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Michigan defends diversity in admissions

■ A conservative legal group is taking the University of Michigan's admission policies to court.

By Jim Suhr
Associated Press

DETROIT — In a case that may be headed for the Supreme Court, the

University of Michigan is trying to preserve affirmative action in admissions by arguing that to get a good education, students need to be exposed to people of other races and ethnic groups.

The university's admission policies are under attack in two lawsuits brought by the Washington-based Center for Individual Rights, a conserva-

tive legal group that brought down affirmative action at the University of Texas law school in 1996. The organization is suing on behalf of white students denied admission to Michigan.

The 3-year-old case is being closely watched across the country because many colleges and universities take race and ethnicity into consideration in

admissions. A Supreme Court ruling against Michigan could jeopardize those practices.

U.S. District Judge Patrick Duggan plans to decide as early as this week whether to issue a ruling without a trial in one of the lawsuits, a challenge to the school's undergraduate-admissions policies. A second lawsuit against the university's law-school admis-

sions policies is scheduled to go to trial in January before a different judge.

Michigan has spent \$4.3 million defending affirmative action, saying it has a right to use race, does so fairly and legally, and would see the color drain out of its student body if race were ignored.

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Memmer counsel may withdraw

■ Memmer's lawyers have previously represented six witnesses scheduled for the Feb. 5 trial.

By Andrea Mason
The Daily Iowan

Jonathan Memmer sat in silence during a two-hour hearing Wednesday to decide whether his attorneys, Dennis Cohen and Ed Leff, should withdraw their counsel because of conflict of interest. Arguments from District Attorney J. Patrick White and Memmer's defense team brought no immediate decision from District Court Judge David Remley.

Remley said he needed to review the case files on the six state's witnesses who presented the conflict before he could issue a decision.

He did not give an exact time frame, but he said the process needed to be carried out as quickly as possible to prevent any further delays.

The problem arises because six witnesses are, or have been, represented by Memmer's lawyers or the lawyers have confidential information about them.

Memmer is scheduled to be tried Feb. 5 in the beating deaths of two women. Laura Watson-Dalton, 29, and Maria Therese Lehner, 27, were found in the burned remnants of 427 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 4 in March 1999. Memmer is accused of killing the women and starting the fire to obscure evidence.

Problems could arise when witnesses take the stand. If attorneys Leff and Cohen are zealous in their defense of Memmer, their confidence with the witnesses — Sara Fear, Nathan Dlouhy, Patrick Warner, Jason Roush, Robert Griffen and Julia O'Malley — could be violated. And if they honor their confidence with the witnesses, they will not be defending Memmer to the best of their abilities.

Roush presents the largest problem because he is one of Memmer's former cell mates who may testify against him, White said, and it would not

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Wacky Wednesday brings smiles to families

■ Dance Marathon volunteers brighten childrens' faces during the weekly program.

By Bridget Stratton
The Daily Iowan

Despite the fact that he is undergoing his third round of chemotherapy, 18-month-old T.J. Kelleher giggled with excitement as he pushed his IV cart into the brightly colored pediatrics playroom with his mother and sister at UI Hospitals and Clinics.

For the first time, Kelleher and his older sister, Emily, participated in Wacky Wednesday, a program sponsored by the family-relations committee of Dance Marathon in which kids in the hospital make crafts and play with volunteers.

In September, Kelleher was diagnosed with a brain tumor and has been traveling with his family to Iowa City from Dubuque to receive chemotherapy, his mother, Ann Kelleher, said. When the Kelleher family began making the trek to Iowa City this year, they received a care kit filled with toiletries, gift certificates to the hospital's cafeteria, and a phone card from Dance Marathon, she said.

"This is amazing. We've received an outpouring of love," Kelleher said. "One reason (Wacky Wednesday) is so great is because it lets Emily see that a hospital is a good



Jerry Hynes/The Daily Iowan
Wednesday at the UIHC as Donna Frost watches. Wacky Wednesday is a weekly activity sponsored by Dance Marathon in which young patients can make crafts and meet UI athletes.

place. So she knows it is not just a place where people are sick."

Every Wednesday evening for the past four years, mem-

bers of the family-relations committee have spent from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. making crafts with Dance Marathon families, said Julie Edmunds, the assistant

director of family relations and the coordinator of Wacky Wednesday.

Three family-relations committee members help with

Wacky Wednesday, which is open to kids ages 4 and older, Edmunds said.

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Ballot battle may continue until Dec.

■ Vice President Gore says he is prepared to dispute Florida until the middle of the month.

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

Al Gore raced between TV interviews Wednesday asking, "Will we count all the votes or not?" while his lawyers urgently sought a high-court ruling with the answer he wanted. Both Democrat Gore and GOP rival George W. Bush pressed forward with separate blueprints for building a presidency.

"On Jan. 20, a President Bush will be ready to take the reins of the government," said top adviser Andy Card, awarding his boss a title that Gore still hopes will be his.

Bracing the public for more legal wrangling, the vice president said he was prepared to fight until "the middle of December" and suggested the dispute could drag past the Dec. 12 deadline for appointing state electors — to six days later when the Electoral College meets.

With the stakes so high, the Republican-dominated

Florida Legislature inched closer to securing Bush a backup plan: House Speaker Tom Feeney said Wednesday he is convinced lawmakers need to go into special session as early as next week to name its own slate of presidential electors. And Senate President John McKay agreed that was a "reasonable conclusion."

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, the candidate's brother, said he would sign the necessary legislation "if it was the appropriate thing to do."

Still, with the recount case headed to the highest court in the land, Jeb Bush said, "The United States Supreme Court trumps the Legislature." Gore himself told CNN that Florida voters would not stand for "the expression of their will taken away by politicians."

Gore is trying to overturn official results of the decisive Florida election before the public's patience runs out on the 22-day ordeal. "I certainly believe that I did" win the White House, Gore told NBC.

Needing a quick court victory, Gore authorized his divided legal team to ask the Florida

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Leach calls for civility in politics

■ The Iowa representative stresses the importance of separate personal and political lives.

By Mary Sedor
The Daily Iowan

U.S. Congressman James Leach called for a "renewed sense of civility in public life" in his lecture to a crowd of more than 140 people in the Senate Chamber of the Old Capitol building Wednesday.

Leach's visit was a part of the Howard R. Bowen lecture series, sponsored by the Henry B. Tippie College of Business.

With the still uncertain presidential election, Leach found it important to explore the issue of civility in public life.

"I think we've had a difficult few years and could have a difficult few years to come, especially with negative feelings in Congress and among citizens about the election," Leach said.

At the start of his lecture, Leach said one of the four great debates in history was whether society itself has

rights. For Leach, civility is not merely being civil toward one another, but it is a way of encouraging one's gentleness to be known, he said.

"Civility is more than good manners. It implies learning and moral underpinnings," Leach said. "Civility is a reflection of character."

In his speech, Leach provided examples of where civility is broken down in the public life. He said the lack of civility may not be higher today, but it is reflected in different ways.

One example he provided was the Whitewater case. Leach showed that President Clinton's personal life became intermingled with his public life during the examination of his actions.

He then questioned whether future presidents should be exposed to such personal probes.

"I feel no individual is above the law but it is important to separate Congress from one's personal life," Leach said.

Another example of this lack of civility is a personal experience Leach had with former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich. Leach said he

informed Gingrich he could not support him because the House of Representatives Ethics Committee found that Gingrich provided "inaccurate information in response to his political activities."

Leach also said that he believes citizens are beginning to question the legitimacy of American government. He challenged the government to make laws that deserve respect, and he called for a return to faith, which he sees as the root of politics.

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Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan

Rep. Jim Leach, D-Iowa, speaks to an estimated crowd of 140 in the Senate Chambers of the Old Capitol Wednesday afternoon. Leach lectured about a renewed sense of civility in politics.

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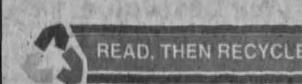
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CITY

Students debate ways to limit binge drinking

■ Some encourage restrictions on drink specials at the semi-serious debacle.

By Megan L. Eckhardt
The Daily Iowan

After sipping water out of her UI black-and-gold cup, UI sophomore Tara Voss stepped up to the podium in Levitt Auditorium Wednesday night to let her opponents and the audience of more than 150 know that limiting drink specials in downtown bars would decrease the amount of binge drinking in Iowa City.

Voss debated with a pair of UI students drinking water martinis on the topic for an hour.

The semi-serious debate was part of a continuing series sponsored by the Division of Continuing Education, the UI Department of Communication Studies and the A. Craig Baird Debate Forum. It was broadcast live on WSUI AM 910. Students volun-

teered to participate in the function and were assigned opposing sides of the issue.

UI senior Andy Ryan, who spoke while sipping a water martini, cross-examined Voss on the issue.

Ryan and his partner, UI sophomore Jason Gordon, argued that eliminating drink specials is not proven to decrease the amount of drinking. They also said drink specials allow low-income and off-age students to drink, as they offered recipes for mixed drinks before each speech.

"Vilsack and Mary Sue are hurting us, so they bring Jack and the Captain to help us," said Ryan. "Students will abuse alcohol no matter what the cost."

On the other hand, Voss and her teammate, UI junior Clay Cleveland, argued that drink specials lead to binge drinking, which extends to drunken driving and sexual assault.

"How many times have you prayed to the porcelain god or passed out from drinking too

much?" Voss asked. "Binge drinking causes deaths, and this can do something about that."

Cleveland also pointed out that limiting specials was an alternative to making the bars' entrance age 21, which he said would limit the entertainment options for underage students.

Both groups agreed that more needs to be done to limit the amount of drinking in the Iowa City area. Ryan said more educational efforts should be implemented by the UI and zero-tolerance laws should be enforced for drunken drivers.

This was the last debate of the fall semester. David Hingstman, a UI assistant professor of communication studies and the debate director, said he chose this topic at the beginning of the year because of the impact it will have on UI students.

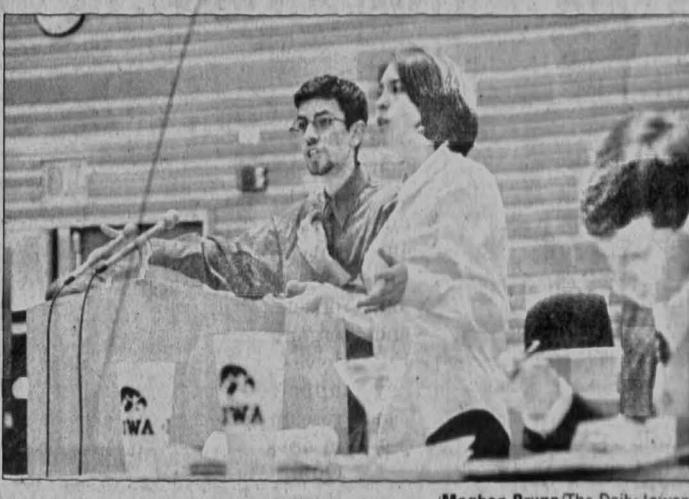
"Topics need to be entertaining and informative," he said. "I thought it would attract a lot of students."

The Iowa City City Council is scheduled to discuss the issue

in January; Hingstman encouraged audience members to attend the council's discussion.

Some UI students who attended the debate, many of whom did for class credit, agreed with the negative side of the debate.

UI freshman Kenny Benke, who attended the debate for his rhetoric class, said he believes



Megan Bruno/The Daily Iowan
Jason Gordon and Tara Voss debate the merits of drink specials in Iowa City bars Wednesday night at Boyd Law Building.

there isn't a drinking problem in the Iowa City area and that limiting drink specials wouldn't have an impact on the numbers.

"It wouldn't make any difference," he said. "It's going to be the same amount of drunk people in the bars as before."

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Former football recruit sues UI for discrimination

■ The New Jersey man is suing the UI and three other organizations.

By Nick Fircbau
The Daily Iowan

Although the UI will most likely face a trial involving a former potential football recruit's claims of discrimination, university officials involved in the case are more concerned with the costs than of the merits of the lawsuit.

Michael Bowers of Palmyra, N.J., is suing the UI along with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, Temple University and American International College in Springfield, Mass., on claims that each defendant discriminated against him because of his disability, which has not yet been identified.

Bowers claimed that the UI ceased its recruitment efforts after learning that the NCAA Clearinghouse had deemed him ineligible for collegiate competition. He also claimed that the

Clearinghouse's decision is in violation of the federal American Disabilities Act, which makes it illegal to discriminate against people with physical or mental disabilities in public places.

Bowers was unavailable for comment about the lawsuit on Tuesday night.

Gordon Allen, the deputy Iowa attorney general who will represent the UI, said a New Jersey federal judge recently decided that the case was a factual issue after 17 months of delay and should go to trial.

"I believe Mr. Bowers' case is pretty frivolous," said Allen. "The university simply did not do what he is claiming that it did. If this case does end up going in front of a jury, I do believe we will win. Of course, you never know what will happen while you're arguing in front of a jury that decides what facts presented are the truth."

Although he intends to refile motions to have the case against the UI thrown out, Allen said he does expect it to head to trial in New Jersey and that it should

take a couple of weeks.

An important part of the UI's defense is that if the UI wanted Bowers to play football, he would not be the first player with a disability, Allen said.

"One of the levels on which we're approaching this is that we've had a number of athletes with learning disabilities come through the university," said Schantz. "And we've helped them with any needs they may have had and certainly not discriminated against them. We've helped those athletes get a good education while they were here."

Allen also intends to point out that the UI has a highly acclaimed learning-disability program and that the UI does not have any problem with students with such disabilities.

"We have 800 students registered with Student Disability Services, and they have all met the standard requirements," said Susan Vess, the director of UI Student Disability Services. "We require that they continue to meet the requirements applied to

everyone, so there is no diluting of the standards."

The second aspect of the UI's defense is the fact that the school ceased its recruitment efforts because Bowers did not live up to the potential it believed he would have when it first showed interest in his playing ability, Allen said.

Mark Schantz, the UI general counsel, said the UI first showed interest in Bowers during his junior year of high school.

"We saw him as a kid with some potential to play football," said Schantz. "But by the end of his senior year, he either didn't grow or lift or both. If you know the kind of players that play line-men here and in the Big Ten, you would know that this kid could not have done the job."

Fred Mims, the associate director of men's athletics, agreed with Schantz, saying that Bowers was never extensively considered to play at the UI.

"We usually show interest in around 1,000 players. But it is apparent to us that this person did not go beyond the initial

stages of recruitment."

Schantz said that paying the costs of the trial and the stressors of travel will be the UI's greatest concerns.

Allen will be paid by the state, but the UI will have to pay for his travel to New Jersey and his lodging, along with the travel and lodging of any additional witnesses or experts the UI deems necessary for its defense.

"The cost will be five figures because we do have to pay for all the travel and housing," said Schantz. "We plan to send about half a dozen people total, including Mr. Allen, witnesses, a local lawyer who will assist Mr. Allen and possibly a neutral expert who could testify on the factual basis of the disability."

Schantz also said that the UI would only be interested in an out-of-court settlement if the costs of such a settlement were less than the legal and travel costs.

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Student shares success story at fireside chat

■ Coleman later discusses issues such as IMU renovations.

By Ryan Foley
The Daily Iowan

Five years ago, Cathie Berglund thought that she wasn't smart.

But Berglund, who is dyslexic and has Attention Deficit Disorder, realized that wasn't the case. The 47-year-old has earned her undergraduate degree with help from the University of Iowa Student Disability Services and will graduate with a master's degree in social work from the UI in May 2001.

"I had believed that I wasn't an intelligent person because of my learning disability," Berglund told UI President Mary Sue Cole-

man at her fireside chat in the IMU North Room Wednesday evening. "I got connected with Student Disability Services ... and it's been unbelievable. As an undergraduate, I felt that any accommodation I needed I could negotiate."

"To get a master's degree — I just have to pinch myself," she told *The Daily Iowan* after the meeting. "I can't believe I'm doing it. It was a dream I didn't allow myself to dream."

It hasn't been easy for Berglund. Ninety-nine percent of people read faster than she does — many times, she can't pick up the author's voice — although she has an above-average intelligence. She cannot memorize things, she said, and therefore she does often does not always do well on exams.

Berglund's anecdote started off Coleman's fireside chat, at which students and UI administrators discussed a variety of student

concerns, including the renovations to the IMU. The preliminary plans for the IMU renovations call for an expansion of the bookstore and the food court in the basement, the demolition of the second floor of the Iowa House Hotel, added space for student organizations, and the addition of a coffee shop and student-lounge space on the first floor.

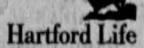
But the biggest concern for the UI administration right now is educating the students about the proposal, who will likely fund the project by the creation of an additional fee, which could be in the \$60 range.

"We still have to get awareness among a large group of students," UI Vice President of Student Services Philip Jones told the 30 students in attendance.

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Foundation will invest in county

■ The Community Foundation of Johnson County will invest donations, then give the profits to charity.

By Tracy Nemitz
The Daily Iowan

Groups or individuals looking to make a donation in the spirit of the holiday season now have a new option to consider.

The Community Foundation of Johnson County will announce its inception today at 10 a.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Room at the Commerce Center, 325 E. Washington St.

The foundation's purpose is to assist people who want to create endowment funds for charities in Johnson County, Community Foundation President Todd Jacobson said.

Rather than distribute donations directly to charities, the money is invested into a diversified portfolio monitored by investment professionals from area banks. The profit these investments make is then given to charitable organizations over a significant period of time, Bob Downter, the foundation's secretary, said.

"People can think of our organization as a savings account," Bill Burger, the foundation's treasurer,

said. "Organizations like the United Way can be thought of as checking accounts."

Recently, the foundation received a donation of over \$100,000, Berger said. It is the largest donation the foundation has received.

Generally, donations made through the Community Foundation will go to organizations involved in arts and education, human services, and parks and recreation, Jacobson said.

People who donate money have the option of deciding where it will go, as long as the charity is bona fide, Downter said.

Money can go to a specific foundation, or an interest donation can be made, Burger said.

In the case of an interest donation, money would go to benefit organizations in a general area, such as arts in the community," Burger said.

The other option people have is to leave this decision up to the foundation's board members. In such a case, the board members will direct the money to worthy organizations, Downter said.

The foundation board consists of 16 members and includes trust officers, investment professionals and representatives from non-profit organizations, Jacobson said.

Jacobson, a financial advisor, said the board was originated by

Feasibility surveys sent out during the six-year period indicated the time was not right.

This past summer, however, community response indicated "all green flags," Jacobson said.

Downter attributes the change in support to an increase in prosperity.

"Many people are living in a time of greater prosperity," Downter said. "This has created an interest in charitable giving."

Those wishing to make donations through the Community Foundation of Johnson County can do so by contacting Todd Jacobson at 338-9726.

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Vilsack travels to Fla. in support of Gore

■ The governor joins state leaders from across the country in requesting a fair vote.

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack joined a group of governors in Florida on Wednesday to call for a fair vote — a "fundamental principle of democracy" — in that state's disputed election.

"We think that this is an issue that perhaps is even greater than a race for president between two

individuals," Vilsack said. "It's really about whether or not the fundamental principle of democracy that every vote matters means something."

