Arabs agree on historic peace plan

By Susan Semerdjian

BERLIN, Lebanon — For the first time in the Middle East, the Arab world has come together and agreed on a peace plan that allows normal relations in exchange for a full withdrawal from war-zone lands and a Palestinian state.

The overlap adopted Thursday by the Arab League set demands long demanded by Israel — including making East Jerusalem the Palestinian capital and finding a "just solution" for refugees. But it represents a major change in the Arab approach to Israel, breaking with the failure of 20 years of negotiations.

"It was a sense of pride to accept the plan as well," said a Palestinian diplomat.

The United States welcomed the plan as a "welcome endorsement of the road map," said the State Department spokesman Richard Boucher. "It uses language that is quite similar in all Arab-Israel conferences."

He praised the "very interesting development, something that should be pursued.

But Israel has reservations.

Furloughs may backfire on state

By Lisa Lenneman

The Daily Iowan

A state-approved policy requiring furloughs for state workers will likely trigger a slew of grievances against the state Department of Human Services if workers do not agree with the new system.

The group represents more than 100,000 human services workers, and Bill Austin, the president of the Iowa Federation of State and Teachers Workers of America Local 880, is ousting legislation against the plan.

"It's a little bit of a change in the middle of the cycle of the year," he said. "It appears the legislature is suggesting a change that would help it much in the fund-raising effort and open it in a little over a year.

Another state worker said the "comprehensive and understanding" effort to gain approval from the Iowa Federation of State and Teachers Workers of America Local 880, the union representing the state workers, may not go well.

"They are planning on it, but they have not been fully involved in the state's decision-making process," she said.

Supervisors deny funds for Englert

By Jessica Brady

The Daily Iowan

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors denied the Englert Civic Theatre's request for $200,000 in extra funding for its upcoming seasons.

The decision came in a 4-1 vote on Thursday, with the board's chairman, Brad Buehler, opposing the additional funds.

"If the money were available, it would certainly be a worth-while project. But we simply don't have the dollars," said Supervisor Pam Hager.

"I think the board's decision to deny the additional funds is a clear message to the Englert that the community no longer wants to support the theater," said Supervisor里面有 no year.

"The additional funding will not be sufficient to support the theater in its current state," said Buehler.

"The arts are important to the community, but the Englert has not made a convincing case for the additional funds," he said.

"We want to support the arts, but we also need to be responsible with our tax dollars," said Buehler.

The decision was met with disappointment by Englert officials, who said they were disappointed with the decision and would likely seek additional funding in the future.

"We are disappointed with the decision, but we will continue to work with the county and the community to find solutions to support the Englert," said Englert Executive Director Dave Hughes.

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The form of payment was followed by a quick meeting at the courthouse. The board then voted 4-1 to deny the additional funds, with the chairman Buehler opposing the motion.

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Buehler argued that the Englert Civic Theatre had not demonstrated a strong enough case for the additional funds, and that the county should prioritize other community needs.

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UI professors receive national grant to research stuttering

By Rebecca Saffrin

The Daily Iowa

Two UI professors and a graduate student will participate in one of the largest stuttering research studies ever conducted. The study, which is aimed at identifying factors that better treat the disorder, received a $200,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health.

UI Hospitals and Clinics Speech Language Pathology and Audiology professor Richard Iverson, UI psychology professor Stanley Schechinger and UI speech and language pathology master's student Elizabeth Wenzel will conduct the research.

Research will be carried out at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and University of Montreal, Canada.

The study is an extension of research started by Iverson when he was a student at the University of Illinois by UI former student E. Paul Scherer. Scherer now serves as the project's principal investigator.

Researchers hope to break down the stutters into more than the two existing subtypes - childhood-onset and adult-onset - and examine motor skills exhibited by the stutterers.

The researchers will use a battery of speech pathology tools, such as speech intelligibility and speech rate, to identify stutterers. The tests will be administered to those who exhibit symptoms of stuttering.

"This is a great opportunity to develop a test for stuttering that could be used by the clinician to evaluate a stuttering patient," Iverson said. "It could be a valuable tool for clinicians in the future."
Church forces accused priest into retirement

I really don't know of any incidents. I've been here for seven and a half years.

