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First victory



Matt Holst/The Daily Iowan

Time League game against Iowa City Ready Mix.

esson assists.

Fitzpatrick's 112

Nike-Merrill Lynch 91

With Brody Boyd attending High

School All-star games, Brad Lohaus

in Milwaukee for a charity golf event

and Rod Thompson sidelined with a

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Points, five

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Nebraska, Terry will share top assistant

duties with Steve Hamilton, whom Manning also appointed.

Terry Brands said that after Tom Brands had been passed over for

head coaching jobs at Nebraska (before Manning took over) and

UNI, he began to worry that if he stayed at Iowa, he wouldn't get

looked at as a head coach candidate in the future.

It's tough to leave, but at the same time, I can go create a new family.

— Terry Brands

former Iowa assistant wrestling coach

"This is more of a challenge," Terry Brands said. "I get to go into

the situation where people are going to look at me more seriously from a

head coaching point of view if a job would open up.

"Look at Tom — he's been here since '93, and he didn't get a sniff at

the Nebraska job and got passed up twice for the UNI job. I might be

biased, but I think he's the best coaching candidate out there."

Gable, who coached the Brands' when they were wrestling in the

early '90s, hopes the move is strictly because he wants a promotion.

"I don't exactly know Terry's situation here," Gable said about Iowa.

"Is this move strictly related to

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still in Detroit

While Gonzalez was willing to go to New York without an extension,

which would allow him to become a free agent after the season, the

Yankees wouldn't agree to complete the deal on those terms.

New York originally agreed to send Ricky Ledee to Detroit along

with two minor leaguers: third baseman Drew Henson, scheduled to be

Michigan's starting quarterback, and minor league pitcher Randy

Keisler.

The Yankees decided Monday that if Gonzalez wouldn't agree to an

extension, they would decrease their offer to the Tigers.

"Apparently they went back to Detroit and tried to rework it as a

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TODAY IN SPORTS

Feeling the Draft

Today, the hoop dreams of many young men, including highly touted Marcus Fizer of Iowa State, could begin to come true. See story, Page 12

AROUND TOWN

Area root beer gaining rooters

Millstream Root Beer is ranked fifth in the nation in a Web-site review. See story, Page 3



WORLD

AIDS report: Worst yet to come

The disease is expected to kill half the teen-age population in some African nations, the U.N. says. See story, Page 5

WEATHER

↑ 72
↓ 55

cloudy, 40% chance of showers

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UIHC dispute flares into researcher's arrest

■ Mohammad Tavassoli accuses some colleagues of racism after his fellowship was not renewed.

By Bridget Stratton
The Daily Iowan

After being arrested for criminal trespassing at the UI Hospitals and Clinics Tuesday — where he still considers himself to be an employee — UI research fellow Mohammad Tavassoli said he was treated unjustly by the hospital.

UI Public Safety was notified of a disturbance and arrested Tavassoli on the fourth floor of the hospital in the infectious disease area, said Public Safety Lt. Lucy Wiederholt.

"We were told that he was no longer an employee of the hospital and that he refused to leave," she said.

Tavassoli was then taken to jail, where he was released on a bond set at \$325, he said.

A first-year fellow in the gastroenterology and hepatology division of Internal Medicine



Tavassoli

at the UIHC, Tavassoli said he remains under contract until June 30. He was checking his mail at his office when he was asked to leave by hospital officials, Tavassoli said.

"I don't understand this. I am still employed by the hospital; my kids' pictures are still on my desk," he said.

Tavassoli said he was told on March 8 by Assistant Professor Klaus Bielefeldt, the gastroenterology director, and Professor Joel Weinstock that his contract would not be renewed for the following year. Fel-

lowships require a 36-month contract from the appointee, according to the Fellowship Trainee in Gastroenterology-Hepatology Web page.

"When I asked why my contract would not be renewed, no one could tell me," Tavassoli said.

Bielefeldt and Weinstock could not be reached for comment.

Tavassoli maintains that there is no reason his contract should not be renewed, and he has appealed the decision. A committee will hear his appeal Thursday afternoon, he said. The committee will consist of three

program directors and one last-year resident in his department.

The arrest escalated during an 11-month period in which Tavassoli charges he suffered stress because he was racially discriminated against by people within the department.

"All of the stress has caused me to start smoking again," he said. "I believe that the stress even caused my wife to miscarry our last child."

Tavassoli is planning on officially filing a complaint later this week.

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Dispute blooms at co-op warehouse

■ Blooming Prairie is fighting an attempt to unionize its workers.

By Andrea Mason
The Daily Iowan

Employees and management at Blooming Prairie Warehouse are clashing over partial unionization of the company's workforce.

Blooming Prairie is currently appealing a National Labor Relations Board decision to uphold the employees' election favoring unionization. The employees are proceeding to create a local chapter of the Chauffeurs, Teamsters and Helpers Union.

Blooming Prairie, 2340 Heinz Road, is a leading supplier of produce to the New Pioneer Co-Op, 22 S. Van Buren St., as well as well as to stores in the rest of the Midwest.

In December 1999, Blooming Prairie

employees began proceedings to form local Teamsters Union Chapter 238. The employees voted on the creation of the union in March; the resolution passed by one vote.

Blooming Prairie challenged the election results, and the NLRB upheld the employees' election on June 12. The appeal is still being decided by the board.

Teamsters organizer Jack Sayre said the union plans to move forward despite the company's appeal. A union-proposal meeting is scheduled for Thursday to set an agenda for negotiations, he said, adding that he does not expect the NLRB to side with Blooming Prairie.

Sayer said he objects to Blooming Prairie's tactics, including what he called misleading explanations of labor laws, mandatory anti-labor meetings and threats of losing health benefits.

The possibility of losing their health insurance was not much of a threat for

the employees, Sayer said. Many unions offer health benefits, and most of them are better than what the companies can offer, he said.

Employees also charged the company with favoritism, lack of fair treatment and lack of dignity. And Blooming Prairie hired lawyers in an attempt to keep the union from being voted in, Sayre said.

However, Blooming Prairie CEO Jesse Singerman said the lawyers are necessary because labor organization is filled with legal technicalities, and she wants to prevent civil rights from being violated.

The company opposes the union because only 14 percent of 270 employees support it, she said.

"We don't want to see our workforce divided," Singerman said.

Relations between management and

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Gov't to detail campus crime stats online

■ The online database will give students and parents another tool when choosing a school.

By Beth Conklin
The Daily Iowan

A new U.S. Department of Education database will give students one more tool to help them in making their decisions about where to go to college.

The Internet database, to be presented to Congress in December, will list crime statistics of colleges and universities across the nation and in Canada.

"I think it's a good idea," said Paritosh Batra, an Iowa City resident. "It makes students aware and allows officials to rethink policies making campuses safer."

The UI is a safe campus, overall, and the most prevalent crimes, such as theft, are preventable, said Steve Parrott, the director of university communications.

"We are a community of about 62,000, but in comparison, we don't have quite the level of crime," he said.

Submitting campus crime information is nothing new for colleges and universities — Parrott said the UI has done it for years.

Colleges and universities have been required to make campus crime statistics available to the public since the Clery Law was enacted in 1990.

The law was named for Jeanne Clery, a freshman at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Penn., who was assaulted and killed in her dorm room in 1986. Her parents fought for the law because they were unaware

Iowa City Police Statistics

Offenses reported to Iowa City police in 1999. . . new database will make the numbers public.

Homicide Offenses	2
Forcible Sex Offenses	67
Assault Offenses	464
Larceny/Theft Offenses	1,312
Fraud Offenses	250
Drug/Narcotic Offenses	365
Prostitution Offenses	2

Source: Iowa City Police Dept. . . DU.

of previous crimes on the Lehigh campus.

In 1998, the Clery Law was revised; the Department of Education now gives the data to Congress every year.

UI senior Kim Kroeger said parents would use the database as a

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Protesters clash with Navy at Puerto Rico test range

■ Two U.S. sailors were injured, the Navy says, and 129 protesters were detained at Vieques.

By Manuel Ernesto Rivera
Associated Press

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico — Protesters hurled iron bars at U.S. sailors at sea and crept under "no trespassing" fences on land, the U.S. Navy said Tuesday, as more than 120 demonstrators intensified their fight to oust the Navy from the Vieques island training range, where it practices bombing and shelling.

Puerto Rican fishermen wielding the metal bars injured two U.S. sailors at sea off Vieques, the Navy said.

The Navy said it has video footage that it turned over to the FBI from the first alleged confrontation since Navy ships and warplanes resumed bombing with non-explosive "dummy" bombs Sunday.

One of the fishermen, Yabureibo Zenon, denied the charge. "It's not

true," he said. "If they have video, I want to see it."

On the island, guards arrested 129 Independence Party demonstrators who invaded the bombing range before dawn to disrupt the Navy's shelling. The Navy had initially said 164 were arrested, but Gordon said some protesters were counted twice in the confusion.

The unrest renewed a 14-month-old dispute on Vieques, a populated Puerto Rican island that is also the site of the Navy's prime Atlantic Fleet training ground. Activists committed to ousting the Navy say the bombing destroys fishing grounds and endangers residents. The Navy maintains the bombing is safe and provides crucial training for American sailors and airmen.

Navy vessels were scheduled to start bombarding the Vieques range with inert shells at 8 a.m. Tuesday. But the protests began before dawn: Demonstrators tried to invade the training ground and were rounded up by guards. Meanwhile, Navy officials said, two sailors were hurt in an assault after fishermen on five boats surround-



ed a small Navy patrol boat just off Vieques.

Navy Lt. Jeff Gordon said the fishermen threw 12-inch iron bars at the shield-wielding sailors, injuring one in the neck and another in the chest. Gordon said the sailors were armed but didn't use their weapons and that the five fishing boats escaped. The injured sailors were hospitalized, he said.

"The Navy has it on film, and the

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Foes of civil-union law begin targeting of Vermont officials

■ Opponents promise they'll punish supporters of the law in the November elections.

By Mike Eckel
Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Opponents of Vermont's new law giving gay couples the next best thing to marriage are mobilizing to punish lawmakers at the polls in what could make for an ugly election season this fall.

Under the civil-unions law, which will take effect Saturday, gay couples will qualify for nearly all of the rights and benefits available to married couples under Vermont law. The landmark legislation will not be recognized in other states or under federal law.

Several organizations created in response to the law have placed ads in newspapers targeting Democratic Gov. Howard Dean and other lawmakers who supported the measure. Dean and the entire House and Sen-

ate are up for re-election this fall.

"The proliferation of these groups could potentially create nasty campaigns," said Tony Gierzynski, a political science professor at the University of Vermont. "It strikes me that opponents of civil-unions law, in some ways, they've already shown that they're going even further over

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READ, THEN RECYCLE

THE LEDGE

MORE WACKY STATE LAWS

- Massachusetts
- Hunting on Sundays is prohibited.
- It is illegal to go to bed without first having a full bath.
- A woman can not be on top in sexual activities.
- No gorilla is allowed in the back seat of any car.
- Tattooing and body piercing is illegal.
- Children may smoke, but they may not purchase cigarettes.
- Tomatoes may not be used in the production of clam chowder.
- Quakers and witches are banned.
- Bullets may not be used as currency.
- Liquor stores can only open on Sundays if they are in Berkshire, Essex, Franklin, Middlesex or Worcester counties and are within 10 miles of the Vermont or New Hampshire borders.
- Alcoholic drink specials are illegal.