The governor traveled to Tallahassee to offer support for Al Gore's contention that not all the state's votes have been properly counted.

He met with reporters alongside Democratic colleagues New Hampshire Gov. Jeanne Shaheen, Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton and Puerto Rico Gov. Pedro Rosello.

Gore is trying to get a recount of 14,000 questionable ballots in

Miami-Dade and Palm Beach counties viewed as critical to overcoming Republican George W. Bush's narrow lead in the crucial Sunshine State.

Florida's secretary of state has certified Bush the winner of the state election, but Gore continues to contest the decision through a slew of legal proceedings.

In a news conference in Des Moines, Iowa Republican Party chairman Kayne Robinson said about 13,000 voters in Iowa either failed to cast a ballot for the president or voted more than once — about the same number of ballots disputed in Florida.

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Legislature to discuss teacher pay

■ Both parties will mull teacher-recruitment techniques in the upcoming session.

By Chao Xiong
The Daily Iowan

D-Iowa City.

Although no one is committing to a fixed number in terms of salary increase, upping the average teacher salary in Iowa from the current \$35,678 to the national average of \$41,575 is a key goal for the legislative session, she said.

Projections estimate the state would have to increase the budget for teacher salaries by approximately \$60 million the first year and spend \$300 million within five years to ascend the national ranks of teacher pay from 35th to 25th place.

The issue comes at a time in which 17 percent of all new and beginning teachers are leaving Iowa within their first five years for better paying jobs or

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—Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City

Iowa's status and ranking in terms of how others view us."

Mascher, a teacher at Weber Elementary School, 3850 Rohret Road, who has 25 years of teaching experience in Iowa City, said the state also needs to provide mentoring and support programs for all Iowa teachers.

Gov. Tom Vilsack has expressed interest in funding the pay increase by using funds from other programs in the education and other budgets, but the exact source is still unknown.

I think we definitely believe

teachers' salaries need to be raised. How we're going to find that money, I don't know," said Rep. Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City.

Since the general election, the Democratic Caucus has met twice to discuss issues it will present in the upcoming session.

Accompanying the push for teacher-pay increase is an emphasis on improving student performance, reducing class sizes and raising the general standard of education, said Rep. Dick Myers, D-Coralville, the minority leader for the upcoming legislative session.

Although teacher pay has captured a high degree of interest from both parties, Democrats also want to improve the state's effort to combat child abuse, lower the cost of prescription drugs, ensure the confidentiality of medical and financial records, and improve community corrections efforts to reduce overcrowding in state prisons.

Republicans have met once to elect their leadership, Tyrrell said, adding that the GOP also wants to reduce overcrowding in state prisons.

In accordance with the U.S. Constitution, the boundaries for House and Senate districts will also be re-appropriated this year according to population. The new district boundaries will go into effect in 2002.

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07P:108	Jan. 2-5	9am-12:15pm daily; N200 LC	1	Introduction to Multicultural Counseling	W. Liu
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06J:146	Dec. 27-Jan. 12	ARR. (meets in London, England)	3	International Business Environment	D. Finnerty
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STATE & NATION**Iowa open-records law clarified**

■ A newspaper survey prompts the explanation, which was led by the state attorney general.

Associated Press

DES MOINES — The state's open-records law was explained to more than 900 Iowa law-enforcement officials in a training session held Tuesday by Attorney General Tom Miller.

The session followed a statewide newspaper investigation that found widespread disregard for the state's open-records law, especially among law-enforcement officials.

"When a survey like this comes out, where the law-enforcement community has not followed the law ... it detracts a little bit from the great image law enforcement has in Iowa," Miller said.

Twelve daily newspapers and one weekly newspaper conducted the joint project, which

included sending newspaper employees to all 99 counties to request public documents, ranging from a list of who has permits to carry concealed guns to expense reports and property-tax information.

Miller spoke via videotape to those attending the session, which was broadcast to 66 locations around the state via the Iowa Communications Network.

He said the newspaper series showed some law-enforcement officials' reactions to open-records requests bordered on harassment or hostility.

"That kind of activity and that kind of approach does not serve us well," he said.

Julie Pottorff, one of two deputy attorneys general who led the training session, said Iowa's law presumes that records are public unless a specific exemption exists.

"There has to be a legal authority for not producing the record," she said.

She also told law-enforcement officials they must find a way to copy public records and may not charge more than the actual cost.

"This isn't a money-making enterprise," Pottorff said.

Scott County Sheriff Richard Huff was one of those who attended the session.

"It was definitely necessary," he said. "It was obvious that the law-enforcement community in general needed some training on this issue."

Miller also suggested his office will take a broader view in enforcing the open-records law.

Prior to publication of the newspaper series, Miller said his office would become involved in enforcing the law only in "egregious" cases, where local officials failed to do their jobs.

"In retrospect, we might move our discretion and our enforcement a little bit toward the enforcement side," he said Tuesday.

State minority enrollment doubles

■ Latino students lead the way in mostly white Iowa, surging 289 percent since 1985.

Associated Press

DES MOINES — Minority enrollment has doubled in Iowa public schools since 1985, while the number of white students is slipping, according to an Iowa Department of Education study.

Leading the surge are Latino children, according to the report. Since 1985, the number of Latino students has increased 289 percent, to 15,836 students.

"The state is changing, and it's a positive change because it adds to diversity," said Carmen Sosa, the agency's English-as-a-second-language consultant. "But, also, the implications are that the schools need to be ready for this population."

Sosa said the number of

teachers with ESL training is not growing enough to accommodate the increasing number of students who need help.

"There are many schools that want to do the right thing, but the impact has been dramatic," Sosa said. "We have some small rural districts that have never had experience with diverse populations, and suddenly they have them."

At 90.8 percent white, down from 95.4 percent 15 years ago, Iowa public schools still have one of the smallest minority enrollments in the nation. The national average is 63.5 percent white.

Over the same period, the number of black students in Iowa public schools has risen

55 percent to 19,092 students. The numbers of Asian and American-Indian students have changed little over the past 15 years.

Enrollment figures are updated annually to detect trends and for planning.

They show Iowa's private schools are changing more slowly. This year, the schools were 95.6 percent white, down from 97.5 percent white in 1985.

Blacks are the fastest-growing minority in Iowa's private schools, up 116 percent, the state reported.

Lynne Devaney, the associate director for Dubuque and Western Dubuque Catholic schools, said overall enrollment in the 11 schools has declined while the number of minority students increased.

Nuclear-lab mailings raise security questions

■ The Energy Department finds 27 classified documents were sent to non-approved locations.

By David Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Already shaken by security lapses, the Energy Department is now acknowledging that 15 percent of classified documents mailed from three nuclear-weapons laboratories last year went to addresses not approved to receive such material.

Department officials insist the errant mailings, disclosed in a new report from the agency's inspector general, did not compromise security and that the problem has been fixed.

But that assessment was challenged Wednesday by the

Senate Intelligence Committee chairman.

"They don't know that," said Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala. "You can rationalize, justify just about anything, but at the end of the day, you don't know what might have been lost. You have to fear the worst in a situation like that."

The Energy Department keeps a computer database of addresses that are eligible to receive classified data. Anyone mailing classified data is supposed to check this list to ensure the address is approved.

The report said the mailings to unauthorized addresses were discovered in May, shortly after two computer disks containing nuclear secrets disappeared from the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. The disks reappeared three months later behind a copying machine

at the lab.

Department security officials alerted by the agency's inspector general acknowledged that the mailings violated department policy but concluded that no classified information was compromised. They blamed contractors who did not have access to the list of approved addresses.

But Inspector General Gregory H. Friedman disagreed. In his report to Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, he blamed a "breakdown in the execution of internal controls designed to prevent transmittal of classified documents to inappropriate recipients."

Richardson did not respond to a request for comment on the report.

But Floyd Thomas of the National Nuclear Security Administration, created by Con-

gress last year to oversee the labs, called the report helpful and said the agency supports Deputy Energy Secretary T.J. Gauthier's plan to crack down on contractors who mishandle classified materials.

In a Nov. 14 memo to Friedman, Gauthier said the department is developing new rules under which contractors could lose some contract payments and be fined up to \$100,000 if they fail to protect classified information. He said the new rules will be announced by May 31.

The investigation examined 177 mailings of classified documents last year from the Los Alamos Nuclear Weapons Laboratory, the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in Livermore, Calif., and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash.

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WORLD

Israel to hold elections 2 years early

■ Parliament approves the proposal, and an exact election date will be decided Dec. 4.

By Karin Laub
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — In the midst of a bloody conflict with the Palestinians, Israel has been plunged into political turmoil by an overwhelming parliament vote to hold new elections two years ahead of schedule.

With his political future and Mideast peacemaking on the line, Prime Minister Ehud Barak agreed Tuesday to hold an early vote in a surprise move to take the initiative from the hard-line opposition.

Amid the political maneuvers, Israeli-Palestinian violence persisted. An Israeli motorist was critically wounded in a West Bank shooting ambush. In the Gaza Strip, Israeli soldiers fired on Palestinians trying to cut through a border fence. The army said there were fatalities but that it did not know how many.

In recent days, there had been a lull in Israeli-Palestinian violence. The ebb was attributed to the holy month of Ramadan, when Muslims fast from dawn to dusk, and to cool, rainy weather.

Representatives of Barak's One Israel alignment and the opposition Likud party met briefly

Wednesday to try to agree on a date for elections. Opposition leader Ariel Sharon said elections should be held quickly, "even before Passover," the Jewish holiday that begins April 7.

One Israel did not propose a date but planned to do so Dec. 4, said party spokesman Gilad Haymann.

In a new twist, Sharon said Wednesday he was still open to holding new coalition talks if Barak issues an invitation. The early elections bill still faces two more readings, giving Barak several more weeks of political maneuvering.

However, it appeared unlikely that the prime minister would reverse himself after having rejected the idea of a broad coalition just a day earlier.

Sharon has said he would only join the government if given veto powers over Barak's peace efforts, something the prime minister has said he is unwilling to do.

Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian negotiator, said he was still hopeful a peace accord can be reached before the Israeli elections and despite two months of violence that have killed

more than 280 people, most of them Palestinians.

"Barak still has six months until the coming elections, and if he wants, he can stop his aggression and adopt a new policy that will enable him to go to his people with progress in the peace process," Shaath said.

Saeb Erekat, the top Palestinian negotiator, said Israelis have a choice in the coming months.

"It's too early to predict the effect of this thing (the election) on the peace process, but we are telling all the Israelis that it is either peace or the continuation of aggression and settlement," he said, adding a warning that the Israeli government not use the election as an excuse to intensify its crackdown.

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WORLD BRIEF

Study: Vaccine protects monkeys from Ebola

(AP) — For the first time, a vaccine protected monkeys against the lethal Ebola virus, raising doctors' hopes of developing a means of inoculating people against the terrifying disease.

Four macaques that were injected with the experimental vaccine suffered no ill effects after being exposed to normally lethal doses of the virus. Four macaques that were not inoculated died within six days.

The findings mark the first time an Ebola vaccine has worked in primates, said Dr. Gary Nabel, the director of the Vaccine Research

Center at the National Institutes of Health and an author of the study, published in today's issue of the journal *Nature*.

The monkeys are more closely related to humans than any other species in which an Ebola vaccine has worked.

A human vaccine still could be years away, however. Among other things, questions of safety and how to deal with different strains of the virus would have to be resolved before experiments on humans could begin.

Ebola hemorrhagic fever, first recognized in 1976, kills up to 90 percent of its human victims within days of infection. Outbreaks so far have occurred only in Africa. An outbreak has killed 145 people in Uganda this year, and a 1995 epidemic in Zaire claimed 245 lives.

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NATION

Oakland copes with scandal

■ A police patrol dubbed "The Riders" allegedly harassed and falsely arrested at least 10 people.

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Officer Keith Batt was a 23-year-old rookie just three weeks out of the academy. He went straight to the night shift, where most officers start their careers.

There, on patrol in west Oakland, one of the city's most dangerous neighborhoods, Batt met "The Riders".

For three weeks in June and July, prosecutors say, the rookie watched his fellow officers beat, harass and falsely arrest at least 10 people. Then, on July 3, he allegedly saw a man arrested on trumped-up charges that he was seen discarding 17 rocks of cocaine.

Batt had seen enough.

The rookie reported what he saw and quit the force, setting in motion a police corruption scandal that has led to the arrest of four officers and the dismissal of scores of cases.

Exactly how far and wide The

Riders scandal will reach remains to be seen, despite Police Chief Richard Word's insistence that the alleged abuse was limited to the four officers.

"It's burying one's head in the sand to assume these cases are confined to a short period of time involving these four officers," said lawyer John Burris, who has talked to at least 15 people arrested by The Riders about suing.

The four officers — Frank Vazquez, 44, Clarence "Chuck" Mabanag, 35, Jude Siapno, 32, and Matthew Hornung, 29 — were charged on Nov. 2 with offenses including assault, kidnapping and filing false reports. Three are expected to enter pleas on Dec. 6; Vazquez is a fugitive, believed to be hiding in Mexico.

Lawyers for the three officers, who are on paid leave, said they have seen no evidence backing up the charges.

Mabanag's lawyer, Michael Rains, said the officers are "both sad and anxious to have their stories heard." Vazquez's lawyer has not returned repeated calls.

While the charges are limited to what Batt witnessed, the department is re-examining the officers' records and looking at whether other members of the force were involved.

Prosecutor

David Hollister said 49 mostly drug-related cases — convictions and pending cases alike — have been dismissed, and more could fall apart as his office sorts through all cases involving the four officers dating back 18 months before they were taken off the streets.

Community advocates said calls and letters are pouring in from people saying they were mistreated by The Riders, and several lawsuits are expected.

Doctors warn of mammogram crisis

■ Diminished access to mammography centers delays the diagnosis of breast cancer, they say.

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mammography centers are scaling back or even closing because of inadequate reimbursement rates and malpractice fears at a time when more and more aging baby boomers need annual breast exams.

It all adds up to a crisis taking shape in mammography, experts warned Wednesday.

With access shrinking, women often have to wait months to schedule an annual breast-cancer screening and may decide to skip the exams altogether. Even women with suspicious lumps may have to wait several weeks to get a mammogram.

That can delay the diagnosis of breast cancer and result in tumors being detected at later, less treatable stages, a panel of doctors said at the Radiology Society of North America's annual meeting.

Studies have shown that routine mammograms can decrease the risk of dying from breast cancer by as much as 40 percent. About 1 million women a year turn 40, the age when many doctors say annual screening should begin, the panel said.

Screening mammograms typically cost between \$75 and \$150, while diagnostic mammograms, performed when a problem is suspected, may cost well over \$200.

Recommended Medicare reimbursement rates, set by Congress, are well below that — \$67 for screening mammogram and \$81 for a diagnostic exam, said Dr. Stephen Feig, the director of breast imaging

at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

That cuts into the budgets at many mammography centers, which are being subsidized by their other radiology services, said Dr. Ellen Mendelson, the director of a breast-imaging center at Western Pennsylvania Hospital.

The most prominent closure occurred last year when New York University Medical Center shut one of its two mammography services for financial reasons.

A few smaller centers elsewhere have closed, and many others have reduced services, the panel said.

Lagging reimbursement rates and concerns over malpractice — the exams miss between 10 percent and 20 percent of cancers — are leading many would-be mammographers to choose other specialties, the panel added.

Florida woman flees to Cuba with son

■ A mother suspected of embezzlement leaves the country with the 5-year-old against his father's wishes.

By Janelle A. Weber
Associated Press

MIAMI — A Florida woman who took her 5-year-old son to Cuba against his father's wishes left the United States amid suspicions she had embezzled as much as \$150,000 from her employer.

Arletis Blanco, 29, is suspected of stealing from McKenzie Petroleum of Key Largo, where she had been an office manager, the Monroe County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday.

Blanco failed to show up for work on Nov. 13, said Jessica

McKenzie, the finance manager at the oil company. Blanco gave no notice, and McKenzie hasn't heard from her since.

The Cuban-born Blanco sailed to Cuba on a fishing boat on Nov. 12 with her son, Jonathon, her boyfriend and their infant daughter. Blanco has said she wants them to begin a new life on the island.

Her ex-husband, Jon Colomini, 31, a U.S.-born Homestead restaurant manager who has joint custody of Jonathon, has gone to the State Department and the Cuban government for help in getting the boy back.

The case drew attention initially because of its apparent parallel to that of Elian Gonzalez, the Cuban boy who arrived in Florida in 1999 after surviving a boat wreck in which his

mother and her boyfriend were killed. After a long court battle, Elian was returned to Cuba to be with his father.

Blanco's mother has turned over to the police audio tapes in which her daughter tells of stealing a large sum of money and leaving Florida to save her family from embarrassment, said Becky Herrin, the spokeswoman for the sheriff's office.

So far, Blanco has been charged only with interfering with shared custody for taking her son out of the country. The embezzlement investigation is continuing.

"I think that's why she left," McKenzie said. "She was going to get caught. She's afraid to go to jail."

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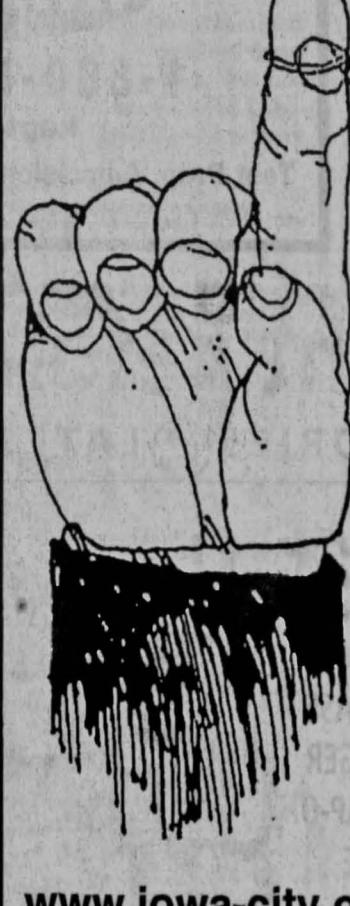


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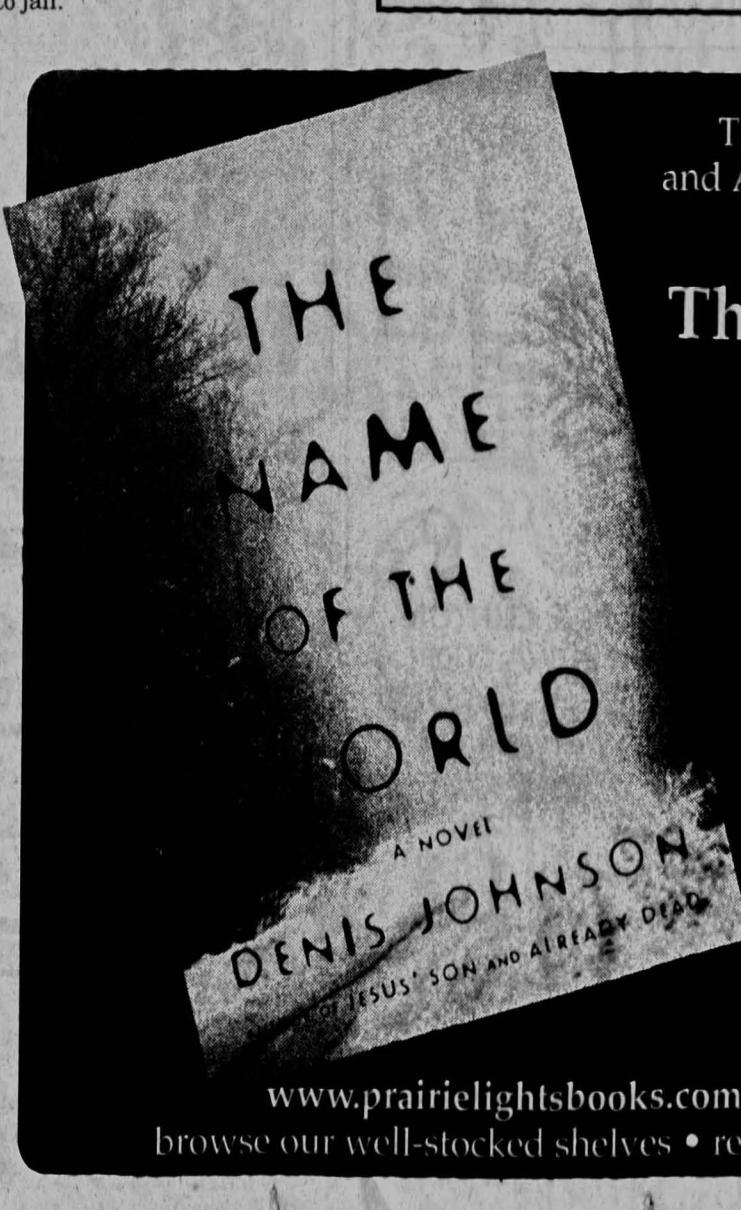
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Palestinian demonstrators burn U.S., Israeli and British flags in the Ein el-Hilweh refugee camp on the outskirts of the southern Lebanese port city of Sidon on Wednesday.