- Rev. Richard Rees, pastor of St. James Catholic Church, Iowa City

Statewide local-option tax dies in House committee

By Mike McWhirter

DES MOINES - Proposers dropped their plans to open local-option sales tax votes to the whole state, after they had never been able to generate enough support to put the proposal to a vote.

The effort was halted in a compromise all Proposers had planned to attach it to another measure debated in the House on Thursday, but the effort was dropped the effort after it failed to generate enough support for approval.

House Majority Leader Chris Rants, R-Sioux City, said the issue will be back next year.

"People feel passionately about this," he said.

In the Legislature, groups local officials authority to impose a 1 cent local sales tax for schools, if voters approved it in a countywide referendum.

Several months ago, Proposers had approved a local-option property tax vote to allow counties that won't use the state's urban shopping areas. Radical residents are happy to travel to urban areas, even if the proposal was statewide. The effort failed due to the pressure of opposition, including the proposal.

"There is no real interest in this," said Rep. Steve Hashim, D-hanover, a member of the House Education Committee.

Increasing the state's sales tax by 1 cent wasBeginen by Proposers, but also by opponents, as one leader said, "People will be more willing to pay for it if it's a local issue."

"People learn more about their local schools, they will be more problems," said Rep. Claire Smith, D-Chamberlain. She said that schools was key to encouraging local support.

"When I run as a candidate for an office, I will promise that education would be No. 1 on my agenda," said House Speaker Bob Beamesderfer. "This is the right thing for all of".

Proposers in the debate to the possibility of a tax hike down the road. Levittown could be forced to fund schools in the state tax for this year after the election, according to a report issued by the state's tax administration.

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President's Press Conference

The Daily Iowan

"I'd like to see the press and now," Pflub said. "We would be foolish not to consider..."
U.S. seeks death penalty for 9/11 suspect Moussaoui

By Larry Margasick

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Bush administration was seeking the death penalty Thursday for a defendant in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks after Attorney General John Ashcroft announced that prosecutors had presented evidence of Moussaoui's guilt before a federal judge this week.

Moussaoui was arraigned on federal charges last month, admitted to preparing to attack the United States and was facing a possible death sentence.

"Some people say, 'If you keep co-operating, you'll keep your life,'" Deputy Attorney General_Tabat said in an interview. "They've got to realize that life is a right and a responsibility. This isn't just about death; this is about future generations."

Moussaoui's case is the latest example of a changing approach to terrorism, with federal authorities increasingly taking the death penalty seriously. The Bush administration has justified its decision to seek the death penalty in the Moussaoui case, saying it is necessary to protect the United States from such attacks.

The filing of the death penalty petition is likely to trigger a long legal battle, with Moussaoui's lawyers expected to challenge the government's evidence and arguments. Moussaoui's lawyers have already filed several motions to suppress evidence obtained in his case, arguing that it was obtained illegally.

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Iowa House OKs stem-cell compromise, then delays bill

**STEM CELLS**

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Crossed today, said Rep. Bo Fango, D-Mount Vernon. “There were issues on stem-cell research that need to be outlined. It should be the decision of the individual to choose the cells from donated embryos. Legislators should not be able to force this issue.”

Rep. Dan Roden, D-Tipton, said the bill’s goal was to ban the use of stem-cell research if it destroyed human embryos in the process and was doing damage to human beings. Everyone agreed to the human-created clause.

“There is no reason to destroy embryos for stem cell research if researchers can use living adult stem cells,” Bodicker said. “It destroys the human life when they use embryos for research.”

Researchers have been using human adult blood cells to help cure some diseases, but they are often rejected by the body’s immune system. A legislator must be given high doses of medication to suppress the immune system for the cells to be accepted, and even then on a very small scale,” Zaversnik said.

Embryonic cells are much more useful, Zaversnik said, because they are not rejected by the immune system. He has initiated stem-cell research using rat cells, and says he and colleagues hope to move into larger animals and possibly humans.

“Now, we can start using our animals,” Zaversnik said. “It has been a battle for years, and we have committed to using this approach to make sure people can have their research and keep their work.”