- Michigan
- A woman isn't allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission.
- There is a 10-cent bounty for each rat's head brought into a town office.
- It is legal for a robber to file a law suit if he or she got hurt in your house.
- You may not swear in front of women and children.

Source: www.angel-fire.com

Wednesday's Big Picture



Nick Tremmel/The Daily Iowan
Show Car representative Del Liggett, of Mark Busch associates, plays the Nascar Simulator outside Handimart Gas Station in Coralville. The simulator, modeled after Todd Bodine's Phillips 66 Busch Series Car, allows participants to compete for a Nascar Trip in November.

news makers

Shaq no scab, he insists

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal, criticized for making a Disneyland commercial during an actors' strike against the ad industry, insists he's a team player.

"I've been through two work stoppages in my career, and I know how difficult they are to union members and their families," the basketball star said in a statement Monday.

The Los Angeles Lakers player filmed an instant "I'm going to Disneyland!" spot after his team won the NBA championship June 19. O'Neal's fee went to his charity for disadvantaged children, his agent said.

O'Neal came under fire from the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, which authorized the strike that began May 1.

"As a SAG and AFTRA member, I fully support the strike and hope that negotiations can resume in the very near future so

both sides can get back to business as quickly as possible," O'Neal said.

Red coats & red carpets

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — It may lack Mel Gibson and his glitzy actor friends, but Columbia is having its own premiere party for *The Patriot* on the same night as the Hollywood gala.

The Patriot stars Gibson as a reluctant Colonial South Carolinian who is swept into the Revolutionary War when British troops threaten his home and family.

Glinda Coleman, the executive director of the Chester Downtown Development Association, said the Columbia screening will have its own glamour.

There will be a red carpet stretching from a sports bar across the street, Coleman said. "Palmetto trees will line the walkway, and we have some old Packard cars what will shuttle some people to the theater."



O'Neal



Gibson

Erin Brockovich attorney considers politics

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — Ed Masry, the environmental lawyer whose story was featured in the Julia Roberts movie *Erin Brockovich*, is considering a run for City Council.

Masry said he will not make a formal announcement until July 5. Two seats are up for grabs in November.

"Obviously, if I run, I have every intention of winning. I'm not used to losing," Masry said.

Say good night, Vic

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — Singer Vic Damone, in the midst of a national farewell tour, canceled appearances this week at an Atlantic City casino after being hospitalized with flu-like symptoms.

Publicist Rob Wilcox said Damone, 72, felt ill Monday morning and was admitted to a New Jersey hospital.

Damone, who recorded such songs as "An Affair to Remember" and "On the Street Where You Live," is in the middle of a tour that is scheduled to run until mid-2001.

calendar

The Iowa Department of Human Services will host a meeting of child protective supervisors in Meeting Room B, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., today at 9:30 a.m.

library's Children's Desk, 356-5200, ext. 128.

SEIU Local 199 will hold an executive board meeting in Meeting Room A, Public Library, today at 6 p.m.

The Public Library's Lunch at the Library Series will feature a Jazz Fest preview with John Rapson and Steve Grismore in Meeting Room A, Public Library, today at noon.

The Englert Programming Committee will meet in Meeting Room C, Public Library, today at 6:30 p.m.

The Public Library will host Computer Kids — Session A, a three-week session for children who have finished grades 4-6, today at 1:30 p.m. The class is limited to 10. For more information, call the

The Hindu Swayamsewak Sangh and the India Development and Relief Fund will present the band Karma, a fusion of Western and Indian music, in Lecture Room 2, Van Allen Hall, today at 7:15 p.m.

horoscopes

Wednesday, June 28, 2000

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Out with the old and in with the new. You can make career changes if you want. Believe in yourself, and you will convince others to believe in you as well. Go after your dreams, hopes and wishes. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Love relationships will be plentiful. Shopping will be satisfying, and you will find a number of purchases that won't break your budget. Things appear to be getting better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Financial limitations will be a problem. Avoid spending too much on yourself, children or entertainment. Overindulgence will be a concern, so try to curb your habits. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): One-sided romantic infatuations are evident. Don't let your imagination get out of hand. Look into how you can help others rather than waste your time on a dead-end connection.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Research will be necessary if you want to stay ahead of the game. You will be able to get a lot done if you stick to important issues. Don't spread yourself too thin, or problems will arise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should be discussing your intentions and ideas with your boss. Your high enthusiasm will spark an interest in others and inspire them to help you realize your plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): This is an excellent day to join new groups and expand your circle of friends. Don't lose track of how much you're spending. You can have fun without going overboard.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Social events should include travel for pleasure. You will gain popularity through your ability to please others. Sudden romantic adventures are likely.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Leave well enough alone when it comes to your personal life. Your greatest rewards will come through your work. Don't let your emotions interfere with your professional goals.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The things you start today will be to your benefit. You will be able to make the alterations you've been thinking about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Educational pursuits will help you advance professionally. Female friends will help you change your mind about your direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will captivate the imaginations of others through your vision and perception in group endeavors. Don't hesitate to speak your mind. Opposition will be there, but you will prevail.

UI brief

WISE reports high retention rate

The UI Women in Science and Engineering program recently announced that of the 62 first-year students in its 1996 inaugural mentoring class, 81 percent completed their May 2000 degrees with science or engineering majors.

ence and engineering range from 39 to 61 percent.

Among students who began their UI academic careers by majoring in science, 76 percent remained in science. In the case of engineering students, 76 percent remained in engineering, and 14 percent selected a science major. Additionally, of the 62 freshmen, 13 later served in the mentoring program for two years as mentors. Riesz noted that the final evaluation forms completed by students often reflect the feelings expressed by one mentor: "The best thing about the mentoring program was getting a chance to interact with other enthusiastic women I wouldn't have otherwise met." During the 1999-00 academic year, 76 students and 76 mentors participated.

Betsy Riesz, the coordinator of the WISE Student to Student Support in Science mentoring program, said the results exceeded national trends, in which the retention of women undergraduates in science and engineering varies from 30-46 percent, depending on size and whether the institution is public or private. She added that for men, the retention rates within sci-

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Millstream

The Amana-brewed root beer is one of the nation's top five, says a Web site review.

By Megan Kennedy
The Daily Iowan

What started as an alternative beverage for kids and non-drinkers who visit a local brewery has grown into the brewery's being the only root beer supplier in Iowa.

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Root Beer Ratings
Top and bottom of the barrel, according to Anthony Annoyance's rankings.

1	Boylan's Creamy Red Birch Beer
5	Millstream Old Time Rootbeer
44	IBC Root Beer
48	A&W Root Beer
50	Mug Root Beer
58	Dad's Root Beer
72	Snapple Root Beer
86	Barq's
102	Shasta Diet Root Beer
123	Pathmark Birch Beer

Source: DJ research

QT near M

The QuikTrip store closest to campus is closing because it doesn't make money, an official says.

By Jessi Todd
The Daily Iowan

QuikTrip No. 552, located at the intersection of Burlington and Madison streets, plans to close its door permanently Friday morning.

The store is closing because, compared with the other Iowa City QuikTrip stores, it doesn't make enough money, said John Jordan, an assistant manager.

"Basically, this store can barely pay the bills. There's no room for expansion, and there's another QuikTrip up the street," he said. Each QuikTrip gets money from the QuikTrip Corp., but most

LEGAL MATT

POLICE

- Chad A. Hinkel, 28, North Liberty, was charged with violation of a domestic-abuse protective order at 3007 Sierra Court on June 26.
- Harold T. Howard, 42, 1418 Sycamore St., was charged with public intoxication at the intersection of Keokuk Street and Kirkwood Avenue on June 26 at 9:09 p.m.
- Aaron M. Cierbo, 20, 430 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 2, was charged with skateboarding in a parking ramp at the Chauncey Swan ramp on June 26 at 3:50 p.m.
- Brett D. Brown, 20, Mechanicsville, was charged with skateboarding in a parking ramp at the Chauncey Swan ramp on June 26 at 3:15 p.m.
- Travis Staubaugh, 17, 3357 Lower West Branch Road, was charged with skateboarding in a parking ramp at Chauncey Swan ramp on

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CITY

Millstream proves it has good roots

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Source: DJ research

placing ahead of A&W, Barq's, Dad's and Mug root beers on Anthony Annoyance's Root Beer Barrel Web page (www.annoyances.com). Annoyance noted in his review that Millstream Root Beer had a very rich, creamy taste and a smooth texture.

The root beer is "highly recommended if you can get your hands on it," said Annoyance.

Dennis Henderson, the owner of Millstream, says he credits much of the root beer's success to top-quality ingredients.

"We don't cut any corners at our brewery," he said.

However, accessibility problems are stifling the growing popularity of the root beer, Henderson said.

"Unfortunately, distribution has been a real battle for us," said Phillip Luebke, the marketing director for Millstream. "Our products are available statewide, but you can't walk into your local Hy-Vee Food Store and expect to find it there."

John's Grocery, 401 E. Market St., a Millstream vendor, has seen a recent increase in demand for "higher end" beverages such as Millstream's Old-Time Root Beer.

"More and more customers want something better than the mainstream," said Doug Alberhasky, an employee at John's Grocery.



Dennis Henderson, the owner of Millstream, sits outside the Amana Colonies brewery and enjoys a root beer Wednesday afternoon.

In addition to individual bottles of the root beer, there has been a growing popularity in kegs of root beer, he said. Local sororities and fraternities have shown interest in the non-alcoholic products for social functions, Alberhasky said.

Henderson said Millstream Brewery prides itself on being the sole producer of root beer in Iowa. White Rock Beverage Co. of Rochester, N.Y., which produces Sioux City Root Beer, has claimed to

be a Iowa-based company. "I've even seen 'Taste of Iowa' shelf tags in front of its product," Luebke said.

Despite the difficulty in finding shelf space, Millstream has found other means to market the product. It recently replaced Sioux City products at Living History Farms in Urbandale and Usher's Ferry Historic Village in Cedar Rapids.

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CITY BRIEFS

Garden tools used in two alleged assaults

New uses for garden tools may have been discovered in Iowa City Tuesday, as two separate incidents of assault with a dangerous garden tool allegedly took place during the early morning hours.

According to police reports, Matthew D. McFadden, 23, was arrested at 4:45 a.m. after he allegedly followed a man to his apartment. When the victim turned around to face McFadden, McFadden was allegedly holding a scythe and said "this is it," the reports said.

The man said he informed McFadden that he was fearful of the scythe, a garden tool typically used for mowing or reaping. According to court records, the man told police that he thought McFadden was going to "stick" him with the tool.

McFadden was arrested on charges of assault with a dangerous weapon, an aggravated misdemeanor.

Less than an hour later, at 5:18 a.m., Samuel Arnold Huber, 2909 Rustic Ridge Road, was arrested at 1226 E. Bloomington St. on charges of first-degree burglary, obstruction of emergency communication and operating while intoxicated.

When a man attempted to call 911 to have Huber, 38, removed from the building, Huber allegedly entered the residence and pulled the phone cord from the wall, according to police reports.

