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Snail-mail costs scramble UI

By Lyndsay Gross
The Daily Iowan

University departments that rely on the U.S. mail said a proposed 8.7 percent hike in postage rates will strain already tight budgets, and they are looking for innovative ways to save money.

Many departments are cutting back on what they mail by conducting more correspondence online and seeking out ways to obtain discounted mail rates.

The United States Postal Service Board of Governors will rule on the proposed postage increases in this month. The proposal would increase the price of postage stamps by 3 cents from the current 34 cents.

International rates will remain unchanged because they have a separate rate process, said Iowa City Postmaster Doug Curtiss. Discount

rates will increase along with regular rates under the proposal, he said. Curtiss expects an across-the-board 4 to 8 percent rate increase, he said.

The UI Office of Admissions will spend \$252,000 on postage this year, said Emil Rinderspacher, the associate director of Admissions. Postage costs will be defrayed by better targeting students with mass mailings, using third-class bulk-rate mail, and increasingly using e-mail to recruit potential students, he said.

"This is something that certainly concerns us," he said. "We're really cost-conscious because postage is a large part of our budget."

Admissions Office officials have been analyzing prospective students' data to determine who are the best candidates to receive recruitment mailings, Rinderspacher said.

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Postal Increase

The UI is relying more heavily on the Internet to cope with a proposed hike in postage. Officials from the Office of Admissions say they will target most prospective students in an effort to better utilize the approximate \$252,000 they spend annually on postage.



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Source: DI Research

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Israel fights deeper into West Bank

By Mohammed Daraghmech
Associated Press

NABLUS, West Bank — Israeli troops fought fierce battles with Palestinians in the West Bank on Sunday, encountering stiff resistance in the crowded Jenin refugee camp and in the winding alleyways of Nablus' Old City.

At least 14 Palestinians were killed in Nablus, where dead bodies were sprawled along narrow, rubble-filled streets on the 10th day of Israel's offensive to weed out militants staging deadly terror attacks on its civilians.

Early today, helicopter gunships fired 18 or 19 missiles into a West Bank refugee camp on

the western edge of the city of Jenin, witnesses said. The attack came after troops used loudspeakers to warn militants about the attack and urge them to surrender, witnesses said.

The renewed fighting came as Secretary of State Colin Powell, who is due in the region this week to try to resolve the crisis, said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has "taken very much to heart" President Bush's April 6 call for an immediate withdrawal from Palestinian areas.

But Powell noted that the Israeli leader has yet to set a timetable for a pullback, and Bush has not demanded one.

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SPRING SHOWER



Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan

Peggy Wasson of IRT Mobile Power-washing Service aims a jet of water on the Pedestrian Mall in front of College Street Billiards. The company on Sunday evening gave the Ped Mall its yearly bath to remove winter grime.

Iowa still lags in teachers' salaries

By Grant Schulte
and Anwar Williams
The Daily Iowan

A recent report shows that the state of Iowa has failed to climb in teacher-salary rankings for the third year in a row, a trend that has teachers and Iowa City School Board members concerned about the future of the education system.

Iowa ranks 35th nationally with an average salary of approximately \$36,500 — well below the national average of \$43,335, according to an annual report released by the National Education Association.

Iowa will not likely move to increase teacher salaries in a tight budget year, either. Rather, teachers will face layoffs to balance the budget, said Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City.

Local School Board members are encouraging employees to

retire early, which would prevent some layoffs, Mascher said.

The decrease in Iowa's allowable growth fund, money that the state sets aside for its schools, is assumed to be part of the reason for the low teacher salaries.

The money for the school districts increased by 4 percent last year to boost teacher salaries. This year, however, lawmakers voted to increase the fund by 1 percent.

"I think there is a need to raise salaries in order to attain quality instructors," said Iowa City School Superintendent Lane Plugge. "I worry we will lose quality instructors to other states."

Many Iowa school districts are seeing decreasing student enrollments, which decreases state allocations because they are based on student numbers, he said.

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Out of the closet and into the frat

By Lyndsay Gross
The Daily Iowan

Growing up in Iowa City, UI junior Faraji Hubbard said, he had a lot of preconceived notions about the Greek system — including the stereotype that gays are not welcome.

"I thought, being gay, I couldn't be a part of a fraternity," he said.

However, encouraged by the friendships he forged during recruitment activities, the communications and music major joined two fraternities as an openly gay member within two years.

Nationwide, 5 to 6 percent of fraternity members and 3 to 5 percent of sorority members are homosexual, said Tom Durein, the guest speaker at a Sunday night lecture addressing being gay and Greek.

Durein, Greek adviser at the University of California, encouraged UI fraternities and sororities to promote acceptance, citing recent instances in which Greek gays and lesbians felt lost in the

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An ominous sign

A car bombing may mark a shift in Colombia's civil war.
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Downsizing education

School-district budgets all across the country are coming under the knife.
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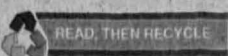
Unholstered

Coralville police are wondering if equipment failure led to an officer peering down a gun barrel.
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Town sees rise in evictions for poor

By Tony Robinson
The Daily Iowan

Evictions are on the rise in areas of Iowa City dominated by low-income housing, a pattern that could lead to more homeless people and overcrowd shelters — which are already filled to capacity.

One local property manager said he has evicted two tenants a month for the past half a year in the Broadway-area complex owned by his company — up from the usual zero or one per month.

"We don't like sending the message that we are evicting people in this town and throwing poor families out of their homes," said Blaine Shaffer, a regional property manager for Heartland Management Co.

The Des Moines-based firm owns the Cedarwood Apartments in Iowa City, which has been the site of more evictions in the past year than the previous 20, Shaffer attributed most of the evictions to failure to pay rent, although most tenants under his supervision pay no more than 30 percent of their adjusted gross income.

Heartland has a zero-tolerance policy on all of its apartments, which holds renters responsible for the actions of guests and residents. For example, a mother and her children could be evicted if a visitor were arrested for possession of a controlled substance. Shaffer said he didn't recall any drug-related evictions in Cedarwood, but he

said there are frequent evictions because of drug use at a similar facility he supervises in Cedar Rapids.

Cedarwood resident Mary Stewart said she has seen a drastic increase in the number of tenants moving in and out of her building. But she doesn't think people are being kicked out because they don't pay the rent; rather, she said, drugs cause the evictions.

Stewart's eyes widened as she pointed to the newly constructed playground that her 5-year-old granddaughter is prohibited from playing in because of crime in the area.

"It's all about the drugs and violence out here," Stewart said, noting that the drug arrests alone prompted police patrols in the area. "That is why you see all of the for rent signs."

Evictions in subsidized housing also concern workers at the only general-use homeless shelter in Johnson County. Officials from the Emergency Housing Project, 331 N. Gilbert St., said evictions are the primary reason people use the facility.

A large number of residents in the house have come from low-income housing, including Cedarwood, said program manager Leon DeBoer.

"The more folks hit the street, the more folks come to the shelter," he said.

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Curtis Lehmkuhl/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City resident Mary Stewart speaks about the rising number of evictions that are occurring at Cedarwood Apartments, where she resides.

CITY & STATE

CITY BRIEFS

Man charged with sex abuse

A Coralville man was formally charged on April 5 with second-degree sexual abuse after an 11-year-old female accused him of fondling her while she slept.

Tod Robert Cahill, 38, 2865 Second St., is accused of placing his hands inside the pajamas of the girl and touching her genitalia as she slept on the couch at his residence, police said. The girl told police she awoke while Cahill was allegedly committing the act, court records said.

Cahill was released from Johnson County Jail after posting a \$15,000 bail.

Care-facility worker allegedly steals \$600

An employee at an Iowa City assisted-living facility was charged on April 5 with dependent-adult abuse after a police sting allegedly caught her stealing money from elderly residents.

Using a surveillance camera and marked bills, Iowa City police charged 20-year-old Michelle Lea Esbeck, 2432 Nevada Ave., of entering the rooms of five elderly residents between January and March and taking a total \$600 in cash, court records said.

Esbeck was employed to assist the residents with essential human needs, police said.

