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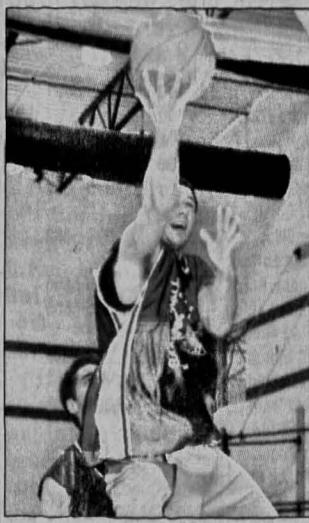
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 READ, THEN RECYCLE

## Police say bar-sting offenders declining

By Amy Jennings  
The Daily Iowan

While a series of undercover stings snared four bar employees last weekend for selling alcohol to minors, Iowa City police say the number of offenders is on the decline.

Police records show that bartenders at Morgan's Bar and Grill, 210 S. Dubuque St.; Etc., 118 S. Dubuque St.; Vito's, 118 E. College St.; and RT Grunts, 826 S. Clinton St., were cited for failing to properly verify that patrons purchasing alcoholic beverages were 21 years old.

"We have been in the process of conducting these checks since the beginning of this year," said Iowa City police Sgt. Michael Brotherton. "The results are improving, and more bars are passing the checks."

A total of 25 checks were conducted at local bars on the nights of July 19 and July 20, according to police reports.

Police bar checks use plain-clothed officers and underage customers, Brotherton said. First, an undercover officer is positioned in the bar where he can observe the employees and customers.

Underage patrons working in conjunction with police use their legal ID to enter the bar, where they attempt to buy a beer. The underage person must tell employees her or his real age if asked.

"We're not trying to hide anything; we just want everyone downtown to be safe," Brotherton said.

If the minor is served, the accomplice gives the drink to the undercover officer and leaves the bar without consuming any alcohol. The employee who served the drink is ticketed and fined \$500. The establishment itself is not charged or fined by the police.

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## County bumps up property taxes

### Property tax on a \$100,000 home will go up by \$16; supervisors reject other ideas

By Amir Efrati

The Daily Iowan

Johnson County residents will shoulder a slight increase in property taxes to offset state, budget cuts, the Johnson County Board of Supervisors decided Monday.

Taxpayers will absorb this year's 10 percent — \$316,000 — cut in state funds for homeowners' tax credits, meaning an additional \$16 property tax for a \$100,000 residential home in Iowa City. The new measure

should not affect UI students living in apartments very much, because roughly only 20 percent of their rent goes toward property taxes.

Iowa lawmakers decided last month not to fully reimburse the county for property-tax credits for veterans, the elderly and disabled, and homeowners. The move left supervisors with the choice of forcing taxpayers, Johnson County, or political subdivisions such as school districts, to make up the difference.

The tax increase, which John-

son County Auditor Tom Slockett advised against, will go into effect immediately and be figured into bills that are due in September.

Supervisors, feeling troubled by the state's recent moves, defended the action. Supervisor Sally Stutsman said she wasn't willing to bail out the state government by making the county deal with all state budget problems.

"That's not my job," she said.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzell said the supervisors' situation was the result of a Republican Legislature that refused to work with Gov. Tom Vilsack and passed the problems down to the county. Anticipating back-

lash from affected taxpayers, Neuzell suggested that people confront state lawmakers.

The supervisors initially considered using general funds from the Iowa City School District and city of Iowa City to compensate for most of the tax-cut cuts. City Manager Steve Atkins lobbied against that move, telling supervisors: "Twenty-one days into the new fiscal year is not the time to take out of our reserves."

Slockett had asked the supervisors to use the county's carry-over excesses of \$554,000 from fiscal 2002, rather than raise taxes, to pay for the credits.

"The county has the resources

to handle the adjustment," he said, adding that good management could absorb the "one-time need."

Supervisor Mike Lehman said the carryover alternative wasn't viable because the county already expects a \$200,000 shortfall from its jail this year. He also said he expects more state cutbacks in the coming years.

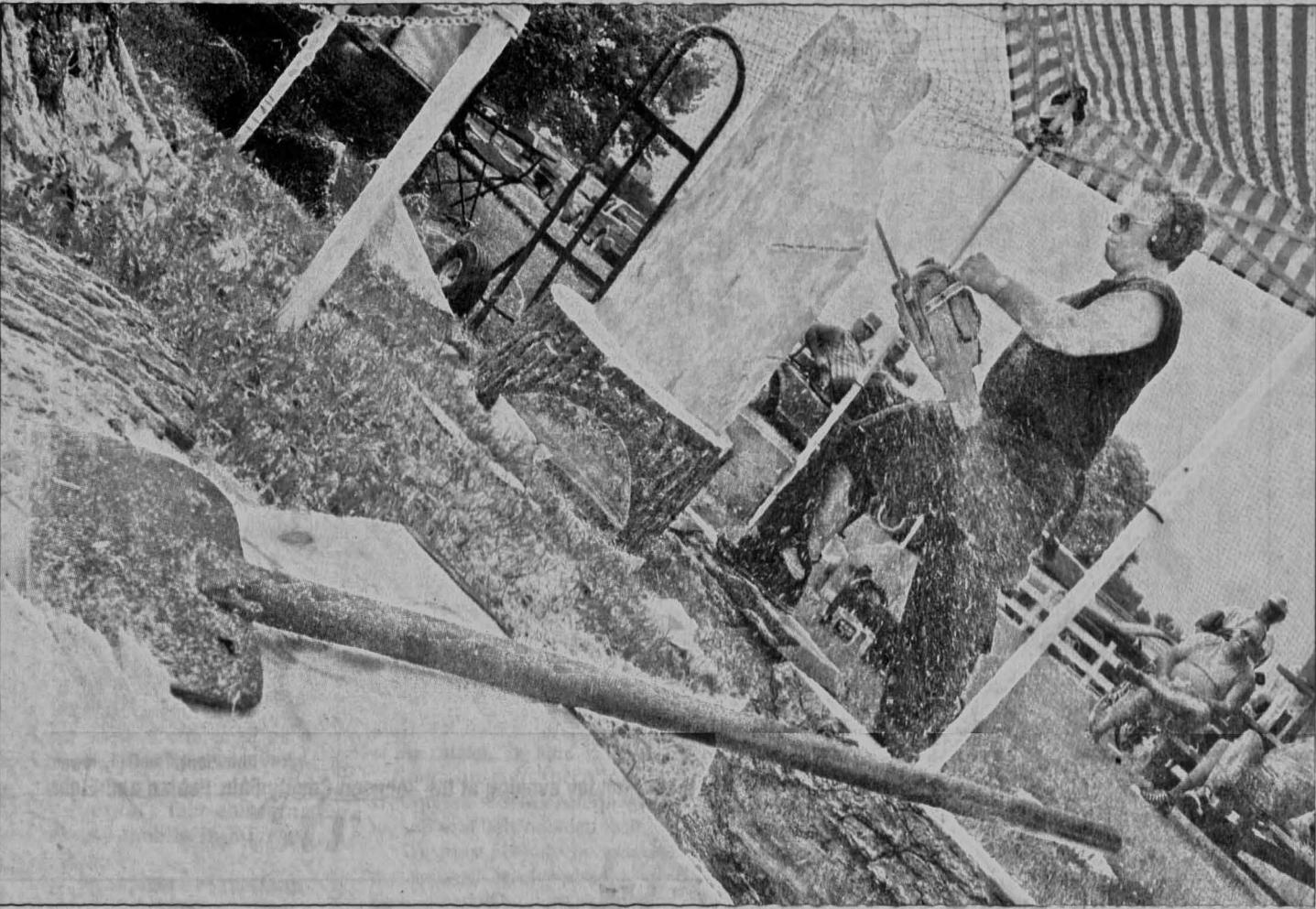
Retired Iowa City resident Bob Welsh said the state, not the county, had made a decision that will adversely affect taxpayers.

"Is that the kind of fiscal management we want in Iowa?" he asked the supervisors.