Bethlehem cancels Christmas celebration

■ Palestinian and Israeli violence halts festivities for Christianity's 2000th anniversary.

By Jamie Tarabay
Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Bethlehem's city fathers have called off ambitious plans for Christmas 2000, saying a time of bloody Palestinian-Israeli conflict is no time for merrymaking.

The town of Jesus' birth will be dark and deserted this Christmas — without festive street lights, craft fairs or choirs in Manger Square.

In the past two months, seven Palestinians from the Bethlehem area have been killed in rock-throwing clashes and gun battles with Israeli soldiers.

For most of that time, Israeli travel restrictions have kept tourists and other non-Palestinians out of biblical Bethlehem and other Palestinian towns. These were tightened 10 days ago to bar all traffic into and out of Palestinian towns.

"In view of the very bad situation we are living in, it doesn't make sense that we celebrate while there are still closures and so many people have been killed," said Tony Marcos, a spokesman for the municipality.

"Celebrations for Christmas have been canceled," he said.

Festive street lights still hanging from last year's celebra-

tions, when thousands of visitors crowded Manger Square, will remain unlit. Musical concerts have been called off, and the Christmas craft fair will not go ahead as planned.

There is even debate over whether the giant Christmas tree, usually brought in from Norway as the centerpiece of Manger Square, will be decorated or left bare. One suggestion has been to hang pictures of more than 200 Palestinians killed in fighting on the branches of the Christmas tree.

The travel restrictions have battered Bethlehem's economy, which depends heavily on tourists.

"Manger Square by this time should have been filled with tourists, guides and visitors. Now it is empty," Marcos said.

On Wednesday, only one shop lining Manger Square was open. The other shopkeepers were observing a strike call by the Palestinian leadership — Wednesday marked the anniversary of the 1947 U.N. partition vote that led to Israel's creation.

Joseph Jakaman stood in the doorway of his souvenir shop, which sells religious icons made from olive wood and mother of pearl.

"It's very bad, the people here are unhappy. The shops open for a few hours every day. Some don't even open anymore," he said, leaning against the counter, a mother of pearl statue twinkling in the light behind him.

WORLD BRIEF

EU proposes mad-cow measures as disease spreads

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — With cases of mad-cow disease cropping up across Europe, the European Union proposed a slate of new measures Wednesday to try to eradicate the lethal brain-wasting disease and stem a public-health scare over beef.

The union's executive commission proposed an EU-wide ban on animal products in fodder for cows, pigs and poultry for six months, starting on Jan. 1, and the testing of hundreds of thousands of older cattle.

The steps are part of an attempt to launch a Europe-wide strategy to stop mad-cow disease from spreading to humans. Two people in France

and 80 in Britain have died from the human form of the disease; 89 people across the EU have been infected.

Mad-cow disease "is now moving from one member state to another," said EU Health Commissioner David Byrne. "We should adopt an overall approach to address the risks so consumers can see what is done to protect their health."

The latest scare over mad-cow disease was sparked by the discovery of infected cows in France, along with a recorded case of its human form. Since then, scientists have found the first cattle with the disease in Germany and Spain.

That triggered bans of French beef imports in several EU countries, as well as in East European nations, which have banned imports from EU members with reported cases of mad-cow disease.

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United States, Russia call for arms embargo

■ The countries want Afghanistan's Taliban to end terrorist training and hand over Osama bin Laden.

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Russia and the United States are pushing for an arms embargo against Afghanistan's Taliban militia to pressure its leaders to close terrorist training camps, stop the flow of drugs and hand over suspected terrorist Osama bin Laden.

U.S. officials acknowledged Wednesday that an embargo will be tough to enforce because of Afghanistan's porous borders, but they stressed that stopping even some weapons from getting to the Taliban will help the

Afghan people.

A year ago, the Security Council froze Taliban assets and imposed an air embargo on the Taliban-run airline to force the militia to deliver bin Laden for trial in the August 1998 bombings of the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. The Taliban have refused, saying he is a guest and that the United States has not given proof of his involvement in terrorism.

In April, the council threatened further sanctions to compel the Taliban to end years of fighting and comply with U.N. demands. With the situation little-changed, Russia is now sponsoring a Security Council resolution calling for new sanctions, strongly backed by the United States, which is a co-sponsor.

While the United States and

Russia remain at odds on many issues before the United Nations — including Iraq and Kosovo — they are united in their opposition to the Taliban, which has imposed a strict form of Islam in the territory it controls, barring women from work and girls from school.

The Taliban, who rule about 95 percent of Afghanistan, including the capital Kabul, accuse Russia of arming and supporting opposition forces, led by ousted president Burhanuddin Rabbani and former defense minister Ahmed Shah Massood. The opposition says Pakistan backs the Taliban. Both Pakistan and Russia deny supplying arms to either side.

The draft resolution would impose an arms embargo only on the Taliban, a U.S. official

said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The proposed resolution also would freeze the assets of bin Laden and his organization, direct the Taliban to close camps where terrorists are trained and restrict travel of senior Taliban officials except for humanitarian and religious purposes. In addition, it would encourage other countries to reduce staff at Taliban missions, restrict offices of the Taliban-run airline outside Afghanistan and ban the sale to anyone in Afghanistan of acetic anhydride, a chemical precursor used to manufacture heroin, the U.S. official said.

The Netherlands' U.N. Ambassador Peter van Walsum, the current council president, said the resolution may be introduced today.

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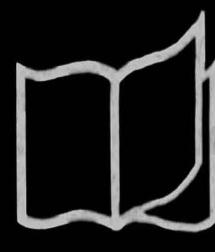
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WORLD

Serbs retake village near Kosovo

■ Ethnic Albanian rebels watch the Serbian action but do not intervene.

By Aleksandar Vasic
Associated Press

LUCANE, Yugoslavia — Rebels watched from hillside fortifications but did not resist as Serbian police backed by two armored vehicles retook a strategic village Wednesday in an area where a recent offensive by rebel ethnic Albanians claimed at least five lives.

Armed with automatic weapons, police zigzagged from house to house as they cautiously entered Lucane, just outside Kosovo. Most of Lucane's estimated 1,000 ethnic Albanians fled earlier, leaving behind only elderly.

But by nightfall, most had returned after Serb officers assured village elders they would be safe. Some residents complained that the ethnic Albanian militants had ransacked their houses before

pulling out.

The village is the first recaptured by Serbian forces since a rebel offensive last week that captured several strategic points in Serbia proper and raised fears of more bloodshed in the region.

Serb security troops and the ethnic Albanian militants were left just 500 yards apart after the Serb advance.

Rebels could be seen entrenched on the hills near Lucane. Although they did not respond, they claimed they were given no advance word of the Serb move and suggested they had not approved it beforehand.

Stevan Nikcevic, a co-interior minister in Serbia, said there were "no talks, direct or indirect, with these militants."

Rebel spokesman Tahir Dalipi warned the Serbs "not to start any action that would be rebuffed and thus break the fragile peace," adding: "Otherwise we cannot predict what will happen."

Lucane is on a main road to Kosovo leading through a 3-mile



Srdjan Ilic/Associated Press

Without firing a shot, Serbian police Wednesday retook the strategic village of Lucane on the edge of a contested buffer zone in Serbia, from ethnic Albanian rebels.

buffer zone between Kosovo's border and southern Serbia.

Under an agreement signed last year, Serbian police are allowed only light weapons in the area.

The zone has a large ethnic Albanian population. Militants want to join Kosovo and are demanding independence

from Serbia, Yugoslavia's largest republic.

A high-ranking Serbian police officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said his forces would not enter deeper into the buffer zone. He said the officers plan to set up a "permanent presence" in the village.

U.N. officers removed

■ Six are fired for "inappropriate behavior" after a Bosnian prostitution raid, the United Nations says.

By Irena Gajic
Associated Press

BANJA LUKA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Six U.N. police officers were removed from the Bosnian mission and sent home because of "inappropriate behavior" after a raid on three bars, the U.N. said Wednesday.

Local police, assisted by U.N. officers, raided the nightclubs in the Bosnian Serb town of Prijedor on Nov. 13 and found 33 women apparently forced into prostitution — some believed to be as young as 14.

The owner of the clubs, Milorad Milakovic, accused the U.N. police in Prijedor of asking for protection money to avoid police action against him.

Prostitution is illegal in Bosnia, and the U.N. police are deployed in Bosnia to make sure the local police do their job and uphold the rule of law.

Alun Roberts, the U.N. spokesman in Banja Luka, told reporters Wednesday the officers had been sent home.

"The six were removed for exceeding their duties in the U.N. mandate and also for inappropriate behavior and violation of the U.N. mission code of conduct," Roberts said.

Soon after the raids, Milakovic reopened one of his clubs.

Women mainly from such countries as Ukraine, Moldova and Romania often use illegal channels to get to Bosnia and decide to stay and work as prostitutes.

Other women, who are told they will get jobs as waitresses in Western Europe once they pass through Bosnia, get stuck here after brothel owners take their passports away.

U.S. hopeful of ties with new Mexican leader

■ Vicente Fox is the first opposition challenger to win Mexico's presidency.

By George Gedda
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As Mexican President-elect Vicente Fox prepares to assume office Friday, U.S. officials say they hope to build on the solid gains in cross-border relations in recent years.

Fox is widely admired here for having toppled the political establishment that has run Mexico since 1929, becoming the first opposition challenger ever to win Mexico's presidency. He also has won plaudits for his determination to root out corruption and to improve public services in Mexico.

The former Coca-Cola executive who quit the American company rather than be transferred to Miami to head its Latin American operations met this summer with both Vice President Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush after winning the election. He had planned a trip to Washington last week to meet with the U.S. president-elect but canceled the visit since there was none.

Mexico's President Ernesto Zedillo called President Clinton on Wednesday to thank him for his leadership and support, White House press secretary Jake Siewert said.

Clinton in turn "saluted the work that President Zedillo has done," Siewert said. "He leaves office with the admira-

tion of the people of Mexico. The president told him that he should be proud of what he has accomplished there."

Zedillo is widely admired for his management of the economy and for his efforts on behalf of democratic reform. Despite problems, relations are considered to be at a high point.

Fox bitterly opposes the U.S. practice of having border patrol agents keep would-be Mexican migrants out of the United States, and he envisions the day when people and goods flow freely across the border.

Both Gore and Bush received the proposal with polite skepticism during Fox's August visit, saying U.S. immigration laws must be enforced.

Fox has said he recognizes his proposal cannot be implemented immediately, but he advocates a program that would allow perhaps 250,000 Mexicans to enter the United States as temporary guest workers each year. He has promised to take measures to deter illegal border crossings from Mexico.

American hostility to immigration from Mexico puzzles Fox, who notes that the United States is a nation of immigrants.

Over the long term, Fox believes sound economic policies in Mexico will narrow the income gap between the two countries and eliminate the undocumented alien problem altogether. About 340,000 Mexicans migrate to the United States each year, most of them illegally.

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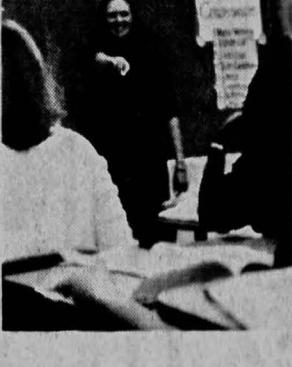
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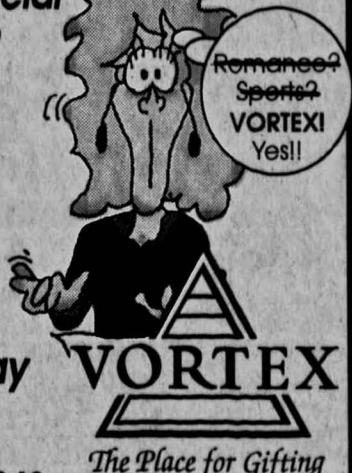
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"The diversity 'goes to the heart of our ability to fulfill our educational mission,' said Elizabeth Barry, a university associate vice president and deputy general counsel.

The university began a large-scale push for diversity in 1987, doubling minority enrollment in the decade that followed.

As late as 1997, Michigan used a grid that sorted applicants by grades, test scores and race. Now, the university grades applicants on a 150-point scale. Blacks, Latinos and American Indians get 20 points for their race — equal to raising their grade-point average a full point on a four-point scale.

Of Michigan's 38,000 undergraduate and graduate students this semester, approximately 13 percent are "underrepresented minorities" — 7.8 percent black, 4.3 percent Latino and 0.6 percent American Indian.

"There's no turning back on the commitment to diversity," said Carol Geary Schneider, the president of Association of American Colleges and Universities, which supports race-conscious admissions.

"Our members strongly believe that it is no longer possible to provide an excellent education in a homogeneous environment, that students need to be prepared for diversity at home and abroad. There have to be diverse voices in the classroom."

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Task force suggests easing embargo

■ A Council on Foreign Relations panel wants open travel to and joint business ventures with Cuba.

By Ken Guggenheim
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States should ease the Cuban embargo to help the island's transition to a post-Castro era and reduce chances of U.S. military intervention, a Council on Foreign Relations panel recommended Wednesday.

The task force urged that the United States eliminate travel restrictions to Cuba, allow regular commercial flights between the two nations and permit U.S. companies whose businesses were nationalized by Cuba to resolve their claims by entering into joint ventures in Cuba.

The lawsuits could lead to a further rollback of affirmative action in higher education — a follow-up to California's Bakke case of 1978, in which the Supreme Court outlawed racial quotas but allowed consideration of race in university admissions.

"Our recommendations seek to build and strengthen bridges between the Cuban and American people, promote family reunification, address current and future matters of U.S. national security, promote labor rights and facilitate resolution of property claims, and further expose Cuba to international norms and practices," the task force said in a report.

The report made no recommendation whether the United States should lift its 38-year-old embargo, which is aimed at pressuring democratic reforms on the communist-ruled island.

The 23-member task force, which includes liberals and conservatives, was co-chaired by Bernard W. Aronson and William D. Rogers, Democrats who held high-level State Department jobs under Republican administrations.

The group's first report, issued two years ago, recommended expanded contacts between Americans and Cubans. A month later, President Clinton adopted many of its recommendations in announcing his "people-to-peo-

ple" policy, which relaxed travel restrictions.

Some of the new recommendations may be more difficult to implement because they require legislation, not just executive orders.

To lift the travel ban, for example, Congress would have to reverse a vote it took in September. As part of a compromise easing restrictions on sales of food and medicine to Cuba, Congress prohibited U.S. financing of any sales and converted into law existing travel restrictions to Cuba.

The new report aims to build

on the earlier one, seeking ways to promote peaceful democratic change.

The report said President Fidel Castro's communism will not survive him, and "many Cubans, including many who hold official positions, understand that a transition to a democratic and free-market Cuba is inevitable."

It said chaos could erupt, however, if Castro should die or become incapacitated. Fighting could break out, and thousands of Cubans could attempt to flee, which could prompt demands for U.S. intervention.

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NATION BRIEF

Clinton to complete state tour in Neb.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton will finally complete his tour of all 50 states next week when he visits Nebraska.

His visit to south-central Nebraska includes a speech at the University of Nebraska at Kearney on Dec. 8, White House spokesman Jake Siewert said. Siewert officially announced the trip Wednesday, moments after piping the University of Nebraska fight song through the White House speakers and jokingly quizzing reporters on Nebraska trivia.

"The following items, according to Nebraskans, were developed there: The TV dinner in 1953. Kool-Aid in 1927. Who knew?" Siewert said. "The Reuben sandwich, which seems unlikely, but apparently true. Cliff's Notes, which I've used from time to time. The ATM machine as well. And also 911."

Siewert said there was nothing to be read into Nebraska's position as the only state Clinton has not yet visited in his eight years in office.

"There is absolutely no reason to be offended," he said. "Inevitably, one state will be the last. But there's nothing much to be read into that other than sheer happenstance."

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Eight years after he conquered Washington ...

Hail to the Chief

Even though there is uncertainty about the identity of our next president, it is not inappropriate to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments and speculate on the possible legacy of William Jefferson Clinton, who will leave office on Jan. 20, 2001, regardless of the result of the current election.

Clinton ascended to office at a perfect time to make history. The Cold War had ended, and the United States was established as the strongest economic and military power in the world, by far. Furthermore, Clinton entered office as the first of a new generation. He was not from the World War II generation, which had shaped his presidential predecessors, but, rather, Clinton was shaped in the generation of Watergate and Vietnam. The world was changing rapidly, and the election of this young Southern Democrat was testimony that Americans were eager for change. Clinton and President George Bush were both denied a majority of the popular vote by Ross Perot, but his third-party candidacy was just more evidence that people wanted a change. It was the perfect time to get things done, and Clinton, the young Rhodes Scholar idealist, should have been the perfect man for the job. But there were problems immediately.

Clinton had shaped himself as a centrist during his campaign, calling himself a "New Democrat." But his presidency began on the far left — with a tax hike, an attempt to socialize the health industry, and an attempt to allow homosexuals to openly serve in the military. The public rejected



Kenneth Lambert/Associated Press

President Clinton arrived with promise, but eight years of personal and political failings tarnished all he tried to accomplish.