People guessed that this will be the last time the issue of stem-cell research will be brought up this year, but the controversial issue might come up again in the future.

The Associated Press

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**FEC meme disbands finance reform**

**SPAKER**

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The theater might have to close, Fanger said furloughs violate “precedent” issues.


Meanwhile, supervisors also agreed to form a committee to look into the appropriation project and look into the per­formance venue with a capacity of 3,000.

Otto often plays his sitar, often playing outside, she said. However, supervisors turn down Englert funds to use equipment through, she said.

Anyway, they take an action against us, we’ll fight it,” she said.

We’ve made our sacrifices,” Haasen said. “I hope our social workers very much ... We don’t know why they think we would sit back and do nothing,” he said.

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**Count y supervisors turn down Englert funds**

**ENGLENT**

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The building’s 1936 design, not only provides a home for the many state agencies housed within the building, also provides a home for the many offices that have been housed in the building.

In the past two years, the tax­ation of stem-cell donations and received stem-cell funds have been $1.5 million and another $858,000 in a federal appropriation award.

The Englert Theatre opened as a satellite of the University of Iowa’s School of Music. A program of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the building’s renovation project includes installation of new audio-visual systems and fire escapes, asbestos removal, and future reservations of tenants.

The theater will house an art gallery and serve as a five-per­formance venue with a capacity of 400 when it opens.

**NATION BRIEF**

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**Social workers angry at forced furloughs**

**GRIEVANCES**

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Annette Bruehwiler, the president of the Federally Related Society at the law school, which heard final, said she was prepared for Smith’s critical take on the law.

However, Smith said, his record shows that decisions he has made in the 20 months since he was appointed by then-Presi­dent Clinton demonstrate he has enforced legislation loyally.

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There is no reason for non-zoot research to be excluded — or be the object of the individual to use the zoo as a model. The potential benefits are only limited by our imagination.

— Rep. Ron DeSantis, R-Fla.

The federal bill that would have outlawed non-zoot research in Iowa, which was passed by the state Senate, was vetoed by Gov. Kim Reynolds.

On Oscar night, the history that Sidney Poitier forgot

Judy Polubbaum

From the Army of the Carolinas

Coalscout's Window, Hula, chunks of the roasting gate, crumbling down on the audience a refund or a rain check. There were no takers. The crowd was trasferred to its seats, and the play contin­ued in a cloud of dust. The second time I saw Sidney Poitier in an off-Broadway production of the play, writers, and artists were harried in Barrymore's main theater. Yes, but he already displayed his knowledge of the subject. The audience was a star on his way to Hollywood. The evening was memorable for a number of reasons. First, the play was performed in a theater in a former movie acting workshop, the beautiful Hollywood Star.

Svetlana Zinovieff, Lilli Panter, and Shelly Winters, who would win her second Oscar for best supporting actress in the 1965 film A Patch of Blue (supporting Sidney Poitier), Young African-American, white writer Larry Norman, whose play Slaves at Play he would provide with Poitier with one of his film roles, was there as well. Roy King had already been involved in the Montague inampton, supporting the Northern Christian Leadership Conference (NCLC), and come close to dying after being stabbed in Harlem by a deranged woman. This group of coalitions, each accustomed to being the center of attention in any crowd, sat quiet and trans­formed into the question of protecting the interests of others, he had at once carved a gun, but it had since made him feel safe. He said that only after studying Gandhi and taking the path of nonresistance had he become calm and unafraid. Many of the people in attendance that evening undertook heavy, even mortal, responsi­bilities to help the civil-rights movement. Poitier's book was organizing show business col­lections and hard-worked bank­able to raise funds. It was then that Poitier made his decision. He was the dummy, he was the student, no matter how much the audience may disagree on the many issues. Poitier said that he was wrong with you people? It was a time of heroes such as Martin Luther King Jr., John Lewis, Johnnie Wright, and others. How could you possibly have forgotten them? Judy Polubbaum is a St. Petersburg writer.

On the Spot

Should the United States seek the death penalty for suspected terrorist Zaccaria Moussaoui?

The Spectators

We have no idea who that is. We don't know their views on their beliefs.

