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Davenport awaits crest

Today's mark may break the city's record, set in the flood of 1993.

By Andrew Bixby
The Daily Iowan

DAVENPORT — Long fly balls over the center-field fence of John O'Donnell Stadium became merely a memory for Quad-City River Bandits fans when a fortress of sandbags surrounding the baseball diamond failed over the weekend.

On Monday afternoon, as traffic backed up on Centennial Bridge in Davenport because of closed roads and dysfunctional traffic lights, drivers watched the murky and white-capped waters of the Mississippi crash against the box-office windows and concession stands at the minor-league baseball complex.

Despite efforts by dozens of National Guard soldiers and dedicated volunteers to stop the unruly flood waters from surging through the gates of the stadium, eventually it could no longer be protected, said First Lt. Eric Rant of the National Guard.

"It was so isolated it became an island," he said. "[The rising river] was just too much, too fast. The levee broke, and we had to give up on it."

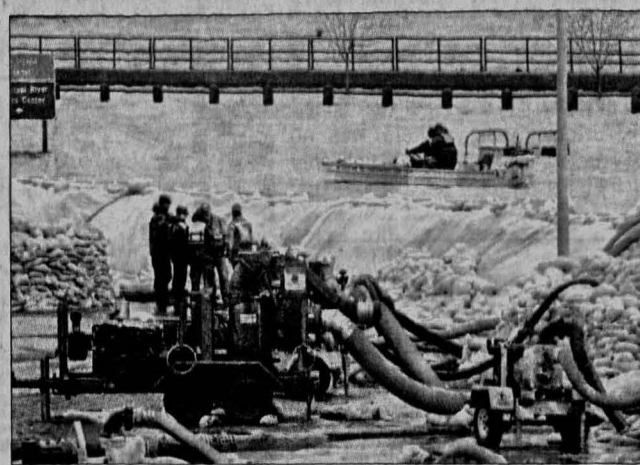
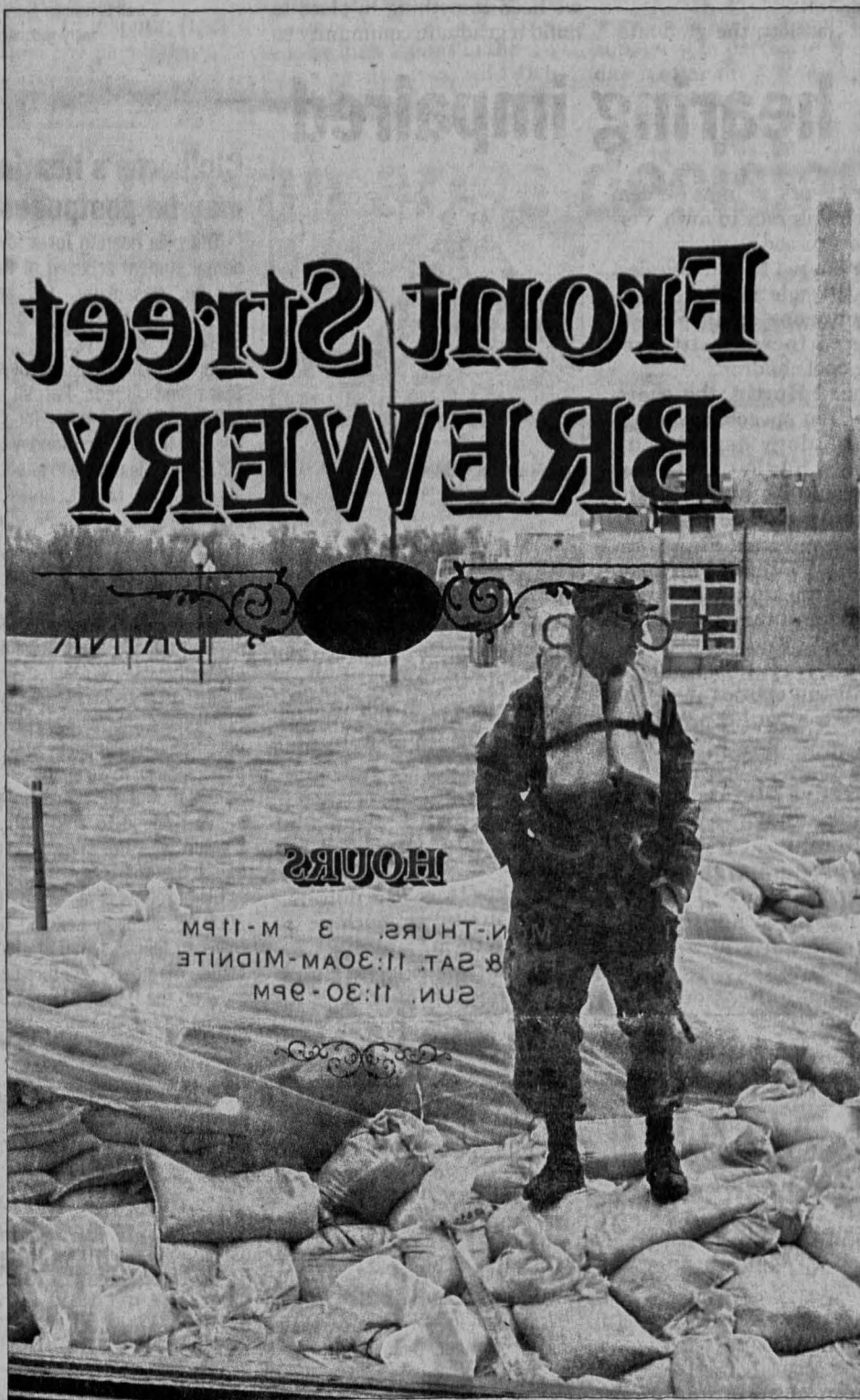
The flooding in Davenport, which first began with a warning issued on April 11, is expected to crest today at approximately 22.5 feet — 7.5 feet above flood stage and just 0.13 feet less than the record-setting floods of 1993, said Jeff Zogg, a service hydrologist for the National Weather Service in Davenport.

Once the floodwaters crest, they are expected to remain at that level for 36 hours or more before slowly retreating, he said.

Businesses along the river that were filled with customers last week are now partially hidden behind an 8-foot-tall fortress of white sandbags.

Steve Zuidema, the owner of the Front Street Brewery, peered out the front window of his establishment Monday afternoon as Davenport firefighters cruised by in a 30-horsepower speed boat. National Guard soldiers stood outside and monitored the

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Photos by Scott Morgan/
The Daily Iowan

Above: National Guard Pvt. Brent Smith calls attention to leaks in the sandbag dyke outside the Front Street Brewery in Davenport Monday.

Left: National Guardsmen help pump water from the flooded sewers as their partners patrol along the sandbag levee in downtown Davenport.

U.S. hints Peru shot too quickly

The CIA spy-plane crew tried to slow the Peruvians down, the U.S. says.

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration suggested Monday that Peru's military failed to follow established rules of engagement in shooting down an American missionary plane. Peruvian authorities insisted they acted properly.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said the U.S. crew of a CIA-operated surveillance aircraft tracking the missionary plane "did its best to make certain that all the rules were followed."

Asked if the rules were, in fact, followed, he said "the information that we are in receipt of indicates no." Other officials said a Peruvian air force officer aboard the surveillance plane moved too quickly to request authority to direct the use of force.

Secretary of State Colin Powell, interviewed on PBS's "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," said that in the wake of the incident, "we've got to review the entire program."

Peru's air force expressed regret Monday for the deaths of



Brad C. Bower/Associated Press
Pilot Kevin Donaldson is visited by his wife, Bobbi Donaldson, at the Reading Hospital in Reading, Pa., Monday, following his being airlifted back to the United States from Peru. Donaldson was piloting a missionary plane when it was shot down in the Peruvian Amazon.

American missionary Veronica Bowers and her 7-month-old daughter, Charity, but it denied that it cut corners.

"The only thing I can tell you is that the air force followed the procedures," said spokesman Cmdr. Rommel Roca.

Sen. Bob Graham of Florida, the Senate Intelligence Committee's top Democrat, said

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Field House beefs up security system

After a series of incidents, the UI toughens security measures in the women's locker room.

By Jackie Hammers
The Daily Iowan

UI workers activated a heightened security system in the women's locker room at the university's Field House Monday in response to several reports of a "peeper" and one alleged sexual assault.

The security includes several alarms throughout the locker room that women can activate to alert authorities in the case of any emergency. Additionally, the room's one entrance will only open after the system acknowledges a code programmed into cards needed for entry.

The installation came after several incidents of peeping and one alleged sexual assault were reported at the location. Police believe that Antonio Foster, who was arrested at the Field House for criminal trespassing on April 10, is also behind the alleged sexual assault. The department still has a warrant for his arrest.

