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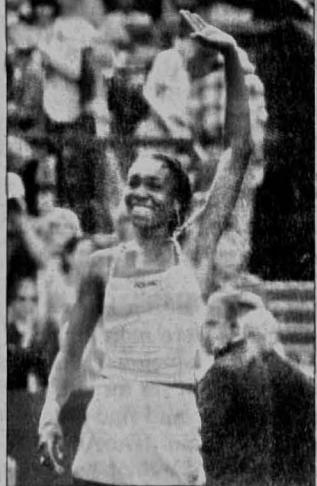
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READ, THEN RECYCLE

## Police cruisers' safety in question

By Tony Phan  
The Daily Iowan

Local law-enforcement officials say they are concerned about their cars turning into deathtraps following a recent report that says Ford Crown Victorias' fuel tanks are prone to rupturing in rear-end collisions above 50 mph.

"You want the vehicle to be as safe as possible given the conditions we work in," said Iowa City Police Chief R.J. Winkelhake. "The cars are our offices."

Ten of the Iowa City police's 32 vehicles are Crown Victorias, as are seven of eight cars driven by UI police. Authorities say they have little choice because the model is one of the only full-sized cruisers.

"You need a large car to fit all of the equipment in there," said Chuck Green, the university's assistant vice president for Public Safety. "It just comes down to the competition not offering anything as big."

Following the deaths of two Arizona police officers and the severe burning of another in a three-year period, the Arizona Attorney General's Office formed a committee to investigate the safety of the vehicles.

It found the location of the fuel tank behind the rear axle in the Crown Victoria is similar to that of the much-maligned Ford Pinto, which was infamous for exploding in rear-end collisions. The attorney general called for a recall of the vehicle earlier this year, citing 11 deaths across the country during the past nine years.

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Curtis Lehmkohl/The Daily Iowan

Fireworks burst in the sky during the Fourth of July celebration in City Park on Thursday night.

## Fourth brings out the pride

By Mike McWilliams  
The Daily Iowan

Spending time with family, cooking out, and enjoying time off work was how many area residents spent their Fourth of July, ending the day with necks craned and eyes focused on the fireworks show in the sky.

As dusk approached in Coralville, children were waving sparklers, tossing Frisbees, and enjoying the carnival rides. A thick smoke haze from the sparklers and numerous grills hung over S.T. Morrison Park.

Feeling very patriotic on the holiday, Coralville resident Ica Shaull said her celebration hasn't changed much from previous years.

"I think a lot of people are doing more this year because of the troubles in the nation," she said.

Shaull, who came to the park with her parents to buy a bite to eat, planned to end the day watching Coralville's fireworks from her neighbor's backyard. Coralville's parade was her favorite part of the day, she said, and was part of her Fourth of July tradition.

"My son always takes a squirt gun to douse the people in the parade, and it's always a race to get as much candy as he can," she said.

Two hours before Iowa City's fireworks show was scheduled to commence at City Park, crowds of people were already camped out in lawn chairs and blankets, awaiting

the traditional finale to the Fourth, despite the unbearable heat and humidity.

UI graduate students Carol and Mark Olszewski decided to kick off their Fourth of July celebration a day early with a Wednesday night barbecue.

Besides having an opportunity to spend time with friends and family, the couple said the Fourth has always been a celebration of the nation's basic freedoms — a point amplified since Sept. 11.

"It's also about pride," Carol Olszewski said. "I've always been patriotic, but I've been more verbal about how important it is."

While Iowa City resident Jeff Cooper said Sept. 11 hasn't made him more patriotic, he celebrated the Fourth by

relaxing and recycling his six-month accumulation of bottles and cans as well as visiting with family members he doesn't see often.

"To me, [the Fourth] is a celebration of what we have here," he said. "[Sept. 11] just hasn't been a factor."

Iowa City police Lt. Dan Sellers, who has been on the force for 32 years, was in charge of the police patrol at City Park. With 14 officers working under him, he said, the festivities at the park usually go on without incident.

"It's a family thing," he said. "Basically, we're here to help people get out of here with traffic control ... the real job starts when the fireworks stop."

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## 3 killed in LA airport shooting

By Kenneth R. Weiss and Mitchell Landsberg  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Defying stepped-up security at Los Angeles International Airport, a man pulled a gun and opened fire Thursday at a busy ticket counter of Israel's El Al Airlines, killing two people and wounding several others before an El Al guard shot him dead, authorities said.

Although Israeli officials believed the shooting was an act of terrorism, mirroring those carried out repeatedly in recent months on Israeli soil, U.S. authorities said there was no indication that the motive was political. The shooter was not immediately identified.

Passengers and others who witnessed the attack said the gunman — a stocky, middle-aged man with features described as Middle Eastern or Latino — appeared to grow agitated while talking to a ticket agent at the El Al counter. He pulled out a gun and shot her, then began firing at people in line, witnesses said.

"There were people lying all over the floor. There was blood," said Arie Golan, who joined a security guard in wrestling the man to the floor.

Witnesses said the security guard shot the man once at close range after the attacker had been disarmed and was being held on the floor.

The shooting occurred at an airport that has been on high alert for a terrorist attack, on a holiday when the entire nation was warned to be on the lookout, and at the counter of an airline generally considered to have the best security in the world. The gunfire, which began just before 11:30 a.m.,

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## Nelson's attorney is not a stranger to big cases

William Kutmus says he has found a 'hell of a calling'

By Emily Tjelmeland  
The Daily Iowan

For a man who has defended alleged rapists and murderers, William Kutmus has a superstitious side some might view as silly.

But Kutmus, who has been named in the Best Lawyers in America directory for the past 25 years, swears by a penny in his pocket — for good luck. And his refillable Mont Blanc pen that he has had for 20 years. And his extra-long yellow legal pad.

The attorney for Phyllis Nelson says she will testify in her own defense during her first-degree murder trial if prosecutors present solid factual evidence against her.

"It's one hell of a calling, to defend someone accused of murder," Kutmus said.

to be a criminal lawyer — to defend the voiceless.

His cases have taken him to Peru, where an Iowan was convicted of a drug-related crime. Kutmus succeeded in moving

him to a prison in the States. He also defended Ronald Culver, an Iowa air-traffic controller who was charged with manslaughter in Puerto Rico after he ran over a pregnant

woman while driving to a market for beer and potato chips.

His work has often translated into fame. He has appeared on such talk shows as "Good Morning America," "Dateline," and "CourtTV," and he has also debated Bill O'Riley of the "O'Riley Factor."

But right now, his focus remains fixed on Nelson's future.

Nelson, 55, was charged with first-degree murder December 12, 2001, following the fatal stabbing of her estranged husband, Richard Nelson, who was the executive dean at the UI College of Medicine. Phyllis Nelson's trial is slated to begin Sept. 23 in Linn County District Court.

"No one knows what happened that day. We just have the facts, and we'll have to let

the jury decide," Kutmus said.

He expects Nelson will take the stand during her trial, which, he said, will last several weeks because of the amount of evidence he expects to be presented. Both sides will likely use expert witnesses, and Kutmus said character testimony will be the most important.

Jury selection will be key to ensure Nelson receives a fair trial, said Kutmus, who on June 27 announced he was hiring a polling company to determine whether media coverage has biased public opinion, potentially tainting a jury.

"I just want to see how big a profile this case really is," he said. "I have to do this to make sure she is well-represented."

Recent debate in the Nelson case has revolved around the 911 phone calls made the day of the murder, two of which originated from Richard Nelson's Cedar Rapids apartment. Kutmus and his legal team succeeded in suspending the public's right to hear the tapes until trial deliberations are finished. The move was essential to preserve the integrity of jury selection, Kutmus said.

"The belief in your client can be very important," he said, hoping that his own belief of her innocence will come through to the jury. "A lot of times, you don't know if they are guilty or innocent."

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## New UIHC chief ready to confront budget challenge

By Christy B. Logan  
The Daily Iowan

The woman who will take the top administrative position at the UI Hospitals and Clinics faced financial hardships long ago, forcing her to leave college after her sophomore year.

But Donna Katen-Bahensky's challenges haven't stopped her from landing key administrative positions for the past 15 years. Chosen as UIHC's new CEO on July 3, she vows to increase recruitment and retention while improving the institution's financial management.

Katen-Bahensky, the executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals and Clinics in the Virginia Commonwealth University System, will begin her term at UIHC on Aug. 26. She will earn \$350,000 annually if she is approved by the state of Iowa Board of Regents later this month.

The 49-year-old will replace former CEO R. Edward Howell, who left the hospital in February to become vice president and CEO at the University of Virginia Medical Center.

"The goal was to get the best and most qualified, and I believe [members of the committee] have done that," said Regent David Fisher. "I have a lot of faith in the work of the search committee."