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### Johnson County Fair Schedule of Events

Today:	
10 a.m.	Chainsaw Artist at Noon, 3 p.m. Montgomery Hall
10 a.m.	Poultry-Judging at Poultry Barn
3 p.m.	Pony Trail Cart at Outdoor Arena
5 p.m.	Pony Halter/Performance at Outdoor Arena
6 p.m.	Rope-Making at Heritage Barn
6:30 p.m.	Homemade Ice Cream at Heritage Barn
8 p.m.	Auction of Chainsaw Art at South Arena
Wednesday:	
8:15 a.m.	Sheep Show at South Arena
10 a.m.	Cookie Decorating Contest at Variety Tent
11 a.m.	Carnival Opens
11 a.m.	Dairy Heifer-Judging at North Arena
1 p.m.	Pampered Chef Demo at Variety Tent
6 p.m.	Goat-Milking Contest at Heritage Barn
6 p.m.	Dog Show at South Arena
7:30 p.m.	State Fair Talent Show at Variety Tent
Thursday:	
9 a.m.	Market Beef-Judging at North Arena
10 a.m.	Dairy Goat-Judging at South Arena
7 p.m.	Timber Jacks at Outdoor Arena
8:30	End of Fair Dance



Dave Watson of Wisconsin carves a bear with his chain saw at the Johnson County Fair on Monday afternoon. Watson has been sculpting with his saw for 14 years; some of his sculptures will be auctioned off tonight.

## Chain-saw artistry in county fair's spotlight

By Sara Fairwell  
The Daily Iowan

Sporting a pair of aviator sunglasses and clad in a black cutoff tank top, cargo shorts, and a thin layer of wood-chips, Dave Watson showed Johnson County residents Monday what he loves best — chain saws.

Watson, who carves wood sculptures with heavy machines, is one of the

many exhibitors scheduled to appear throughout the Johnson County 4-H and FFA fair.

"It's a creative way I can make a nice living," he said from behind a cut-out wood sign reading, "Watson's Woods."

He began his career as a chef entering ice-sculpting contests. But working with wood — his favorite is pine — poses a greater challenge, he said.

The fair, which began Monday, will run through Thursday evening, marking the 50th year it has taken place at the Johnson County Fairgrounds.

"It's unbelievable what he's done with those logs," said Charlotte Young, who resides near North Liberty. She and her husband, Wilbur, who have been avid fairgoers for more than 50 years, donated the logs after a storm knocked out several of their trees. She

said she hopes to purchase one of Watson's creations.

The 4-foot-tall eagles and four-leaf clovers carved by Watson will be auctioned off at 8 p.m. today to help raise money for the county. Such pieces sell for more than \$100 at his store in the Wisconsin Dells, he said. Each piece of work takes him approximately 30 minutes to complete.

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## Prof coolly delves into our body heat

By Amy Jennings  
The Daily Iowan

Moist armpits, smelly feet, and dripping brows might irk some people during summer's stifling months, but UI Professor Mark Blumberg sees their causes as a subject of great interest.

The UI biopsychologist has focused 15 years of research on body temperature, studying everything from rats and geckos to self-heating plants.

"Sweating is the only defense mechanism that the body has to protect itself from extreme temperatures," he said. "Humidity is what prevents people from

sweating properly. When the air is full of water, nothing evaporates; you can sweat all you want, but it won't cool you off."

And not just any sweat will do. Unless it evaporates, perspiration alone will not cool the body, said Blumberg, who will read from his book *Body Heat: Temperature and Life on Earth* at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., today at 8 p.m.

Blumberg's 240-page book discusses the importance of temperature regulation for all animals.

"This isn't a text book," he said. "I wanted to offer readers a slice of interesting information about why body heat is so important."

Published by Harvard University Press, the book includes stories about humans and animals, such as how penguins huddle to share body heat, why anorexics feel cold, and how the club drug Ecstasy kills teens.

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### Heat Facts

• Zoologists discovered that certain plants produce heat — the skunk cabbage generates enough heat to melt surrounding snow.

• Men's bikini underwear kills sperm because it places the scrotum too close to the body, thus preventing the sperm from cooling to a temperature at which it can survive.

• Polar bears hide a layer of black skin under their snow white coats that permits maximum heat absorption in Arctic weather.

• Evidence for the connection between heat and violence is so strong that researchers have suggested that a 2-degree Fahrenheit increase caused by global warming could result in 24,000 additional murders each year in the U.S.

• American white pelican embryos call to their mothers from inside their eggs if the temperature is too warm or cool inside the nest.

Source: *Body Heat: Temperature and Life on Earth*, by Mark Blumberg

## 21 more workers to leave UI early

By Peter Rugg

The Daily Iowan

Twenty-one UI employees took advantage of a last-minute offer to retire in the days before the program offering incentives for retiring early went off the books.

University officials had set a February deadline to apply for the Early Retirement Incentive Program. They pushed the deadline back to June 30, hoping to coax more employees into retirement as a cost-saving measure.

With the last-minute retirees, a total of 441 of 1,000 eligible employees signed up for the program this year. Those employees will retire anywhere from now to 2004.

Richard Saunders, a UI assistant director of Human Resources, said the university's recent budget crisis probably played an important role in the late decisions to retire. He also said those decisions could free up much-needed resources.

"Each department needs to examine what will happen with those positions," he said. "And aside from the retirement program, there's a normal amount of turnover and retirements that will still happen this year, which will open up some positions."

The early retirement program, which went into effect in 1997, applies to university employees at least 57 years old who have 15 years of service. Approved candidates receive a paid life-insurance policy of \$3,000-\$4,000, which is equal to what they would receive if they had retired at 65, as well as other benefits.

The program was formally eliminated June 30, following a decision last year by the state of Iowa Board of Regents, which said it was no longer wise to offer incentives to retire early when it's tough and costly to fill open positions.

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**STATE**

# New Iowa INS office put on hold

Associated Press

DAVENPORT — Efforts to get a U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service office open in the Quad-Cities area appear stalled.

Senate appropriators approved language last week ordering the agency to study whether to open an office in the area. U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, said he spoke with INS Commissioner James Ziglar about the office in a meeting on July 18.

"I didn't get anything more out of him than the fact that he will give it due consideration," Grassley said.

Law-enforcement officials and immigrant advocates said the area needs more resources. Grassley made

such a request in a letter sent to the Justice Department in March, and U.S. Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, has asked Senate appropriators for \$500,000 for such an office.

Thomas Zuniga, an INS spokesman based in Dallas, said that if Congress appropriates the money for an office, "we'll move on it."

But, he said, the agency tries not to move around its existing resources to open new offices.

"We realize our presence is needed in a lot of places; Iowa is just one of them," Zuniga said. "If given the appropriate funding, we can open up an office in Eastern Iowa."

The only full-service INS office in Iowa is in Des Moines. That office has several unfilled vacancies, which

the INS said should be filled by October. The INS also has agents who work on enforcement issues in Cedar Rapids and Sioux City.

The INS holds an outreach program to assist people statewide who might not be able to reach Des Moines. That only happens approximately four times a year in the district covering Iowa and Nebraska, said James Heinauer, the district director based in Omaha, Neb.

But some said the programs aren't the same as having an office in the area.

"It would be right here, and the people wouldn't have to travel," said Alicia Harker, the coordinator of intercultural ministry for the Catholic Diocese of Davenport.

In a letter to Grassley, U.S. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Bryant wrote a study of needs outside a 100-mile radius of Des Moines. With a population centered in Davenport, Bryant found the workload merited an extra 1.3 people.

One hundred miles is considered a reasonable distance to travel to and from an INS office in a single business day, Bryant wrote. Des Moines is approximately a 360-mile round-trip from the Quad-Cities.

Grassley said the issue, for now, is in Ziglar's hands.

"I would say at this point, for at least one more appropriations season, it rests on the shoulders of Ziglar," Grassley said. "And if he doesn't see the need, we won't get it."

## THE SMELL OF SUCCESS



Jake Fabian, 16, of Iowa City gives his steer Eight Ball a bath on Monday evening at the Johnson County Fair. Fabian and Eight Ball will compete on Thursday at the steer show.

## Dyersville library bans 'explicit' text

Associated Press

DYERSVILLE, Iowa — A library in this Eastern Iowa town voted to ban an advice book for teens.

The board of trustees at the James Kennedy Public Library voted twice to keep *Sari Says: The Real Dirt on Everything From Sex to School* off the shelves.

Some of the book's contents were too sexually explicit, said Wayne Hermens, the library board chairman.

In the book *Teen People*, online-magazine advice columnist Sari Locker answers questions on issues such as birth control, alternatives to intercourse, sexually transmitted diseases, and how to talk about sex with a date or with parents.

"My personal value is that teenagers shouldn't do something they feel they have to hide from their parents," she said.

