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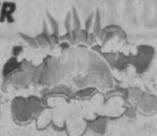
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Courts give Gore double whammy

A Florida judge rules against the vice president, and the Supreme Court sets aside recount.

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

Al Gore's prospects for winning the presidency dimmed Monday when a state judge refused to overturn George W. Bush's certified victory in

Florida and the U.S. Supreme Court set aside a ruling that had allowed manual recounts. Running out of options, the vice president's team pleaded with Democrats to stick with him a few more days.

"They won. We lost. We're appealing" to the Florida Supreme Court, said Gore attorney David Boies as Gore advisers vowed the court would be his last stand. "We've moved one step closer to hav-

ing this resolved."

It was, Gore's advisers said, a major step in the wrong direction.

Neither decision settled the legal knots tying up the election of a 43rd American president, but the developments were a blow for Gore. He is urgently searching for a court victory to sustain his



Gore

presidential quest.

Circuit Judge N. Sanders Sauls rejected the Democrat's unprecedented contest of the election hours after the U.S. Supreme Court tossed the case back to the Florida Supreme Court, saying the state justices had to better explain why they

ing votes.

Andrew Card, Bush's prospective chief of staff, said the day's court rulings had buoyed the Republican camp and given new impetus to efforts to form a new Bush government.

"We'll be able to move pretty quickly," once there is either a conclusive court ruling or a Gore concession, Card said in an interview.

On Day 27 of the longest,

closest presidential race in a century, running mate Joseph Lieberman and Campaign Manager William Daley called Democrats on Capitol Hill to explain the whirlwind legal developments and urge them to remain steadfast.

Gore was dispatching Lieberman to rally Democratic lawmakers in person today, while GOP running mate Dick

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Fire destroys Tiffin's Lark restaurant



Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan

Two firefighters work to extinguish a fire that broke out at the Lark Supper Club in Tiffin Monday. Officials said the blaze started shortly before noon in the kitchen and quickly spread, completely destroying the popular landmark. The fire was so large that at least 12 fire departments from surrounding towns, including Iowa City and Coralville, were called in to help.

The famous steakhouse counted among its customers ex-Indiana coach Bob Knight.

By Kellie Doyle
The Daily Iowan

From miles away Monday afternoon, Johnson County residents could see a funnel of thick, gray smoke billowing into the already gloomy sky as the Lark Supper Club of Tiffin, long an area landmark, burned to the ground.

As spectators gaped, the restaurant's roof gradually collapsed, and the violent flames continued to spread. The restaurant's sign, which had once proudly exhibited its well-known name, rested dispiritedly on the ground.

After receiving word of the

spreading flames just before noon, 12 area Fire Departments hurried to what some Tiffin residents often refer to as the town's landmark, said Chris Justice, the chief of the Tiffin Fire Department. In just two hours, what was once known by many as the best steakhouse in Iowa was struggling to stand. A small house located just behind the restau-

The Lark Supper Club

- Built as a road house in the early 1940s by Dale Dahnke
• Renowned for its iceberg-lettuce salads, world-famous steaks and beef tenderloins
• Was frequented by former Indiana basketball coach Bob Knight during his visits to Iowa City
• Voted "the No. 1 steakhouse in the Big Ten" by sports writers
• Was once voted the best steakhouse in Iowa by Midwest Living magazine
• Owned by Jamal and Kris Kharbush since July 1999; previously owned by Bob Thompson beginning in 1976

rant, which is used by the business for laundry, was also badly damaged by the fire.

Debi Wright, who has worked at the Lark for four years, was the only employee in the restaurant when the fire started. She had just finished cleaning the main dining area when she noticed the flames.

"I was like,

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Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan
A lone Coralville firefighter battles the Lark fire. Moments after this photo was taken, the sign came crashing down.



Charlie Curtin/The Daily Iowan

Iowa Child Foundation founder Ted Townsend speaks to an estimated crowd of 150 during a press conference Monday at the Canterbury Inn in Coralville. The press conference was held to announce that the town will be the location of a new \$280 million rain-forest.

Coralville wins Iowa Child rain forest

The Iowa Child Project, with its indoor rain forest, will plunk down at the edge of Coralville.

By Megan L. Eckhardt
The Daily Iowan

On the four-year anniversary of the ground-breaking for the Coral Ridge Mall, Coralville received another reason to call Dec. 4 a lucky day.

Monday afternoon, the Iowa Child Institute Board of Directors named Coralville as the location for the Iowa Child Project, a \$280 million, 85-acre complex that will include a five-acre enclosed rain forest (the largest in the world), an aquarium, a theater, a pre-kindergarten through high school public school and a teacher-educational facility.

Coralville's proposed location, at the intersection of Interstate 80 and Interstate 380, made its bid ideal in comparison with that of Cedar Rapids, which was also considered, board Chairman Robert Ray said during a press conference Monday afternoon. Ray also expressed his gratitude to Cedar Rapids Mayor Lee Clancey, who spent time and money researching the feasibility of the project.

Coralville agreed to purchase the 85 acres of undeveloped land needed for the project, which will cost approximately \$25,000 per acre, Coralville Mayor Jim Fausett said.

The complex is estimated to be completed in approximately five years. There will be 12 to 18 months of planning and development, followed by three years of construction, with one year of plant and animal inhabitation before guests are allowed to tour the facility.

Once completed, the project

Iowa Child Location

The \$280 million, 85-acre complex will be located at the intersection of Interstates 80 and 380.



Source: D1 research
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is expected to create 2,200 jobs and generate more than \$120 million annually in new spending.

The next step for the project is fund raising. Coralville will be support its fund raising by applying for a \$75 million grant from the Iowa Vision Program, which sets aside finances for various projects that will improve education in Iowa. Other funds will come from private, state and local contributors.

Ted Townsend, the founder and president of the Iowa Child Institute, said there has been contact with "big money

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Commission advises suspending Gerard

A judicial group cites the local judge's involvement with a prosecuting attorney.

By Jesse Elliott
The Daily Iowan

Just one month after retaining his seat on the bench in the Nov. 7 election, District

Associate Judge Stephen C. Gerard II was recommended for suspension Monday night by the Iowa Commission on Judicial Qualifications.

Gerard's involvement in a sexual relationship with Assistant Johnson County Attorney Angela Boeke was not disclosed until December 1999, despite the fact that Gerard presided over a num-

ber of cases which Boeke handled.

According to the commission's official decision, that the sexual conduct between Gerard and Boeke allegedly took place in the courthouse "shows a lack of discretion and respect for the public" on Gerard's part.

Boeke, 35, also faced reprimand for the relationship, but

she submitted her resignation — which was effective Nov. 10 — in August.

The commission questioned whether 50-year-old Gerard would have been able to remain objective in cases being presented by Boeke and put itself in the place of those who the issue would have concerned by asking, "What is a

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CITY



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Sheila Robinson, a staff nurse in UIHC Medicine Clinic B, holds a B-D Safety Glide Shielding IM Injection Needle after activating the shield.

UIHC implements safer needles

UI nurses train to use new, safer needles Monday.

By Pam Dewey
The Daily Iowan

Nurses at the UI Hospitals and Clinics began training Monday to use new safety syringes, which are designed to cut down on the amount of needle sticks.

The UIHC is switching to the new safety syringes in accordance with the Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, which was signed by President Clinton in November.

Becton-Dickinson sales representative Darla Hansen, who works for the manufacturer of the safety syringes and also helps train nurses, said the new syringes allow nurses to push a plastic protector out that covers the needle tip and locks once they have been used.

"(When the nurses are trained), it gives us an opportunity to re-educate," said advanced practice nurse Renee Gould, adding that many times nurses forget how to use new products.

However, not all the syringes that the UIHC is implementing are the new safety syringes, she said.

Some needles aren't used to puncture the skin, so these needles, which are used for such things as drawing medications and flushes, wouldn't be considered "dirty" because they don't come in contact with body fluid. Only about 20 to 30 percent of syringes used at UIHC are, in fact, "dirty" needles, Gould said.

The safety syringes aren't the only new safety precaution the UIHC has implemented to cut down on the amount of needle sticks. Gould said the UIHC trained nurses about how to use new implanted ports during the week of Nov. 16.

Implanted ports, which are inserted under the skin of chemotherapy patients, use a 90-degree needle known as a Huber needle.

The difference between the new models and the old is that the Huber needle now has special wings that cover the tip of the needle when it is retracted.

Gould said that the reasoning behind most of the new calls for safety is a result of the AIDS epidemic. The last 10 years have yielded many new safety devices for medical use.

Over the years, the UIHC has implemented many of these new devices, which are meant to prevent doctors and nurses from receiving needle sticks.

One of the other safety precautions that the UIHC implemented in February 1999 was a transfer device that protects the needle when a nurse is transferring blood from a syringe to a tube.

Gould said the UIHC only introduces one new safety product at a time because there are so many people that need to be trained how to use it.

"In a place this size, you can only get one thing at a time," she said.

Staff nurse Sheila Robinson is enthusiastic about the new safety devices.

"It's great because the university is committed to safety products, which means less chance of us getting poked," she said.

The nurses are accustomed to learning about new safety procedures, Robinson said.

Although Gould had no hard numbers about the number of needle sticks that occur each year because approximately half go unreported, she said the new safety measures are helping.

"I do know (needle sticks have) gone down," she said.

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Voice of Pocahontas in I.C.

Irene Bedard urges American Indians to tell their own stories.

By Chao Xiong
The Daily Iowan

Actress Irene Bedard urged American Indians to tell their own stories as she fielded questions about her career and the challenges she encountered as an Inupiat Eskimo and French-Canadian Cree in the entertainment business Monday night.

The question-and-answer session, which was held in the IMU Illinois Room, followed a screening of the 1998 award-winning movie *Naturally Native*. The film was the first to be completely funded by American Indians, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation of Connecticut.

"We have a lot to offer to the world-view," said Bedard, who stars in the film. "We may be small in number, but we are mighty."

Best known as the voice of Disney's Pocahontas, Bedard has starred in 19 films and has appeared on television in the series "Profiler," among others.

Naturally Native chronicles the struggle of three Native American sisters battling racist business people in their

attempt to launch a cosmetics line called "Naturally Native." It also serves as a metaphorical story of screenwriter, co-director and lead actress Valerie Red-Horse's film career.

"For me, it was a pleasure to work with other Native American women," Bedard said about her experience working on the film. "Usually, the role for the Native American actress is the Indian princess who ends up with the white protagonist. (The movie) has so many of the things Native Americans deal with on a daily basis."

Amid the film's scrutiny of discrimination, conflicts with the U.S. government and identity issues is a look into American Indian humor that is not seen in Hollywood, she said.

"For me, it was the best thing to be the comic relief," Bedard said. "Hey, we're funny. The laughter in Native American society is what has kept us surviving for this long."

A crowd of approximately 100 gathered for the screening and Bedard's presentation.

"I thought it was excellent," said UI junior Leslie Adams, who attended the evening for extra credit in her Native American Indian Studies class. "What I appreciated most was

how the people were portrayed. It seemed very real."

UI graduate student Tracy Peterson, a Dine Indian, the preferred name of the Navajo, spearheaded the event, which was sponsored by several UI groups.

With Bedard's help and that of Red-Horse's production company, Red-Horse Native Productions Inc. in Los Angeles, the event was staged at the UI for approximately \$1,100 instead of the \$5,000 it would have cost, Peterson said.

"It's a very important aspect of promoting cultural diversity in the view of Native American culture," he said. "We're just grateful she was able to come here and share her experiences with us."

Bedard's visit is of great importance because so few Iowans encounter Native Americans, said Larry Zimmerman, the chairman of the UI American Indian and Native Studies Program.

"In Iowa, we have Mesquaki and people go to the casino and powwows on occasion, but so rarely do we see someone of Irene's caliber," he said. "She shatters all the stereotypes about Native Americans. She shows that Native Americans are contemporary people."

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Ex-Israeli general sees future peace

Shlomo Gazit says the Israelis and Palestinians could reach an agreement in two months.

By Nick Narigon
The Daily Iowan

A crowd of 50 local students and residents were left with a message of optimism concerning the political relations between Israelis and Palestinians last night.

Shlomo Gazit, a retired major general of the Israeli Defense Forces, has witnessed roughly half of a 120-year dispute between Israel and Palestine that has left countless dead and homeless in both countries. At the Aliber/Hillel Jewish Student Center, he told the crowd that despite the violence currently happening in Israel, both countries are in the final stages of making an agreement.

"I don't believe in peace," Gazit said, in a presentation titled "Road to Peace." "I only believe in political agreement — agreements that serve the interests of both sides. The agreement between Palestine and Israel will be very painful. Both sides must compromise. Optimistically, it could happen in two months."

Gazit has spent more than 40 years in the Israeli military, serving in such capacities as the head of military intelligence from 1974-77 and as a participant in peace negotiations between Israel and Egypt from 1977-78. Gazit, who is on

every day. They feel that if the violence with Palestine continues, then Israel will have to fight back.

Ellen Gantz, a Jewish Community Student Center fellow who will travel to Israel soon, said Gazit reassured her that her trip would be safe.

"I now feel that it is OK to be in Israel at any time. He reassured my positive thoughts on going to Israel," she said.

Gazit feels that if an agreement is to be made between Israel and Palestine, the United States needs to act as an intermediary. He said the United States is the only superpower in the world, and the United States has the technology to create a unified world without boundaries.

"It is very possible that in 10, 20 years, the Internet will be obsolete. With the technology we have today, there are no boundaries," Gazit said. "This will really be the introduction of one world."

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Turning the digital world into a digital degree

■ UI offers both online correspondence courses and online degrees to students.

By Mary Sedor
The Daily Iowan

UI junior Megan Hyland had mixed emotions about the Popular Culture and Mass Communications correspondence class she took, in which students made use of Internet resources and e-mail to complete work normally done in a classroom environment.

"In a way, I learned more through the course than I would have in a regular class, because I had to discipline myself to do the work," she said. "At the same time, there wasn't that personal communication with the professor I would have had (in a classroom)."

In addition to the correspondence courses the UI offers, more students are turning toward earning their entire college degrees without ever setting foot on campus.

Students who do not have

time for traditional campus life are able to earn a fully accredited Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree through the Center for Credit Programs.

Distance learning, a program offered through the center since 1977, is targeted to the nontraditional, part-time student, which includes students across the United States, Canada and overseas. The program allows students to work at their own pace toward their liberal-arts degree.

"Distance learning is no different from an on-campus liberal-arts degree," said Angela Ward, the information center coordinator for the Center for Credit Programs.

In the last few years, the UI has enrolled approximately 5,000 students in the distance-learning program.

Although the program has been around for more than 20 years, people are still finding out about it.

"As more people find out they can get a degree without being on campus, the more and more phone calls I get from people wanting to know how to enroll," Ward said.

The courses, which are also available to on-campus students, can be taken in a variety of ways, including guided correspondence courses, Web courses, telecourses and Saturday and Evening courses.

As a way of creating an additional tool for learning, the Center for Credit created a Web version of the guided correspondence courses. Class materials, except textbooks and tests, are provided through a course Web site. Instead of students handing in assignments or mailing them, they are sent and received through e-mail.

Students have nine months to complete the courses, which cost \$92 per semester hour.

Leonard Kallio, an assistant director for Distance Education Development and Support Services, said Center for Credit Programs started creating Web courses approximately four years ago. Currently, there are 38 online courses, which are also available in a print version.

Kallio said between 100 to 200 students are taking advantage of courses on the Web.