This agenda in the congressional elections of '94, giving the Republicans control of both the House and Senate.

This Republican Congress helped Clinton shape, with much friction, a fairly impressive legislative legacy. The welfare system was reformed, sending millions to work. The capital-gains tax was cut, creating more economic growth. And NAFTA was passed, lowering many trade barriers. But the big things still eluded Clinton.

But the most impressive action Clinton has taken in office has been inaction. He has not tampered with a well-running economy. This is not faint praise either; this is a mistake that is made by many presidents, such as Nixon, Ford and Bush.

Outside the area of legisla-

tive compromises, the Clinton legacy changes. His foreign policy has been without direction. Saddam Hussein is still in power, producing whatever he likes unchecked by the United Nations. Our relationship with Russia is expensive, unproductive and often tedious. There is no peace in the Mideast, and China now routinely threatens Taiwan. The moral leadership of Clinton lacks direction also, and it will be the largest and most shameful aspect of his presidency. Because of scandal, personal failings and even arrogance, Clinton has made the office of the presidency seem to the American people a trivial thing. The next president will be under great pressure to restore personal dignity to this office. It may still be a great time in history to change things and get things done, but we have now learned the lesson that it takes a great person to do these things.

Aaron Gilmore is a *DI* editorial writer.

In the spirit of the great American 'melting pot' ...

Open up Iowa's borders

The future of Iowa's economy rests in having an open heart and welcoming new Iowans, regardless of where they are from.

Gov. Tom Vilsack and other administrators held a public hearing at the Davenport Public Library last week to outline goals for Iowa's economy. One main focus was the need to recruit more immigrants, minorities and people with disabilities into the Iowa workforce to ensure a brighter future for our state's economy.

Vilsack's stance on getting more people to move to Iowa, wherever they are from, will help out not only our state's economic future, but also its cultural and social futures.

Iowa is facing a potential labor-force shortage of more than 400,000 workers in the next 10 years if businesses in the state expand as hoped, Vilsack said at the public hearing. With more and more grad-

The state would greatly benefit from (immigrants') customs, cultures, religions and beliefs.

uates from Iowa universities and colleges leaving the state for other opportunities, and with workers already employed in the state either retiring or moving, there is a major need for new sources of laborers in the state. These new sources are immigrants, either from other countries or states, and minorities.

These people will find that they have adequate advantages in this state for employment opportunities in many areas of work. And with people moving out of Iowa, housing and financial help for those starting out in a strange place will be readily available.

But besides inviting minorities and immigrants into the state, the color and culture

these people could bring into Iowa is greatly needed. Most towns in the state are not racially integrated. Although some cities are home to several races, ethnicities or peoples of different backgrounds, there are many places in Iowa where some kids may never meet anyone with a different background from their own until they graduate from high school.

The state would greatly benefit from these people's customs, cultures, religions and beliefs. The attitudes and ideas they bring will help the state's residents learn about other cultures and begin to understand how diverse people can be.

Although the state will probably never be quite as diverse as large cities such as Chicago, a little diversity would be better than none. Gov. Vilsack is dealing from a position of weak-

Carolyn Kresser is a *DI* editorial writer.

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But I, along with the rest of the nation, seem to be unable to find out who will be the next president of the United States.

Now, I can tell you all about the lawsuits George W. Bush and Al Gore have filed. I've got plenty of information about Florida's legal issues with recounting, and now, thanks to this "too-close-to-call" race, I even know that some states play games of chance to break an election tie.

Where the hell are the answers to the big question? Who is going to be the next leader of the free world?

I simply don't care about the certification of the hand recount of the screwed-up computer-tabulated ballots. And I REALLY don't care about the certification of the certification of that recount. I want answers. I want a

president-elect. And, at this point in time, I've quit caring who it is.

Some voters in this country believe that Florida should do it over. Correct me if I'm wrong here, but I thought "do-overs" stopped in second grade. Why are politics suddenly all about winning and losing? What happened to "doing what's best for the American people?" I think that idea is probably in the wasteland of broken campaign promises and political lies, buried nicely among the infamous quotations "Read my lips..." and "I didn't have sex with that woman."

Now the American democratic process is about two grown men who are apparently very sore losers.

To the best of my knowledge, Mr. Bush still has the lead in Florida, and yes, Mr. Gore is very close. But as my Grandpa always says, close only counts in horse

society. Where the hell are the answers to the big question? Who is going to be the next leader of the free world?

And now a world superpower, supposedly the most advanced nation in the world, can't even have an election. Can you believe we need legal advice and judicial guidance to properly execute democracy?

Everybody files lawsuits over everything anymore.

Speeding tickets, injuries from car accidents ... everything. I would have never thought that I'd see people suing over the presidency. And I thought McDonald's "Hot Coffee" lawsuit was stupid.

Every newspaper is lined with Florida election stories. Every news program interviews political analysts on the situation. They're even

going to teach a class on Election 2000 at Iowa State University. But we still don't have an answer. I think I may just have to withdraw from the media for a while.

Somebody just wake me up when it's over and there's some real news to report.

But until then, here's how I see the whole disgusting mess: Someone is ahead.

One of those men has more votes in Florida and should win its Electoral College votes. And right now, the man with more votes appears to be Bush.

So, until proven otherwise, hail to Chief Bush.

And Mr. Gore, close but no cigar. But don't fret, Al. I'm sure your boss has an extra one lying around the Oval Office somewhere.

Amy Leisinger is the *DI* assistant

Viewpoints editor.

never been except political

Following entertained the audience

carry no vote for president — suggest that Gore's presumed victory in Florida is in fact documentable.

Count the votes. It's not pleading; it's democracy.

Dave Tingwald

Iowa City resident

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gore isn't 'pleading'

Your Nov. 28 headline using the verb "plead" to describe Vice President Al Gore's call to count all of Florida's votes misleadingly suggests that the vice president is dealing from a position of weak-

ness, when the large number of double-voted butterfly ballots gives every reason to believe that a substantial plurality of Floridians intended to vote for Gore.

More importantly, though, the roughly 10,000 ballots — that machine counts implausibly say

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SPOT

Describe President Clinton in one word.



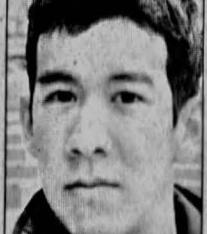
"Lecherous."



"Evil."



"Happy."



"Smooth."



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UI junior

CITY & NATION

Memmer lawyers face conflict of interest

MEMMER

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be in the best interest of the trial to leave Roush off the list until the Feb. 5 trial.

"The only safe course of action for now is to add him to the minutes and add him as a witness with the possibility of being called," he said. "But we won't know (if he'll be called as a witness) until the time of trial, and that would

be too late."

One suggestion by White was that all six witnesses waive their right to lawyer-client confidentiality and Memmer waive his right to representation without divided loyalties.

The most important thing, White said, is that Memmer's interests are represented during the entire process. White said he wants an independent counsel to be appointed to

explain Memmer's options to him. Memmer's current attorneys should not explain the option of waiving his right to divided loyalty to him because they are involved in that same divided loyalty, he said.

Another hearing is set for Friday at 1 p.m. to decide if Memmer should remain at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center at Oakdale or be sent back to the Mount Pleasant Correctional

Facility. At Oakdale, Memmer has lost privileges he previously held at Mount Pleasant; however, this was not because of action on his part. Currently, he can not speak with his counsel longer than 12 minutes once per week, and he has no access to a law library. According to his attorneys, these restrictions are detrimental to their ability to pursue the case.

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Dance Marathoners brighten Wednesdays

DANCE MARATHON

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"It is meant to be a distraction for the kids, since the nights at the hospital can be so long," she said.

On any given night, anywhere from three to 13 kids attend the event. This Wednesday, the kids painted bags to hold their crayons and coloring books for when they go to their treatments.

Even though at times it can

be emotionally wearing to spend a lot of time with the Dance Marathon families, Edmunds, who is a UI senior, said she couldn't imagine not doing it.

"The strength and smiles of these kids brings me back every Wednesday," Edmunds said. "I can't express how it feels to be a part of this."

When UI senior and family-relations committee member Hayley Wasko danced for Dance Marathon last year, she

knew she was part of something important and wanted to do more.

"After you dance, it's easy to forget the experience," Wasko said. "Spending time with the families now, I get a better feel for what dancing does."

Last year, dancers raised over \$357,000, which funds activities such as Wacky Wednesday, Edmunds said.

"I want the dancers to know that they are the backbone of

all of this," Edmunds said. "Without them, none of (the activities) would be possible."

On Dec. 10, Dance Marathon families will attend a UI women's basketball game with the volunteers.

As her daughter Emily painted yellow swirls on a bag for her brother, Ann Kelleher smiled.

"I am very grateful for what Dance Marathon is doing for us," she said.

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Bush opens transition headquarters in D.C.

RECOUNT

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Supreme Court to recount contested ballots or order a lower court to do it, two Democratic legal sources said late Wednesday.

One million ballots were being hauled 400 miles from southern to northern Florida, where the precedent-making case has been thrust upon a folksy circuit judge in Tallahassee.

"Pack 'em up and bring 'em up," Judge N. Sanders Sauls said.

Bush plans to meet today with retired Gen. Colin Powell, his still-to-be-announced choice as secretary of state. Powell has told associates that if offered the post, he would accept. The Texas governor also was calling GOP congressional leaders, telephoned one conservative Mississippi Democrat himself and assigned his staff to call other Democratic lawmakers as Gore struggled to keep his party in line.

Following Bush's show of confidence, Gore played president-elect at a business meeting with running mate Joseph Lieberman, transition director Roy Neel, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman and Kathleen McGinty, former head of the White House environment office.

McGinty would be a frontrunner to head the Environmental Protection Agency under Gore. Herman would be in line for another Cabinet post, White House counselor or perhaps chief of staff, a job that aides expect would first be offered to campaign manager William Daley.

Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris, a supporter of Republican Bush, has declared him the winner of Florida by 537 votes out of 6 million cast — handing Gore the steep challenge of nullifying a state's presidential election while convincing the public the race is not over.

And thus, the nation has two presidents-in-waiting posturing to be the 43rd man to assume the mantle.

"It's an amazing story, isn't it?" asked Gore, a former journalist joining legions of others grasping for the words to describe it.

He was dealt a setback Tuesday when Sauls refused to order immediate manual recounts of disputed ballots in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties. The judge scheduled a hearing Saturday on the vice president's petition to include manual recounts in official election totals — a move that Gore believes would help him overtake Bush.

Democratic lawyers want the votes recounted while the central case is being resolved by Sauls, both to save time and to show voters progress toward overtaking Bush.

Gore's political advisers said privately he needed a court victory in the next 48 hours to prevent a fatal erosion of the public's support.

Thus, Gore was forced to appeal Sauls' decision, but his advisers debated for nearly 24 hours about how to do it, delaying the actual fil-

ing until today.

Some on his political and legal team wanted to ask the court to take over the entire case, throwing Gore's presidential aspirations at the feet of seven justices with Democratic ties. Others thought that was too risky and urged Gore to take the more cautious approach he eventually approved, said the officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The debate itself reflected the growing level of concern in Gore's camp that time is running out.

A CBS-New York Times poll shows that a small majority of Americans say they have lost patience with the delay, but half say it is too soon for either candidate to concede. Forty-two percent of those surveyed said Gore should give it up.

Also, Palm Beach County released corrected totals showing that Gore picked up a net gain of 188 votes. Harris didn't accept the numbers because the county didn't complete its recount until two hours after the deadline.

Leach: We have leaders in all areas but politics

LEACH

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never been greater in all areas except politics," he said.

Following the lecture, Leach entertained a few questions from the audience, including topics

such as the Electoral College, the role of media in encouraging politicians to show their gentleness and the outcome of the current presidential election.

The question-and-answer session was the most compelling part of the lecture for UI first-year MBA student Anne Nolan.



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KWVL	(7)	News	Wheel	Friends Cursed	Will Just/Me	ER: All in the Family	News	Tonight Show	Late Ngt.
KFXA	(8)	Rose.	Carey	Britney Spears	'N Sync Holiday	Star Trek: Voyager	3rd Rock	M*A*S*H M*A*S*H	Rose.
KCRG	(9)	News	Friends	Whose? Whose?	Be a Millionaire	Primetime Thursday	News	Spin City	Home Nightline
KIIN	(13)	News/Hr.	Gardener	Antiques Roadshow	Life of Birds	Mystery!	Business	Time/BY Vicar	Railroad

CABLE CHANNELS

PUBL	(2)	Programming	Unavailable	Programming	Unavailable	Programming	Unavailable	Programming	Unavailable
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EDUC	(11)	Programming	Unavailable	Programming	Unavailable	Prime Time Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs
UNIV	(12)	France	Spanish Movie	The Avengers	Korean Greece France Italy	Impacto Noticiero Viviana Medianoche	Public Affairs	News	Tonight Show Late Ngt.
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SCOLA	(11)	Hungary	Quebec	Croatia	China	Cuba Uz'stan	Korea Greece France Italy	Programming	Unavailable
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DISC	(5)	Wild & Weird	On the Inside	UFO's Over Illinois	Secrets/Levitation	Justice Files	In the Heat of Night	Matlock	Matlock
WGN	(31)	Prince Susan	Cyborg (R, '89)	Too Little (PG, '97)	Too Little (PG, '97)	Susan	In the Heat of Night	Matlock	Matlock
C-SPAN	(17)	House of Reps.	Prime Time Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs	Prime Time Public Affairs
UNI	(24)	Locura de Amor	Mujeres Enganadas	Laberintos Pasion	El Gran Blabazo	Impacto Noticiero Viviana Medianoche	Public Affairs	News	Tonight Show Late Ngt.
C-SPN2	(21)	U.S. Senate (3)	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs	Public Affairs
TBS	(23)	Prince Prince	Striptease (96) * (Demi Moore, Armand Assante)	Smokey and the Bandit (PG, 77) ***	Movie	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos
TWC	(23)	Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather
BRAV	(23)	St. Elsewhere	The King of Comedy (PG, '83) ***	Johnny Steccino (R, '91) ***	King of Comedy	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos	Music Videos
CNBC	(23)	Bus. Center (5:30)	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live	News/Williams	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live	News	Tonight
BET	(27)	AIDS	Oh Drama!	Linc's ComicView	BET Live	News	Midnight Love	Midnight Love	Midnight Love
BOX	(23)	Music Videos (5)							
TBN	(6)	Dino Munroe	Behind Lindsey Jakes B. Hinn	Praise the Lord	Religious Special				
HIST	(6)	Found Hist. IO	History's Mysteries	Founding Fathers U.S. Mints: Money	History's Mysteries				
TNN	(2)	Martial Law	18 Wheels Justice	Zandy's Bride (PG, '74) *	Martial Law	Shooter Ducks			
SPEED	(3)	NASCAR MotorWk	Car eClass.	Motor. Subaru Inside Winston Cup	NASCAR MotorWk	Car eClass.			
ESPN	(45)	2-Minute NFL 2Night	NFL Football: Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings (Live)	NFL Football: Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings (Live)	NFL Football: Detroit Lions at Minnesota Vikings (Live)	SportsCenter			
ESPN2	(46)	NFL SportsCentury: Greatest Coaches	Skatepark Tour Skateboard	Rodeo NHL NBA Sumo					
FOXSP	(45)	Chi. Spo. NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Atlanta (Live)	Chi. Spo. The Slant Nat. Sports Report	Sports Word					
LIFE	(36)	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries In the Company of Darkness ('93) ***	Golden Golden Design. Design.					
COM	(40)	Daily Trading Places (R, '83) *** (Dan Aykroyd)	Steve Martin Daily Stein Trading Places (R)						
E!	(41)	Homes Talk S'p	Myst. Myst. The E! True Hollywood Story	H. Stern H. Stern Wild On ...					
NICK	(4)	Arnold! Rugrats Pelwick Brady Gilligan Hillbillies Facts Facts	3's Co. 3's Co. All/Fam. Jeff's Sons						
FX	(4)	M*A*S*H M*A*S*H NYPD Blue	The X-Files Married Married	The X Show The X-Files					
TNT	(45)	The Pretender	The Man Who Knew Too Little (PG, '97)	The Man Who Knew Too Little (PG, '97)	Flashdance (R, '83)				
TOON	(17)	Scooby Bravo	Ed, Edd Dexter Daffy Jerry Fl'stone Scooby	Ed, Edd Dexter Dragon Tenchi					
MTV	(44)	Real World Reunion	Revealing 2000 Music Videos	True Life Real ... Real ... Real ... Undress					
VH1	(43)	Behind the Music	My Music Pre-Show My VH1 Music Awards	My VH1 Music Awards (10:15)					
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HBO	(5)	Antz (5:30) (PG)	Inside the NFL Gordon Parks	C. Rock G-String Inside the NFL Curb					
DIS	(9)	The Parent Trap (PG, '98) ** (Lindsay Lohan)	A Simple Wish (8:20) (PG, '97)	Holidays in Concert Zorro Mickey					
MAX	(14)	Oscar (5:20) (PG)	Beautiful Joe (7:15) (R, '00) **	Return of the Living Dead III Fight Club (10:35) (R, '99) ***					
STARZ	(6)	Mystery Men (4:50)	EDtv (PG-13, '99) **	Jet Li's The Enforcer (9:05) (R, '95) ** The Hot Spot (R)					
SHOW	(6)	Rugrats Movie	The Story of Us (R, '99) ** Ready?	Rude Naked City: Justice With a Bullet (98) ** Movie					

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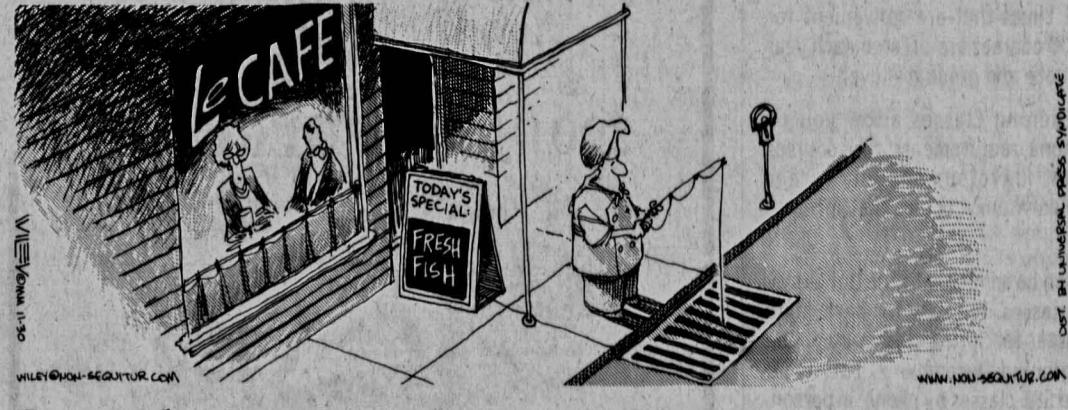


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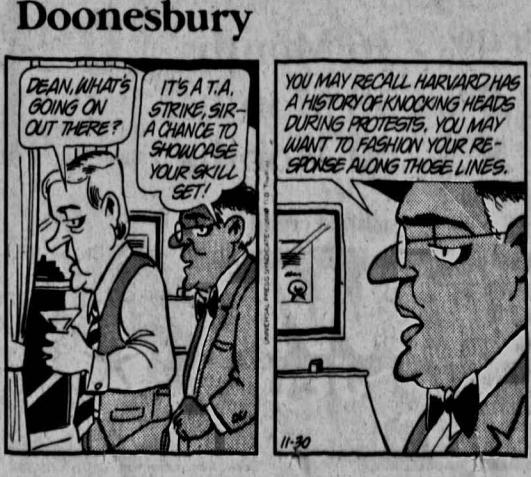


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calendar

Staff Development Workshop, "Life Balance and Stress Reduction Solutions," today at 9 a.m., IMU Richey Ballroom.