Trustee Betty Anne Scherrman raised objections about the book, according to minutes from the June board meeting. She noticed it in a pile of books about to be shelved at the library, Hermens said.

Scherrman read through portions of the book and then asked the library's director, Shirley

Vonderhaar, to reconsider stocking it. That request was denied.

At the June meeting, Scherrman asked to discuss the book. The board voted to keep the book, which Hermens said had never been on the shelves, off.

But Hermens and trustee Kori Mahoney said they abstained from voting because they didn't have enough information.

"I was not familiar with the book. I had not read the book," Mahoney said. "I did not feel comfortable making a decision on a book I had not read."

After the June meeting, Mahoney sent a letter to other board members asking them to reconsider their vote. She said she wasn't defending the book but wanted the issue brought up again after board members had more information.

"Challenging a book is some pretty serious business," she said.

On July 10, the board voted to return the book to the supplier. It's the first time a book has been banned at the library, Hermens said.

"There was uncertainty on how to do this. We've never had an incident before," Hermens said. "We completely revamped our policy in light of how this happened."

## Vilsack & Gross debate debating

**By Mike Glover**  
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack and Republican rival Doug Gross squabbled about campaign debates Monday, with each accusing the other of ducking his invitation.

Gross said he wrote Vilsack June 10 asking for a series of five debates and has heard nothing.

"It's been more than five weeks, and the silence from the governor has been deafening," Gross said in a statement.

"We sent [Gross] a letter on private night inviting him to engage in debates, and we haven't heard anything back," Householder said. "I'm certain very quickly we'll be in touch."

Negotiations over debates are usually contentious, with the two sides seeking to hammer out every detail in advance to seek maximum advantage.

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Vilsack has called for three

campaign debates, while Gross desires five, one in each congressional district.

"You shouldn't need a commission or a study group or a high-priced consultant to formulate an answer," Gross said. "The correct answer is yes."

"We've gotten numerous invitations, and we're reviewing which ones of those to accept," Householder said. "I'm certain very quickly we'll be in touch."

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## STATE BRIEFS

### Girl dies in Davenport drive-by

DAVENPORT (AP) — A 9-year-old girl from Madison, Wis., visiting relatives in Iowa, was killed in what police believe was a drive-by shooting involving two feuding groups.

Deanna Shipp died from a single gunshot to the upper torso, police Capt. David Struckman said in a news conference Monday.

The names of the girl's parents were not immediately released.

Police issued material witness warrants for Demont Moore, 21, Morris Brown, 17, Montex Lewis, 20, Jamail Jaloh, 19, and Merrill Howard, 16.

Their addresses were not immediately available, Struckman said.

The girl was attending a family gathering at the rear of a house when gunshots came from a passing car or cars, investigators said.

Struckman said two cars may have been involved. He said it appears that numerous shots were fired.

Three parked cars were struck by bullets.

Struckman said the motive for the shooting, which occurred about 11:10 p.m. Sunday, appears to involve an ongoing feud.

Danelle Craig, 24, who lives in an apartment across the alley with her husband and two young children, said she looked from her window about 11:45 p.m. Sunday and saw eight police cars and at least 40 people gathered around the scene.

"They had the whole block — our building included — taped off with yellow tape," she said. "They had been having some big parties there. I didn't hear any gunshots, though."

Craig described the people who live in the house where the shooting occurred as polite.

"We've never had any problems with anyone over there," she said. "Their kids come over sometimes and ask to use our basketball hoop. This whole thing is really sad."

Struckman said a Davenport man was charged Monday with going armed with intent and terrorism with intent in a case related to the shooting.

Albert Miller, 37, is accused of going to a nearby house in Davenport and firing a weapon in retaliation for the shooting in which the girl was killed, Struckman said.

No one is believed to have been injured.

### RAGBRAI rider dies of heart attack

DES MOINES (AP) — An Oklahoma man on RAGBRAI died Monday after suffering a heart attack.

Larry Grable, 53, of Jenks, Okla., collapsed about 9:30 a.m. near Cherokee in northwest Iowa. He was approximately 8 miles into Monday's leg of the ride when he collapsed, said Bryan Woods, RAGBRAI's medical coordinator.

RAGBRAI, which attracted approximately 10,000 bicyclists, started Sunday in Sioux Center in northwest Iowa; it will end Saturday in Bellevue on the Mississippi River.

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# Bush touts economy as market plunges

**By Mike Allen**  
Washington Post

ARGONNE, Ill. — President Bush tried to calm investors' fears Monday by predicting that new restrictions on corporate accounting will buoy stock prices, but he said short-term fluctuations on Wall Street are out of his hands.

Bush said the accounting bill headed for passage this week on Capitol Hill will give investors more confidence in balance sheets and "take some of the risk out of the market."

"If they buy stock, they're buying value, as opposed to buying into a bubble," he said. "I believe people are going to come back into the market ... When the values get there, you'll see the market go back up."

While saying he believes "the future's going to be bright," Bush echoed many investors' sense of helplessness when he said he is "the wrong guy" to talk to about what stocks to buy.

"I'm not a stockbroker. I'm not a stock picker," he said. "My attitude on Wall Street is, they'll

buy you or sell you, depending upon if it's in their interest."

White House officials had adopted a policy, similar to one followed by President Clinton and his aides, of talking up the fundamentals of the economy — including the growth, unemployment, and inflation rates — while avoiding comments about daily market turns.

Bush's comments departed from that strategy, at one point becoming so specific that he said, "The price-earnings ratios are improving." He also noted that stocks, also known as equities, are not the only investments available.

"Some have diversified into bonds," he said. "For those who have, their portfolios are better than those who have stayed only in equity."

Officials in past administrations have discovered that a risk in discussing the stock market is that if the president appears too gloomy, he could help drive investors to the exits. If he sounds too upbeat, he may appear out of touch with the public's concerns. And if he seems to be encouraging citizens to venture back into stocks,

and prices head further down, he may be blamed for the losses.

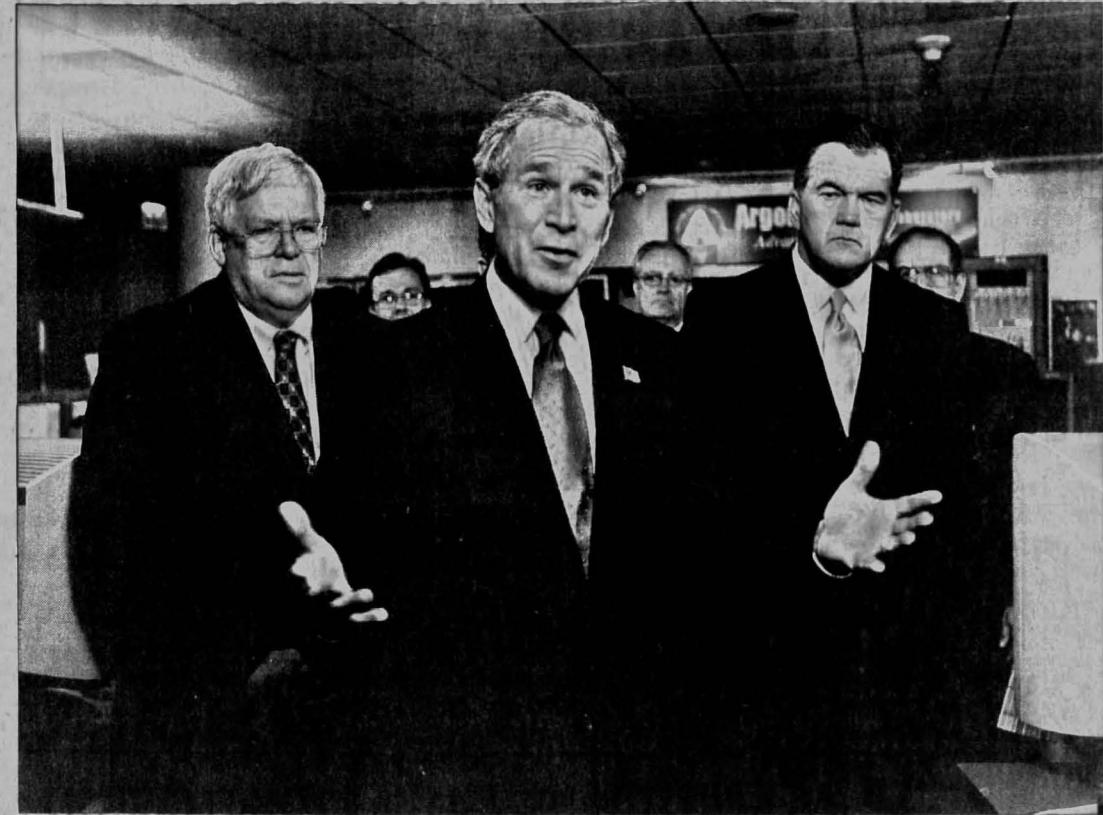
A senior administration official said Bush's remarks were made spontaneously after reporters asked him about the markets while he was touring a government laboratory. Bush had come here to give a speech about homeland security and to remind the public that the economy is not the only pressing issue facing the country.