"The fact that some of these

courses are on the Web is an attraction for some students given the predominance of the computer," he said. "Web courses help students efficiently access their courses and allow instructors to do new things."

UI visiting Professor Larry Zimmerman teaches three Web courses through the Center for Credit Programs with around 20 students each. Most students who take the courses are off-campus, but occasionally, Zimmerman said, he gets an on-campus student trying to cram in an extra class before graduation.

"I find the students who take these courses are generally non-traditional, and they are better students," he said. "My worst students tend to be those who are trying to cram the extra class in, but it is variable."

Although students off-campus lack face-to-face contact, Zimmerman thinks students on-campus are not at a greater advantage.

One disadvantage off-campus students might have is the inability to speak face-to-face with other students. Although

students are able to interact with each other through Web forums for discussion, they are not always able to have a meaningful discussion because students start at different times.

Zimmerman said he tries to use Web resources for his Web course. For example, when giving an assignment that is on the Web, he tries to recommend online sites for students to use for their assignment.

One problem Zimmerman has with his Web courses is that not all students have access to the Web, so print materials are also available. However, he said, students who have access to the Web are at an advantage because they can also access information from Zimmerman's on-campus class notes.

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Board, teachers agree to contract

■ Extra funds received from the state will be used to raise area teachers' basic salaries.

By Vanessa Miller
The Daily Iowan

The basic salary for area teachers will be raised by \$418 next year, following contract negotiations Monday afternoon between teachers and the Iowa City School Board. The certified employee's basic salary will be \$25,000.

The Iowa City Education Association's teachers' committee met with the board to nego-

tiate what the School District will do with extra funds it has received from the state.

With an allowable growth of 4.53 percent, the teachers' committee wrote up a proposal that distributed the money into two areas: insurance premiums and a raise in basic teachers' salaries.

The teachers proposed that the district give tax-free dollars in the amount of \$336 to each contracted employee who works three-quarters to full-time, and \$203.50 for those who work 74 percent to part-time. This money could be used to either purchase an insurance policy or be put away and saved for retirement.

Anne Feldman, the School District's director of human resources, agreed to the terms and praised the teachers' committee.

"The board has been very happy with the negotiations of the past, and we are ready to be 100 percent proactive for getting teachers paid more money," she said. "We want to emphasize that it has been a delight working with the team, and so we accept the teachers' proposal."

Bob Brems, the chief negotiator for the teachers, said this shows how well the teachers and the administration are working together.

"Because we can communicate, we can get the end goal accomplished, which is to educate kids," he said.

Cathy Schiele, a teacher at Ernest Horn Elementary and a member of the teachers' committee, agreed that the rapport between the School Board and the teachers is beneficial.

"We have a good foundation for getting along and working well in the future," she said. "This has been a great year, and because of that, we have been able to trust each other more and get things accomplished."

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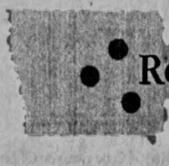
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NATION

Lame-duck Congress braces for budget fight

■ President Clinton meets with congressional leaders to seek a compromise.

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As the lame-duck Congress filtered back into town, President Clinton called House and Senate leaders to the White House Monday to try to resolve their long-running battle over school spending, immigration and other issues.

Both sides flashed signs of being willing to finally end the disputes that have left four must-pass spending bills overdue by two months and paralyzed efforts to cut taxes, boost Medicare payments to health care providers, and raise the federal minimum wage.

White House officials were

expected to offer potential compromises on the major outstanding issues, said administration officials and Democratic congressional aides speaking on the condition of anonymity. One official said the White House would offer "a road map to how we can wrap this up quickly."

And Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said he believed it was in the "best interests" of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush for Congress to finish the budget battle before Bush's possible move into the White House — "provided it's done right."

Lott spoke two days after he and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., journeyed to Bush's Texas ranch to discuss the agenda of the new Con-

gress, which will convene on Jan. 3. Lott said Bush did not advise them on how to handle the remaining fights on this year's \$1.8 trillion federal budget.

Even so, in a signal that major hurdles remained, an adviser to House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said DeLay was arguing "very strongly" that instead of reaching a compromise, Congress should demand to hold spending in the unfinished bills to last year's levels, which officials have said could save \$15 billion this year. The adviser spoke on condition of anonymity.

The four remaining bills cover seven Cabinet-level departments and scores of smaller agencies, including the operations of Congress and the White House itself.

New cancer treatment halts leukemia

■ New leukemia drug heralded as proof cancer research in right direction.

By Colleen Valles
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — A leukemia drug that brought cancer into remission in most patients in clinical trials is generating extraordinary excitement among cancer specialists and patients as a gentler, more effective treatment that may mean cancer researchers are on the right track.

"This drug is a major breakthrough. It will change the way we treat patients with chronic myeloid leukemia," said Dr. Hagop Kantarjian, who oversees trials of the drug at the MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.

In manufacturer-financed clinical trials, more than 90 percent of patients in the first phase of chronic myeloid leukemia saw their cancer go into remission within the first six months of taking the pill,

according to results presented Monday at the American Society of Hematology convention.

The drug also appears to be effective in patients in more advanced phases. A study of patients in the second phase of the disease showed more than 90 percent responded positively to treatment, and in 63 percent, the cancer went into remission. The trials involved 530 first-phase and 230 second-phase patients.

The success of early trials of Novartis AG-manufactured drug STI-571, or Glivec, has propelled researchers to test the drug on almost 3,000 patients around the world; chronic myeloid leukemia affects approximately 10,000 adults each year.

Anyone diagnosed with leukemia should make every effort to get the new pill, said Edward Benz, the president of the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute at Harvard Medical School, who was not involved in the research.

"This is not a miracle drug," he said, but it is a model for

future cancer study because it targets the cause of the disease without damaging other cells.

Chronic myeloid leukemia, which is caused by an abnormal protein that is the product of an abnormal chromosome, leads to a huge increase in the number of white blood cells in the body, which can interfere with the functioning of other organs.

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Government tailors Drug War for regions

■ The U.S. drug czar details the nation's latest plays in the war on drugs.

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With cocaine use waning, authorities waged the war on drugs this year with strategies tailored to the regional battlegrounds: marijuana in the Appalachian states, methamphetamine in the Rocky Mountains, cocaine in South Florida.

"There is no longer any one drug that consumes America as cocaine did in the 1980s," said Barry McCaffrey, the director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy.

"We need to be ready to defend against emerging threats of a wide variety by region, as well as increasingly sophisticated changes in the operations of drug traffickers," he said.

McCaffrey's prepared remarks accompanied his annual report on drug threats and strategies, which is scheduled to be released today. It outlines the government's war on drugs in 26 "High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas," where drug manufacturing and sales flourish and where federal, state and local law-enforcement agencies cooperate. In those areas, the government spent more than \$191 million in fiscal year 2000, up from nearly \$187 million the previous year.

McCaffrey reported that the cooperating agencies destroyed \$787 million worth of marijuana in Kentucky last year, a value greater than the state's tobacco crop. Authorities eradicated another \$700 million in Tennessee and West Virginia.

They also battled against "a general judicial sentiment within some of the state judi-

cial circuits that trafficking marijuana was a less serious offense than trafficking other substances."

Marijuana is also the most prevalent illegal drug in the Atlanta area, but cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin are also widespread, the report said.

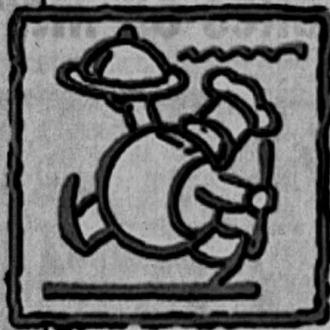
Heroin is the principal problem in central Florida, though the region is also favored by drug traffickers because of its air, land and sea transporta-

tion networks. Hawaii, Houston, Los Angeles, New York and the Gulf Coast are other hot spots for drug smugglers.

The New England states are seeing "unprecedented" increases in heroin-related deaths and overdoses, according to the report.

McCaffrey, a retired Army general, will leave his post next month to teach classes in national security at West Point and write books on drug policy and the Gulf War.

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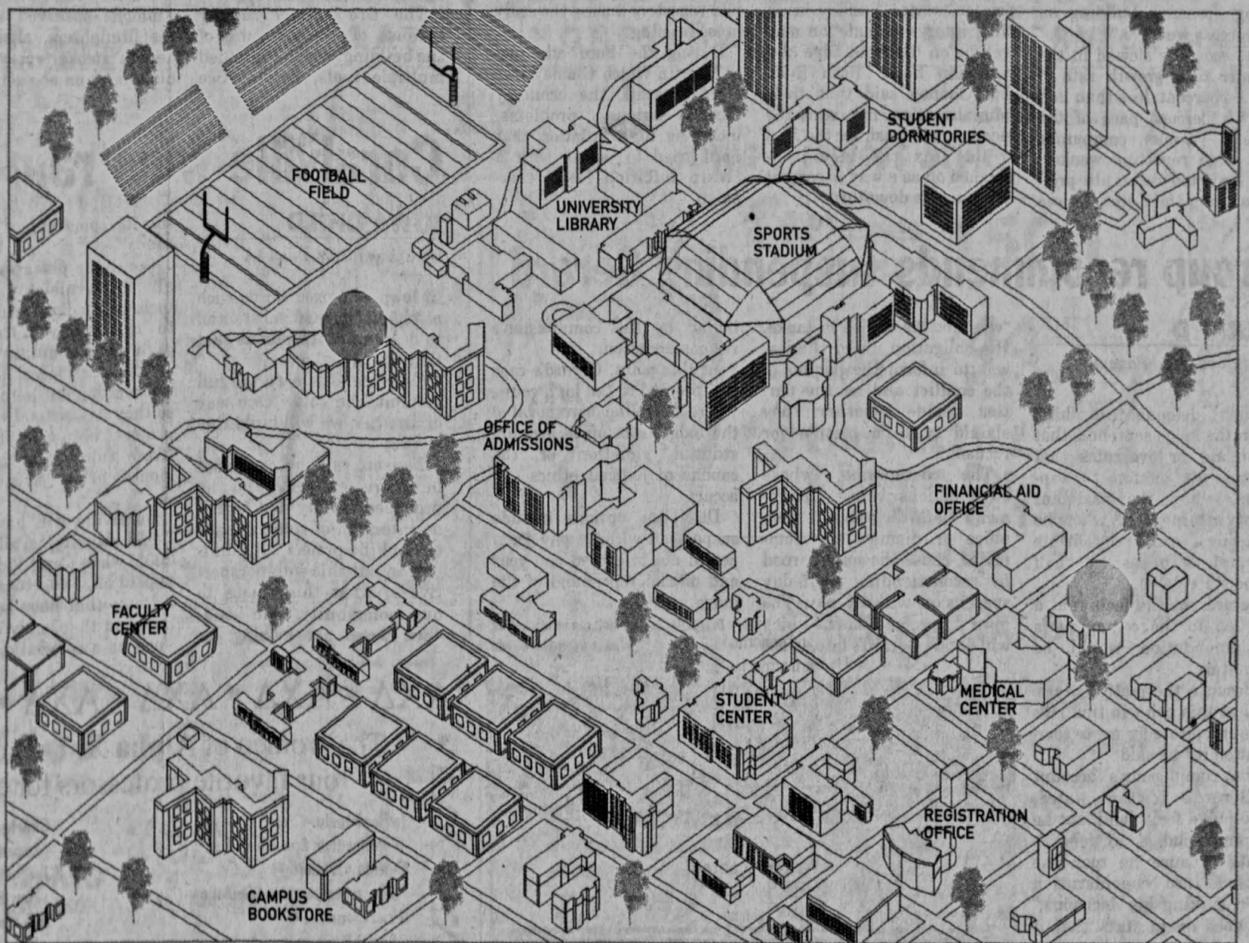
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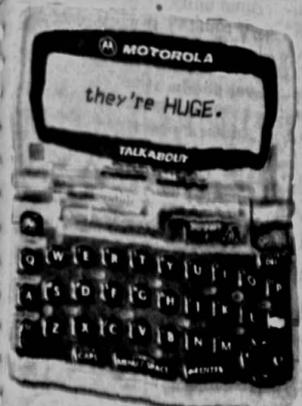
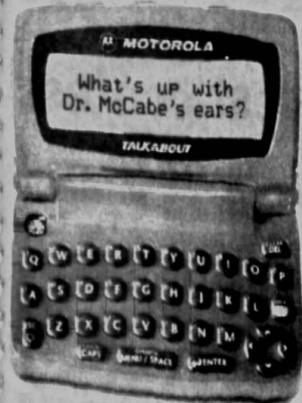
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Photos point to lakes on Mars

■ Researchers say they have found evidence there was water on Mars billions of years ago.

By Paul Rezer
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Photos from a satellite orbiting Mars suggest the Red Planet was once a water-rich land of lakes, boosting the theory that billions of years ago it may have had the conditions needed for the evolution of life.

The photos, taken by the Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft, show massive sedimentary deposits, with thick layers of rock stacked one on top of another in miles-deep formations.

In the wall of a massive canyon that stretches for thousands of miles, there are sharp layers of rock, rather like the formation that causes a striped pattern on the walls of Arizona's Grand Canyon, said Kenneth S. Edgett, a co-author of the study in Science.

"I don't know how to do that (form such layers) without water," he said at a news conference Monday at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.



Associated Press

This photo from NASA's Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft orbiting Mars suggests the Red Planet was once a water-rich land of lakes.

He said the layering could possibly have been formed by other means, such as wind or volcanism, "but water is the leading candidate."

Michael C. Malin, the lead author of the study, said that "the regularity of the layering is hard to create" without the presence of water.

The researchers both are with Malin Space Science Systems in San Diego.

Malin, the principal scientist using a camera on the Mars Global Surveyor, said the photos suggest that water may have seeped in and filled Martian craters that were punched out of the planet surface by asteroids around 3.5 billion years ago.

Courts double up on Gore

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Cheney planned a Capitol Hill visit to talk to Republican congressmen about the presidential stalemate and Bush's transition plans.

One senior Democrat who participated in the talks said the Gore team showed no signs of quitting. However, the vice president's advisers said privately that their boss was running out of time and options.

They said he would not concede the race before the Florida Supreme Court rules on Sauls' decision and a Democratic lawsuit is settled in Seminole County over irregular handling of GOP absentee ballots. If he loses both cases, Gore is almost certain

to give up, said advisers — most of whom insisted he had a decent chance of prevailing before the state high court with its seven Democratic appointees.

One Gore confidant, who said the cause is all but lost, argued that even if the vice president wanted to leave the race before his legal options are exhausted, internal pressures from the party's base would not allow it. The advisers spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Gore, Bush, lawmakers in Florida, representatives in Washington and scores of judges presiding over the more than 40 lawsuits are focused on two deadlines: Dec. 12, when state electors are chosen, and Dec. 18, when the Electoral College meets.

Without a clear resolution,

the Constitution throws the election in the lap of a divided Congress.

"I think whoever wins at the Florida Supreme Court, we'll accept that," Boies said — outlining, for the first time, an end game to the long-count election.

Democrats were glum, though they seemed to be heeding Gore's request to stay by his side until the Florida Supreme Court rules.

"I think we're down but not out," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland. "This was a punch that knocked him down, but it didn't knock him out."

Sen. Robert Torricelli, D-N.J., said the case is "a legal issue that at some point becomes an issue of time."