The two men went outside, and Huber allegedly hit the victim with a lawn rake, according to police records. Huber then allegedly

chased the victim back to the residence and tried to enter, but the man cut Huber on the arm with a kitchen knife to keep him out, the police reports said.

— by Disa Lubker

School Board hopes to improve parental involvement

Members of the Iowa City School Board updated their proposed "Parental Involvement" policy at a meeting Tuesday.

The parental involvement committee has been conducting research and sketching plans to implement the policy by the fall.

Board member Don Jackson, the director of the committee, said the goal of the parental-involvement plans is to improve academic achievement and continually improve things the district can't do without the support of parents.

"We do get participation from parents, but we want to focus on academic achievement," he said.

Currently, the focus of the plan has been on improvement in reading. There is concern, however, that the proposal will be of less benefit to students at the secondary level because most of the ideas have dealt with elementary students. Jackson addressed this issue and said the board intends to make the proposal benefit students at the secondary level as well.

Studies have shown a reluctance to communicate between parents and teachers. One of the committee's main goals, Jackson said, is to reach parents and community members whom the district does not usually hear from.

— by Beth Conklin

QT near Main Library to shut down

■ The QuikTrip store closest to campus is closing because it doesn't make money, an official says.

By Jessi Toddan
The Daily Iowan

QuikTrip No. 552, located at the intersection of Burlington and Madison streets, plans to close its door permanently Friday morning.

The store is closing because, compared with the other Iowa City QuikTrip stores, it doesn't make enough money, said John Jordan, an assistant manager.

"Basically, this store can barely pay the bills. There's no room for expansion, and there's another QuikTrip up the street," he said.

Each QuikTrip gets money from the QuikTrip Corp., but most

profits depend on the individual store's performance, Jordan said.

"Have you seen the new QuikTrip format? It's much nicer than this place," Jordan said. "The maintenance costs too much, and we can't expand — so the word is, we're closing this store."

The QuikTrip hasn't been sold — yet. After it is closed, it will be put on the market, Jordan said.

While two QuikTrips will remain in Iowa City, including one on at the intersection of Burlington and Gilbert streets, local residents will miss the store when it closes Friday.

UI junior Erik Gunderson said he is disappointed about the closing of the store.

"It's so convenient because it is so close to the library," he said. "It's a good place to pick up food during a study break."



North Liberty resident Kim Mathis takes a break at the QuikTrip.

However, Jamie Cox, a UI law student said he will be unaffected by the closing of the store.

"I usually don't get gas here, so

it doesn't really matter to me," he said.

DI reporter Jessi Toddan can be reached at jtoddan@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu

LEGAL MATTERS

POLICE

Chad A. Hinkel, 28, North Liberty, was charged with violation of a domestic-abuse protective order at 3007 Sierra Court on June 26.

Harold T. Howard, 42, 1418 Sycamore St., was charged with public intoxication at the intersection of Keokuk Street and Kirkwood Avenue on June 26 at 9:09 p.m.

Aaron M. Cierbo, 20, 430 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 2, was charged with skateboarding in a parking ramp at the Chauncey Swan ramp on June 26 at 3:50 p.m.

Brett D. Brown, 20, Mechanicsville, was charged with skateboarding in a parking ramp at the Chauncey Swan ramp on June 26 at 3:15 p.m.

Travis Staubaugh, 17, 3357 Lower West Branch Road, was charged with skateboarding in a parking ramp at Chauncey Swan ramp on

June 26 at 3:55 p.m. Matthew D. McFadden, 23, 221 S. Lucas St. Apt. 2, was charged with assault while displaying a dangerous weapon at 221 S. Lucas St. Apt. 3 on June 26 at 4:45 p.m.

Vernon D. Blankenship, 48, 132 Apache Trail, was charged with operating while intoxicated and driving while revoked at 600 S. Dubuque St. on June 27 at 1:47 a.m.

Lora C. Wilson, 36, 6400 Hickman Apt. 43, was charged with operating while intoxicated and driving while suspended at the intersection of Dodge and Page streets on June 27 at 1:03 a.m.

Chad W. Smith, 26, 212 Blackfoot Trail, was charged with driving while barred at the intersection of Keokuk Street and Hollywood Boulevard on June 27 at 1:24 a.m.

— compiled by Carolyn Kresser

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SEIU Local 199 will hold an executive board meeting in Meeting Room A, Public Library, today at 6 p.m.

The Englert Programming Committee will meet in Meeting Room C, Public Library, today at 6:30 p.m.

The Hindu Swayamsewak Sangh and the India Development and Relief Fund will present the band Karma, a fusion of Western and Indian music, in Lecture Room 2, Van Allen Hall, today at 7:15 p.m.

Horoscopes

by Eugenia Last

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Financial limitations will be a problem. Avoid spending too much on yourself, children or entertainment. Overindulgence will be a concern, so try to curb your habits.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): One-sided romantic infatuations are evident. Don't let your imagination get out of hand. Look into how you can help others rather than waste your time on a dead-end connection.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should be discussing your intentions and ideas with your boss. Your high enthusiasm will spark an interest in others and inspire them to help you realize your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Social events should include travel for pleasure. You will gain popularity through your ability to please others. Sudden romantic adventures are likely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The things you start today will be to your benefit. You will make new friends who will be loyal. You will be able to make the alterations you've been thinking about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will captivate the imaginations of others through your vision and perception in group endeavors. Don't hesitate to speak your mind. Opposition will be there, but you will prevail.

ence and engineering range from 39 to 61 percent.

Among students who began their UI academic careers by majoring in science, 76 percent remained in science. In the case of engineering students, 76 percent remained in engineering, and 14 percent selected a science major. Additionally, of the 62 freshmen, 13 later served in the mentoring program for two years as mentors. Riesz noted that the final evaluation forms completed by students often reflect the feelings expressed by one mentor: "The best thing about the mentoring program was getting a chance to interact with other enthusiastic women I wouldn't have otherwise met." During the 1999-00 academic year, 76 students and 76 mentors participated.

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— Greg Craig, attorney for Juan Miguel González, publicly urging the Supreme Court to allow the González family to return to Cuba.

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EDITORIAL

Miller will bring home the pigskin bacon for ABC

Ever since ABC's Monday Night Football decided to replace former NFL quarterback Boomer Esiason as its color commentator after last season, there has been much ado regarding who his replacement would be. The suspense halted last week, when ABC announced that steady play-by-play man Al Michaels would be joined by ABC's own Dan Fouts, himself a former NFL quarterback, and comedian Dennis Miller.

Programs can't just be interesting or funny, they have to be shocking, cutting edge and, above all, Nielsen-friendly. Football coverage can't just be football anymore.

Needless to say, Fouts' hiring has not generated much discussion. Miller's hiring, on the other hand, is a first in sports television. Rather than choosing a traditional former jock as Esiason's replacement, ABC chose to create some hype over the situation months ago by considering public figures outside of the sports world who could bring a huge following with them. These included Miller, a former "Saturday Night Live" cast member who hosts a very successful comedy/talk show on HBO, "Dennis Miller Live," and Rush Limbaugh, the most listened-to talk radio host in the United States and a man who has proven he can attract and maintain a diverse audience.

ABC's Don Ohlmeyer, who selected Miller for the position, defended his decision by saying, "We want to make games relevant to the hard-core fan and accessible to the casual." Ohlmeyer saw Miller as the perfect ingredient to improving the struggling program's Nielsen ratings, which sank to an all-time low of 13.7 last season.

ABC's hiring of Miller may be risky, but it is consistent with the new wave of television. Programs can't just be interesting or funny, they have to be shocking, cutting edge and, above all, Nielsen-friendly. Football coverage can't just be football anymore. It must guarantee that there are no dull moments by inserting sarcastic humor into the mix. Not that ABC can be blamed for this. After all, would the level of success of ESPN's "Sportscenter" be as high if the program did not have B-rated comedians for anchors? Probably not.

Television programs such as CBS' "Survivor," which "traps" 16 people on an uninhabited, remote island are what gets ratings these days. Never mind that the cast members of "Survivor" are curiously, yet frequently, clad in new clothes and hardly seem weak or malnourished enough to result to eating rats, it's good television. It's not "The Nelsens," but it's good television. Like "Survivor," Miller's hiring seems to adhere to the new rule of television: Viewers like the unpredictable.

Miller's on-air performance may be as unpredictable as his hiring was, but that seems to be what ABC is shooting for. It's a sign of the times in television and broadcasting.

Evan Peterson is a *DI* columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vote Nader, elect Bush

A note of caution to all Iowa City Greens out there excited about the nomination of Ralph Nader as their presidential candidate: A vote for Ralph in November will be a vote for George W.

Like most Americans, I'm can't get too excited about the prospect of Al Gore as president. Let's face it — the guy's picture should be on the back of every bottle of NyQuil. But if anything is clear in 2000, it is that nothing distinguishes the V.P. and G.W. more than their records on the environment. From global warming to Alaskan oil exploration to funding for rapid transit, Bush would be a disaster for the environment.

So, once the afterglow of Denver's convention has faded, get real Greens. Don't be so selfish and naive to think that Nader might one day be president. And please don't put another Bush in the White House.

Willis Harle
UI graduate student

UI needs to improve streets

We are beginning to wonder if the UI enjoys adjusting the alignment of its vehicles that drive into the Hawkeye Court area everyday. The potholes in the roads are giant, tire-eating monsters. Anyone who has ridden the bus into Hawkeye Court has been bounced around in her or his seat and has risked getting a concussion. Not only is there the "black hole" by the first bus stop, but how about the hole across from the Mormon Handcart Park entrance? The only way the tenants and visitors to Hawkeye Court can avoid a mechanic's bill is to drive on the left-hand side of the road when making the turn into Hawkeye Court. This is not only dangerous to the people making the turn, but how about the oncoming traffic? These holes are accidents waiting to happen, and it is embarrassing that the UI does not fix the problem. Fixing does not mean throwing a little asphalt into the holes, because that repair lasts only a month or so.

These problems need to be addressed before one of the Hawkeye Court children gets seriously injured. If you are not going to do this for the tuition- and fees-paying students who live here, do it for our children.