After leaving school because her family couldn't afford the cost, Katen-Bahensky took her first job in a hospital to earn money with hopes of one day returning to school. The experience gave her "a chance to see health care from the perspective of the patient," she said, which in turn propelled her toward a career in medical administration.

In 1980, Katen-Bahensky completed her education, earning a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of Missouri, Columbia, and a master's in public-health administration in 1982. She later served as a resident at the University of Michigan.

In addition to her current work in Virginia, Katen-Bahensky has held several key positions throughout her career, ranging from health administration to business. These include being the associate hospital director and acting hospital director at the University of Nebraska, vice chancellor for business and finance at the



Katen-Bahensky

UIHC's new CEO

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## MIKE-OLOGY



Iowa City resident Clayton Schuneman sings into the microphone during a practice session. Schuneman is a member of the three-piece band Lucy Star. The group will perform tonight at the Green Room along with Troubled Hubble, Ten Commandments, and Nolan.

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## Profiling a hot topic in security circles

By Jonathan D. Salant  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Phillip Christy, waiting to fly from Reagan National Airport to Seattle, has been randomly singled out for extra screening a few times since Sept. 11. He says it's only fair.

"Random is appropriate," said Christy, of Fredrick, Md. "It's unexpected as to who they might look for."

That's what Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta says as well, though his opposition to considering a person's ethnicity in the interest of airline security puts him at odds with some members of Congress.

"It is very tempting to take false comfort in the belief that we can spot the bad guy based on appearance alone," Mineta told an Arab-American group in Detroit recently. "Some are yielding to that temptation in their arguments for racial profiling, but false comfort is a luxury we cannot afford."

All passengers are screened by a computerized profiling system — which takes into account travel history, how the tickets were paid for, whether the trip was one-way or roundtrip, and other factors that are classified — and selects some travelers for additional checks, including luggage searches.

Other passengers are randomly singled out for additional screening, a policy that angers some lawmakers when they see

elderly women in wheelchairs or infirm Army veterans being pulled out of line.

"It's not known that aged World War II veterans or grandmothers are any part of any threat profile by any known intelligence agency," said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., a member of the House aviation subcommittee.

But Mineta, whose family was interned during World War II because of their Japanese ancestry, steadfastly objects to using a person's ethnicity when selecting passengers for extra screening.

Some lawmakers, nevertheless, insist that it should be one of the many strategies used.

"You have to have a broad range of identifying characteristics," said Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., the chairman of the House aviation subcommittee. "I have no problem with the country of origin; that can help sort out some of the bad guys. What we have advocated is using a combination of identifying characteristics."

"If the administration doesn't act, Congress will," he said.

Mineta is backed by the American Civil Liberties Union, which argues that racial profiling is an inexpensive and ineffective way to provide airline security.

"It's both over-inclusive and under-inclusive," ACLU Legislative Counsel Rachel King said. "The overwhelming majority of people who are flying are not terrorists, and it's under-inclusive because you're not going to catch people who don't fit the profile."

We have to develop the best security we can and apply it to everybody."

Even as she agreed that random profiling was fairest, Diana McIntyre of Lorton, Va., said security personnel still might give extra scrutiny to members of certain ethnic groups.

"Even if your boss says, 'Don't do it,' human nature is going to kick in," said McIntyre, waiting at National Airport with her 2-year-old daughter, Willie, for some family members to arrive from Chicago.

Mineta said grandmothers could be duped by terrorists, the same way the Arab boyfriend of a 32-year-old pregnant Irish woman hid a bomb in her bag before she tried to board an El Al flight in 1986. The Israeli airline's security agents discovered the bomb during preflight questioning.

In addition, Mineta spokesman Chet Lunner said that Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh, alleged shoo-bomber Richard Reid, and Jose Padilla, charged with plotting to set off a radioactive "dirty" bomb, don't fit the stereotype of an Arab terrorist.

Still, Islamic terrorist groups don't have a multiethnic pool of suicide bombers to choose from, said George Washington University Professor Jonathan Turley, who testified before Congress in favor of using racial profiling as one of several criteria.

"Even before Sept. 11, the Al Qaeda organization knew that Arab males were more likely to be viewed suspiciously in any random stop at an airport, and they didn't go and find a dozen Swedes," he said. "The Al Qaeda organization does not have the multi-varied applicant pool of a large corporation."

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## Bush wraps patriotism with religion

By James Gerstenzang  
Los Angeles Times

RIPLEY, W.Va. — In a mountain hamlet, where the T-shirts proclaimed that it was hosting "The Nation's Largest Small Town Independence Day Celebration," President Bush on Thursday imbued the Fourth of July with the aura of a religious holiday.

To a throng of West Virginians gathered before a county courthouse, the president delivered a message of American unity in the face of attack, vowed the use of

massive military might around the world, and steeped it all in the cadences of a country preacher.

The Sept. 11 terrorist attacks offered the president a new context for an old message, well-worked by politicians from town mayors to chief executives on the national holiday.

"In this 226th year of our independence, we have seen that American patriotism is still a living faith. We love our country only more when she's threatened," the president said.

Offering a declaration of unity,

he said: "When you strike one American, you strike us all."

"History has called America to use our overwhelming power in the defense of freedom. And we'll do just that," Bush said.

The president, who boarded Air Force One at Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington in a gray business suit, white shirt and red tie, shed the tie and jacket and appeared here in a white Western-style shirt, quickly rolling up his sleeves even before he began speaking to the sun-draped crowd.

He said that the liberation of Afghanistan from Taliban rule "was the beginning of the long and unrelenting struggle we have entered" and declared: "We will take the battle to the enemy, wherever he hides and wherever he dwells."

And throughout were reminders that the Founding Fathers had, even as they established freedom of religion as an underlying principle, declared the nation's debt to a single deity.

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## CITY BRIEF



Julia Daugherty (right, foreground) holds up a sign during the pro-Palestine rally on the Pedestrian Mall on Wednesday.

## Rally celebrates Palestinian freedom

In the sweltering heat, a group of activists gathered at the Black Hawk Mini-Park on the Pedestrian Mall Wednesday to remind Iowa City residents of the Palestinians' struggle for freedom as America celebrates its independence.

Waving signs and reciting chants such as "No justice, no peace, U.S. out of the Middle East," the group of approximately 50 marched downtown on Washington, Clinton, and Linn streets and Iowa Avenue. Aside from a few hecklers yelling, "You guys suck" and "Go Israel," the group encountered little resistance.

Speakers from several local groups, including the General Union of Palestinian Students, Jews for Justice, and Iowans for Peace, said the United States must work with Palestine and other nations to end Israeli occupation of Palestine and "American imperialism."

"Occupation is the root of all terrorism," said UI graduate student Yaser Abudagga, who is Palestinian. "It's true that suicide bombings are creating terrorism, but that's small in comparison with what Israelis have done over the years."

The speakers often criticized President Bush's June speech in which he called for a free and democratic election in Palestine, as long as current Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat isn't elected.

"The question that has to be asked is how can a democracy be established under military occupation," said Iowans for Peace member Karly Whitaker. "It's an impossible task."

— by Mike McWilliams

## NATION BRIEF

## U.S. will resume downing drug planes in Latin America

WASHINGTON (AP) — The program to force down or shoot down airplanes suspected of carrying drugs in Latin America is expected to resume, a senior Bush administration official said Thursday.

The timing of President Bush's decision remains uncertain, said the official, who spoke only on the condition of anonymity.

The program was stopped after an American missionary and her infant daughter were killed in Peru last year when their plane was shot down by mistake.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer confirmed that administration officials have formally recommended that Bush "resume this program with new safeguards."

"He's pleased to receive the recommendation. This is some-

thing the president is very interested in," Fleischer said.

Cautiously that Bush "has not yet made a formal decision on this matter," Fleischer added:

"The president very much wants to take strong actions to fight drug narcotics trafficking in South America. We will work closely with our allies there who share the American concern."

The program permits the United States to identify and locate suspected drug planes and Colombian and Peruvian military aircraft to down the planes if they ignore requests to land.

A U.S. official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that the State Department would take over the program, replacing the CIA, which had handled it in the past. The *New York Times* first reported the expected resumption.

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## Plane crashes, hits Fourth revelers

By Andrew Bridges  
Associated Press

SAN DIMAS, Calif. — A small plane struggling after takeoff crashed into a Fourth of July crowd at a suburban Los Angeles park, killing four people and injuring 12, some of them children picnicking with their families, authorities said.

The pilot and a 12-year-old girl were among the dead.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown said the crash "sounds completely like an accident," and Gov. Gray Davis said the pilot issued two mayday distress calls after takeoff from Brackett Field, a small airport near the park.

"The wings clipped on the trees. It went nose first. Bodies flying all over the place," said witness Javier Franco. He said two girls were trapped under the plane.

"Other people took the bodies out of the plane. I can't forget seeing the bodies on the ground."