"Conformation and Dynamics of Damaged DNA probed by Time-Resolved Fluorescence of 2-Aminopurine," by J.B. Alexander Ross, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, today at 10:30 a.m., Auditorium 2, Bowen Science Building.

"Oligodendrocytes, Epithelial Cells and Cell Polarity," by Minnetta Gardiner, today at 12:30 p.m., Room 2-224, Bowen Science Building.

Popular and Material Culture of South Asia: Fall 2000 Lecture Series, "How to Make a Community: Signs of Subalternity Among Potters in Central India," by Balmuri Natrajan, Iowa State University, today at 4 p.m., Room 315, Phillips Hall.

Kenneth Koch reads from his poetry, today at 8 p.m., Lecture Room 2, Van Allen Hall.

Iowa City Improv: Improvisational Comedy, today at 9 p.m., the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.

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Thursday, November 30, 2000

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Get your domestic chores out of the way. You will not be in the mood to deal with the emotional drama that your mate intends to dump on you. Try to stay calm and refuse to be provoked.**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You can have a great time and meet romantic individuals if you get together with friends. You have been depressed, and it is time to turn things around. Put on your favorite outfit and get out.**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have an excellent memory when it comes to dealing with evasive people. You can back opponents into a corner, but expect opposition and be prepared to debate.**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Many now know that the Electoral College isn't just some private school out in Pennsylvania.**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Expect to have disagreements with your partner if financial abuse has left you in a tight spot. You may have to limit another's spending habits, which won't sit well.**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Colleagues may cause a problem for you at work. Be careful not to let them be privy to your personal involvement or your thoughts about co-workers. Gossip will backfire.**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Children will need your help today. Don't hesitate to offer assistance at the school if your children are involved in an important project. You can get into shape if you work out regularly.**VIRO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You should get out and do things that will bring you satisfaction and enhance your reputation. Problems involving children may throw you for a loop. Try to deal**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check those bills that have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up to date. Make arrangements for payments that won't break your budget.**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check those bills that have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up to date. Make arrangements for payments that won't break your budget.**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check those bills that have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up to date. Make arrangements for payments that won't break your budget.**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Double-check those bills that have been sitting on your desk. You may be in trouble if you haven't kept them up to date. Make arrangements for payments that won't break your budget.

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ON THE AIR

Main Event

The Event: NFL, Detroit at Minnesota, 7:30 p.m., ESPN.
The Skinny: The NFL on a Thursday night. Yeah, baby. Watch the Vikings, who could clinch a playoff berth with a win, face off with the hot Detroit Lions.



Golf

3 p.m. PGA, Williams Challenge, TNT
NBA

6:30 p.m. Chicago at Atlanta, Fox Sports

SPORTS QUIZ

Who has won more NCAA
wrestling national championships:
Iowa or Oklahoma State?
See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

Philadelphia	93	Denver	107
Washington	87	Minnesota	100
Utah	88	San Antonio	82
Orlando	86	Sacramento	79
Toronto	103	Phoenix	late
Charlotte	79	Vancouver	late
Detroit	97	Golden State	late
New Jersey	76	L.A. Clippers	late
Miami	84	See NBA stand-	
New York	81	ings on page 2B	

NHL

Washington	4	New Jersey	5
Tampa Bay	1	N.Y. Rangers	2
Philadelphia	4	Calgary	4
Columbus	3	Dallas	3
Detroit	6	Phoenix	late
Atlanta	4	Colorado	late
St. Louis	6	Montreal	late
Toronto	5	Edmonton	late
Carolina	2	See NHL on	
Florida	1	page 2B	

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

3) Mich. State	77	23) Wisconsin	78
6) N. Carolina	64	13) Maryland	75
4) Stanford	71	21) Virginia	98
UC Riverside	late	Purdue	79
5) Arizona	22)	Cincinnati	62
Gonzaga	late	Dayton	75

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Thursday

All day Men's swimming, at U.S.
Open, Auburn, Ala.

Friday

All day Men's swimming, at U.S.
Open, Auburn, Ala.

7:30 p.m. Women's basketball, at
Mount St. Mary's

8 p.m. Men's basketball, Iowa vs.
Tennessee-Chattanooga,

Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Saturday

All day Men's swimming, at U.S.
Open, Auburn, Ala.

TBA Women's swimming, at
Kansas, Lawrence, Kan.

TBA Wrestling, at Oklahoma State,
Stillwater, Okla.

TBA Men's basketball, Iowa vs.
Tulsa or Santa Clara,

Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Sunday

All day Men's swimming, at U.S.
Open, Auburn, Ala.

3 p.m. Women's basketball, at
George Washington

QUOTABLE

Nothing's really been
different at all, except for on
the summer wrestling camp
brochures — instead of 'All-
American' next to your
name, they put 'National
Champion.'

Iowa wrestler Eric Juergens on
how his life has changed since
winning the national championship.

After winning a national title last year, Eric Juergens is

Hungry for more domination

■ Teammates say Juergens is anything but complacent when it comes to defending his title.

By Jeremy Schnitker
The Daily Iowan

Life isn't much different for Eric Juergens since winning his first national title at 133 pounds last year.

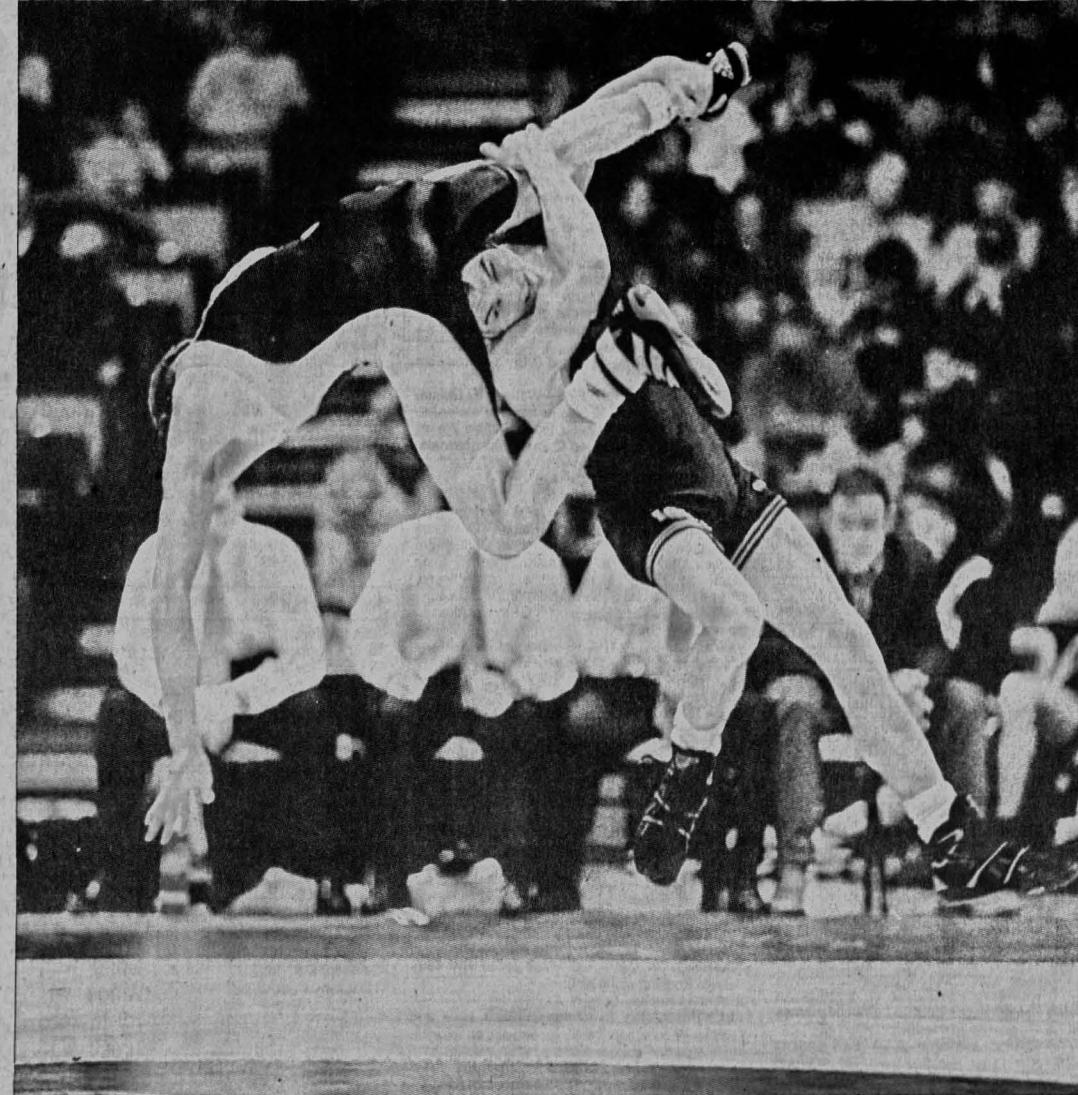
Sure, people probably recognize his face on campus, and most around Iowa could recognize his name. But, the senior says, not a whole lot has changed since going undefeated and taking home the title a year ago.

"Nothing's really been different at all, except for on the summer wrestling camp brochures — instead of 'All-American' next to your name, they put 'National Champion,'" Juergens said. "Besides that, nothing's really changed. You've still got wrestling practice. Life goes on."

And as far as rankings go, nothing has changed for Juergens there, either. He starts the 2000-01 season ranked first in the country at 133 pounds, just as he started last year.

One thing has changed for Juergens, though: his mental attitude. Approaching his last season as a Hawkeye, Juergens said he is going to give more than he ever has.

"If there's anything I'm going to do differently, it's that when I'm going to go out and wrestle, that's one match that I would



Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's Eric Juergens takes down Oklahoma State's Charles Walker during last year's dual with the Cowboys in Iowa City. Juergens begins his quest for another NCAA title Saturday.

be able to do again," Juergens said. "This is my final year. Every match I have, that's going to be it. I want to leave everything I have out on

the mat."

This year will mark the end of a career that has been one of the most successful of any Iowa wrestler. The Maquoketa,

Iowa, native is a three-time All-American and placed third in the nation both his freshman and sophomore years. He is one of only 16 Iowa wrestlers

in history to go an entire season without being defeated. That puts Juergens in an elite category with names such as Brands, Zalesky and McIlravy.

Juergens doesn't dwell much on what he's done in the past despite how easy it would be for him to do so. His sole focus is on this season, getting Iowa's seventh-consecutive national title, and keeping his name at the top of the 133-pound weight class.

"I still want to go out and dominate and get better," Juergens said. "I don't feel near the pressure right now. I have one (national title), and nobody can take it away. It's a much happier feeling — I have nothing to lose to get out and try to win another one now."

Teammate and often practice-partner Jody Strittmatter says that Juergens is well on his way to accomplishing those goals. In fact, Strittmatter says Juergens could be better this year than ever before.

"I think he's working harder than ever right now," Strittmatter said. "He's a lot stronger this year. We worked on technique a lot this summer. Some people, after they win, they get a little complacent their senior year, but he's working really hard right now, and he's wrestling better than ever."

Juergens has started off the season in strong fashion, albeit against some Division III competition. Juergens made quick work out of Mike Elliot of Luther College and Kyle

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Berdo adds spark to Hawkeye basketball team

■ Iowa guard Mary Berdo is looking for wins in the last year of her shortened collegiate career.

By Melinda Mawdsley
The Daily Iowan

Why waste scholarship money on Mary Berdo?

That's what Berdo asked herself following her freshman season. Burnt out and left with no desire to compete, she left the Iowa women's basketball team.

Playing basketball for the Hawkeyes was her dream come true, but Berdo knew if she returned for her sophomore year, she would be unhappy. Let another young woman have a chance to fulfill her dream of competing at Iowa. Let another hopeful recruit take her spot.

Berdo was no longer a student-athlete — she was just a student and remained so for two years. The love of basketball was still there. It never left, and she continued to play — at the intramural level.

Berdo said she doesn't regret her decision to leave. During her time away, she was able to refocus, she said, and that is what lured her back onto the hardwood floor.

Having sat out two full years, Berdo lost one year of eligibility, so when she walked back onto the team in 1999, it was for her junior campaign. She played in 26 games and tied her career high with 14 points against Michigan on Jan. 23. She led the team in free-throw percentage, shooting nearly 86 percent from behind the line last season.

Back for her final year, the former Washington (Iowa) High School superstar seeks

son and likes to pass the ball to her teammates. We need her to shoot more, and she needs to know that."

Berdo said it isn't a lack of confidence in herself. She loves to shoot the ball, but she wants to find the team's best shot

more.

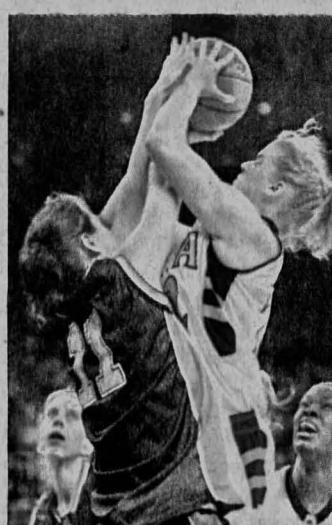
"If the coaches have confidence in me to pull from that far, then I'll do it. I'm not scared to — it's just that sometimes people have better looks than I do."

Prior to the season's outset, Bluder said guard depth was an obvious concern. Berdo would be called upon to step up and help relieve guards Cara Consuegra and Lindsey Meder. Bluder has utilized Berdo in both guard positions and out on the wing. Through five games, the new coach is pleased with Berdo's performance and shows no hesitation in putting her in. Berdo is averaging slightly over 21 minutes a game and tallied a career-high seven assists and a season-high 11 points in Iowa's 99-54 plowing of Western Illinois on Nov. 25.

"She's someone who is being heavily relied on to come in and handle the ball and give me rest. But, at the same time, when she's not subbing for me, she needs to come in and be a spark of the bench, and she's done that incredibly," Consuegra said. "Every game, she's come in she's done that with points or assists or rebounds, and I'm just really happy for her because it's something our team really needs."

The Hawkeyes (3-2) travel out East this weekend for matchups with Mt. St. Mary's on Friday at 6:30 p.m. CST and George Washington Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. CST in the season's final road trip.

"Sometimes Mary passes up outside shots that she could take. I think she could be even more of an offensive threat than she is," Bluder said. "Mary is a really unselfish per-



Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan
Mary Berdo tries to get the ball over Marquette defender Kristin Cuff during the Hawkeyes' victory on Nov. 17.

no glory — only wins.

"I don't care about points. Getting assists isn't a big issue with me. Nothing is as long as we win, and I play and get the most of my minutes," Berdo said. "I've had enough fame in high school — just coming here has been honor enough. I just want to win and have fun."

Iowa women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder said she remembers traveling to Washington to watch Berdo play in high school. She said the senior guard has always been able to shoot — evidenced by her 2,026 career high-school points — and is dangerous if left open. Bluder just wishes she would shoot more.

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Di file photo
Renee Hill goes up for the kill against Illinois. Hill is one of the newcomers who made an impact for Iowa in 2000.

A program on the rise

■ Sporting a young team, Rita Buck-Crockett's squad just missed making the NCAA Tournament.

By Todd Brommelkamp
The Daily Iowan

Iowa volleyball coach Rita Buck-Crockett cringed at the use of the term "rebuilding year" before the start of the 2000 season. She told anyone who would listen that her team was far better than the previous year's 4-23 squad.

She was right.

The young and inexperienced Hawkeyes seemed to surprise everyone except their coach by going 13-15 and nearly making the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1994. Its 9-11 record in the Big Ten was good enough for Iowa to place sixth in the conference, just one spot off Buck-Crockett's preseason pick of fifth place.

"To imagine we have two or three years remaining with most of this group is great," Buck-Crockett said.

Much of Iowa's success was due in part to an aggressive, yet highly effective defense.

After finishing last season at the bottom of the conference in defense, the Hawkeyes finished third this season. Senior Katie Panhorst led the team with 129 blocks while Sara Meyermann and Jamie Lansing also served as added threats up front. When balls got by the Iowa block, the back row stepped up and averaged 16.5 digs per game.

In addition to improved play, the effect of recruiting efforts by Buck-Crockett and her staff are hard to ignore. Senior Fabiana De Abreu made the largest impact after transferring from Southern Idaho Junior College. De Abreu was named to the All-Big Ten team after turning in nine triple-doubles and leading the Hawkeyes in assists and service aces. De Abreu was thrust into setting duties after fellow transfer Laura Pike spent most of the season battling injuries.

"Fabi helped out a lot,"

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Boston 7 7 .500 5

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Miami 5 9 .357 7

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Central Division W L Pct GB

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Charlotte 10 6 .625 —

Toronto 8 7 .533 1/2

Indiana 6 7 .462 2/1

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Houston 8 7 .533 4

Denver 7 7 .500 1/2

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Tuesday's Games

Atlanta 102, Washington 75

Boston 87, Cleveland 72

Milwaukee 101, Detroit 101

Utah 98, New Jersey 92

Dallas 10, Toronto 93

Sacramento 88, Houston 81

Minnesota 96, Chicago 76

Seattle 105, Portland 93

L.A. Lakers 124, Indiana 107

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 93, Washington 87

Utah 88, Orlando 86

Chicago 100, Denver 79

Detroit 97, New Jersey 76

Miami at New York late

Denver at Minnesota, late

Sacramento at San Antonio, late

Phoenix at Vancouver, late

Golden State at L.A. Clippers, late

Thursday's Games

Chicago at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Boston at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.

Houston at Denver, 8 p.m.

Dallas at Portland, 9 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Indiana at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

NFL INJURY REPORT

NFL Injury Report

New York (AP) — The National Football League injury report for this week's game, as provided by the league:

Thursday

DETROIT LIONS (8-4) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (10-2) — Arizona: OUT; WR Germaine Crutcher (foot); T Jason Gibson (knee); DE Jimmie Hayes (knee); RB Brock Olivo (hamstring); CB Marcus Walker (wrist); DOUBTFUL: S Kurt Schulz (ankle); QUESTIONABLE: S Ron Rice (quadriple); PROBABLE: QB Charlie Batch (ribs); DT James Jones (hamstring); LB Cliff Kretschmer (neck); Minnesota: OUT; LB Dwayne Rudd (shoulder); S Orlando Thomas (shoulder); PROBABLE: RB Jimmy Klein (hamstring); DE Bryce Paup (knee).