During the alleged April 10 incident, a woman reported being held and assaulted in the locker room, said Duane Papke, the associate director of public safety. The assault, he said, was sexual in nature, but not a rape.

"I'm not saying [peeping] can't ever happen again, but it's going to be a fantastic improvement," Papke said.

Dennis Miller, the recre-

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Carry a positive stick, student lobbyists told

Student leaders from the three regents' universities will lobby against budget cuts in Des Moines today.

By Chao Xiong
The Daily Iowan

The best way to lobby state lawmakers for funding is not to tell them what to do, but rather, express support for the university, the UI's state lobbyist warned student leaders in mid-March.

Mark Braun, the associate director of the governmental-relations office, hopes student-government leaders from the regents' universities heed his advice as they lobby

legislators at the State Capitol in Des Moines today.

"If you are more confrontational than you are providing your information and showing your support, it's less successful," Braun said. "So far [the UI Student Government and the UI] have been successful."

Approximately 50 students from the UI, Iowa State University and University of Northern Iowa are expected to speak one-on-one with state legislators to stress the importance of funding the universities for the health of the state, said UISG executive Sara Stephenson.

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Statewide vigil speaks out against sexual violence



Ethan Fry/The Daily Iowan

Joey Matousek listens to music and holds a carnation during a vigil in Schaeffer Hall Monday night. The flowers replaced the candles that were to be used. The T-shirts in the background were made by victims and friends and family of victims of sexual assault and abuse.

Iowans across the state hold a candlelight vigil to remember and support victims of sexual abuse.

By Kathryn Anderson
The Daily Iowan

Candles glowed across Iowa Monday night as supporters of sexual-abuse victims held a statewide candlelight vigil to honor victims of sexual violence.

The Iowa Communities Against Rape Vigil was an effort to recognize the effect of sexual abuse on individual lives as well as on entire communities, said Alison Oliver-Correll, the co-director of education services at the Rape Victim Advocacy Program. All rape-crisis centers in the state were invited to participate in the third-annual ceremony,

she said.

The local event, held in Schaeffer Hall, aimed to raise community awareness about the effect of sexual violence on

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READ, THEN RECYCLE

CITY & STATE

Grad students make wish list for new dean

Two candidates for the dean of the Graduate College will hold open forums this week.

By Mary Sedor
The Daily Iowan

Some graduate students say the new dean of their college should be an effective communicator who can create a sense of community among the 6,000 students.

At two open forums this week, students, faculty and administrators will have the chance to meet two of three finalists for the position.

Robin Fisher, an associate dean of the UCLA graduate school, is a professor of psychiatry and neurobiology. Karen DePauw, the dean of the Washington State graduate college, is a professor of kinesiology and

leisure studies. A third candidate has not been officially named.

Fisher will appear today at 3 p.m. in the IMU River Room 1, while DePauw will speak at the same time and place Friday. The two will take any questions people have.

The search for Les Sims' replacement has been underway since January, and the committee expects to name the new dean before the end of the school year. The position became vacant after Sims was promoted to vice provost last June; it has been filled by John Keller on an interim basis.

Setting policies for the Graduate College, working to improve teaching and research aspects of the college and articulating a future vision and goals are among the dean's responsibilities, according to the search committee.

Jennifer Sherer, the presi-

dent of UE-Campaign to Organize Graduate Students, said the largest issues facing graduate students in the past have hinged on communication. For example, many graduate students were unaware of the continuing education fee that was to be implemented next fall. Also, during the fall of 1999, many graduate students were not receiving their paychecks, mostly because of a lack of communication, she said.

"The new dean should be someone who supports an egalitarian decision-making process and would foster open communication on all levels," Sherer said. "They should prioritize education as the mission of the university and recognize the important role graduate students play in research and undergraduate issues on this campus." Kyle Gassiott, the graduate-

student senate president, said the most important issue is creating more Graduate-Student Senate representation within the departments.

Each department should have one representative from the Graduate Student Senate for every 26 graduate students in the department, he said. For example, in the music school there are 250 graduate students but only two representatives. The Senate acts as a liaison among students and administrators.

The new dean could possibly develop a sense of community by creating an e-mail list-server for the graduate students, Gassiott said, noting that graduate students have little contact with the college until they turn in their theses.

"From a student perspective, we need something in place to build a graduate community so

the graduate experience is more collective and not so departmentalized," he said.

Diversity, interdisciplinary studies, retention and budget cuts are also important factors for graduate students, but not all graduate students have voiced their opinions.

"We are opening the process as much as possible," Gassiott said. "We need to hear from anyone who would like to have a voice in the issue."

UI graduate student Pat Hardre said that for her, personal contact is the most important issue. She has had experiences in the past in which a new dean was appointed and then never returned phone calls, she said.

"Connection is critical, especially where fragmentation is unavoidable," Hardre said.

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Bringing literacy to the hearing impaired

A UI alum talks about her work in improving literacy skills of the deaf and hard of hearing.

By Pam Dewey
The Daily Iowan

Although a former UI graduate student received a hearty round of applause after her speech Monday night, the room was silent.

The audience that had come to hear Jane Fernandes speak instead raised their hands and wriggled their fingers in the form of silent applause often used in the deaf community.

Fernandes, now a provost at Gallaudet University and the vice president and director of the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center, gave a talk titled "The Shared Reading Project: Improving the Literacy Skills of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students Nationwide."

The presentation highlighted her work on the project, which intends to improve liter-

acy among deaf children and teach their parents how to read effectively to them.

The project first entailed examining other studies about how parents read to their deaf children, Fernandes said. Using the studies, researchers identified 15 principles to guide parents teaching their deaf children how to read.

For instance, keeping both signs and words visible while the deaf child is being read to is one of the principles, Fernandes said. This enables children to make the connection between American Sign Language and the written word, she said.

Through the Shared Reading Project, tutors go to the homes of deaf children and teach their parents how to read to them, so the child can better understand and enjoy the experience.

Currently, there are no Shared Reading Project workshops or presentations being implemented or scheduled to take place in Iowa.

"But that doesn't mean peo-

ple can't work to improve deaf children's literacy in Iowa, Fernandes stressed.

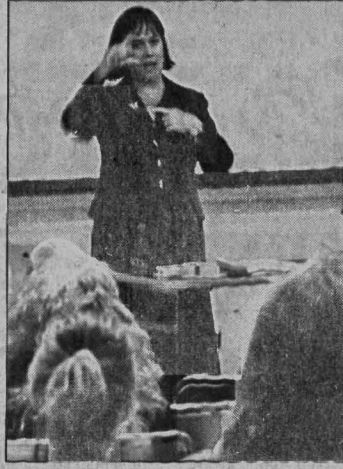
"The Shared Reading Project is not the solution," she said. "It is only one small piece of trying to increase literacy among deaf children."

Richard Hurtig, the chairman of the speech pathology and audiology department, said that while Fernandes was a UI graduate student, she worked to get the university to accept American Sign Language as a foreign language. Now, it is the second-most popular foreign language taught at the UI, he said.

"It is almost impossible to get into the classes now," he said. "We have long waiting lists."

Alan Nagel, a UI professor of comparative literature, said Fernandes taught a general-education literature class at the university with the help of an interpreter. In 1986, Fernandes received her Ph.D. in comparative literature from the university.

"She broke the ground for



Brett Roseman/The Daily Iowan
Jane Kelleher Fernandes, the Gallaudet University provost, speaks Monday at the Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Center.

American Sign Language at the university," Nagel said. "As it usually is with the best students, they teach [the university community] as much as we can teach them."

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STATE BRIEFS

Vilsack says natural disasters add chaos to Iowa budget battle

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Tom Vilsack said Monday a series of natural disasters that have hammered the state offer the strongest argument against sweeping budget cuts being pushed by Republican lawmakers.

Vilsack said state government is being pressured to respond to natural disasters, and officials don't need the distraction of a political fight at the Statehouse.

"What has impressed me as I have visited these ravaged areas is the importance of government services,"

the governor said. "The state of Iowa doesn't need this chaos in the budget at this point in time."

While flooding has gotten attention recently, the state has suffered through a long and brutal winter that sent heating bills soaring, as well as a string of tornadoes this spring.

"We're trying to cope with Mother Nature," Vilsack said. "What we really need is a planned, managed approach to the budget."

The governor and legislative leaders have been battling over the state's budget for weeks. A weakening economy has left projected tax collections \$300 million short, and the two sides don't agree on how to solve that problem.

Tornado damages homes in northeast Iowa

INDEPENDENCE, Iowa (AP) — A tornado skipped through this northeast Iowa town Monday morning, damaging 31 homes and narrowly missing a complex of schools.