Several recent polls have shown that while Bush retains his high wartime popularity, approval is shrinking for his handling of the economy.

A reporter got Bush talking by asking about people who "are losing their life savings in the market."

Bush has been quick to express sympathy for people who are suffering financially in what his aides say is an effort to avoid one of his father's mistakes. For instance, Bush said his biggest concern about Sunday's record bankruptcy filing of WorldCom Inc. is the effect on the employees. "I worry that people will lose work," he said.

LA Times/Washington Post News Service



J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press  
President Bush expresses his optimism about the American economy and the stock market during a visit to the Argonne National Laboratory, near Chicago, on Monday. He is joined at left by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and by Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge.

## U.S. to require all aliens to report address changes

**By Jonathan Peterson**  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department said Monday it would require all noncitizens to report changes of address within 10 days of moving or risk financial penalties, jail, and even deportation.

The plan, which relies on a long-neglected 50-year-old law, would apply to 10 million people older than 14 who are living in the United States legally but not as American citizens. The new policy also covers illegal immigrants — said to number 8 million to 9 million nationally — but few are expected to step forward.

The announcement was part of a continuing effort by the federal government to overhaul the lax and disorganized system of tracking foreign visitors and residents that had long been in effect before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

If the new plan addressed a widespread public concern, it also stirred growing anxieties among immigrants that noncitizens were being targeted for tough law-enforcement measures unrelated to terrorism.

Moreover, the announcement came just days after the Justice Department disclosed a precedent-setting agreement with Florida for local police to play a greater role in enforcing immigration laws to protect national security.

"To put somebody in deportation proceedings for failing to report a change of address is like using a nuclear bomb to kill a fly," said Denyse Sabagh, an immigration lawyer in Washington. "It's definitely punitive."

In a statement, Justice Department officials described the plan as "an important step to enhance border security" and an attempt to address the

problem of noncitizens avoiding removal from this country by leaving Immigration and Naturalization Service officials in the dark about their whereabouts.

The INS will update nearly three dozen forms used by immigrants to notify them of the requirements, officials said.

Others wondered whether the beleaguered agency was prepared to take on such a demanding and sensitive responsibility. The INS is often criticized for losing paperwork or sending notices to the wrong address — miscues that can greatly complicate legal proceedings involving immigrants.

The new plan merely gives the INS "more things to lose," said Pedro Casillas of Los Angeles, who immigrated from Mexico on a work visa. He said some immigrants so distrust the INS that they would not register, even if it meant risking deportation.

"It's breathtaking," said Judy Golub, the director of advocacy at the American Immigration Lawyers Association. "In the guise of making us safer, they're not fixing the problem. All this system does is make it easier for people to be charged with violating the law, and the consequences of violating the law are very clear."

The new policy comes as the INS and U.S. colleges race to complete a computerized system to monitor foreign students by next year. In addition, the INS is working on a long-awaited plan to record all foreign entries and exits across U.S. borders.

In the statement Monday, Justice Department officials sought to emphasize that the change-of-address rule had been on the books for half a century and is a criminal offense.

"Unfortunately, far too many fail to comply with this existing

requirement," the Justice Department statement said, adding that the lack of information "impairs the INS' ability" to conduct deportation proceedings in many cases and may also interfere with the agency's success in informing some immigrants of benefits they qualify for.

The policy will apply to noncitizens ages 15 and older — some 10 million people, including legal noncitizens and refugees, according to census data.

Some viewed the plan as a legitimate effort by the government to begin to get a handle on the nation's fast-changing and highly mobile immigrant population.

"The government of the United States should know where aliens are residing in the United States, who they are, and how many of them there are," said Mark Krikorian, the executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a restrictionist group in Washington. "And the fact is we don't."

LA Times/Washington Post News Service

## U.S. ratchets up Iraq rhetoric

**By Robert Burns**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saber rattling in Washington and defiant warnings from Baghdad may be the early stages of political and psychological maneuvering that would be a prelude to a second Gulf War.

Even administration officials are talking in terms of a post-war Iraq.

"What's going to come afterwards," Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said last week, is not only going to benefit ordinary Iraqis, it will also "remove a great danger" to Americans.

"I think it will be another act of liberation," he said.

Some outside the administration see a deliberate psychological aim behind such talk.

"We may already be executing a plan," said retired Army Gen. Fred Woerner, a former commander in chief of U.S. forces in South America. "Are we involved in a preliminary psychological dimension of causing Iraq to do something" to justify a U.S. attack or to make concessions? he said.

"Somebody knows, but I sure don't."

Although the U.S. military has thousands of soldiers, sailors, Air Force personnel, and Marines in the Gulf area and theoretically could launch an attack at any time, there are no strong signs that war is imminent.

Bush, while talking tough about Iraq, has not yet fully consulted America's skeptical allies, enlisted political support from Congress, or prepared the American public for the risks inherent in a new war.

Anthony Cordesman, a Middle East expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, believes that Iraq knows it cannot win a conventional war against the United States, whose military strength has in many ways increased since the 1991 Gulf War while Iraq's has slipped or decayed. Therefore, it will search for ways to deny Arab support for direct U.S. military action, he said.

"The key battle is already underway and is largely political," Cordesman wrote in an assessment early this month.

"Iraq's best strategy is to defuse the political momentum for a major U.S. attack," he wrote. Iraq's recent accom-

modations with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait may be part of such a strategy. Baghdad has pledged to respect Kuwait's sovereignty and to restore full relations with the country it invaded in 1990.

In a rhetorical counter-punch, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said during a visit to the Gulf in June that allowing Iraq to snuggle up to tiny Kuwait "would be like the lion inviting the chicken to embrace."

The Bush administration makes no secret of its determination to depose or dispose of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, whom it accuses of secretly developing biological and nuclear weapons.

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### Editorial

## For stocks' sake, Pitt must go

Who is Harvey Pitt? Thanks to the recent wave of accounting scandals, the Securities and Exchange Commission chairman has gone from being an anonymous figure in the Bush administration to being one of the most mistrusted men on Wall Street.

It is fashionable now to blame the stock market's woes on Pitt; prominent Democrats and Republicans alike have called for his resignation. Yet, Pitt's past, his opinions, and his responsibilities remain a mystery to most of the Americans who have learned his name in the past month. Unfortunately for Pitt, who he is not as important as what he represents: illicit corporate manipulation that must be purged from Wall Street.

As the leader of the SEC, it is Harvey Pitt's duty to protect investors and ensure that the securities markets are equitable. However, Pitt made no secret of his eagerness to serve the needs of corporate America (and the accounting industry in particular) during the early days of his tenure. As Enron was collapsing last fall, the newly

appointed chairman told a convention of auditors that the SEC would be "a kinder and gentler place for accountants." In addition, before he joined the Bush administration, Pitt represented MCI, Merrill Lynch, and Arthur Andersen, all of which have since become infamous for their financial chicanery.

On July 19, the Dow eclipsed its post-Sept. 11 low, illustrating the lack of consumer and investor confidence in the economy. This economic anxiety stems, of course, from the new bankruptcies and bookkeeping debacles that inundate the news on a daily basis. Pitt's assurances that his agency is "the most aggressive" and "the most effective SEC that there has ever been" sound hollow given the ongoing epidemic of scandal in the financial world. Furthermore, Pitt's cozy histories with big business and the auditing industry negate his credibility as a dedicated defender of individual investors.

Meanwhile, President Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney are busy deflecting questions about their own business backgrounds. Bush's

Harken Energy Corp. and Cheney's Halliburton Co. have both been scrutinized by the SEC, and the president's approval ratings on his financial policies continue to decline.

Investors need a sign that dishonest business practices will not be tolerated, and Bush needs a way to convince the public that he will not allow corporate insiders to destroy the investments of average Americans. It is clearly in the best interest of both the stock market and the Bush administration that the president ask for Pitt's resignation.