Sunday

ARIZONA CARDINALS (3-9) AT CINCINNATI BEAGLES (2-10) — Arizona: OUT; LB Zack Wack (leg)

QUESTIONABLE: QB Dave Brown (shoulder); DE DT Corey Sears (hip); DT Mark Smith (shoulder); PROBABLE: CB Brad Johnson (knee); DE Brad Pitts (elbow); QB Jake Plummer (thumb/rbs); WR Frank Sanders (leg); DE Andre Wadsworth (knee); Cincinnati: DOUBTFUL: RB Cliff Groce (knee); T John Jackson (hamstring); HB Curtis Keaton (ankle); PROBABLE: DE Vaughn Booker (knee); LB Steve Foley (chest); QD Scott Mitchell (knee); DT Darrin Steele (back).

CINCINNATI BROWNS (3-10) AT JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS (5-7) — Cleveland: OUT; LB Lenoy Jones (knee-injured reserve); DT Mike Thompson (knee-injured reserve); QUESTIONABLE: WR Darrin Chiaverini (knee); QB Doug Pederson (ribs); DE DT

BY THE NUMBERS

38.9

— the completion percentage of Kansas State quarterback Jonathan Beasley.

SAY WHAT?

I didn't really feel like I had much to do with that.

— Florida defensive lineman Derrick Chambers on why he doesn't wear the national championship ring he got when Florida won the title in 1996.

SPORTSBRIEFS

Report: Missouri to hire Toledo's Pinkel

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Missouri reportedly has hired Toledo's Gary Pinkel as its new football coach.

KSDK-TV in St. Louis reported that the school has set a 2 p.m. news conference today to announce the hire. Pinkel, 48, has led Toledo to a 10-1 record this season — his 10th at the school.

There was no immediate confirmation from Missouri.

Athletics Director Mike Alden has been searching for a coach since Larry Smith was fired hours after Missouri ended a 3-8 season Nov. 18 with a 28-24 loss to Kansas State.

Pinkel visited the campus on Tuesday. He visited Arizona State on Monday and also has been mentioned as a candidate at Maryland and Arizona.

Missouri also had been considering Western Michigan head coach Gary Darnell, Purdue offensive coordinator Jim Chaney, Florida State offensive coordinator Mark Richt and Wisconsin defensive coordinator Kevin Cosgrove.

Friedgen gets job at Maryland

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — There were times when Ralph Friedgen said if he were destined to toil in obscurity as an assistant football coach.

"I'd almost resigned myself to it. No one knew who I was," Friedgen said Wednesday after he was hired as head coach at Maryland. "You kind of wonder whether you're going to get this opportunity or not."

His patience was rewarded. Friedgen has the job of his dreams, ending a 29-year run as a second fiddle after signing a guaranteed six-year,

\$1.05 million contract at his alma mater.

"I waited all my life for this opportunity, and I'm not going to let anybody down," said Friedgen, who immediately resigned as offensive coordinator of Peach Bowl-bound Georgia Tech.

"I'm taking over today, and I'm not looking back. Full speed ahead. It's hard for me to leave, but this is my opportunity. I feel bad for those young men, but they've got to understand that this is what I have to do."

Smith ends speculation by signing eight-year contract

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Louisville coach John L. Smith on Wednesday signed an eight-year contract to stay with the Cardinals.

"It's not where you do it, it's what you do," said Smith, who came to Louisville in 1998. "It's the players, it's the people you work for, it's the city, it's the fans. What more could you ask for? This is a very special place."

Broadcast reports in the past week said Smith was a candidate for the vacancies at Arizona and Arizona State, among others. Louisville Athletics Director Tom Jurich confirmed Wednesday that Arizona State Athletics Director Gene Smith called him this week asking for permission to interview Smith.

But Smith, who turned 52 on Nov. 15, said he never considered another job and agreed to the long-term deal during a meeting with Jurich on Tuesday night.

"I don't think there was any question I was ever leaving," said Smith, who was named the Conference USA coach of the year Wednesday. "We've got this thing going in the right direction. I've said all along we haven't taken this pro-

gram where we want it to be."

Brashear charged with assaulting man

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Vancouver enforcer Donald Brashear, the victim of a stick attack by Marty McSorley last season, was charged with assaulting a man at his home.

No one was seriously hurt, and Brashear was not arrested after the confrontation Monday. He was issued a summons to appear in court Jan. 2.

Brashear is accused of assaulting a man who had told the player's wife to leave the townhouse's weight room because she was with her baby, police spokeswoman Anne Drennan said Wednesday.

Brashear, a winger who has been with Vancouver since 1996, was struck on the head by Boston's McSorley. He missed 20 games because of the injury.

Phillies sign reliever Cormier

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Phillies better have an improved bullpen now that they've spent more than \$15 million on two relievers.

Rheal Cormier agreed Wednesday to an \$8.75 million, three-year contract, ending Philadelphia's search for a left-handed reliever.

On Nov. 17, the Phillies signed right-hander Jose Mesa to a \$6.8 million, two-year deal.

Pac-10 may leave BCS

LOS ANGELES — The Pac-10 Conference could withdraw from the Bowl Championship Series if No. 5 Oregon State isn't picked for the Fiesta Bowl.

"I think the BCS has been very good for college football, but it has to be good for all the participants," commis-

sioner Tom Hansen told the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday.

The Fiesta Bowl is preparing for Sunday's pick of teams to play in one of the BCS's four major bowls.

No. 2 Miami and No. 11 Notre Dame are the leading teams for the Fiesta Bowl. Oregon State (10-1), whose only loss was by three points at Pac-10 champion Washington, could lose out on the big payoff of a BCS bowl. Relocating the Beavers to the Holiday Bowl would cost the Pac-10, which shares bowl revenues, about \$4 million.

The Pac-10 contract to take part in the BCS expires in 2006.

"There is an extra burden on the Fiesta Bowl this year. I hope they feel that," Hansen said of the possibility that Fiesta officials could ignore Oregon State's higher BCS standing and go for a Notre Dame-Miami matchup. Another scenario has No. 8 Kansas State getting an automatic Fiesta berth if it beats current No. 1 Oklahoma in the Big-12 title game. That would give the Fiesta selectors just one at-large choice for their game, which has a \$13.5 million payout.

The Rose Bowl is in the BCS rotation to have a No. 1-2 game once every four years. But the No. 2 team in the Pac-10 has regularly been shut out of the other premier bowls in the BCS. Arizona was the only at-large selection for a major bowl in recent years, going to the 1994 Fiesta Bowl.

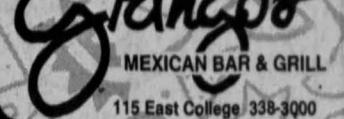
In 1997, No. 5 UCLA was bypassed by the Sugar Bowl in favor of No. 9 Ohio State. UCLA instead went to the Cotton Bowl.

"The Pac-10 may be better off going back to the Rose Bowl and forgetting the rest," Hansen said. "I wouldn't want to continually subject our teams to the anticipation of being selected and fairly considered when it just doesn't happen."

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GREENSBORO GENERALS—Added LW Jason Windle to the roster. Activated D Mike Perna from injured reserve.

JOHNSON CITY CHIEFS—Activated F Maxim Potapov from injured reserve. Placed F Jason Spence on 7-day injured reserve.

NEW ORLEANS BRAS—Waived F Pascal Gasse.

PEE DEE PRIDE—Added F Martin Galik to the roster. Placed F Ryan Moynihan on 7-day injured reserve.

PEDIA RIVERMEN—Added RW Bret Meyers to the roster.

RICHMOND RENEGADES—Added F Forrest Gore to the roster. Activated F Rod Taylor from injured reserve.

WHEELING NAILERS—Waived F Karson Kaelbel. Announced D Mark Moore has been recalled by the Pittsburgh Penguins. Announced the retirement of Sean Sestoft.

COLLEGE NATIONALS—Named Ralph Friedgen football coach and signed him to a six-year contract.

MISSOURI—Announced C Pat Schumacher has left the men's basketball team and will leave the university at the end of the semester.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE—Announced the resignation of Kim Hall, volleyball coach.

PURDUE—Announced G Cherisse Graham has left the women's basketball team and will transfer.

REEDSBURG—DOUBTFUL: S Mike Brown (knee).

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (7-5) AT TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS (7-5)—TAMPA BAY: OUT; WR Josh Williams (ankle); LB Darren Woodson (ankle); QUESTIONABLE: DE Tariq Harton (knee); CB Fred Weary (knee-injured reserve); CB Fred Weary (knee); DE Matt Mustapha (ankle). PROBABLE: S Ron Rice (quadriple); DE Adam Head (knee); WR LaVar Arrington (concussion); S Mike Brown (knee); DT James Jones (hamstring); LB Cliff Kretschmer (neck); LB Dwayne Rudd (shoulder); S Orlando Thomas (shoulder). PROBABLE: RB Jimmy Klein (hamstring); DE Bryce Paup (knee).

NEW YORK JETS (8-4) AT GREEN BAY PACKERS (3-9)—GREEN BAY: OUT; WR Cory Bradford (knee); LB Dwight Hollister (shoulder); CB Marcus Walker (wrist); DOUBTFUL: S Darren Woodson (ankle); QUESTIONABLE: DE Tariq Harton (knee); CB Fred Weary (knee); DE Matt Mustapha (ankle). PROBABLE: S Ron Rice (quadriple); DE Adam Head (knee); WR LaVar Arrington (concussion); S Mike Brown (knee); DT James Jones (hamstring); LB Cliff Kretschmer (neck); LB Dwayne Rudd (shoulder); S Orlando Thomas (shoulder). PROBABLE: RB Jimmy Klein (hamstring); DE Bryce Paup (knee).

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS (5-7) AT NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (3-

SPORTS**Woods attempts to make peace with boss**

■ Tiger Woods meets with PGA commissioner Tim Finchem about marketing issues.

By Ken Peters
Associated Press

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Tiger Woods seems well on his way to making peace with PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem, with the two holding what both described as a very positive meeting.

Woods, who recently expressed concern about controlling some of his own marketing rights, said Wednesday that "pretty much everything" had been resolved during a meeting with Finchem two days earlier.

"It was very positive, very upbeat. There was no hostility at all," Woods said. "My relationship with Tim has definitely improved. He was very candid and so was I."

"We need a few more sit-down meetings to hammer things out. One of the problems has been that it is hard to

get our schedules clear. He's as busy as I am."

Woods described the talks as "compromises on both sides," but was not specific since details still are to be worked out.

The No. 1 player in the world and largely responsible for an enormous boost in golf's popularity, Woods stunned PGA Tour officials earlier this month when he said the tour was taking financial advantage of him with policies that controlled his rights.

He said then that Finchem only talked to him when the commissioner wanted Woods to play in a particular tournament.

When they met for several hours Monday in Los Angeles, they discussed player marketing rights, commercial use of player images and the Internet.

Woods thought simply the fact that they sat and talked was important.

"We needed to communicate a little bit more. Not, 'My people will talk to your people,' but face-to-face," he said.

Woods believes some of the

negative public reaction to his earlier comments came because people thought he was asking for a cut of the tour's TV money, which isn't the case. He also said he has been surprised by the number of other players who have reacted positively to his comments.

Finchem said he was pleased with the meeting.

"I'm delighted we're discussing the specifics of his business strategy, because a significant mission of the tour is to provide our members with a strong marketing platform," Finchem said in a statement.

Woods first vented his frustrations to *Golf World* magazine in its Nov. 10 issue. When asked how serious the conflict was, Woods said, "Serious enough that if we don't make everyone aware of it now, it could escalate into a bigger situation."

Among his concerns:

- Implied endorsements, where PGA Tour sponsors were able to use Woods' and other players' images in advertisements.
- Rights fees, in which ABC Sports had to pay the tour

It was very positive, very upbeat. There was no hostility at all.

Tiger Woods,
PGA golfer

\$400,000 to televise Woods' exhibition match against David Duval last year. When Woods set up another made-for-TV match against Sergio Garcia this year, the fee was raised to \$1.5 million.

• Interactive media. This involves Woods getting back all of his rights, some of which the PGA Tour owns because Woods is a member. This would enable Woods to explore several untapped areas involving the Internet.

"The Internet is something we weren't even thinking about 10 years ago. I believe there are a lot of opportunities there not only for players, but for the tour as well," said Woods, one of 12 players shooting for the \$1 million winner's prize in the Williams World Challenge that begins today.

SPORTS BRIEF**Butch Davis staying at Miami**

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — Butch Davis is staying at Miami, ruling out the Alabama job as well as any other college or pro coaching position.

"I'm not going to any other job," Davis said Wednesday. "I took this job with the idea that this would be the last coaching job that I would take and nothing has changed today, in the last 48 hours or the last six years."

Just days after leading Miami (10-1) to its ninth consecutive win and its first Big East title in four years, Davis met with Houston Texans owner Bob McNair and talked to Alabama Athletics Director Mal Moore about their respective coaching vacancies.

But Davis said neither job would lure him away from Miami, which has offered a five-year contract extension that would pay about \$1.3 million annually.

The Texans, an NFL expansion

team that begins play in 2002, have no firm deadline for naming a coach.

"The Houston job is somewhat intriguing from the standpoint that it's a fresh start, there's no negatives," Davis said. "But I put six years and an enormous amount of effort and energy into Miami. We have an outstanding football team currently, we've got a terrific football team coming back next year and we're having a great recruiting class."

"They (Houston) don't have an ocean, they don't have a beach, they don't have 85-degree weather. This is a good job. This is a very, very good job. I like it here, my son likes it here."

Alabama is looking to replace ousted coach Mike DuBose. The Tide finished 3-8, their worst record since 1957, after being ranked as high as No. 3 in preseason polls. The program also is in the midst of an NCAA investigation.

Moore had hoped to meet this week with Davis.

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Juergens ready for dual at Oklahoma State**JUERGENS**

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Billups of Loras College, pinning Elliot in 1:36 and Billups in 1:31.

In honor of Juergens' national title last year, Iowa wrestled Luther and Loras at the senior's alma mater: Maquoketa High School.

Juergens and the rest of the Hawkeye squad will travel to

Stillwater, Okla., on Dec. 2 to face arch-rival Oklahoma State. The Cowboys are the third-ranked team in the nation, and Juergens will face No. 6-ranked Charles Walker — an opponent Juergens defeated, 5-2, in their dual last year.

Juergens knows that because he's the reigning champion, he's going to get everyone's best. The senior

says he's up for the challenge. "I like it when people come out and want to beat me. I can rise up and wrestle people better than that way," Juergens said. "If anything else, I'll be happy because I know when people come out there, I need to be ready every time. You can't work into things, you have to be ready."

From the way it sounds, getting ready for this year doesn't

I like it when people come out and want to beat me. I can rise up and wrestle people better than that way.

— Eric Juergens
NCAA Champion

seem as if it has been a problem.

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Freshmen impact volleyball team**VOLLEYBALL**

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still be a presence on the team. De Abreu will serve as an undergraduate assistant coach with Iowa next season.

Freshmen Renee Hill and Carolyn Giese helped contribute to the program as well. Hill played the larger role of the two, finishing second on the team with 161 assists and fourth in kills with 249 while Giese provided another blocker for the team off the bench.

"Our recruits were awesome," said Lansing. "They brought a lot of energy to this team."

Complimenting the newcomers were several returning Hawkeyes. While Panhorst led the team in blocks, Meyermann tallied a team-high 386 kills, more than 100 more than second-place Panhorst. Sophomores Lansing and Kelli Chesnut also brought experience to the court for Iowa with Lansing

providing several key kill shots and strong blocking while Chesnut contributed at several spots.

Of Iowa's matches, 12 came against ranked opponents, making it one of the toughest in the nation. The Hawkeyes played up to the challenge during the season on several occasions, most notably a thrilling five-game victory on the road over then-No. 20 Michigan State and a near victory over defending national champion Penn State at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Despite the improvements on the court, the Hawkeyes received very little national fanfare. Though at times Iowa received votes in the national polls, it never cracked the top 25. Adding insult to injury was the fact that Michigan, a team Iowa defeated twice and finished ahead of in the Big Ten, made the NCAA tournament on the basis of having a winning record. Still, Buck-Crockett knows that though

her team was not ranked this season, Iowa's time in the spotlight is coming soon.

"The good thing is we're young," she said. "We're going to be around when these older players are gone."

During the upcoming spring season, Buck-Crockett said she will continue to work on improving blocking and serving as well as working on the smaller aspects of each players' games.

Improved play on the court has led to a growing fan base and support that will only continue to grow, Buck-Crockett said.

After such a strong showing this season, players are looking forward to what the future holds.

"As far as the nucleus of this team goes, we all have our hearts set on being NCAA champions," said Hill. "When people have a goal like that, it's hard to stop them."

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BIG TEN ROUNDUP**Balanced attack leads Michigan State**

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — North Carolina faced a dilemma that will challenge Michigan State's opponents all season.

Which of the Spartans do you try to stop?

It's a difficult question to answer as the Tar Heels found out.

The third-ranked Spartans used a balanced attack to beat No. 6 North Carolina 77-64 Wednesday night in an ACC/Big Ten Challenge game.

Jason Richardson led Michigan State (4-0) with 16 points, while Andre Hutson had 14 points and nine rebounds and Charlie Bell added 15 points.

Four others scored six or more points and a fifth player, Mike Chappell, made a key 3-pointer midway through the second half.

Before the season began, Bell thought this team would be better offensively than the one that won last season's national championship.

Now he is sure of it.

"Last year, if you stopped Pete, we could be in trouble," said Bell, referring to Morris Peterson, who is playing for the Toronto Raptors. "Now, we just have so many weapons. If you try to stop one guy or one part of our game, you're going to be out of luck because so many guys can score."

Five players scored the first five baskets and the balanced scoring didn't stop there.

"We got a lot of play out of a lot of people," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "We had moments where we looked real good and moments when we looked kind of sloppy."

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CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Purdue coach Gene Keady hoped his team could run with Virginia and warned them that the Cavaliers were fast.

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Ten Challenge into little challenge at all in a 98-79 victory Wednesday night.

"It's exactly what we thought it would be," Keady said. "They came after us, were aggressive and our kids played right into their hands."

The Cavaliers took control almost from the outset, turning a 5-2 deficit into a 30-12 lead with a 9 1/2-minute defensive show that gave the Boilermakers fits and led to easy basket after easy basket. Purdue turned the ball over 15 times in the half, 12 during Virginia's run.

"Our defense got a lot of turnovers and that's what we feed off," said Donald Hand, who had 24 points, nine rebounds, eight assists and no turnovers in perhaps the best game of his career. "If we continue, there's not a lot of teams out there that can really run with us."

Chris Williams also scored 24 points for Virginia, almost all of them from inside 5 feet on an array of dunks, putbacks and drives.

"There was one point when they couldn't get the ball across mid-court," he said, shaking his head. "I think they were kind of shocked by that."