Around 8:30 a.m., the twister passed through the town, which is 22 miles due east of Waterloo. It lasted only a few minutes but tore off roofs and knocked down trees. Major damage was reported to two homes, while 29 homes and 15 businesses reported only minor or slight damage.

Two people went to the hospital with minor injuries from flying debris, said Rick Wulfekuhle, Buchanan County's emergency coordinator.

Students at the Independence Middle School/High School and West Elementary School watched as the tornado passed through a nearby football field and began to approach them, said Val Martinson, the superintendent's secretary.

"We heard something, ran to the window, looked at the football field, and saw that the shed was gone," Martinson said. "There was no warning, no sirens started until after it hit here."

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Delta, pilots back in business

■ The air carrier and the pilots reach an agreement after President Bush threatens to intervene.

By Leigh Strope
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The settlement reached by Delta Air Lines and its pilots' union is the second agreement this month that averted a strike by a major airline under the threat of intervention by President Bush.

The tentative agreement Sunday would make Delta's 9,800 pilots the highest-paid in the industry. The union had threatened to walk out at the end of the month.

Bush had promised to "take the necessary steps" to prevent airline strikes — especially when labor talks at the nation's largest carriers began to break down as the high-

ume summer travel season approached.

Despite union protests, Bush's readiness to act does not appear to have hurt unions in their tentative contracts, labor experts said.

Under the Railway Labor Act, Bush can delay a strike by 60 days with a presidentially appointed emergency board that would recommend a settlement. But before Bush can officially intervene, federal mediators must first determine that a strike would significantly disrupt interstate commerce and deprive regions of essential transportation service.

Delta officials had been lobbying vigorously for White House intervention to avoid a shutdown. Bush blocked a strike by Northwest Airlines' mechanics in March.

In the Delta dispute, Bush "had urged the parties on all sides to work together constructively to reach an agree-

ment, and he is obviously very pleased they have done so," said White House spokeswoman Claire Buchanan.

Unions resent the interference. They say an emergency board favors the airlines, which aren't likely to negotiate in good faith because they're waiting to be rescued by the White House.

"It's a perversion of what was intended under the Railway Labor Act, where presidential emergency boards were only supposed to be appointed in the most dire of circumstances," said Rick Bank, the AFL-CIO's director of the Center for Collective Bargaining. "It's just one more indication of Bush's unapologetic pro-business, anti-labor stance."

But intervention — or the threat of it — does not appear to have hurt unions in the tentative agreements, said Dennis Nolan, a labor-law profes-

sor at the University of South Carolina.

"All presidential intervention should do is delay things, and if negotiators are making progress, a little extra time might help them reach an agreement," he said.

Delta pilots would be the highest-paid in the industry under the five-year agreement. They had sought a deal to surpass the standard-setting contract that United Air Lines and its pilots ratified last year, making "United Plus" a slogan for the talks.

It's hard to say what effect Bush's potential involvement had on negotiations, said Karen Miller, a spokeswoman for Delta's Air Line Pilots Association.

"This is the way the Railway Labor Act is supposed to work," she said. "It puts pressure on both parties as the 30-day cooling-off period expires to reach an agreement."



Ronen Zilberman/Associated Press
Cmdr. Scott Waddle, captain of the USS Greeneville, is seen with his wife Jill Waddle, in this March 14 file photo in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Greeneville skipper avoids court martial

■ The commander of the sub that rammed a Japanese fishing boat is given a letter of reprimand.

By Jean Christensen
Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — USS Greeneville Cmdr. Scott Waddle was given a letter of reprimand Monday as punishment for the submarine collision that killed nine people aboard a Japanese fishing vessel, his attorney said.

The punishment also included a forfeiture of half pay for two months, but that was suspended for six months. Waddle said he will retire on Oct. 1, meaning he will receive his full pay until the end of his career.

"While I regret that my Navy career has ended in this way, I know that I am one of the lucky ones because I survived the accident," he said in a statement released by his civilian attorney, Charles Gittins.

The punishment was imposed by Adm. Thomas Fargo, Pacific Fleet commander, at an "admiral's mast" attended by Waddle, a military attorney and several officers at

Pearl Harbor Navy Base. Fargo concluded there was dereliction of duty and negligent hazarding of a vessel, Gittins said.

But he said the admiral did not mention allegations of negligent homicide in the deaths of nine Japanese students and adults aboard the Ehime Maru when it was rammed by the Greeneville on Feb. 9 in waters off Hawaii.

"I understand and accept the punishment that Adm. Fargo imposed. He treated me fairly and with dignity and respect, and I thank him for that," Waddle said.

Gittins, in an e-mail to the news media shortly after the hearing ended, said Waddle explained his actions to the officers. It was not clear if Waddle would receive his pension, although Gittins has said in the past that he would keep full retirement pay.

"Adm. Fargo thoughtfully considered Comdr. Waddle's presentation and decided, nonetheless, that punishment should be imposed under the preponderance of the evidence standard applicable to such hearings," Gittins said.

Gittins said Fargo indicated he would accept Waddle's forced retirement.

Bush 'defers' Taiwan arms decision

■ The president won't sell high-tech destroyers to the country at this time.

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush rejected Taiwan's request to buy high-tech U.S. destroyers equipped with the Aegis combat-radar system, but he left open the possibility of future sales if China continues to pose a military threat to the island.

Beijing had objected to its rival's bid for the Aegis system, and the sale could have worsened U.S.-China relations already strained by the collision between a U.S. spy plane and a Chinese jet that led to the 11-day detention of the 24-member American crew.

A senior White House official, speaking to reporters Monday on the condition of anonymity, said Bush approved the sale of four Kidd-class destroyers, which have a

much less potent ship-borne radar system than the Aegis radar but would still be a step up for Taiwan's navy.

The Kidd-class system could be available by 2003, providing more immediate defense than the Aegis system, which would take until 2010 to build. The White House official said the Aegis system would still be available to Taiwan in 2010 if Bush decided at a later point to offer it.

The White House also said Bush agreed to sell Taiwan up to eight diesel submarines and 12 P-3 aircraft, along with various helicopters, assault vehicles and other arms. Besides the Aegis, the U.S. deferred sales of Apache helicopters and tanks requested by Taiwan.

Also, the United States will brief Taiwan about software for the new PAC-3 version of the Patriot air-defense missile; it will review later whether to provide the system itself.

The White House said the package was designed to bol-

ster Taiwan's defenses against the mounting Chinese threats from the air. The United States is bound by law to help Taiwan defend itself. "We think there is nothing in this package for China to fear," the senior White House official said.

Officials said Bush would not characterize his decision as a rejection of Taiwan's request for the Aegis system, choosing the word "defer" to signal that the arms could still be sold if Beijing does not improve relations with America.

Indeed, the White House official told reporters that China could decrease the chances of Taiwan getting the Aegis system if Beijing becomes less aggressive militarily.

It was Bush's first major action involving China since the country detained the 24 U.S. servicemen and women. The Chinese still hold the U.S. spy plane.

Beijing fears that the Aegis technology eventually could serve as a platform for a

regional missile-defense system that would shield Taiwan against China's growing arsenal of short-range ballistic missiles.

China considers Taiwan a breakaway province that must be reunited with the mainland. The Taiwan Relations Act, enacted in 1979, calls for the United States to provide Taiwan with "such defense articles and defense services ... as may be necessary to enable Taiwan to maintain a sufficient self-defense capability."

Although 102 members of Congress recently signed letters to Bush supporting the Aegis sale, its deferral sparked little immediate criticism in Capitol Hill.

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., who co-wrote the House letter with Rep. David Wu, D-Calif., said he was confident Monday that Bush made his decision "based upon the best interests of the United States, Taiwan's defense needs and peace in the region."

Gas prices soar 13 cents/gallon

■ The 8.4 percent increase has nothing to do with oil prices, an analyst says.

Associated Press

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Although oil prices have remained steady, the cost of gas jumped nearly 13 cents per gallon in the past two weeks, according to the Lundberg Survey.

San Francisco had the highest average price at \$1.95, and Salt Lake City had the lowest at \$1.43.

The average price of gas, including all grades and taxes, was \$1.67 on April 20, up 12.69 cents, or 8.4 percent, from April 6, according to the survey of 8,000 stations nationwide.

It was the largest two-week jump in terms of cents per gallon since the survey began a half-century ago, analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday. She did not adjust the figures for inflation.

"This is purely a U.S. gasoline-market phenomenon, not crude oil, not OPEC," Lundberg said. "Crude-oil prices are little changed for weeks now."

Supplies are tight because environmental-protection requirements that kick in for spring and summer are forcing more complicated and expensive refining as gasoline is reformulated to produce less smog.

Price hikes ranged from less than 7 cents per gallon for self-serve regular gas in the West — which already had the country's highest prices — to 23 cents in Chicago.