— by Gian Sachdev

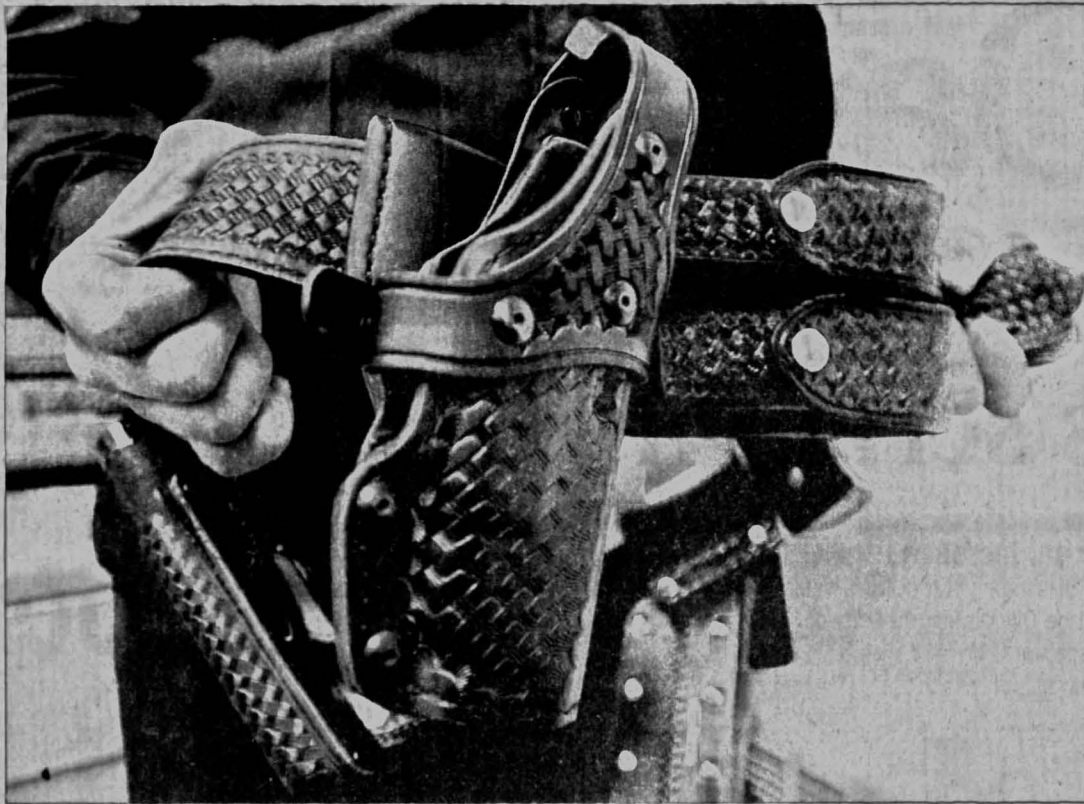
POLICE LOG

Ruben Aguero, 22, was charged with domestic assault causing injury and public intoxication early Sunday. Aguero, 950 Boston Way, Apt. 7, allegedly struck his ex-girlfriend's left ear after seeing her walking with another man in the Dubuque Street parking ramp.

— by Grant Schulte

Kenneth Michael Hostetler, 29, 720 Fourth Ave., Coralville, was charged on April 5 with domestic abuse causing injury. Hostetler allegedly grabbed a woman around the throat and slapped her after she returned to the residence from a bar, police said. The woman suffered bruising around the neck as a result of the attack, court records said. Hostetler allegedly admitted to officers he attacked the woman, police said.

— by Gian Sachdev



Scott Morgan/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City police Sgt. Douglas Hart on Sunday holds a holster similar to that used by the Coralville police.

Holster failure concerns police

By Gian Sachdev
The Daily Iowan

Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford is demanding to know why an apparently faulty gun holster led one of his officers to come face-to-face with the barrel of a gun.

He's hoping for an answer Tuesday, when he meets with representatives of Safariland, the California-based protection-equipment company that supplies holsters to Coralville law enforcement officers. During the visit, Safariland will check the age of all the department's holsters and assess their safety, Bedford said.

Marcus Orlando Sayles was able to manipulate and point a gun at police when a holster's belt attachment tore during an arrest two weeks ago, Coralville police said.

"Ever since the incident, we've been communicating with [Safariland] about the failure," Bedford said. "To our knowledge, our holsters are still very safe, but, of course, we want to know why this occurred."

Safariland representatives could not be reached for comment.

The company asserts that its leather holsters provide officers with superior security

through a triple-bolt attachment feature; they have been used by Coralville police for 18 years, said police Lt. Ron Wenman. The meeting could help officers learn more about leather fatigue and a holster's endurance, he said, adding that police equipment is replaced on an as-needed basis.

The incident has also sparked concern among Iowa City police, who strap on similar holsters made by Wellweg Ltd. and use Safariland accessories to secure batons to their belts. They will communicate with Coralville law enforcement officials after Tuesday's visit to find out what modifications, if any, can be made to ensure a similar situation doesn't occur in Iowa City.

"After I learned of the incident, I was very curious to know why it happened — especially because it sounds like an equipment failure

above all else," said Iowa City Police Chief R.J. Winkelhake. "I want to find out if our holsters are secure enough."

According to Coralville police, on March 29, Sayles, 39, 306 Sixth Ave., Coralville, allegedly attempted to flee from officers who arrived at his residence to arrest him on multiple domestic-abuse charges. During his apprehension, Sayles was able to wrench a 9-mm Beretta handgun out of Officer Doug Carden's holster when the pouch's belt-loop attachment ripped. Seconds later, with his finger tugging the trigger, Sayles allegedly swiveled the fully loaded pistol toward Detective Doug Vance. Before Sayles could fire, officers restrained the weapon and arrested and charged him with multiple felonies, including the attempted murder of a police officer.

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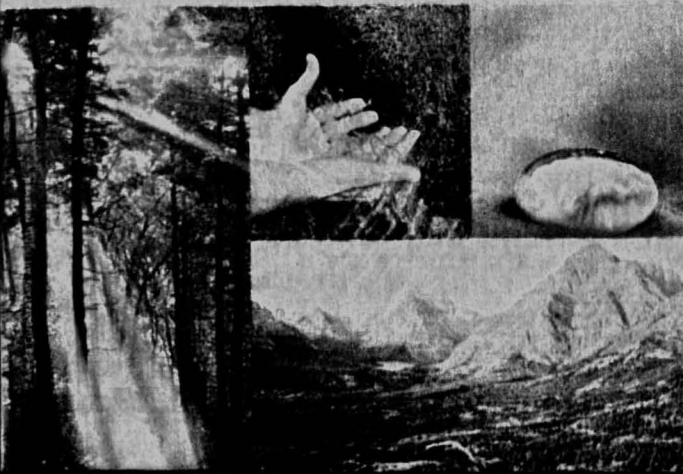


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ISU workers test positive for beryllium

AMES (AP) — Three former employees of Iowa State University or the Ames Laboratory have tested positive for sensitivity to the toxic metal beryllium, and one person has contracted beryllium disease.

Scientists at the Ames Lab, which is part of the U.S. Department of Energy, used the metal to purify uranium during the Manhattan Project. The work was done at Little Ankeny, which was a small building on campus, and Gilman and Wilhelm Halls.

The federal government contacted 776 Ames Lab employees and 222 Iowa State workers last summer who may have been exposed to the metal while working in the halls during the 1940s and 1950s, the Tribune reported Wednesday.

Schwarzkopf focuses on leadership

CEDAR FALLS (AP) — Retired Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf says character is key to strong leadership, and leaders must inspire.

Schwarzkopf, who commanded victorious military forces in the 1991 Gulf War, told approximately 1,100 people at the University of Northern Iowa on April 6 that the challenge of leadership "is to inspire people to willingly do what they ordinarily would not do."

Schwarzkopf said military lessons learned from the Gulf War are much different from the tactics being applied in the fight against worldwide terrorism.

He said Operation Desert Storm was the war the United States had been planning to fight for 50 years. Heavy tanks and infantry soldiers faced off against each other in traditional battles, he said.