The plane hit a tree and then broke in two after it crashed, witnesses said.

The pilot, a 12-year-old girl who was trapped beneath a wing, and a toddler died at hospitals, and one adult died at the crash site, said Los Angeles County Fire Department spokesman Brian Jordan.

Michael Brand, 44, and Jackie Ton, a 12-year-old girl, died at Pomona Valley Hospital, said Kathy Perkins, a spokeswoman for the hospital. A 15-month-old boy died at Citrus Valley Medical Center of head injuries, Savage said.

Several of the injured were in critical condition, said Los Angeles County Fire Department Capt. Mark Savage. Approximately half the people had minor injuries, Savage said.

Two scuba divers searched the lake to make sure there were no other victims, said Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy William Spear. The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the crash.

The twin-engine Cessna 310 crashed near the shore of Puddingstone Reservoir at Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park, where hundreds of people were barbecuing and celebrating the Fourth of July. The park is roughly 30

miles east of Los Angeles.

People were setting up tents on the grassy area where the plane came down, said Frine Flores, who was picnicking about 300 feet away. She watched the plane crash between a picnic table and a red hammock that had been

stretched between two trees.

"It was just like a big roar before it crashed and then, I can't even explain the sound at impact. It was like crunching of metal," said Flores, 32, of Pasadena. "Everyone was just crying, as if it was their family that was traumatized."

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### Editorial

## Alcohol ordinance has failed, and council is partly to blame

**From refusing to sanction Etc. to poor wording of the alcohol ordinance, the City Council has failed to show a clear initiative regarding alcohol.**

Last week's decision by a local judge to throw out the citation of a bartender who had allegedly violated the city's alcohol ordinance should indeed be "disappointing" for city officials, as one councilor said.

No doubt, Irvin Pfrab was bemoaning the time, resources, and trouble he and other councilors had invested in their attempt to monitor downtown bars. The disappointment is well-founded, and so might be a little embarrassment among the councilors for their bungling of the entire ordinance issue. Between the ordinance and their passivity regarding sanctions against the Etc. bar, the council is casting serious doubt on its ability to actually handle alcohol-related issues.

For all its efforts and steely determination to do something, the council must now face up to its failure. Compliance with the ordinance has been widespread as almost every restaurant and bar will refuse to serve more than two drinks to one patron.

There is still no evidence that drinking has declined.

This is not the first time this year that the council has behaved awkwardly.

In late May, the Iowa attorney general's office sanctioned Etc. bar owner "Kip" Pohl for fire-related accidents in April. Immediately, the councilors criticized the sanctions as lacking severity. However, original authority in penalizing Pohl rested with the council, which gave itself authority to crack down on bars that do not obey the law as part of the alcohol ordinance.

But councilors chose to abdicate to state officials because they expected appeals to the state anyway. Appeal or no, they passed on a chance to articulate a clear position on an issue for which they seemed so impasse.

If the council chose not to act against an establishment that burnt nine patrons after allowing its bartender to light the bar on fire, we wonder whether the council will ever use that part of the ordinance.

Increasingly, we should wonder whether the council has a clear mission at all, or even a general position beyond "anti-alcohol." As its lengthy efforts to regulate sales through various ordinances have faltered, it looks more and more foolish. Further, as the Etc. sanctions attest, the councilors avoided opportunities to take resounding actions, if only for symbolic value. In the meantime, bar owners must simply do their best to comply with the council's wishes, muffled and vague as they may be.

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### Guest Opinion

## Dirty bombs: assessing the threat

A new term has entered our lexicon of fear: the so-called "dirty bomb." But giving the new threat a name has only heightened panic; the crucial step is to improve public understanding of what a dirty bomb is and of how the threat is being addressed internationally.

A dirty bomb would be made of ordinary explosives — such as dynamite — packaged with radioactive material, which would be dispersed when the bomb went off. As with any explosion, people in the immediate vicinity could be killed or injured by the blast itself.

The radioactive material that was dispersed, depending on the amount and intensity, could cause radiation sickness for a limited number of people nearby if, for example, they inhaled large amounts of radioactive dust. But the most severe tangible effects would likely be the economic costs and social disruption associated with the evacuation and subsequent cleanup of contaminated property.

Packaging explosives with other toxic substances could cause equally severe public-health effects and social disruption, with less effort and risk for the terrorist.

Radioactive material is hard to handle: The bomber would have to choose between being directly exposed to a concen-

trated clump of material — which could be lethal — or using large amounts of lead shielding, which would hamper bomb assembly and transport. But a dirty bomb could be a terrorist's weapon of choice simply to play on public fears of all things nuclear and radioactive. Panic and chaos are a terrorist's primary objectives.

Providing security controls for radioactive material is not a new concept. Common-sense measures have been required for many years — such as strict inventories, locked storage facilities, and security guards, depending on the type or amount of material. But the primary focus in the past has been on safety hazards and the prevention of inadvertent (rather than deliberate) exposure.

The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 catapulted security to the forefront. The sophistication of the attacks, the evident will to create large-scale panic, and destruction, and the willingness of the terrorists themselves to risk their lives to achieve their ends made the dirty-bomb threat far more realistic.

The degree and nature of the threat vary significantly from one country to another. National governments are redoubling their efforts to prevent and to counter nuclear terrorism, both at home and abroad. The International

Atomic Energy Agency is serving as a catalyst for these efforts. We have provided equipment and training to hundreds of border guards and other law-enforcement officials to help them detect illicit trafficking of radioactive material across borders. We have held dozens of workshops to help governments and operators in assessing the threats to their nuclear facilities, raising their standards of security, maintaining proper control of nuclear and radioactive material, and being prepared to respond to any related emergencies that arise. And we recently forged a trilateral partnership among the United States, the Russian Federation, and the atomic agency to locate, secure, and dispose of powerful radioactive sources that were lost or abandoned during the breakup of the former Soviet Union.

The good news, in brief, is that governments and the atomic agency are working overtime on this problem, and we have every intention of continuing until the threat has been vastly reduced. But this will not happen overnight; bringing the global inventory of radioactive material under proper controls will require a sustained and concerted effort.

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LA Times/Washington Post News Service



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She is right. Especially volunteering some place where you are making a difference. Which leads me back to my problem with volunteering at the Police Department. Why? — when there are so many places you can really make a difference by influencing somebody's life.

How about volunteering at a nursing home, or the Senior Center. There are some real needs in places like that. Also there is the Free Medical Clinic, the Crisis Food Bank, WRAC, the Iowa City Public Library, and countless other worthy volunteer opportunities.

But don't take my word for it, or the lady at the police station. Find out for yourself. Consider volunteering, influencing someone's life, and giving instead of taking. Allow yourself to experience this "healthy habit."

Deanna Olsen is a *DI* columnist.

### On the Spot

#### How old is too old to drive?



"Everybody is different. It depends on the person."



"Age 70."</

# Arts

& entertainment

## Jazzing up the cityscape

By Jessica Adams

The Daily Iowan

Heading into its 11th year as a cultural mainstay, the Iowa City Jazz Festival will once again kick-off today downtown and run through the July 7.

Since its beginning in 1991, Jazz Fest has blossomed from a local gathering into a nationally recognized event through the work of dedicated and passionate organizers.

"We built a reputation within the jazz community first, which allowed musicians to know about it," said Steve Grismore, the executive director of Jazz Fest. "We take care of the musicians, seeing that they have a hotel room and transportation to and from the airport. People of quality want to come as a result of this."

Recognition comes not only known within the community of jazz musicians; Jazz Fest has received exposure in the magazine \*JazzTimes\*, on the NPR program "Jazz Set with Bradford Marsalis," and on various other radio programs.

"Jazz Fest is known as one of the best, free jazz festivals in the Midwest," Grismore said.

Regional support continues to play an important factor in Jazz Fest's existence. With an annual budget of approximately \$150,000, depending largely on individual and corporate sponsors, Jazz Fest also relies on local and state grants and services from various businesses.

Although the festival occurs only one weekend a year, Gris-

more said, Jazz Fest creates results that are lasting in terms of economic and educational progress. He estimates that over the past 11 years, the event has brought the Iowa City economy revenue in the area of \$7 million, creating part-time jobs for the weekend and giving business to local hotels, bars, and restaurants.

"Jazz Fest has a strong Midwest tourist draw, with about 50 percent [of attendees] being from out of town," Grismore said.

Beyond the economic results, one of the festival's focuses is education, using its Keyhole Program. A high-school jazz combo from Chicago has been invited to perform alongside Iowa jazz students on the youth stage.

Legends of the Bandstand, a collection of jazz musicians from all over the country, will perform on the main stage on the Pedestrian Mall at 8 p.m. Saturday. It includes some of the biggest names in jazz, including Cedar Walton, Louis Hayes and Curtis Fuller.