Republicans were in a hurry to hear the bell toll for Gore.

Dems refute gloomy GOP on economy

■ The Clinton administration takes issue with Republicans saying the economy is weakening.

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration Monday firmly rejected Republican suggestions that the country could be in danger of a recession, arguing instead that the economy is simply slowing to a more sustainable growth rate.

"The reality is that the economy is in very strong shape," said presidential Press Secretary Jake Siewert. "The new administration will have a lot of chances to work with a strong economy, building on the success we have."

The economy slowed in the summer to a growth rate of just 2.4 percent, less than half the 5.6 percent pace of the spring. Various companies have been reporting weaker-than-expected corporate profits, sending their stock prices

down sharply.

Both George W. Bush and his running mate, Dick Cheney, took note of these developments over the weekend to suggest that they may be signs the record-long economic expansion is faltering.

Siewert said that Cheney, who served in the administrations of both Gerald Ford and the senior George Bush, had a lot of "hands-on experience in big-time economic downturns."

Bush, in a meeting with GOP congressional leaders on Dec. 2, expressed concerns about sluggish auto sales and rising energy prices and said they could be "warning signs on the horizon" of a "potential slowdown."

Cheney was even more pointed, saying Sunday in an NBC interview that "we may well be on the front edge of a recession here." Both Bush and Cheney said that their administration, if it wins the election, will push for the \$1.3 trillion tax cut they campaigned on as a way to combat any possible downturn.

But Monday, Siewert strongly rejected the idea that any potential economic weakness will be traced to the closing months of the Clinton administration.

He said the Blue Chip Economic Indicators, a monthly survey of 50 top forecasters, showed no economist in the group forecasting a recession but rather solid growth of around 3.5 percent, which would still be above the rates turned in by the Bush administration.

"Mr. Cheney was part of the 'whip inflation now' team, and he was part of a Bush administration that had a pretty anemic growth record, but that doesn't mean he's qualified to talk about the state of the economy now," Siewert told reporters during the daily press briefing.

During the Ford administration, in which Cheney was chief of staff, the economy faced serious problems, including high inflation that Ford tried to defeat with a "Whip Inflation Now" campaign.

Fire destroys area landmark the Lark

LARK

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"Oh my God. I need a fire extinguisher. I need to call 911. I need my cell phone," said Wright, who said it was the first time she did not have her cell telephone with her. "The frustrating part was that it was so smoky that I couldn't get the fire extinguisher."

Wright, however, did manage to get to the host desk to call owners Jamal and Kris Kharbush to alert them, she said.

"It's all so sad," she said. "The Lark is a landmark. It's been here forever. When you say Lark, people say Tiffin." The Kharbushes, who have owned the restaurant since November 1999, were unavailable for comment.

Although fire officials determined that the first sparks were in the restaurant's kitchen, they will not determine the exact cause and origin for a few days, Justice said. Officials will also have an estimate of damage by that time, he said.

The fire spread rapidly because of the structure of the building, which contained multiple roofs, fire Justice



Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan

A firefighter rips a hole in the side of the Lark restaurant in Tiffin allowing other crews better access to extinguish Monday's massive blaze.

said. Its design allowed the fire to quickly enter confined areas, where it was dangerous for the firefighters to take action. Firefighters' efforts were also hampered because of electrical problems, Justice said.

"The building wasn't worth their safety," he said.

Tiffin resident Linda Ammons observed some of the firefighters, almost hidden in smoke, spraying the building from above in one of

the fire truck's towering buckets.

"I was going to come here Friday night," she said. "I haven't been here for years. I'm so disappointed."

Meanwhile, Jamie Halvorsen gazed in awe at the mass of smoke carrying chunks of debris. "This place has been here forever," the Tiffin resident said. "It's a shame."

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Group recommends suspending Gerard

GERARD

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criminal defendant to think when the judge sentences that defendant or overrules that defendant's motion to suppress, when the assistant county attorney with whom he is having a sexual relationship was arguing the case on behalf of the state?"

Gerard said he feels that a reaction to the commission's recommendation would be premature.

"Because the matter is not final at this point in time, it's not appropriate for me to comment on it," he said.

The commission's account of Gerard's position stated, "The judge feels confident he did not prejudice any person's rights because he took the conflict into consideration when making his decisions," but goes on to state that it

"was not his choice to make. His obligation under the law was to inform the parties of the conflict and let the parties decide whether they should make a motion for recusal."

The commission, whose other options were to recommend Gerard's removal from office or dismiss the complaint, chose the middle road by recommending a 45-day suspension without pay. The Iowa Supreme Court, which will decide Gerard's fate, is not

bound by the commission's recommendation.

At this point, Gerard's case will proceed to the high court, where discipline or removal of the judge from office for substantial violation of the canons of judicial ethics can occur.

Discipline options include suspension without pay for a period not to exceed one year and official reprimand of the judge.

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Coralville wins rain-forest contest

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in Iowa who used words such as significant and substantial to describe contributions that they would make.

"We intend to earn the full amount," he said. "One way or another, we will build this project."

Fausett said he could not be more excited, and he promised the city that he had no intention of raising taxes to fund the project. "It's difficult to put this into perspective of what this means to our community," he said. "But we're not looking for

this to come out of general funds."

Coralville plans to explore all fund-raising options, including federal grants, and to thoroughly inform the community about the project.

"The real focus is to get information out to the public so they understand what the project is," Fausett said. "And fund raising these months before ground-breaking."

Coralville will have additional funding available in 2005, when Coral Ridge Mall is paid off, Fausett said.

Items that have been proposed in the Coralville area, such as a convention center,

will not be affected by the Iowa Child project.

"Other projects will continue just as planned," Fausett said.

Clancey expressed her disappointment in losing the project because of the immense amount of effort Cedar Rapids put forth, but she said she feels the learning resources the facility will provide will reach her city.

"We had the support of the community," she said. "What we couldn't provide was the location of the crossroads, but we should have the spillover of education."

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CLARIFICATIONS

In the article "Staged photos irk some minorities" (DI, Dec. 4) UI senior Acooa Lee was quoted as saying "the UI does a lot of things to get minority students here and then to keep them here." It should have quoted her as saying "the UI does a lot of things to get minority students here and then nothing to keep them here."

In the article "Museum brings warmth to the season" (DI, Dec. 4) Isabel and Ellen Carman are said to have three brothers — Jensen, Joshua and Isaac. Brothers Joshua Jensen and Isaac Jensen are not in fact related to the Carmans and have no third brother Jensen.

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Vilsack starts immigrant recruiting

Iowa governor designates three cities as model communities for the immigrant program.

By Ken Thomas
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack Monday named Marshalltown, Mason City and Fort Dodge as "model communities" for Iowa's fledgling immigration program, laying the groundwork for developing a plan to boost the state's skilled work force.

The governor chose the three communities to develop a pilot program with community leaders, faith-based organizations, schools and labor groups to welcome immigrants and to augment the work force during the decade.

"People have failed to recognize that this is not a problem that will be solved in a single year or in a single administration," Vilsack said. "But it

indeed spans a decade of effort." Using an oversized chart, Vilsack said the state expects to lose nearly 370,000 skilled workers to retirement during the next decade. Iowa's next generation will not even replace one-third of those workers.

Iowa needs another 310,000 people by 2010, according to a recent study.

To compensate, Vilsack wants the communities to prepare strategies for helping immigrants adapt to the state. The administration plans to focus first on immigrants already living legally in the country.

Immigration is part of an overall plan to increase the state's work force, along with the recruitment of former Iowans to return home, retaining Iowa's college students and working with minorities and those with disabilities.

In announcing the model communities, Vilsack sought to clarify public perception that

the push for more immigration would only meet the needs of companies seeking low-wage workers.

He said the misunderstanding has raised concerns that schools, hospitals and city services would be overwhelmed by the needs of immigrants.

"This is about meeting the need of skilled workers in our state — replacing those who are retiring and creating new opportunities," Vilsack said.

The governor did not have an estimate of the number of immigrants the state hopes to attract; he wants to begin recruiting by the spring of 2001.

Each of the three communities will receive up to \$50,000 to start developing strategies to help immigrants settle in their towns. Staff members from Vilsack's administration will also assist the communities in their work.

"This is how we became the greatest country in the world," Fort Dodge Mayor Gail Van Alstine said.

Prosecutor wants Wendelsdorf to testify in child's death

DES MOINES (AP) — Dickinson County Attorney Edward Bjornstad said Monday he intends to put Jesse Wendelsdorf on the witness stand this week to respond to testimony that he confessed to killing 2-year-old Shelby Duis.

Wendelsdorf was acquitted earlier this year of first-degree murder and sexual abuse in the Jan. 4 death of the Spirit Lake toddler.

Testimony during a hearing on Dec. 1 compelled Kossuth County Judge Joseph Straub to consider a defense motion for a new trial for Shelby's mother, Heidi Watkins.

Watkins, 29, was convicted in August of child endangerment. She was to be sentenced last week, when defense attorneys argued that Wendelsdorf had confided to friend Julie Ballantini after his trial that he committed the killing.

Ballantini said Wendelsdorf told her he had grabbed the toddler child by the neck and bashed her head into a bed post.

Ballantini said she sat through testimony at both trials, accompanied by

Prosecutor wants Wendelsdorf to testify in child's death

her 10-year-old daughter. She said she met Wendelsdorf after his acquittal.

"I think the public is entitled to a full and open hearing, and they themselves can then judge the credibility of Ms. Ballantini," Bjornstad said.

Shelby's bruised and battered body was discovered by Watkins on Jan. 4. The toddler's death created an outcry by Spirit Lake residents who earlier had warned child-protection officials that she was being abused. Her case prompted state lawmakers to give top officials more access to child-abuse records.

Wendelsdorf, 26, told prosecu-

tors last week that he would invoke his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination if he was forced to testify. A phone message left at Wendelsdorf's home was not immediately returned.

"I do think it's important for the judge to hear both Ms. Ballantini and Mr. Wendelsdorf," Bjornstad said. "I think it's important to have him present."

Bjornstad said the prosecution is "contemplating perjury charges" against Wendelsdorf. After a Buena Vista County jury found him innocent, Wendelsdorf cannot be retried for murder and sexual abuse.

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Q: The 1999 movie *The Sixth Sense* (by *Unbreakable* director M. Night Shyamalan) was the second movie in which actor Bruce Willis played a psychologist who has a traumatic experience and wants to give up. What was the first?

A: *Color of Night* (1994)



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DI reporter Diana Fu can be reached at: yiofu@blue.weeg.uiowa.edu

Galway, Orpheus group to serenade Hancher

■ The renowned flutist will present a program of well-known French music.

By Diana Fu
The Daily Iowan

The Orpheus Chamber Orchestra and world-famous flutist James Galway will fill Hancher Auditorium with familiar classical music tonight.

The concert, titled "French Fantasy," includes four major pieces, all by French composers: Ravel's "Tombeau de Couperin," Ibert's "Concerto for Flute" and "Orchestra," Faure's "Fantasy for Flute" and Bizet's "Symphony in C." Galway will perform with the orchestra during the "Concerto for Flute" and "Fantasy for Flute."

Galway, a recipient of the

Grand Prix du Disque and Record of the Year Awards from *Cash Box* and *Billboard* magazines, has recorded more than 50 albums and played in more than 120 concerts. In 1997, he was honored as 1997 Musician of the Year by Musical America.

"Most critics comment on not only his technique but also the power of his tone and quality of his tone," said William LaRue Jones, the conductor of the UI Symphony Orchestra.

Galway has performed three or four times since the auditorium opened in 1972, said Judith Hurtig, the Hancher assistant director.

"James Galway is definitely an Irish man; he loves to have a good time," said Hancher Director Wallace Chappell, who met Galway several years ago. "He is also very down to earth and easy to talk to."

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Because the program is full of happy, romantic music, the concert will provide a nice break from studying for students. "It is very easy listening," said Hurtig.

"It can also be good stress-relief and a wonderful escape," Chappell said.

The music is fairly mainstream; audiences should be familiar with the music they are presenting, Chappell said.



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Flutist James Galway will play with the Orpheus Chamber Orchestra tonight at Hancher.

The Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, which is made up of approximately 30 musicians, has no conductor. Instead, dif-

ferent members of the orchestra take turns assuming leadership of the ensemble. Because they are democratic in their performances and rehearsals, members of the orchestra train themselves through the articulation, balance and blends of their music.

They learn from each other to improve themselves. This results in a free and liberal style to their music.

Tickets to the concert range from \$10-\$45 and are available at the Hancher Box Office.

Mastering the art of cultural bios

■ PBS' "American Masters" is a work of art in itself.

By Lynn Elber
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When those year-end lists of top achievers of the 20th century came out, Susan Lacy carefully scrutinized the honor roll for artists.

It was a matter of professional pride; Lacy, the creator and executive producer of PBS' 15-year-old biography series, "American Masters," wanted to see how her collection of profiles measured up.

So, how'd she do? "Really well," Lacy said. "In the *Life* magazine list of the 100 most-important Americans of the century, about a third of the list were cultural figures, and we've done almost everybody or are in the process of doing them."

It's definitely an A-list party that Lacy orchestrates for her series, which airs approxi-

mately 10 times a year. This season includes actor Gregory Peck, photographers Alfred Stieglitz and Edward Curtis, musician Bob Marley and modern dance pioneer Merce Cunningham.

Many are considered for inclusion in the painstakingly crafted, highly regarded series, but few are chosen. Lacy, who has both a scholarly and film background, has been guided by unchanging criteria.

"Being a master is being ahead of the game, having a body of work that has so thoroughly influenced our culture that it's changed it in some way," she said. "We see things differently, or hear things differently."

In any given season, the program tries to achieve a balance among various disciplines and to offer ethnic and gender diversity.

But Lacy's wish list does not always come true or come easily. There may be protracted negotiations with estates or companies over rights to film

clips or music. And more than a few artists are reluctant to be called a master.

"Some people we've approached think they're not old enough. There are some who think being selected is a summing up of a career, like it's over, and they still see themselves ... as active and producing and would like the honor to come a few years later," she said.

An artist's agreement is crucial because the series produced by Thirteen/WNET New York makes only one kind of film: authorized but independent.

"There are others who make unauthorized biographies, but we've chosen not to," Lacy said. "It's not because we give up any control; our subjects, or their estates, do not see films until they are finished."

There are rich rewards. Publishing rights for music and film clips make it possible to bring audiences a vivid sense of an artist and her or his work.

"We get the best interviews.

We get the families, the home movies, the diaries and the letters. We get the people that you'd want to interview, instead of somebody's masseuse," Lacy said, a not-so-veiled reference to the commercial-TV flood of superficial celebrity bios.

In each of the PBS films, Lacy said, "there is a story that goes beyond information, beyond 'they were born here, did that, got this award.' There's a human story, the core of what makes them who they are and the key to understanding their work."

But the real importance of the documentaries is seen collectively. "American Masters" is intended to serve as a repository of the nation's 20th-century cultural history.

"I'm not just making television," Lacy said. "We try to think when we're making these programs if they will stand up 100 years from now ... We spend a lot of time so that somebody will say, 'Boy, this film is made for the ages.'"

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I think they are going to remember this period as the "Era of Bad Feelings."

— Richard Semiatin, political-science professor at American University, on the upcoming lame-duck session of Congress.

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EDITORIAL

State must treat residents' health concerns fairly ... Promote fair health plans

Iowa needs a state law requiring insurers to cover mental illness and substance abuse treatment in the same way they cover other illnesses.

