

Councilors Dee Vanderhoef, Connie Champion and Mayor Ernie Lehman voiced support for the program, while Councilor Irvin Pfab

spoke up in opposition. Councilors Mike O'Donnell, Ross Wilburn and Steven Kanner remained undecided.

"This is a great want for the city, but we have other needs to take care of," said Pfab, who said he had "really great difficulty" giving the Englert Theatre Coalition, a group of community members, the \$200,000 it needs, in addition to \$500,000 the coalition will raise on its own, to purchase the theater from the city.

Citing the city's funding of more expensive ventures, such as park trails and softball-diamond lighting,

Champion said it is a project she thinks the city should support.

Kanner and Wilburn walked the middle ground.

"I also share the enthusiasm for this project," said Kanner, adding that he was in favor of loaning money to the Englert Coalition.

Karin Franklin, the city's director of development, said a decision must be made tonight because as the city delays on closing the deal with Pohl, interest accrues each day.

In other business, councilors reviewed district plans before a public hearing during tonight's

meeting.

The South Central District Plan - which covers a 2.8-square-mile area south of Highways 1 and 6, between Highway 218 and the Iowa River - would guide future development within the district's boundaries.

The plan calls for an arterial road that would run between Riverside Drive and Highway 1, said Jeff Davidson, the city's assistant director of planning and community development for the city.

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CITY & NATION

Death penalty grinds to a halt in Illinois

The high number of innocent people on death row leads to a moratorium on executions.

By Martha Irvine Associated Press

CHICAGO — Gov. George Ryan took the unprecedented step Monday of putting all executions on hold in Illinois, which over the past two decades has freed more inmates from death row — 13 — than it has put to death.

"There is no margin for error when it comes to putting a person to death," the Republican governor said. "Until I can be sure that every-one sentenced to death in Illinois is truly guilty — until I can be sure with moral certainty that no innocent man or woman is facing a lethal injection — no one will meet that

fate." Ryan called the death-penalty system "fraught with error" and said he will appoint a committee to help revamp it.

Illinois becomes the first of the 38 states with the death penalty to issue a moratorium on executions while the system is examined.

The 13 inmates who have been released from Illinois' death row since 1987 have exposed what critics say are serious flaws in the criminal-justice system; their cases have led to calls for a moratorium.

In most of the cases, prosecutors acknowledged they had the wrong man after they were confronted with DNA evidence, new witnesses or confessions from others. In other cases, the inmates' convictions were thrown out on appeal, and prosecutors have yet to pursue a retrial.

Ryan, who insisted he remains a

supporter of capital punishment, said the committee will review the use of jailhouse informants. He also pointed out that unqualified defense attorneys have handled some death-row cases; some were eventually disbarred.

Illinois has executed 12 people since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977; even critics of the system have not suggested that any of them were innocent.

Death-penalty foes — including lawyers who represent the nearly 160 death-row inmates in Illinois — applauded the governor's decision. Most of those on Illinois' death row are black or Latino.

"It's clear that racism is rampant in the system, and I don't know what they're going to do to cure that," said Tim Gabrielsen, a public defender who handles death-penalty cases.

One of the people Gabrielsen has

defended is Rolando Cruz, who was twice convicted of the 1983 rape and murder of a 10-year-old girl in the Chicago suburb of Naperville. Cruz spent nearly a decade on death row before he was acquitted. Seven prosecutors and law officers were later charged with lying and fabricating evidence against Cruz; all seven were cleared.

In another noteworthy case, Anthony Porter spent 15 years on death row — once coming within two days of being executed — before a college journalism class proved his innocence. Porter was released last year.

Within the past month, prosecutors dropped charges against a former Chicago police officer who was convicted and sentenced to die based on the word of a jailhouse informant.

"In Illinois, it's looking more like the rule that you cannot trust the system," Gabrielsen said.

NATION BRIEF

U.S. incomes rising

WASHINGTON — Americans' personal income rose in December, and they spent all of it and more, giving the nation's retailers one of their best holiday seasons in years.

The Commerce Department reported Monday that personal income, which includes wages, interest and government benefits, increased by 0.3 percent last month, following a 0.4 percent rise in November. December's gain — the smallest increase since September — was weaker than the 0.5 increase many analysts were anticipating.

Spending rose a brisk 0.8 percent — the biggest increase since August — following a solid 0.7 percent gain in November. The increase in spending, right on target with analysts' expectations, gave merchants their best holiday

sales since 1992.

With Americans spending more than they earned in December, the personal-savings rate — savings as a percentage of after-tax income — was pulled to a record monthly low of 1.5 percent. In November, the savings rate was 2 percent.

All that spending also pushed the savings rate to an all-time annual low of 2.4 percent in 1999, compared with a 3.7 percent rate the year before.

The savings rate had dipped to record monthly lows in negative territory several times in 1999. But a comprehensive overhaul late last year in how the government calculates the gross domestic product — the total output of the country's goods and services — has pushed the savings rate into positive territory. The revisions showed that Americans are saving more than previously thought.

LEGAL MATTERS

POLICE

Andrew J. Stelk, 19, 510 S. Johnson St. Apt. 5, was charged with public intoxication at 10 S. Clinton St. on Jan. 30 at 1:50 a.m.

Thomas L. Blanchard, 52, 1143 Downey Drive, was charged with fifth-degree theft at Hy-Vee, 812 S. First Ave., on Jan. 30 at 1:30 p.m.

Luis A. Villadares, 26, address unknown, was charged with public intoxication at the Dubuque Street parking ramp on Jan. 30 at 1:54 p.m.

Kevin J. Cassill, 22, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3605, was charged with operating while intoxicated at Dunkin' Donuts, 323 E. Burlington St., on Jan. 30 at 1:46 a.m.

Ryan W. Walter, 19, 601 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 623, was charged with keeping a disorderly house on Jan. 30 at 3:10 a.m.

David J. Marks, 19, 601 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 623, was charged with keeping a disorderly house on Jan. 30 at 3:10 a.m.

Ryan A. Edgington, 19, West Des Moines, was charged with unlawful use of a driver's license and possession of alcohol under the legal age at 601 S. Gilbert St. on Jan. 30 at 3:22 a.m.

Eric R. Bailey, 18, 731 E. Church St. Apt. 5, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at 601 S. Gilbert St. on Jan. 30 at 3:10 a.m. and at the Sports Column at 8:25 p.m.

Matthew G. Dill, 22, 210 1/2 N. Linn St., was charged with tampering with a ramp gate and public intoxication at the intersection of Iowa Avenue and Linn Street on Jan. 30 at 9:38 p.m.

Phillip J. Randall, 20, 816 N. Dubuque St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at Vito's, 118 E. College St., on Jan. 30 at 9:20 p.m.

Sarah R. Gilbride, 18, North Liberty, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Sports Column, 12 S. Dubuque St., on Jan. 30 at 10:15 p.m.

Erica E. Green, 18, Burge Residence Hall Room 4217, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Sports Column on Jan. 30 at 10:20 p.m.

Bradley D. Bare, 19, 816 N. Dubuque St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at Vito's on Jan. 30 at 9:25 p.m.

Jennifer A. Rothchild, 18, West Des Moines, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance at the intersection of Linn and Washington streets on Jan. 31 at 2:16 a.m.

Angela B. Stoltz, 18, 222 E. Market St. Apt. 23, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance at the intersection of Linn and Washington streets on Jan. 31 at 2:16 a.m.

Derek A. Coffman, 19, 332 E. Washington St. Apt. 3, was charged with operating while intoxicated at the intersection of College and Gilbert streets on Jan. 31 at 1:34 a.m.

Christopher M. Dill, 19, 905 N. Dodge St., was charged with gathering where a controlled substance was used and possession of a schedule II controlled substance at 905 N. Dodge St. on Jan. 31 stemming from an alleged incident on Dec. 11.

Matthew R. Douglas, 19, 14 Washington St., was charged with public intoxication at 410 E. Washington St. on Jan. 31 at 3:16 a.m.

Public Safety

George A. Davidson III, 27, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged with fourth-degree theft and fifth-degree criminal mischief on Jan. 27 at 5 p.m. stemming from alleged incidents on Jan. 10 at 8 a.m.

Zachary W. Harris, 20, Chillicothe, Ill., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the North Campus Ramp on Jan. 28 at 9:07 p.m.

Cory W. Coobs, 19, Hillcrest Residence Hall Room N257, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the intersection of Byington Road and Grand Avenue on Jan. 28 at 9:57 p.m.

Brandon J. Tyrrell, 18, Galesburg, Ill., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and failure to use headlamps at the intersection of Byington Road and Grand Avenue on Jan. 28 at 9:57 p.m.

Nicole R. Reimer, 19, Slater Residence Hall Room 144, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the intersection of Byington Road and Grand Avenue on Jan. 28 at 9:57 p.m.

Jison J. Anderson, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Sports Column on Jan. 28 at 10:28 p.m.

Chad L. Beckman, 20, Currier Residence Hall Room E135, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Fieldhouse Restaurant & Bar, 111 E. College St., on Jan. 28 at 10:31 p.m.

Dustin J. Thompson, 18, 842 Basswood Lane, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Sports Column on Jan. 28 at 10:38 p.m.

Adam D. Johnson, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Sports Column on Jan. 28 at 10:38 p.m.

Amber N. Butler, 18, 1122 Pine St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Sports Column on Jan. 28 at 10:38 p.m.

Christine M. Baik, 19, 923 E. College St. Apt. 5, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at One-Eyed Jakes, 18 1/2 S. Clinton St., on Jan. 28 at 10:54 p.m.

Benjamin D. Gates, 20, Daum Residence Hall Room 5824, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Q Bar, 211 Iowa Ave., on Jan. 28 at 11:04 p.m.

Alishia L. Brees, 20, Coralville, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at One-Eyed Jakes on Jan. 28 at 11:08 p.m.

Alishia L. Brees, 20, Coralville, was charged with public intoxication on the 10 block of South Clinton Street on Jan. 28 at 11:08 p.m.

James R. Gooding, 19, 227 1/2 First St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Q on Jan. 28 at 11:15 p.m.

Richard M. McNurlen, 19, Keota, Iowa, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and the unlawful use of a driver's license at Malones, 121 Iowa Ave., on Jan. 28 at 11:32 p.m.

Christina S. Valente, 19, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 17C, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at Bo-James, 318 E. Washington St., on Jan. 28 at 11:32 p.m.

Gabriel R. Altenhofen, 20, 407 Ronalds St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and the unlawful use of a driver's license at Malones on Jan. 28 at 11:43 p.m.

Bill A. Robertson, 20, 729 N. Dubuque St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at Vito's on Jan. 28 at 11:45 p.m.

Emily J. Dunbar, 19, 522 N. Clinton St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and

unlawful use of a driver's license at Vito's on Jan. 28 at 11:55 p.m.

Allison A. Pingel, 20, Coralville, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Fieldhouse on Jan. 29 at 12:15 a.m.

Christopher M. Taylor, 19, 932 N. Dubuque St., was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age and public intoxication at M.J.'s Tap, 13 S. Linn St., on Jan. 29 at 12:28 a.m.

Shauna M. Patrick, 20, 647 Emerald St. Apt. C26, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Fieldhouse on Jan. 29 at 12:30 a.m.

Molly J. Wery, 20, 440 S. Johnson St. Apt. 8, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Fieldhouse on Jan. 29 at 12:40 a.m.