This year's lineup promises an eclectic mix of artists, including the crazy sound of New York based Sex Mob and the swing-inspired sound of San Francisco native Lavay Smith and Her Red Hot Skillet Lickers, who will close Jazz Fest on July 7 on the main stage.

Douglas Langbehn, a UI assistant professor of psychiatry and a part-time jazz musician, said he is looking

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forward to this year's festival.

"It should be a fantastic show," he said. "There is going to be a great variety of different types of jazz."

Langbehn, who played piano when his own band performed at Jazz Fest around 10 years ago, said he urges everyone to come out.

"It is a great way to familiarize yourself with talent that is right here," he said. Local bands will continually perform throughout the day. Art vendors will be set up throughout the weekend, and Black Hawk Park will host painting and dance events geared towards children.

Grismore urges everyone to come out and enjoy the free festival to its fullest.

"Buy a T-shirt, a hat, or a poster and think of it as your admission charge," he said. "[Jazz Fest] is free, but not free to organize. We would like to keep Jazz Fest around for years to come."

For more information and a schedule of events see: [www.iowacityjazzfestival.com](http://www.iowacityjazzfestival.com).

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## Surf's up & the reverb is loud

By Richard Shirk

The Daily Iowan

Don't be scared away by the sweaty guys in the Mexican wrestling masks. No, it's not a Telemundo action movie — it's Los Straitjackets.

Taking the stage a safe two hours after the post

Fourth of July hangover should have dissipated, Los Straitjackets will appear at Gabe's, 330 E. Washington St., tonight with enough surf-rock instrumentals and booty-shaking raw energy for two days of clambake.

So maybe we don't have any bodies of water to speak of, not to mention beaches, but, hell, Los Straitjackets should feel at home. Formed in Nashville in the mid 1990s by seasoned veterans with a taste for the twang and reverb of instrumental surf-rock, Los Straitjackets has

recorded five albums that would make the Ventures, Dick Dale, and Link Wray (with which they have toured) proud.

I would say the guys have been spreading the word of '60s-style garage/surf-rock, but if you have had the good fortune to pick up any of the band's five albums (excluding the celebrity karaoke *Sing Along with ...*), you might notice that there aren't any words. While instrumentalists might initially turn off any indie thumb-suckers who need breakup songs to warble on about photos and holdin' hands, guitarists Danny Amis

(formerly of the Raybeats), Eddie Angel bass player Pete Cury, and drummer Jimmy Lester don't even own a rhyming dictionary. Invoking all the sun and sand found in the grooves your hip granddad's Surftone's 45s, the band's instrumentals use expres-

### SHOW PREVIEW

#### Los

#### Straitjackets

When:

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Where:

Gabe's,

330 E. Washington St.

### ARTS BRIEF

#### Reality TV knife draws lawsuit

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A contestant who had a knife held to her throat on the TV reality series "Big Brother 2" is suing CBS, alleging the network never should have allowed the assailant on the show because of his past arrests.

During the show, contestant Justin Sebik put knife to Krista Stegall's throat while kissing her and asked if she would be mad if he killed her. Sebik maintained he was joking; he was kicked off the show.

Sebik, a bartender from New Jersey, had been arrested on assault charges in 1996 and was charged with assault and theft in 1997, according to the lawsuit. He also had shown signs of aggression toward other people on the show before the knife incident, the lawsuit alleges.

"I don't think there's any doubt [CBS] made a huge mistake letting him in and keeping him in," said Stegall's attorney, Clayton Burgess.

Stegall, a former waitress from Opelousas, La., and now a morning radio personality in nearby Lafayette, filed the lawsuit last week

in New Orleans seeking unspecified damages. Several production companies and their insurers are also listed as defendants.

"We think there is no merit to this lawsuit and we are prepared to defend it vigorously," CBS spokeswoman Nancy Carr said.

The contestants in "Big Brother 2" lived together in a house and were cut off from the outside world. They plotted to have each other evicted by a vote of fellow house guests each week; the last remaining contestant won \$500,000.

CBS is working on a third "Big Brother" series.

## Shakin' up the weekend



WRAPPED UP IN NEWSPAPER

tion. Having no time to unravel this conundrum, the hunt began and ended in a rush. Bats, you see, are nocturnal, and the little beast had perched himself out of sight. So in the meantime, I'm going to train for the final conflict — man vs. hairy, flying, scary thing — by seeing the crocodile-hunter movie. There's a lot one can learn from the man who has single-handedly brought the century-old war between mankind and bewitched reptiles to a close.

So if, despite my carnal, killer instincts, I can't bring myself to give a bat a beat down, how could anyone expect me to duke it out with a dragon?

Now we've established what one should not do, let's get back to the shakin' stuff.

The historical histrionics of *Bourbon at the Border*, by Pearl Cleage, will be shakin' the Theatre Building all this weekend at 8 p.m.

The Iowa City Jazz Festival this weekend should be pretty shakin' for the cappuccino kids, and for those of us who prefer plenty of cream and sugar, Duvall (essentially the Smoking Popes reincarnated) will play the Green Room on July 10.

In sum, be safe and be kind, 'cuz the craziest things happen at 4 a.m. sometimes.

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## Moving through the apocalypse

By Jessica Adams

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Singer-songwriter Stuart Davis doesn't want to be famous for the wrong reasons.

The inventive musician, who coins his music "Post-Apocalyptic Punk-Folk," said being famous would do nothing but feed his own ego.

"Being famous is tricky. It is like a house of mirrors, and you have to be careful what you're doing with your music," David said. "There are too many opportunities to be a jerk — you have to find a happy medium."

The happy medium he continues to strive for: getting his music to the public but making sure the message of his music is still there. He said he always wants to remember why he started writing music in the first place and the inspiration that his beliefs in mystic traditions continues to give him.

Davis will play at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington, July 7 at 7 p.m. The performer returns time and time again to Iowa City to perform because of the bright and vibrant culture and the unpredictable nature of his live shows.

Since the early '90s, the Minneapolis-based musician has been touring all over the country and has released eight albums. He hasn't sought mainstream

success, and his underground status leaves his music in relative obscurity.

While many others are quick to clump his music as "folk" because he plays the guitar, Davis said he isn't particularly a fan of that genre: "I would much rather listen to Prince over Bob Dylan."

Iowa City resident Megan Bohlke has been a passionate follower of Davis' music for three years and has seen over 15 of his shows. Her father first introduced her to Davis' music when he performed at the Sanctuary several years ago.

"His music is real," she said. "It is thought over substance. Stuart is such a genuine person, he is willing to talk about what has inspired him and share that with his fans."

Religious texts, particularly the Tao Te Ching and the Tibetan Book of the Dead, have "profoundly" influenced the music that Davis creates. Davis said he is specifically focused on the esoteric influence that these religions create, with his central focus on Zen Buddhism and Sufism.

"Most of my music defies convention," he said. "Its intent is to overthrow establishment and move beyond it."

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**CITY & NATION****NATION BRIEF****FAA yanks drunk pilots' licenses**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration revoked the licenses of the two America West pilots accused of trying to fly a jetliner from Miami while drunk.

The federal agency announced Thursday that emergency orders taking away the licenses are effective immediately.

Federal regulations prohibit pilots from operating an aircraft or performing other safety-sensitive functions within eight hours of consuming alcohol or if they have an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or higher, said FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown. America West's policy is 12 hours.

Both pilots had blood-alcohol levels above the legal limit of 0.08 after they were ordered to return their Phoenix-bound plane, carrying 124 passengers, to the gate Monday morning.

A security screener alerted authorities after noticing that Thomas Porter Cloyd, 44, and co-

pilot Christopher Hughes, 41, smelled of alcohol.

Hughes initially told police it was "merely mouthwash," according to police reports.

The two pilots were charged with a felony count of operating an aircraft under the influence and operating a motor vehicle under the influence. They were released on \$7,000 bond each late Monday and returned to their Arizona homes.

Arraignment was set for July 22. The pilots could face five years in prison if convicted.

Brown has said Cloyd and Hughes will be able to reapply for licenses after a year by meeting the same requirements they faced when they first applied.

A spokesman for the Cloyd's family, Steve Hicks said, "We're saddened by the occurrences and the allegations made against them."

Arizona police records show that Cloyd has been arrested twice for alleged alcohol-related offenses while at his home in Arizona.

**Gunman opens fire at LA airport****SHOOTING**

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forced the evacuation of the Tom Bradley International Terminal, delaying 20 outbound flights and 6,000 passengers.

The south section of the terminal reopened at 4:30 p.m., but the rest remained closed while the FBI completed its investigation of the shooting scene.

The dead included Israeli émigré Jakov Aminov, 46, a diamond importer who lived in the Valley Village neighborhood of the San Fernando Valley. The other person killed was not identified, pending notification of the family.