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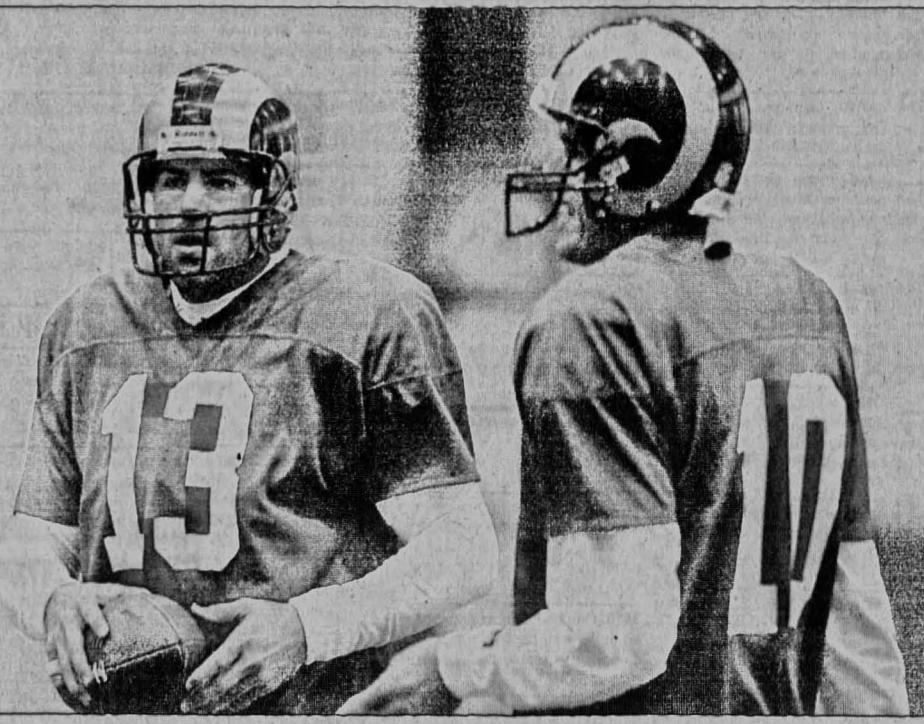
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St. Louis Rams quarterbacks Kurt Warner and Trent Green are seen at practice at the team's indoor facility in St. Louis Wednesday.

Hey-la, hey-la Warner's back

■ Last year's MVP returns after sitting out five weeks with an injury.

By R.B. Fallstrom
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — It's official: Kurt Warner is back.

The MVP quarterback took snaps Wednesday for the first time in more than five weeks and reported no problems with the little finger on his throwing hand. He felt so good, in fact, that he joked after practice about requiring further surgery.

"I feel good, real good," Warner said.

Before his acid test, Warner said there were no worries.

"I've been kind of banging it around a little bit and checking it out to see how it feels," Warner said. "So I really wasn't worried at all."

"Actually, it was less painful than I thought it might be taking the snaps."

Warner looked good, too, zipping passes all over the field.

"He didn't skip beat," coach Mike Martz said. "He looked just like he did before he got injured. It's pretty amazing."

In fact, Martz said Warner returned with better mechanics.

"The more you play, some things start to deteriorate," Martz said. "I think the time off has helped him. He's a little fresher and more compact; he's back to where he was in the beginning."

Warner said there's no reason why he can't pick up right where he left off.

"I especially think so after practicing today," he said. "If I can make all the throws today, and my reads were quick today, there's no reason to think they won't be that same way on Sunday."

Warner was injured on an awkward snap from backup center Steve Everitt near the end of the half of a 54-34 loss at Kansas City. He wore a plastic protective piece on the finger during practice, but team doctors say he shouldn't have to wear that on game day.

He's anxious to make his return from a five-game absence on Dec. 3 at Carolina. The team is every bit as anxious after going 2-3 without him, although they're careful not to blame backup Trent Green or speak of Warner as some type of savior.

"We should have gone 5-0 with him at the helm," middle linebacker London Fletcher said. "I know Kurt is the reigning league MVP and Super Bowl MVP, but it doesn't matter. If we continue to do the things we've done these last five games, we're going to lose again."

Warner also defended Green, who has 16 touchdown passes and five interceptions but has borne the brunt of criticism in St. Louis.

"I definitely don't think Trent was the problem," Warner said. "I think it's ridiculous that people are pointing to him in any way."

Still, Warner undoubtedly will give the Rams a lift. He's 22-4 as a starter and has thrown for 300 or more yards in 17 of those starts.

He topped 300 yards the first six games of the season, leading St. Louis to a 6-0 start, and leads the NFL with a 111.6 passer rating.

Oddsmakers figure Warner will make a big difference and return the Rams, who had scored 40 points in four consecutive games before the Chiefs game, to their high-flying days.

New seating arrangement has Dallas on recent winning streak

■ Owner Mark Cuban stopped sitting behind the bench and moved up to the nosebleeds.

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press

DALLAS — Roaming the upper deck of Reunion Arena, safely out of the earshot of officials, Mark Cuban had more than the usual reason to savor the Dallas Mavericks' 10th win of the season.

Dallas' first win after Cuban arranged to buy the team last season also was No. 10. Those Mavericks needed 33 games to get there. This time, it took 15.

"It's huge," Cuban said, smiling wide after a 107-93 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday night. "Huge."

While All-Star Michael Finley and rising star Dirk Nowitzki are major reasons for the second-best start in franchise history, Cuban also has been a driving force.

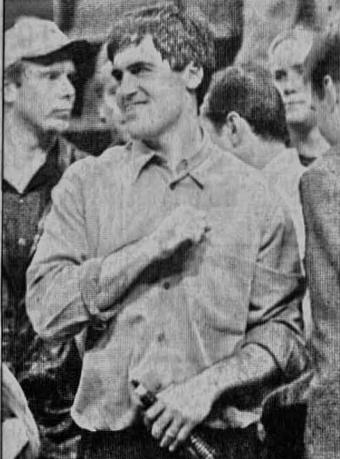
A billionaire by age 40, the Internet wiz has moved just as quickly to revive the NBA's worst team of the 1990s, injecting massive doses of energy, enthusiasm and cash since taking over in January.

Evidence of his changes surrounded him in a corner of the Mavericks' locker room.

He stood next to a postgame buffet featuring chicken fajitas and fresh fruit, something common in baseball clubhouses but unheard of for the Mavs before last season.

He was leaning against a locker crammed with high-tech equipment. The latest addition is laptop computers, which players received this week.

On his chest was the first sweater from a new line of clothing the team is about to launch. The athletic and casu-



Bill Janscha/Associated Press

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban reacts after the Mavericks' 106-96 win over the Charlotte Hornets in Dallas, on Feb. 3.

al gear will feature a new electric blue white and black logo that's a radical departure from the giant powder-blue "M" wearing a cowboy hat.

"We're going to be the first NBA team to actually get a license to resell NBA merchandise," Cuban said. "It's stuff we want people to be able to wear to a game, stuff you can wear to school, wear to work."

The extra income will help Cuban pay the \$45,000 in fines he's racked up for complaining about officials. He was punished three times in eight days and has since promised to clean up his act.

After his first two outbursts, Cuban sent himself home from a road trip. He got in trouble again after his first game back, so for the last two games he's banished himself to the cheap seats.

Dallas is 5-0 this season in games without Cuban in his usual seat behind the bench. The Mavs were 2-0 without him there last season. He laughs off the streak as a coin-

cidence.

"If I have to go sit in Siberia for us to win, I will," he said. "I'll watch on STV — Siberia Sports Network."

Cuban plans to be in his usual spot tonight night in Portland and probably will remain there for road games. Don't be surprised to see him back in the \$8 seats when Dallas returns home.

"I say this with all seriousness: I enjoy the game more upstairs," he said. "I was loving it. It's just a different atmosphere. Those people are coming just to have fun."

Cuban had so much fun he didn't even notice that the Mavs went 30 minutes, 54 seconds before going to the free-throw line. Had he been in his usual seat and seen the stat sheet, he likely would've made an issue of it.

"To me, it was just a nice normal game," Cuban said. "I think that's one of the reasons I enjoy it more. I was less concerned about the stats and just watching the game."

Cuban made his way to two sections per quarter, wandering up to people who were screaming his name or waving signs about him — and there are plenty of those at every game.

He didn't have a problem finding an empty seat, either.

Although the Mavs announced a crowd of 16,016, several thousand tickets went unused, probably because Toronto star Vince Carter was home with a leg injury.

The no-shows are proof that, while Dallas is on the upswing, the Mavs alone aren't yet a big enough draw, certainly not on a Tuesday night.

"You can't expect it to turn around overnight," Cuban said. "More importantly, the people who come are having a blast. From there, it will build."

Minnesota in playoffs with win at home against Detroit

■ The Giants play Washington and Buffalo hosts Miami in other big games this week.

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

The Minnesota Vikings have the clearest path to the postseason in the NFL.

If the Vikings beat Detroit Thursday night, they clinch a playoff berth. If they beat the Lions and Tampa Bay somehow loses at home to Dallas on Sunday, they clinch the NFC Central.

And they're getting close to clinching home field for the playoffs, something they had in 1998, when they lost in overtime to Atlanta in the conference-title game.

The Vikings are favored by nine in the Metrodome against Detroit, which has its own playoff hopes. A Detroit win would bring the Lions within a game of the Vikings in the NFC Central and certainly enhance their wild-card hopes.

But the Vikings are one of the few teams in the NFL this season enjoying a true home-dome advantage.

While other contending dome teams — St. Louis, New Orleans and the Lions — all have lost three times at home, Minnesota is a pristine 6-0 in the Metrodome.

Interesting stat: The Vikings, who beat Detroit 31-24 in Pontiac, have scored either 30 or 31 points in five of their six home games, the exception being a second-week 13-7 win over Miami in which they ran up 480 yards against the Dolphins' good defense.

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Tennessee (minus 3) at Philadelphia

Donovan McNabb and Steve McNair might each run for 100

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TITANS 15-13

New York Giants (plus 6) at Washington

The Giants are 3-3 at home and 5-1 on the road. The Redskins are 3-3 at home and 4-2 on the road, including a 16-6 win over the Giants.

REDSKINS, 17-10

Denver (pick 'em) at New Orleans

Jim Haslett won't let the Saints celebrate. The defense gets to Gus Frerotte.

SAINTS, 27-22

Indianapolis (plus 2.5) at New York Jets

The Colts have lost their last two outdoors — in Chicago and Green Bay. The Jets are better than either the Bears or Packers.

JETS, 24-21

Miami (plus 3.5) at Buffalo

Is it too cold for the Dolphins? Jay Fiedler went to Dartmouth, where it might be colder.

DOLPHINS, 13-10

St. Louis (minus 8) at Carolina

The Rams, who lost at home to the Panthers, have Kurt Warner back and are another dome team that's better on the road.

RAMS, 40-33

Oakland (minus 3) at Pittsburgh

The Steelers beat Cincinnati. So what?

RAIDERS, 26-17

Dallas (plus 10) at Tampa Bay

Aikman gets battered.

BUCS, 19-3

Kansas City (plus 1) at New England (Monday night)

Will the cheerleading contests on ESPN get a higher rating?

CHIEFS, 20-19

Green Bay (minus 2.5) at Chicago

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BEARS, 24-20

San Francisco (minus 2.5) at San Diego

Can the 49ers handle Ryan Leaf and the hot Chargers?

49ERS, 27-20

Cleveland (plus 14.5) at Jacksonville

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JAGUARS, 37-2

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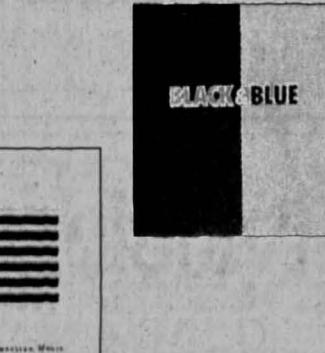


Japanese soul singer Toshi Kubota wants to make his mark in the U.S. in a historically black-dominated genre. Check out the article on page 2C.

Thursday, November 30, 2000

Show

Weekend in Arts & Entertainment



Everclear won't disappoint listeners with its latest release, says DI CD reviewer Emily Maher. But Backstreet Boys' is another story. Check out the CD reviews on page 2C.

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Picks of the Week

CD

Stereopathetic
Soulmanure
Beck



Listening to *Stereopathetic Soulmanure* is like creeping into Beck's bedroom, lifting up his mattress, and sneaking a peek at his diary. It's scattered, somber, hilarious, strange, at times incoherent, but imbued with moments of intense sincerity.

Although he is more commonly known as the irreverent, genre-crushing jester whose tongue seems to be surgically attached to his cheek, he lays out his emotions in an uncharacteristically confessional style in songs such as "The Spirit Moves Me" and "Puttin' it Down." Beck also delivers his distinctive humor in his tribute to Ozzy Osbourne, "Ozzy," and his epic ballad, "Satan Gave Me a Taco."

Video Rental



Soul Food

Fox Pictures

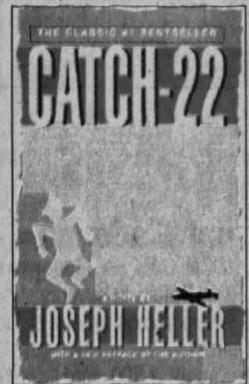
A family, closely knit by a 40-year tradition of Sunday dinner at Mother Joe's house, finds the ties aren't so tight when faced with adversity.

Each member of the family has something personal to deal with, whether it's the materialistic lawyer (Vanessa Williams) or the new groom who struggles to be a good husband while searching for his identity as a young black male.

The youngster of the family, Ahmad (Brandon Hammond) tries to bring everyone together.

Book

Catch-22
Joseph Heller
Scribner



It doesn't take place in chronological order, but it's really, really funny. *Catch-22* is a quirky, satirical war novel with its own insane logic.

Yossarian is a bombardier who fears for his life as he flies his missions for the United States in World War II. His superiors keep increasing his mission loads once he has fulfilled them, and it seems as if he will never be able to go home.

The funniest parts of the book transpire when Milo Minderbinder, an enterprising mess-hall director, is around. He develops a syndicate, of which he says everyone has a share, but it is really designed to make him rich. He visualizes moving war into the private sector, and he paradoxically realizes this dream when he contracts to attack and defend the same area.

'Round Town



MU330

Gabe's Oasis

Today, doors open at 8 p.m.

This St. Louis-based band's members — Dan Potthast, Ted Moll, Chris Diebold, Rob Bell and Gerry Lundquist — come to Iowa City to share their hyper-activity tonight at Gabe's.

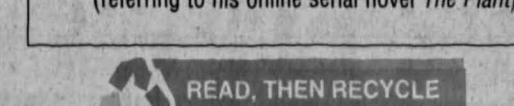
The band has apparently come a long way since it got its start in 1998, when it practiced in Moll's grandmother's basement. The band has released more than five CDs and are coming to Iowa City to spread what it calls its own style of "melodic, manic crazed, psycho ska."

Quote of the Week

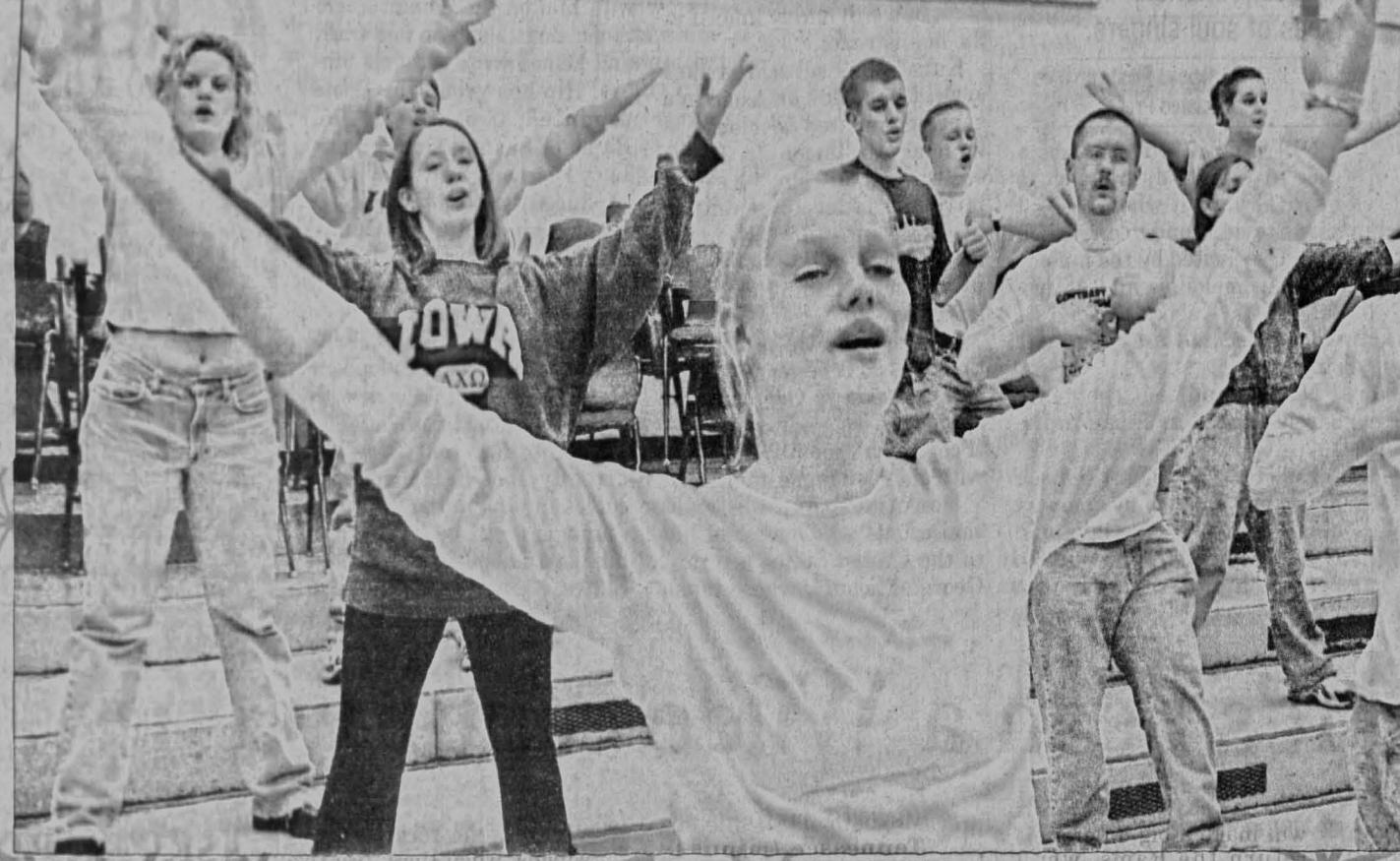
The last time *The Plant* furled its leaves, the story remained dormant for 19 years. If it could survive that, I'm sure it can survive a year or two while I work on other projects.

— Stephen King

(referring to his online serial novel *The Plant*)



Come in from the cold for Cocoa and Carols



Zach Boyden-Holmes / The Daily Iowan

UI sophomore Sherry Strom practices with fellow Old Gold Singers for the upcoming performance, *Cocoa and Carols*, Wednesday afternoon in the Voxman Music Building.

■ Old Gold Singers will stage the annual holiday show.