Nathan J. Fulcher, 19, Rienow Residence Hall Room 334, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at One-Eyed Jakes on Jan. 29 at 12:45 a.m.

Jeremy A. Larson, 19, Hillcrest Residence Hall Room C304, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at One-Eyed Jakes on Jan. 29 at 12:53 a.m.

Andrew P. Wilson, 20, Hillcrest Residence Hall Room N402, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at One-Eyed Jakes on Jan. 29 at 12:53 a.m.

Beata Kot, 19, Hillcrest Residence Hall Room W314, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at One-Eyed Jakes on Jan. 29 at 12:53 a.m.

Kenneth J. Van Milligen, 19, Decora, Iowa, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Sports Column on Jan. 29 at 1 a.m.

Shane C. Thalken, 20, 641 Fairway Lane, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Sports Column on Jan. 29 at 1 a.m.

Wade D. Murray, 19, Decora, Iowa, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the Sports Column on Jan. 29 at 1 a.m.

Michael J. Holzemer, 19, Mayflower Residence Hall Room 4178, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at the intersection of Clinton and Davenport streets on Jan. 29 at 1:23 a.m.

Nicole A. Melchert, 19, 630 S. Capitol St. Apt. 412, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at Malone's on Jan. 29 at 1:27 a.m.

Jason B. Dean, 25, 522 S. Lucas St., was charged with interference with official acts at the Engineering Research Facility on Jan. 29 at 1:43 a.m.

Jason N. Fugiel, 18, Itasca, Ill., was charged with public intoxication at 629 S. Riverside Drive on Jan. 29 at 2:31 a.m.

Daniel H. Amador, 28, was charged with public intoxication at the UI Hospitals and Clinics Emergency Trauma Center on Jan. 29 at 3:42 a.m.

Adam T. Springer, 19, Currier Residence Hall Room N224, was charged with public intoxication at Currier Residence Hall N200s on Jan. 29 at 5:04 a.m.

Jeshua R. Canon, 19, Hillcrest Residence Hall Room N110, was charged with public intoxication at Hillcrest Residence Hall N100s on Jan. 30 at 12:19 a.m.

Brian D. Kurtz, 18, Hillcrest Residence Hall Room N24, was charged with possession of alcohol under the legal age at Hillcrest Residence Hall W100s on Jan. 30 at 2:13 a.m.

Byron J. Slanker, 19, Rienow Residence Hall Room 944, was charged with failure to obey a traffic-control device at the intersection of Clinton Street and Iowa Avenue on Jan. 30 at 9:12 p.m.

Michael F. Pavlik, 21, Naperville, Ill., was charged with public intoxication at Hillcrest Residence Hall W100s on Jan. 31 at 2:43 a.m.

— compiled by Anne Huyck

COURTS

Magistrate

Public intoxication — Daniel H. Amador, 205 Laura Drive Apt. 74, was fined \$155; Zachary A. Basye, Glenwood, Iowa, was fined \$155; Alishia L. Brees, Coralville, was fined \$155; Neal M. Fitzgerald, Humboldt, Iowa, was fined \$155; Jody L. Funk, Riverside, was fined \$155; Casey S. Greene, 600 S. Capitol St. Apt. 407, was fined \$155; Clinton J. Kelderman, Oskaloosa, Iowa, was fined \$155; Kit K. Kosina, Forest View Apt. No. 106, was fined \$155; Jessica R. Miller, Coralville, was fined \$155; Ernest L. Mooney, Cedar Rapids, was fined \$155; Steven D. Nash, Coralville, was fined \$155; John A. Neef, Cedar Rapids, was fined \$155; Joshua M. Rideout, 19 E. Burlington St. Apt. 102, was fined \$155; Adam T. Springer, Currier Residence Hall Room N224, was fined \$155; Kevin J. Staubaum, 113 E. Burlington St., was fined \$155; Andrew J. Stelk, 510 S. Johnson St. Apt. 5, was fined \$155; Christopher M. Taylor, 1032 N. Dubuque St., was fined \$155.

Public urination — Kevin J. Staubaum, 113 E. Burlington St., was fined \$155; Joshua M. Rideout, 19 E. Burlington St. Apt. 102, was fined \$155.

Interference with official acts — Jason B. Dean, 522 S. Lucas St., was charged on two counts and fined \$210; Andrea L. Erdmann, 14 N. Johnson St. Apt. 7, was fined \$155.

Possession of alcohol under the legal age — Andrea L. Erdmann, 14 N. Johnson St. Apt. 7, was fined \$145; Christopher M. Taylor, 1032 N. Dubuque St., was fined \$145.

District

Operating while intoxicated — Paula J. Blum, Nashua, Iowa, preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 17; Kevin J. Cassill, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3605, preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 17; Danielle D. Dobias, 519 S. Van Buren St., preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 17; William J. Edwards II, Peru, Ill., preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 17; Maria Panina, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4426, preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 17; Derek A. Coffman, 332 E. Washington St. Apt. 3, no preliminary hearing has been set.

Possession of a schedule I controlled substance — Angela B. Stoltz, 222 E. Market St. Apt. 23, no preliminary hearing has been set; Jennifer A. Rothchild, West Des Moines, no preliminary hearing has been set; Calvin V. Porter, Burlington, preliminary hearing has been set for Feb. 17; Christopher M. Dill, 905 N. Dodge St., no preliminary hearing has been set.

Third-degree theft — Omara Pico, 619 Beachview Drive, preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 17.

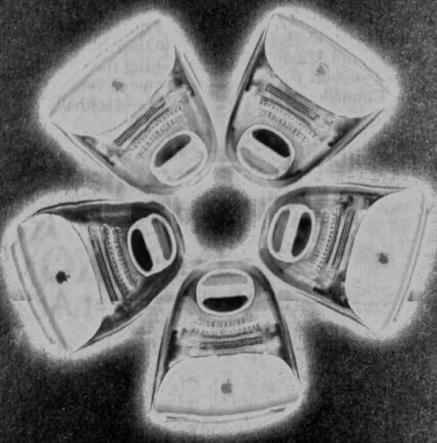
Domestic abuse assault causing injury — Kathryn A. Streib, Coralville, preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 17.

Public intoxication — Mark G. Louis, address unknown, preliminary hearing is set for Feb. 8 at 2 p.m.

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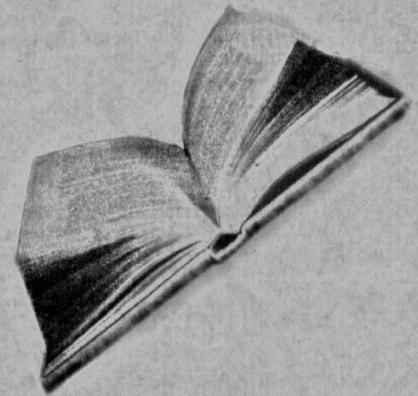


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CITY & NATION

Alaska Airlines jet crashes near Los Angeles

ALASKA AIR

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John Thom, a spokesman for Boeing's Douglas aircraft unit. The plane that crashed had been delivered to Alaska Airlines in 1992, he said.

The jet's crew had reported mechanical difficulties and asked to land at Los Angeles, said Ron Wilson, a spokesman for the San Francisco airport.

"Radar indicates it fell from 17,000 feet and then was lost from radar," Wilson told KRON-TV in San Francisco.

The airline said the pilot reported having problems with the "stabilizer trim" shortly before the plane crashed.

On the MD-80 series airplanes,

the horizontal stabilizer looks like a small wing mounted on top of the tail. The stabilizer, which includes panels that pitch the nose up and down, is brought into balance, or "trimmed," from the cockpit.

If a plane were to lose its horizontal stabilizer, it would have no means to keep the nose pointed at the proper angle up or down, and the plane would begin an uncontrollable dive.

A source with close knowledge of the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the flight was normal and stable until the crew reported control problems. Radar showed the plane plunging toward the ocean shortly afterward.

The Coast Guard and Alaska Airlines put the time of the crash at 4:36 p.m. PST. FAA spokesman Elliott Brenner in Washington said

it went into the water about 4:15.

Evans, the airline spokesman, said the aircraft had no previous stabilizer trim problems. He also said the plane was serviced Sunday, went through a low-level maintenance check on Jan. 11, and had a more thorough routine check last January.

Alaska Airlines, which has a distinctive image of an Eskimo painted on the tails of its planes, has an excellent safety record. It serves more than 40 cities in Alaska, Canada, Mexico and five Western states.

The National Transportation Safety Board was assembling a team of investigators in Washington, D.C., and planned to send them to the crash site, spokesman Pat Cariseo said. Gov. Gray Davis said he had ordered the California National Guard to offer whatever

help is needed.

The weather was clear at the crash site, where the water is approximately 750 feet deep, said Coast Guard Cmdr. Jim McPherson.

The most recent fatal crash in the United States involving an MD-80 series jet was last summer's American Airlines accident in Little Rock, Ark. Eleven people were killed and 110 injured when an MD-82 landed in high wind and heavy rain, ran off the runway, broke apart and caught fire.

The MD-80 is a twin-jet version of the more widely known DC-9, with a single aisle and an engine on each side of the tail. It went into service in 1980 and has had at least five variations that offer different ranges and seating capacities.

Vonnegut hospitalized

VONNEGUT

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and wanted to meet him.

"We really hit it off," Conroy said. "We had a lot of common interests — jazz, chess and of course, literature."

Vonnegut, the author of 19 novels, was one of the reasons Conroy took the workshop job at the UI.

"When I was offered a job to teach here, I ran into him on the sidewalk in New York City, and I asked him if I should do it," Conroy said. "He said 'Yes, yes!' It saved my life."

Vonnegut taught at the workshop from 1965-67. In *Slaughterhouse-Five*, he makes reference to the old Iowa City Sears Roebuck & Co. store.

Chuck Aukema, a Coe College

professor of English and creative writing, had Vonnegut as a fiction-writing teacher in the workshop.

"He was always really humorous, and we were sort of friends," Aukema said. "We had a great time in that class."

"He's my favorite writer," said UI graduate student Andy Wilson. "It's really too bad that he's hurt."

"It is really intelligent writing. It's really funny, and it looks at things in a completely different way."

Some of Vonnegut's novels include *Breakfast of Champions*, *Cat's Cradle* and *Hocus Pocus*. His last major work, *Timequake*, was published in 1997.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Candidates hope for solid support in Granite State

PRIMARY

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"By not competing in Iowa, he raised the stakes in New Hampshire and South Carolina," he said. "If he finished third, it would be very devastating."

Disappointing primary finishes for Steve Forbes, Alan Keyes or Gary Bauer could cost them important media coverage and, in the case of Keyes and Bauer, financial backing.

"Primaries, most importantly, tell who the losers are and may knock off the people at the bottom," Covington said.

New Hampshire, generally a Republican state, appeals to many of the issues that McCain considers to be the cornerstones of his campaign, such as limited government and more conservative economics, Covington said.

UI senior Beau Brindley, who heads a group of some 25 students for McCain, has worked to raise money and broaden students' knowledge of the senator.

"The race between Bush and McCain has been close, and we have had the lead recently," he said. "It is a must-win situation."

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Iowa City's dog-leash ordinance comes under fire

FREE DOGS

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he has received calls from local residents complaining about unleashed dogs in public.