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airplanes are and the gates. Parking lots, lobbies, ticketing areas are not past those security points — they're before them."

An FBI official in Los Angeles, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the gunman carried no identification; investigators were trying to identify him through other means, including fingerprints.

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Aminov was in cardiac arrest when he arrived by ambulance at the hospital about 12:04 p.m., said Dr. Jean-Claude Henry. Doctors worked on him for nearly an hour before declaring him dead, Henry said.

Aminov's wife, who is pregnant with the couple's sixth child, was at the hospital when she learned about her husband's death.

By coincidence, Aminov was a friend and neighbor of Golan, the man who helped subdue the shooter. Golan, 54, said he spotted Aminov in the check-in line, walked over to say hello, and then was on his way outside to smoke a cigarette when the shooting began.

Dozens of people watched the attack unfold as they stood in line at El Al and surrounding airline counters in the crowded terminal.

Guillermo Fergoza was with

his wife, Yolanda, approximately 25 feet away when he noticed a man talking to an agent at the El Al counter. "They started arguing at the counter," said Fergoza, who was at the airport to put his son on a flight. "He stepped back and pulled the gun out of his waistband. A lot of people started falling to the floor."

Two brothers, Paul and David Parkus, were standing in line at a nearby Singapore Airlines ticket counter.

"I heard pop, pop, pop, and spun around, and saw this guy shooting away," said Paul Parkus, a 38-year-old photographer who lives in Los Angeles. "The El Al guys came over the top of the counter," he said, and tackled the shooter.

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**Police worried about cars' safety****POLICE CARS**

*Continued from Page 1*

The Ford Motor Company is now investigating ways to prevent fuel-tank fires in the police cruiser, saying it hopes to "make a safe car safer." Critics said Ford could have acted earlier.

"I've heard that Ford knew about the problem but didn't do anything," Winkelhake said. "Who runs a business like that?"

A Ford spokesman said the car has an estimated 80 percent of the police-vehicle market and that there are approximately 400,000 on the road in the United States alone.

The police officers who died probably could have walked away from the crashes had the cars not

caught on fire, said Lee Rappleyea, the president of the Arizona Fraternal Order of Police.

Green said that job safety is a very important issue and that it covers not only the regular job hazards, but the equipment the officers use.

"We don't have the funds to purchase a set of cars for each shift, so it's important that the vehicles be the best available," he said. "If we had known about the safety issues, we would have taken a harder look at the Fords before purchasing them."

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River Sports co-owner Keith Plambeck on Thursday deflates inner tubes at his rental store at Canyon Lake near New Braunfels, Texas. Plambeck and hundreds of others are preparing for Canyon Lake to overflow its spillway Thursday and cause flooding in the area.

## 100s evacuate in Texas flood zone

**Texans urged to leave their homes after heavy rains cause dam to flood**

By T.A. Badger  
Associated Press

**NEW BRAUNFELS**, Texas — Hundreds of people were urged to evacuate homes and campgrounds near Canyon Lake on Thursday as water began spilling through a dam on a lake swollen from five days of storms.

New Braunfels Mayor Adam Cork said he wasn't sure how many people had left the area surrounding the Canyon Dam, approximately 30 miles northeast of San Antonio.

Water from the 45-year-old dam began flowing out of its spillway — a 300-yard wide earthen chute — and downhill into the Guadalupe River, roughly three-quarters of a mile downstream.

"I'm not going to take any chances," said Al Rose, as he and his children loaded a moving van and two trailers with their belongings. "I'd rather spend a few hundred dollars and get everything out than spend thousands of dollars later."

Lake manager Jerry Brite said the overflow could dump up to 50,000 cubic feet of water per second into the river — more than 100 times the normal flow rate.

South and central Texas has been pounded for five days with storms. In San Antonio, officials on Thursday discovered two bodies in a car in the Olmos Basin, bringing the death count from the storms to at least seven.

Also Thursday, President Bush approved federal aid for 10 flood-damaged counties.

"With this assistance, the recovery process can begin for families and businesses devastated by heavy rains and flooding," Gov. Rick Perry said.

Some areas have received as much as 24 inches of rain in the past week, and flood warnings were expected to be in effect through the weekend. Perry on Wednesday declared a state disaster for 29 counties.

Residents in neighborhoods along the Guadalupe and Comal Rivers were advised to leave.

"It was a voluntary evacuation, but we thought it best to get out. There will be a lot of water in the river in a very short period of time, and they're not exactly [sure] where it's going to go because it will go over the spillway," Paul Klein, who lives near Canyon Dam, told radio station WOAI.

The Army Corps of Engineers began opening the dam's floodgates Thursday morning to lower the water level, said spokeswoman Judy Marsicano. But the gates were closed when water began flowing over the spillway to reduce the amount of water moving into the Guadalupe River.

In San Antonio, low-lying areas remained covered with brown, debris-laden runoff, but water levels were dropping steadily as rain tapered off. City Manager Terry Brechtel

### Sharon backs Bush's Mideast stance

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Thursday that he shares President Bush's vision for the Middle East and that Palestinians must decide whether they want to follow a corrupt leadership or enjoy economic development.

"Israel welcomes the principles included in the speech of President George Bush and supports their implementation," Sharon told top Israeli economists in his first such direct endorsement of last month's U.S. policy address.

Bush urged Palestinians to elect a new leadership "not compromised

by terror," as a step toward Palestinian statehood. His proposal, however, also contained elements long opposed by Sharon, including dismantling Israeli settlements and negotiating eventual Palestinian borders near the 1967 pre-war lines.

Sharon did not address those elements in his comments, his strongest public statements in support of Bush's position. Previously, his spokesmen have been enthusiastic and have said Sharon supports it.

"If the Palestinians are wise enough to free themselves from the regime of murder and terror, they will be able to achieve a life of freedom on their land — to obtain for themselves, by right, an hon-

ored place in the community of nations and to bring economic prosperity and real hope for the future of their children," Sharon said.

The prime minister spoke of the possibilities of building up a Gaza

Strip port that could compete with the Israeli port of Ashdod and one day running trains from the Gaza Strip to the West Bank — but only if Palestinians replace their current leadership.

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<b>HOME ANTENNA</b>													

KGAN	2	2	News	Seinfeld	48 Hours	Murder, She Wrote: South by Southwest ('97)	News	Late Show (10:35)	Frasier
KWWL	7	7	News	Fortune	Dateline	Law & Order	News	Tennis	Tonight Show (11:05)
KFXA	8	41	King-Hill	Raymond	Blast From the Past ('99) (Brendan Fraser)	Star Trek: Voyager	3rd Rock	Home Imp.	Drew Rendez
KRCG	9	9	News	Friends	Funnies Home Videos Whose? Whose?	20/20	News	Friends	Spin City
KIN	13	13	Newshour	Iowa	Wash Wk Wall Market Iowa	Now With Bill Moyers	Business	TimeGoes	News
KWKW	20	16	Sabrina	Just Shoot	Sabrina Maybe	Reba Raising Cops Married...	Street	Blind Date	5th Wheel Harvey