Sam Hussin, manager of a Shell station on Chicago's West Side, said prices also started rising around this time last summer, "but not like this."

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Schools need more than \$'s, Bush says

■ The president urges the Senate to pass his education plan, when debate begins this week.

By Scott Lindlaw
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush insisted Monday that his spending plan for schools strikes the right fiscal balance, and he rejected Democrats' calls for billions of dollars more.

"I support historic new levels of education funding, yet all of us know better schools require more than just funding," Bush said in the Rose Garden. "My education reform has a good balance of new dollars."

Democrats want to provide approximately \$30 billion for elementary and secondary education next year — roughly \$13 billion more than last year. In his budget, Bush proposed a much smaller increase of \$1.4 billion, proposing to spend approximately \$19 billion. The Senate is to take up the matter this week.

In preparation for the fight, White House lobbyist Nicholas Calio and his deputies fanned out on Capitol Hill Monday to

push the president's package. The president renewed his call Monday for high standards and accountability. He has proposed picking up the cost of helping states develop standardized tests, but he would make states pay for giving and scoring them.

Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said at a news conference Monday, "It doesn't do any good to pass unfunded mandates onto school districts that can't afford them, and that's in essence what we're telling them: 'We want you to do this, but we're not going to help you by providing resources to accomplish all of the goals that are set out, as lofty as they may be.'"

Bush made his remarks at a ceremony honoring Michele Forman, the 2001 National Teacher of the Year. She teaches history and Arabic at Middlebury Union High School in Vermont.

Several dozen educators, including some state teachers of the year, listened to Bush's remarks; the president was also addressing a national audience on the other side of the cameras gathered in the Rose Garden.

Bush made education a sig-



Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Associated Press
President Bush speaks during the Teacher of the Year award ceremony in the Rose Garden of the White House as Secretary of Education Rod Paige listens Monday.

nature issue as a candidate, and with the Senate evenly divided, Bush has been campaigning to win over lawmakers on his schools plan. "I hope the people of America contact the members of the Senate and insist upon a passage of a well-balanced, meaningful reform package that will enhance our teachers' ability to do what you

do well, which is to teach our kids," Bush said.

At the event, administration aides distributed full-color graphs showing that while spending on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act has climbed steadily in the last 15 years, National Assessment of Educational Progress scores have remained flat.

Crude remark inconsequential, court rules

■ The Supreme Court unanimously decides that an isolated remark does not equal sexual harassment.

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that a supervisor's crude remark fell far short of sexual harassment under federal civil-rights laws, and it threw out a Nevada school employee's lawsuit.

The court issued an unanimous, unsigned decision in the case of Shirley Breeden, who sued the Clark County School District over a 1994 incident with her supervisor and a co-

worker. Both are men. Citing the reasoning in previous Supreme Court cases, the justices wrote that those who believe themselves victims of sexual harassment may sue under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 only if the alleged harassment "is so severe or pervasive as to alter the conditions of the victim's employment and create an abusive working environment."

Breeden was an administrator for the district when she attended a meeting to discuss applicants for school police-officer positions. Also attending the meeting were her supervisor and one of her subordinates.

A report on one applicant showed that he admitted saying to a co-worker at a previous job, "Making love to you is like

making love to the Grand Canyon."

Breeden said her supervisor read the statement out loud, looked at her, shrugged his shoulders, and said he didn't know what it meant. Her subordinate said, "Well, I'll tell you later," and both men laughed.

Breeden said she later told her supervisor that she was offended. After that, she said, he treated her harshly, and a month later she was transferred to a job with substantially less supervisory authority.

In 1997, Breeden filed a harassment lawsuit against the School District. Breeden contends that 10 days later she was transferred to a largely clerical job in a trailer several miles from the main office.

A federal judge dismissed

her retaliation claim, but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reinstated it. Although the supervisor's remark would not support a sexual-harassment claim, it was reasonable for Breeden to think it was unlawful harassment, the court said.

The Supreme Court reversed that decision, and said the first federal judge was correct to throw out the claim.

"No reasonable person could have believed that the single incident recounted above violated Title VII's standard," the justices wrote, referring to the relevant section of the Civil Rights Act.

The court decided the case without hearing oral arguments or reviewing extensive paperwork from both sides.

NATION BRIEFS

Mississippi settles desegregation case

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A \$500 million agreement to end Mississippi's 26-year college desegregation case has been signed by all sides and forwarded to federal court, officials said Monday.

"All we need now is the court's approval, and we're done," Attorney General Mike Moore said. "This is a very big day for us."

The agreement calls for \$246 million spent over 17 years on academic programs at the state's three historically black universities — Jackson State, Alcorn State and Mississippi Valley State.

Another \$75 million would go to capital-improvement projects, \$70 million to public endowments and up to \$35 million in private endowments. Other programs,

including summer classes for struggling students, will receive the balance.

U.S. District Judge Neal Biggers Jr. still must approve the deal, which could also be challenged. His review could take several months.

Bush officials defend environmental record

WASHINGTON (AP) — On Earth Day, Bush Cabinet members defended the president's environmental policies as a measured approach that balances the need for clean air and water with demands for energy and other natural resources.

"We have made a number of decisions that are very pro-environment, but unfortunately they get overlooked when there's something that people can challenge," Christie Whitman, the Environmental Protection Administration chief, said Sunday.

"I would hope that we look at the total picture. Are we making the air cleaner, the water purer; are we better protecting the land?" she said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Environmental groups and some Democrats criticize Bush for rescinding several Clinton administration initiatives. They also say Bush is pushing for oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge at the expense of the environment.

Specifically, environmentalists criticize Bush for rescinding a Clinton order that would have limited arsenic in drinking water to no more than 10 parts per billion, for proposing limits on the ability of environmental groups to get rare plants and animals added to the endangered species list and retreating from a campaign pledge to regulate carbon-dioxide emissions from power plants.

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Peru moved too quickly, U.S. says

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There were "big inconsistencies" in the information the administration provided him on the incident, leading him to believe it was too soon to draw conclusions about who was at fault.

President Bush has indicated the administration will review the situation, and the Intelligence Committee may conduct its own investigation, Graham said.

Meanwhile, the pilot of the missionary plane said Monday he felt lucky to be alive after landing in the Amazon River.

"It was scary, and it's something that will haunt me for a long time," said Kevin Donaldson, who suffered a shattered right leg. He was in fair condition a day after surgery. "I'm glad to be alive. But I'm also deeply hurting for the loss of my friend and colleague," said Donaldson, who spoke to reporters via speakerphone from his hospital bed at the Reading Hospital and Medical Center in West Reading, Pa.

According to the U.S. government's account of the April 20 shoot-down, the CIA crew — a pilot, co-pilot and technician — attempted repeatedly to slow down the process that led to a Peruvian A-37 fighter jet firing on the missionary plane in northern Peru near the Colombian border.

When the Peruvian officer told the A-37 pilot to open fire, the U.S. crew objected and asked

that more be done to attempt to identify the suspect plane, according to a U.S. official who discussed the matter on the condition that he not be identified.

An initial assessment indicates that established procedures in conducting such operations "may not have been fully or properly adhered to" by some Peruvian air-force personnel, that official said.

The United States says the procedures are as follows, once an unidentified aircraft is detected, as agreed upon by both nations:

- Phase one: If the Peruvian air force determines that the plane is not on a previously approved flight plan and it is not possible to positively identify the aircraft, then a Peruvian regional commander may order a fighter jet to intercept it and attempt to identify it visually.

- Phase two: If the suspect aircraft ignores internationally recognized instructions to land, the Peruvian fighter pilot may — with permission from the regional commander — fire warning shots.

- Phase three: If the warning shots are ignored and if the Peruvian regional commander grants permission, the Peruvian pilot may fire on the suspect aircraft with the goal of disabling it. If such fire does not cause the pilot of the suspect plane to cooperate, the regional commander may order it shot down.

The U.S. crew of the surveillance plane has no role beyond tracking the suspect plane.

Ball park falls victim to flood

DAVENPORT

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monstrous mass of dirty water that threatened to topple over the levee and fill the bar and restaurant, as it did in 1993.

Zuidema remained confident, however, even as he watched water flow into the

basement of his brewery and listened to late-breaking flood news blaring from a ceiling-mounted television. Bar stools remained propped on wooden tabletops, and wet footprints bore testimony to the effort that has gone into saving the business he started nine years ago.

Monday's high winds, with

gusts peaking at 46 mph, transformed the usually calm waters of the Mississippi into a power that threatened to compromise the struggle of hundreds of volunteers.

"The winds are taking the floodwaters and bashing them against the walls," Zogg said. "The waves are too much for some of the lev-

ees to handle."

Business owners and soldiers say they worry more rain will weaken the levees. Zogg forecasted rain accumulations of no more than 0.4 of an inch in the next week, which, he said, should not have much effect on the crest.