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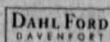
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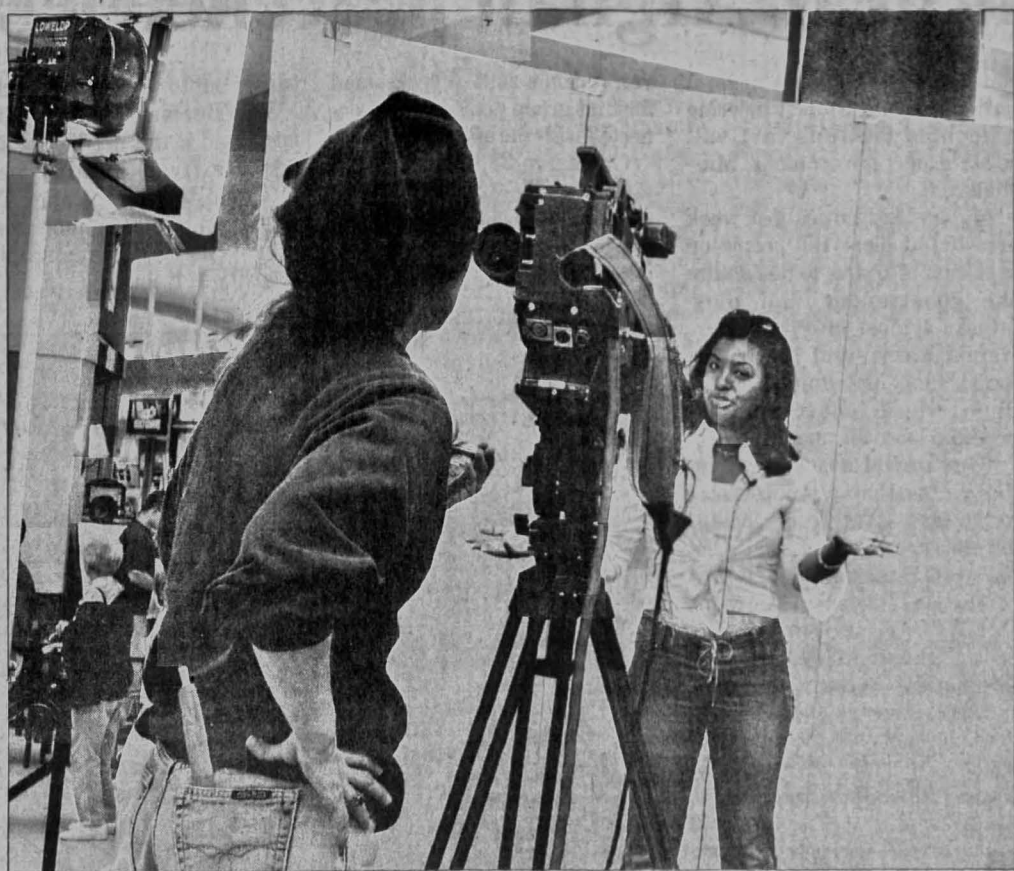
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UI law student Leah Perry tries her hand at charming CBS producers during an audition for the "reality" TV show "Big Brother." KGAN hosted the auditions for individuals willing to live in a house with 11 other people for three months without outside contact. The tryouts included an eight-page application with such questions as, "How do you respond to anger? When was the last time you threw, hit, or kicked something in anger?"

Blair talks tough on expelling Saddam

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — British Prime Minister Tony Blair, in the strongest signal yet he would back U.S. military action against Iraq, said Sunday that Saddam Hussein must allow weapons inspectors into his country "any time, any place the international community demands" or face the consequences.

Blair, ending a weekend of talks with President Bush, urged the international community to confront terrorist regimes with military force if necessary — then called Saddam a brutal leader who must be dealt with. He stopped just short of specifically threatening military action against Iraq.

"The regime of Saddam is detestable," the prime minister told more than 1,000 people at the presidential library of Bush's father, the 41st president. The elder Bush, who introduced Blair, pushed back Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, but he was criticized for ending the Persian Gulf War with Saddam still in power.

Blair's aides said the Iraq remarks were a last-minute addition to his speech, drafted

during the night of April 6 and Sunday morning while the prime minister visited Bush at the president's nearby ranch. The strong language, coming at a time when Blair is under pressure in Britain to distance himself from Bush's war talk, was viewed by White House aides as needed reaffirmation of the close U.S.-British alliance against terrorism.

Bush repeatedly says all options are on the table for dealing with Saddam, a characterization that aides say includes possible military action. The president calls Saddam a threat to the world, accusing him of producing weapons of mass destruction that could be used by Iraq's terrorist allies.

Many foreign leaders, including U.S. allies, worry about

Bush's intentions. Chinese President Jiang Zemin, in remarks published Sunday, urged the United States to refrain from military action against Iraq. "International disputes cannot be solved by force," Jiang said.

Blair, talking broadly about his approach to fighting terrorism, not just Iraq, said, "If necessary, the action should be military, and again, if necessary and justified, it should involve regime change." Bush uses "regime change" to describe what he has in store for Saddam.

Blair quickly followed the general warning with a specific one to Saddam: "He has to let the inspectors back in — anyone, any time, any place the international community demands." Saddam has blocked the promised U.N. inspections.

Downsizing education sweeps U.S.

By Andrew Kramer
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — Debbie Godfrey likes the school where her son Dylan is a first-grader. She is comfortable with the teachers and the principal in the small, brick building tucked into a quiet suburb near her apartment.

But Wilcox Elementary School is closing next year, another victim of budget cuts that have troubled school districts across the country.

"It's horrible. They're taking away a really good school," Godfrey said. "If they'd given us a little bit of time, maybe even we parents could have come up with a solution."

Nationwide, legislators and local officials have cut billions of dollars from education spending by trimming their schools' staffs, cutting programs, and even closing some buildings to deal with deficits caused by the recession.

Indiana Gov. Frank O'Bannon has eliminated \$35.4 million in

grants for K-12 schools — money that funds programs such as full-day kindergarten, summer school, and gifted programs. Some teachers' aides already have been laid off.

In New York, several school boards have warned of double-digit increases in local taxes to offset the state's tax shortfalls. Gov. George Pataki is trying to hold down state education spending to make up for billions of dollars in revenue lost because of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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WORLD

Expel Palestinians, Israeli right says

By Laurie Copans
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Tugging his beard or adjusting his skull cap, Effie Eitam, an ultranationalist slated to join Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's Cabinet, speaks unabashedly of his controversial dream: One day, the more than 3 million Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip will move to Jordan.

Palestinians say Eitam's dream is just that — a fantasy with no basis in reality. The Palestinians see the West Bank and Gaza as their future state and say millions of additional Palestinians now in exile have their own dream of returning to the region.

Any attempt to drive the Palestinians out would surely draw a fierce response from the Palestinians as well as international condemnation.

Sitting in his modest office in an old Arab-style building in Jerusalem, Eitam gave his reasoning for attempting to push the Palestinians out.

"I think our Jewish conscience will be clean if we say [to the Palestinians, 'You brought war, and in war there are great human tragedies,']" said Eitam, a brigadier general in the army reserves. "They will cross the river and go to Jordan."

Even among Israelis, such views were considered extreme until recently. But these days, they are gaining popularity among a people fed up with Palestinian terror attacks — a recent poll showed that nearly half of the Israelis favor expelling the Palestinians.

The National Religious Party named Eitam as its chairman Sunday and planned to accept an invitation to join Sharon's government, which will bring his voice and hard-line views into the Cabinet.

Under Eitam's plan, Palestinians who would not agree to live under Israeli occupation without a state, without a government, and without an army could be forced to go to Jordan, which should become the Palestinian state, Eitam said.

More than half of Jordan's population is of Palestinian origin, but their presence dates to Mideast wars decades ago. There has been no movement of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza to Jordan in recent years, and no indication they would have anything but contempt for Eitam's plan.

Jordan, which strongly supports the Palestinian cause, would almost certainly refuse any attempt to drive Palestinians into it.

Sharon himself has said he



Jacqueline Larma/Associated Press
Effie Eitam talks to the Associated Press in his Jerusalem office March 19.

supports a Palestinian state in at least parts of the West Bank and Gaza, and he has given no sign that he would support Eitam's plan.

Still, one recent poll showed 46 percent of Jewish Israelis favor expulsion — through force or coercion — of the Palestinians living in the territories. Signs reading "Only Transfer" or "No Arabs, No Attacks," have become popular at angry demonstrations demanding tough government action.

In the new political climate, expulsion is no longer a taboo subject in Israel. Several nationalist politicians who previously refrained from talk about expelling Palestinians now speak about it openly.

In Eitam's plan, the army would take over the Palestinian areas in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a first step toward annexation of the territories Israel captured in the 1967 Mideast war.

Israel has nearly 150 settlements in the territories where more than 200,000 Israelis live, while the Palestinians want a future state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, with East Jerusalem as its capital.