Mental-health parity — the idea of equal coverage for mental and bodily illnesses — is based on the belief that mental illnesses are no different from other illnesses. Many mental illnesses are caused by imbalances in the brain's chemistry, just as diabetes, for instance, is caused by an imbalance in the chemistry of the pancreas.

"The debate is over — mental health and substance abuse are physical ailments," Dr. Stephen Gleason, the director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, told the *Des Moines Register*.

Iowa is one of 18 states with no state mental health parity laws. The state Legislature addressed the issue last

The costs of mental-health parity are not as dramatic as its opponents fear.

spring, but talks stalled in response to opponents' concerns that mental-health parity would raise insurance costs and reduce the extent of insurance coverage for other illnesses. Studies of employers who introduced mental-health parity in compliance with a 1996 federal law requiring businesses that offered insurance coverage for mental illness to cover them at the same rate as they covered bodily illness, found otherwise, however.

A national survey conducted by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration showed that 86 percent of employers who complied with the 1996 law did not

need to reduce any other benefits to make up for the costs of mental-health parity. A study by the Rand Corp. found that equalizing annual insurance limits only increases costs by about \$1 per employee per year.

The evidence is clear: The costs of mental-health parity are not as dramatic as its opponents fear. Any nominal costs of instituting mental-health parity in Iowa would be worth ending the discrimination that today's unfair insurance coverage imposes upon those with mental illnesses.

The state Legislature should listen to the recommendations of Iowa's health leaders and make a mental-health parity law a legislative priority. It's time for Iowa to begin treating its residents with mental illnesses fairly.

Ellen Schwarzkoft is a *DI* editorial writer.

GUEST OPINION

Don't sleep away your break

Yes, definitely give yourself a break. But then ... kick in some serious career exploration.

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Scuttle those Rip Van Winkle notions. Wake up and explore!
Jane Schildroth is the director of UI Career Development Services.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Congrats to students who constructively fight binge-drinking

I am writing in response to the article, "Getting High by Staying Dry on UI Campus," by Kellie Doyle, (*DI*, Nov. 13). This article focused on a new campus group, Members of United Voices for Alcohol Alternatives, and its new-found action in Iowa City. The goal of the group is to provide an alcohol- and smoke-free alternative hangout for UI students to help limit binge-drinking on campus. With the help of Planet X, the group is trying to create an awareness that drinking is in fact a problem on campus that needs to be resolved.

To the small group of UI seniors who started this sensation, my response is: WAY TO GO! There is nothing better than opening up *The Daily Iowan* and reading that students are taking positive action to resolve an ongoing problem in Iowa City. Not only have you gotten together to talk about this problem, but you have also trudged off the beaten path by creating a foundation for others to

partake in. And for that you have earned my respect and admiration.

After living in Iowa City for the past five years, and working at different drinking establishments for the past four, I, too, believe that there are excess numbers of students who go out for a night on the town with a strict schedule of getting wasted. Many times have I walked in a bar to see people on their 21st birthdays doing 21 shots and throwing up all night. I have also seen bar crawls and underage students passed out in bathrooms and under tables. I have seen many college students being forced out of the bars because they are too inebriated to stand up. After talking to a researcher in the chemical-dependency lab at the UI Hospitals and Clinics, I discovered that 60 percent of OWI cases are student-related. We can see from this example that not only does alcohol affect one's judgment, but it may

also affect others by putting lives in danger.

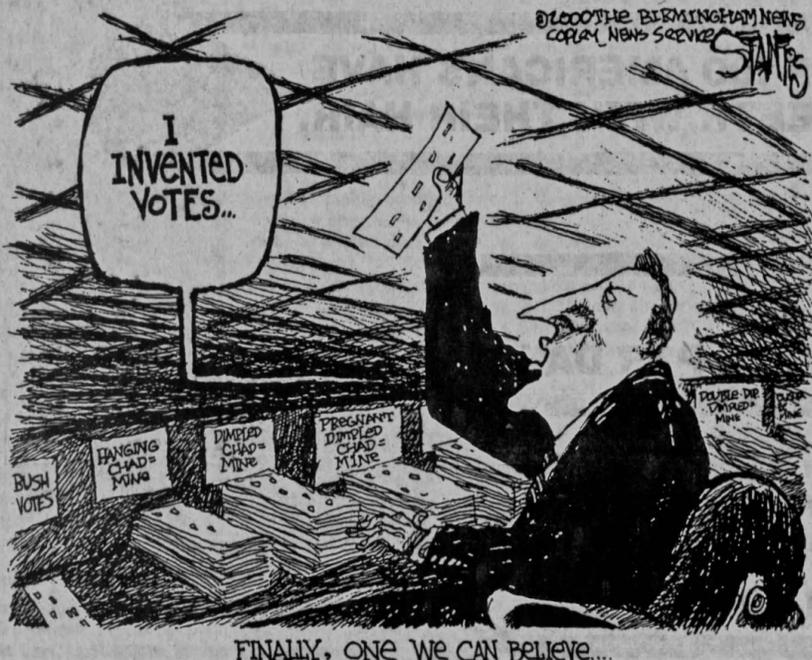
These actions of drinking are what I call a problem. Not to be a hypocrite, I, too, partake in alcoholic activities, but I feel it is important to have a non-alcoholic alternative for willing students to participate in.

Throughout the past couple of years, I have often heard about this binge-drinking problem and what the City Council is proposing to do about it. Whether it be through making all bars allow only legals or getting rid of bar specials all together, there is something that the council lacks: Its solutions are not focused on the positive.

Yet, for the group of students who decided to take action: You have done it in a positive manner and without force, and for this you will surely make a positive impact. I want you to know that I am behind you every step of the way.

Sonja Dodge

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FINALLY, ONE WE CAN BELIEVE...

In Florida, some votes are more equal than others

If nothing else — and it probably is nothing else — Non-Election 2000 has served as a very entertaining primer on how to swipe a presidential election.

Forget about chads and dimples. The Republicans have been much more sophisticated — and ruthless — than trading in mere chaff.

In the Republican lexicon, when trying to steal an election, picking a state that was not only crucial in the Electoral College but also the one in which the brother of the GOP presidential candidate was governor was simply a stroke of genius. Why didn't we think of this before? Republicans are asking themselves in the mirror each morning before they put on their Game Face. Being

extraordinarily careful, naturally, not to catch sight of the eyes staring back at them in those mirrors.

This eyes-in-the-mirror stuff does not apply to Tom DeLay, Trent Lott, Dick Cheney, James Baker or George W. Shrubness himself, all of whom have amply, and continually, demonstrated that they have no shame. Apparently, when the sense of shame gene was being passed out, they were all down in the lounge, dunning oil corporations for some more soft money.

Need that soft money to play hardball politics, after all.

Nowhere is Republican malfeasance — or, as DeLay, Lott, the Shrub and company would call it, politics as usual — more evident than in the Florida counties of Seminole and Martin, where the county election supervisors, both Republican, essentially threw the presidential election with nefarious decisions concerning absentee ballots.

In those two counties, according to the *Palm Beach Post*, the *Miami Herald* and the *St. Petersburg Times*, the Republican election supervisors did exactly that by allowing GOP officials to "correct" roughly 5,000 Republican absentee-ballot applications. They may have committed a third-degree felony in the process.

A 1998 bill passed by the GOP-dominated Florida Legislature prohibits anyone but a voter, a guardian for said voter or a member of that voter's immediate family from filling out the required information in an application for an absentee ballot.

But in Seminole County, the Republican elections chief allowed GOP officials to camp out in her office for roughly a

week, using her office computer database to fill out that exact information, which had been missing and therefore made the applications invalid, for approximately 4,800 absentee-voter applications. This is, of course, against the law in Florida. Without the Republican "corrections," his Shrubness is minus 4,800 votes in Florida. And he loses the Sunshine State's 25 electoral votes.

And thus the presidential election.

Apparently, the Republicans' much-repeated concern for law and order extends only so far. Once they're in danger of losing a presidential election, they seem to be able to cast law and

order right off the shores of Florida. Maybe their version of law and order will someday

wash up on the beaches of Cuba — though for the well-being of Cubans in general, and the fairness of the Cuban vote in particular, you would hope not.

And then, in Martin County, the Republican elections supervisor was even worse than her counterpart in Seminole County: In what under Florida law seems to be grossly illegal, she allowed GOP officials to take 500 absentee-ballot applications out of her office to Republican headquarters to be "corrected" in the same illegal manner as those ballots in Seminole County.

Once again, they turned out to be votes for his Shrubness.

Imagine that. In neither county did the Republican elections supervisors allow Democrats to "correct" absentee-ballot applications.

Imagine that. In two Republican Florida counties, there are something on the order of 5,000 illegal

votes for his Shrubness that should be discarded. Tossed out, that is, if you would like to have anything like a fair election rather than an exercise in banana-republic voting.

Which means that Gore won Florida by approximately 4,400 votes and change. It also means that nobody needs to give a damn about chads and dimples.

Because what the Republicans did has a name: It's called voter fraud.

That his Shrubness lost the election is quite clear. He didn't just lose the popular vote nationwide — by 300,000 votes or so — he lost the vote in Florida.

Yet, given the vagaries of the courts these days, his Shrubness still might become the next president. These are stupid times, after all, and they demand a stupid man.

In which case we can exhume a 19th-century nickname for his Shrubness: His Fraudulency.

Beau Elliot is a *DI* columnist.



BEAU ELLIOT
What the Republicans did has a name: It's called voter fraud.

On the SPOT

Do local city Christmas decorations offend non-Christians?



"No, I don't think they should."

Lindsey Meyer
UI junior



"No, I don't think so."

Irian Saadi
UI graduate student



"I would guess no, because Christmas is common even for non-Christians."

Emily Murray
UI freshman



"No, I don't think so."

Demond Sanders
UI freshman



"No, because most of the Christmas decorations are not Christian-oriented."

Sarah Smith
UI graduate student

NATION & WORLD

Netanyahu may challenge Barak

■ The former prime minister will decide soon whether to run for election.

By Greg Myro
Associated Press



Eyal Warshavski/Associated Press
Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks to reporters upon his arrival in Tel Aviv Monday.

JERUSALEM — Former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday he is close to deciding whether to challenge Ehud Barak for the premiership, saying the first priority must be to restore security after two months of Israeli-Palestinian violence.

Netanyahu currently holds a double-digit lead over Barak in opinion polls. The current Palestinian uprising has left many Israelis disillusioned with the prime minister and his handling of the peace process, and Barak has been forced to call early elections.

Mobbed by journalists at Ben-Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv upon returning from a lengthy trip to the United States, Netanyahu refused to give a clear answer when asked whether he would run for prime minister.

He said he "would consult first of all with my family, and my associates and myself" and

would make a decision soon — "not in weeks or in months."

Because of the violence, Netanyahu said "the nation is gripped by fear." The most important goal now, he said, is to "return a feeling of security to every citizen."

During his 1996-99 tenure, Netanyahu struck a tough security stance and was perceived by Palestinians and the United States as stalling peace negotiations. Barak handily defeated him in elections and took office 18 months ago.

Space station's solar wings hit setback

■ NASA delays the unfurling of the station's second set of solar panels.

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA delayed unfurling the second of the international space station's giant new solar wings Monday after the first one appeared to be too slack.

After hours of consultation, flight controllers came up with a possible solution, instructing space shuttle Endeavour's astronauts to open the folded left wing a little bit at a time Monday evening in a start-and-stop procedure that was expected to take at least an hour.

On Sunday night, the right wing was extended via computer command to its entire length of 115 feet in just 13 minutes. But some slack tension cables left the blanket of solar cells less taut than desired.

The problem did not appear to affect the wing's electricity-generating ability, said flight

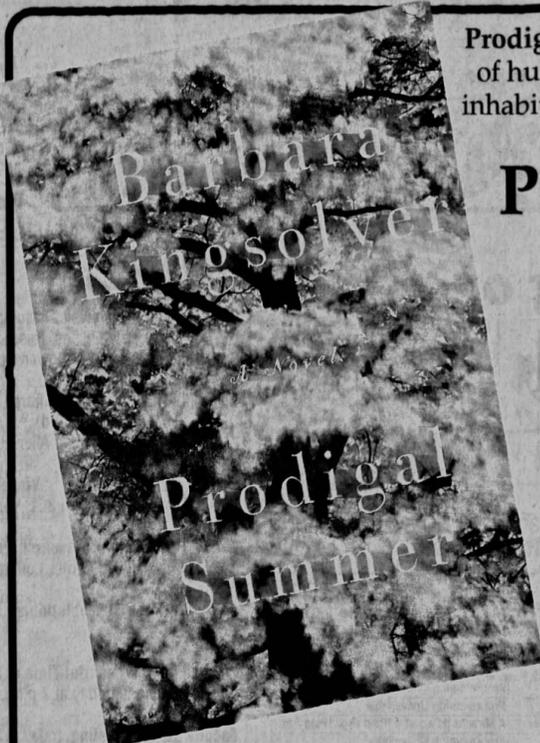
director Bill Reeves.

The main concern was whether the wing would be secure enough during the docking or undocking of a space shuttle, or during orbit-changing maneuvers. The worry is that vibrations could tear, bend or break off the solar panels.

The space agency said that it is possible no repairs or extra work will be needed and that the solar wing has an acceptable amount of tension.

Shuttle astronauts Joe Tanner and Carlos Noriega, who installed the panels on Sunday afternoon, said there is little they could do during a spacewalk to provide more tension to the right wing. They plan to go out two more times, today and Thursday.

"There are not too many options because the work site is very high," Tanner said. One possibility would be for Noriega to step into a foot restraint and hold Tanner's feet "and we essentially become a stack of two people to get me up high enough to get a tether around the tension bar and pull it down."