By Karen Schmiedeskamp

The Daily Iowan

The UI Old Gold Singers will deck Hancher Auditorium with a winter wonderland this weekend, as the group ushers in the holidays with its annual Cocoa and Carols concert.

Theater-goers will have a chance to escape the frightful weather and get cozy with a cup of cocoa as singers jingle their bells and fa-la-la-la their way into the Yuletide season.

"This year we'll have some of our traditional songs," said UI junior and second-year Old Gold member Brett Anderson. "But we'll also have lots of new songs we've never done before, and they're really cool."

Some of the group's traditional songs include "Let it Snow," "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree."

Old Gold will perform many of the new songs during the religious set of the show. The group will change into different costumes for each set and sprinkle special effects throughout the show.

Old Gold consists of 24 singers and dancers chosen through auditions, plus a seven-member stage band.

Old Gold will perform two singing along songs, including the traditional "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," for which Rudolph himself will teach the audience motions to the song and members of Old Gold will go out into the audience to invite children on-stage.

The concert will be full of other guest stars such as the Grinch, Mrs. Claus, elves and, of course, Santa Claus. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$2 in the lobby after the show, and cocoa will be free.

Between each Old Gold set, other choirs from around the Iowa City area will perform holiday tunes, including the Iowa City Girls' Chorus, the Iowa City Chorus of Sweet Adelines and the Old Capitol Barbershop Chorus.

Old Gold has been preparing for the concert since early October, practicing almost five hours a week, including Sunday

rehearsals.

"We've put in a lot of time," Rieger said. "It's been stressful, but I think everyone is going to enjoy the show." *DI* reporter Karen Schmiedeskamp can be reached at schmiedy13@earthlink.net

■ Elkader resident Donald Harstad gives readers a mystery during a cold Iowa winter.

By Leanna Brundrett
The Daily Iowan

Very seldom do you find a person who enjoys the sub-zero temperatures and arctic winds a typical Iowa winter brings. However, Elkader resident and author Donald Harstad took the frigid weather and used it to his advantage.

The Big Thaw, written by Harstad, intertwines cold-blooded murder, a frigid bank robbery and chilly casino "pirates" in the fictitious town of Nation County, Iowa. For years, the conniving Colson

duo, Dirk and Royce, have burglarized homes of residents who left for warmer climates during the winter, but their luck comes crashing to an end sooner than they expect. Fred Gothler admits to being an accomplice to his cousins' mischief after Dirk and Royce don't return from the Cletus Borgian farm heist. He is afraid his cousins have frozen to death and wants Deputy Sheriff Carl Houseman to find them.

After learning that the frigid weather wasn't a factor in the Colsons' deaths, the sleepy Iowa town is awakened to a few plot twists, a few sketchy characters and a lot of "who-dunits."

Readers of *The Big Thaw*, Harstad's third Houseman book, will sense the accuracy of the novel's criminal aspects — a result of 26



what would be interesting to happen.

See HARSTAD, Page 4C

Music Reviews



Songs From an American Movie, Vol. Two

Everclear

Capitol Records

★★½

OK, how much radio play do these guys want? Art Alexakis and company have already come out last summer. The much anticipated *Good Time For A Bad Attitude* is the second volume of the *American Movie* set. It's not as rock-a-billy as "Learning How to Smile," but it has the same quality and sensitivity.

At the same time, "bad attitude" definitely fits this album. Everclear is a band that achieves a good mix of musicality and hard-core. This album is cutting and severe, similar to Filter's sound, but has excellent ballads, too. With such songs as "The Good Witch of the North" and "Overwhelming," the guys do a good job of writing substantive rock ballads without losing the rock. Their music generally tends to have more substance than some of the other alternative-pop gurus, except for "Babytalk," in which the chorus is "She's got you by the balls" and is just about Alexakis being jealous of his friend's girlfriend.

Other than that, it's great. They've stuck to their roots and kept their modesty, which is definitely admirable.

Somehow, Everclear has kept it going, in a time when much of rock is dead. Alexakis looks kind of weird with long hair now, but the new album gets two thumbs up.

BLACK & BLUE

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Backstreet Boys

Jive Records

★

The Backstreet Boys came out with another album. Or 'NSync or Take That or the Spice Girls or somebody did. No wait, it was the Backstreet Boys. So, you ask, "What does this music sound like?" Well, much like everything else the group has ever done, it isn't anything you haven't heard before.

The album is excessively commercial and simplistic, so I really don't have anything original to say about it. Just something like blah blah blah, they sound like girls; blah blah blah, I'd rather listen to my refrigerator hum; blah blah blah, the musical equivalent of male prostitution. But don't worry, I'm sure their actual bodies will be for sale, too, as soon as the general public finally figures out that they have absolutely no talent.

Although they have been referred to as the opiate of the masses by MTV VJs, I would say they would be more accurately described as the Viagra of the adolescent girls. Personally, I am annoyed that these pansy little boys have been allowed to ride the hormone wave this long. And they're ugly, too.

D/ music reviewer Emily Maher can be reached at:

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★ - Better than being hit by a bus
★★ - Better than Wayne Newton
★★★ - Better than a free beer
★★★★ - Better than sex

ARTS BRIEFS

Virtual Madonna

LONDON (AP) — Madonna's first concert in Britain in seven years drew some 9 million fans, who tuned in over the Internet.

Only about 2,800 people were able to see the concert in person Tuesday night. The fans crammed inside London's Brixton Academy for Madonna's performance featuring her latest album, *Music*.

The 42-year-old singer said she was warming up for a summer world tour.

According to Microsoft's MSN Web site, the Internet audience for Madonna's six-song, 29-minute performance was three times larger than an MSN Webcast of a Paul McCartney concert a year ago.

ODB on ice

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rapper ODB apparently won't be getting out of jail anytime soon.

During his arraignment hearing Tuesday, the Wu Tang Clan member was ordered held without bail pending a Dec. 8 extradition hearing.

ODB, whose name is Russell Tyrone Jones, was arrested Monday night at a fast-food restaurant in Philadelphia on warrants from New York and California.

In California, he is accused of fleeing a court-ordered drug-rehabilitation center and missing an Oct. 17 court hearing.

Prosecutors say he is wanted on four warrants from New York, including one alleging a drug offense in Queens County.

Tribute to Robeson

NEWARK, N.J. — Whitney Houston joined husband Bobby Brown, James Earl Jones, Lynn Whitfield and other celebrities in a tribute to the late Paul Robeson.

"Paul Robeson: Voice for the Millennium," was held Tuesday night at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center. The New Jersey native was a scholar and star football player who became a world-renowned actor and singer, then a civil-rights activist.

"Now I understand that why I stand here today is because of Paul Robeson," Houston said.

The concert was one of her few public appearances since a marijuana-possession charge against her in Hawaii was resolved earlier this month. She sang two songs — one a cappella — from the play *Porgy and Bess*, in which Robeson had starred.

These facets and more are present in *The Complete Letters of Oscar Wilde*, a thick tome that collects more than 1,500 letters written to Wilde's family members, friends, publishers, lovers and enemies.

"In the context of his century, he represents something really quite extraordinary," said Merlin Holland, the book's editor and Wilde's grandson. "There's a modern appeal about him which continues to make him fascinating."

"You can never quite make him out. Once you think you've got him, he eludes you."

Holland, who assembled 300

previously unpublished letters for the collection, said this sense of mystery is the key to the world's ongoing interest in his grandfather.

"Bits of him are very contradictory," he said. "There are the obvious ones, such as being a married homosexual, but there are other things. There are so many conflicting opinions about him. Some people said he was a dreadful, odious character, and other people said he was utterly charming and wonderful."

"I think the truth is probably both. There was this sense of enormous self-assurance, of egotism, of arrogance, even. And when you get through that, you come down to a warmhearted, generous-spirited human being. That is what comes out of these letters."

Holland said the letters reveal hitherto neglected sides of Wilde, from the young graduate who seriously considered an academic career to the lonely exile who could write, with surprising tenderness, "I often find myself strangely happy."

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and blues in Japan, surging to stardom with albums such as *Such a Funky Thang* and *The Baddest*. Since 1986, he's sold 11 million albums and remains enormously popular in Japan.

But all along, his dream has been to make it in America — something no Japanese pop musician has achieved, although composer Ryuichi Sakamoto and saxophonist Sadao Watanabe have had some success.

So six years ago, Kubota moved to New York, determined to break into the U.S. market.

"I needed to sing in the environment that produced Stevie Wonder," he said during a recent interview in his East Village studio.

It hasn't been easy. While he is starting to get some attention among musicians with the summer release of his second U.S. album, *Nothing But Your Love*, he's still barely known in the mainstream.

Kubota has several strikes against him. He's an Asian in a genre dominated by blacks — for many, the image of a Japanese with an afro singing soul is jarring. And for any foreigner, breaking into the U.S. music industry is tough — but particularly in something as homegrown as soul.

"There's the thinking here that, 'We do it better than anyone else,'" says OJ Lima, the special projects editor at *Vibe*. "People don't equate soul music with an Asian name at all."

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could be classified as soul, Lisa Stansfield and Rick Astley — all British — are among the few who have managed that feat.

Kubota's first U.S. album, *Sunshine, Moonlight*, released in 1995, fared decently. Sony Music Entertainment's Columbia Records shipped 30,000 copies to stores — not bad for a debut album by a foreigner, but clearly not a rousing success.

His second and latest effort, *Nothing But Your Love*, put out by Sony's Epic division, is his most sophisticated album yet, even if it isn't terribly original.

Kubota wrote or co-wrote the music for all but two of the 13 tracks, which range from upbeat dance songs to ballads. He sings in English throughout.

To boost his credibility, Kubota got several respected American soul artists to collaborate with him on the album. Angie Stone sings along on one track and helped write a couple others. Hip-hop group the Roots produced two songs, and Raphael Saadiq, from groups Lucy Pearl and Tony Toni Tone, produced two others. Rapper Pras, from Refugee Camp, makes an appearance.

These musicians seem impressed with Kubota. "He's authentic and talented," says uestlove, a co-founder of the Roots. "I can't work with people who aren't authentic."

Nothing But Your Love has already sold half a million copies in Japan, but Kubota's managers will be happy if it breaks 100,000 in the United States.

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Kubota tests United States' musical waters with a new album.

■ Toshi Kubota attempts to break American stereotypes of soul singers.

By Malcom Foster
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Toshi Kubota was 10 years old, growing up in rural Japan, when he first saw Stevie Wonder on television. Captivated by the music's rhythm, melodies and American flavor, Kubota decided he would become a soul music singer.

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Adam Gibson, a helicopter pilot, avoids a near-fatal accident and returns home to find that he's been replaced by a clone. When the clone's creators find out the pilot didn't die in the crash, the hunt is on as Gibson tries to reclaim his life.

Campus Theatres

no rating

102 Dalmatians (G)

Glenn Close stars once again as Cruella De Vil, an evil fur lover recently released from prison who wants to make a coat out of Dalmatian puppies. Cinema III

no rating

Best in Show (PG-13)

A group of people from all over the United States — each with wildly different personalities and dogs to match them — come together for the Mayflower Dog Show. Campus Theatres

no rating

Bounce (R)

Buddy Amaral (Ben Affleck) switches plane tickets with a man who dies in that plane in a crash. Affleck falls in love with the deceased man's wife, played by Gwyneth Paltrow. Coral Ridge 10

★½ out of ★★★★

Charlie's Angels

(PG-13) Voice-recognition software from Charlie's private investigation company is stolen, and Charlie's Angels Natalie, Dylan and Alex are sent to place a bug in the system of bitter rival Roger Corwin.

★½ out of ★★★★

How the Grinch Stole Christmas

(PG) Based on Dr. Seuss's classic tale, the Grinch (Jim Carrey), aided by his devoted dog, attempts to steal Christmas from the innocent Whos of Whoville. Coral Ridge 10

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The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG-13)

A disillusioned war veteran, Capt. Rannulph Junah (Matt Damon), reluctantly agrees to play a game of

golf. He finds the game futile until his caddy, Bagger Vance (Will Smith), teaches him the secret of the golf stroke, which turns out also to be the secret to mastering any challenge and finding meaning in life.

★½ out of ★★★★

Little Nicky (PG-13)

Satan wants to retire, but he wants one of his three sons to take his place. When two sons, Cassius and Adrian, leave Hell for New York City, Nicky (Adam Sandler) must go after them. Coral Ridge 10

★½ out of ★★★★

Meet the Parents

(PG-13) Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) wants to ask his girlfriend to marry him, but the key to her heart is through her father, Jack (Robert DeNiro). Coral Ridge 10

★½ out of ★★★★

Men of Honor

After he joins the newly-integrated Navy, Carl Brashear spends two years writing a hundred letters before the service accepts his application for its Dive School program. Carl's training officer, Billy Sunday, wants no part of Carl or his ambitions.

no rating

Pay it Forward

(PG-13) Trevor McKinney (Haley Joel Osment) attempts to make the world a better place after his teacher (Kevin Spacey) gives the students of his class that chance. While McKinney is trying to fix the world, he also attempts to help his mother stop drinking and mend her broken heart. Coral Ridge 10

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Remember the Titans (PG)

Set in 1971, Herman Boone (Denzel Washington) faces the task of coaching a high-school football team at a newly integrated school. His biggest challenge comes before the season starts as he tries to get the team members to unite.

Coral Ridge 10

★½ out of ★★★★

Rugrats in Paris (G)

An obnoxious group of toddlers accidentally goes on a trip to Paris. Cinema III

no rating

Unbreakable (PG-13)

A Philadelphia man (Bruce Willis) emerges from a devastating train accident as the sole survivor without a scratch. He is then faced with a mysterious explanation that could change his life forever.

Coral Ridge 10

★★★ out of ★★★★

Opening Friday

Billy Elliot (R)

Billy Elliot, an 11-year-old boy, goes to boxing lessons and furtively plays his dead mother's piano out of loneliness. One day, Billy notices a ballet class nearby. Intrigued, he begins practicing and taking lessons from Mrs. Wilkinson (Julie Walters).

Campus Theatres

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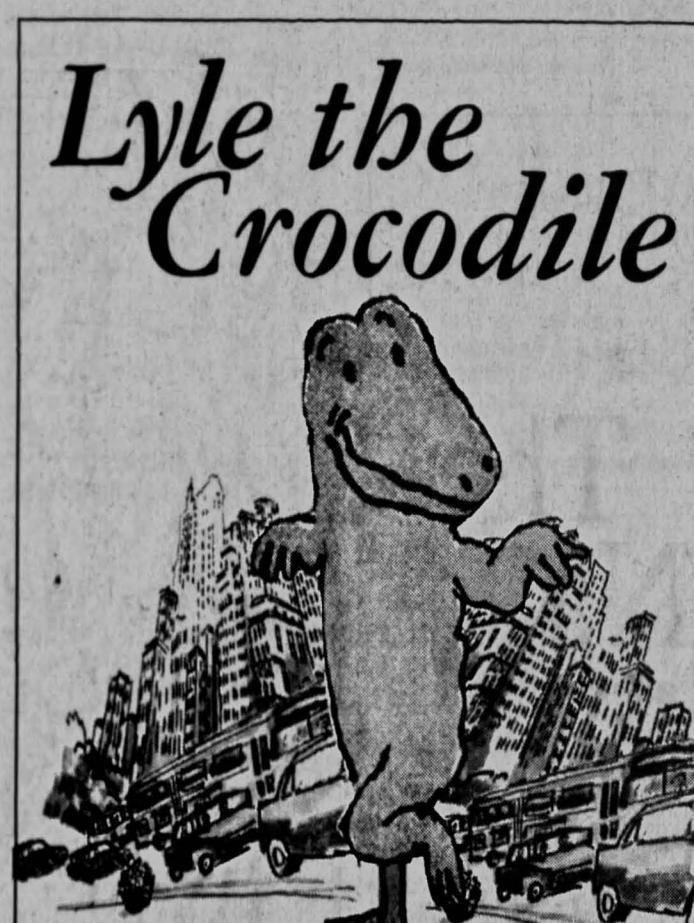
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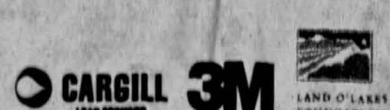
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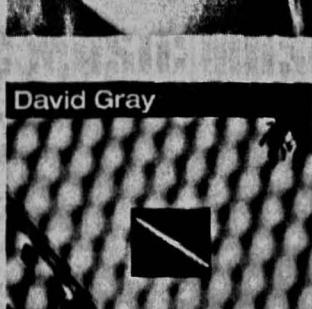


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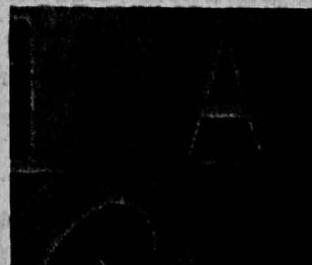
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Today

MUSIC:

- Christine Rutledge, viola, with Gene Gaus, piano, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

• MU330, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St., 8 p.m.

• Blue Tunas all-star jam, Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert St., 9 p.m.

WORDS:

- Kenneth Koch reads poetry, Lecture Room 2, Van Allen Hall, 8 p.m.

THEATER:

- Art, Riverside Theatre, 213 S. Gilbert St., 7 p.m.

• Disney on Ice: *Beauty and the Beast*, the Mark, Moline, Ill., 7 p.m.

Friday

MUSIC:

• Five Feet High & Rising, Terrapin Coffee Brewery, 1150 Fifth St., Coralville, 8 p.m.

• Percussion Ensemble, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

• The Drovers with the Lovelies, Gabe's, 9 p.m.

• Trailer Records Showcase featuring Kelly Pardkooper and the Devil's House Band, Brother Trucker, and Eric Straumanis and the Douglas Leaders, the Green Room, 9 p.m.

• Dave Zollo, the Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert St., 9:30 p.m.

WORDS:

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Forms: Narrative Upspring and Aria Borrowing in Lucia di Lammermoor, Hilary Porris, Room 1027, Voxman Music Building, 1:30 p.m.

• Donald Harstad reads from his novel *The Big Thaw*, Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., 8 p.m.

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• Space/Place Concert, UI Dance Department, Space/Place Theater, North Hall, 8 p.m.

• No Shame Theatre, UI Theatre Building, 11 p.m.

• Brian Regan, voted "Best Male Stand-up" at the American Comedy Awards with his brother Dennis Regan, Penguins Comedy Club, 209 First Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, 8 p.m. and 10:15 p.m.

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MISC.:

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Auditorium, 8 p.m.

• Jazz Lab Band, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m.

• Plasticity, Terrapin Coffee Brewery, 8 p.m.

• Quad City Symphony Orchestra plays works by Ticheli, Vivaldi, Rouse and Dvorák, Adler Theatre, Davenport, 8 p.m.

• Reverend Horton Heat with the Amazing Crowns, Gabe's, 8 p.m.

• Center for New Music, Hancher, 8 p.m.

• Sounds of the Season: A Christmas Classic, Des Moines Symphony Orchestra with the Des Moines Symphony Brass Quintet and soprano Molly Siouz McDonald, 221 Walnut St., Des Moines, 8 p.m.

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