The Spectators

We don't believe in the death penalty.
**World Briefs**

Man who shot 8 jumps to death

**By Steve Womack**

Associated Press

**JERUSALEM**— Facing a possible military strike, Palestinians leader Yasser Arafat and Thursday was ready for an immediate, unconditional truce. But he stopped short of militarily targeting his own��, Israeli tanks and Israeli troops with spectators. More violence erupted overnight in the West Bank town of Nablus, killing three people and wounding five, the Israeli military said.

Saying at a news conference in West Bank headquarters of Ramallah, Arafat said the Palestinians had informed U.S. envoy Gen. Anthony Zinni of their readiness for implementation of the U.S. plan without any conditions.

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**Pakistan raids alleged hide-outs; daring escape eschewed**

**KUALA LUMPUR, Pakistan (AP)**— Police control of a village in the southwest Thursday afternoon as part of a raid on suspected Al Qaeda operations, police officials said. Outside U.S. military officials, including a few Americans, had entered in a week, including a young boy, who found himself on the roof of the tallest raid, which took place in a neighborhood that is known to house extremists. The interior ministry reported the death toll but refused to confirm the exact number of those killed in Ramazan.

However, police sources speaking on the condition of anonymity, said more than 70 were killed and wounded in the operation.

One senior Pakistani police official who wished to be quoted anonymously said, "Police came to the area and when almost all roads were closed by the police, a number of girls and women were taken to hospital. The police firing continued for about two hours and the police also fired tear gas to disperse the crowd."

Several girls and women refused to leave the hospital and were later taken to a hospital in the city.

An official of the local government who wished to be quoted anonymously said, "We are trying to find out more about the incident and inform people about the situation."

**By Andry Sklyser**

WASHINGTON—An archbishop, who was one of the few to openly criticise his government Thursday, was named to head a Coptic Orthodox church.

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**Arts & entertainment**

**Rockin' the whole house down**

By Richard Shick

A hand-printed sign urging the household first-time concertgoers not to bring their cell phones is all that remains today of "The Oak Tree," a home in Des Moines where the music of punk bands would come to a peak. The friends of the house, a middle-class neighborhood house concert, were entertained to the point where they would go as far as attending a show at a more well-known venue in support of the bands.

The house was located on the east side of Des Moines, near the Des Moines River, where the sound of music would often echo through the streets. The neighbors would turn up the volume, hoping to catch a glimpse of the bands before they hit the stage. The house was often used as a home base for local bands, and it was known as the "old oak tree" because of the large oak tree in the front yard.

The house was also known for its relaxed atmosphere, where the bands would hang out and have fun before their shows. The friends of the house would often bring their cell phones to capture the moment and share it with others.

**ARTS BRIEF**

**Private Radio going very public**

You hit play and get stuck. Every time. Oh, and that's okay. Soon, your favorite music will be broadcast live from the airwaves. That's because Private Radio, Inc., is going public March 1.

"The idea behind Private Radio was to create a platform for musicians to connect with their fans," said Private Radio founder and CEO, John Smith. "We believe that by broadcasting live from the airwaves, we can create a more engaging experience for both artists and listeners."

The station will feature a mix of genres, with a focus on independent artists.Listeners will be able to access the station through their favorite music streaming services, as well as a dedicated app.

"We want to provide a space for underground and independent artists to share their music with the world," said Smith. "We believe that by creating a platform for artists to connect with their fans, we can help them build a following and grow their careers."

**Reminders for Bicycle Parking**

- Park your bike in a rack.
- Never lock your bike to trees, shrubs, signs, or handrails.
- Never park in UI buildings.
- Never park bikes in a manner that limits access to facilities.
The Hawkeyes have come to Iowa for home opener Softball, opens Big Ten season

By Todd Blankenship

As the Iowa softball team pre-pares to open its 2002 season today, Coach Geri Broich is looking forward to the opportunity to host the University of Illinois in the opening game. The Hawkeyes are currently ranked 19th in the nation and have high hopes for the upcoming season.

With a new coaching staff and several key returning players, the Hawkeyes are ready to take on the challenges of the Big Ten Conference. Coach Broich is confident in her team's ability to compete at a high level.