Harvey Pitt is a symbol of what is wrong with the Bush administration: too many dubious dealings with corporate criminals in the past, too many questions left unanswered in the present, and too many misgivings about what might turn up in the future. With faith in the stock market decreasing as the Dow sinks lower every day, America desperately needs an SEC chairman who is beyond reproach. For the good of American investors, Pitt must go.

## If it barks like a dog, it's probably a seagull

**S**o I see it's August already. Oh, I know; many summers' experience, not to mention a simple glance at the calendar, would attempt to persuade you that it's still July, but you can't always believe what you see, as Enron and WorldCom have proven. The dog days are doing a here-and-now on us.

And there are a lot more signs than just the humidity plunging out of the sky like the Dow Jones of water vapor. Take, for instance (in, obviously, no particular order of importance):

• George W. Talk about dog days; this guy's had a dog month. Given the bad run he's had, King George must figure that the Supreme Court accidentally appointed him head of the pound. Well, at least he's got the accident part right.

As corporate scandals explode like land mines all around him, the stock market grabs the express elevator south, and the details of his own less-than-exemplary

business dealings dribble out to the public, he looks more and more shell-shocked. And the news just keeps getting worse. Monday's *Washington Post* reports that he knew far more about Harken Energy's shaky footing when he sold his stock for a tidy sum in 1990 than he's let on. And the Aloha sale, in which Harken used an Enron-like maneuver to cover up losses? Dubya knew a lot more about that, too, than he's admitted. He was the head of the Harken panel that oversaw the "sale."

Some people think George's business dealings might have been dubious. Probably Dubya-ous is the better word.

• Stealth President Cheney. Talk about your dog-day afternoon. In the George the Elder administration, Defense Secretary Cheney loosens the regulation on privatizing work on military bases; a lot of the contracts go to a Halliburton subsidiary. When Cheney leaves office, he goes to Halliburton, too. What a surprise. The

• Secretary of the Army Thomas White. He ran one of the "partnerships" that did so much to enshrine Enron in folklore. Coming soon to a language near you, "Enron" is going to turn into a verb, as in, "I though he and she had a solid relationship going, but man, did he ever Enron that thing."

• The City Council. While not on the scale of Dubya Inc., the councilors are getting dogged, too, and that always means they're about to make their annual foray into making the bars 21-only. The impetus this time around is the brand-spanking-new alcohol ordinance, which, as it turns out, doesn't seem to have much spank to it. Well, it's not that brand-new anymore, either.

It seems that the ordinance is so clumsily written, especially the part about what constitutes two drinks and one person, that the city can't get any convictions under it. I'm not sure what the difficulty is; most people don't have any problem

defining two drinks or one person, but apparently, lawyers do.

So the answer, of course, is to make all the bars 21-only.

Let's get this straight — the city's legal staff writes an ambiguous ordinance, and that's the fault of underage drinkers.

It seems there was a Planet X downtown long before the fun-and-games arcade moved into the Old Capitol mall.

There must be many other things the councilors can blame on underage drinkers while they're at it. The stock markets in free fall? — obviously, the work of underage drinkers.

Spain seizing a Mediterranean islet from the Moroccans, who had wrested control of it from the seagulls living there? — underage drinkers.

Global climate change — that's got the fingerprints of underage drinkers all over it.

Actually, to be fair, even

this City Council probably won't try to pin the blame for the Spain/Morocco/Island brouhaha on underage drinkers. That whole fiasco is quite clearly the fault of the seagulls. Hard as it is to believe, seagulls are even a more nefarious lot than underage drinkers. Don't believe me? Chekov ever write a play about underage drinkers?

What the councilors should do, obviously, is ban seagulls in the bars. It would be a lot more effective, and they'd never lose a case in court.

While they're at it, maybe they could do something about the town's free-ranging squirrel herds, too.

It's quite clear that we're mired in the midst of dog days. It's also clear that by the time the City Council develops any sense, King George will have developed some business ethics.

Now there's a Dubya-ous proposition.

Beau Elliot is a *DI* columnist.

### On the Spot

What has been the highlight of your summer so far?



"The blistering heat and the \$75 paycheck I get from my internship."

Mary Cruz  
UI freshman



"My daily naps in rhetoric class."

Sheena Aber  
UI freshman



"I got married."

Michael Marchman  
UI graduate student



"My air conditioner kept working."

Travis Larson  
UI freshman



"Reading for fun."

Juanita Wilson  
UI sophomore

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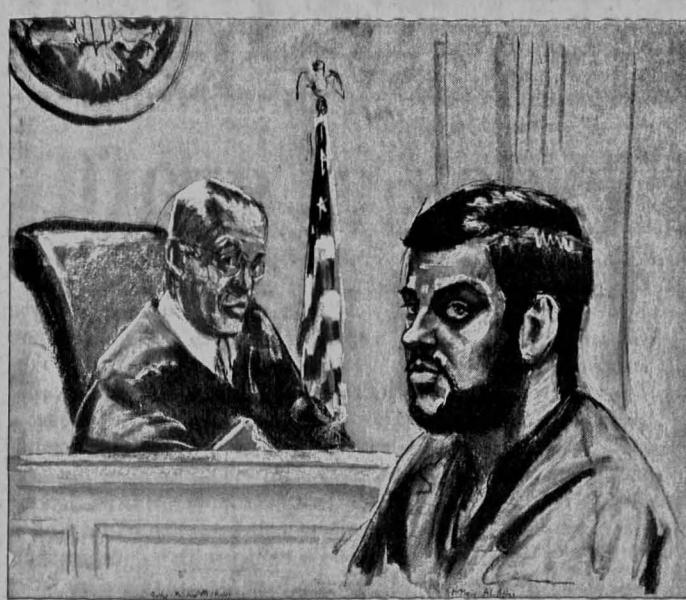
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Hussein al Attas, 24, right, a former roommate of Zacarias Moussaoui, sits in front of U.S. District Judge Michael Mukasey in New York on Monday in this courtroom sketch. Al Attas, a Saudi student who had lived in Norman, Okla., pleaded guilty Monday to making false statements, admitting that he lied to investigators about his association with Moussaoui.

## Moussaoui driver cuts plea bargain

By Steve Fainaru  
Washington Post

NEW YORK — A Yemeni student who drove Zacarias Moussaoui from Oklahoma to Minnesota pleaded guilty Monday to lying to authorities; he will not face terrorism charges.

The student, Hussein al Attas, 24, has been kept in solitary confinement at a Manhattan jail since Sept. 17. He is expected to receive a sentence of no more than six months in prison but, in an unusual concession, agreed to remain in custody as a material witness in the case against Moussaoui.

Moussaoui, the only person in U.S. custody charged with conspiring in the Sept. 11 terror attacks, attempted to plead guilty July 18 but was rebuffed by a federal judge who gave him another week to consider his decision.

Al Attas, who grew up in Saudi Arabia, was first arrested Aug. 16 along with Moussaoui in Eagan, Minn., after Moussaoui aroused suspicions during flight training. The two were questioned by the FBI, and al Attas was released and returned to Oklahoma. He was detained again after Sept. 11.

Monday, he pleaded guilty to making seven false statements before and after the attacks. They included telling authorities that he planned to travel to Pakistan to seek medical assistance for a sick relative when in fact he had been persuaded by

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## Taping Tipper Gore speech leads to school brouhaha

By Amy Argetsinger  
Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Even before the big dust-up at the Tipper Gore appearance, Ben Wetmore was a gadfly of some notoriety at American University. The poli-sci major from Texas had elbowed his way into the ranks of student government but ended up getting impeached after a dispute with fellow legislators.

Then he started a Web journal devoted to criticizing and lampooning campus leaders — particularly President Benjamin Ladner, whose stately home and car Wetmore took to photographing and posting on his site as evidence of what he saw as administrative extravagance.

"He's kind of like a Matt Drudge, but more immature," a fellow student politician said of Wetmore.

Wetmore had a pretty shaky relationship with the administration by April 8, when the former vice president's wife went to speak at the campus. Wetmore brought his video camera, suspi-

cious that Gore was drawing a large fee and reasoning that "there should at least be a record of her being here," he said.

Midway through her speech, campus police officers approached Wetmore and demanded that he hand over the tape. After a scuffle, he was arrested and sent to a campus disciplinary panel, which placed him on probation and removed him from his elected office as dorm president. Among the charges: theft of Gore's intellectual property by videotaping her speech.