## CABLE CHANNELS

WSWI	16	16	Audio programming										
WGN	3	31	Home Imp.	Fresh Pr.	Air America (R, '90) *** (Mel Gibson)	News	Heat of Night	Matlock: The Stripper					
GOTT	4	Weekend Jam	Silent Witness	Schizophrenia: A	IA Airports Safety	I.C. Music	Our Land	Tobacco					
PAX	6	Shop-Drop Supermt	Weakest Link (ITV)	Unexplained	Diagnosis Murder (ITV)	Fifties	Dave's Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.					
LIBR	10	One of a Kind	Iowa City Public Library Information		Iowa City Public Library Information	Iowa City Public Library Information							
EDUC	11	Elementary Orchestra	Iowa City Community School District Board Meeting										
C-SPN	14	Close-Up on C-SPAN	American Writers II: The 20th Century			Prime Time Public Affairs							
C-SPN2	15	U.S. Senate Coverage	Public Affairs			Public Affairs							
CNBC	16	29	Capital Report	Kudlow Louis	Wall Street Journal	Tim Russert	Kudlow Louis	Wall Street Journal					
UITV	17	3	France Spanish	Movie		Classic TV Dramas	Korean Greece	France Argentina					
PUBL	18	Country Time Country	Spirit in Culture	Garden Professor	Democracy Now	Right Life Another World Is Possible							
FNC	23	28	Fox Report	O'Reilly Factor	Hannity & Colmes	On the Record	O'Reilly Factor	Special Report					
MTV	27	44	True Life	True Life	MTV Special	Undressed MTV Special	Undressed						
CNN	28	26	Crossfire	Connie Chung Tonight	Larry King Live	Newsnight-Br.	Chung Moneyline	Larry King Live					
DISC	29	5	Venomous Snakes	Extreme Rides	Scream Parks	Fireworks!	Extreme Rides	Scream Parks					
A&E	30	38	Law & Order	Biography: Cage	An Officer and a Gentleman (R, '82) *** (Richard Gere) Premiere		Biography: Cage						
USA	31	34	JAG	Nash Bridges	The Rage: Carrie 2 ('99) ** (Emily Bergl)	Law & Order	Stigmata (99) **						
LIFE	33	36	A Cry for Help: The Tracey Thurman Story	Video Voyer: The Susan Wilson Story ('02)		Life of the Party: The Pamela Harriman Story							
TWC	34	30	Weather	Weather	Weather Weather	Evening Edition	Weather	Weather	Evening Edition				
FX	35	NASCAR Auto Racing	NASCAR Grand National -- Stacker/GNC Live Well 250.			Dir Hard With a Vengeance (R, '95) *** (Bruce Willis)							
TNT	36	35	Sleepless in Seattle	When Harry Met Sally (R, '89) (Billy Crystal)	As Good as It Gets (PG-13, '97) *** (Jack Palance, Helen Hunt)								
VH1	37	43	Driven Britney Spears	One Hit Wonders	One Hit Wonders	One Hit Wonders	Driven: Kid Rock	Rock Show					
ANIM	38	Animals	Animals	Animals	Funny-Animals	Koala Miracle	Animals	Funny-Animals					
AMC	41	Three Stooges	Cadillac Man ('90) ** (Robin Williams)	Cinema	The Hindenburg (9:25) (75) (George C. Scott)	Cadillac							
SPEED	42	Auto Racing	Auto Racing: CART	CART	Trackside At...	Auto Racing: FIA	Auto Racing						
DISN	43	Proud Lizzie	A Simple Wish ('97) (Martin Short)	Beetlejuice (8:45) (PG, '88) (Michael Keaton)	Kim	So Weird	Famous						
FOXSP	44	33	Cubs Major League Baseball	Best Damn Sports Show Period	Present	Present	Comics Come Home	Present	Present	South	Yankers		
COM	45	42	Mirrorball	Presents	Presents	Presents	Profiles: Jackie Chan						
BRAV	46	39	Hill Street Blues	Jack's Back (R, '88) *** (James Spader)	The Stepfather ('87) *** (Terry O'Quinn)	Profiles: Jackie Chan							
NICK	49	18	Arnold Rugrats	SpongeBob SquarePants	Oddparent Invader	Cosby Cosby	Cheers	Cheers	Cosby Cosby				
ESPN	50	45	Basketball	Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at St. Louis Cardinals.	Sportcenter	Baseball Tonight							
EI	51	45	Saturday Night Live	Fast Times: THX	Hwood Couple	Wild On...	Howard S. Howard S.	Wild On...					
TOON	53	17	Justice Samurai	Powerpuff Ed, Edd	Courage Dexter	Powerpuff Ed, Edd	Courage	Dexter	Powerpuff Grim-Evil				
ESPN2	55	46	RPM 2N Yearbook	Sumo	Ali vs. Foreman	Baseball Tonight	Bodybully Mohr	X-Games Classics					
BET	57	40	106 Park NYLA	Movie	Comicview	News	Tonight	Midnight Love					
TNN	59	37	Real TV	Real TV	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Star Trek: Next Gen.	Ultimate Conspire					
HIST	60	37	Modern Marvels	This Week in History	Civil War Combat	Modern Marvels	Perfect Crimes?	This Week in History					
TBS	61	32	Universal Major League Baseball	Chicago Cubs at Atlanta Braves. (Live)	Universal Soldier: The Return ('99)	Jackie-1stStrike							
UNI	62	24	EJ Juego de la Vida	Salomé	El Privilegio de Amar	Los Metiches	P. Impacto Noticiero	Recuento-Díos					
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## PREMIUM CHANNELS

HBO	550	14	Cool Runnings (5:15)	Point of Origin ('02) (Ray Liotta)	First Look	Wire: The Pager.	Arliss Dennis M.	Def Poetry Retroactive
MAX	562	15	Sabrina (4:45) (95)	Bad Boys (R, '95) *** (Martin Lawrence)	Primal Fear (R, '96) *** (Richard Gere)		Best Sex	Beauty

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**We're not going to put a plaque up there or anything else. I think a room a guy dies in is not a positive marketing opportunity.**

— Don Marrandino,

the Hard Rock president, speaking about the hotel room in which Who bass player John Entwistle died.

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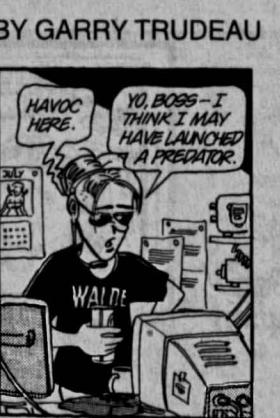


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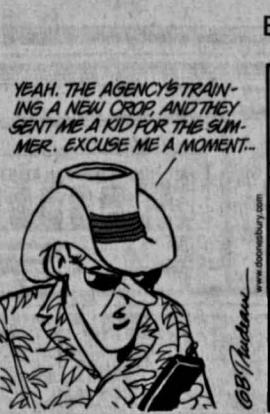
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## QUICK HITS

### NATIONAL LEAGUE GLANCE

All Times CDT	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division	54	31	.635	—
Atlanta	54	31	.635	—
Montreal	44	40	.524	9 1/2
Florida	44	41	.518	10
New York	41	43	.466	12 1/2
Pittsburgh	38	45	.458	15
Central Division	52	36	.561	—
Cincinnati	44	40	.524	3
Houston	39	44	.470	7 1/2
Pittsburgh	37	47	.440	10
Chicago	34	49	.410	12 1/2
Milwaukee	32	53	.376	15 1/2
West Division	53	31	.601	—
Los Angeles	52	33	.611	—
Arizona	50	34	.585	1 1/2
San Francisco	47	38	.580	4 1/2
Colorado	40	45	.471	12
San Diego	34	51	.400	18
Thursday's Games				
Milwaukee 5, Cincinnati 4				
Montreal 2, Philadelphia 1				
Houston 8, Pittsburgh 6				
Florida 9, N.Y. Mets 7				
Arizona 6, San Francisco 3				
St. Louis 9, Los Angeles 2				
Atlanta 5, Chicago Cubs 1				
Todays Games				
N.Y. Mets (Bascik 0-0) at Florida (Burnett 8-5), 6:05 p.m.				
Houston (Redding 3-4) at Pittsburgh (Benson 2-4), 6:05 p.m.				
Montreal (Okha 7-4) at Philadelphia (Person 3-4), 6:05 p.m.				
Milwaukee (Rusch 5-6) at Cincinnati (Dessens 5-4), 6:10 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Clemente 6-5) at Atlanta (Millwood 5-5), 6:35 p.m.				
Los Angeles (Od.Perez 9-4) at St. Louis (Morris 10-5), 7:10 p.m.				
San Diego (Tomko 4-5) at Colorado (Hampton 4-9), 8:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Ortiz 6-5) at Arizona (Schilling 13-3), 9:05 p.m.				

### AMERICAN LEAGUE GLANCE

All Times CDT	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division	53	31	.631	—
Boston	51	31	.622	1
Baltimore	40	42	.488	12
Toronto	33	50	.398	19 1/2
Tampa Bay	28	54	.341	24
Central Division	53	31	.631	—
Minnesota	48	38	.558	—
Chicago	41	44	.482	6 1/2
Cleveland	37	46	.446	9 1/2
Kansas City	32	50	.390	14

## Henman advances, will meet Hewitt next

### WIMBLEDON

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grass. I'm just going to go out and have fun. I hope I'll be able to compete."

The last time sisters faced each other in the Wimbledon final was 118 years ago, when Maud Watson beat Lillian Watson.

In men's play, top-seeded Lleyton Hewitt squandered four match points in the third set but pulled out a five-set win against Schengen Schalken to reach the

semifinals.

Hewitt, whose game slipped after a controversial overrule in the third set tiebreaker, raised his level when he needed it most in the fifth set to prevail (6-2, 6-2, 6-7 [5], 1-6, 7-5) in 3 hours, 51 minutes.

Hewitt will next face Britain's Tim Henman, who beat Brazil's Andre Sa (6-3, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3) to reach the semis for the fourth time in five years. He's bidding to become the first British player to win the men's title since

Fred Perry in 1936.

Filling the other men's semifinal berths were relative unknowns: 20-year-old Argentine David Nalbandian and 21-year-old Belgian Xavier Malisse.

Malisse, the first Belgian man in the Open era to get this far at Wimbledon, outlasted 1996 champion Richard Krajicek (6-1, 4-6, 6-2, 3-6, 9-7).

Nalbandian, playing his first grass-court tournament, overcame Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti (6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 4-6, 6-4) to

become the first Argentine player to reach the men's semis at Wimbledon.