The Palestinians formally control approximately two-thirds of Gaza and roughly 40 percent of the West Bank — but that was before the Israeli army began entering a half-dozen Palestinian cities in the West Bank 10 days ago. Israel says the incursion will end when it feels it has dismantled the Palestinian "terrorist infrastructure."

Many Israeli politicians say some segments of society are only attracted to such radical ideas as transfer because they are desperate for anything to stop the violence.

Rockets hit near Afghan peacekeepers

By Paul Haven
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — A Chinese-made rocket exploded just yards from a camp housing international peacekeepers Sunday, the first such attack since security forces began patrolling the Afghan capital last year.

Elsewhere, a U.N. team sent to the central city of Bamiyan found evidence of three mass graves apparently filled with ethnic Hazaras killed last year in the Taliban's final month in power.

Nobody was hurt in the rocket attack on the Kabul camp of German and Danish troops, which occurred just after 2:30 a.m. local time, said Flight Lt. Tony Marshall, a spokesman for the British-led International Security Assistance Force peacekeepers.

A 107-mm Chinese-made rocket flew over the peacekeeping compound and exploded to the northwest, Marshall said. Another rocket also was seen flying over the compound and an explosion was heard, but peacekeepers had not located the detonation site, he said.

Peacekeepers were searching the area for evidence and were trying to determine where the rockets were fired from.

The attack probably was linked to efforts to destabilize the interim Afghan administra-

tion ahead of the loya jirga, a national grand council meeting scheduled for June that will select a new government, Marshall said.

Afghan authorities last week arrested at least 160 people on suspicion of trying to destabilize the government and plot attacks against interim leader Hamid Karzai and the exiled former king, Mohammad Zaher Shah, whose homecoming is expected later this month.

"Our initial assessment is that rather than a group wishing to target [the peacekeeping force] in its own right, that perhaps this is in some way linked to the current situation in Kabul," Marshall said. "We believe that there is a link with this particular attack."

Marshall would not say what evidence led peacekeepers to believe there was a connection between the attack and the earlier arrests.

Those still in custody from last week are linked to a hard-line Islamic group, Hezb-e-Islami, headed by former Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmat-

yar, officials said. A spokesman for that group denied it was connected with the alleged plot.

On March 28, the compound was partially evacuated after a suspicious package was found outside a gate. The package was detonated as a precaution, but it

turned out to contain only bricks.

The German Defense Ministry said it did not believe the rockets fired Sunday were intended to hit the camp. The 18-nation, 4,500-member force is responsible for maintaining security in Kabul.

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WORLD

Putin edgy about U.S. nuke policy

By Sarah Karush
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed alarm at suggested changes in U.S. nuclear policy, saying in an interview released Sunday that they could lower standards for use of nuclear weapons to "a dangerous level."

At the same time he was optimistic that President Bush's visit to Russia at the end of May

would bring a "historical" agreement on nuclear-weapons cuts.

Putin's remarks came approximately a month after the Pentagon's leaked "nuclear-posture review" sparked indignant reactions in Russia. The document outlined the possible use of nuclear weapons against countries that possess or are developing weapons of mass destruction. It specifically named Russia as a potential target, along with six other countries.

"Here is why [this issue] cannot but worry us," Putin said in an interview with German and Russian media on the eve of his visit to Germany. "We are hearing some statements about the possibility of the use of nuclear weapons by the United States against non-nuclear states, among others. That's first."

"Second, we are hearing declarations and suggestions to develop low-capacity nuclear warheads and possibly use them in

regional conflicts. This lowers the threshold for the possible use of nuclear weapons to a very low plank, to a dangerous level."

But Putin said it was too early to speak of a new nuclear strategy in Washington.

"These are only the individual statements of people who are not the highest officials of the United States," he said in the interview, which was conducted Thursday and posted on the Kremlin Web site on Sunday.



Scott Dalton/Associated Press

An unidentified man looks at the living room in his home after it was destroyed when a bomb exploded in Villavicencio, Colombia, on Sunday. The bomb, which killed 12 people, stoked fears that Colombia's civil war is becoming one of indiscriminate terrorist attacks.

Colombian rebels kill 12 with bombs

By Susannah A. Nessmith
Associated Press

VILLAVICENCIO, Colombia — Two bombs exploded in a provincial capital of Colombia Sunday, killing 12 people, wounding dozens, and stoking fears that Colombia's civil war is becoming one of indiscriminate terrorist attacks.

No one claimed responsibility for the blasts in Villavicencio shortly after 1 a.m., but police suspected the country's main rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia — FARC — was behind it.

A small explosive device had gone off minutes earlier, attracting people who were in bars and restaurants on a warm weekend

night. Then a bomb — located underneath a car parked on the street — blew up, shredding bodies and causing damage in a four-block-wide area.

Four people were killed in the first explosion; eight died in the second blast.

Two mangled bodies remained uncovered on the street hours after the bombing as investigators picked through the debris. The blast heavily damaged several buildings, including the offices of Radio Super, bars, and discos. Several cars were wrecked.

The rebels have increasingly turned toward civilian targets since peace talks collapsed on Feb. 20, attacking power plants, reservoirs, and bridges. On April

5, another car bomb exploded in the town of Fuente de Oro, injuring 13 people and damaging 20 businesses.

In Villavicencio on Sunday, Mary Batio sat on a curbside, mourning her 22-year-old daughter, Diana Cristina Beltran, who was killed in the attack while out with friends.

"I want my baby back," Batio wailed. "She didn't have anything to do with anything. Why did she have to lose her young life?"

Leonor Castro, 71, said her nephew saved her life by carrying her out of her bedroom when the smaller device exploded outside her home. Minutes later, the larger bomb went off, destroying her bedroom and blowing the door onto her bed.

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Editorial

Reparations lawsuit illegitimate

For how long are we responsible for the actions of our ancestors?

According to the Bible, the sins of the father are visited up to the fourth generation. However, according to three federal lawsuits filed in New York, four generations is not nearly long enough. FleetBoston Financial Group, Aetna, and CSX have all been targeted by lawsuits seeking reparations for slavery. According to those filing the suits, these companies profited from "crimes against humanity." These lawsuits are neither legitimate nor reasonable, and they will serve only to inflict more injustice.

While reparations are an important part of taking responsibility, common sense must be exercised in assigning blame. In the case of Holocaust reparations, survivors and their immediate families were able to collect compensatory damages from European companies that profited from Nazi concentration-camp slave labor. The people awarded this money had either lived through the concentration camps or had been directly affected by it.

The same is true of money awarded to survivors of Japanese internment camps during World War II. These people had been treated abhorrently, and they deserved an apology and reparations for their suffering.

In the case of slavery, however, nearly one and a half centuries have passed since this contemptible practice was abolished in the United States.

Everyone directly involved has been dead for decades. While the repercussions of slavery can be debated, actual blame for the atrocities committed cannot be assigned to any living individuals. Instead, fingers are being pointed at organizations and corporations that existed and profited from slavery. However, unlike individuals, assigning blame to an organization is a difficult and tricky process that often involves punishing innocent people.

In the past 135 years, individual shares of stock in Aetna, FleetBoston, and CSX have passed through countless hands. The current shareholders certainly cannot be held responsible for the actions perpetrated by previous shareholders more than

a century ago. Likewise, the current employees and executives of these companies had no part in encouraging slavery. Most of them probably have no idea regarding the history of their corporations' crimes — most companies do not print that sort of thing on recruitment brochures. To punish these people for actions committed by others so long ago would be unconscionable.

Slavery is a dark chapter in the history of the United States that must never be forgotten. Nevertheless, demanding reparations for slavery is unreasonable. Pointing the finger of blame at an organization is no different from blaming its current members. If those members were not even born when the injustices took place, they cannot be held accountable.

Aetna, FleetBoston, and CSX may have profited from slavery, but so has nearly every business in the entire world. Rather than condemning the innocent people who now make up these corporations, we should instead be focusing our efforts on ensuring that current and future commercial atrocities are prevented.

Quoteworthy

It is a regime without a qualm in sacrificing the lives of its citizens to preserve itself.
 — British Prime Minister Tony Blair, on Saddam Hussein's Iraqi government.