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UI toughens security for locker room

SECURITY

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ational services business manager, said recent situations made women feel insecure.

"People did not feel comfortable, and I didn't blame them," he said. "This needs to be an environment where a woman can feel safe."

Those who rent lockers have already been issued the entry cards. UI faculty, staff and students who do not rent lockers may have their ID cards activated at the Field House main desk or information booth in order to unlock

the door.

Women not affiliated with the university and UI faculty, staff and students who do not want to have their ID activated will need to temporarily trade their driver's license or ID for generic, pre-activated cards at the main office or information booth whenever they want to access the locker room.

There could be glitches, Miller said, but women will be able to use the locker room while the issue is resolved by using a pre-activated card.

The system can be adapted for special circumstances, he said.

"For big events such as the state swim meet and Cultural Diversity Day, we can disengage the system for a period of time," Miller said. "There is usually not a problem when a lot of people are around."

While some women say the system might take awhile to get used to, most agreed that it will make them feel more secure.

"The main problem is you have to carry your ID card," said Mary Howard, a UI Hospitals and Clinics systems analyst who uses the locker room.

"It's kind of a pain, but I guess it's necessary," said UI

junior Angela Ter Wee, who was entering the locker room Monday afternoon.

It is possible that at some point in the next year, UI women will not even need to register to activate their ID cards. Eventually, the university hopes to have the technology to store the needed information on every ID card.

If the new security system goes over well, similar systems might be installed in locker rooms in the Recreation Building and Halsey Hall, Miller said.

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Student leaders to work against funding cuts

BUDGET CUTS

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Braun said criticism of Republican legislators by members of the state of Iowa Board of Regents last week will not affect the university's lobbying efforts.

"I think most of the legislators understand that the state institutions experiencing these cuts are expressing what those cuts are going to do," he said.

The focus of today's visit and rally, to be held at 1 p.m. on the Capitol steps or inside on the ground floor, is

to encourage legislators to fully restore funding for salaries and work-study programs, UISG President Nick Klenske said. While the UISG, UI and regents are working together to lobby against budget cuts, the UISG will not act as a puppet for the administration, he said.

"I think, as students, we can't be partisan on this issue," Klenske said. "We need to focus on people outside of the three regents' institutions. We need to stress that we're students and not the administration or regents."

Republicans have proposed to cut state salaries from \$91 million to \$55 million and slash all funding, \$2.7 million statewide, from work-study. The UI could face a loss of \$18.8 million in state appropriations on top of cuts in the salary bill, which state lawmakers have yet to release. It also faces losing almost \$600,000 in work-study funds.

Eliminating the state's work-study funding completely, as GOP leaders have proposed, will only force college graduates to leave the state for better-paying jobs elsewhere to repay their col-

lege loans, said UISG Vice President Dan Rossi.

"We're really concerned about [work-study] because that helps the affordability of an education," Klenske said. "The major part of that is that legislators don't understand how it helps."

Braun encouraged anyone interested in lobbying on behalf of the UI to speak with legislators and advocate cuts no larger than 6 percent, reinstate full funding of the salary bill, and ensure the construction of a new art building.

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Vigil supports victims of sexual violence

RVAP

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people's lives, said Cat Fribley, the director of RVAP services for Washington County.

"It's a gathering together of community, and that feels really important," she said. "It's a renewed commitment to ending sexual violence."

A moment of silence opened the vigil, followed by a performance by local musicians Kelly Carrell and Laurie Haag. The remainder of the event was an opportunity for survivors and friends of survivors of sexual abuse to share their personal experiences with sexual violence.

"It can be a powerful healing force in terms of speaking out," Fribley said. "It's about being aware and, as a community, angered about the consequences sexual violence has."

UI graduate student Greta Lechelt, a survivor of sexual abuse, said the vigil helped break the silence surrounding the abuse.

"It brings me out of solitude and lets me know I'm not the only one," she said. "It lets me tell my story in a safe way."

A concern that many speakers addressed is that the legal system does not treat rape as a crime. Lechelt said her perpetrator was punished less than he would have been if he had stolen her car, for example.

"The biggest problem is that we don't see it as a crime," she said. "This is a crime, and I wish I could get on top of a rooftop and scream to everyone that this wasn't right."

While a great percentage of Iowa City's population is aged 16-24 and in the highest-risk group, Oliver-Correll said sexual abuse does not happen here much more than in other places.

"The reality is that it is happening everywhere," she said. "There isn't a community that's immune to it."

RVAP sponsored the vigil as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month along with the Clothesline Project, which was canceled Monday morning because of windy conditions. A fraction of the T-shirts designed for the project were displayed at the vigil. The colored shirts represented women's experiences with sexual violence and were created locally by victims of assault or their friends and family.

"It's very powerful," UI graduate student Jessica Delgado said of the string of T-shirts around the room. "It took a lot

from each person: the thoughts, feelings and reflections on their lives and even their future."

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Finding the magic in the rank-and-file

■ The Hawkeye Chess Club prepares for upcoming tournaments.

By Karen Schmiedeskamp
The Daily Iowan

Chess is an integral part of Iowa City's eclectic culture.

As the temperatures increase, this is evident in the number of people playing on tables on the Pedestrian Mall or with large plastic pieces on the oversized cement chessboard outside the Iowa City Public Library.

"The big chess set is mainly to get the public acquainted with the Hawkeye Chess Club," said Steve Young, the mentor of the club, which owns the pieces.

UI sophomore Chris Jones, the club's vice president, said playing with the big pieces is a completely different experience from playing regular chess.

"There's just something about picking up a huge piece and walking three squares that's better than moving a tiny piece a couple inches on a board," he said. "It's just more fun."

While they can only play on the Ped Mall when the weather is nice, the members of the chess club practice year round. The club consists of around 20 members of varying skill levels, and it meets every Thursday from 7-11 p.m. on the IMU third floor. During the meetings, only one thing is important: playing chess.

"Chess is the glorious struggle between king and queen marching side by side with the pawn marching forward into the glorious future," Jones said with a laugh.

Although chess players sometimes have nerdy reputations, members of the club try not to take themselves too seriously. You don't have to be a Bobby Fisher to join the group; in fact, you don't even have to be a UI student. Anyone is encouraged to join, said UI senior Dmitriy Khots, the club's president.

"We have people of all walks of life drawn together by the universal themes ever present in chess," Jones said.

These themes include strate-



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UI sophomore Chris Jones, the vice president of the Hawkeye Chess Club, poses with pieces of the club's large outdoor chess set on the chess board on the Pedestrian Mall Monday. As the weather gets warmer, the club will make the pieces available for games.

gy, struggle and the search for intellectual fulfillment, Khots said.

There are always enough people of varying strengths at each meeting that help is always available if someone is having trouble, Jones said. More-experienced players show the less-skilled ones ways to improve their game and strategy, he added.

Although the group is mostly oriented toward learning rather than competition, it does participate in several individual and team chess tournaments each year, including the Iowa Open Tournament and the Annual Hawkeye Mind Challenge. Also, some members of the group will compete May

5-6 in the Iowa Class Tournament, said Young, who is also the president of the Iowa State Chess Association.

The tournament will be held at the Ramada Westfield Hotel in Coralville, 2530 Holiday Road, and anyone can compete. Registration is from 8-9:30 a.m. on May 5. Competitors will play only against others in their own ability range, Young said. Everyone will play five rounds of chess, and the winner in each class will be determined by the number of games won.

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ARTS BRIEF

Really bringing it all back home

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Every dutiful son wants the best gift for his mother on her birthday. For Taiwanese director Ang Lee, the gift was a hug, a birthday cake and a gleaming Oscar.

Lee, the first Taiwanese to win an Academy Award, was met by his family in the southern city of Tainan at dawn Monday for the first time since he won international acclaim for his martial-arts epic, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

"Happy birthday, Mom. Today, you're my leading lady," the 47-year-old director said as he handed his mother the golden statuette he won for Best Foreign Film.

"It's adorable," Lee's mother, Lee Yangsi, said as she hugged the statuette.

Lee flew in from New York Sunday with his Oscar award stuffed in his backpack. During his six-day homecoming, Lee is scheduled to meet with President Chen Shui-bian and other officials, as well as receive a government award.

Lee said he will donate the \$30,300 prize to his high school in Tainan, where his father once served as school principal. On Monday, Lee stood outside the school waving his Oscar as students cheered from the school windows.

"Keep going at it. The road to success in the movies is long," Lee told reporters outside the school when asked for advice on future filmmakers.

The director is a source of enormous pride for many Taiwanese for *Crouching Tiger*, his first in the martial-arts genre. The movie won three other Oscars: art direction, cinematography and original score.