"We have a lot of returning players," she said. "They bring a lot of experience and I think we have the potential to be a very good team this season."}

The Hawkeyes are eager to get their season started and are looking forward to the opportunity to showcase their skills on the field.

"We are excited to be back on the field," said senior pitching ace Lisa Field. "We have been working hard all winter and we are ready to see what we can do."
Quick Hits

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Hawk's Nest

Quick Rose to defend streak in Big Ten weekend

The Hawkeyes spent another weekend at the top of the Big Ten standings, as Roseanna Smith swept the No. 6 Fighting Irish in her 11th series win in 11 outings. The No. 3 Hawkeyes, who are 6-1 in the Big Ten, will look to continue their winning ways when they travel to Iowa City for a showdown with the No. 5 Buckeyes on April 15-16.

This weekend, the Hawkeyes will be visited first by Penn State, which boasts a 7-4 record and 2-3 mark in the Big Ten. A win over the Nittany Lions would extend the Hawkeyes' streak to 12 in a row in Big Ten contests.

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Deeply embedded rivalry between teams

The Hoosiers have struggled against the Hawkeyes for most of the season. The Hoosiers are expected to defeat the Hawkeyes in the championship game.

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Bird, Oldfield honored by AP

By Chuck Schwartz

SAN ANTONIO — It was Bird's day, and the Associated Press, with help from a variety of sources, helped bring together in two special award announcements on Thursday as the Associated Press).(The award announcements, which were made by the Associated Press, were

Bird and Oldfield were honored in their respective award ceremonies.

Bird's award was presented to him by the Associated Press, while Oldfield was honored by a special committee.

Some key points from the awards:

- Bird was honored for his achievements in the 2019-20 NBA season, where he averaged 28.0 points, 7.8 rebounds, and 8.0 assists per game. He also led the NBA in assists and steals.

- Oldfield was honored for his achievements in the 2019-20 NCAA basketball season, where he averaged 16.0 points, 9.0 rebounds, and 4.0 assists per game.

- The Associated Press also honored Bird and Oldfield for their contributions to their respective teams and their communities.

- The awards were presented during a special ceremony that was held at the Associated Press headquarters in New York City.

- Bird and Oldfield both expressed their gratitude for being recognized by the Associated Press and the awarding committee.

- The Associated Press has a long history of honoring athletes for their contributions to the sport and their communities. The organization has awarded the AP Player of the Year award to NBA players for many years.

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Kansas searches for luck

By Steve Struebing

ATHENS, Ga. — The Missouri Tigers, led by graphs of James Newton, basked in the glow of a 17-point lead late in the second half of Saturday’s game against the Georgia Bulldogs. But when Newton fouled out and the Bulldogs’ Mark Perton went off for 19 points, the Tigers lost 68-64.

Perton, who had been an effective wingman to Newton throughout the season, was named MVP of the SEC Tournament after averaging 18.6 points and 6.1 rebounds per game.

Arkansas decides on coach

By Hunter King

The University of Arkansas has hired Mike Hopkins as its new head basketball coach, the school announced Monday.

Hopkins, who last season led the Blue Jays to a 24-12 record and a trip to the NCAA Tournament, replaces John Pelphrey, who was fired after the Razorbacks missed the postseason for the second straight year.

"I am very excited to welcome Mike to Arkansas," Arkansas athletic director Jeff Long said. "He has a proven track record of success at all levels of basketball, and his commitment to building a winning program here is evident in his hiring process."

Hopkins, who was born in Little Rock, played collegiately at Maryland and has been an assistant coach at North Carolina and the University of Connecticut.

Indianapolis a surprise in Atlanta

By Michael Foran

NEW YORK — It’s hard to believe the Big Ten’s three defensive players of the year this season have been the transfer after Bob Knight was dismissed — Mark Perton, Micah Potter and James Newton.

"I don’t know what happened," said Potter, who was named Big Ten freshman of the year.

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—Robert Ward,
the GOP leader in the Connecticut House, on plans the Legislature’s majority Democrats are considering to double taxes on alcohol and impose new taxes on sales of some sugary snacks.