Letters to the Editor

Dealing with our children

In Iowa, more than \$1 billion in unpaid court-ordered child support is owed to thousands of Iowa children (approximately \$91,000 plus 10 percent interest to my seven children). Many of us desperate, abandoned (and deceived) parents turned to Aid to Dependent Children while waiting for the state to do its job in regards to the enforcement and collection of our child support (upholding the law is one of the most important responsibilities of government). Instead we ended up being victimized again — this time by the state that was to protect us from this abuse and neglect.

Nowhere in the article "Lost outside of the system" (*DI*, April 3) is the reason ever mentioned that many of these single moms turned to welfare. It is never mentioned that this landmark legislation "included the most sweeping crackdown on non-paying parents in history."

Nonsupport is a Class-D felony in Iowa, but no one would know that with the few cases prosecuted in Iowa (one in Polk County — mine). Child-support enforcement is part of the Social Security act. It was established in 1975 under Title IV-D. Billions of dollars across the nation are spent on maintaining these agencies, yet all we read about is hound-

ing mothers (mostly) into the work force, sending children to taxpayer-funded daycare centers or left alone home, while dads are left free to create new families.

Last night on Larry King, "America's Most Wanted" host John Walsh pointed out that child molesters sought out children of single parents, as the children are often left alone. It is obvious that this injustice, this neglect, is of no concern to the legislatures or the citizens of this nation. Every prospective candidate, besides the candidates running for re-election, brag about this landmark legislation, totally ignoring its main purpose: to hold both parents accountable for their children!

Instead of spending money on tracking welfare recipients after they have been kicked off welfare, why don't we spend it on tracking dead-beat dads and making them pay so mom won't have to turn to welfare in the first place?

I know — doing it this way is job security for millions of government employees. To hell with the kids, the families, the fabric of society! We are a nation of exploiters — especially on the backs of the weak and defenseless!

In this nation raising children still is disproportionately a woman's job. Society has made it so!

The price of Israel's War

The state of Israel was created more than 50 years ago as a home for Jews escaping oppression. It was a gift from the world community. Now the oppressed are the oppressors who have no tolerance for any religion other than their own.

No one has any doubt whether Israel has the military might to defeat the Palestinians, but at what cost? I was raised Jewish, and I donated money to plant trees in Israel. But now I see Israel as the aggressor that is taking advantage of a worldwide warlike mentality to make a grab for more land. The way I see it, Israel is clearly escalating this conflict, and it wants a war.

Israel may win this battle, but in the long term, it is making a serious mistake. For the first time in my life, I question whether it is still necessary for there to be a Jewish homeland, and I think it's a mistake to support nations that are based on a single religion. Fifty years ago, Israel was given a gift, and it is abusing it. It has now become like those who oppressed the Jews. I believe Israel has sacrificed its standing in the world community and has lost its credibility and moral authority.

Maja Rater
 Casey, Iowa, resident

Marc Perkel
 San Francisco resident



Avoiding 'politics' and 'solving' 'global conflicts'

And here is a doctrine at which you will laugh. It seems to me, Govinda, that love is the most important thing in the world. It may be important to great thinkers to examine the world, to explain and despise it. But I think it is only important to love the world, not to despise it, not for us to hate each other, but to be able to regard the world and ourselves and all beings with love, admiration, and respect.

— Herman Hesse, *Siddhartha*

SANTA MARIA GUELACE, Mexico — So has anybody found out about God yet?

I mean, back there in the States, or over near the Holy Land, have any scientists or theologians or artists or whoever come across any answers in the last few weeks? I haven't had access to a television for a while now, so I don't know the latest news.

What's the Word? God? No God? What's His name? Is he

a She? Has S/He transcended sex? Would that be called transgenerating? Is God a committee? Has anybody seen Nietzsche? I heard that Nietzsche was dead. Is that true? And speaking of Truth, did the philosophers come to any conclusion on whether Truth supercedes God? What if God was one of us? You know, like just a stranger on the bus? If so, can I be God just by riding the bus? I rode the bus this morning. It only cost me two and a half pesos, about 29 cents. That seems like an awfully small price to pay to be God. And can you really trust the driver? I mean, God is some important cargo, you know? Where did this driver get his license from, anyway? If God is really God, shouldn't S/He be driving the bus?

Anyway, I only ask because I'm busy going a bit batty by myself in an empty stucco room in the Mexican countryside this week. It's Semana Santa. It's hot. It's Holy. Life is lazy. Life is



Jesse Elliott

DRAWING CONCLUSIONS ON THE WALL

good. The people are wonderful. But there's just not too much to talk about at dinner sometimes, outside of the usual Bible debates, for example: Should we relive Jesus' suffering each and every day, or should we move on with our lives?

This is a good debate. I like to listen to this one. It makes sense to me, in a metaphorical sort of way.

Don Genaro Gutierrez Espinoza, the 70-year-old guy I go out to the fields to cut alfalfa with at goddamn 5 in the morning every morning, says it's pretty impor-

tant to commemorate the Big J.C.'s Big Suffer with a little self-punishment of our own. Giro, the 20-year-old kid next door who taught me how to build with adobe (i.e., "make houses outta horse-shit") thinks it was nice of Jesus to take one for the team, and as a result, we should cheer really loud for Him and maybe dump a bucket of Gatorade over His head like they do to football coaches at the ends of big winning games, and then just leave it at that.

When the Holy Finger of Discussion was pointed my way yesterday, I responded to the \$64,000 question "So you're Catholic, then?" with an eloquent, "Well, no, not exactly."

"So then you're an Evangelist?"

"Well, no, not exactly."

A moment of silence. You could see the look on don Fidel's face: well, what else IS there?

"I don't believe in any isms." A second moment.

They had apparently not yet seen *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*. I would remedy the awkward silence.

"I, too, dabbled in pacifism. Not in 'Nam, of course." A third. Nor had they caught *The Big Lebowski*. I searched the inventory once more.

"I'm ... um ... Buddhist." Looks of recognition and even, to my surprise, a few pleased smiles. And it was true enough, I thought. Not like Plato "True," but still I could certainly be counted among the 47 percent of college-age American kids who don't actually practice Buddhism all that often but still enjoy the books and classes and think it sounds cool and collegey to call oneself a Buddhist.

And, anyway, my religion is not the point. Well, except in the sense that the way the Catholics and Evangelicals of Guelace treated my religion is the point.

They treated it well. That week of Semana Santa I was

a foreigner, of course, but I wasn't an outsider. I wasn't a heretic. I wasn't a target. I wasn't a symbolic political struggle. And I wasn't even a Lost Sheep who needed to be roped in and shaved and branded.

I was just a guy (albeit a big, goofy, sunburnt, white guy) on a different, though quite possibly parallel, path. That was all right with them.

As a result, I really don't have anything to write about this week. I have no beefs. I have no astute critical cultural complaints.

But do keep me updated on the latest news. Do let me know, please, if anyone in Israel or Palestine or Afghanistan or the Florida state Legislature or the Christian Coalition finds the Answer for all of us.

Until then, I'll be wasting my time rooting around in alfalfa and horseshit with some people I met who plant and construct God in fields and houses instead of minds.

Jesse Elliott is a *DI* columnist.

On the Spot

What would you have done with the hour lost from daylight-saving time?



"Come to the library an hour earlier."

Kelly Matheson
 UI graduate student



"Slept later."

Rheanne Laubscher
 UI sophomore



"I would have spent it thinking about how artificial time is."

Angela Stolte
 UI junior



"Daylight-saving time?"

Anya Ferring
 UI senior



"I would have watched more TV."

Sara Luken
 UI freshman

Arts & entertainment

Edging into darkness with a 6-foot rabbit

Adam: Nate, I like reading subtitles as much as the next movie snob, but it's kind of nice to see a couple of good, old-fashioned American movies playing at the Bijou. Then again, I'm not sure I'd use the term "old-fashioned" to describe *Donnie Darko*, which ranks right up there with *Mulholland Drive* and *Memento* as one of last year's most confounding and fascinating movies. Were you as impressed with this head-scratcher, written and directed by first-timer Richard Kelly, as I was?

Nate: Absolutely, Adam. I was shocked and confused, but in the very best way. Even describing the story in simple terms is nearly impossible. Let's just say that it's about a disturbed young man, Donnie Darko (Jake Gyllenhaal), in the '80s and his special relationship with Frank, a 6-foot-tall demonic rabbit who tells him the world is going to end in 28 days. I know that I'd be a little freaked out by that proclamation coming from anybody, bunny or otherwise. However, the oddity doesn't stop there, as the film plays with the cranium in ways I never thought possible.