Jamie L. Raney, Krishna Das
Hawkeye Court residents

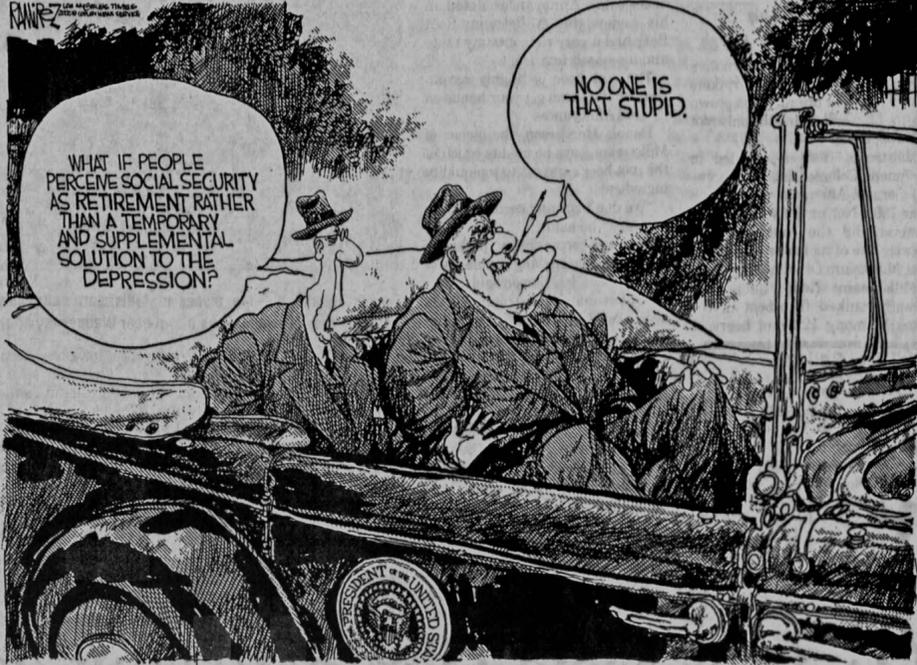
Same-sex coverage is feasible

In regards to Evan Peterson's Viewpoint on June 20 — "Is the regents' new same-sex insurance plan reasonable? No" — I have one comment: Heterosexual partners have the option to form a legally recognized union in Iowa (and 48 other states for that matter), but homosexual partners do not.

It would certainly be more fair to determine which homosexual partners would otherwise be married (if it were legal) and then grant only to them the option of insurance coverage; however, those couples should not be denied because that distinction cannot reliably be made.

Dan Steinberg, B.A. 1999
St. Louis Park, Minn.

Joe Friedrich
UI junior



Beam me up, Otis

James Tiberius Kirk, supersonic action hero and interstellar love machine, was born on March 22, 2228, in Riverside, Iowa. In fact, he was conceived underneath a pool table in a local bar. There's a plaque there to prove it.

This was just one of the accounts of the life of local celebrity Captain Kirk during my trip to Trek Fest last weekend. Frankly, after an evening of cheap beer and demolition derbies, I was in no mood to argue.

I've lived in Iowa City for three years now, so I was stunned to discover only last week that the center of the "Star Trek" universe was only 15 minutes south of the Pentacrest. Of course, having been hit with this bombshell, I knew that it was my duty as a journalist to witness this firsthand.

I was accompanied by our trigger-happy Photo Editor Matt Holst and Graphics Guru James Alberts in our mission to seek out new life and new frontiers, boldly going where we had never gone before.

Riverside is a town of contrasts, especially during Trek Fest. It is home to a miniature replica of the USS Enterprise and to Bud's Custom Meats. It's the place "where the Trek begins," according to the town marquee, although the Trek apparently consists of a three-mile road surrounded by silos.

We arrived in at the festival shortly before the official start time, so with the Prime Directive securely in mind, we wandered through the uncharted vastness of Riverside, past the Tilt-A-Whirl, beyond the Fanny Flier that rocked to the groove of "Whoomp, There It Is."

The natives were friendly, indeed. Under the shade of the beer tent, we sized up the situation and decided to

partake in some of the local rituals. I was particularly impressed by "Balloon Pop," a test of wits in which you direct darts at balloons attached to an imposing wall of foam rubber. A mind-boggling wealth of Jenny McCarthy and the Backstreet Boys posters awaited he who should pass the test.

The Fanny Flier, on the other hand, was a test of physical endurance. The contestants are hoisted atop a towering structure and then forced to endure the forces of gravity as they shoot down an inclined track.

Surrounded by these alien traditions, it was tough for me to maintain my objective journalistic perspective, but I managed to keep on the

outside long enough to notice one element that was missing in all of this: Namely, there wasn't actually anything remotely resembling "Star Trek" within a mile of the festival.

As I looked around, my attention was caught by the keeper of the Balloon Pop. His appeals were strong, so I asked, "Can I win Spock ears?"

"What ears?" he asked. I was crushed. Matt, James, and I scoured the festival, looking for Spock ears, but to no avail. Their wealth of "Star Trek" T-shirts and

Can Koozies made up for it to an extent, but a void remained. Luckily, Demolition Derby revived the excitement. As Matt ran around the mud pit, dodging mud sprays and flame-outs in an effort to capture the event on film, I met the locals and asked them how "Star Trek" fit in to the event.

"Forget 'Star Trek,'" one young man told me. "This is about getting drunk and crashing cars!" "Well, then," I asked another couple, "who would win the Demo Derby: Spock or Kirk?" "Kirk," said the young man, whose name was Jeff. "He's one bad mofo."

"Are you stupid?" said Jenny, sitting to his right. "Kirk hasn't been born yet, so of course Spock would win it."

"Oh no," he cried out, wringing his hands. "Then this is all for naught!" Hardly, I thought. Sure, there wasn't much Trek memorabilia to be found; but after an evening of car crashes, beer tents, and a brief encounter with Otis, the coolest damn bulldog in the history of pet shows, Matt, James and I knew one thing for certain: It's not so hard to live long and prosper 15 minutes south of the Pentacrest.

Anyway, who was Jeff to talk? Like Jenny said, what would a kid from North Liberty know about "Star Trek," anyway?

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On the SPOT

Iowa roads are maintained using gasoline-tax revenue. Should the tax be suspended in the face of high gas prices?



"They should lower gas prices because it's ridiculous. It's already a well-funded state."

Sameena Ahmed
UI sophomore



"No, Iowa roads are pretty lousy. They need all the work they can get."

Andrew Hillis
UI senior



"No, I think that it is a short-sided solution to the gas problem."

Marcia Hoffbauer
Iowa City resident



"I think they should lower prices by taking road money out of something else."

Sally Hall
Iowa City resident



"Yeah, I believe that gas prices are way too high."

Tavo Garcia
Kirkwood sophomore

Construction

Deaths and accidents in work zones can be prevented by careful driving, officials say.

By Erica Driskell and Kelly Oulman
The Daily Iowan

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Construction season means slow down

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on the highways all together," he said. "Seventeen of those occurred in a work zone, which is around 3 percent of all accidents."

The highest number of work-zone related accidents are during the months of June, July and August, Bortle said.

"Part of the reason that there are more construction-related car accidents is we have more and more construction being done," he said.

Construction has increased in the past years because of renovations to the Interstates and the conversion of two-lane highways to four lanes.

Bortle blames speeding, driving under the influence and motorists passing other vehicles without assured clear distance as the main causes for accidents. Drivers can help themselves by

finding out where road construction is occurring before traveling in Iowa this summer, said Sgt. David Garrison of the Iowa State Patrol. Motorists can do so by logging on to the Iowa DOT Web site at www.dot.state.ia.us/road-cons.htm.

"Watch the speed limit, maintain a safe distance between you and the car ahead of you, and be alert," Garrison said.

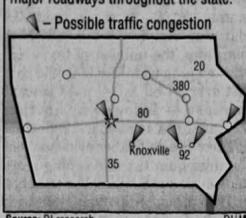
Many accidents occur when drivers are not paying attention, he said.

The State Patrol will have an additional 70 troopers on Iowa roads this weekend because of the approaching Fourth of July holiday.

Vehicle checkpoints will also be administered by the patrol throughout the weekend. The troopers will be looking for intoxi-

Construction Zones

Work zones may slow some travelers on major roadways throughout the state.



Source: DI research

cated drivers as well as properly working equipment and seat-belt use, Garrison said.

DI reporters Erica Driskell and Kelly Oulman can be reached at: daily-owan@uiowa.edu

AIDS outlook: Worst is yet to come, U.N. says

■ AIDS will probably kill half of the teen-agers in some African countries, desolating societies.

By Clare Nullis
Associated Press

GENEVA — AIDS has killed 19 million people worldwide, but the worst is yet to come, the United Nations predicted Tuesday. The disease is expected to wipe out half the teen-agers in some African nations, devastating economies and societies.

"There is a whole generation which is being taken out," said Peter Piot, the head of the U.N. Joint Program on HIV/AIDS. He said vulnerable countries in Asia, Eastern Europe and the Caribbean risk a similar catastrophe unless they act now to control infection rates.

In its 135-page report released Tuesday, UNAIDS estimates:

- The virus has killed 19 million people worldwide, up from 16.3 million at the end of 1998. It has infected 34 million more, including 5.4 million last year alone.

- More than 13 million children have been orphaned by AIDS.

- In 16 sub-Saharan African countries, more than 10 percent of the population ages 15-49 carries the Human Immunodeficiency Virus, or HIV.

- In seven of those countries, at least 20 percent of the population is infected.

One of the countries where 20 percent of the population is infected is South Africa, which has 4.2 million people who are HIV positive — the largest single national total. The southern African nation of Botswana has the worst rate, with more than one in three adults infected. That is the equivalent of 90 million people out of the U.S. population of 270 million.

"The probability that you die

from AIDS when you are 15 today is more than 50 percent in these countries," Piot told a press conference.

"We are going into societies where there are more people in their 60s and 70s than there are in their 40s and 30s," he said. "This is unheard of."

With dwindling numbers of economically active adults left to support the rest of the population, the impact on poor African nations is devastating.

Agricultural production in nations such as Zimbabwe, where 2,000 people die each week of AIDS, is falling. Businesses are going bankrupt because of the deaths of skilled, educated staff members, according to the report.

Hopes of better education are also in tatters. The number of new teachers trained in Zambia is just keeping pace with the number felled by AIDS. Children are leaving school because they are orphaned or forced to work to support their families.

Hospitals are overwhelmed by AIDS patients. Many have inadequate supplies of even basic antibiotics to fight the pneumonia, tuberculosis or mouth fungus that accompany AIDS, let alone the sophisticated drugs that have eased suffering in rich countries, the report said.

Denial continues to be a problem. The report cited a 1999 survey of 72 minors orphaned by AIDS in a hard-hit Kenyan community: Although all knew of the disease, none of them believed their parents had died of it. Most thought witchcraft or a curse was to blame.

Piot said one of the reasons for the explosion of cases in southern Africa is the legacy of apartheid, which separated men from their families in rural areas and forced them to work in towns, with only prostitutes for relief. But, he said, governments were also to blame for ignoring the problem for too long.

WorldCom/Sprint merger hits roadblock

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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department Tuesday sued to stop the merger of the nation's second- and third-largest long-distance phone companies, saying the proposed \$129 billion union of

WorldCom Inc. and Sprint Corp. would leave millions of Americans paying more for less.

The companies almost immediately withdrew a merger notification filed with the European Commission but insisted the proposal was still viable in the United States.

Company officials said they would take "a couple of days" to assess their options before deciding whether to try to win a decision in

federal court or withdraw the merger proposal in the United States as well.

Just a day before, the European Union's antitrust chief, Mario Monti, said the companies had offered a "less than satisfactory" response to concerns of overseas regulators that their pairing would dominate high-level Internet access around the world.

Attorney General Janet Reno, in announcing the lawsuit, said

the merger threatens to undermine the gains achieved by the breakup of AT&T into "Baby Bells" 25 years ago.

"Going from the Big Three telecom companies — WorldCom, Sprint and AT&T — to the Big Two would be like giving customers the wrong number," Reno said. "We must continue to go forward toward greater competition, better innovation, not backward, toward the telecom monopoly of yesterday."

And Paul Revere chopped down the cherry tree

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WASHINGTON — Do the words "Give me liberty or give me death" sound only vaguely familiar? Do you think Thomas Jefferson was the

"Father of the Constitution"? If so, you're not alone.