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KWWL	News	Wheel	Shopper	3rd Rock	Frasier	DAG	Dateline NBC	News	Tonight Show	Late Ngt.		
KFXA	Rose	Carey	The 2000 Billboard Music Awards	Billy Graham	3rd Rock	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Rose				
KCRG	News	Friends	Be a Millionaire	College Basketball (Live)			News	Spin City	Home	Nightline		
KIIN	News	Eye ...	Spies in the Sky	Nova	Apollo 11		Business	Vicar	Appear.	Business		
KWKB	Susan	Sabrina	Buffy, Vampire Slayer	Angel	Heart	Date	Smarts	Sex Wars	Paid Prg.	Arrest		
CABLE CHANNELS												
PUBL	Programming Unavailable											
GOVT	Programming Unavailable											
PAX	Shop	Sweep	Mysterious Ways	Touched by Angel	Diagnosis Murder	A Miracle	H'wood	Paid Prg.	Paid Prg.			
LIBR	Programming Unavailable											
EDUC	Programming Unavailable											
UNIV	France	News	Movie		Ethics in America		Korea	Greece	France	Italy		
KWOC	News	Wheel	Michael	3rd Rock	Frasier	DAG	Dateline NBC	News	Tonight Show	Late Ngt.		
WSUI	Programming Unavailable											
SCOLA	Hungary	Quebec	Croatia		China		Cuba	Uz'stan		France	Italy	
KSUI	Programming Unavailable											
DISC	Mysteries	Kidnapped!	The New Detectives	The FBI Files	Justice Files	Kidnapped!						
WGN	Prince	Susan	Navy SEALs (R, '90) **	(Charlie Sheen)	News	Susan	In the Heat of Night	Matlock				
CSPN	House of Reps.	Prime Time Public Affairs										
UNI	Locura de Amor	Mujeres Enganadas	Laberintos Pasion	Mejores Familias	Impacto	Noticiero	Viviana Medianoche					
CSPN2	U.S. Senate (3)	Public Affairs										
TBS	Prince	Prince	NBA Basketball: San Antonio at Sacramento (Live)	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers (Live)								
TWC	Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather	Weather						
BRAY	St. Elsewhere	Bonnie and Clyde ('67) ***	(Warren Beatty)	House of Cards (PG-13, '93) **	Movie							
CNBC	Bus. Center (5:30)	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live	News/Williams	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live						
BET	106/Park	Oh Drama!	Linc's	ComicView	BET Live	News	Tonight	Midnight Love				
BOX	Music Videos (5)											
TBN	Franklin	Chironna	Behind Betty	John Hagee	Praise the Lord	Religious Special						
HIST	Found	Hist. IQ	History's Mysteries	The Wrath of God	Power Plants	Tales of the Gun	History's Mysteries					
TNN	Marital Law	History's Mysteries	History's Mysteries	An Eight is Enough	Wedding ('89) **	Marital Law	Country	Outdoors				
SPEED	Bike W'k	M'cyclist	Motorcycle Racing	Motorcycle Racing	Motorcycle Racing	Bike W'k	M'cyclist	Motorcycle Racing				
ESPN	College Basketball (Live)		College Basketball: Ind. at N.D. (Live)	SportsCenter	Hoops Tonight							
ESPN2	2Night	NHL Hockey: Colorado Avalanche at New Jersey Devils (Live)	NHL	Winter X Games	Rodeo							
FOXSP	Football	Chi. Spo.	NBA Basketball: Chicago at Minnesota (Live)	Chi. Spo.	Nat. Sports Report	Sports	Word					
LIFE	Intimate Portrait	Unsolved Mysteries	The Christmas Wish ('98)	Golden	Golden	Design.	Design.					
COM	Daily	Stein	Cheech & Chong Still Smokin	BattleBot	BattleBot	Whose?	Daily	Stern	Saturday Night Live			
EI	Homes	Talk S'p	Myst.	Myst.	True Hollywood	Plastic Surgery	H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild On ...			
NICK	Arnold!	Rugrats	Peiswick	DeadEed	Gilligan	Hillbillies	Facts	Facts	3's Co.	3's Co.	AllFam.	Jeff'sons
FXT	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue	Sexy Commercials	Beach	Action	The X Show	The X-Files: Monday				
TNT	The Pretender	Guarding Tess (PG-13, '94) ***	Bull	ER								
TOON	Scoby	Toons	puff	Dexter	Duffy	Jerry	F'stone	Scoby	puff	Dexter	Dragon	Tenchi
MTV	2000 MTV Video Music Awards			Undress	Undress	Video	Loveline					
VH1	Stars	Stars	25 Sexiest	Behind the Music	Behind the Music	Heavy Metal (R, '81) ***	(Harvey Atkin)					
A&E	Law & Order	Biography	American Justice	Investigative Report								
ANIM	Lie/Dog	Animals	Awesome Pawsome	Monkey	Keepers	Vets	Vets	Awesome Pawsome	Monkey	Keepers		
USA	JAG	USA's Improv-ice		Martin	Martin	Str Poker	Nikita					
PREMIUM CHANNELS												
HBO	Movie	Diaris	Stuart Little (PG, '99) **	Vertical	REAL Sports	Curb	Oxygen (R, '99) **					
DIS	Ultimate Christmas Present	The Other Me (7:35) ('00) **	H-E Double Hockey Sticks (9:15) ('99)	Disney Presents								
MAX	Right Stuff (3:30)	Die Hard (6:45) (R, '88) ***	(Bruce Willis)	Let the Devil Wear Black (R)	Embrace the Darkness (10:35)							
STARZ	Prefontaine (5:10)	Risky Business (R, '83) ***	(Tom Cruise)	Edtv (PG-13, '99) **	Born on the ...							
SHOW	Enigma (5:05) (PG)	The Story of Us (R, '99) **	Ready?	Beggars, Choosers	Queer as Folk							

For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at www.dailyiowan.com.

FOURTH FLOOR

by Troy Holtatz

THIS ELECTION STUFF IS AN OUTRAGE! WHO CARES? MY LIFE IS STILL THE SAME...

'COPS' WILL NOT BE SEEN TONIGHT. DUE TO SPECIAL ELECTION COVERAGE. THAT'S AN OUTRAGE!

YOU CAN MESS WITH HIS DEMOCRACY, JUST NOT HIS T.V. DAMN ELECTION!

DILBERT

by Scott Adams

JURY DUTY

WHAT EXCUSE ARE YOU PLANNING TO USE?

I'M HAPPY TO SERVE. IT'S MY CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY.

INSANITY; GOOD ONE.

'NON SEQUITUR

BY WIEV

WORST-CASE SCENARIO AFTERLIFE...

AN ETERNITY LISTENING TO KATHIE LEE GIFFORD'S CD... DOES THAT ROCK OR WHAT?!

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

ZIPPER, I'M WORRIED ABOUT YOU. YOU GET BEAT UP AT A DEMONSTRATION, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE DEMONSTRATING AGAINST.

YOU GO TO COLLEGE, BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT CLASSES YOU'RE SIGNED UP FOR. DON'T YOU THINK IT'S TIME YOU COMMITTED TO SOMETHING? ANYTHING?

I MEAN, I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO HONOR YOUR UNCLE ZONKER'S SLACKER LEGACY, BUT...

UM... CRICKET? NO OFFENSE?

WHAT?

THIS IS WHY UNCLE ZONKER NEVER DATED.

calendar

Physiology and biophysics seminar, "Structure-Traffic Relationships of CFTR," by Gergely Lukacs, Research Institute, Toronto, Ontario, today at 9:30 a.m., Room 5-669, Bowen Science Building.

Math physics seminar, "Sharp Ellipticity and Kato Inequalities for Classical Fields (Continued)," by Professor Thomas Branson, today at 1:30 p.m., Room 301, Van Allen Hall.

Operator theory seminar, "Wavelets," by Professor Palle Jorgenson, today at 2:30 p.m., Room 301, Van Allen Hall.

FLARE Presentation: Research Poster Exhibit and Discussion, today at 3 p.m., International Center Lounge, International Center.

"Why We Need a Revolutionary Party," today at 6:30 p.m., IMU Miller Room.

"It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year?" panel discussion on diverse holiday traditions, today at 7 p.m., Women's Resource and Action Center.

Faculty Senate Meeting, today at 3:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber.

horoscopes

Tuesday, December 5, 2000

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may have a problem with your lover if you forgot to do something you promised to do. Channel your energy into making things better, not worse. Don't get angry without due cause.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You need to pick up some additional knowledge. Go to the source to get the most current information. You will be able to ask for a raise or put your name up for a promotion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Too much, too fast. Take your time; you don't have to make decisions now. Don't let others push you into doing things you would rather not do. Blow-ups in your domestic scene are apparent.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You should take some time out and re-evaluate your emotional situation. You may want to confide in someone you respect and trust who will give you a better understanding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Moneymaking opportunities are present. Make your decision quickly if you don't want to miss out. Problems with equipment may set you back if you have neglected regular maintenance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone around you may not want to do you a favor. Empty promises will lead to frustration. It is best to do things yourself rather than depend on someone else to pick up the slack.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Disharmony in your personal life will make it difficult for you to accomplish things. It is best to pamper yourself and not worry about what you are supposed to be working on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Legal problems may surface if you forget to tend to some small but important details. You will have to backtrack if you wish to clear these matters up once and for all.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let someone take advantage of your good nature. You must not allow others to railroad you into spending money or making promises that you'd rather not be involved in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may get your dander up because of a misunderstanding. Find out more information before you decide to disown the party involved. Chances are you are wrong and owe an apology.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your deep need to learn all you can about something you have recently become interested in will lead you to a relentless search for truth. You may even question your own direction in life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Look into all the financial ventures presented to you today. One of them will be a real moneymaker. You should confine yourself to those deals where you don't have to rely on someone else.

public access tv schedule

Channel 2		9 p.m.	
6 p.m.	Tom's Guitar Show — Live!	9 p.m.	St. Mary's Liturgy
7 p.m.	Karaoke Showcase	10 p.m.	Moms Come First
7:30 p.m.	The Bing Bing Abobo Show	10:30 p.m.	John Lake Band
8 p.m.	First United Methodist Worship	11:20 p.m.	Mouseland
		11:30 p.m.	Youth Speech Television: Life in the Fast Lane

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1024

- ACROSS**
- Choreographer
 - Highchair feature
 - Love handles, essentially
 - Capital near 0° latitude
 - All-knowing
 - See red
 - Kind of renewal
 - Letters from Athens
 - Halo, e.g.
 - White House nickname
 - Underground commuter
 - Resting on
 - Was restless
 - One who'll give you fits
 - Off-impersonated one
 - Speaker's woe
 - Pal for Pierre
 - "Rag Mop" singers the _____ Brothers
 - Popular card game
 - It can be cast
 - Curtain holder
 - Cause of erosion, maybe
 - Upholstery fabric
 - Outflow's opposite
 - Stuff one's face
 - Snack in a stack
 - Prepare to do some barbering
 - Write quickly
 - It falls hard
 - Verne hero
 - Hose shade
 - Downwind, nautically
 - Privy to
 - Book end?
 - Popular Microsoft software
 - "New" drink of the 80's
 - Bond, for one

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MELON NAPA EAVE
APART OWED AGED
NORTHSHORE SHAG
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EASY STUD FORMS

- DOWN**
- Here, in Seville
 - Hang around unobserved
 - Sensation, slangily
 - Call _____ day
 - 24/7
 - Pipsqueak
 - Singer Coolidge
 - Pronto
 - Where the Talmud is studied
 - They're circulated in Paris
 - Roll in the aisles
 - Go along (with)
 - Santa Claus feature
 - Lawsuit basis
 - Arguing
 - Pub pints
 - Abdicator of 1917
 - Spheric opening?
 - Really steamed
 - "Sesame Street" regular
 - Aerial maneuver
 - Be a pitcher
 - Diva's delivery
 - Lama, e.g.
 - "Jackie Brown" actress Pam
 - Layer with a hole in it
 - Where people split
 - In a frenzy
 - Penultimate book of the Bible
 - Big tournament
 - Teleprompter filler
 - Director Lee

Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone. 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute).

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The Ledge

By Jesse Ammerman

What Smashing Pumpkins lead singer Billy Corgan can do now that the group has disbanded

• Look into the exciting career opportunities now available at Burger King and McDonald's.

• Check in to the hospital and undergo teenage-angst removal surgery.

• Join the Backstreet Boys as "Billy C," the brooding — yet irresistible — sixth member of the group.

• Spin into a frenzy of alcohol and drug abuse, retreat from the public eye, and resurface in 10 years for a VH1 "Behind the Music" special.

• Co-star with Dennis Rodman and Jean-Claude Van Damme in "Double Team 2: Rock 'n' Brawl"

• Take part in the photo shoot for his long-awaited swimsuit calendar.

• Join *The Daily Iowan* and take over "The Ledge"-writing duties.

• Join a public relations firm and compose a series of dark, introspective press releases for major corporations.

• Announce his intention to retire from rock and join the NBA.

• Launch a foray into the world of stock trading.

• Sit tight and wait 20 years for the inevitable Smashing Pumpkins reunion tour.

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many bowl
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ON THE AIR

Main Event

The Event:
College basketball,
Northern Iowa at
Iowa, 7 p.m.,
KGAN.

The Skinny: It is
time for rivalry
week in Iowa City,
as the Hawkeyes
put their perfect
record on the line
against UNI and Iowa State.



NHL

6:30 p.m. Avalanche at Devils, ESPN

NBA

7 p.m. Spurs at Kings, TBS
7 p.m. Bulls at Wolves, Fox-Chi
9:30 p.m. 76ers at Lakers, TBS

College basketball

6 p.m. TBA, ESPN
8 p.m. Notre Dame at Indiana, ESPN

SPORTS QUIZ

Who was the last Hawkeye player
to have five straight double-doubles?
See answer, Page 2B.

SCOREBOARD

NFL

New England 30
Kansas City 24

NBA

New York 106 Denver 105
L.A. Clippers 78 Philadelphia 98

NHL

Allianta 5 San Jose 8
Boston 4 Calgary 0
Florida 4 Nashville
Toronto 4 Vancouver late

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6) N.Carolina 67 8) Seton Hall 97
Miami 45 Norfolk St. 87
23) Alabama 107 See Top 25 on
Grambling St. 61 page 2B

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS

8) Texas Tech 80 21) N.C. State 55
New Mexico 56 S. Carolina 48
18) SMS 67 See Top 25 on
Tulane 61 Page 2B

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Tuesday

7 p.m. Men's basketball vs. UNI
Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Thursday

7 p.m. Women's basketball at
Southwest Missouri State,
Springfield, Mo.

Friday

5 p.m. Men's swimming vs. Iowa
State and Northern Illinois,
Field House pool
7 p.m. Wrestling vs. Iowa State,
Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Saturday

7 p.m. Men's basketball, vs. Iowa
State, Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Sunday

1 p.m. Women's basketball, vs.
Colorado, Carver-Hawkeye Arena

SPORTS BRIEF

Michigan State
improves to No. 2

Duke, which beat two ranked
teams last week, held the top spot in
The Associated Press' college basket-
ball poll Monday, while Michigan
State moved up one spot to No. 2.

The Blue Devils (7-0) beat Illinois
and Temple after moving to the top
of the rankings last week. They
received 59 first-place votes and
1,715 points from the national
media panel, 107 more than
Michigan State.

The Spartans (5-0), who received
nine No. 1 votes, moved up one spot
after beating North Carolina and
Illinois-Chicago last week. The defend-
ing national champions play host to
No. 8 Florida on Wednesday in a
rematch of last season's title game.

Kansas (7-0) dropped from sec-
ond to third despite easily beating
Middle Tennessee State and Illinois
State in its only games last week.

Iowa to put perfect record on the line against UNI

Iowa coach Steve Alford
says fatigue could be a
concern tonight.

By Todd Brommelkamp
The Daily Iowan

If Iowa men's basketball
coach Steve Alford were to
overhear students complaining
about how many term papers
he had to write or how many
finals they had to study for, he
would most likely toss them a
quarter and tell them to call
someone who cares. He's just
as busy.

When the 5-0 Hawkeyes
host Northern Iowa at Carver-
Hawkeye Arena tonight, Iowa

will be playing its fourth game
in seven days and third in five
nights. Alford said his main
concern for tonight's game was
his team's lack of time for
preparation and rest. After
defeating Tulsa, 66-65, on Dec.
2, the Hawkeyes have gone
through light workouts and
watched a few tapes of the
Panthers but have focused
mainly on resting up, he said.

"We need our guys to get in
the right mindset," Alford said
of the short turnaround.
"Individually, they need to be
strong enough mentally."

Two players Alford said need
to get back into top form are
guards Luke Recker and Dean
Oliver. Oliver finished the

Tulsa game 1-9 from the field,
and he missed two crucial free
throws that would have given
Iowa a four-point lead with
under a minute remaining.
Recker played a rather one-
dimensional game, scoring 13
points.

"(Oliver) did a poor job in the
game of running the show, and
Luke was lazy defensively,"
Alford said.