"People go out for walks and call us with their problems," he said. "All the council members have had their calls. There is a leash law on the books; it's just a

matter of enforcement."

Iowa City resident Barb Shubinski said she has frequented Hickory Hill with her bull mastiff, Ruby, for about a year. She said there isn't usually a problem with dogs off of leashes at the park.

"The dogs out here in general are very well behaved," Shubinski said. "People don't usually bring their problem dogs out here."

O'Donnell said he would like to see a place where dogs would be allowed to run free and suggested Sturgis Ferry Park as a possible location.

"There should be a place where someone could go out and throw a Frisbee to a dog," he said. "I think that would be a good thing for the city."

DI reporter Andrew T. Dawson can be reached at adaws77@hotmail.com

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VIEWPOINTS

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The city can't afford to own the building.

— Dee Vanderhoef, Iowa City councilor, on the future of the Englert Theatre. The city is discussing purchasing the building and then selling it to the Englert Theatre Coalition. If the coalition can't purchase the building, it will be sold back to the prior owner.

POLICIES

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EDITORIALS

Anti-immigrant ads were unFAIR

The recent anti-immigrant ads by the Federation for American Immigration Reform, blaming immigrants for everything from crowded highways and polluted air to increased crime, were anything but fair to immigrants. The group could be better characterized as the Federation Against Immigration with Racist intent.

The truth is that the federation is playing a too well-known and too often repeated song that plays upon the fears of privileged Americans — who are probably only second- or third-generation Americans — about the “new, strange, dangerous and different” first-generation immigrants. For much of the 19th and 20th centuries, Protestants worried about the Irish and German Catholics who immigrated to the United States. Many of those Germans did not speak English when they arrived here. But, over time, people learned to speak English, bore children and, while speaking German in the home, their children went to school and learned English. Their children went on to fight in World War II and were part of what Tom Brokaw has called “the Greatest Generation.”

After the United States recovered from its collective fear and loathing of the awful Catholics by absorbing Germans and the Irish into the culture, it was time to fear and loath the Chinese, followed by people from Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean. Now it is Mexicans and Central Americans. The pattern is unmistakable. We are told we were lucky to absorb the last group of immigrants, but we will never absorb the current generation of immigrants, who are of a different race or religion.

Fortunately, cooler heads have often prevailed. Groups such as the Hate Acts Rapid Response Team and the UI Center for Human Rights have responded to the racist public appeals of the immigration federation. If crowded highways and air pollution are really concerns for these anti-immigrant groups, I wonder how much time they have spent lobbying Congress for tougher emissions standards for sport utility vehicles or mass transit funding to reduce the number of cars on the road?

Groups such as the federation would have us believe that our immigration laws are too liberal. I ask them to remember that only a tiny portion of modern Americans can claim an ancestry on this continent that is more than a couple hundred years old, with many of our white European ancestors arriving in the last hundred years. Only American Indians can really complain about immigration policies that have been too open. With the exception of blacks, whose ancestors were forced here as slaves, the rest of us owe our presence in this country and the privileges that we enjoy to immigration.

Herman Melville tells us: “There is something in the contemplation of the mode in which America has been settled, that, in a noble breast, should forever extinguish the prejudices of national dislikes.”

“Settled by the people of all nations, all nations may claim her for their own blood. You cannot spill a drop of American blood without spilling the blood of the whole world.”

“We are the heirs of all time, and with all nations, we divide our inheritance. On this Western Hemisphere all tribes and people are forming into one federate whole.”

Eric Richard is a *DI* editorial writer.

The EPB tunnel revisited

Before October 1998, the tunnel between the English-Philosophy Building and the Main Library was painted with vibrant colors expressing people's feelings in a non-offensive way. Then the tunnel's color changed drastically because of UI Facilities Services Group.

During October 1998, the UI Student Government proposed to paint over the graffiti in either white or with a mural — an attempt to cover and stop the graffiti. The plan, proposed by former UISG President Brian White, was part of UISG's “Clean Sweep '98.” Because opposition within UISG ranks — including that of members of the current administration — the plan never passed. Instead, UI Facilities Services Group painted the walls a sterile white without consulting UISG.

There was a lot of controversy at the time about painting the tunnel. These walls were once a place where students expressed themselves openly — it was vandalism, but the themes the graffiti undertook were peaceful. People cried censorship, but the tunnel was painted white anyway.

The tunnel was again riddled with vandalism. Racial slurs and derogatory remarks about sexual orientation were inscribed on the walls for the community to see.

Perhaps the hateful words would never have appeared on the walls if the tunnel were left alone or painted professionally.

A new solution to end the vandalism in the tunnel needs to be thought of and put into action. Currently, the UISG is working to find a solution to the vandalism problem. Possibilities include allowing art students or UI organizations to paint the tunnel. Whatever the decision, the tunnel should not stay white.

Mary Mroch is a *DI* editorial writer.

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On the SPOT

Are you interested in the outcome of the New Hampshire primary?



“I haven't really kept up on it. All of these are just little steps toward the candidacy.”

Pedro Rodriguez
UI senior



“I'm very interested to see what happens. I really support Bradley.”

Lynne Nugent
UI graduate student



“New Hampshire's effect on me — none.”

Ryan Sextro
UI junior



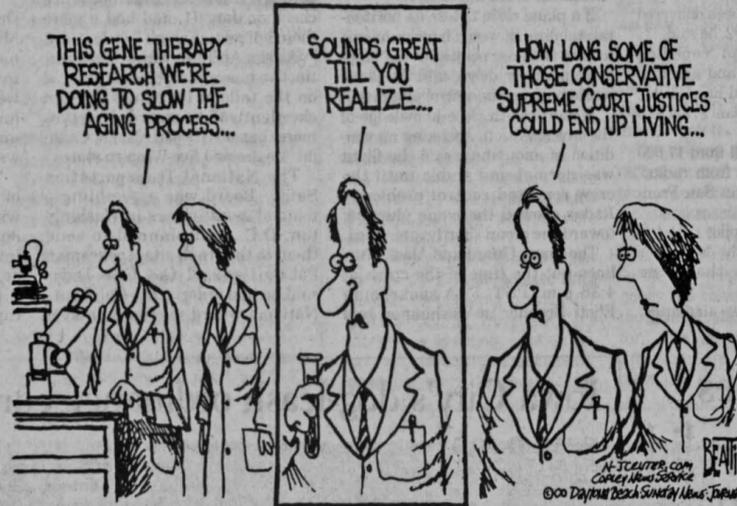
“It is important because it is deciding who might be our next president.”

Leah Kubczak
UI freshman



“It is not my state. I am more interested in what happened in Iowa.”

Chris Tovrea
UI freshman



Drifting like a continent toward the shards of Siberia

They held a football game the other day, I hear, and everybody came — or at least some approximation thereof. That's the great thing about TV nation: The population doesn't actually have to be in attendance to be in attendance.

Some people disparage the Super Bowl, and the weekend it squats over, claiming that it celebrates all the wrong things that make America America — gas-guzzling, pollution-spewing SUVs, for instance, the kind that accelerate global warming each time their drivers, well, accelerate while on their way to pick up some organic bread or all-natural pasta. Or on their way to any other pressing appointment with life.

And the dot-coms, these disparagers say. This year, the Super Bowl ads became a virtual cornucopia of dot-com-dom, especially those that promise to make you obscenely rich by pointing & clicking. Once you understand that pointing & clicking is all it takes to become obscenely rich, you can twig why there is a tidal wave of porn sites on the Web. Talk about surf's up.

These anti-Super Bowl critics are a bunch of nattering negatives of nabobisms, of course. There's nothing more American than a couple dozen guys, each the size of your average rhinoceros, attempting to bash one another senseless in order to push a pigskin across the plane of the goal line. Not that there's any such thing as an average rhinoceros, of course.

Actually, that's not quite true. In reality, there's nothing more American than watching a couple dozen guys,

each the size of your average rhinoceros, attempting to bash one another senseless in order to push a pigskin across the plane, etc.

That the pigskin doesn't actually have any pork in it, or that the participants and fans consider plane geometry to be the opposite of fancy geometry, in no way destroys the verisimilitude of the event. Seventy-five years from now, when the Chinese are running everything and America is a mere hang-over of its empire, much like modern-day Britain, Americans will still be able to bask in the glory of their Super Bowls. And no doubt do their basking by logging on to SuperGlory.com. Talk about verisimilitude.

Every Super Bowl, it seems, must have its sidebars of human-interest stories (called, in highly technical journalism-biz jargon, collateral damage), and this one was no different. The Kurt Warner saga, with its Forest Gump-like supermarket stockboy to Super Bowl MVP story line, overshadowed all the others; it was as if it had been scripted by Disney. Of course, being an overt Christian, Warner credits the Lord

with being the scriptwriter, not Disney. Which is fine. Although you do get a little tired of Christians — some of them, anyway — continually pushing their religion in your face. It's bad enough that we have to listen to them in every political campaign; you'd think that in something as frivolous as a football game they could refrain.

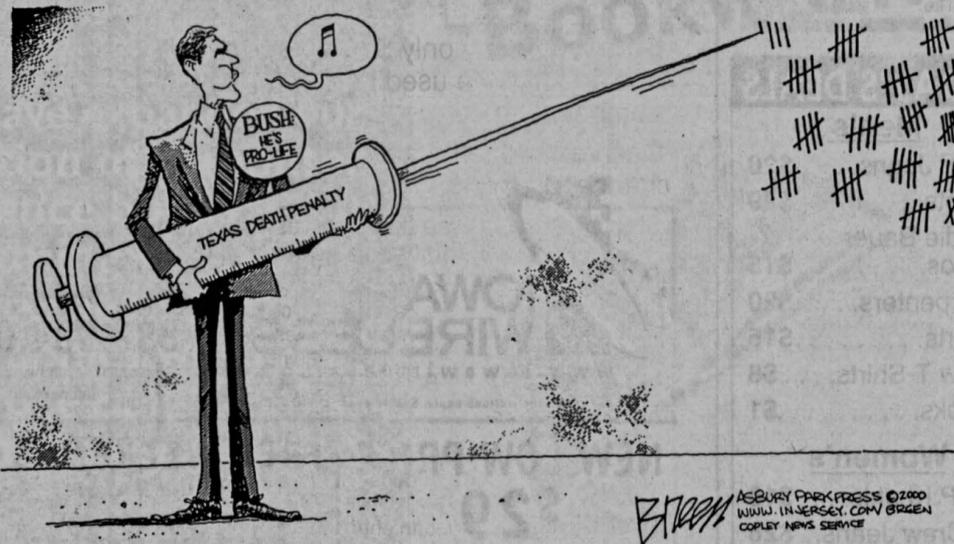
But no. There was Warner, talking about the Lord's plan for him on third and long.

Just once you wish that the football hero would turn out to be a born-again atheist, and in the post-game interview he'd say something on the order of: Well, that was a little bit of a tough situation there, third and 62, but I was reasonably confident — as confident as you can be in a cosmos that isn't reasonable in the slightest — that my faith in quantum theory and evolution would pull me through. I knew that, even though this relativistic universe doesn't have a plan for me, it doesn't have a plan for the other team, either, and I like those kind of odds. Besides, it all comes down to plate tectonics, and in 20 million years this continent will be smashing into Asia, and nobody will remember that we played a football game today. They'll be too busy wondering what in the world they're supposed to do with all those shards of Siberia.

It'll never happen, of course. But we can always dream.