Adam: And to be totally frank (pun intended), I'm not sure the oddity completely pays off in the end. That is, all of the little clues and coincidences Kelly sprinkles throughout are so subtle at times that by the end it's almost impossible to really understand just what the hell happened. But the ride was so fun that I didn't care. I especially loved the style and tone of the film. It's part sci-fi, part comic book — hence the name *Donnie Darko* (Peter Parker, Clark Kent ... get it?) — and part '80s teen comedy, but Kelly weaves these genres together so skillfully that I'm still surprised it's his first movie.

Nate: Tell me about it. Kelly's work is full of dark, edgy shots that create a foreboding atmosphere. There are a number of scenes in which the despair of Donnie's situation is tangible. I was especially fond of how the direction calls attention to the protagonist's progressive unhinging. This isn't to say, however, that the movie is all moody games. Kelly isn't afraid to let the natural humor of his scenarios run a little, and he even encourages it at several well-placed points. I hesitate to give him too much credit, though, because a lot of the success of this film depends on the excellent work done by Gyllenhaal.

Adam: I thought the movie was extremely funny with some pointed jabs at the Reagan years. And yet, the humor isn't overly broad or obvious. It's not like everybody is walking around with Mohawks, wearing leg-warmers, listening to the Pet Shop Boys on their Walkmans. The cast is fantastic, especially the supporting players — Mary McDonnell as Donnie's mom, Jena Malone as his girlfriend, and Patrick Swayze (yes, that Patrick Swayze) as a slimy self-help guru. But you're right, Gyllenhaal is really a revelation. I haven't seen *October Sky* or the atrocious-looking *Bubble Boy*, so this was my first

exposure to him. The only bad performance comes from Drew Barrymore as Donnie's English teacher. She just always seems to be "acting." But we have to give her credit for also producing the film; without her, it probably wouldn't have been made.

Nate: I actually enjoyed Barrymore's performance. It seemed a bit removed from her usual work, and she pulled it off nicely. I wish there had been more of her, actually. Two performances that I like that you didn't mention were Noah Wyle ("ER") as a helpful science teacher, and Beth Grant as the gung-ho P.E. teacher whose encouragement to a group of pre-teen dancers is, "Failure is not an option." I personally can't find a weak actor in this bunch, and that's coming from a guy who loathes Swayze.

Adam: Even better is Grant's advice to one dancer that if she starts to throw up on stage,

"just swallow it." My advice to our readers: Don't miss this movie. ★★ 1/2 out of ★★★★★

Nate: I like my thrillers to be this weird, so I wholeheartedly agree. See *Donnie Darko*. See it tonight. ★★ 1/2 out of ★★★★★

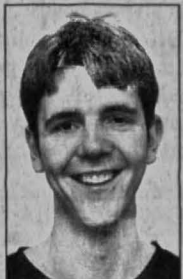
Should you happen to be in the mood for something a little lighter and more straightforward, though, you really can't do much better than *The Independent*. A "mockumentary" chronicling the rise and fall of fictional B-movie auteur Morty Fineman (Jerry Stiller), this film pokes some gentle fun at such luminaries of trash cinema as Roger Corman and Russ Meyer. Fineman's 427 pictures include the Army documentary *The Simplex Complex* (a film about venereal disease that has to be seen to be believed) and his latest, *Ms. Kevorkian* (Julie Strain fights for patients' rights wearing a tight outfit and wielding a machine gun). The jokes come at an insane rate, and nearly all of them are chuckle-worthy.

Adam: We'll have to disagree a little bit on this one. The clips from his prolific oeuvre, as it were, are by far the best parts of the movie. I was almost in tears watching scenes from his anti-Vietnam movie *Brothers Divided*, about a pair of Siamese twins who disagree about the war — one's a hippie, while the other is pro-government — and then get drafted. But overall, I thought the story connecting these clips resembled one of the younger Stiller's MTV award-show skits — except cruder and not half so funny. ★★ out of ★★★★★

Nate: I agree that the mini-films were the most hilarious parts of the movie, but solid performances from Stiller, Jaheane Garofalo, and Max Perlich, plus candidly funny "interviews" with Roger Corman, Ron Howard, Peter Bogdanovich, and Nick Cassavettes, make Fineman's story nearly as humorous. I also give this one ★★ 1/2 out of ★★★★★.

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ARTS BRIEF

An MTV summer

SEASIDE HEIGHTS, N.J. (AP) — MTV has permission to share the Jersey Shore this summer.

Seaside Heights officials approved a special-events application Wednesday that would allow the cable music network to stage its "Summer Share"

show in the Ocean County town.

But MTV officials have not yet selected a site for the show. Several towns on New York's Long Island are also in the running.

Seaside Heights was the site of an MTV show during the summer of 1998. The show featured regular beach parties that drew large crowds, and

Borough Councilman Robert Giles said the show's effect is still being felt.

"You can hear people by the old site saying that this is where the MTV house was, and they get their picture taken in front of the mural on the wall that they left for us," Giles told the *Asbury Park Press* of Neptune for Thursday's editions. "It was a great time."

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West Bank site of fierce fighting

ISRAEL

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"The president doesn't give orders to a sovereign prime minister of another country," Powell said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

On another front, there were exchanges of fire between Lebanese guerrillas and the Israeli military Sunday. Six Israeli soldiers were wounded, the military said.

In a phone conversation late Sunday, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres asked Powell to intervene with Lebanon and Syria to calm the border. They also discussed possibilities for a cease-fire between Israel and the Palestinians, according to a statement from Peres' office.

At the beginning of the weekly Cabinet meeting Sunday, Sharon defended the offensive, calling it "a war for our homes."

"We have no interest in dragging it out, but we have to do the job," he told Israel TV.

In New York, the U.N. Security Council on Sunday insisted on "immediate implementation" of resolutions demanding an Israeli-Palestinian cease-fire and an Israeli withdrawal from Palestinian cities without delay. Israel's U.N. Ambassador Yehuda Lancry said a withdrawal must be "strictly related and connected to certain Palestinian steps — the cessation of terrorist acts, the meaningful cease-fire."

With international pressure

mounting, there were hints of friction between the Israeli government and its military command. Officers sought more time for the West Bank military operation, but Cabinet ministers talked of bringing it to an end.

Defense Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said the military should operate as long as possible to "clean out terrorism" in the West Bank, but he acknowledged that in light of Bush's demand, "our hourglass is running out."

However, army Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz told the Cabinet he needed eight weeks to complete the job, according to Israel Radio.

"The critical element is time," he said later in a briefing to reporters. "We need time to get to all the centers of terrorism in the West Bank and Gaza."

Maj. Gen. Dan Harel, the chief of military planning, warned that if the army pulls out too soon, "then another series of devastating terror attacks will hit Israel's cities and streets. And then we'll go [back] in."

Israeli troops have taken over most Palestinian population centers in the West Bank in their 10-day-old offensive, Israel's biggest in two decades. But the fighters in Jenin and Nablus have prevented the Israelis from taking full control of the cities and conducting house-to-house searches for militants, as has been the case elsewhere in the West Bank.

Gays talk about Greek experience

GREEK WEEK

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system and took their own lives.

"You don't have to change your beliefs," said Durein, who was a closeted homosexual in the University of Oregon Greek system in the late-80s. "I'm just asking you to provide an environment everyone can feel comfortable in. If you don't think there are gay members in your fraternities, I'm here to tell you there are — I dated them."

Hubbard joined the Kappa Alpha, a provisional fraternity, his freshman year. He never entertained keeping his sexual orientation a secret.

"I wasn't going to go back in the closet to please 40 guys," said Hubbard, who was at Durein's lecture at the IMU, which kicked off Greek Week. "They were very supportive — it wasn't even an issue."

He later joined Delta Chi

during the fall of 2000, when Kappa Alpha folded.

Hubbard took a male date to a formal event for the first time ever when he attended the Delta Chi winter formal in November 2001.

"Everyone knew I was going to take a guy," Hubbard said. "The guys were cool with it. The dates — the women — were a little caught off guard."

The two-and-a-half years he spent in the Greek system were devoid of contact with other openly gay Greeks, even though fellow Delta Chi member and UI sophomore Josh Dreyer said there is one other gay member in the fraternity.