While Iowa would have
struggled with such perform-
ances last season, Alford point-
ed to better depth and others
stepping up as keys to hanging
on for the victory.

Depth is something the 2-2
Panthers would kill for.

See BASKETBALL, Page 6B



Iowa's Luke Recker drives against Tulsa's Marcus Hill Dec. 2 at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

A season of great expectations

Mike Lorenzen says his
Iowa women's
gymnastics team can
make nationals this year.

By Jeremy Shapiro
The Daily Iowan

Three former Iowa gym-
nasts sat in the bleachers on
Dec. 2 during the intrasquad
scrimmage, sensing they were
witnessing something special
unfold in front of them.

"There's a lot of talent out
there," said Betsy Lam, who
competed for the team in 1999
and 2000.

A lot of talent, and suddenly,
a lot of expectations, describes
the 2001 Iowa women's gym-
nastics campaign. With a
healthy lineup, a much-her-
alded freshman class and an
abundance of flair, it's no won-
der the three former gymnasts
have raised the bar.

Senior Giselle Boniforti is
back to defend as Big Ten
uneven-bar champion, and
returning starters senior
Angie Hungerford and junior
Corynne Cooper give Hawkeye
fans a reason to be optimistic
after two consecutive sub-par
seasons. Throw into the mix a
group of highly touted fresh-
men, and the talent level soars
like Boniforti's bar routine.

"We have big goals this
year," Hungerford said. "We
have a chance at going to
nationals this year. This is
Coach (Mike) Lorenzen's sec-
ond year, and we've made a
huge transition. Plus, we are a
lot healthier and stronger
than in the past."

Boniforti said she would like
the team to receive some
National recognition, but her
goal for the moment is for the
team to be completely unified
and to go for them.

Lorenzen himself has also

raised the expectation level,
and he believes his team can
achieve a lot.

"I will be extremely disap-
pointed if we are not at
Regionals this year as a team,"
he said. "I think we have a
reasonable shot at going to
NCAA Nationals."

Speaking of expectations,
the freshman class is creating
loads of them. Alexis Maday,
Stephanie Gram and Brandy
Killian have been labeled the
best-ever recruiting class after
sensational club careers.

Killian, from Lansing,
Mich., was the Junior Olympic
National all-around and floor
champion and was named
2000 Region 5 Athlete of the
Year. Gran, who hails from
Wauconda, Ill., won the 1999
and 2000 Junior Olympic
National Vault Championship
and captured the 2000 Illinois
state all-around title. Not to
be outdone, Maday, a native of
Frederick, Md., was the 2000
Junior Olympic National bar
and floor champion.

Boniforti, Hungerford and
Cooper all said the freshmen
are adjusting really well to col-
lege.

"I could see the excitement
in their eyes," Boniforti said.
"They are so fun to watch.
They were nervous for the first
time out, but they are crowd
pleasers."

While the freshmen have
clearly increased Iowa's
prospects, the team has a lot
to work on before its first offi-
cial meet — Jan. 6, when
Southeast Missouri State
comes to town.

"We need to work on clean-
ing up and hitting sets,"
Cooper said. "That will be a
big confidence-builder if we
can get it to where everything
is on autopilot."

Lorenzen said sports psy-

See GYMNASTICS, Page 6B



Iowa senior Angie Hungerford performs on the balance beam Saturday during the Black and Gold coed meet.

Norv Turner gets the ax in Washington

The Redskins coach is
fired after his \$100 million
team falls to 7-6.

By Joseph White
Associated Press

ASHBURN, Va. — Dan
Snyder didn't have much time
nor many options.

The Washington Redskins
owner knew he wanted coach
Norv Turner out. The problem
was replacing him with three
games left in the regular sea-
son.

After watching the most
expensive team in NFL history
fail to live up to his Super
Bowl expectations, Snyder
fired Turner on Monday and
promoted passing game coor-
dinator Terry Robiskie to try
to salvage the season.

"It's all about winning,"
Snyder said. "We assembled
the best team we could put
together. At this point we just
really needed to make a



An unidentified Washington Redskins fan makes his feelings known with a banner asking for a new coach Sunday.

change, driven with what I call
some serious leadership."

The owner pulled an all-
nighter in making his decision,
hours after the Redskins lost
to the New York Giants at
home Sunday and severely

hurt their chances of making
the playoffs.

Snyder and his brain trust
examined the available names
from the pro and college ranks.
At about 12:30 a.m., they real-
ized the obvious: With three

games to go in the season, they
would have to hire in-house.

By 2:30 a.m., Snyder had
chosen Robiskie. At 11 a.m.,
Snyder fired Turner, who man-
aged to produce only a 7-6
record this season with a \$100
million roster.

"I've obviously been put in a
good position to have an oppor-
tunity to win," said Turner, at
times fighting back tears.
"This team has a chance to be
10-6. That's a disappointment to
me. There's part of me that
would like to be a part of it.
There's part of me that under-
stands why it's necessary to
make a change right now."

Turner, in his seventh sea-
son with the team, left with a
49-59-1 record and one trip to
the playoffs.

Robiskie, 46, is a former
offensive coordinator with the
Oakland Raiders and was one
of Turner's first hires in
Washington. He is known for a

See REDSKINS, Page 6B

Don't stress over early loss



Few in the world of college
wrestling thought this year's
Iowa team would lose a match
all season. Heck, it would be
safe to say that few thought
Iowa's duals would even be
close. With five All-Americans
returning, and four wrestlers
ranked either first or second
at their weights, Iowa looked
like it would be winning its
seventh national title in a row
— without even having to try.

If the Hawkeyes were in
seventh heaven, no pun
intended, they were grounded
after Oklahoma State bat-
tered them down in Oklahoma
City on Dec. 2.

While everyone in the state
is in utter surprise about this
loss, they really shouldn't be.
Despite tough lower weights,
the Hawkeyes are young, and
although I hate to say it, they
may be a tad complacent.
Iowa hasn't lost a dual since
two seasons ago, in 1999.

Unlike last year's undefeat-
ed team, this year's team
doesn't have experience in the
upper weights. Last year,
Iowa had Wes Hand, who
always came through with a
big win, and senior 197-
pounder Lee Weber, who could
step up in big matches.

This year, however, Iowa
has two freshmen at 197 and
heavyweight. Saturday, the
youth of Ryan and Randy
Fulsaas showed as they were
wrecked by their Oklahoma
State opponents. Randy, at
heavyweight, is not only
young, but he is also extreme-
ly undersized. On average, he
is giving up around 50-60
pounds to every opponent he
wrestles. The Fulsaas broth-
ers are going to be good some-
day, but as coach Jim Zalesky
says, they're going to have to
take their lumps.

Iowa is also starting junior
Ben Shirk at 165 pounds for
the first time. Jessman Smith
is only a sophomore.

Against Oklahoma State,
what showed was Iowa's
youth. Sure, last year's NCAA
champion Eric Juergens lost,
too, but the dual was almost
put out of reach before
Juergens wrestled. He needed
a major decision for Iowa to tie
— that's tough to do against
an opponent ranked sixth in
the nation wrestling in front
of his home crowd. That
Juergens had the burden of
the team score on his shoul-
ders just might have been the
reason he wrestled poorly.

See SCHNITKER, Page 6B

QUICK HITS

SPORTS QUIZ

Chris Street

COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOWL GLANCE

College Bowl Games
Wednesday, Dec. 20
Mobile Alabama Bowl
Payout: \$750,000
TCU (10-1) vs. Southern Mississippi (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 21
Las Vegas Bowl
At Las Vegas
Payout: \$800,000
UNLV (7-5) vs. Arkansas (6-5), 7 p.m. (ESPN2)

Sunday, Dec. 24
Oahu Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$750,000
Virginia (6-5) vs. Georgia (7-4), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Dec. 25
Blue-Gray Classic
At Montgomery, Ala.
Blue vs. Gray, 11 a.m. (ABC)
Aloha Bowl
At Honolulu
Payout: \$750,000
Boston College (6-5) vs. Arizona State (6-5), 2:30 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Dec. 27
Motor City Bowl
At Pontiac, Mich.
Payout: \$750,000
Marshall (7-5) vs. Cincinnati (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Gallerlyfurniture.com Bowl At Houston
Payout: \$750,000
Texas Tech (7-5) vs. East Carolina (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN2)

Thursday, Dec. 28
Humanitarian Bowl
At Boise, Idaho
Payout: \$750,000
Boise State (9-2) vs. Texas-El Paso (8-3), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
Music City Bowl
At Nashville, Tenn.
Payout: \$750,000
West Virginia (6-5) vs. Mississippi (7-4), 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Friday, Dec. 29
Liberty Bowl
At Memphis, Tenn.
Payout: \$1.25 million
Colorado State (9-2) vs. Louisville (9-2), 12:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Sun Bowl
At El Paso, Texas
Payout: \$1 million
UCLA (6-5) vs. Wisconsin (8-4), 1 p.m. (CBS)
Peach Bowl
At Atlanta
Payout: \$1.8 million
Georgia Tech (9-2) vs. LSU (7-4), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Holiday Bowl
At San Diego
Payout: \$1.9 million
Texas (9-2) vs. Oregon (9-2), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Dec. 30
Alamo Bowl
At San Antonio
Payout: \$1.2 million
Nebraska (9-2) vs. Northwestern (8-3), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Sunday, Dec. 31
Silicon Valley Classic
At San Jose, Calif.
Payout: \$1.2 million
Fresno State (7-4) vs. Air Force (8-3), 6 p.m. (FOXSN)

Independence Bowl
At Shreveport, La.
Payout: \$1.1 million
Texas A&M (7-4) vs. Mississippi State (7-4), 7 p.m. (ESPN)

Monday, Jan. 1
Outback Bowl
At Tampa, Fla.
Payout: \$2 million

Ohio State (8-3) vs. South Carolina (7-4), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
Cotton Bowl
Payout: \$2.5 million
At Dallas
Kansas State (10-3) vs. Tennessee (8-3), 10 a.m. (FOX)
Gator Bowl
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Payout: \$1.4 million
Virginia Tech (10-1) vs. Clemson (9-2), 11:30 p.m. (NBC)
Citrus Bowl
At Orlando, Fla.
Payout: \$4 million
Michigan (8-3) vs. Auburn (9-3), 12 p.m. (ABC)
Rose Bowl
At Pasadena, Calif.
Payout: \$13.5 million
Purdue (8-3) vs. Washington (10-1), 3:30 p.m. (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
At Tempe, Ariz.
Payout: \$13.5 million
Oregon State (10-1) vs. Notre Dame (9-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Tuesday, Jan. 2
Sugar Bowl
At New Orleans
Payout: \$13.5 million
Florida (10-2) vs. Miami (10-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Wednesday, Jan. 3
Orange Bowl
At Miami
Payout: \$11-13 million
Oklahoma (12-0) vs. Florida State (11-1), 7 p.m. (ABC)

Saturday, Jan. 13
All-Star Gridiron Classic
At Orlando, Fla.
Team USA vs. Team Florida, 12 p.m. (ESPN2)
EastWest Shrine Classic
At San Francisco
East vs. West, 3 p.m. (ESPN)

Saturday, Jan. 20
Senior Bowl
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 1 p.m. (ESPN)
Hula Bowl
At Maui, Hawaii
North vs. South, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

AP MEN'S TOP 25
The Men's Top Twenty Five
By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 3, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:
Record Pts Pvs
1. Duke (59) 7-0, 715 1
2. Michigan St. (95-0), 608 3
3. Kansas (1) 7-0, 562 2
4. Stanford 6-0, 541 4
5. Arizona 5-1, 463 5
6. Tennessee 6-0, 323 7
7. Seton Hall 4-0, 267 8
8. Florida 3-0, 200 10
9. Illinois 5-2, 181 9
10. Notre Dame 4-0, 114 11
11. Wake Forest 6-0, 97 12
12. Southern Cal 4-0, 87 15
13. Syracuse 7-0, 746 20
14. North Carolina 3-2, 712 6
15. Connecticut 6-1, 696 16
16. Virginia 4-0, 655 21
17. Wisconsin 3-1, 560 23
18. Cincinnati 3-1, 464 22
19. Maryland 3-3, 428 13
20. Oklahoma 5-1, 385 14
21. Arkansas 5-1, 337 25
22. Utah 4-2, 257 18
23. Alabama 3-0, 237 —
24. St. John's 4-2, 175 19
25. Iowa St. 5-0, 127 —

Others receiving votes: Iowa 120, Kentucky 111, Temple 106, Mississippi 73, Georgetown 54, Charlotte 48, DePaul 38, Gonzaga 28, Texas 26, Oregon 20, Purdue 20, Xavier 19, St. Bonaventure 16, Toledo 15, George Washington 13, SMU 13, Dayton 12, Marshall 9, LSU 8, Missouri 8, Oklahoma St. 7, Wyoming 7, Georgia 6, CS Northridge 5, Villanova 5, Ohio St. 4, Arizona St. 3, Louisiana-Lafayette 2, Penn St. 2, Southern Miss. 2, Georgia St. 1, Holy Cross 1, Minnesota 1, Pepperdine 1, Vanderbilt 1.

WOMEN'S TOP 25
The Women's Top Twenty Five
By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 3, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:
Record Pts Pvs
1. Connecticut (40) 4-0, 1,000 1
2. Tennessee 5-0, 960 2
3. Duke 9-0, 910 3
4. Notre Dame 6-0, 885 4
5. Georgia 5-2, 805 7
6. Purdue 7-1, 803 6
7. Iowa St. 4-0, 736 8
8. Texas Tech 4-0, 700 10
9. Rutgers 3-1, 690 5
10. Oregon 4-0, 612 12
11. Auburn 7-0, 484 14
12. Louisiana Tech 5-2, 477 9
13. Penn St. 3-3, 401 11
14. Mississippi St. 4-1, 399 16
15. Oklahoma 3-2, 387 19
16. Stanford 5-1, 383 17
17. LSU 3-3, 324 15
18. SW Missouri St. 3-2, 320 13
19. Xavier 5-0, 315 21
20. Florida 6-0, 221 —
21. N.C. State 4-1, 219 22
22. Wisconsin 3-3, 189 8
23. Vanderbilt 5-1, 181 23
24. Virginia 5-3, 148 20
25. Texas 7-1, 98 —

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Walker, Bos. 17 134 55 357 210
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Mashburn, Char. 18 131 79 364 202
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Others receiving votes: Boston College 89, Utah 40, Indiana 30, Virginia Tech 28, Old Dominion 20, Baylor 13, UAB 11, Southern Cal 10, Arizona 9, Mississippi 9, St. Mary's, Cal. 8, Alabama 7, Southern Miss. 7, Colorado St. 6, Creighton 6, Michigan 6, Nebraska 6, Buffalo 5, Kansas 5, Tulane 5, Villanova 4, Memphis 3, Ohio St. 3, Illinois 2, New Mexico 2, UNLV 2, Kent St. 1, North Carolina 1, San Francisco 1.