He's also the second South American semifinalist in Wimbledon history. The first was Peru's Alex Olmedo, who won the title in 1959, beating Rod Laver in the final.

Following three days of rain delays and interruptions, organizers were forced to schedule all four men's quarterfinals and the two women's semis on the same day.

## Cardinals solve Ishii

### BASEBALL

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6-1 lead, Julian Tavarez (7-4) won for the sixth time in his last nine starts, allowing five runs and nine hits in six innings.

### Diamondbacks 6, Giants 3

PHOENIX — Brian Anderson (4-7) won consecutive starts for the first time since May 17 and 22 last year, allowing two runs and four hits in seven innings to improve to 3-1 in his last four outings.

Baek Hyun Kim got three outs for his 22nd save, helping Arizona close within 1 1/2 games of first-place Los Angeles in the NL West.

### Yankees 7, Indians 1

NEW YORK — Mike Mussina and the Yankees ended Jim Thome's seven-game homer streak — one short of a major league record — and Raul Mondesi hit his first homer for New York in a 7-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Thursday.

Mondesi, acquired from Toronto for a Double-A reliever Monday, homered off Chuck Finley (4-11) and hit an RBI double as New York won for the sixth time in seven games.

### Red Sox 9, Blue Jays 5

BOSTON — Nomar Garciaparra homered and drove in four runs to

lead Boston over Toronto for its first five-game sweep in 13 years.

Trot Nixon homered and drove in three runs, and Derek Lowe got his 12th victory. The Red Sox have won 10 straight against the Blue Jays since losing on opening day.

### Brewers 5, Reds 4

CINCINNATI — Eric Young's two-out, two-run double in the ninth inning off Danny Graves rallied the Milwaukee Brewers to a 5-4 victory Thursday, their first in eight tries this season over the Cincinnati Reds.

### Expos 2, Phillies 1

PHILADELPHIA — Brad Wilkerson hit a two-out, two-run homer off Jose Mesa (2-5) in the ninth — Montreal's first hit since the fourth inning.

### Cardinals 3, Dodgers 2

ST. LOUIS — Jim Edmonds and Albert Pujols hit solo homers off Kazuhisa Ishii (11-5), and rookie Travis Smith won for the first time since May 1 as St. Louis won its fourth straight.

Making his second start since being recalled from the minors June 27 following the death of Darryl Kile, Smith (2-0) allowed one run and seven hits in six-plus innings.

Jason Isringhausen pitched the ninth for his 19th save and fifth of the homestand.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### It's an eat-dog world

NEW YORK (AP) — He gorged, and gulped, and nearly gagged.

And then, in a last-minute feeding frenzy, Takeru Kobayashi of Japan — the Michael Jordan of hot-dog eating — defended his world title Thursday by gobbling a world record 50% franks in just 12 minutes.

Antacid, anyone?

The reed-thin Kobayashi plowed through an average of one hot dog every 14.25 seconds to ensure that he would retain the mustard yellow championship belt in the 87th competition at Nathan's Famous in Coney Island.

The 5-7 Kobayashi, despite the 94-degree heat and stifling humidity, managed to barely best his 2001 mark of 50 hot dogs.

"The heat was inhuman," said Rich Shea, a spokesman for the event organizer, the International Federation of Competitive Eating. "This proves he is the finest athlete in the world."

As he did last year, the 24-year-old Kobayashi employed the "Solomon method" — snapping the hot dogs in half, then simultaneously shoving both pieces into his mouth.

Since 1996, the Japanese have dominated the annual Fourth of July competition. The only U.S. winner since then was New

Jersey's Steve Keiner in 1999.

Before the contest, Kobayashi was the lightest of the 20 competitors, weighing in at 113 pounds. After his record-setting performance, his weight had ballooned to 129, Shea said.

#### Thome falls short of homer-streak record

NEW YORK — Jim Thome stepped to the plate with the bases loaded in the seventh inning, his seven-game homer streak on the line and the game within reach.

Yet the Cleveland slugger couldn't come through in the big moment, ending his run one game shy of the major-league record and as the Indians' losing streak stretched to five games.

"You like for them to last, but they don't go on forever," Thome said after going 0-3 with a walk in Cleveland's 7-1 loss to the New York Yankees on Thursday.

Thome fell short of the mark reached by Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle (1993), Don Mattingly of the Yankees (1987), and Dale Long of Pittsburgh (1986). Thome had a sore back on Thursday but remained in the lineup.

"He was hurting today," Indians manager Charlie Manuel said. "But he wanted to be in there. They threw some strikes to him. He just didn't get it done today."

## Around baseball's proverbial horn

### ALL-STAR BREAK

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come back and screw it up?" I think yes and no, respectively. They've got enough pop up and down the lineup, great closer in Danny Graves, and an MVP candidate in Adam Dunn. (There, I said it.) Junior sure might look good in a Mets uniform, but that's a discussion for December.

We're now in — gulp — Chicago. It's a disaster. North and South Side fans are crying in the streets. Cub fans are clinging to the hope that even though they have been awful, they still are relatively close in the standings and there still may be a chance. And Don Baylor may be gone by the time this is published. All the media, columnists, and Tribune writers can say that it's the players' fault, that Baylor didn't pick them, that he's trying to win, and that he shouldn't be worried. They can dismiss public opinion all they want, but the fact is, the first job of a manager is to be held accountable for his players.

Period. Maybe Baylor's not a bad manager, but they sure aren't winning, and sometimes a change is best for everyone. As for the Sox, their problems start with the off-season gutting of a good young pitching staff in a trade for mediocre innings-eater Todd Ritchie. After that, they now have no pitching depth. Scary that if the Cub and Sox bullpens were put together, they still wouldn't be a shell of Atlanta's.

Ah, Minneapolis. The right way to build a franchise. The fans are getting out their Homer hankies, as this team may be the only AL squad that has enough fire, chemistry, and talent to dethrone New York. ("Whaddaya mean? Whaddayau tawkin' about? Ain't no way da Twinkies can handle the Yanks! Fuggedaboutit!") Where's that New York voice coming from? Maybe Yankee fans are worried.

The ride doesn't stop in Texas, although one wonders if a state has ever had two more disappointing teams in one season

than the Astros and the Rangers. Oh, wait, we were just in Illinois.

There's no one here in Arizona, everyone's in Milwaukee. Bob Brenly selected them all for the All-Star team. (Seriously, how do you rationalize Byung-Hyun Kim over Danny Graves? You can't. They may have won the Series last year *in spite* of Bob Brenly.)

We love LA! The Dodgers have the best top-to-bottom pitching staff in both leagues, a dominant closer in Eric Gagne, and an MVP candidate in Shawn Green. What's not to love? Anaheim, perennially underrated, is a solid club, unlikely only because of the affiliation with Disney. Los Angelinos are excited at the possibility of a team besides USC or UCLA playing a sport in the fall.

Up to the Bay Area, where fans are riding Jeff Kent out of town for his antics. Don Barry Bonds and Kent deserve a reality-TV show? Better yet, a sitcom. Make them share a cramped apartment. Like "The Odd Couple," only with more cursing. Oakland has righted itself, and Mulder,

Hudson, and Zito are heating up. It would really be great to see the A's knock off the Yankees with ultra-sellout Jason Giambi playing for New York. Former rebel Giambi is the biggest sellout since Metallica recorded "Load." It almost brings a tear to my eye to see him all clean-cut, doing those incessant Right Guard ads on TV. OK, I'm depressed. Time to move on.

To, finally, Seattle. Everything's great here. Fans drinking espresso, talking on mobile phones, waiting for the new Pearl Jam album (November. Yep, I'm excited, too.) and hoping that even with Bret Boone and Mike Cameron coming back down to earth, Ichiro and Sasaki may still be able to carry them over New York and legitimize their great season of last year.

"Ovah da Yankees? You gotta be crazy, man! Jetah and Sori-ano! Da Rocket! Youse is dreamin'! Fuggedaboutit!"

Is that Yankee fan riding along, or what?

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**SPORTS****Inkster tied for lead at U.S. Women's Open****By Doug Ferguson**  
Associated Press

HUTCHINSON, Kan. — Juli Inkster looked out of her motel room Thursday morning and noticed the flags no longer were snapping in a fierce Kansas wind. Then, she made the most of the surprisingly benign conditions at the U.S. Women's Open.

Inkster birdied four of the first six holes, steadied herself as playing partner Annika Sorenstam crumbled on the back nine, and finished with a 3-under 67 at Prairie Dunes to share the early lead with Laura Diaz and Shani Waugh.

"It's always important to have a good first round just to get yourself in the ball game," Inkster said. "A lot of times, I try so hard that I'm always trying to dig myself out of a hole. Now, I feel like I'm off and running."