And as Shakespeare, who was a pretty fine quarterback himself in his day, once said, there are stranger things between heaven and earth than your football players could ever dream.

Beau Elliot is a *DI* columnist.



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Blending humor and irony

■ Half Japanese makes its Iowa City debut.

By Akwi Nji
 The Daily Iowan

After more than 20 years of turning out records, Half Japanese comes to Iowa City with a little bit of humor and a lot of funk. The three member pop-rock group, which has produced more than 15 albums since 1977, invades Gabe's tonight.

LIVE MUSIC
Half Japanese

When: Tonight at 8
Where: Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St.
Admission: \$6

In 1974, band leader Jad Fair started the group with his brother, David, in their Maryland living room. The name of the group was decided by drawing words out of two separate hats. Though Jad Fair is the only original member, the group has been in the pop-rock spotlight for the last several years.



Publicity Photo
Half Japanese is, from left, Jad Fair, John Sluggett and Gilles-V. Rieder.

that's how they want to do it." The group belts out lyrics about crushes on girls, love and everyday life. Titles of past CD releases and singles range from *Calling All Girls* and *We Are They Who Ache With Amorous Love* to "U.S. Teens Are Spoiled Bums" and *The Band That Would Be King*.

"They don't have a highly refined, real slick sort of approach, Roberson said. "They tend to do their material really fast and the words are very funny."

The group, which opened for Nirvana in its 1993 tour, consists of Fair (vocals), John Sluggett (guitars, drum and bass) and Gilles-V. Rieder (drums).

The group's unique blend of humor and irony is something the Iowa City community will enjoy, Roberson said.

"The people that tend to go to Gabe's a lot generally like the bands that are a little left of center, whether it's heavy or punk rock," he said. "These guys are just idiosyncratic and strange."

DI reporter Akwi Nji can be reached at: akwi-nji@uiowa.edu

Get back to where you once belong

■ A new movie from VH1, *Two of Us*, portrays John Lennon and Paul McCartney.

By Frazier Moore
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — This much is true: On April 24, 1976, John Lennon and Paul McCartney happened to be watching "Saturday Night Live" when, to their glee, producer Lorne Michaels made a tongue-in-cheek appeal to them, along with their ex-bandmates.

"Lately, there have been a lot of rumors to the effect that the four of you might be getting back together," said Michaels, who invited the Beatles to reunite on "SNL."

TELEVISION
Two of Us

When: Tonight at 8
Where: VH1

John and Paul, chortling at this gag just a few blocks from NBC, almost stunned the world by showing up for the broadcast that very night.

That they didn't, that the Beatles never played together again, that the 35-year-old Lennon wouldn't live past 40 — these and other what-might-have-beens lend the new VH1 movie *Two of Us* enormous power.

But even without knowing what you know, you wouldn't want to miss this sentimental journey. Nor do you need to be a Beatles fan to care. The subject of *Two of Us* is even bigger than the Fab Four: friendship in all its complexity.

Directed by Michael Lindsay-Hogg from an exceptional script by

Mark Stanfield, this sometimes joyous, sometimes wistful film premieres tonight at 8 CST.

"Hope you don't mind me surprisin' ya," says Paul (played by Aidan Quinn), who impulsively has popped in on the reclusive John (Jared Harris) at his Dakota apartment.

"It's too soon to say," John bristles. *Two of Us* makes an artful guess what happened then (McCartney wasn't consulted in the making of the film).

We see the long-estranged John and Paul spar, reminisce, catch up. They get stoned, then get the munchies, and John makes popcorn. They marvel at the bonafide nine-figure offers thrown at them

for a Beatles reunion.

They noodle at the piano. They meditate. In silly get-ups, they take a stroll in Central Park and, retiring to a cafe, sip cappuccinos. They watch "Saturday Night Live."

For one day, they come together. And their history comes with them. Quinn, speaking from his home in New Jersey, heaped credit on the script.

"If these had been completely fictional characters, I would have wanted to do the film almost as much," he said. Then he laughed. "Maybe more. The fact that this was about the Beatles gave me some trepidation initially."

ARTS BRIEF

Gallery to refund \$5 million for purported O'Keeffe works

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — An art gallery has agreed to refund \$5 million to a Kansas City museum for 24 watercolor paintings once thought to be early works of Georgia O'Keeffe. In 1993, R. Crosby Kemper Jr. purchased the 24 paintings for \$5 million. Kemper then donated them to the museum he founded. The authenticity of the pieces came into question when they were omitted from a scholarly catalogue of O'Keeffe's complete works. Experts from the National Gallery of Art later determined they are not O'Keeffe's.

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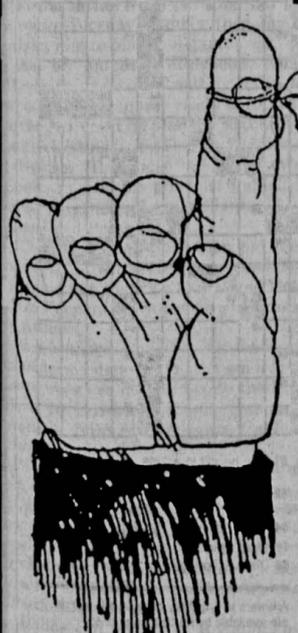
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10 plucked from sea in Ivory Coast crash

The rescuers took too long in coming, says one survivor of the Kenya Airways crash.

By Alexandra Zavis
Associated Press

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast — A few shivering survivors were found amid scores of corpses floating in the waters off the Ivory Coast Monday morning, hours after a Kenya Airways jet carrying 179 people slammed into the Atlantic Ocean after takeoff.

Guided by spotlights from helicopters above, rescuers in boats scoured the nighttime waters for survivors. The cold ocean temperatures made it unlikely anyone could be alive after a few hours,

officials said.

At least 10 people survived. By late morning, 86 bodies had been brought to shore, rescue workers said.

The plane, an Airbus 310, took off at 9:08 p.m. Sunday into relatively clear skies. It was destined for Lagos, Nigeria, but crashed into the ocean after just one minute in the air, said George Dapre Yao, the head of air traffic at the city's Felix Houphouet-Boigny Airport.

One Nigerian survivor who was plucked from the water said the plane was having problems immediately after takeoff.

"It wasn't quite balanced, and the next thing we knew we were in the water," Samuel Ogbada Adje said, wrapped in a blanket at Abidjan's port.

It wasn't clear what had gone wrong. Some witnesses said they heard two loud sounds, as if the plane or parts of it slapped the water twice.

Adje, who suffered a swollen eye, was propelled into the water by the force of the crash, he said. He and others waited at least two hours for rescuers.

"If they had come sooner, a lot of us would have been saved," he said angrily before being pushed into an ambulance and driven away.

But Lt. Col. Blaise Grah, an Ivorian firefighting official, defended the rescue.

"Two hours, we believe, is a reasonable time, given the materials that had to be gathered, the vastness of the ocean and the imprecise

information we were given," about the location of the wreckage, he said.

Yao said Flight 431 was carrying 10 crew members, 167 adult passengers and two children. Kenya Airways, however, said the 179 people on board consisted of 168 passengers and 11 crew members.

The flight originated Sunday as Flight 430 out of Nairobi, Kenya; it was to have landed in Lagos that afternoon. But because of bad weather, it went on to Abidjan, the Ivory Coast's main commercial city.

Airline officials declined to speculate on what caused the crash, but Kenya Airways Technical Director Steve Clarke, speaking from Nairobi, said, "There were no technical problems of any significance."

NATION BRIEF

Navajos face evictions in Hopi feud

BIG MOUNTAIN, Ariz. — The feud has festered for more than a century. Lawsuits were filed, agreements worked out, deadlines set and ignored. And still the battle rages between Hopi and Navajo Indians over a desolate piece of earth both consider their own.

Today marks a turning point in the dispute: On paper, it is the day the government can begin eviction proceedings against approximately a dozen Navajo families who refuse to leave the land or sign a lease with the Hopis to allow them to stay.

To a Navajo elder considered a trespasser on the pastures she calls home, it is a day of dread. To a Hopi rancher harassed for grazing cattle on land that is legally his, it is a day of hope but also skepticism.

To their tribal leaders, it is a day that could finally mark the beginning of the end to a dispute that has divided a place and its people.

The dispute involves 1.8 million acres in the high desert of north-eastern Arizona, a land of mystical magenta canyons and rustling juniper on gently sloping mesas.

In the 1800s, Congress began carving the territory into reservations. In 1882, the Hopis were granted 2.5 million acres next to land the Navajos had obtained years earlier. But when the Navajo tribe began growing, Congress expanded its territory, until it completely surrounded the Hopi reservation. Eventually, the Hopi were forced to share two-thirds of their land with the Navajos.

In 1974, Congress divided up the 1.8 million shared acres between the tribes, stranding members of each on the wrong side.

Israel cuts off further peace talks with Syria

Hezbollah's attack in southern Lebanon, the area's worst violence in six months, leaves three Israeli soldiers dead.

By Laura King
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Stung by the deaths of three Israeli soldiers in south Lebanon, Prime Minister Ehud Barak said there would be no new peace talks with Syria until the Damascus government reins in the Islamic militant Hezbollah.

"Israel will not be able to negotiate peace as long as the Syrians do

not restrain Hezbollah from acting against the Israeli army," stated a Defense Ministry statement issued hours after the bloody attack, which also wounded four Israeli soldiers, one critically. One of the dead was an Israeli major.

Before and after Hezbollah's strike in Israel's self-declared security zone in south Lebanon, Israeli warplanes staged nine air raids against suspected guerrilla positions, the army said. The extent of casualties from the air strikes was not known.

The violence, the worst in southern Lebanon in six months, comes as the United States has been seeking to bring Israel and Syria

back to the bargaining table. Negotiations resumed in December after a four-year hiatus but broke down in a matter of weeks.

Syria said it pulled out of the talks because of Israel's refusal to commit in advance to a total withdrawal from the disputed Golan Heights, and over what kind of a demilitarized area would exist there.

Following Monday's attack — which came only a day after Hezbollah assassinated the man considered No. 2 in Israel's allied militia, the South Lebanon Army — Barak used his bluntest language yet to implicate Syria in Hezbollah's actions.

"It is ... the Syrians, not just Hezbollah, who are behind supply lines and freedom of movement" for the guerrillas, Barak, a former military chief of staff, told lawmakers from his One Israel faction.

In the Defense Ministry statement, Barak used language that in the past has foreshadowed a major Israeli counterattack. "We have known in the past, and we still know, (how) to strike at the place and time of our choosing," he said.

Barak described the recent violence, including the death of another Israeli soldier last week, as a "grave intensification ... that Israel would not allow to continue."