NBA STANDINGS

National Basketball Association			
EASTERN CONFERENCE			
Atlantic Division		L	Pct GB
Philadelphia	14	2	875
New York	12	7	632 1/2
Boston	8	9	471 1/2
Miami	7	10	412 1/2
Orlando	7	11	389
New Jersey	6	11	358 1/2
Washington	4	14	222 1/2
Central Division		L	Pct GB
Charlotte	11	7	611
Cleveland	9	7	563
Toronto	9	7	563
Detroit	8	9	472 1/2
Indiana	7	9	438
Milwaukee	7	10	412 1/2
Atlanta	4	13	236 1/2
Chicago	2	14	125
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
Midwest Division		L	Pct GB
Utah	13	4	765
San Antonio	11	5	681 1/2
Dallas	11	7	612 1/2
Denver	9	8	529
Houston	9	8	529
Minnesota	8	9	529
Vancouver	6	11	353
Pacific Division		L	Pct GB
Sacramento	11	4	733 1/2
L.A. Lakers	13	5	722
Phoenix	11	7	638
Portland	12	7	632 1/2
Seattle	9	10	474 1/2
Golden State	5	13	278
L.A. Clippers	5	14	268 1/2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
AMERICAN LEAGUE
SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jeff Nelson on a three-year contract.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Claimed LHP Trey Moore off waivers from the Montreal Expos. Sent INF Steve Sisco outright to Richmond of the International League.
CHICAGO CUBS—Named Dan Evans consultant for salary arbitration.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Signed LHP Denny Neagle to a five-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Named Lary Doughty scout.

BASKETBALL
NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
BOSTON CELTICS—Activated G Adrian Griffin from the injured list. Placed G Chris Herten on the injured list.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Placed G Mitch Richmond on the injured list. Activated G Laron Profit from the injured list.
FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE
CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed CB Rodney Heath on injured reserve. Signed CB Sirr Parker from the practice squad. Signed S Gary Thompkins to the practice squad.
DETROIT LIONS—Placed T Aaron Gibson and CB Bryant Westbrook on injured reserve. Signed CB J.B. Brown and CB Jeremy Lincoln.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Fired Norv Turner, coach. Named Terry Robiskie interim coach.
COLLEGE
ARIZONA—Named John Mackovic football coach.
BOWLING GREEN—Named Urban Meyer football coach.
GEORGIA—Fired Jim Donnan, football coach.
GEORGIA TECH—Named Bill O'Brien offensive coordinator.
MISSISSIPPI—Extended the contract of David Cutcliffe, football coach, through the 2004 season.
NAVY—Fired Mike Vaughn, offensive coordinator; Gene McKeehan, offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator; and Charles McMillian, secondary coach.

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Boston 96, L.A. Clippers 87
Milwaukee 92, Indiana 80
San Antonio 97, Vancouver 79
Detroit 93, Washington 87
Phoenix 84, Portland 79
Seattle 118, Golden State 102
L.A. Lakers 99, Dallas 97
Monday's Games
New York 106, L.A. Clippers 78
Philadelphia at Denver, late
Tuesday's Games
New Jersey at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Boston at Orlando, 8:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Utah, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NBA LEADERS

NBA Leaders
By The Associated Press
Through Dec. 3
SCORING AVERAGE FG FT Pts AVG
Bryant, LAL 18 184 121 512 28.4

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BY THE NUMBERS

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— the number of turnovers the Rams had against Carolina Sunday in their 16-3 loss.

SAV WHAT?

We knew he was a football player. Besides, he slept with his football every night. Had that football not gone flat, I believe he'd still be sleeping with it.

— Lorene Chappel, on why she is not surprised her son, LaDanian Tomlinson is a candidate for the Heisman Trophy.

BY THE NUMBERS

2

— the number of walk-ons expected to start for Northern Iowa tonight when it takes on Iowa.

POINTCOUNTERPOINT

Are there too many bowl games in college football?

There is nothing like sitting down over Winter Break, grabbing your favorite beverage, and watching a college bowl game or two, but things have reached a saturation point.

The 2000 football bowl season will begin with the Mobile Alabama Bowl on Dec. 20 and end some 24 games later on Jan. 3 with the national title on the line at the Orange Bowl. That adds up to 50 teams with tickets to various such tradition-steeped bowls as the Motor City, Music City and Silicon Valley Bowls.

Does anyone else remember when going to a bowl meant something, or when the term bowl-eligible applied to teams that weren't merely one game above mediocrity? Now, if you finish 6-5 and have enough fans to generate big revenues you are almost assured a chance to go bowling. This season alone, there are seven teams with 6-5 records in a postseason bowl. One extra loss and any of the seven are 5-6 and watching from the comforts of their own homes.

A bowl bid used to be a reward for a job well done. Now, a bowl is simply an excuse for a business to get some free advertising and for teams to rake in a little extra cash. Take, for example, the MiconPC.com Bowl, which will feature 6-5 Big Ten powerhouse Minnesota. The Gophers will earn \$750,000 for powering on 7-4 North Carolina State in Miami on Dec. 28.

Before long, 6-5 teams everywhere will be scrambling for a coveted bid to the esteemed DailyIowan.com Bowl in freezing cold Kinnick Stadium.

— by Todd Brommelkamp

Bowl games are the highlight of that week between Christmas and New Year's, when all there is to do is take back the Christmas presents you did not even want in the first place. The more bowls the merrier — bring them on.

Critics will say games that match teams such as East Carolina and Texas Tech dilute the games to the point where going to a bowl, game is not special anymore, but to the schools and its fans a game in December is special no matter where it is played. (This includes Boise.)

Besides just being good TV (or bad, if you disagree with me so far), the increase in bowl games is good for the parity of college football in an indirect way.

Bowl games give teams from conferences not usually part of any kind of national television deal a chance to perform on a stage where usually they are going to be the only game that night.

This gives national television exposure to teams such as Southern Miss and UNLV. The game will hopefully showcase that they can compete at a high level, thus making the schools more attractive to potential recruits and spreading the talent wealth across a broader spectrum of conferences.

Even though the influx of bowl games is good for college football, the limits are being tested, so adding more games is not a good plan. But the system that is in place now works, so bring on all the dot-com bowls and 6-5 teams.

— by Mike Kelly

SPORTS BRIEFS

Seattle signs Yankees reliever Nelson
SEATTLE (AP) — Jeff Nelson is back in Seattle, joining a bullpen that includes closer Kazuhiro Sasaki, Arthur Rhodes and Jose Paniagua.
Nelson, who earned four World Series rings after he was traded from the Mariners to the New York Yankees five years ago, agreed Monday to a \$10.65 million, three-year contract.

"I think with the addition of Jeff, in my estimation, we have the most dominant bullpen in the American League," Mariners general manager Pat Gillick said. "He's a great addition to our ballclub."
Nelson gets a \$4 million signing bonus payable over three years and salaries of \$2 million in 2001, \$2 million in 2002 and \$2.65 million in 2003. He can earn an additional \$1 million per year in performance bonuses.
Nelson was the second major

addition by the Mariners this winter. Last month, they signed free agent right fielder Ichiro Suzuki.
The Mariners plan to meet in Miami on Thursday with their top player who became a free agent, shortstop Alex Rodriguez, and his agent, Scott Boras.
Nelson, 34, takes the place of right-hander Jose Mesa. The Mariners declined to exercise Mesa's \$4,133,333 option and gave him a \$250,000 buyout, and he signed a

\$6.8 million, two-year deal with the Philadelphia Phillies.
Nelson was 8-4 with a 2.45 ERA in 73 games with the Yankees last season. He led AL relievers with a 2.45 ERA and a .183 opponents' batting average.
His eight victories tied his career high, and his 73 appearances were sixth in the league.
Nelson was the winning pitcher in Game 4 of the World Series, when the Yankees beat the New York Mets.

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SPORTS

Many teams are looking to clinch berths in NFL post-season

■ Several teams are looking toward the post-season.

By Dave Goldberg
Associated Press

Norv Turner was fired Monday as Washington's coach, the victim of failed expectations. But the Redskins aren't the only team that has failed to live up to expectations as a strange NFL season enters its final three weeks.

Not only are the Redskins and their \$100 million payroll in jeopardy of missing the playoffs, but so are the Colts, one of the preseason AFC favorites. Most surprising of all, the defending champion Rams are reeling with four losses in five games and battling New Orleans, a 3-13 team last season, for the NFC West title.

Coach Mike Martz grabbed at straws after Carolina beat St. Louis, 16-3, and Kurt Warner threw four interceptions in his return after missing five games with a broken finger.

"Some good news from this is our defense," Martz said. "It was their best performance since I've been here."

Nonetheless, others are a lot closer to the playoffs.

Minnesota clinched a berth last week and can clinch both the NFC Central and home field advantage by winning at St. Louis on Sunday. There are plausible scenarios for eight other teams to clinch playoff berths and even division titles this week: Baltimore, Denver, Miami, the New York Jets and Giants, Oakland, Philadelphia and Tennessee.

But there aren't clinch scenarios this week for the Rams and Redskins, who need to start winning, and the Colts, hanging by a thread.

AFC
There's little hope for the outsiders — Buffalo and Indianapolis (7-6) and Pittsburgh and Jacksonville (6-7). Barring collapses, the AFC playoff teams should be the Dolphins, Jets, Titans, Ravens, Raiders and Broncos, all with

four or fewer losses. Oakland's loss in Pittsburgh and Denver's win in New Orleans left the Broncos (9-4) a game behind the Raiders (10-3) in the AFC West.

The Broncos would win the division if they tie because they've beaten the Raiders twice. The Raiders have the Jets and Carolina at home and are at Seattle; The Broncos get Seattle and San Francisco at home and are at Kansas City.

The Ravens (9-4) are a game behind Tennessee (10-3) in the AFC Central with complicated tiebreaking scenarios. But the franchise can clinch its first playoff berth since moving to Baltimore by beating San Diego (1-12) at home next week.

The Dolphins need one more win to make it, as do the Titans.

And while the Jets have a horrific closing schedule against opponents with a 27-12 combined record — Oakland, Detroit and Baltimore

— they could make it as early as this week if they beat the Raiders and the Giants beat Pittsburgh.

The Colts, 13-3 last season, fell to 7-6 when they lost to the Jets Sunday, their third straight loss and fourth in five games. The problem is defense.

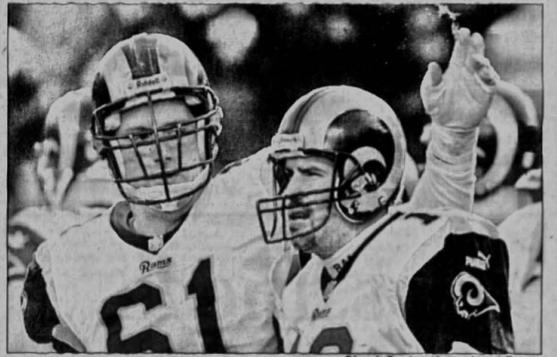
"We've got to get people stopped," coach Jim Mora said. "We've had three games where we struggled on the road in the first half. It's not a question of not being ready or not trying, it just hasn't worked."

That almost sounds like a concession speech.

NFC
There are a few more openings than in the AFC.

Minnesota (10-2) is in cruise control. The Giants (9-4) and Eagles (9-5) are in unless they totally collapse. The Eagles play the Bengals and Browns and the Giants get Pittsburgh and Jacksonville at home and play at Dallas.

The rest of the equation involves the Rams, Saints,



St. Louis Rams' Tom Nutter (61) consoles quarterback Kurt Warner in the fourth quarter of the Rams' 16-3 loss to the Carolina Panthers at Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte, N.C., Sunday.

Bucs and Lions (all 8-5) and the Redskins (7-6), who despite their problems are not out of the playoff race.

Most teams that change coaches get emotional lifts for a couple of games, and Washington has three very winnable games left: Dallas at home and Arizona on the road, with a game in Pittsburgh in

between. The Redskins lose division tiebreakers to the Eagles and Giants and a wild-card tiebreaker to the Lions, but a 10-6 record might get them in, anyway.

There's also no guarantee that the loser of the West (New Orleans or St. Louis) will get a wild-card berth.

Arizona names Mackovic coach

■ Mackovic returns to Tucson after leaving 24 years ago.

By Bob Baum
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — After three years as a TV football analyst, John Mackovic decided he wasn't through with coaching after all.

When Arizona called about the opening created by the resignation of his good friend Dick Tomey, Mackovic jumped at it.

On Monday, Mackovic appeared at a news conference to be introduced as the Wildcats' new coach, the fourth program he has headed in what will be his 14th season as a major college coach.

"The TV gig was nice, but it's not coaching," he said. "It doesn't have the same feel of coaching."

Mackovic, 57, returns to the school where he was a young offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 1973-76.

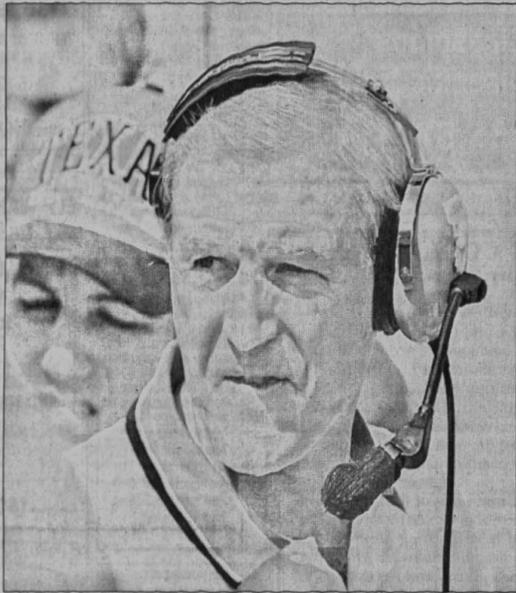
"It's been a long wait," he said, "but I feel like I'm finally home."

Since then, he's had a nomadic career that included head coach at Wake Forest from 1978-80, the NFL's Kansas City Chiefs from 1983-86, Illinois from 1988-91 and Texas from 1992-97.

He was coach of the year in all three collegiate conferences, but decided to quit the profession when he was fired by Texas after a 4-7 season. He then worked for ESPN.

"I chose to say I was retired because I was hurt," Mackovic said. "I just didn't know if I wanted to continue because I felt we had done the things that were asked of us, and we had put our program at Texas in not only a competitive but a winning position, but we had an off year."

Athletic director Jim Livengood first contacted Mackovic a week ago. They worked out



Harry Cabluck/Associated Press

Texas head football coach John Mackovic whistles to call his reserve into a game against UCLA during the second quarter in Austin, Texas, in this Sept. 13, 1997, photo. Mackovic was named to replace Dick Tomey as football coach at Arizona Monday.

the details of the five-year contract at meetings late last week in Phoenix. Livengood said no one else was offered the job.

"I think the biggest thing that probably convinced me more than anything else is that he has a passion, a burning desire to get back into college football and coach young people," Livengood said.

Mackovic's salary was not disclosed pending approval by the Board of Regents.

Livengood wanted an offensive-minded coach, and Mackovic fills that bill. He said he will call the plays.

"I will be vitally involved with all parts of the program," he said, "but I do expect to be involved on a minute-by-minute basis with the offense."

After 14 years as coach, Tomey resigned moments after the Wildcats lost to Ari-

zona State, 30-17, in the season finale. One of his main failures was his inability to get Arizona to the Rose Bowl. The Wildcats are the only Pac-10 team never to make it to the Pasadena classic.

"I want us to be the best. That's why I do things," Mackovic said. "First of all, we have to get to and win the Rose Bowl. This university has not been there. That would be my No. 1 obligation to our team, our university, our fans."

He also talked about bolstering dwindling fan support.

Mackovic said he wants the home crowd to become "as ferocious and as fearsome and as loathed by opponents as we can make it. It can be done. It's been done other places in the Pac-10 that at one time were not known for their home field advantage."

Anderson looks at rookie honors

■ From the Marine Corps to the NFL, Mike Anderson has had a successful life already.