Some of the late starters were running in the wrong direction. Karrie Webb, trying to become the first player to win the Women's Open three straight years, wound up in waist-high

weeds on her second hole and had to make an 18-foot putt from the fringe just to make bogey. She was 2-over at the turn.

Se Ri Pak, who won the LPGA Championship last month on a severe golf course, bogeyed three of her first seven holes and also was 2-over through nine holes.

Kim Saiki had a bogey-free 68, while Lorie Kane of Canada and Catriona Matthew of Scotland were at 69. No one else among the early starters broke par.

Inkster didn't drive the ball particularly well, but a perfect pace on her putts allowed her to seize control early and stay there on a hot and humid day.

"Hopefully, we didn't see the tamest day," Inkster said.

That might be asking for too much. By late afternoon, the wind was getting stronger and the greens were getting firmer, and it only figures to get worse.

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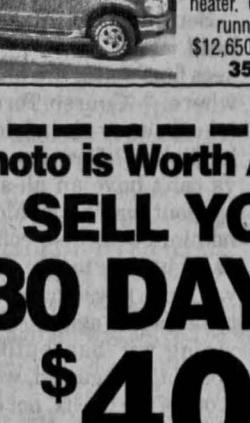
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## SPORTS

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## MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

## Lopez lifts Braves over Cubs



Alan Mothner/Associated Press

Braves catcher Javy Lopez drives in the go-ahead run with a seventh-inning double off a pitch from Cubs pitcher Mark Prior, scoring Chipper Jones on Thursday night.

## Chicago bullpen wastes another strong outing by Prior

ATLANTA (AP) — Javy Lopez came through for the second-straight game, hitting an RBI double to snap a seventh-inning tie and send the Atlanta Braves to a 5-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Thursday night.

The Braves won for the 13th time in 15 games and improved to 54-31, tied with Seattle for the best record in the majors. The Cubs lost for the eighth time in 10 games.

Mike Remlinger (6-0) struck out Sammy Sosa with the bases loaded in the seventh to preserve a 1-all tie.

Mark Prior (2-2) allowed just three hits through six innings but gave up a leadoff single to Chipper Jones in the seventh and hit Andruw Jones with a 1-2 pitch. After Vinny Castilla popped to third, Lopez lined a double off the base of the wall in right-center for a 2-1 lead.

## Tigers 6, White Sox 5

CHICAGO — Steve Sparks won for the first time in six starts since May 29 as Detroit rallied with a four-run eighth inning to beat Chicago.

Sparks (4-8) allowed five runs and four hits in seven innings, overcoming seven walks — the most for the knuckleballer since he also walked seven against Baltimore on April 25, 2001.

Chicago led 5-2 with one out

and none on in the eighth when Keith Foulke relieved Damaso Marte, then gave up consecutive hits to Wendell Magee, Shane Halter, and Brandon Inge, the latter driving in a run.

## Mariners 2, Twins 1

SEATTLE — John Olerud drove in Seattle's runs, hitting a tie-breaking double in the eighth inning as the Mariners beat the Minnesota Twins Thursday in a meeting of AL division leaders. Seattle has won

nine-straight games against Minnesota, which has lost six in a row at Safeco Field.

Mark McLemore went 3-3 with a single, double, and triple. He led off Seattle's half of the sixth with a triple to center and scored on Olerud's sacrifice fly to tie the game.

## Marlins 9, Mets 7

MIAMI — After nearly wasting a

See BASEBALL, page 9

## Williams sisters reach final

By Stephen Wilson  
Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England — It's Williams vs. Williams in another Grand Slam final.

Sisters Venus and Serena Williams won in straight sets to set up their third meeting in a title match at a major — and the first all-sister Wimbledon final since 1884.

Top-seeded Venus, the two-time defending champion, overpowered Justine Henin (6-3, 6-2) on Centre Court. Second-seeded Serena routed Amelie Mauresmo (6-2, 6-1) in 55 minutes.

Serena's victory ensured that



she will overtake Venus as No. 1 in the next rankings — no matter who wins Saturday's final.

It will be the third Sister Slam in 10 months. Venus won at the U.S. Open in September, while Serena triumphed at the French Open last month. The 22-year-old

Venus has a 5-3 edge in career meetings against her 20-year-old sister.

Venus has won 20-straight matches at Wimbledon and is one win away from becoming

the first woman to take three consecutive titles since Steffi Graf in 1991-93.

Serena, meanwhile, hasn't dropped a set in making it to her first Wimbledon final. She put on a masterful performance against Mauresmo, who had eliminated Jennifer Capriati in the quarters.

"Today, I was immaculate," Serena said. "I played unbelievable. I was out of my mind."

Asked about facing her sister again, she said, "I'm really going to try, try to do my best. She's been unbeatable here on the

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Dave Caulkin/Associated Press  
Serena Williams strikes a return during her semifinal match on Thursday.

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By Nancy Armour  
Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. — Playing in Illinois seems to agree with David Gossett.

Gossett, who got his first PGA Tour victory at last year's John Deere Classic in Silvis, Ill., had nine birdies on his way to a 7-under 65 Thursday to take the early lead at the Western Open.

"I certainly like the Chicagoland area, and this is a

great golf course," he said. "I just played well today. There are three more rounds, but it's nice to get off to a great start."

He'll have to wait to see who's close to him on the leaderboard, though. The first round probably won't be completed until this morning after heavy rain Thursday afternoon interrupted play for almost 3½ hours.

Play was to continue until nightfall, but the storm rolled through just as the final groups

were starting their rounds.

John Cook, who tied for second at the Memorial, and Jonathan Byrd were the closest to Gossett, at 5-under 67. Northwestern graduate Luke Donald was one of four golfers at 68.

Defending champion Scott Hoch shot an even-par 72.

"It was nice to have a good crowd and some people supporting you and shouting, 'Go, Cats,'" said Donald, who carries a Willy Wildcat head cover in his

bag. "It's nice to be home and have some local support and friendly faces who are familiar in the crowd."

With Tiger Woods skipping the Western for the first time since he turned professional, fans were looking for someone to follow.

They just might have found him in Gossett. Though this is his first Western Open, his uncle lives in nearby Westmont and he's played the Dubsread Course about 10 times.

## DI SPORTS DESK

The DI sports department welcomes questions, comments, and suggestions.

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John Hanley

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## Traveling through baseball at the break

The All-Star break and July 4 weekend are upon us, the time of year when baseball teams and fans evaluate their chances in the second half, whether to bail on the rest of the season (Cleveland) or to load up for playoff runs (New York).

In a season that has been marred by steroid accusations and the possibility of another work stoppage, the All-Star break may end up baseball's biggest event in 2002. With that in mind, there is no better time than now to take a tour around select major-league cities to see what fans' moods are like at the break and what may be in store for the second half.

We start north of the border, of all places, in Montreal. There are no fans to be found, save the powers that be of Major League Baseball. Baseball's braintrust is pulling the strings and giggling now that they have a team with the two best hitters in the National League (Jose Vidro and Vladimir Guerrero) and a rock-solid one-two pitching punch (Bartolo Colon and Javier Vazquez.) This team has a shot to grab the NL's wild card. They'd probably win the NL Central. All in all, the execs must be chortling about this marketable product. Should work well in Northern Virginia next season. Or in 2004.

After customs checks, we head to Boston, where fans are holding their collective breaths, wicked-hard. They've played well, are nearly neck-and-neck with the hated Yanks, and have survived the constant speculation of "Is this finally the year?" So is it? Well ... the Yanks just grabbed Raul Mondesi, and though there is hope in Beantown about acquiring Jim Thome for the push, without any prospects they just have nothing to give in return. We'll see. If Derek Lowe holds up. If Manny Ramirez rounds into form. If Pedro and Nomahaah stay healthy. Then maybe. We've heard it before.

South off the MassPike, we head into the Bronx, where Yankees fans' voices are heard everywhere: "Course Torre's gotta take da en-ty-uh infield! Are you kiddin' me? Deze are da Yanks, ya can't have an all-star game widdout 'em. We got Mondesi! Fo' nothin'! Fo' a cup-a coffee! Dis is da right way to win, lemme tell ya. Youse guys know we're goin' to da Series again! Ain't nuddin' wrong wit' baseball! Fuggedaboudit!" Disgusted, we high-tail it out of the Bronx, not even bothering with Queens and the laughable Mets.

We're headed South, and we arrive next in Atlanta. No one's here watching baseball's best team, of course, but that's not unusual. Worst sports town in the United States, always a good team here, but no one shows up till October. Then when they do, they insist on doing that annoying "chop." Maybe they're jinxed in the playoffs because of that stupid chant. Worth noting.

Back up through the Midwest, where the black cloud over Cincinnati represents the fans' anger toward Junior. Cincinnati is hanging on around the top of the atrocious NL Central, and the question is not, "Can they stay there?" but "Will Junior

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