The case has outraged free-speech watchdogs and civil libertarians, who say the university's claim is a flimsy attempt to stifle Wetmore's journalistic freedom. They say campus officials singled out Wetmore for excessive enforcement and punishment and denied him a fair hearing because of his political views.

"The idea that a student videotaping a public event would be taken outside, pinned to the ground, and handcuffed, [then] be accused of an intellectual-property violation is shocking,"

## Prof details why some like it hot

### BLUMBERG

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Victims of excessive outdoor temperatures can also suffer from heat stroke, he said, which can cause dizziness, weakness, hallucinations, fainting, and, in some cases, death.

One possible danger of the human body overheating is brain damage. A person's most sensitive organ can suffer irreversible damage after body

temperature reaches 106 degrees Fahrenheit, he said. At 104 degrees, victims could experience dysfunction in brain processes.

Blumberg is currently studying the temperature regulation of rats under three grants totaling \$1.5 million from the National Institutes of Health.

"I am studying whether or not vocalizations made by infant rats after being removed from the nest are physiological reactions resulting from loss of

heat," he said.

In the past, Blumberg has worked with rats, hamsters, and Madagascar geckos in his quest to understand heat regulation. His body-temperature research addresses large philosophical issues, he said, such as whether animals have emotions.

Such findings earned him recent some fame when reporters from the *Washington Post* used him as a source on heat information for an article

that celebrated the 100th anniversary of the invention of the air conditioner. The article appeared in the newspaper's Style section on July 17 and in the *DI* on July 18.

Blumberg's book, which is being displayed in the front window of Prairie Lights, has so far enjoyed a good deal of local success, the store's employees said. Approximately 100 copies have sold since it hit shelves in March.

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## At the fair: chain saw art

### FAIR

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Meanwhile, the 85-degree heat did not stop 13-year-old West Branch middle-school student Lily Randleman from coming to the fair with her favorite female buddy in the world — a white, fuzzy lop rabbit.

Randleman's pet, Frosty, is among the hundreds of rabbits entered in a contest at 2 p.m. Wednesday. She said she hopes to win a ribbon or trophy this year for her precious animal.

"Frosty isn't a normal color for this type of rabbit because she is white," Randleman said, stroking her 1-year-old pet. "That's why I can't bring her to

the larger contests."

The fair offers carnival rides each day along with dog shows and goat-milking contests. Fairgoers can also talk with Johnson County supervisors and sheriff officials at their individual booths. Admission to the fair is free.

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## Bar stings snare only four

### BAR TICKETS

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Bartenders charged after failing the checks include Morgan's employee Charron Randolph, 21, of 2211 H St.; Etc. employee Matthew Ronald Johnson, 23, of 121 E. Davenport St.; Vito's employee Bradley Eliot Brook, 21, of 618 E. Court St.; and RT Grunts employee Ryan Lee Casteel, 25, of 615 Woodside Drive.

Mike Porter, the owner of the Summit and One-Eyed Jakes, said employees in his establishments receive a \$100 bonus if they pass the bar checks; they are fired if they fail.

"The Summit has passed every bar check, but I've had to fire one employee at Jakes, and one case is still pending," Porter said.

While managers at Morgan's said they have not decided Randolph's fate, other consequences might be implemented.

"I'd be willing to bet my name

that there will be some sort of interruption of service in Morgan's because of this," said Chuck Goldberg, the general manager of the Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque St. "We are considering possibly going completely 21 if that's what it takes to comply."

The management of RT Grunts and Vito's declined to comment on the charges. The management of Etc. could not be reached for comment.

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## 21 beat clock to retire early

### RETIREMENT

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The program, designed to eliminate positions without resorting to layoffs, showed positive results, UI officials said.

"Overall, this has been a very successful program," said Susan Buckley, the interim director of Human Resources. "I think that's because we made it so flexible for people so they could work out their retirement with their schedules."

One hundred seventy employees are scheduled to leave this year, but half of those positions

— approximately 85 medical-related jobs — must be restaffed because of employee shortages in the university's health-care facilities, Saunders said.

Other departments not related to health may have to fill instead of eliminate positions, said P. Barry Butler, dean of the College of Engineering.

"It's obvious the retirement of any individual will provide resources that are freed up. How colleges use them is really dependent upon their needs," he said. "In our case, you have to hire some people to remain accredited as a degree program. But we'll delay that to

make sure we don't go over our budget for next year."

Approximately 420 university employees took advantage of the early retirement program before the extension. Reductions in state appropriations totaling \$38 million forced the university to initiate the job cuts, but administrators promised layoffs would be a last resort.

Most of the 315 positions eliminated from the general-education budget fund have already been cut through attrition. University officials expect to cut 48 of the total during the coming year.

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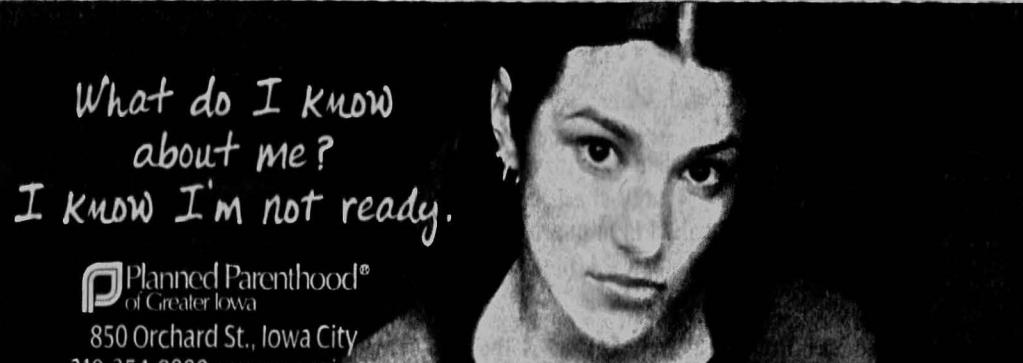
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**NATION & WORLD****WorldCom faces world of woe**

**By Christopher Stern**  
Washington Post

Fewer than 24 hours after WorldCom Inc. filed for protection from its creditors, a federal bankruptcy-court judge agreed Monday to appoint an independent examiner to investigate the company for fraud and mismanagement.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur J. Gonzalez granted the request by the Justice Department for the independent examiner and also approved a \$2 billion line of credit that WorldCom secured from lenders. The cash infusion will allow the company to maintain service to its customers and keep paychecks flowing to its 60,000 employees for at least another year, WorldCom officials said.

On Sunday night, WorldCom filed the largest bankruptcy petition in U.S. history, listing assets of \$107 billion and debts of \$41 billion. The nation's second-largest long-distance phone company has revenue of more than \$30 billion annually but was crushed by interest payments on its mountain of debt.

The Justice Department request highlights the difficulty WorldCom will face during the next year as it struggles to emerge from bankruptcy. At the same time that it is trying to reach a court-approved settlement with its creditors and reorganizing its business, the company is also cooperating with several fed-

eral investigations into alleged accounting fraud.

During a news conference Monday, WorldCom chief executive John Sidgmore predicted that the company would emerge from bankruptcy in nine to 12 months.

"My hope really is that we go through the Chapter 11 process as quickly as possible and emerge on the other side of the process as a stronger and much healthier enterprise," he said. He pointed to other companies, including Texaco, Federated Department Stores Inc., and Southland Corp., that have successfully completed the bankruptcy process.

But industry analysts and bankruptcy experts point out that none of those companies have WorldCom's complicated mix of problems, including allegations of fraud amid a severe industry downturn. WorldCom came under civil and criminal investigation after announcing last month that it improperly accounted for \$3.9 billion. Analysts suggest that key executives used accounting tricks to cover a rapid decline in revenue at WorldCom, which, as are other telecommunications companies, is suffering from pricing competition and slacking demand for services.

WorldCom has been charged by the Securities and Exchange Commission with defrauding investors. Congressional committees are combing through boxes of its internal documents and regularly providing their contents to the press.

"This company is on the front pages every day as a poster child for corporate fraud," said Patrick Comack, a telecommunications analyst with Guzman & Co. In addition, WorldCom faces the same questions that every company filing for bankruptcy must answer, including whether it needs a change in leadership or a new business model.

Comack pointed out that all the negative news surrounding WorldCom and the various criminal and civil probes is bound to hurt its relationship with customers.