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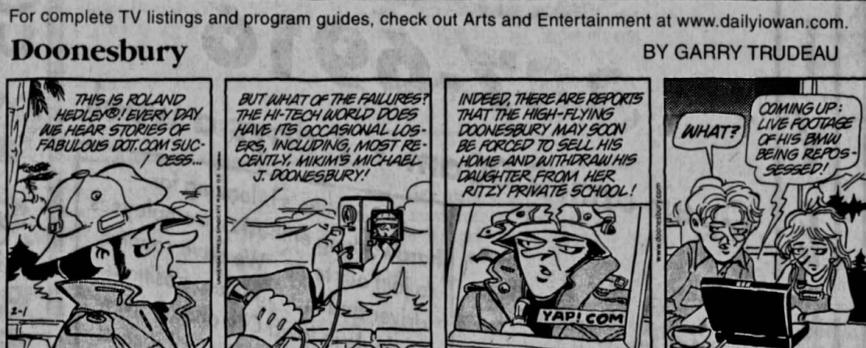
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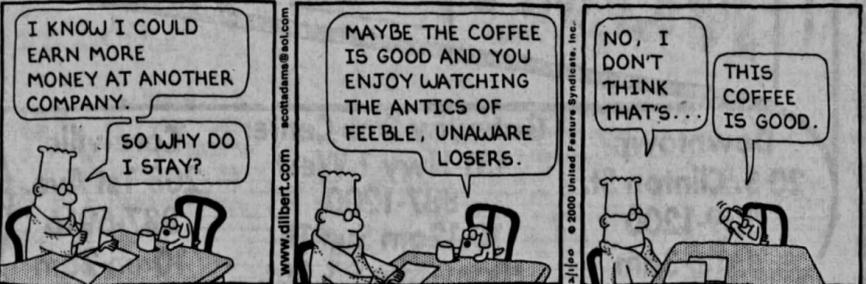
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- Laddie's love
- Vehicles with bells
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- Operatic heroine
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- Taking the booby prize
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- Less trying
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- Roentgen's discovery
- "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," e.g.
- Sir's partner
- Long ago
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- The "I" in "The King and I"
- Gusto
- Post office gizmo
- Fall in April?
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- Vehicle for Duke Ellington
- Positions of equilibrium
- Frosh follower
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- Tears
- Put on (pretend)
- Doll's cry
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- Flower part
- Earth Summit host, 1992
- Words preceding a kiss
- Shut out
- Apple growth retardant
- Peruse
- Pucker-producing
- Needle holder
- Caddie's bagful
- School for British princes
- Traveling trio
- Mini-whirlpool
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- Dennis of the N.B.A. (1797 Imbroglia)
- To this point
- West Pointer
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- Isle of exile
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- Children's Christmas wish
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ON THE AIR

Main Event

The Event: College basketball, Michigan State vs. Michigan, 6 p.m. ESPN.



The Skinny: Watch and see if Michigan State, (15-5, 6-1) can continue its Big Ten superiority against its in-state rival Michigan, (12-5, 3-3).



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

8 p.m. Tennessee at Kentucky, ESPN
 NBA
 7 p.m. Lakers at Spurs, TNT

SPORTS QUIZ

Who played in the highest rated Super Bowl ever?
 See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

4) Syracuse	63	19) Utah	
St. Johns	57	New Mexico	late
18) Oklahoma	83	See new Top 25 on Page 2B	
16) Texas	59		

NHL

Anaheim	4	Dallas	2
Boston	2	Edmonton	1
N.Y. Rangers	5	Phoenix	5
Nashville	1	Detroit	3

NBA

Pittsburgh	2	N.Y. Islanders	late
Atlanta	1	Los Angeles	late
Miami	104	Philadelphia	
Detroit	82	Denver	late
Phoenix	117	Milwaukee	
Orlando	113	Vancouver	late
Minnesota	105	See NBA Leaders on Page 2B	
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Mavericks still waiting on Rodman

The eccentric basketball star said he had to get "all of his partying" out of the way before joining his hometown team.

By Jaime Aron
 Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks would probably have a better chance of getting an answer out of Dennis Rodman if they were inviting him to a party Tuesday night rather than asking him to play in a game.

As of Monday afternoon, the Mavericks were still waiting to hear whether Rodman was ready to return to the NBA or if he planned to continue celebrating being Dennis Rodman.

Neither Rodman's agent, Steve Chasman, nor his publicist immediately returned phone calls to The Associated Press.

The king of self-promotion put his hometown team on hold last week so he could join his friends, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, at Super Bowl parties in Atlanta.

While there, Rodman said he was considering delaying his return a few more weeks so he could go to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii this weekend and even the NBA All-Star game the following weekend.

"I've got to get all of my partying out of the way," Rodman said.

Mark Cuban, the Mavs' soon-to-be owner, laughed off the quotes and said he still hoped to have a decision by Monday. Dallas has home games against Philadelphia on Tuesday and Charlotte on Thursday.

Dallas can only offer Rodman the prorated share of the \$1 million salary-cap exception. He loses about \$12,200 every game he misses.

Although Cuban is willing to make some concessions for Rodman, waiting may not be one of them.

The Mavericks have won seven of nine despite the ongoing will-he, won't-he? saga.

All-Pro linebacker charged with murder

Ravens' Ray Lewis was charged Monday for the slaying of two men at an Atlanta nightclub just hours after the Super Bowl ended.

By James Pilcher
 Associated Press

ATLANTA — Police charged Pro Bowl linebacker Ray Lewis with murder late Monday in the slayings of two people outside an Atlanta nightclub hours after the Super Bowl.

Lewis, middle linebacker for the Baltimore Ravens, was charged after a day of investigation into the slaying at the Cobalt lounge in Atlanta's Buckhead neighborhood about 4 a.m. Monday.

Lewis, thought to be en route to the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, was taken into custody and expected to appear in court on Wednesday.

Two men were stabbed during a fight that broke out just as the party

was ending at the club. Witnesses said six men had fought and argued with the two victims. The men fled in a black Lincoln Navigator stretch limousine, firing at least five gunshots as they drove away.

Police found the vehicle, with New York license plates, in a parking lot behind a hotel near the shooting scene, Atlanta police spokesman John Quigley said.

Quigley and Georgia Bureau of

Investigation spokesman John Bankhead both said they could not release details of the investigation.

Local broadcast outlets said earlier that Lewis had been questioned as a possible witness but was not a suspect.

One man died at the scene and the other victim died at Grady Memorial Hospital. The Fulton County Medical Examiner's office identified the victims as Jacinta Baker, 21, and Richard Lollar, 24, both of Atlanta.

Despite the report of shots, Atlanta police Lt. M.C. Smith said the preliminary investigation indicated both victims were stabbed to death.

The 24-year-old Lewis, from Lakeland, Fla., became the second NFL

player this month charged with murder.

On Jan. 4, Carolina Panthers wide receiver Rae Carruth was charged with first-degree murder in the shooting death of Cherica Adams, who was pregnant with their son. Carruth was released by the Panthers after the charges were lodged.

Just last Friday, in his state of the NFL address, commissioner Paul Tagliabue commented on the recent rash of criminal charges against current NFL players.

"Can we separate ourselves from society? Of course not," Tagliabue said. "We can't predict what NFL players will do any more than we can predict students shooting other students or workers shooting fellow workers."



Ray Lewis

IOWA FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Jury out on Ferentz's class

Recruiting gurus say Iowa's recruiting class ranges from 40th to 60th in the nation.

By Greg Wallace
 The Daily Iowan

Those hoping for a quick return to the top of the Big Ten by the Iowa football team may have to be patient.

As national signing day dawns Wednesday, the Iowa football program is in the same position recruiting-wise as it was in during the regular season — last place, according to the Internet recruiting website, Rivals.com.

Kirk Ferentz and his staff have received oral commitments from 18 players, less than any Big Ten school so far. As of Monday, the class was ranked 63rd nationally by Rivals.com, the lowest of any Big Ten school.

The reasons why begin with the record. A 1-10 team isn't going to be in the forefront of a potential recruit's attention the way a 10-1 team would.

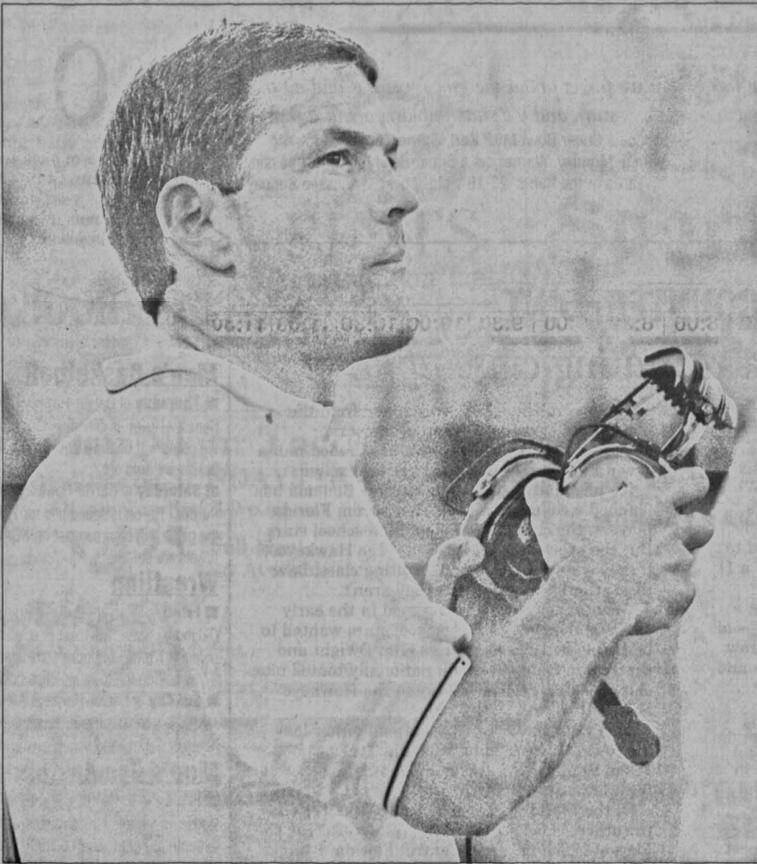
Chris Pool, a Big Ten recruiting expert for Rivals.com, explained that perception is everything.

"When you're down, you're down," Pool said. "You have to get kids on campus. If they don't want to visit your school, you know you never had a chance anyway. Winning is a cure-all. Illinois wasn't getting a sniff until they started winning."

As recently as 1997, the Illini were coming off of an 0-11 season. Recruiting was tough for Ron Turner and his staff. Three years later, the Illini are coming off of an 8-4 year and a MicronPC.com Bowl demolishing of Virginia.

This recruiting season, Illinois has been hot; the Illini rank in the top 30 nationally.

Recruiting guru Tom Lemming said that the evaluation skills of Ferentz, and his staff will be key to this class. Because Iowa lacks the record and prestige of other Big Ten schools, the



staff will need to sharpen their skills and find diamonds in the rough.

"That's why Northwestern, Wisconsin and Illinois rose," Lemming said. "They were always saying how bad Wisconsin's classes were until they went to the Rose Bowl in '93. You just have to have confidence and patience."

Another factor may be the image of Kirk Ferentz. Or the lack of one. Ferentz has become perceived by

the media as a solid, personable man, who lacks the folksy charm of former coach Hayden Fry. Iowa lacks an image, beyond the team's 1-10 finish of a year ago.

"Even though (Ferentz) has been there a year, people aren't familiar with his style and personality," Pool said. "Hayden had a million people who could vouch for him. I watched

Brett Roseman/
 The Daily Iowan
 Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz and his staff landed 18 oral commitments from players around the country.

See RECRUITING, Page 6B

Baseball suspends Rocker until May 1

The Braves pitcher was also ordered to undergo sensitivity training.

By Ronald Blum
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — John Rocker was suspended until May 1 by baseball commissioner Bud Selig on Monday for racial and ethnic remarks that "offended practically every element of society."

The Atlanta Braves reliever also was fined \$20,000 and ordered to undergo sensitivity training for disparaging foreigners, homosexuals and minorities in a magazine interview.