Nearly 80 percent of seniors at 55 top colleges and universities — including Harvard and Princeton — received a D or F on a 34-question, high-school level American history test that contained historical references similar to those.

More than a third of the students didn't know the Constitution established the division of power in American government, according to

the Center for Survey Research and Analysis at the University of Connecticut, which administered the test as part of a study to measure the teaching of American history.

Students were much more knowledgeable about popular culture. For example, 99 percent of the seniors could identify "Beavis and Butt-head" as "television cartoon characters."

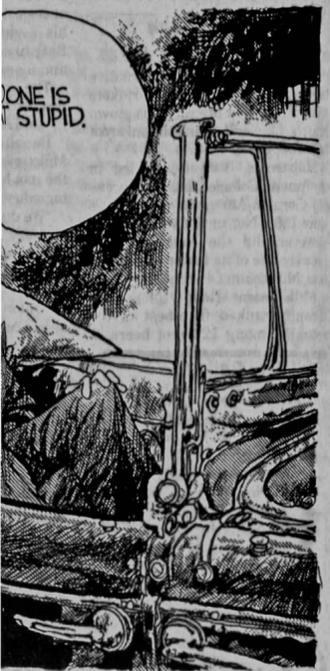
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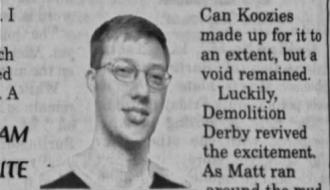
Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., lamented the findings. Quoting Jefferson, he said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, it expects what never was and never will be."

"This nation seems well on its way to testing this proposition," he said. The study, sponsored by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, found none of the 55 schools require American history for graduation.

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Sp, Otis



Can Koozies made up for it to an extent, but a void remained. Luckily, Demolition Derby revived the excitement. As Matt ran around the mud pit, dodging mud sprays and flame-outs in an effort to capture the event on film, I met the locals and asked them how "Star Trek" fit in to the event. "Forget Star Trek," one young man told me. "This is about getting drunk and crashing cars!"

asked another couple, "who would win the Demo Derby: Spock or Kirk?" "Kirk," said the young man, whose name was Jeff. "He's one bad mo-fo." "Are you stupid?" said Jenny, sitting to his right. "Kirk hasn't been born

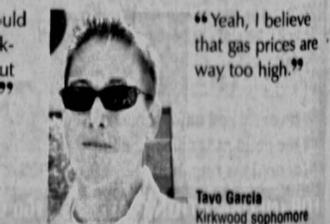
yet, so of course Spock would win it." "Oh no," he cried out, wringing his hands. "Then this is all for naught!"

Hardly, I thought. Sure, there wasn't much Trek memorabilia to be found; but after an evening of car crashes, beer tents, and a brief encounter with Otis, the coolest damn bulldog in the history of pet shows, Matt, James and I knew one thing for certain: It's not so hard to live long and prosper 15 minutes south of the Pentacrest.

Anyway, who was Jeff to talk? Like Jenny said, what would a kid from North Liberty know about "Star Trek," anyway?

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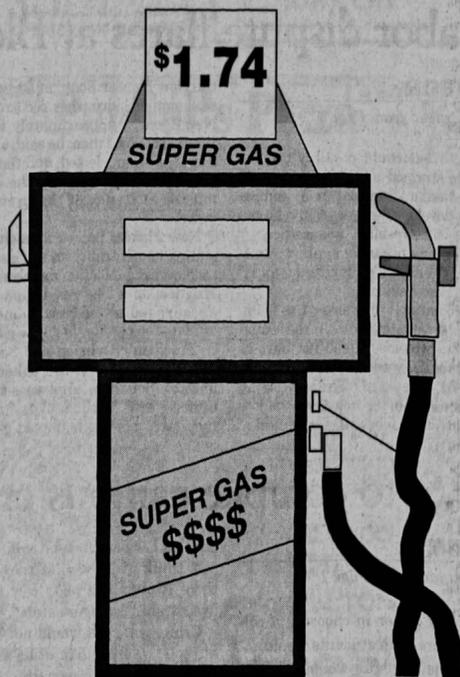
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Tax trap catching middle class

Thousands of middle-income taxpayers are getting caught in a tax meant for the wealthy.

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Simply because they live in a high-tax state or claim numerous deductions, thousands of middle-class Americans are paying a special tax originally designed to prevent investors and the wealthy from sheltering too much income.

The IRS says 828,000 taxpayers were caught in the tax trap in 1998 — a 25 percent increase over the year before.

The numbers are expected to go nowhere but up, mainly because the

alternative minimum tax was never indexed for inflation. As incomes continue to rise and Congress gives people more deductions and credits, more and more taxpayers will be forced to pay the tax.

"It's catching people it was never intended to catch," said Hank Gutman, a partner in the Washington office of the KPMG accounting firm. "It's making people go through a lot of complexity, and they don't even understand why."

The alternative minimum tax is essentially a parallel income tax system created in 1969 to ensure that the wealthy and corporations could not entirely escape taxes through legal means. Income is taxed at up to 28 percent, and numerous deductions and credits — including those for state income taxes and unreimbursed employee business expenses

— are either not allowed or have greatly reduced benefits.

Internal Revenue Service figures released Tuesday show that approximately 480,000 taxpayers paid \$2.8 billion in minimum taxes in 1996. A year later, the number of taxpayers affected jumped to 618,000 who paid just over \$4 billion — a 42 percent increase — followed by another increase to \$4.4 billion in 1998.

There is also further evidence that the minimum tax is reaching more middle-income families. For example, in 1996 about 59,000 taxpayers with adjusted gross income between \$75,000 and \$100,000 were subject to the tax. A year later, that number had grown to almost 86,700 taxpayers.

Such taxpayers pay the bottom 15 percent income tax on a great portion of their earnings and can take a broad range of deductions under the

ordinary tax system. Under the alternative system, they must pay a flat tax of either 26 percent or 28 percent and cannot enjoy many of those same deductions.

"It really does seem to take more than its share of a bite," said Maggie Doedtman, a senior tax-research specialist at H&R Block. "Something that wasn't ever designed to hurt John Q. Individual is now doing just that."

Thousands more people would probably be forced to pay the minimum tax, particularly those with large families living in high-tax states, if Congress and President Clinton had not agreed to ensure that breaks such as the \$500 per-child tax credit would not trigger the special tax. That protection is temporary, however; the current exemptions run only through 2001.

House cuts deal to ease Cuban embargo

The measure, backed by the farm lobbies, would allow the island to purchase U.S. food.

By Phillip Brasher
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Republicans cut a deal Tuesday to allow direct sales of U.S. food to Cuba for the first time in four decades, as hard-line anti-Communists yielded to pressure from the farm and business lobbies to ease the embargo on Fidel Castro's government.

The agreement, concluded early Tuesday after 5½ hours of negotiations, may be largely symbolic. It would bar both the federal government and U.S. banks from financing food sales.

The House is expected to attach the agreement to a military con-

struction bill this week. It still must be approved by the Senate.

Rep. George Nethercutt, R-Wash., a leading advocate for easing the embargo, said the agreement was a "huge breakthrough for our farmers." He said Cuba could finance its purchases of U.S. food through other countries.

The White House was wary of the deal, because it also would require congressional approval before a president could impose future embargoes on food and medicine to other countries.

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Coastal areas getting that sinking feeling

One-fourth of U.S. coastal structures threatened by erosion.

By Randolph E. Schmid
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Erosion will threaten one-fourth of the homes and buildings along America's coastline in the coming decades, with as many as 87,000 risking damage or destruction, the U.S. government's disaster agency warns.

"The results are, in many ways, far more alarming than we thought," said James Lee Witt, the director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which financed a study released Tuesday.

"If current trends hold, more than 1,500 homes a year will be lost to coastal erosion. The cost of these homes, and the land on

which they sit, will be more than \$500 million per year."

The analysis looked at the erosion threat over the next 60 years to structures within 500 feet of the nation's coastlines.

"If the beach ends up on the wrong side of your property, that's a disaster. You lose your land as well as your structure," said Bill Merrell, who directed the study prepared by the H. John Heinz Center for Science, Economics and the Environment.

Coastal erosion can be worse than inland flooding, he explained, because it also removes the land itself, often more valuable than the structures on it.

The American Coastal Coalition, a group representing coastal communities to promote tourism and encourage shore protection, criticized the report. The coalition fears it will be used, through the

federal flood-insurance program, to entice people to move inland.

Merrell denied that. The aim is for people who want to live along the coastline to understand the risk and to help set federal flood-insurance rates accordingly, he said.

"We're not saying don't locate," he said. "Each individual has to make those decisions. But they need to be apprised of the risk."

Witt warned, "If coastal development continues unabated, and if the sea levels rise, as some scientists are predicting, the impact will be even worse." He noted that current flood insurance does not cover damage caused by gradual erosion.

Climatologists report the nation appears to be entering a period of increased hurricane activity, with the additional storms expected to increase the threat of coastal erosion.

A major storm can erode the coastline 100 feet in a day, the report noted, though much of that loss may be restored over the following years.

Outside of storms, erosion is often a gradual process, but it can be relentless. Its impact is illustrated by the problem of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, erected 1,500 feet from the shore in 1870. By 1987 the lighthouse was in danger of falling victim to erosion. Finally, last year, the National Park Service moved it back 2,900 feet at a cost of \$9.8 million.

The cost of moving homes can be beyond the means of most people.

Congress ordered FEMA to commission the study during a debate over how best to manage coastal erosion, currently handled piecemeal by a mix of federal, state and local agencies.

Civil-union foes begin to bash law's supporters

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the line of nastiness."

The Vermont Legislature enacted the measure after the state Supreme Court ruled that gay couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage.

On June 18, a group called Vermonters Taking a Stand placed an advertisement in the *Burlington Free Press* quoting a Biblical verse against homosexuality and listing lawmakers who voted for the legislation. The ad also

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Researcher arrested in fight over job

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A peaceful demonstration will be held Friday at the hospital by Tavassoli in order to protest what he calls his "unfair treatment" by hospital officials. He has invited

other interns and physicians, as well as the general public, to join him.

Dean Borg, the UIHC information director, said he cannot comment on whether Tavassoli is still a UIHC employee.

"The Department of Public Safety is the authority on this

matter," he said.

However, Borg did say the UIHC was not discriminating against Tavassoli.

"The UIHC does not discriminate against its employees," he said. "We are very adamant about that."

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Labor dispute flares at Blooming Prairie

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employees could possibly become more strained if a union is formed, she said, adding that many companies develop an adversarial relationship as the result of unionization.

"Unions organize against something, and we're for teamwork," Singerman said.

Blooming Prairie asked the Teamsters to voluntarily set a re-election so the two sides would not have to wait for the verdict from the appeals board, she said. There was no response from the union, she said.

Patrick Hughes, the president of

the New Pioneer Board of Directors, said similar skirmishes occurred at New Pioneer approximately three years ago. Since then, he said, a new board has been elected, and the current board doesn't reflect the opinions or attitudes of the previous board.

New Pioneer passed a resolution stating its neutrality on the issue of employee organization membership, Hughes said. The resolution also encouraged all of New Pioneer's affiliated companies to do the same.