"I think the brand has been destroyed," he said.

WorldCom's woes are good news for rivals, including AT&T Corp., which are likely to exploit the opportunity. Other companies have already been advertising in an effort to win over some of WorldCom's 20 million residential customers and thousands of corporate clients, Comack said.

Sidgmore iterated Monday that WorldCom, which is the parent company of MCI, has not seen any "mass exodus" of its customers, although many have expressed concern about the future of the company. But analysts raised the possibility Monday that a trickle of defections could turn into a flood as the bankruptcy process plays out over the next year or so.

"I think it will be really hard [for WorldCom] to emerge from bankruptcy," Comack said.

Other analysts suggested Monday the effort to repair WorldCom's image may require that Sidgmore step down.

Before taking over as chief executive, Sidgmore was vice chairman of the company. He moved into the top slot in April after founder and former chief executive Bernard J. Ebbers was forced out by the board. Ebbers had become a liability for the company after it was revealed that he borrowed \$408 million to cover stock losses.

With several former executives — including Ebbers, former chief financial officer Scott D. Sullivan, and former controller David Myers — under investigation for a variety of issues, it may be time to bring in fresh blood at the top, said Drake Johnstone, an analyst with Davenport & Co.

"The problem is, [Sidgmore] is tainted because he's part of the company," Johnstone said.

Sidgmore insisted Monday that, although he was a member of the board, he had little to do with the company during the last several years. "I haven't been involved in the operations of the company in any fundamental way in several years," he said.

But Johnstone noted that Sidgmore was on the board during a period when executives he had worked with may have committed one of the most massive frauds in the history of business. "If he was that out of touch, what was he doing on the board?" Johnstone said.

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**Big Easy takes a thwack at graft**

**By Alan Sayre**  
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Police began rounding up more than 80 people in an alleged bribery scheme at the city's auto inspection and taxi-licensing agencies Monday as the new mayor opened a crackdown on graft in the Big Easy.

The auto-inspection agency, including its three inspection stations, was shut down by the roundup, which began before dawn. Authorities said they expected all 20 of the agency's employees to be implicated. Two city officials were fired, and one of them was arrested.

Eighty-four people in all — 77 of them taxi drivers — were named in arrest warrants accusing them of bribery, fraud, and malfeasance. By early afternoon, approximately 30 had been arrested.

Authorities said city employees took bribes to hand out taxi permits to illegal immigrants and to overlook automobile-safety violations.

Police said one of the inspectors, a nine-year veteran, told investigators that "she was trained to do it that way."

Mayor Ray Nagin said the investigation will probably reach other agencies and more arrests could be coming. The mayor, who began the job in May, said there is "hard evidence" that previous administrations knew of corruption and did nothing.

"It is very clear that this type of behavior has been going on for many, many years," he said.

The city has long had a reputation as a place of excess — from food and drink to prostitution to graft. Federal prosecutors even now are investigating the relationship of bail-bond companies with judges in suburban New Orleans.

Nagin's predecessor, two-term Mayor Marc Morial, was credited with cleaning up corruption and brutality on the Police Department. Former Chief Richard Pennington, who recently took the top police job in Atlanta, presided over indictments, firings, and disciplinary actions against more than 350 officers.

Nagin, a former cable-TV executive, said his administration is examining contracts signed in the last days of Morial's administration and the spending of federal funds. He said previous administrations had ignored problems.

"This is inexcusable and should have been taken care of long ago," he said. "It is not leadership; it is not management. It's not anything but complicity."

Morial, who was barred from seeking a third term and is now in private law practice, said he told department heads to refer allegations of criminal wrongdoing to the city's Office of Municipal Investigations.

**Israelis kill 12 in attack on Hamas**

**By Ibrahim Barzak**  
Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — An Israeli air force F-16 blew up a house belonging to a Hamas leader in Gaza City early today, killing at least 12 people, including his wife and three of their children, Palestinian officials said.

The missile strike — which doctors said also injured more than 100 people — came at a delicate time in Palestinian-Israeli relations, with the two sides trading ideas to relieve tensions in the West Bank. But the attack appeared likely to derail the efforts, as Hamas threatened revenge.

The house belonged to Sheik Salah Shehadeh, the founder of the military wing of Hamas, known as Izzadine el-Qassam, in Gaza and the West Bank, security officials said.

Shehadeh's wife and three of their children were killed, said Hamas spokesman Ismail Haniyeh. He did not say whether Shehadeh himself was among the casualties. But announcements on loudspeakers in Gaza said Shehadeh was wounded.

In a statement, the Israeli military confirmed that Shehadeh was the target and was hit. The military said he was behind "hundreds of terror attacks in the last two years against Israeli soldiers and civilians."

Hamas threatened to hit back. "Not only will Hamas take revenge for the martyrs, all the Palestinian people will unify to revenge for the blood of the martyrs," Haniyeh told reporters at Gaza's Shifa hospital, where the dead and wounded were taken.

The Hamas military wing has claimed responsibility for dozens of attacks against Israelis during nearly two years of fighting, including many suicide-bomb attacks. Also, Hamas has been behind almost daily mortar attacks on Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip.

Several weeks ago, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Israel would deal with the militant groups in Gaza. At one point, a ground invasion was called off after details were leaked to the media.

So far, Israel's ground operations in Gaza have been limited to areas near the settlements, in contrast to the large-scale invasions of the West Bank.

On Monday, the two sides appeared to be moving toward easing months of tensions. Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres had said that the army was prepared to withdraw from two West Bank towns, Bethlehem and Hebron, as long as they remained quiet and if the Palestinians assumed control of security.

A top member of Hamas said the group was considering stop-

ping suicide attacks if Israel withdraws; and an Israeli official said the government was looking into resuming security cooperation with the Palestinians after it pulls out.

However, more hawkish elements of Israel's government expressed deep skepticism about the possibility of reaching any deal that would hold. They suggested that Israel would remain in the Palestinian towns for considerable time — even after Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was no longer in power.

Also Monday, Israeli police reopened the university offices of the leading Palestinian official in Jerusalem, Sari Nusseibeh. Police closed his office two weeks ago, alleging that Nusseibeh, the president of Al Quds University, had violated peace accords by engaging in Palestinian political activity in Jerusalem.

Nusseibeh, who is also the chief representative of the Palestine Liberation Organization in Jerusalem, said he signed a document Monday agreeing not to use the premises for political activity. However, he said, he'd conduct his PLO activity elsewhere.

The Palestinians want East Jerusalem for the capital of a future state, while Israel claims sovereignty over the entire city.

The emerging divisions in Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's government over the issue of a West Bank withdrawal came

after Peres and Cabinet member Dan Naveh, a member of a member of Sharon's hawkish Likud Party, met July 20 in a Tel Aviv hotel with a Palestinian delegation headed by Cabinet Minister Saeb Erekat.

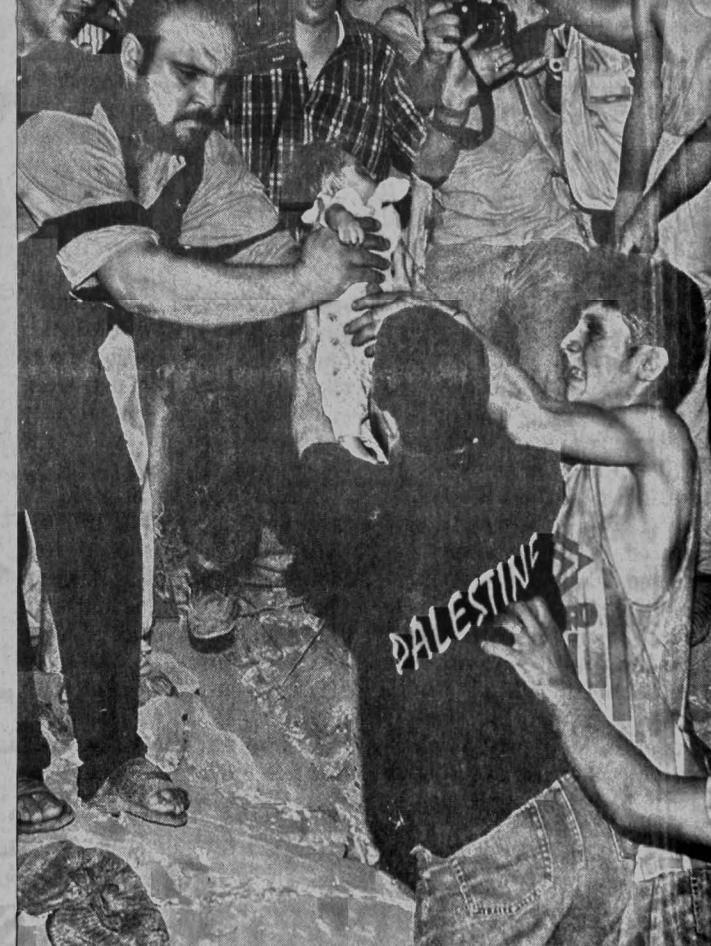
The meeting was also attended by the new Palestinian interior minister, Abdel Razak Yehiyeh, who is responsible for security in the Palestinian territories.