The players' union said it intends to fight the ruling.

"Major league baseball takes seriously its role as an American institution and the important social responsibility that goes with it," Selig said.

"We will not dodge our responsibility. Mr. Rocker should understand that his remarks offended practically every element of society and brought dishonor to himself, the Atlanta Braves and major league baseball. The terrible example set by Mr. Rocker is not what our great game is about and, in fact, is a profound breach of the social compact we hold in such high regard."

The players' association said it expects to file a grievance over the penalty, believed to be the longest against a baseball player for an action not related to drug use since Lenny Randle of Texas got 30 days in March 1977 for punching his manager.

See ROCKER, Page 6B



John Rocker

Alford hopes Iowa tough in stretch run

The Hawkeyes play host to Kansas on Thursday and Purdue on Saturday.

By Mike Kelly
 The Daily Iowan

Steve Alford did not sleep following Iowa's loss against Illinois. In fact, he did not sleep at all.

Alford stayed up all night watching film and his players met him back at Carver-Hawkeye Arena Thursday morning for a 6:30 "tough" practice. The Hawkeyes ran wind sprints and took charges in the early morning workout. Steve Alford wanted to make his team tougher.

Maybe it worked. Saturday against Wisconsin, Iowa came back down the stretch to beat the Badgers 61-55.

"We saw Saturday what can happen when you play with a tough-

minded approach," Alford said. "We went up to their place and held them to one offensive rebound. That's pretty good."

Iowa will try and sustain that toughness in Thursday's 6 p.m. matchup against Kansas. If Iowa wants to have a repeat of last year's upset against No. 12 Jayhawks, they will need that toughness — both mentally and physically.

Kansas fields a tall, deep team this season. Three starters are 6-foot-7 or taller, including 7-foot-1 center Eric Chenoweth. Alford said he expects the Jayhawks to use their 10-man rotation to pressure relentlessly.

The disparity of size and experience between Iowa and their opponents is nothing new to the Hawkeyes. In fact, they are almost used to it.

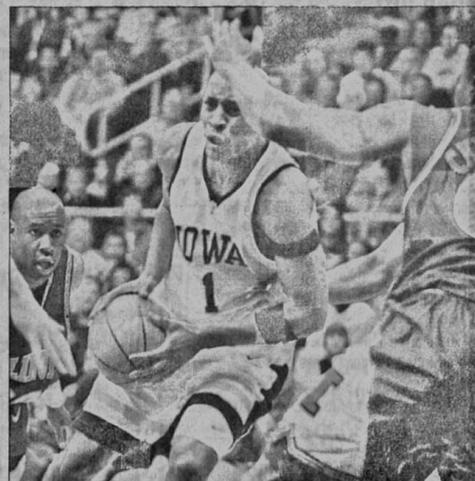
"Every team is big," Iowa guard Dean Oliver said. "Every team we

play against has shot blockers. Except us."

The Hawkeyes, (9-10, 3-5) are at a make or break point in their season. They sit in a log-jam at the bottom half of the Big Ten tied with Minnesota and Wisconsin for seventh place. Iowa is only two games behind fourth place, where Purdue and Penn State are tied at 4-3.

Alford said he suspects his team is behind the fictitious "bubble" at this point in the season. He said if his team is going to make a run at the post-season, now is the time they have to do it.

"It is 'moving week' for us," Alford said. "It is kind of like a Saturday in a golf tournament where players have made the cut, but need to step up their game in order to make a run at winning."



B. J. Moore/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Rob Griffin drives to the basket during Iowa's loss to Illinois. Griffin is Iowa's leading scorer in Big Ten games.

See MEN'S BASKETBALL, Page 6B

SPORTS QUIZ

Pittsburgh and Dallas

COLLEGE HOOPS TOP 25

USA Today/ESPN Top 25 Poll

The Top Twenty Five teams in the USA Today/ESPN college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 30, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and previous rankings.

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Team, Record. Lists top 25 college basketball teams including Cincinnati, Stanford, Duke, Syracuse, Arizona, Michigan State, Connecticut, Ohio State, Tennessee, Auburn, Indiana, Florida, Texas, Oklahoma State, Kansas, Tulsa, Kentucky, Iowa State, North Carolina, Temple, Maryland, North Carolina State, Vanderbilt, Wake Forest, LSU.

Also receiving votes: UCLA 47, Dayton 45, Southern California 38, St. John's 34, Gonzaga 21, DePaul 16, Oregon 14, Purdue 13, Seton Hall 12, Illinois 9, Kent 6, North Carolina 5, St. Bonaventure 5, Southeast Missouri St 5, Virginia 4, Bowling Green 3, Indiana State 3, Pepperdine 3, Louisville 2, Notre Dame 2, Tulane 2, Appalachian State 1, Long Beach State 1, Louisiana-Lafayette 1, Saint Louis 1.

WOMEN'S TOP 25

The Women's Top Twenty Five By The Associated Press

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press women's college basketball poll with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 30, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and previous rankings.

Table with 3 columns: Rank, Team, Record. Lists top 25 women's college basketball teams including Connecticut, Louisiana Tech, Georgia, Tennessee, Notre Dame, Penn St, LSU, Iowa St, Texas Tech, N.C. State, Duke, Auburn, UC Santa Barbara, UCLA, Old Dominion.

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17. Purdue 14-5 370 17
18. Boston College 17-4 348 19
19. Arizona 16-3 333 18
20. Mississippi St 16-3 283 20
21. Tulane 18-2 273 22
22. Oklahoma 17-3 268 23
23. Illinois 16-7 185 21
24. Virginia 16-5 155 25
25. Kansas 14-5 89 --

Others receiving votes: Oregon 20, Texas 40, Georgia Washington 25, Stanford 25, Marquette 21, SW Missouri St 21, Kent 9, Xavier 9, St. Joseph's 8, Michigan 7, Stephen F. Austin 6, Drake 2, Utah 2, Colorado St 1, DePaul 1.

TRANSACTIONS

Monday's Sports Transactions By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League
ANAHEIM ANGELS—Agreed to terms with INF Carlos Garcia on a minor league contract.
MINNESOTA TWINS—Agreed to terms with OF Butch Huskey on a minor league contract.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Quinton McCracken on a one-year contract and INF Mariano Duncan on a minor league contract.
National League
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with INF Mike Kinkade on a one-year contract.
ATLANTIC CITY SURF—Named Tommy Helms manager.
FRONTIER LEAGUE
SPRINGFIELD CAPITALS—Signed RHP Neal Arnold, OF Kurt Tallstrom and INF Scott Binder.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS—Signed F Chris Carr for the remainder of the season.
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed F Pete Chilcutt to a 10-day contract.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Named Dave Cowens assistant coach. Signed G Sam Jacobson for the remainder of the season.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Named Darrell Walker coach.
International Basketball Association
ROCHESTER SKI ETERS—Signed F Julian King.

FOOTBALL

Canadian Football League

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS—Announced Richie Hall and Alex Smith, assistant coaches, have been retained for next season.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

PHOENIX COYOTES—Suspended New Jersey coach Robbie Fleck one game for throwing part of the team's bench on the ice during Saturday night's game.

CALIFORNIA HURRICANES—Named Jim Rutherford chief executive officer and general manager. Jim Cain president and chief oper-

QUICK HITS

ating officer and Jason Karmanos vice president-assistant general manager.
ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled C Marty Reaser from Worcester of the AHL.
EAST COAST HOCKEY LEAGUE
BIRMINGHAM BULLS—Activated RW D Michael Ford from injured reserve. Placed D Kevin Popp on 7-day injured reserve.
DAYTON BOMBERS—Acquired F Kevin Colley from Hartford of the AHL. Announced F Chad Wagner has been recalled by Cincinnati of the AHL.
FLORIDA EVERBLADES—Released G Mike Shields. Acquired F Jason Morgan and G Randy Patek from Cincinnati of the AHL.
JACKSONVILLE LIZARD KINGS—Waived D Derreck Gosselin.
MOBILE MYSTICS—Announced F Hugues Gagnon has been returned by Lowell of the AHL and G Chad Alban has been returned by Grand Rapids of the IHL.
TOLEDO STORM—Suspended C Jarrett Whidden.

NBA LEADERS

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Scoring: G FG FTPTS AVG

Table with 4 columns: Player, Team, FG, FTPTS, AVG. Lists top scorers like Iverson, O'Neal, Hill, Malone, Webber, Duncan, Carter, Payton, Stackhouse, Garnett, Mourning, Rider, Marbury, Robinson, Finley, Allen, Abdur-Rahim, Houston, Walker, Robinson.

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Feick, N.J. 43 178 306 484 11.3
Webber, Sac. 39 100 318 418 10.7
Brand, Ok. 40 195 212 407 10.2
Williams, Det. 43 156 279 435 10.1
Davis, Ind. 43 160 269 429 10.0
Mourning, Fla. 42 113 302 415 9.9

NHL LEADERS

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NBA TEAM STATS

By The Associated Press Through Jan. 30

Team Offense

Table with 3 columns: Team, Pts, Avg. Lists team statistics for Sacramento, Detroit, Milwaukee, Indiana, Dallas, Orlando, Charlotte, L.A. Lakers, Atlanta, Houston, Seattle, Phoenix, Denver, Cleveland, Minnesota, Miami, Portland, Boston, New Jersey, San Antonio, Utah, Golden State, Washington, Philadelphia, Vancouver, New York, L.A. Clippers, Chicago.

PGA TOUR MONEY LEADERS

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Table with 3 columns: Player, Money, Pts. Lists top money winners like Tiger Woods, Ernie Els, Rocco Mediate, Stuart Appleby, Robert Almerly, Rory Sabbatini, David Duval, John Huston, David Tom, J.J. Lewis, Kirk Triplett, Mike Weir, Carlos Franco, Jeff Maggert, Jim Furyk, Brent Geoghegan, Jeff Sluman, Duffy Waldorf, Brandt Jobe, Vijay Singh, Tom Pernice Jr., Glen Day, Steve Friesz, Edward Foyt, Olin Browne, Phil Mickelson, Fred Funk, Mark Calcavecchia, Rich Beem, Scott Dunlap.

QUICK HITS

Cleveland 44 4438 100.9
L.A. Clippers 43 4348 101.1
Atlanta 42 4282 101.5
Orlando 45 4584 101.9
Milwaukee 44 4511 102.5
Sacramento 42 4317 102.8
Detroit 43 4428 103.0
Dallas 43 4436 103.2
Golden State 41 4230 103.2

NHL LEADERS

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BY THE NUMBERS

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BY THE NUMBERS

the number of back to back road games Penn State's basketball plays this year. Iowa plays three road games in a row twice this season

POINT COUNTERPOINT

Is Kirk Ferentz's first recruiting class up to par?