"Freedom of religion and Second Amendment rights are taken for granted, but when employees try to exercise their freedom of assembly, they bring out the high-paid guns,"

Hughes said. "I don't believe people should have to fight a war to get a voice at work."

Although the New Pioneer board does not agree with the actions of Blooming Prairie, the relationship of the two companies will not change, Hughes said. Blooming Prairie is a co-operative, and it sells good produce at a good price, he said.

Clara Oleson, a project consultant at the UI Labor Center, called Blooming Prairie's actions "typical union-busting tactics." She said the company is denying it uses these sort of tactics; it should, instead, be more forthcoming about its actions.

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U.S. to compile campus crime stats online

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deciding factor in choosing a college more than students would.

Crime statistics wouldn't affect her as much as traditional students because she is not dependent on her parents, she said.

"I think it's good that they will have it out, and people will be aware of it," Kroeger said.

Crime statistics would not have affected UI freshman Julie Johnson's decision to come to the UI.

"Parents would be the ones most affected," she said. "Students have a mentality that it won't happen to them. They look for other aspects when choosing a school."

The Department of Education will begin to compile the statistics in August. They will be available in December.

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More than 100 jailed in P.R. bomb-range clash

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FBI will investigate the matter," Gordon said. "I characterize these acts as very irresponsible, which put not only their lives at risk but those of our sailors."

Fisherman Cheche Ayala told the Associated Press earlier Tuesday that a dozen fishermen in five boats who tried to penetrate the area were chased away by two Navy patrol boats. He made no mention of a confrontation.

frontation since Navy ships from the USS George Washington Battle Group began exercises Sunday. Warplanes joined the exercises Tuesday.

Despite the protests, shelling from the ships started at 8:45 a.m., the Navy said. Then fighter jets screamed overhead and thuds and booms could be heard, presumably from an aerial bombardment.

Protesters claimed some of their band might still be at large after the shelling started. But Gordon said "the Navy is confident that no one is on the range right now."

The 14-month agitation over

Vieques has raised concerns about a rift between this Spanish-speaking Caribbean territory and the United States — colonizer to some, benefactor to others. The protests "are endangering the relations between Puerto Rico and the United States, and therefore the welfare of all Puerto Ricans," the *San Juan Star* said.

The U.S. Navy owns two-thirds of Vieques and allows navies from dozens of countries to exercise there. For years, the exercises have provoked incidents with fishermen who charge that the Navy has destroyed fishing grounds.



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Missing 'So

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By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Livia Soprano, the manipulative matriarch of New Jersey's fictional mob family, would have really enjoyed this: Even in death, people are consumed by her.

The writers of HBO's "The Sopranos" are trying to figure out how to deal with the death of actress Nancy Marchand, who played Livia. They have nearly nine months before new shows air.

Though Marchand made no secret of her lung cancer before her death on June 18, series creator David Chase said the writers had only once before talked about losing her but quickly changed the subject because it was too unpleasant.

Since then, people have repeatedly come up to Chase and said, "This is a problem for you, isn't it?" For, while actor James Gandolfini, as Tony Soprano, is clearly the star, Marchand's

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A change in venue for this concert, from Hancher Auditorium to Clapp Recital Hall, influenced the choice of pieces, said William LaRue Jones, the orchestra director. Because it is smaller than Hancher, Clapp lends itself well to the sounds of the organ and the double bass. While the concert hall was specifically designed with an organ in mind, it will also capture the color of the double bass, Jones said. "The bass is not a power instrument, so it is acoustically favorable to play it here," he said. "It will be much easier to hear."

The organ will also be prominent in tonight's concert. LaFosse said the opening chord of the organ concerto creates an incredible effect. "It nearly blows me off my seat!" he said. Of course, not all the notes in the concert will be loud. The program will run the gamut of emotions, said Mona Shaw, the director of public events in the music school. The quiet and reflective moments will balance out the intense and lively parts, she said.

The range of emotion will be played out by two experienced soloists. Claudino, who just earned his master's degree in double-bass performance, has had extensive professional experience in Brazil. Next year, he will return to Brazil and continue his musical career as the principal double-bass player of the Belo Horizonte University Orchestra, the Musicoop String Orchestra and the Filharmonica Nova.

Triplett, the director of music at Trinity Episcopal Church, 320 E. College St., and a distinguished artist in residence at Cornell College, has performed extensively at national and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists. His performances have been featured on the nationally syndicated radio program "Pipedreams" and praised by *Fanfare* magazine.

The concert will start at 8 p.m. and will be free and open to the public. *D/Reporter Catherine M. Swanson can be reached at: cswanson@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu*



Triplett

A home for 'The Little Mermaid'

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — A collection of handwritten manuscripts, poems and letters by Hans Christian Andersen and several first editions of his fairy tales have been acquired by the writer's museum.

The items totaling 600 pages were bought recently for \$456,000, the museum said Tuesday.

The documents include the original manuscript of Andersen's tale "The Bell" from 1845 and the leather-bound first editions that all have dedications by the writer.

A Danish collector, Kay Hoeg, had gathered the items in what was the largest privately held collection of Andersen manuscripts. When Hoeg died in 1947, it went to his children, who eventually sold it to the museum in Odense.

In the tradition of the Blair Witch revolution

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former Disney studio chief Joe Roth and the man behind the Internet hype surrounding *The Blair Witch Project* have launched a new sci-fi Web site called DistantCorners.com.

The site will be a proving ground for science fiction, horror and fantasy entertainment that is to be developed



Roth

Daydream Believers: The Monkees Story

8 p.m. on VH1

This biopic about the behind-the-scenes antics of the 1960s made-for-TV rock band documents the group's power struggles and experiences with stardom.



Even Blackstreet can't beat the rap

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) — Music producer and former Blackstreet group member Teddy Riley has reached a settlement in a slander lawsuit filed against a former bandmate.

The lawsuit claimed former Blackstreet member Chauncey Hannibal defamed Riley on MTV and five East Coast radio stations by playing a rap song called "Shame on You" that accused Riley of dishonesty.

Details of the settlement reached last week are confidential, Riley's attorney, David Ventker, said Monday. The suit was filed last month.

Riley had sought \$2 million from Hannibal, who goes by the stage name Chauncey Black, and also sought an injunction to stop Hannibal from playing "Shame on You" and making further accusations.

Hannibal said that there had been some "creative and artistic differences" between him and Riley and that he wanted "to express my regret for the false statements which were made about Teddy, by the media and others."

Riley formed Blackstreet in 1993, and the band won a Grammy Award in 1997 for best R&B performance by a duo or group with vocal. Blackstreet broke up last year.

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His charges are the "Survivor" castaways, each of whom (as everyone from here to Pulau Tiga surely knows) is vying to be the show's sole survivor, the one spared by luck and cunning from exile by the others. For these contestants, now down to 12 from the original 16, the obvious motivation is the \$1 million prize.

Yet here was Probst at the series' first tribal council, ascribing to them incentives besides money. "I'm sensing there could be personal reasons, different journeys you might be on."

And here he was last week, suggesting that, to vote a member off the island, "you're sort of forced to hold a mirror up to yourself."

Attitude and irony has been voted off this island, at least by Probst. His manner is earnest, friendly and comfortably detached. "It's a really fine line you walk between being neutral and objective, and being distant and aloof," Probst explained to a reporter last week. Back since April from the



Probst

39-day "Survivor" shoot he was talking by cell phone as he steered through Hollywood en route to an appointment.

This was quite a different setting from an island in the China Sea, but, even slashing through the jungle of lunchtime traffic, he could readily summon the "Survivor" experience.

Everyone roughed it, he said. But while the castaways were trying to build a hut or make a fire to grill the day's catch of rats, much of Probst's time was spent watching video footage that recorded such activities.

"I wanted to be constantly aware of what relationships were forming, who was aligning with whom, and to keep track of what each of them didn't know that I did know."

"Other times, I would visit the tribes to see what was going on, or to plant a seed about something for them to think about. I used all this information during tribal councils."

"We're still early in the series," Probst noted. "But the tribal councils got much more" — a split-second pause to find the right adjective — "interesting by weeks five, six, seven."

"And as the politics got deeper and deeper, and the deception and the duplicity started to play out,

my role became more of trying to dig it up and not let all that stuff just sit there. It was really interesting group therapy at times."

But wait a minute. The 38-year-old Probst has served as host of several shows for cable's FX network, as well as on the VH1 game show "Rock and Roll Jeopardy." What does he know about playing a shrink?

"My wife's a psychotherapist," he said with a laugh. "I learned from the way she deals with me, how she maneuvers me to where she wants me to get, without it ever feeling like it's her idea."

"As a host I could've played it many ways. I could've said — he effects a syrupy tone — 'OK, you gotta go. Sorry! And hopefully we'll talk more when we get back to the states.' The other extreme was, 'Moon-walk your butt off this island, we don't want you around no more.'"

Probst's chosen course was to initiate a made-to-order ritual and stick to it. "What happens here is sacred," he declared on one episode.

From his car, Probst laughed. "Is it a little over the top? Absolutely! And I've taken my share of potshots. The running joke is, 'Vote the HOST off!' But I'll take any criticism you want to throw at me. This job was a blast!"

Missing 'Soprano' hits home for creator

The popular HBO series tries to deal with the death of the actress who played Livia Soprano.

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Livia Soprano, the manipulative matriarch of New Jersey's fictional mob family, would have really enjoyed this: Even in death, people are consumed by her.

The writers of HBO's "The Sopranos" are trying to figure out how to deal with the death of actress Nancy Marchand, who played Livia. They have nearly nine months before new shows air.

Though Marchand made no secret of her lung cancer before her death on June 18, series creator David Chase said the writers had only once before talked about losing her but quickly changed the subject because it was too unpleasant.

Since then, people have repeatedly come up to Chase and said, "This is a problem for you, isn't it?" For, while actor James Gandolfini, as Tony Soprano, is clearly the star, Marchand's

scenes were some of the most electric. The relationship between Tony and his mother — the woman who tried to have him whacked in the first season — is the emotional underpinning of "The Sopranos," he said.

"One way or another, either through Livia's death or without Livia's death, Tony Soprano has to get over his mother, which he was doing," Chase said.

The intrusion of real life into fiction is an occasional challenge for TV writers, most recently seen with Michael J. Fox's exit from "Spin City." Some series handle it more adroitly than others.

Fox's character, New York City Deputy Mayor Michael Flaherty, took the fall for a political scandal and quit his job. Fox is leaving the series because of Parkinson's disease.

When "Cheers" actor Nicholas Colasanto died suddenly in 1985, so did his character, the bartender Coach. Actor Woody Harrelson took his spot behind the bar.

Michael Conrad, who as Sgt. Phil Esterhaus on "Hill Street Blues" warned his officers, "Let's be careful out there," continued in his role after contracting cancer, as did Jim Davis, who was the

patriarch Jock Ewing on "Dallas." After their deaths, the characters were killed, and the shows went on.

After Dick York left "Bewitched" because of illness in 1969, actor Dick Sargent took over as Darrin and the series continued.

Don't expect a faux Livia on "The Sopranos."

"What we will probably do is deal with what does one feel like when a parent dies with whom you haven't had a good relationship," Chase said.