"Everyone learned a little bit of a culture lesson," Dreyer said. "We may have tried a little harder to make sure [Hubbard] felt accepted and had a good time."

Hubbard said his sexuality had no bearing on his departure from Delta Chi in January,



Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan

UI junior Faraji Hubbard listens to Tom Durein speak about his experiences as a gay man in the Greek system.

adding that his Greek experience was always positive.

But Durein's presentation revealed that there is still progress to be made. A study showed that 32 percent of community-college men and 18 percent of those

respondents said they have verbally and physically abused a homosexual, respectively.

"I don't know why we are so scared," Durein said.

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Grim budget doesn't help teachers

TEACHERS' PAY

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"Iowa has not grown in population, and the less growth you have, the harder it is to raise salaries that would attract quality teachers," Mascher said.

The average pay for the School District is higher than the majority of the other 500 districts in the state, said Jerry Palmer, the associate school superintendent.

The district is working to

increase Iowa City's incoming-teacher salary from \$25,000 to \$28,000, Palmer said.

"[Iowa City] has a higher average than other districts because of growing enrollment, which means more funds, and the UI also encourages teachers to come because it makes a progressive community," Palmer said.

Despite the low average, Iowa offers benefits to attract and keep teachers, said Hani Elkadi, a teacher at the Alternative High School.

"There is more than just

salary that keeps me here," he said. "We are lower than the national average, but expenses in big states are much higher, so

in some ways it balances it out."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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UI pushes envelope on postage costs

POSTAGE

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For example, the university stopped recruiting National Merit Scholars semifinalists in the Midwest, who often pursue more prestigious schools or universities offering larger scholarships.

Recently, the office formed a committee to analyze methods of sending more recruitment material electronically, a technique other universities have used to save money, Rinderspacher said.

The cost of recruiting foreign students is reduced because almost half choose to apply online, he said. Some prospective students use the Web to apply on their own

initiative; others are referred to the Internet by the office.

The UI Hospitals and Clinics Mail Center sends 4 million to 5 million pieces of mail annually, said Patty McGillin, the UIHC mail-center supervisor. Most of this mail is sent at a discounted first-class rate of 28 cents.

Although the UI Alumni Association's budget for next year has not been completed, Kathryn Sayre, the assistant director of the association, said a 4 to 8 percent increase in postage rates could cost an extra \$6,300 to \$12,600.

The Alumni Association also qualifies for discounted postage rates as a nonprofit organization. The association delivers the *Iowa Alumni Magazine* bi-

monthly to more than 40,000 members, and it uses mail for newsletters and member

recruitment, Sayre said.

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More & more poor being evicted in I.C.

EVICIONS

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The house, which serves as a place to live until its residents find jobs, can house a maximum of 30 people, according to the Iowa City fire marshal's guidelines. DeBoer said the house is always full, and it is normal for the staff to turn away two or three people every night.

Johnson County Supervisor Carol Thompson said Iowa has remained a haven for low-income housing because of the low cost of living and shorter waiting lists for subsidized housing.

"They are like immigrants in their own country," she said.

DI City Editor Lisa Livermore contributed to this report.

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IOWA SOFTBALL

Hawkeyes record weekend sweep

By Laura Podolak and Roseanna Smith
 The Daily Iowan

The Iowa softball team used stifling hot hitting to keep an unblemished record in the Big Ten with wins over Purdue and Illinois over the weekend.

On Sunday, the Hawkeyes swept a double-header against the Boilermakers, 3-2, 2-1, in West Lafayette, Ind. Alicia Gerlach provided the offensive spark, going three for six with a home run, a double, three runs scored, and two RBIs.

The top of the third inning proved costly for Purdue. Iowa's Katie Boney started things off with a bunt single, then scored on a double by Gerlach. Second baseman Christina Schmaltz brought in Gerlach with a single. Although the Boilermakers tied the game in the bottom of the sixth to send the game to extra innings, Jessica Bashor sealed the game with a grounder to the shortstop, whose throw to first base sailed into right field. Gerlach scored, giving the Hawkeyes the victory. "We did a good job hitting,"

Iowa coach Gayle Blevins said. "We got a lot of runners on but had some difficulty pushing runners in. We had a solid performance, and I was really pleased with the defense. I think we really were able to control innings with our defense."

In the second game Iowa's bats continued to smoke, with the Hawkeyes nailing three hits in the first inning. However, because of baserunning miscues, only one run scored.

The Boilermakers found a way to tie things up with a pair of singles and an error by the

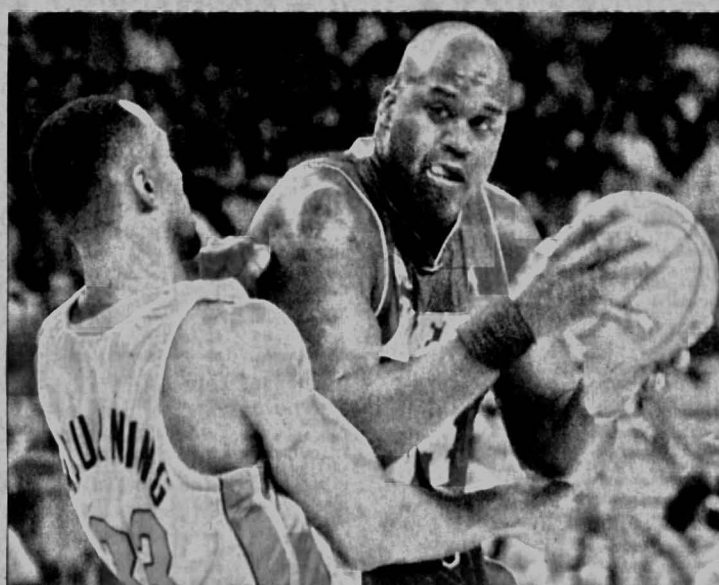
Hawkeyes. But Gerlach came in with a big home run, her fourth of the season, to put Iowa ahead for good, 2-1.

In a series with the Fighting Illini on April 5, Iowa's uncertain defense allowed Illinois to grace the score board quickly, notching two runs in the top of the first inning on an Iowa error and a passed ball.

Finally, after the Illini gained a 3-0 advantage in the second, the Hawkeyes revved up their offense. Gerlach reached first on an error, then Liz Dennis

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NBA ROUNDUP



Wilfredo Lee/Associated Press

Los Angeles Lakers center Shaquille O'Neal, right, attempts to get a shot past Miami Heat center Alonzo Mourning during the first quarter on Sunday in Miami.

O'Neil scores 40 in first game back

Celtics hold off Nets' chance at conference title, 50-win season

Associated Press

MIAMI — Shaquille O'Neal, returning from a wrist injury that sidelined him for two games, scored 40 points Sunday to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 96-88 victory over the Miami Heat.

The Heat lost for the eighth time in 10 games and moved closer to elimination from the playoff race. They are 11th in the Eastern Conference with six games left, five games behind eighth-place Toronto in the chase for the final berth.

The Lakers, who have five games remaining, moved a game ahead of third-place Dallas in the Western Conference.

O'Neal made 14 of 22 shots, grabbed 11 rebounds in 41 minutes, and reached 40 points for the sixth time this season. The Lakers lost both games while O'Neal was sidelined.

Kobe Bryant, who missed a morning shootaround with flu-like symptoms, had 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Celtics 102, Nets 90

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The Boston Celtics put the New Jersey Nets' bid for their first NBA division title on hold for a couple of days and made a little statement in the process.

Paul Pierce scored 15 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter and assisted on a big 3-pointer by Antoine Walker as the Celtics beat the Nets, 102-90, Sunday night.

The victory not only snapped New Jersey's 13-game home winning streak, a franchise record, it also prevented the Nets from clinching the Atlantic Division title.

The Eastern Conference-leading Nets can capture the division by winning one of their final four regular-season games or having the Celtics lose one of their remaining five.

Boston won its fourth straight and beat the Nets for the third-consecutive time this season.

Raptors 94, Pacers 84

TORONTO — Alvin Williams scored 26 points as the surging Raptors moved into playoff position with a victory over Indiana.

Toronto pulled a game ahead of the Pacers in the race for the eighth and final postseason berth in the Eastern Conference. Both teams have six games remaining, including Wednesday's rematch at Indiana.

The Raptors, on a remarkable roll since losing Vince Carter to a season-ending knee injury, set a franchise record with their eighth-straight win after losing 17 of 18 games. Toronto has beaten Indiana seven times in a row dating to last season.