While this year's recruiting class is not likely to receive star treatment from SuperPrep or Lindy's, it is still a start. Iowa established itself in Florida, landing six oral commitments from the Sunshine State. While these guys might not be the cream of Florida's proverbial crop, kids in big Florida high schools have at least heard about Iowa now. It is hard to do better than that when you're coming off of a 1-10 record. I mean, what do people expect? There is not a program in the country that could land a series of blue-chip recruits after two bad seasons in a row like Iowa has had. (Unless there were BMW's and really nice houses for the rest of the family involved.) You can't go from A to Z in a year, or Z to A would be a more apt saying in Iowa's case. Iowa got what they needed - speed that can come in immediately and help out defensively. They did this while planning as well as they can for the future, too. I admit, Iowa took a hit when three of the best in-state players opted to leave the Iowa prairie and go to states with, well, more prairies, but it really does not matter all that much. The talent pool in Iowa is a helpful thing to have, but not an imperative part of recruiting. As always with recruiting, it is too soon to tell whether Kirk Ferentz's first full class of recruits is a good one, but on paper it could be worse. - Mike Kelly

Good recruiting classes are made from the home state boys, not the out of towners. So when you hear that Iowa has landed half a dozen Florida recruits, don't get too excited. It's nice that assistant coach Bret Bielema has notched a couple of commitments from Florida players, the current hotbed of high school stars. But the overriding factor is that the Hawkeyes, if they want a truly good recruiting class, have to get the Iowa boys. Well, they aren't. What made Iowa's teams good in the early 1990s is that Iowa's high school stars wanted to be Hawkeyes. Jared Devries, Tim Dwight and the Tavian Banks were all nationally touted blue chippers that decided to stay in the Hawkeye State. This year, Iowa's top dogs are all either leaving Iowa, or are signing with the Cyclones. Tyson Smith, Kevin Long and Quinn Sypniewski from Iowa aren't planning on being Hawkeyes. Of the Florida players that have committed, the other schools these guys are recruited by the likes of Cincinnati and Central Florida. I think there's a reason why they're leaving Florida - they're not good enough to play there. People, the reason why Ohio State, Nebraska and Florida State are great year in and year out is because every spring they sign in-state recruits. Until Iowa can do that again, its recruiting classes will be second-tier. - Jeremy Schnitker

SPORTSWATCH

Arizona goes to bat for ailing girl PHOENIX (AP) - Several Arizona Diamondbacks, led by Todd Stottlemyre, are going to bat for a 9-year-old girl who is fighting a rare bone marrow disease. Stottlemyre will lead a contingent of Diamondbacks representatives Tuesday night at a fundraiser for Kayla Wexler in Prescott, Ariz., where she lives. The money will help pay for a bone marrow transplant, if Kayla can find a donor, and for other medical expenses not covered by insurance. "These are real people," said Kayla's mother Debbie Wexler. "These guys are for real. The people who are going to be at the fundraiser are there to rub elbows with baseball players. But the players are not in it for anything but helping Kayla." Super Bowl gets 43.2 rating, despite markets NEW YORK - The Super Bowl received

a 43.2 rating and a 62 share, up 7 percent from last year, Nielsen Media Research said today. St. Louis' stirring 23-16 victory over Tennessee was not decided until the final play, keeping viewer interest up throughout ABC's broadcast. Last year's game, Denver's 34-19 win over Atlanta, got a 40.2 rating and 61 share, the lowest rating since the 1990 game registered a 39.0 rating. With two small markets, ABC said last week it hoped for a 42.0 rating for this year's game. Rams' Super Bowl win helps Xavier CEDAR RAPIDS - Administrators aren't sure how it will be spent, but a check for \$2,500 is on its way to Xavier High School - thanks to Kurt Warner and the Super Bowl champion St. Louis Rams. SportsShuddle.com, a Web site for high school athletes and coaches, had put up a "friendly wager" between the high schools of Warner and Tennessee quarterback Steve McNair. Warner's alma mater was actually Regis High, which closed along with LaSalle High in 1998 to make way for Xavier, the new city Roman Catholic high school. Harper moves into Mavs' front office DALLAS - Derek Harper is trading in his sneakers for suits. Harper, the Dallas Mavericks' all-time leader in assists, steals and 3-pointers, officially ended his playing career Monday and started his front-office career as the team's vice president of business relations. The 38-year-old former point guard actually has been living in Dallas trying to set up his new job since last season ended. He finished his career with the Los Angeles Lakers, although they traded his rights to the Detroit Pistons in the offseason. Harper never reported and was placed on the suspended list.

DATEBOOK

Men's Basketball Thursday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena vs. Kansas. Tip-off is scheduled for 6 p.m., and the game will be broadcast on ESPN. All tickets are sold out. Saturday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena vs. Purdue. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m., and the game will be broadcast on KGAN. All tickets are sold out. Wrestling Friday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena vs. Oklahoma State. The meet is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., and tickets are available for \$7 by calling the Iowa athletics ticket office. Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena vs. Northwestern. The meet is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., and tickets are \$7. Men's Gymnastics Friday in the North Gym of the UI Field House vs. Illinois-Chicago. The meet is set to begin at 7 p.m. with no admission charge. Sunday at Illinois-Chicago. The meet is set to begin at 2 p.m. in the University of Illinois-Chicago Physical Education Building. Men's Swimming Saturday at Northwestern. The meet is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. in the Norris Equatics Center in Evanston, Ill. Men's Tennis Sunday in the Iowa Rec Building vs. Western Michigan. The meet is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m., and admission is free. Men's Track & Field Saturday at Illinois. The meet will be held at the University of Illinois Armory in Champaign, Ill. Women's Basketball Thursday at Indiana. The game is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Michigan State. Tip-off is set for 1 p.m. Women's Track & Field Saturday at the Notre Dame Invitational. Women's Tennis Saturday vs. Florida State. The meet will be held in Nashville, Tenn., and is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Sunday at Vanderbilt. The meet is set to start at 10 a.m. Women's Gymnastics Sunday in the North Gym of the UI Field House vs. Minnesota. The meet is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., and is free to the public.

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Jordan's first move isn't as smooth as his jumper

■ Darrell Walker was hired as the new Washington Wizards coach after Rod Higgins turned it down.

By Joseph White
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Michael Jordan still has plenty to learn about running an NBA team.

Jordan's first big management move with the Washington Wizards turned out to be a confusing and bitter change of coaches. As a result, Darrell Walker, who has been coaching a last-place team in the CBA, was hired as interim coach Monday for the rest of the season.

Walker expected to become an assistant, but he suddenly moved up the ladder when Jordan's first choice, Golden State assistant Rod Higgins, fell through because the Wizards couldn't agree on a compensation plan with the Warriors. Players and staff were told Higgins would be the new coach Saturday night, only to learn Sunday the deal was never completed.



Stephen J. Boitano/
Associated Press
New Wizards coach Darrell Walker looks on as Michael Jordan talks to reporters Monday.

"That was an unfortunate situation in that things did not work out properly with Golden State," Jordan said. "Rod was just one of our candidates for the job. Darrell was another."

Walker was 41-90 over 1 1/2 seasons with the Toronto Raptors before quitting in 1998, and he's leaving a Rockford Lightning team that is 13-17 and in last place in the CBA's Atlantic Conference. Thrilled to be out of the minors, Walker used the word "fun" at least a dozen times at his introductory news conference.

"I'm just happy to be here," said Walker, who also played four years as a guard with the then-Washington Bullets from 1987-91. "It's a dream come true. Hopefully, I can be the guy who can turn this team around back in the right direction. It's not like we're going to jump up and run off 20 or 30 in a row, I just want us to go out, be competitive, get after people, play defense and have some fun."

Walker's first game is Tuesday night in Cleveland, but he was almost the bit player Monday as

some tough parting shots were exchanged among the players, Jordan and fired coach Gar Heard. Jordan had to defend the timing and manner of Heard's dismissal, and Jordan, Rod Strickland and Juwan Howard shot back at Heard's allegation that his dismissal was due in part to the "David Falk factor."

Jordan was in Atlanta for the Super Bowl when Heard was fired Saturday night, immediately after the Wizards (14-30) beat Cleveland. Jordan said he was deferring to the wishes of general manager Wes Unseld.

"I actually offered to do that because that's my responsibility as president," Jordan said. "And Wes took the approach that 'I hired the guy, I'll fire the guy.' My response to Wes was that this is the only time that you're going to be able to do this."

Former DePaul player, coach Feiereisel dies

CHICAGO (AP) — Ron Feiereisel, who played basketball at DePaul and in the NBA before becoming a coach and referee, has died.

Feiereisel, 68, died of natural causes Friday at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, a spokesman for Nelson Funeral Home in suburban Park Ridge said Monday night.

Feiereisel played for legendary coach Ray Meyer from 1950-53, serving as team captain his junior and senior years. His 1,106 points is 28th on the Blue Demons' all-time list. He was named to the all-tournament team of the 1953 Midwest Regional held at the Chicago Stadium.

He later played two years in the NBA, joining former DePaul All-American George Mikan on the Minneapolis Lakers.

After a stint in the Army, Feiereisel coached at DePaul Academy's boys team. His 1958-59 team won the Catholic League title.

He returned to DePaul as an assistant under Meyer for two years, then went back to high school coaching at St. Viator in Arlington Heights.

After three years at St. Viator, he became a referee, first for the American Basketball Association, then for the Big Ten.

In 1980, he returned to DePaul to take over as coach of the women's team. His teams were 61-57 in four seasons. His daughter, JoAnn, was one of the top scorers.

Vermeil sheds 'over the hill' label Sunday

■ Dick Vermeil said he has not decided if he will return to the sidelines next season.

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Yes, Dick Vermeil cried.

A day after his team's Super Bowl victory, he spoke of his late mother Alice and how she was sure he would one day come back and coach an NFL champion.

Other Super Bowl coaches have handled these day-after news conferences their own way:

Mike Ditka complained about voters choosing the wrong MVP; Bill Walsh lobbied for George Seifert to succeed him as 49ers' coach; Bill Parcells suggested that for him to lose a few pounds was "like throwing a deck chair off the Titanic."

Not Vermeil. The 63-year-old coach was not about to get flip at a time like this. This was supposed to be a man too old for the job.

This old-school coach sheds tears when he cuts players, discusses their injuries — even when something good happens to them. Monday was no exception.

He spoke not only about his mother, but about a quarterback falling through cracks and a game-saving tackle that gave the St. Louis Rams — 4-12 a year ago — a 23-16 Super Bowl victory over the Tennessee Titans.

He acknowledged that Kurt Warner, the first player since Steve Young five years ago to be both regular-season and Super Bowl MVP, was the kind of quarterback who doesn't get a fair shake in the NFL.

Indeed, Warner needed luck to make it, coming out of Iowa through the Arena League and NFL Europe. But it wasn't luck that resulted in 414 yards passing, including a 73-yard strike to Isaac Bruce with 1:54 left that turned out to be the winner.

Warner inherited the job when Trent Green, their offseason free-agent acquisition, went down with a season-ending knee injury in the third game.

He proceeded to throw 41 touchdown passes, joining Dan Marino as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to throw for more than 40 in a season. Warner was the overwhelming choice for league MVP.

"From a quarterback standpoint, it's easier to fall through the cracks," Vermeil said. "Teams tend to line up their quarterbacks. You have the incumbent and the heir apparent. The type of quarterback like Kurt rarely gets the opening. He's just there to throw balls in practice."

He did a lot more than that Sunday in one of those Super Bowls that will be remembered for decades.



Vermeil
Has 2 years left on his contract

Tennessee trailed 16-0 with 20 minutes to go but rallied to tie the game with 2 minutes, 12 seconds left. Sixteen seconds later, Warner and Bruce connected.

Then the Titans drove back. But the game ended with the Rams' Mike Jones clinging to Kevin Dyson's legs at the 1-yard line as time expired.