A misconception held by many of the show's fans is that Marchand limited her appearances during the second season because of her cancer. Instead, Chase said, her appearances were limited by her dark-hearted character's deeds: Tony understandably held a grudge over the hit attempt and didn't want to have anything to do with Livia.

Chase said he actually wrote scenes superfluous to the plot this past year just to get Marchand more air time. Livia was in police custody in her final scene, picked up with stolen airline tickets that Tony had given her.



Tony (James Gandolfini) dances with his mother, Livia Soprano (Nancy Marchand).

their best to keep it a secret. Chase would undoubtedly like the same look of surprise on viewers' faces as Richie Aprile had when his girlfriend turned the gun on him and fired.

One thing is for certain: It will mean the end for one of Tony's favorite sayings about his mother, one that became a catch phrase: "She's dead to me!" "No, we can't use that line," Chase said. "But that line will come back to haunt him, I'm sure."

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SPORTS

Minnesota upsets No. 1 White Sox, 7-3

James Baldwin gives up seven runs to give the Twins a victory over the White Sox.

CHICAGO (AP) — James Baldwin lost his second straight start as Jacques Jones hit a two-run homer to lead the Minnesota Twins to a 7-4 victory over the Chicago White Sox Tuesday night.

Baldwin (10-3), who started the year 7-0, gave up seven runs — six earned — 11 hits and five walks over six-plus innings. He is 1-2 in his last four starts, allowing 17 runs in 23 1/3 innings for a 6.56 ERA in that stretch.

Overall, his ERA rose from 3.56 to 3.88, still among the top six in the American League.

The loss was only the fourth in 22 games for the White Sox, who are 18-6 in June.

Ron Coomer hit a two-run double, and Cristian Guzman went 3-for-4 to spark the Twins, who have won four of their last six.

Joe Mays (4-9) won for the second time in six June starts, giving up three runs and eight hits in 7 1/3 innings. He struck out two.

Pirates 6, Cubs 0
PITTSBURGH — Todd Ritchie pitched a three-hitter to beat Kerry Wood with his first career shutout, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates over Chicago 6-0 Tuesday night and extending the Cubs' losing streak to five.

In a game that took just 2 hours, 5 minutes, Jason Kendall hit a two-run double off Wood in a five-run fifth inning.

Brian Giles, critical of the Pirates' team chemistry during a three-game weekend sweep by New York, homered and drove in two runs as the Pirates won



The Mets' Melvin Mora is tagged out at the plate by Marlins catcher Mike Redmond in the first inning Tuesday in New York.

for only the fourth time in 13 games and avoided what would have been a season-high fifth consecutive loss.

Cardinals 4, Reds 3
CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Reds kept their pants legs up, and Ken Griffey Jr. hit two more homers Tuesday, but Jim Edmonds and Edgar Renteria homered to give the St. Louis Cardinals a 4-3 victory.

The win evened the series between the NL Central's top teams at a game apiece and stretched the Cardinals' lead back to 8 1/2, matching their biggest margin of the season.

Cincinnati has failed to win consecu-

tive games since it completed a three-game sweep of Minnesota on June 4 and moved into first by a half-game.

Expos 6, Braves 4
MONTREAL — Jose Vidro, Chris Widger and Lee Stevens homered as the Montreal Expos won their 13th game against the Atlanta Braves, beating them 6-4 Tuesday night.

Glavine (7-5), who hadn't lost to Montreal in 18 starts since Aug. 25, 1992, allowed eight hits in six innings, including homers to Vidro and Widger in the first and Stevens in the third.

Glavine hadn't allowed three homers in

the same game since allowing three to Pittsburgh on July 29, 1991.

Mets 5, Marlins 2
NEW YORK — The Mets went from playing long ball to little ball, yet the result was still the same: another New York win.

One night after hitting a season-high five home runs, the Mets rode the pitching of Glendon Rusch, three RBI singles and a pair of run-scoring outs to their sixth straight win, 5-2 over the Florida Marlins on Tuesday night.

New York moved within two games of Atlanta in the NL East, the closest the Mets have been since April.

Not in the Big Apple

Many players in the major league don't want to be exposed to the scrutiny of New York.

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Babe, Reggie and Tom Terrific thrived in New York. Others are filled with terror when they see the big buildings and even bigger headlines.

Playing in the Big Apple is different. As John Rocker and Juan Gonzalez recently learned, everything is magnified. What's trifling in Texas makes you notorious in New York.

"You have to have real thick skin — the thickest skin there is," said Dodgers catcher Todd Hundley, a former Met.

How thick? Ask Yankees second baseman Chuck Knoblauch, who had three errors in a game June 15, then woke up to banner headlines of "CHUCK-E-E-E."

"Some guys don't want that added intensity, that added pressure," said San Francisco's Jeff Kent, another former Met. "That might be one of the reasons why it might not be such a family friendly place."

Willie, Mickey and The Duke could take it. Kenny Rogers couldn't and lasted just two years with the Yankees, who concluded he couldn't handle the pressure of New York and shipped him off to Oakland.

Rocker, who returns to town on Thursday, has been vilified since his comments about hating New York. The Yankees backed off trading for Gonzalez when they became convinced he didn't really want to play in a big city.

Greg Maddux, when courted by the Yankees after the 1992 season, said he just preferred the lifestyle Atlanta provided and took millions of dollars less to sign with the Braves.

"Everybody's different. For me, I'm not a big-city type of guy. Some guys thrive in that environment. Some guys don't," Arizona's Matt Williams said. "When you're winning though, there's no better place to be. You get treated like a king. But is it that worth it?"

Ken Griffey Jr. could have come to New York when the Mets tried to acquire him from Seattle in December but used his power to block the deal. While Junior wasn't interested, he said it had nothing to do with the Big Apple and all to do with the time he was given to make his decision.

"Fifteen minutes. Do you think you can move your family within 15 minutes at 11:30 at night?" he said.

Atlanta manager Bobby Cox, like many major leaguers, used to stay in his room in the Grand Hyatt near Grand Central Terminal and not leave until it was time to go to the ballpark. In the past few years, he's come to love walking the streets of Manhattan.

SPORTS QUIZ

Rocky Davis

TRANSACTIONS

CART—Named Deborah Schneider vice president of legal affairs.

NASCAR—Fired crew chief Joe Garone \$50,000 for using an illegal liquid brake cooling device during the "Save Mart 350."

DELETED 30 driver points from Scott Pruett and 50 owner points from Cal Wells.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Signed 3B Tripper Johnson, RHP Richard Barrett, C Thomas Aho, 1B Doug Gentry, OF Brandon Litterell.

RHP Jayme Sperring, C Michael Russell, C Kristopher Wilken, RHP Ryan Keeler, LHP Juan Foyles, OF Thomas Joyce, LHP Joel Cump, SS Shayne Ridley, RHP Aaron Bouie, SS Jose Rodriguez and RHP Dan Marchetti.

BOSTON RED SOX—Placed OF Tom Nacon on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled 1B-DH Morgan Burkhart from Pawtucket of the international league.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP Paul Shuey from the 15-day disabled list. Designated LHP Alan Newman for assignment.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Activated LHP Mike Magnante from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Rich Saavey to Triple-A Sacramento of the PCL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Waived RHP Orel Hershiser.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Activated RHP Steve Montroy from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned RHP Brandon Klob to Las Vegas of the PCL. Florida State League.

JUPITER HAMMERS—Assigned LHP Matt Fabel to Ottawa of the International League. Acquired RHP Ed Klepac from Cape Fear of the South Atlantic League.

Placed LHP Dustin Seale on the disabled list. Atlantic League.

NASHUA FRIEZE—Signed LHP Al Drumheller. Released LHP Pablo Reyes.

Normal League.

ELMIRA PIONEERS—Released OF David Tavel. Signed RHP Jose Castro.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Sold the contract of RHP Nate Field to the Kansas City Royals, who assigned him to Charleston, W.Va., of the South Atlantic League.

Western League.

YUMA BULLFROGS—Signed LHP Tobias Price.

ZION PIONEERS—Signed RHP Marc Picotta.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

MIAMI HEAT—Acquired F-C Chris Gatling and a 2000 second-round draft pick from Denver for Voshon Lenard and F Mark Strickland.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Traded F Robert Taylor and F J.R. Reid to the Cleveland Cavaliers and G Vinny Del Negro to the Golden State Warriors. Cleveland sent G Bob Sura to Golden State and Golden State sent F Jason Caffey and F Billy Owens to Milwaukee.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Named Byron Scott coach.

Women's National Basketball Association

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed Williams on the injured list. Activated G Jamila Wideman from the injured list.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

NEW YORK JETS—Waived RB Leon Johnson.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed DE Jonathan Brown to a two-year contract.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived RB Ryan Taylor.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed S Quincy Sanders to a four-year contract. Released WR Cory Allen.

Asa Football League.

NEW JERSEY RED DOGS—Fired Frank Matface, coach, and Amod Field, offensive

coordinator. Named general manager and Charlie Cocuzza with

and announced the

INFL—Awarded a franchise and announced the

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Tuesday Games

BY THE NUMBERS

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Olympic Gold medalist Donovan

Bailey finished the 100-meter

dash in on Tuesday.

Dodgers waive

Hershiser

LOS ANGELES — Orel Hershiser, a

Dodgers' hero during much of the 1980s

and the 1988 Cy Young winner and World

Series MVP, was waived Tuesday.

Hershiser, who threw a major league

record 59 consecutive scoreless innings in

1988 and had a 23-8 record, was given the

nickname "Bulldog" by manager Tom

Lasorda during his first stint with the

Dodgers, 1983-94, because Lasorda said

no batters would be intimidated by a pitcher

named Orel.

Still a fan favorite, Hershiser struggled

this season after rejoining the club as a free

agent over the winter.

His ERA was 13.14 in 10 appearances

that included six starts but just 24 1/3 innings,

and he was shelled for eight runs in the

second inning of a 9-5 loss to San Diego

on Monday night.

Afterward, Dodgers manager Davey

Johnson said: "I've had some sad days, but

today really tugged at my heartstrings, to

see Orel struggle like that."

Bucks, Warriors,

Cavaliers make draft-

eve deal

MILWAUKEE — Six players from three

teams changed addresses in a trade Tuesday

as the Milwaukee Bucks toughened up, the

Golden State Warriors acquired backcourt

scoring, and the Cleveland Cavaliers found

the young big man they coveted.

Milwaukee dealt forwards Robert Taylor

and J.R. Reid to the Cavaliers while trading

veteran guard Vinny Del Negro to the

Warriors, the Associated Press has learned.

The Cavs dealt guard Bob Sura to the

Warriors, and Golden State sent forwards

Jason Caffey and Billy Owens to Milwaukee.

A league source, speaking on condition

he not be identified, confirmed the deals to

the AP. The Bucks and Warriors called news

conferences for 5 p.m. cDT, while Cleveland

scheduled one for 5:15.

The deal makes the biggest impact on

the Bucks, who suffered from a lack of bulk

and toughness during a 42-40 season.

General manager Ernie Grunfeld traded

three bench players largely to land Caffey,

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ON THE AIR

Main Event

The Event: Early rounds of Wimbledon, 11 a.m., TNT.