Reggie Miller led the Pacers with 26 points.

76ers 89, Bucks 87

PHILADELPHIA — Aaron McKie and Derrick McKey made big shots down the stretch as Philadelphia sent Milwaukee to its ninth-consecutive road loss.

Eric Snow had 15 points and a season-high 14 assists for the 76ers, who moved out of a tie with Milwaukee for sixth place in the Eastern Conference. The teams will play again Tuesday at Milwaukee.

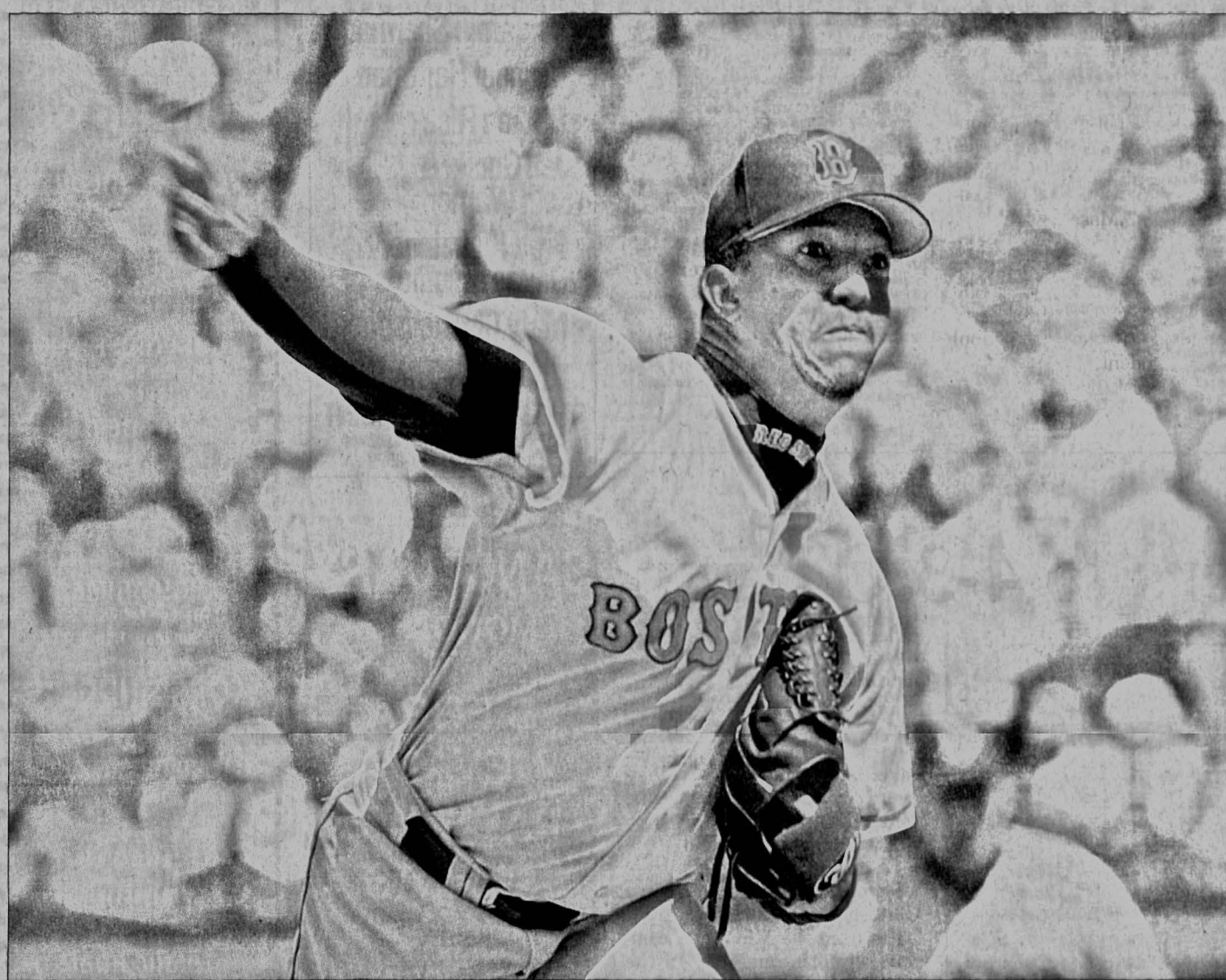
In their eighth game since Allen Iverson broke his left hand, the 76ers solidified their hold on a playoff berth while sending the Bucks to their fifth loss in six games.

Ray Allen made a surprise return to the starting lineup for the Bucks and scored 25 points, but he missed the final shot of the game — a 3-pointer just before the buzzer.

Clippers 97, Nuggets 75

LOS ANGELES — Michael Olowokandi scored 23 points, and Elton Brand had 18 points and 10 rebounds as the Los Angeles Clippers beat the Denver Nuggets, 97-75, Sunday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Brand had four offensive rebounds to break the single-season franchise record of 371 set by Michael Cage in 1987-88. Brand's 54th double-double tied Sven Nater's club record set in 1980-81.



Gail Burton/Associated Press

Boston Red Sox pitcher Pedro Martinez throws a pitch in the first inning against the Orioles on Sunday at Camden Yards in Baltimore.

Martinez gets win; Griffey out

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Ken Griffey Jr. will miss at least three to six weeks after injuring his troublesome right knee in a rundown Sunday during the Cincinnati Reds' 6-5, 10-inning victory over the Montreal Expos.

Griffey, who earlier hit his 461st homer, partially tore the

patella tendon and partially dislocated his right kneecap. Cincinnati placed the All-Star center fielder on the 15-day disabled list, and team physician Dr. Timothy Kremchek said there was an "outside chance" Griffey would need an operation. If surgery is required, Griffey would likely be out for the rest of the



Michael E. Keating/Associated Press

Cincinnati's Ken Griffey Jr. writhes in pain after colliding with Montreal Expos third baseman Chris Truby on Sunday in Cincinnati.

season, the doctor said. After Scott Sullivan (1-0) pitched a one-two-three 10th, Sean Casey hit an RBI single in the bottom half off Graeme Lloyd (0-1).

Red Sox 4, Orioles 1

BALTIMORE — Pedro Martinez won for the first time since last May 30, 2001, rebounding from an

awful opening day performance to pitch six strong innings Sunday and lead the Boston Red Sox over the Baltimore Orioles, 4-1.

Martinez (1-0), coming off a season shortened to 18 starts by shoulder pain, allowed one unearned run and three hits, struck

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Gymhawks fail to make championships

By Jeremy Shapiro
 The Daily Iowan

While the Iowa women's gymnastics team missed the NAAs by an anguishing .125 of a point, the GymHawks will still send two gymnasts to the national championships for the first time ever.

Iowa narrowly missed advancing to its first NCAA championship as a team as the GymHawks watched helplessly as both Nebraska and Michigan passed them in the final event of the night. While heartbroken on the near miss, the silver lining is both Alexis Maday and freshman Annie Rue will go onto Alabama on April 18-20 to compete as individuals. Nebraska and Michigan

advanced to the championship as a team. The Cornhuskers won with a 195.925, and the Wolverines scored a 195.6. Iowa was third at 195.475. The remaining three teams finished well behind.

The GymHawks shocked fans and gymnasts at Penn State's arena on April 6 by leading almost the entire night over heavily favored Michigan and Nebraska. Iowa won the bars with a 48.775 and had a fabulous night on beam (49.050).



Maday



Rue

two of the top six teams in the country." Iowa moved to floor where it didn't so much lose the meet as watch the favorites have incredible final events to pass it. Maday had a strong 9.85 on

"I could not be more proud of the team and its performance," said Iowa coach Mike Lorenzen. "We made a major statement tonight, having led the meet through three rotations against

floor, but no one else had a sensational routine. In contrast, Nebraska has an outstanding floor event, ending with a 49.15 Michigan was fantastic on the vault with a 49.10. Iowa's floor score of 48.775 was good but just missed being good enough.

"It stings a bit that we came so close," Lorenzen said. Last season, Iowa was also a No. 3 seed, but it struggled mightily and finished fifth in its region, three full points behind second-place Florida. This season, the GymHawks narrowed the gap to .125; with nearly a full starting line-up returning next season, they have a good chance to qualify.

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 11 a.m. Los Angeles

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