The Mandarin-language historical romance is about a legendary sword that leads two kung-fu masters to do battle with a dangerous assassin and her young protégé. The heroes also confront their long-hidden passion for each other.

Lee, who has a master's degree in fine arts from New York University, received his first Academy Award and Golden Globe nominations in 1993 for *A Wedding Banquet*, a bittersweet comedy about traditional Taiwanese parents dealing with their son's homosexuality.

Lee scored his second Oscar nomination for his gastronomic romantic-comedy *Eat Drink Man Woman* in 1994.

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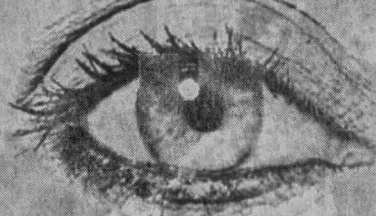
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WORLD

Shooting, bomb rock Mideast

■ A Palestinian teen is shot and killed, while a car bomb rattles a town near Tel Aviv.

By Greg Myre
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A 12-year-old Palestinian boy was killed by a gunshot to the head during a funeral in the Gaza Strip, and Israel endured its third bomb attack in two days as violence eclipsed diplomatic efforts to end the Mideast bloodshed.

Several separate political initiatives were under way in a bid to halt, or at least limit, the seven months of fighting, with no results in sight. A meeting was set for late Monday between Israeli and Palestinian security officials, both sides said.

In the southern Gaza Strip, more than 1,000 Palestinians, some wearing green police fatigues, joined the funeral procession of a Palestinian policeman who died of injuries

sustained during an Israeli rocket attack last week.

As the body was being lowered into the ground at the Khan Yunis cemetery, next to a Jewish settlement, several dozen Palestinian gunmen fired 21 shots into the air as a sign of respect, said Eyad Saadoni, a math teacher. The Israeli military said the shots were directed at the settlement.

Bursts of gunfire came from the direction of the nearby settlement, which is protected by an Israeli army post approximately 500 yards away, said Saadoni and other witnesses.

Palestinian mourners scattered in panic, with women and children running barefoot through the sandy streets, many seeking shelter in abandoned buildings.

A 12-year-old Palestinian boy, Muhanad Muhareb, was shot just above the left eye and died, and 11 Palestinians were wounded, including one who was in critical condition, said doctors at Khan Yunis Hospital.



Pavel Wohlberg/Associated Press
Israeli bomb-squad members and a firefighter stand by as a crane lifts the wreckage of a car after a pipe bomb exploded in the working-class town of Or Yehuda, near Tel Aviv, Monday.

Meanwhile, Israel suffered its third bomb blast in two days when a car bomb exploded Monday, lightly injuring four people in the working-class town of Or Yehuda, east of Tel Aviv.

In a telephone call to the Associated Press, a man

claimed responsibility on behalf of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical Palestinian faction. The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility and identified the bomber as 18-year-old Imad Zubadi.

Human case of foot-&-mouth suspected

■ A British doctor stresses that the human form of the disease is extraordinarily rare.

Associated Press

LONDON — A slaughterer in a British county hit hard by foot-and-mouth disease underwent tests Monday to determine whether he has contracted an extremely rare human form of the livestock disease.

The Department of Health did not identify the man being tested. County health officials in Cumbria, in northwest England, said he was involved in the slaughter and disposal of animals that are being killed in an attempt to contain the highly contagious livestock disease.

Only one previous human case has been reported in Britain — a man who was infected during the last foot-and-mouth epidemic in 1966.

Dr. Angus Nichol, the director of communicable-disease surveillance at the Public Health Laboratory Service, said there had been other sus-

pected human cases recently, but all had proved negative. "This generally is a very mild disease in human beings, and it is only very, very rarely that it transmits to human beings at all," he said.

"I must stress that the case that is being investigated with our laboratories is only a possible case. Of the previous people who thought they might have the disease, all of them came up negative," Nichol told the British Broadcasting Corp. "So, if I were a betting man, I would think this one would be negative as well."

He said it would require an "overwhelming amount of exposure" to infected animals or carcasses for a human to contract the disease.

There had never been a case of it being passed from one human to another, he said.

"Basically, this is an animal virus. It doesn't like human beings. If you really expose somebody to a massive amount, they may get the infection, but generally they won't," Nichol said. "It is not a human problem."

WORLD BRIEF

Close Montenegro vote clouds independence drive

PODGORICA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Election results showed Montenegro sharply divided over the question of independence Monday, raising fears of violence if the government presses forward with plans to split from Yugoslavia.

European leaders urged President Milo Djukanovic to back off the drive for independence after the narrow margin in Sunday's parliamentary

elections. Results showed his secessionists winning around 42 percent of the vote, with 40.6 percent for opponents of independence.

Western nations have long feared that if Montenegro breaks from Yugoslavia — where it has resented domination by the larger republic, Serbia — it could destabilize the Balkans further and fuel secessionist movements in Kosovo, Macedonia and Bosnia.

The near tie, however, makes Djukanovic dependent on even more fervent proponents of independence to keep his government in power.

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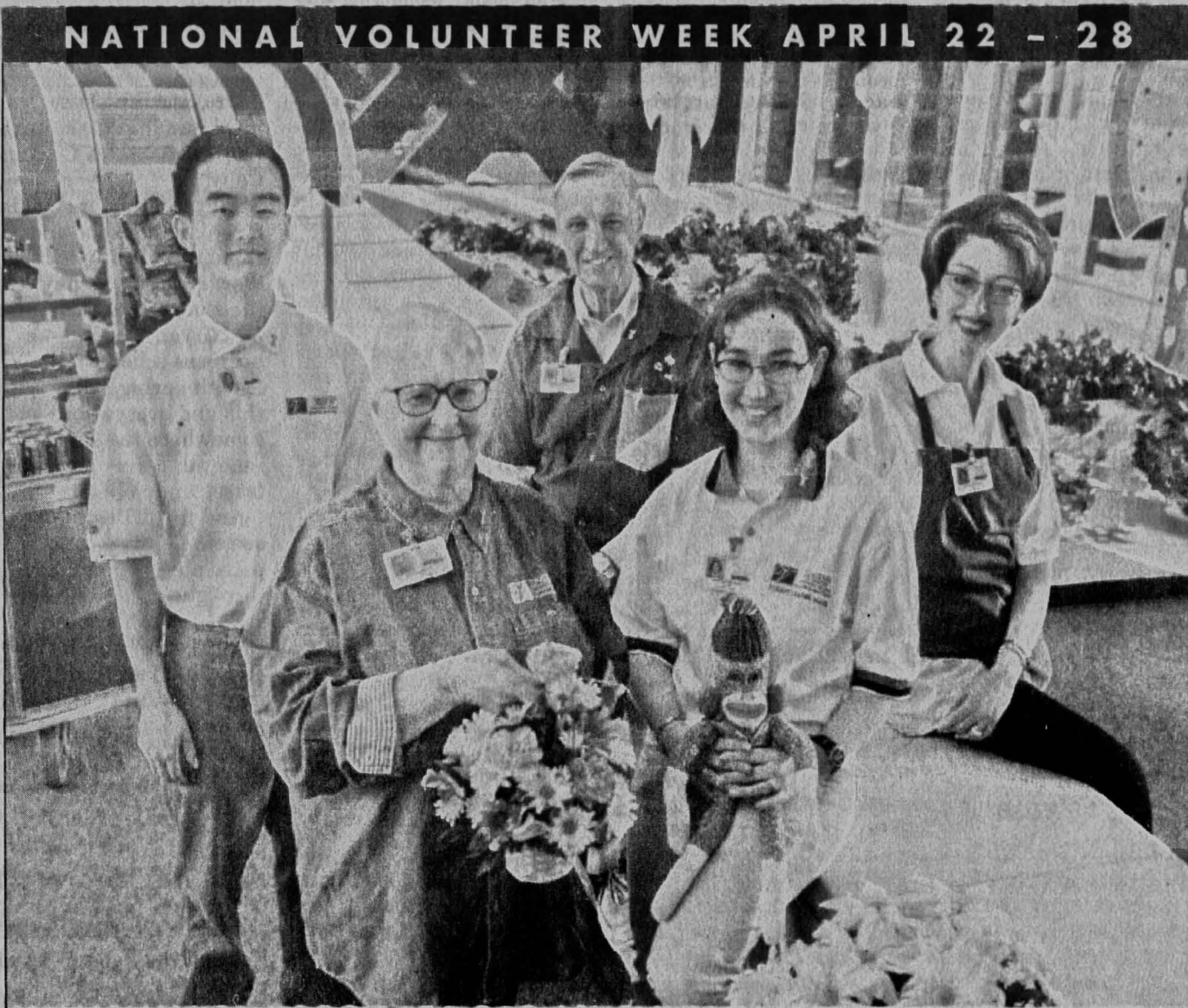
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Quoteworthy

There isn't a community that's immune to it.