The Skinny: The first two days of action saw three seeded men and seven seeded women upset. See if more top players continue to fall.



BASEBALL

6 p.m. Atlanta at Montreal, ESPN.
 7 p.m. Minnesota at Chi. Sox, Fox Sports

SPORTS QUIZ

Who was the last Hawkeye to be picked in the first round of the NBA Draft?
 See answer, Page 9.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Detroit	7	Pittsburgh	6
N.Y. Yankees	6	Chicago Cubs	0
Baltimore	6	N.Y. Mets	5
Boston	3	Florida	2
Tampa Bay	11	Philadelphia	7
Toronto	1	Milwaukee	0
Cleveland	12	St. Louis	4
Kansas City	1	Cincinnati	3
Minnesota	7	San Francisco	12
Chi. White Sox	4	Colorado	7
Anaheim		Houston	
Seattle	late	Arizona	late
Texas		San Diego	
Oakland	late	Los Angeles	late
Montreal	6	See baseball	
Atlanta	4	roundup, page 8	

Nets hire former Laker

■ New Jersey named Byron Scott as their head coach Tuesday.

By Tom Canavan
 Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Byron Scott, who helped the Los Angeles Lakers to three NBA championships, was hired as the new coach of the New Jersey Nets on Tuesday.

"Byron possesses all the qualities we are looking for in a head coach," Nets owner Lewis Katz said. "He has championship pedigree, and we feel very confident that he will be able to mold the Nets into a team that will be able to contend successfully with the elite teams in the NBA."

The announcement of the new coach came one day before the NBA Draft, where the Nets have the No. 1 pick.

Scott said he was offered the job on Monday by Nets President Rod Thorn and jumped on a plane to come to New Jersey.

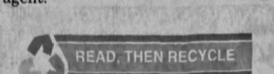
"I'm just looking forward to coming to New Jersey, having some fun, and getting this team to the top of the Eastern Conference," said Scott, who was an assistant with the Sacramento Kings the past two years.

Contract terms were not immediately available.

Scott, who was the shooting guard on NBA championship teams led by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Magic Johnson, has been an assistant coach the last two seasons with the Sacramento Kings and will now replace Don Casey, who was fired on April 26. Casey took the head coaching job when John Calipari was fired in March 1999.

Scott had been a leading candidate for the coaching job with the Indiana Pacers. But he met last week with Thorn and decided to come to New Jersey.

"I just heard it from someone else less than an hour ago," Indiana President Donnie Walsh told the *Star-Ledger* of Newark for Tuesday's editions. "And I've had so many calls today, I can't remember who told me. But Byron hasn't called, nor has his agent."



READ, THEN RECYCLE

D-Day approaches

By Chris Sheridan
 Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Kenyon Martin sat in the corner of a hotel conference room Tuesday, choosing his words carefully as he spoke about the right leg he broke three months ago.

"I'm walking around. I could shoot a little if I chose to," Martin said. "I could probably do what I want — no matter what the doctors say."

But the doctors are telling Martin to sit tight, and he has barely picked up a basketball since breaking his fibula in a Conference USA tournament game. And if Martin, a power forward from Cincinnati, is selected first overall in the NBA draft, some team will be making a leap of faith that Martin's fractured fibula is structurally sound.

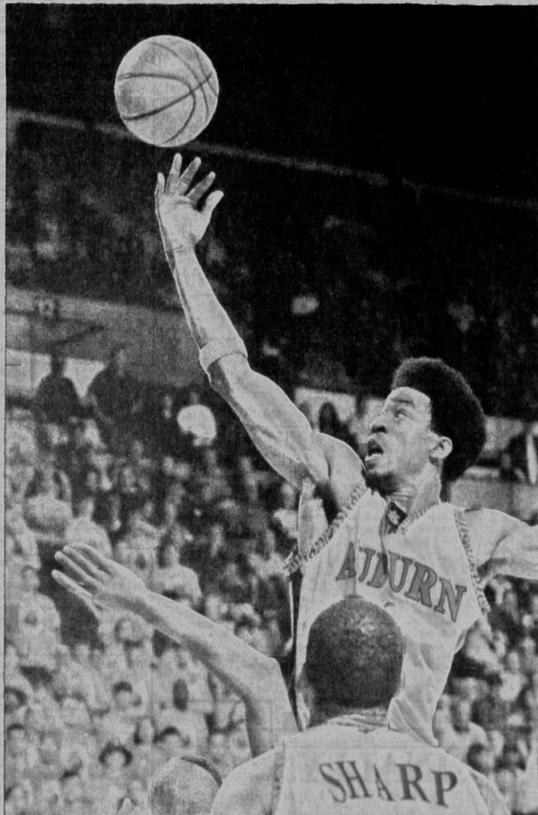
That huge piece of uncertainty was a major factor for the Nets as the hours ticked down toward the draft. New Jersey owns the No. 1 pick, and new team president Rod Thorn spent the better part of Tuesday trying to figure out whether to keep the pick or trade it. The Orlando Magic were among the teams making a strong push to acquire the pick.

"Last night at 12:15 I got a call from a coach who made a very interesting offer. We've gotten one more today that's never been on the table before. I expect more offers," Thorn said. "I've seen a couple of things that have made me sit back and think."

Lots and lots of other trade rumors were floating around the league, and the consensus was that there should be a significant reshuffling of the decks before the last of the 58 draft picks are made Wednesday night.

Orlando holds picks No. 5, 10 and 13, making the Magic the first team ever to have three lottery picks in a single draft. Orlando also has about \$16 million in salary cap room and would like to clear about \$3 million more in order to make an unfettered run at two high-profile free agents.

But in order to clear that much room, the Magic would need to trade Derek Strong and two of the picks. And that's why all eyes were on



Todd J. Van Emst/Associated Press

Auburn Tiger Chris Porter shoots over Georgia's Adrian Jones as Auburn's Reggie Sharp looks on.

Thorn and Orlando general manager John Gabriel to see if they would pull off a swap that would severely impact the draft plans of other teams.

The Chicago Bulls also were trying to clear extra cap room by trading Hersey Hawkins and his \$4.5 million salary.

If no trades are made, the top of the draft is expected to go like this: Martin to the Nets, LSU's Stromile Swift to Vancouver, Iowa State's

Marcus Fizer to the Los Angeles Clippers and high school star Darius Miles to the Bulls.

After that, the next four picks belong to Orlando, Atlanta, Chicago and Cleveland. The players expected to go in that range include two centers, Texas' Chris Mihm and Minnesota's Joel Przybilla, along with Fresno State guard Courtney Alexander and Florida forward Mike Miller.

See DRAFT, Page 10

UI Athletics could be combined

■ With former women's Athletics Director Christine Grant retired, Iowa could combine athletics departments.

By Ethen Lieser
 The Daily Iowan

The retirement of women's Athletics Director Christine Grant on Aug. 31 will focus attention on the decisions UI officials make regarding the department's future.

Grant's departure has the women's Athletics Department facing two possibilities: merge with the men's department or hire a new director.

Iowa men's Athletics Director Bob Bowsby could be the leading candidate to be the overall director if the two departments should merge.

"He'll (Bowsby) be consulted," UI President Mary Sue Coleman said of Bowsby. "His input will be considered with most of other coaches."

Bowsby, in his ninth year as men's A.D., has hired new coaches in football (Ferentz), basketball (Alford) and wrestling (Zalesky). Bowsby is confident about the future of Iowa athletics, no matter what decision Coleman and her staff make, he said.

"I think we were successful with combined departments at UNI, and I think we've been very successful at Iowa with separate departments, so it can work either way," Bowsby said.

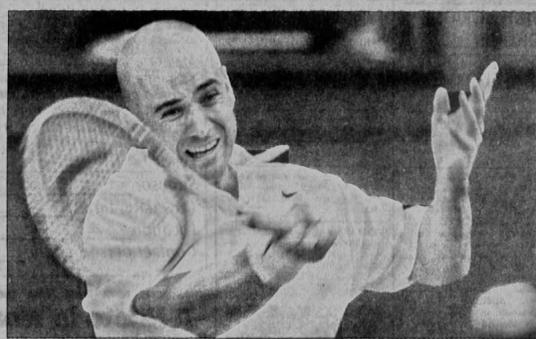
Coleman has created a task force to search for the best possible candidate to replace Grant. She said she hopes that a decision will be made by the end of August.

"I am so comfortable in walking away because I know she (Coleman) is committed to the continuation of a very, very strong women's depart-



Bowsby

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Dave Caulkin/Associated Press

Andre Agassi returns a shot from Taylor Dent during their men's singles first round match on Centre Court at Wimbledon Tuesday.

Agassi escapes early exit

■ Andre Agassi was nearly upset by 19-year-old Taylor Dent.

By Steve Wilstein
 Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — Andre Agassi's eyes narrowed in a look of incredulity and annoyance as the threat of a second straight quick exit from a Grand Slam tournament stared him in the face.

Here he was pummeling balls that should have been winners, only to see them fly back past him off the racket of an acrobatic, adrenaline-pumped 19-year-old qualifier, Taylor Dent, in a first-set thrashing Tuesday that lasted 25 minutes.

They had come on Centre Court right after another young American, Jan-Michael Gambill,

had posted the biggest upset so far at Wimbledon, a 6-3, 6-2, 7-5 first-round knockout of No. 7 Lleyton Hewitt. Three other seeded men, and six seeded women had also been dispatched in the first two days, and now Agassi had to wonder whether he would join them.

Agassi had expressed the fear that all his good fortune of the past year — the French Open title, the runner-up finish at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open and Australian championships — might suddenly end. A blister on his big toe led to a second-round defeat at Roland Garros last month, and a strained back caused him pull out of a tune-up on grass two weeks ago.

Would the hot hand of a young upstart add to Agassi's misery? Not this time.

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Look out N.Y., Rocker is back

■ Police will be in full force when Mets fan favorite John Rocker comes back to town.

By Karen Mathews
 Associated Press

NEW YORK — If Atlanta relief pitcher John Rocker carries out his threat to ride the subway to games between the Mets and the Braves, there could be more cops on the train than purple-haired punks, unwed mothers and AIDS patients combined.

Security at Shea Stadium will be tight. And Mets fans itching to taunt Rocker — who angered New Yorkers with his politically incorrect views on punks and foreigners riding New York subways — may find their anger dulled by a two-beer limit.

Last week, Rocker told *USA Today Baseball Weekly* that he planned to ride the No. 7 subway train through Queens during the Braves-Mets series that starts Thursday.

"I won't be in a cab," he vowed. "I won't be on the bus. I'll be on that train."

Police said Tuesday that Rocker can take the subway, which passes through many immigrant communities. But he may have trouble starting a meaningful dialogue with other riders.

"If Rocker gets on the train, he'll be entirely surrounded by police officers," police spokeswoman Marilyn Mode said.

Once he gets to the stadium, he'll be protected by a sea of blue. Mode said that in addition to the 60 officers usually assigned to Mets games, there will be an extra 500 uniformed cops plus an unspecified number of plainclothes officers.

And that's not all. Police sources who spoke on condition of anonymity told the Associated Press that officers



Paul Chlissom/Associated Press

John Rocker walks off the field after batting practice Tuesday.

will be on every subway platform along the No. 7 line between Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan and Shea in Queens, and any train

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