By Aaron J. Lopez
Associated Press

DENVER — The evolution of Broncos running back Mike Anderson has to rank among the most unique in the NFL.

In a nine-year sequence that would make Charles Darwin proud, Anderson has played drums in his high school band, carried a rifle for the Marines, earned a college scholarship, and shattered NFL rushing records.

"That's my man — the drummer boy," said Ron McBride, who coached Anderson for two seasons at the University of Utah. "You talk about a success story. To come from a band to the Marine Corps to junior col-

lege to Utah to the NFL. Now he might be rookie of the year."

Given the Forrest Gump-like progression, it seems logical that Anderson's next accomplishment will be accepting the honor as the league's top rookie.

Already a strong contender for the award, he earned front-runner status Sunday by rushing for 251 yards to break the single-game rookie record set by Cincinnati's Corey Dillon in 1997.

"I'm already lobbying for him for rookie of the year. He's got my vote," Denver offensive lineman Tony Jones said. "I'm going to keep pumping him up."

Anderson, a sixth-round draft pick in April, won't have to do much campaigning if he continues to tear up NFL defenses while substituting for injured running backs Terrell

Davis and Olandis Gary. Sunday's performance against the New Orleans Saints — one of the NFL's best defensive teams — marked the third time this season Anderson has broken Denver's single-game rookie rushing record.

His 1,222 yards in nine games also is a Broncos' single-season rookie record, and he shares or owns nine other Denver rushing, scoring and rookie marks.

"The thing you see about Mike is that he's grown up every week. He's maturing every week. He's finding the holes better every week," Broncos quarterback Gus Frerotte said.

"He's a big powerful kid, and he's getting his running style down. Guys are bouncing off of him, and he's getting extra yards. He's going to be a great back in this league."

Rockies sign Neagle to five year deal

■ Colorado's Denny Neagle will be the seventh-highest paid pitcher next season.

By John Mossman
Associated Press

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies upgraded their pitching staff today, agreeing to a \$51.5 million, five-year contract with Denny Neagle.

The deal, which includes a team option for 2006, was scheduled to be announced at 5 p.m. CST.

It gives Neagle the seventh-highest average salary among pitchers, trailing only Roger Clemens (\$15.45 million), Kevin Brown (\$15 million), Mike Mussina (\$14.75 million), Randy Johnson (\$13.1 million), Pedro Martinez (\$12.5 million) and Greg Maddux (\$11.5 million).

Neagle, 32, and his agent, Barry Meister, had been in serious negotiations with the Rockies since Nov. 30, when the left-hander and his wife, Jennifer, met with team officials at Coors Field.

The Rockies had an advantage in their dealings with Neagle. His wife is a native of the Denver area, and a year ago the couple made their off-season home in the Denver foothills community of Morrison.

Neagle also received offers from the Boston Red Sox, Los Angeles Dodgers and New York Mets. The Yankees, who acquired him from Cincinnati during the All-Star break, did not attempt to re-sign him.

Coors Field has proved to be a graveyard for pitchers, but Neagle won three starts there while pitching for Atlanta in 1997-98.

Neagle has compiled a 76-39 record and 3.69 ERA the past five seasons, including 7-7 with a 5.81 ERA in 15 starts for the Yankees as they won their third-straight World Series title.

Georgia fires coach after 7-4 season

■ Jim Donnan was fired after the Bulldogs dropped four games, including a game against Georgia Tech.

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia fired football coach Jim Donnan Monday after a disappointing 7-4 season that started with the Bulldogs ranked No. 10 and picked to win the SEC East, his players said.

"I thought he would be around another year," said quarterback Cory Phillips, who was at a team meeting at which Donnan told the team he had been dismissed. "I'm a little bit shocked. It's an unsettling feeling."

Athletics Director Vince Dooley had given Donnan a vote of confidence just last month. But the players said Dooley told them that school President

Michael Adams made the decision to fire Donnan.

The Athletics Department scheduled a late afternoon press conference to discuss the program but details were not disclosed.

Dooley said last month the coach would not be fired even though the Bulldogs fell short of preseason predictions that had them winning SEC's East.

Criticism of Donnan increased a week later, after Georgia Tech beat Georgia for the third-straight year, the Bulldogs' longest losing streak in the bitter rivalry since the early 1960s.

A win over Georgia Tech would have put Georgia in position for a New Year's Day bowl game, but the loss left the No. 24 Bulldogs in the Oahu Bowl against Virginia.

Phillips said players asked Dooley if Donnan could coach the team in the bowl game. If not, Phillips said, players were

considering voting against accepting the bid.

The 55-year-old Donnan, who came to Georgia for the 1996 season from Division I-AA Marshall, has been linked to coaching vacancies the past three years.

Donnan has a career record of 103-40, including 39-19 at Georgia. He has failed, however, against Georgia's biggest rivals, going 6-14 against Georgia Tech, Florida, Auburn and Tennessee.

"Obviously, you're expected at the University of Georgia to beat the big rivals," Phillips said. "We do have a losing record against them."

Donnan rejected a five-year, \$4.25-million offer from North Carolina in 1997, and was said to be a candidate the following season at Oklahoma, where he was a former assistant. The North Carolina job is open again after Carl Torbush was fired earlier this year.

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Antley, 34, was found dead on Dec. 2 at his home "with severe trauma to his head," police said.

"We have no one in custody," Lt. Keith Jones said.

The county coroner scheduled an autopsy for today.

Police would say little about an Antley associate, Timothy Wyman Tyler Jr., who was arrested Sunday at a Pasadena residence on three drug warrants.

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By Jim Cour
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SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners won't move in the fences at Safeco Field in an effort to re-sign star shortstop Alex Rodriguez.

"We like the ballpark as it is, and we're not going to make decisions like that based on one player," general manager Pat Gillick said Monday.

Rodriguez, a four-time All-Star for the Mariners, last week suggested the Mariners shorten the distances to the fences in the pitcher-friendly ballpark, which opened in July 1999.

Rodriguez hit 28 of his 41 home runs last season on the road, where he also hit 84 points higher than at Safeco. Rodriguez and his agent, Scott Boras, said last week that they weren't making any negotiating demands on the Mariners.

Gillick said Rodriguez, 25, never has talked to him before about Safeco's outfield distances before.

"But I'm sure it will be brought up this week," he said. Rodriguez brought up the issue last week on his Web site.

"That's never been anything we've asked from any team, the configuration of their stadium. It's not an issue," Boras said. "His personal belief is the Mariners would have been

more effective last year if the fences had been brought in. That's his opinion, but that's not going to be determinative of his decision."

Gillick, manager Lou Piniella and other team officials are scheduled to meet with Rodriguez and Boras on Thursday in Miami. Mariners Chairman Howard Lincoln won't be there because he will be vacationing in Hawaii. Also missing from the meeting will be team President Chuck Armstrong.

The Mariners also will be represented by Roger Jongewaard and Lee Pelekoudas, two vice presidents and assistants to Gillick, and Lee Elia, the team's major league field and coach consultant.

After the meeting, Boras and the Mariners' officials will head to Dallas for baseball's winter meetings.

"One of the things on Alex's agenda is that he wants to win," Gillick said. "We've added a couple of new faces. We haven't subtracted, and I think we're a better team than we were at the end of the season."

Boras said Monday he thought Rodriguez could decide on his future team during the winter meetings. The Mariners won't be the only club to speak with Rodriguez in Miami.

"We're going to meet with Seattle and one other team down there and then I'm heading to the winter meetings for the final exam, if you will," Boras said. "I think we're down the road with a number of

teams. We've narrowed it down to eight, and I've been negotiating with a smaller group."

Reliever Jeff Nelson, who agreed to a \$10.65 million, three-year contract with the Mariners on Monday, brought up the subject of Rodriguez's future. He said he hoped Rodriguez would decide to stay in Seattle rather than signing with another team.

"I'd love to see Alex come back," Nelson said. "It doesn't take one guy to win a championship. It takes 25, and we showed that in New York. I think it's very important for him to come back because this is his team."

"I want him to be my teammate again," he said. "I hope he makes the right choice and comes back to Seattle. Hopefully, he doesn't make the same mistake that Griffey did."

Ken Griffey Jr. forced the Mariners to trade him to the Cincinnati Reds last February.

Rodriguez is believed to be seeking a 10-year contract that will bring him \$20 million a season or more. Boras hasn't publicly commented on figures.

The Mariners player payroll will be up about 25 percent in 2001, Gillick said, to about \$75 million.

"We have no problem handling Rodriguez," Gillick said.

If the Mariners don't re-sign Rodriguez, they'll have to go out and get another shortstop, either as a starter of a backup to Carlos Guillen. Guillen is a natural shortstop, but was used primarily at third base last season.

SPORTS BRIEF

Martin one stroke short of exemption

LA QUINTA, Calif. (AP) — Stephen Allan of Australia closed with a 4-under 68, his sixth consecutive round in the 60s, to win the Qualifying Tournament on Monday and earn full-exempt status on the PGA Tour next year.

"The first four days from tee to

green I don't think I've ever played better," Allan said. "The last couple of rounds I played well but I didn't make as many putts, and I might not have hit the ball as close."

Casey Martin was not among them. He holed a 25-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole on the Jack Nicklaus Tournament course to finish at 14-under 418, but came up one stroke short of finishing among the top 35.

Northern Iowa to play without two stars

BASKETBALL

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Northern Iowa's top two scoring threats, guard Robbie Sieverding and forward Joe Breakenridge, suffered injuries in the Panthers' season-opening loss to Montana and have not recovered. In their absence, the Panthers have still managed to go 2-1, but their victories have come against two weak teams, Texas-Pan American and Jackson State.

Last season the Hawkeyes defeated Northern Iowa in Cedar Falls, 67-59, as four Hawkeyes scored in double digits. Of those players, only Dean Oliver and Rod Thompson remain. Thompson, who scored 15 points against the Panthers last year, has found himself struggling for playing time in Alford's rotation. Alford said he will look for a way to get Thompson into the lineup but added it would not be an easy task.

"I'll find a way to get him (Thompson) in there," he said. "But getting 11 guys on the floor is very difficult to do."

Sieverding and Breakenridge led the Panther effort last season, and Panther

coach Sam Weaver will look to Booker Warren and Adam Wilde to carry the load this season. Warren has become Northern Iowa's top scorer, averaging 12.8 per game, while Wilde has pulled down an average of 6.3 rebounds to lead the team.

While the Panthers lack as many scoring threats as the Hawkeyes, they are completely out-matched on the glass. Wilde's rebounding over four games this season figures out to less than half of Reggie Evans' average of 13. The Iowa forward garnered Big Ten Player of the Week honors for his three double-doubles last week. While Evans has proven ready for Division I basketball offensively, Alford said he would like for his top rebounder to handle his emotions on the court better.

Despite the mismatches on the offensive and defensive ends of the court, Alford said his team had better not be looking past the Panthers toward fellow in-state rival Iowa State.

"If we do that," he said, "we're not a very good team."

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Iowa loss provides incentive

SCHNITKER

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Does a loss so early in the season mean that Iowa's chances for a national title are over? No, not at all. NCAAs aren't until March, and there's a lot of wrestling to be done before then. Remember, in the 1998-99 season, Iowa's team lost four duals and the Big Ten tournament, yet went on to win the NCAA tournament.

This loss could be a blessing in disguise for the Hawkeyes. While it's never good to lose, maybe a loss is what these Hawks needed to get back the fire that may have escaped

them during an undefeated season last year. Zalesky said that Iowa did not wrestle to its potential against Oklahoma State, which means that this team is a lot better than it showed on Dec. 2. Maybe this loss will bring out that potential Zalesky is talking about, especially with Iowa State coming to town Friday at 7 p.m.

The Cyclones bring the third-ranked team in the nation to Iowa City, in what will be Iowa's second tough match of the young season. Should the Hawkeyes need something more to be motivated about after a tough loss, it's

that the Cyclones are coming to town. If anything, last week's loss makes this meet all the more important, and interesting. Last year's No. 1 and No. 2 going at it with state bragging rights on the line, in front of a hostile Hawkeye crowd — who says wrestling isn't exciting?

Remember Hawkeye fans, this season is young. Losses in December don't necessarily mean second places in March. With things more up in the air now, this year looks to be an even more exciting season on the mat.

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Former Hawkeyes expect big things

GYMNASTICS

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chology also will be critical between now and the season opener. He said the staff will work on getting the team back into a competitive environ-

ment and dealing with the adrenaline and pressure of the meet.

The three former gymnasts know this well. However, as Lam, Emily Lyon and Adriann Garland sat back and watched, they couldn't help but be impressed.

"This was a preview for a successful season," Lam said.

Lyon even raised the bar a notch higher. "This team will give Michigan a run for the Big Ten championship," she said.

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Robiskie looks to spark Redskins

REDSKINS

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tough-love coaching style from his dealings with temperamental Redskins receivers Michael Westbrook and Albert Connell.

In his first meeting with the team, Robiskie made an impassioned speech and received a standing ovation.

"Terry is blunt and to the point," defensive end Kenard Lang said. "He's like a stick of dynamite. He's going to make something happen."

It was stark contrast to Turner, an Xs and Os strategist who never came across as an effective communicator or motivator.

"Norv did not threaten players," guard Keith Sims said. "Some guys took advantage of him. Terry — you're not going to take advantage of him."

Snyder said defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes, the former head coach at Philadelphia and Green Bay, was not interested in the job.

To make the playoffs, the Redskins probably need to win their last three games — in Dallas and Pittsburgh, and home for Arizona.

"I believe to get anyone to believe in you, trust you, you've got to motivate, and that's my coaching style,"

Robiskie said. Robiskie's first move was to fire special teams coach LeCharles McDaniel, whose coverage and kicking units struggled much of the season. Tight ends coach Pat Flaherty will coach special teams as well as tight ends.

The search for a coach for the 2001 season will be headed by former college coach Pepper Rodgers, who was hired Monday to the newly created position of vice president of football operations.

Turner, hired as a first-time head coach by late owner Jack Kent Cooke in 1994, was third in seniority with one team behind Pittsburgh's Bill Cowher and Minnesota's Dennis Green.

But Turner needed six years to get the Redskins to the playoffs. That came last season, when Washington won the NFC East with a 10-6 record and defeated Detroit in the first round of the postseason before losing 14-13 at Tampa Bay.

The 48-year-old coach earned a reputation as a master strategist with the Dallas Cowboys, where he was the offensive coordinator for two Super Bowl teams in the early 1990s. Some of his game plans in Washington were truly masterful, but his inability to keep

players focused and motivated led to his downfall.

"We saw where the traction was being lost," co-owner Fred Drasner said. "We were like a 4-wheel drive in the mud. Either you keep spinning the wheels, or you go get the winch. I think we chose to get the winch, and the winch was Terry."

The stakes became higher this season when Snyder spent millions on players, including Deion Sanders, Bruce Smith, Jeff George, Mark Carrier, and draft picks LaVar Arrington and Chris Samuels. Snyder, who bought the team in 1999, also brought in Rhodes to handle the defense.

But injuries, unforced errors and an erratic kicking game took their toll. In three games this season, missed field goals contributed to losses, and Turner used four placekickers. On Sunday, 44-year-old Eddie Murray was short on a 49-yard field goal attempt in the final minute.

Snyder acknowledged the injury problem — three offensive starters have been lost for the season — but he said it was no excuse.

"We've had some injuries this year," Snyder said. "But championship teams overcome the injuries."

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