— Alison Oliver-Correll, the co-director of education services at the Rape Victim Advocacy Program, on the universal threat of rape.

POLICIES

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EDITORIAL

BEFORE THE STATE KILLS WORK-STUDY ...

Rethink budget priorities

Hundreds of UI work-study students may lose their jobs next fall if Iowa's Republican state legislators have their way. Cutting work-study at the three regents' schools is the latest development in the state GOP's plan to selectively cut the state universities' budgets.

The proposed cuts would remove almost \$600,000 in state funds from the UI work-study program, leaving \$1.6 million in federal funding.

Although the program receives more federal funding than state money, almost 600 of the university's 2,000 student workers are supported by the state funds.

Iowa's Republicans need to reconsider their proposal before they put 600 students out of a job. Work-study should be the last financial-aid pro-

gram to be cut, not the first.

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Students who benefit from work-study do so because they have demonstrated a financial need. Students who have sufficient financial support from other sources are ineligible for work-study jobs.

The state GOP also needs to remember that the work-study program doesn't just give away money for free. It compensates students for the work they do for the university, which would have to be done by someone else if funds for work-study are cut. The university's programs and departments can't make up the 20 hours of work that most work-study students put

in every week without paying existing full-time employees overtime or hiring new employees. With the budget cuts already looming, UI departments can't afford to pay new workers without the state funding, even if they were able to find employees to work for the average work-study wage of \$7.03 per hour.

In short, the university and the state Legislature are getting a good deal from the work-study program. The university receives essential services for relatively little money, and the state gets credit for supporting needy college students. The Republican state legislators should withdraw their ill-advised proposal and find another way to cut \$600,000 from the state budget.

Ellen Schwarzkopf is a *DI* editorial writer.

GUEST OPINION

Defend the UI's future

As many of you are well aware, the UI is facing up to a \$37.2 million budget cut from the state Legislature. As a student, this deeply concerns me because it directly affects both the quality and affordability of my education.

I realize that state revenues have slowed dramatically, which has led the governor to make a 6 percent cut in state spending. This 6 percent cut translates to a \$19 million loss for the UI. This alone will lower the quality of the education that the university provides its students. This cut wipes out years of increases to the university's operating budget that were made from appropriations, such as the following: support for undergraduate education, funds to support the biosciences and money to accomplish repairs on academic buildings. The cut will also lead to less funding for the library, fewer course offerings and overcrowded classrooms. To make up for these funding cuts, students such as myself will be facing another double-digit tuition increase. How can students continually be expected to pay more for a lesser-quality education?

We students, along with the university as a whole, are pre-

pared to make the necessary adjustments to deal with a 6 percent cut. We feel some of this burden can be eased if the state uses its "rainy day fund," which was created for situations such as this. Currently, the Legislature is deciding not to use the rainy day fund but instead proposing an even larger cut. Any budget reductions beyond 6 percent will be catastrophic in terms of the UI meeting its obligations to deliver services — including a quality education to its students and the future leaders of this state.

Students are not the only people who will be affected by the budget cuts. The entire state will feel the damaging consequences of these cuts because the university provides unmatched services statewide. For example, the UI provides an institution for community-college graduates to transfer to and continue their education at an affordable price. The university also provides the high-quality, cost-effective education that Iowa needs in order to meet its critical needs. It works to pro-

vide an educated citizenry for the future of Iowa, and its research programs provide jobs and beneficial medical and scientific breakthroughs. Furthermore, it assists start-up companies, recruits businesses to the state, provides distance and continual education opportunities, provides health care in more than 60 communities, and has air-quality monitoring sites and cultural resources across the state.

As you can see, the possible budget cuts are not only catastrophic for the university and students, they are catastrophic for the entire state. As the president of the UI student body, I invite you to join the students, faculty and staff as part of the university community and help us send an influential message to Des Moines: no budget cuts larger than 6 percent, full funding for salaries and funding for infrastructure repairs. I encourage all parents of UI students and UI alumni to write letters to your senators and representatives. I also encourage all Iowa citizens to do the same. Only together will we be able to ensure a quality state of Iowa for today and tomorrow.

Nick Klenske is the UI Student Government president.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hennick's defense of Boy Scouts is wrong

While I do not know the specifics of the "Boy Scouts in public schools" debate or what the final answer should be, I do know Calvin Hennick's arguments in favor of the Boy Scouts are unconvincing. Hennick says the Boy Scouts of America's discrimination against homosexuals is a policy at the national, and not local, level. But does the organization give chapters the autonomy necessary to change its national policy? If so, has the local chapter demonstrated it will not discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation?

Unless the answer to both of these questions is "yes," there is no relevant distinction between the national and local organizations. Nor does it matter that, as Hennick says, the Scouts won't be "... wandering the halls during the school day, preaching God's supposed hate ..." If discrimination occurs outside normal school hours and is "passive" (a distinction Hennick appears to make, which I do not understand), it does not somehow reconcile the inconsistency of public policy and group practice.

Hennick explains it is the Boy Scouts who are discriminated against if they are not allowed to meet in

schools. He is right only in the sense that anyone who violates public policy is discriminated against. A society creates certain public rules; if a group violates these rules, restrictions are placed upon it. In this case, the Boy Scouts (or any group) cannot both discriminate against homosexuals and utilize public space that is designated to be non-discriminatory. If, as it may be, the Boy Scouts do not discriminate on grounds of sexual orientation, they should be allowed to meet like other groups. Hennick's attempted qualifications of discrimination, however, are wrong.

Mike Brooks
UI junior



The unbearable being of American lightness

Walking along the wet-mirror streets, the bar-neon like a promise of something glistening for tomorrow and tomorrow just so and so and so flashing on the concrete.

Boys and girls along the avenues, hooting each other into existence. A nation of owls, absolutely sweet Athena in their wisdom.

Minding not, chug-a-lugga, Athena's never existing.

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Or Buddha Allah Shiva Lao-Tse Socrates Cézanne Coltrane.

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With spring dripping like this and everywhere and somewhere the smell of renewal: leaves and grass, leaves and pollen.

And the drifting sweetness of charred petroleum pervading throughout.

The swoosh-swoosh of tires, the swoosh-swoosh of feet leading us

not to temptation but to the great beyond, far, far beyond moon-

light on the hanging glacier or the tingle of tundra under bare toes or which way the wind might be blowing when you're not needing a weatherman.

Or maybe temptation after all.

The two presidents, the Imposter and the Stealth, leading us all into this braver than brave new

whirl, SUVs with that tankish sheen shouldering their bulk into suburban garages, gentrified garages, chukka-punka, chukka-punka, with vagabonds meandering the aorta of the aorta of the country and missiles dreaming the La Mancha dream.

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'Cause something happening and you not knowing is, was, to be, do you,

Bridget Jones. Conjugations like conflagrations knowing the fire next time and somebody handing you a bone, saying knowledge being awl.

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Let's be honest. The sun rising tomorrow through an ozone-dancing sky. Assured of time, time, time being on our side.

Yes it is. Time is an event horizon. Spend it accordingly. Not, of course, that you ever get to spend it.

Beau Elliot is a *DI* columnist. His columns generally appear on Tuesdays.

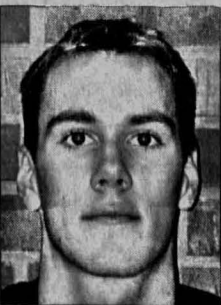
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On the SPOT

The state legislature may cut funding for work-study. Is this a wise move?



"No."

David Bemer
UI freshman



"I think it is an outrage."

Luke McDowell
UI sophomore



"It's unfortunate for those using it."

Stacey Hermsen
UI senior



"I think that would suck, because you have to work."

Wendy Reinhardt
UI senior



"No, because it hurts people who would otherwise not be able to attend the university."

Megan Butler
UI sophomore

VIEWPOINTS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elliot should stop preaching to the choir

Trying to respond in any reasonable way to Mr. Elliot's diatribe on the abortion issue (*DI*, April 10) would be like arguing with a drunk in a bar, so instead I'll make this suggestion. If Elliot would like to have his beliefs challenged (a long shot, I admit), he could read up on the pro-life views of such screaming conservatives as Nat Hentoff, Andrew Sullivan and Norah Vincent, who writes for the ultra-conservative *Village Voice*. Or he can stay comfortably in his ideological box issuing more hate-filled ramblings that pass for columns in the *DI*, where he will no doubt continue to condemn the free expression of those he doesn't like and preach to the converted at Planned Parenthood.

Jeanne Bryson
Iowa City resident

Gilmore's red-baiting is impressive indeed

Let me be the first to congratulate Aaron Gilmore for his editorial in the April 12 *DI*. Congratulations, Aaron, for producing one of the finest examples of red-baiting that I have seen in the popular press in years.