So no wonder Warner and Vermeil, both exhausted, seemed more relieved than exhilarated.

Vermeil now faces the inevitable questions about whether he might quit and hand the team to offensive coordinator Mike Martz. He has two more years left on his contract.

"I've given it thought," Vermeil said Monday. "If I say I'm definitely coming back and change my mind, you'll say 'You lying son of a gun.' I'm not going to be trapped."

Vermeil's wife has said she would like him to retire. But Vermeil is not the sort to easily abandon the sidelines.

So he and Warner might be able to do an encore. And given the state of the NFC, the Rams could well be back next year when the Super Bowl is in Tampa, Fla.

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SUPER BOWL XXXIV

Fans gather to welcome Super heroes

Thousands lined the streets as the St. Louis Rams returned home to a parade in their honor Monday.

By Jeffrey McMurray
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A city accustomed to celebrating its Boys of Summer got some winter cheering practice Monday as thousands lined downtown streets to welcome back the Super Bowl champions.

St. Louis Rams coach Dick Vermeil led the parade down Market Street in a wagon pulled by the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales, and players followed in 60 Dodge Ram pickup trucks.

The six-block procession began about 40 minutes late and was slowed to almost a standstill as fans overcame a police barrier to swarm the champs. With Sunday's 23-16 victory over the Tennessee Titans, the Rams had won the NFL title for the first time in the city's 40-year football history.

"Thank you very much world champions," Vermeil told the crowd. "As a representative of these guys, the management and the coaching staff, I'd like to thank you for your support. I'd like you to know that the Rams aren't world champions. St. Louis is world champions."

Not since 1982 had St. Louis celebrated a major championship — and that team, like most of the rest, came on the baseball diamond.

But in this crowd, Cardinal red gave way to Rams blue and gold. Fans broke into a chant of



Cliff Schiappa/The Daily Iowan

Thousands of fans watching the St. Louis Rams Super Bowl parade Monday in downtown St. Louis.

"MVP" as the truck carrying Kurt Warner made its way through the throngs of people. Warner is only the sixth player in league history to win the award in both the regular season and Super Bowl.

By now this town knows all to well the tale of the former Arena League standout who went from grocery stocker to NFL hero, leading the Rams from worst to first. Never before had a team that finished last in its division gone on to win the Super Bowl the next season.

"I'd like to say that we forget about the grocery stores and all that stuff, and we start thinking about a repeat," Warner said.

The parade ended at Kiener Plaza, where several players addressed the fans with the Gateway Arch in the background. Few words were audible beyond the first few rows, but the crowd burst into cheers after every sentence

all the same. "This is great. It's a dream come true," said running back Marshall Faulk, the AP Offensive Player of the Year. "The fans have been great. We appreciate you guys supporting us. Thank you!"

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Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair reacts to an incomplete pass attempt in the fourth quarter during Super Bowl XXXIV in Atlanta Sunday.

McNair comes up short, but shows he's a champ

The only statistic that Titans quarterback Steve McNair cares about is the one yard Tennessee didn't get at the end of the game.

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — On a night when Steve McNair didn't lead his team to a Super Bowl championship, he might finally have proved he's the quarterback who can do just that.

Sure, he has a bit of trouble with deep passes. OK, he doesn't always see his secondary receivers. Maybe he's a little too anxious to flee the pocket and show off his running skills.

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"The people who didn't know Steve McNair before will know him now," said Frank Wycheck, tight end for the Tennessee Titans. "Did you see that desire? Did you see that heart?"

McNair, trying to become the second black quarterback to take his team to an NFL championship, guided a remarkable comeback Sunday that led the Titans to the brink of forcing the first overtime Super Bowl.

He came up 1 yard short. The St. Louis Rams kept Kevin Dyson out of the end zone on the final play, holding on for a heart-stopping 23-16 victory.

"I'm not trying to prove anything," McNair said. "Regardless of how I perform or what I do out on the field, I'm just trying to go out and help my teammates get the job done."

McNair set a Super Bowl record for quarterbacks by rushing for 64 yards, including a 23-yard scramble that set up the Titans' first touchdown. On the final drive, he completed six passes for 48 yards and ran twice for 14 yards.

His last pass was a quick slant over the middle, dubbed "Sliver Right" in the Tennessee playbook. McNair delivered the ball perfectly. But Dyson cut inside a little too quickly, and Rams linebacker Mike Jones made a great one-on-one tackle to keep him to a 9-yard gain. The Titans needed 10.

"It's sad to come that close and come up short after playing such a great game," said McNair, who had a 12-3 record this season as the Titans starter, missing five games with a back injury. "That's the bad part of this game. Someone has got to lose, but why couldn't it be a tie?"

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Rocker barred from spring training

ROCKER

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er, Frank Lucchesi. "I do not believe it is appropriate that I should be harshly disciplined for my misguided speech unaccompanied by any conduct on my part," Rocker said in a statement released by his agents. "I have previously apologized for my unfortunate remarks and stand by my apology." A grievance would force the matter before Shaym Das, the sport's new independent arbitrator. "We have been in consultation with Mr. Rocker and it is our present intention to appeal," said Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official. "It is literally unprecedented to impose a penalty on a player for pure speech, offensive though the speech may be. That, coupled with the magnitude of the penalty, just as unprecedented, makes us optimistic about the outcome of the appeal." While the suspension covers 73 days starting with the opening of spring training, the season doesn't start until April 3, meaning Rocker would miss the first 28 days of the season. A suspension will not affect his salary, expected to be between \$200,000 and \$300,000. Rocker may go to extended spring training starting April 3 and will be allowed to pitch in the minor leagues during the first month of the season. If the suspension isn't shortened, he would return for a May 1 game

at Los Angeles. "It really is about what I anticipated happening," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said of the penalty. The 25-year-old pitcher was barred from joining the Braves at spring training. A high-ranking baseball official, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said the commissioner's office did not want Rocker to report with other Braves' pitchers and catchers, thus minimizing the number of media descending on Kissimmee, Fla., when camp opens Feb. 17.

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, disputed that, saying it was not a factor. "It comes as kind of a shock," Braves pitcher Rudy Seanez said. "I just think that's pretty harsh." Braves president Stan Kasten said he hoped Rocker would not appeal. "I hope we can separate the legal ramifications from John personally," Kasten said. "It's most important to get through this thing and get through it successfully. That's much more important than winning a couple of days." Rocker's comments drew a strong response from Braves executive Hank Aaron and civil rights groups. Several Braves players have said they expect Rocker to have a difficult time when he rejoins the team. "We believe that even after this process is complete, there are still two hurdles that

remain," Kasten said. "John still has to reconcile himself with his teammates. After that, he has to reconcile himself with the community. It's not automatic. But with the right effort and the right attitude, I think it's possible." The pitcher, whose fine will go to groups that promote diversity, was ordered by Selig on Jan. 6 to undergo psychological tests, but the results of those tests have not been disclosed. Kasten and Schuerholz met about two weeks ago with seven senior members of the NL champions.

"The consensus in that room was that while they believed John should be punished in some fashion, they were willing to give him a second chance as a teammate," Schuerholz said. "But he must redeem himself and rectify the wrongs he has done." Rocker said in a Sports Illustrated story published last month that he would never play for a New York team because he didn't want to ride a subway train "next to some queer with AIDS." He also said, "I'm not a very big fan of foreigners. ... How the hell did they get in this country?" He also called a black teammate a "fat monkey." Braves owner Ted Turner has said Rocker deserves a second chance, and pointed out the reliever had apologized. "I don't think we ought to hold it against him forever," Turner said. "He didn't commit a crime."

Hawks land 6th-ranked running back

RECRUITING

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the Northwestern-Iowa game this year, and I didn't know who the head coach was. All I saw was Hawkeye helmets." Lemming was more positive about Ferentz's first full recruiting class than Rivals.com. He ranked Iowa in his top 40 nationally, and said that even if Iowa had the worst class in the Big Ten, it would be an impressive class. "I saw Wisconsin, Northwestern's and Illinois' classes when they were 1-10," Lemming said. "This is a much better class. If someone ranks them 60th, they have no idea what they're talking about. I'd have them about 40th in the country." Lemming said that the speed of the class was excellent. He said that Iowa's defense last year was the slowest in the Big Ten, which can be reflected in the beatings the secondary took from receivers like Plaxico Burress. Much of that speed hails from the Sunshine State, where Bret Bielema snagged a six-pack of players, including three linebackers and two defensive backs. Both analysts pegged linebacker George Lewis, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., as a player who can make an immediate impact. Lemming and Pool also touted Iowa as establishing a connection in Florida, one of the nation's best

areas for speed and talent. Iowa failed to land any top prospects from Florida, however. Most are second-tier recruits; the schools Iowa beat were hypenated, directional schools like Alabama-Birmingham and Central Florida. "To get the top guys you have to go against FSU, Florida, Miami," Pool says. "You go down there, you're going in with the sharks." As much as Iowa's record has hurt their pursuit of the top stars, it may have helped as well. Several players that have already made verbal commitments said the opportunity to step in and play right away swung the pendulum in Iowa's favor. "I feel like I can be one of the athletes that can make a big impact in a hurry," said Jermelle Lewis, of Bloomfield, Conn., who is ranked sixth in the nation among tailbacks by Rivals.com. The fact remains, though, that Iowa's class is ranked last in the conference. Jeremy Crabtree, another Rivals.com analyst, said that this class is about building a foundation, rather than an entire winning tradition. "Honestly, you have to think long-term," Crabtree said. "Don't be too concerned by seeing Iowa on the bottom. Give them some time to build some foundation. Rome wasn't built in a day." DI sportswriter Greg Wallace can be reached at gwallace@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu.

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- LB George Lewis, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
- RB Jermaine Lewis, Bloomfield, Conn.
- DT Derrick Pickens, Kilgore Junior College (Kilgore, Tx.)
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- RB Jon Rabineaux, Port Arthur, Tx. (Lincoln)
- DT Derrick Robinson, Minneapolis, Mn. (De La Salle)
- RB Fred Russell, Romulus, Mich.
- CB Bennie Sapp, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Boyd Anderson)
- WR Daniel Thomas, Baker, Fla.
- TE Andy Thorne, Waterford, Mich. (Mott)
- DT Scott Webb, Iowa Central Community College (Fort Dodge)
- LB Kevin Worthy, Atalla, Ala. (Etowah)

Oliver: Any win is huge right now

MEN'S BASKETBALL

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Oliver said the key to getting back into the Big Ten race was winning on the road, something Iowa did for the first time in the

Big Ten season against Wisconsin. The Hawkeyes embark on their second three-game road trip of the season next Wednesday to face Ohio State, Illinois and Purdue. They will try to pick up a win on the trip, something they did not do in their previous three-game jaunt.

"Any win right now is huge for us," Oliver said. "We can't afford to lose many more games. Hopefully, we can look back and say the Wisconsin game was the turning point in our season." DI sportswriter Mike Kelly can be reached at mkkelly@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu

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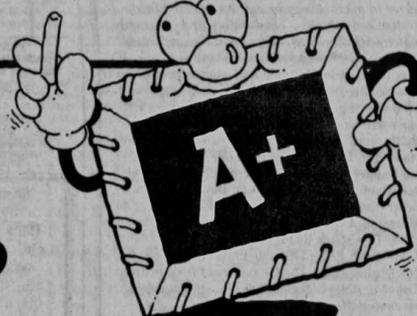
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