Congratulations for reproducing the least-sophisticated of all arguments that the far-right has for justifying the gross exploitation of workers across the globe. And congratulations for avoiding critical thinking entirely in your editorial. You may now assume your rightful position at the top of the fluff-filled *DI* editorial staff. You've earned it!

Should you decide, however, that you are interested in actually considering, in any depth or complexity, the historical (and contemporary) relationship between capitalism and labor abuse, let me offer a cursory reading list: Andrew Ross 1997, Ching Kwan Lee 1998, Saskia Sassen 1998, David Harvey 2000; or perhaps ... gasp ... Antonio Gramsci or even Karl Marx. You could also read up on the philosophies of such folks as Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi or Einstein in regard to labor issues.

If you are still not satisfied, you could ask one of your professors or TAs in the (commie-controlled)

College of Liberal Arts to have a class discussion about issues of uneven economic development, labor history, sweatshops, activism, justice, liberty, equality, etc.

But beware, Aaron ... I've heard rumors that there are professors here at the UI with "leftist" tendencies (one or two might even be members of the ISO) and you do realize that TAs here at the UI are affiliated with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America — a union that was forced out of the AFL in 1949 for refusing to kick-out its "red" members.

Michael Marchman
UI teaching assistant

Why do anti-lifers fear the truth of abortion?

I want to thank the *DI* for printing the picture of the abortion protests in the April 9 Viewpoints section. That picture says everything about the ongoing debate. In the picture, the pro-life protester is holding a giant poster of an aborted child while a gaggle of anti-life protesters attempt to cover the picture with umbrellas and placards. Instead of presenting an opposing view on the subject, the anti-lifers swarmed en masse to drown out and censor the other side's point of view and ram their opinions down the throat of anyone within earshot. Why are the anti-lifers so afraid of the truth? Could it be that they don't have a case to present? If abortion really is about a woman's right to choose, then why are they attempting to obscure and hide the facts of what abortion really does? Instead of censoring other points of view, why not prove why they are wrong and your point of view is superior? This is exactly how abortion became legalized in this country. Liberal extremists, using tactics of misinformation and censorship, framed the debate around vague misleading terms such as "choice" and essentially pulled the wool over the country's collective eyes. So my challenge to all you anti-lifers out there is to present just one argument why a woman who is not a victim of rape or incest should have the power of double-choice: the choice to take the risk

of getting pregnant and then the cowardly choice to make an innocent child pay the ultimate price for their mistake. I am not dismissing the pro-abortion stance out of hand; they may ultimately be right on this issue.

Before I thought the issue through, I actually used to side with the pro-abortion point of view. I just have yet to hear a single compelling argument based on fact, law and logic as to why abortion should be legal.

Christian Kurasek
UI sophomore

Take a thoughtful look at the abortion debate

I am a fan of sorts of Beau Elliot; at least I know that I would rather have him living next door to me than the persons carrying placards of brutally aborted unborn. But this is both my opinion and my dilemma, because I also think that for those who are of the intellectual bent there is nothing if there is not the desire to extract the rationale behind conflicting views. For example, Dr. Albert Schweitzer held what most would consider an extreme view of reverence for life, or at least an impractical view. But who is going to argue with a person who spent his life in a jungle trying to keep children from dying of measles. On the other hand, those activists carrying posters of aborted unborn and shouting "murderer" at people they don't know pose a more difficult response. But as intellectuals we have the difficult duty of dislodging our personal dislike of that kind of person from the task of exploring the merits of their position. Maybe they get a bit fanatical and for sure among their number are the truly demented, (the demented, like the normal, are represented among us all). They were called to task for calling themselves pro-life. Maybe pro-choice is not all that accurate, either. Maybe Schweitzer withdrew to the jungle because he realized that life is such a struggle no matter what kind of life you are, it's a wonder that any of us are still around. And if in our most vulnerable moments we had a little help from someone, who could argue with that?

Bob Guzman
Iowa City

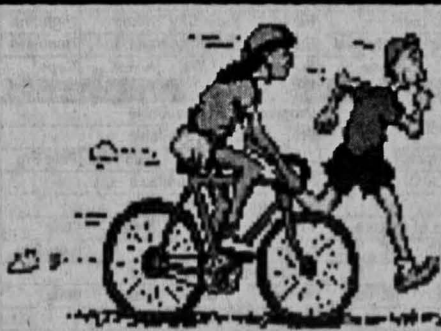
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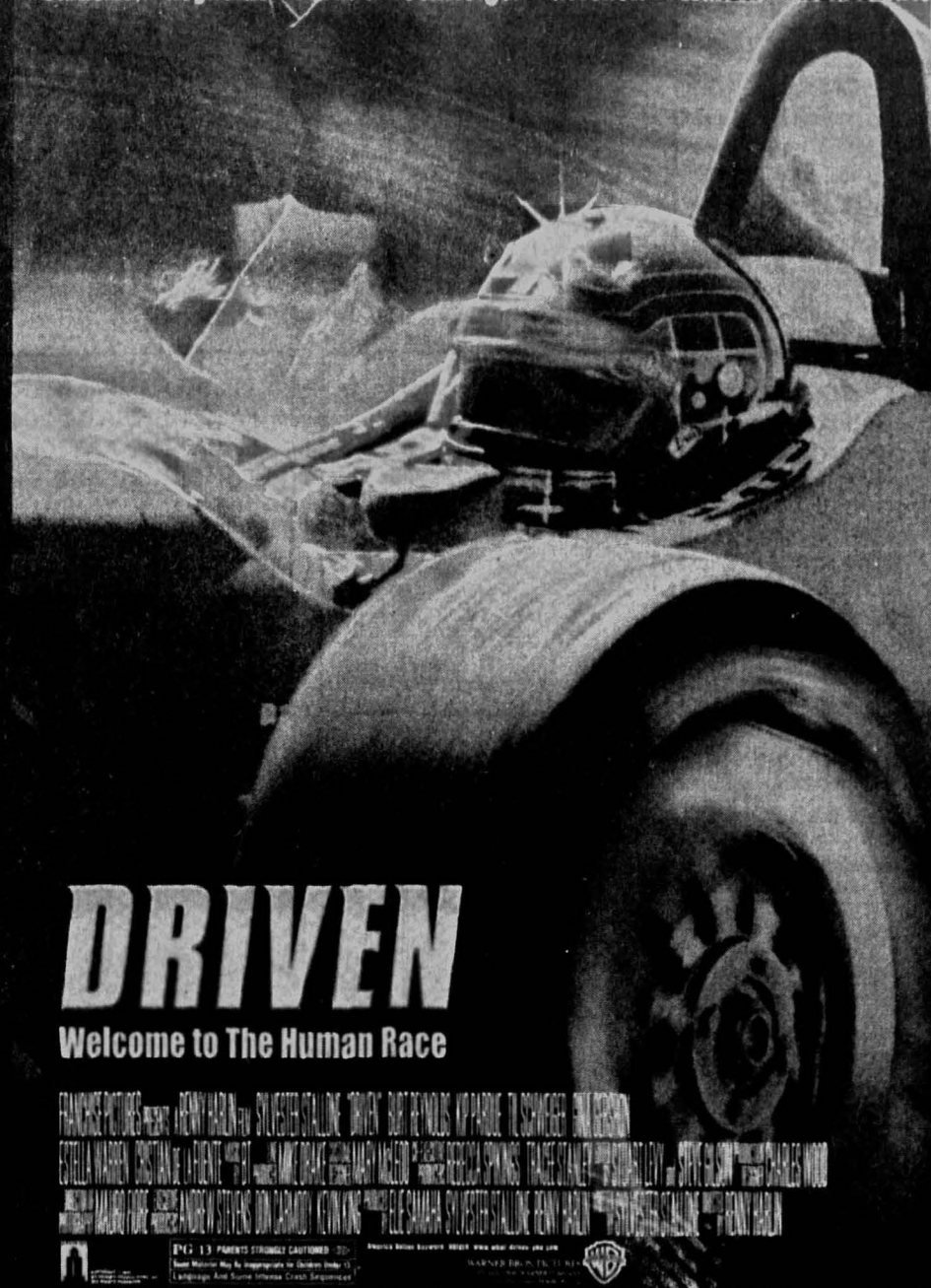
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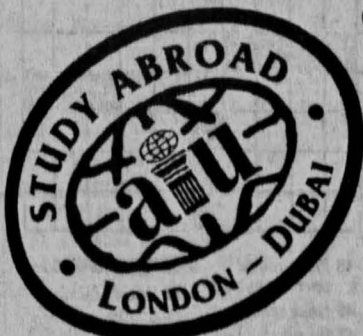
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