The Israeli daily *Haaretz* reported Monday that Yehiyeh outlined a proposal to resume security cooperation with Israel after Israeli troops withdraw. Security cooperation, in which the sides share information and act jointly when possible to prevent attacks, ground to a halt after fighting erupted in September 2000.

Palestinians would undertake confiscating illegal weapons and arresting militants, *Haaretz* reported. In return, the newspaper said, Israel would free prisoners arrested in the fighting, end its strikes on Palestinian targets, and end its "targeted killings" of militants — which the Palestinians call assassinations.

The proposal was similar to a deal worked out last summer by CIA Director George Tenet, which was never implemented because the violence escalated.

But Ranaan Gissin, Sharon's spokesman, said Israel wouldn't make any concessions before the Palestinians moved to end attacks.



Palestinian rescuers hold the body of a dead baby that was found in the rubble of destroyed houses in Gaza City earlier today. An Israeli warplane blew up the house of a leading Hamas militant in the Gaza Strip, killing at least 12 people, Palestinian officials said.

"There will be no concession on security until we see them take steps," he said, adding that as a first move, the Palestinians should assume security control in the Gaza Strip to show that they were willing to crack down on militants.

**U.S. Army takes over guarding Karzai**

**By Greg Miller**  
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — U.S. soldiers have replaced Afghan guards providing security for President Hamid Karzai, reflecting the growing concern for government leaders' safety in the war-torn country, the Pentagon said Monday.

The move comes after the recent assassination of an Afghan vice president, and Pentagon officials said it underscores the United States' commitment to protecting the still-wobbly transitional government.

"Clearly, it is important for that country that the outcome of the 'loya jirga' not be negated by violence," said U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, referring to the recently completed grand council to select Afghanistan's interim leaders.

Rumsfeld said that he was unaware of specific threats to Karzai but that Afghanistan remains an unstable country "where people get killed."

The assignment of U.S. soldiers, which was requested by Karzai, comes as the United States seeks to strike a balance between fostering Afghan self-sufficiency and ensuring that the country's first democratic steps in four decades don't falter.

The United States has gone to great lengths to restrict its role in the fledgling Afghan government, lest it create the appearance that Karzai and his Cabinet are Western puppets.

U.S. officials stressed that American forces were not involved in providing security for the loya jirga, for instance, a task that fell to an international security force that had been led by British soldiers. Turkey is now in charge of the international peacekeepers.

The United States has been training recruits for a new Afghan army. The first battalion of Afghan soldiers is set to complete its initial training today, Pentagon officials said.

But the risks of relying too heavily on the Karzai government to protect itself became clear earli-



An Afghan policeman holds a bayonet on a tractor wheel as he demands the driver stop during a routine security check on a Kabul street on Monday. U.S. troops have been called in to guard Hamid Karzai amid security threats against the Afghan president, his aide said Monday.

er this month when a pair of gunmen assassinated Vice President Haji Abdul Qadir in broad day-

light as he drove away from his office in Kabul, the Afghan capital.

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## QUICK HITS

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

National League

All Times CDT

East Division

W L Pct GB

Atlanta 64 36 .640 —

New York 51 48 .515 12½

Florida 49 50 .495 14½

Montreal 49 50 .495 14½

Philadelphia 44 54 .449 19

Central Division

W L Pct GB

St. Louis 53 42 .586 —

Cincinnati 51 42 .515 4

Houston 49 50 .490 6½

Pittsburgh 47 52 .470 8

Chicago 43 54 .443 11

Milwaukee 34 46 .340 21½

West Division

W L Pct GB

Arizona 58 41 .586 —

San Francisco 56 42 .571 1½

Los Angeles 56 44 .560 2½

Colorado 48 52 .480 10½

San Diego 42 57 .424 16

Monday's Games

Chicago Cubs 7, Philadelphia 6

Florida 2, Atlanta 1

N.Y. Mets 5, Montreal 2

Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 5

Houston 3, Milwaukee 1

San Diego 5, Los Angeles 2

Arizona 5, Colorado 1

St. Louis at San Francisco, late

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia (Padilla 10-6) at Chicago Cubs (Clement 8-10 p.m.)

Atlanta (Glavine 12-5) at Florida (Tavares 7-6), 6:05 p.m.

Montreal (Colon 3-0) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 4-8), 6:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (K.Wells 10-6) at Cincinnati (Haynes 10-6), 6:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (J.Wright 2-9) at Houston (Munro 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Los Angeles (Ashby 7-8) at San Diego (Tomko 5-6), 8:05 p.m.

Colorado (Thomson 7-8) at Arizona (B.Anderson 5-7), 9:05 p.m.

St. Louis (Morris 11-6) at San Francisco (Schmidt 5-4), 9:15 p.m.

American League

All Times CDT

East Division

W L Pct GB

New York 62 36 .633 —

Boston 57 39 .585 4

Baltimore 44 50 .485 14½

Toronto 43 55 .439 19

Tampa Bay 30 66 .313 31

Central Division

W L Pct GB

Minnesota 60 41 .594 —

Chicago 46 55 .455 14

Cleveland 43 55 .439 15½

Kansas City	43	.55	.439	15½
Detroit	35	.62	.361	23
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	60	39	.604	—
Anaheim	58	39	.598	1
Oakland	58	41	.586	2
Texas	41	57	.418	16½

Monday's Games

Toronto 6, Baltimore 3

Minnesota 11, Chicago White Sox 6

Today's Games

Tampa Bay (Strutte 1-9) at Boston (Wakefield 3-3), 4:05 p.m., 1st game

Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 2-7) at Boston (Lowe 13-5), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game

Toronto (Carpenter 3-1) at Baltimore (Driskill 6-3), 6:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Suppan 8-7) at Detroit (Pedman 5-9), 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-3) at Cleveland (Baez 7-7), 6:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Santana 4-1) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 12-7), 7:05 p.m.

Texas (Valdes 5-7) at Seattle (Moyer 10-4), 9:05 p.m.

Oakland (Zito 13-3) at Anaheim (Appier 8-7), 9:05 p.m.

### TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Named Don Cooper pitching coach. Re-assigned Nardi Contreras, pitching coach, within the organization.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed OF Randall Neff.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Assigned RHP Drentelle Willis to Jupiter of the Florida State League.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Acquired INF-OF Robert Cabrera from Cleveland for LHP Lance Caraccioli.

Central League

ALEXANDRIA ACES—Signed RHP Courtney Jenkins.

CHARINGWOR ROADRUNNERS—Traded OF Mike Wilson to Rio Grande Valley for OF Jeremy Murch.

SPRINGFIELD/DILOZAK MOUNTAIN DUCKS—Signed OF Steve Green. Released OF Tim Phillips.

Northern League

ADIRONDACK LUMBERJACKS—Released RHP Sam Greco.

BROCKTON ROX—Released LHP Trad Sokol. Signed OF Brian Shultz.

CINCINNATI MOORHEAD REDHAWKS—Released RHP Jeff Smith.

JOLET JACKHAMMERS—Released RHP Doug Johnson.

ST. PAUL SAINTS—Released OF Keith Williams. Signed RHP Ben Fleetham and INF Willie Ruiz.

SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Sold the contract of LHP David Glick to the New York Yankees.

BIRMINGHAM BULLDOGS—Signed OF Matt Williams.

BOSTON CELTICS—Acquired F Vin Baker and G Shammond Williams from Seattle for G Kenny Anderson, C Vitaly Potapenko and G Joseph Forte.

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Re-signed F Danny Ferry.

TORONTO RAPTORS—Resigned their qualifying offer to F-CE Clark, making him an unrestricted free agent.

PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Signed D Mike Knuble.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with LB Will Overstreet.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Agreed to terms with DE Julius Peppers.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Agreed to terms with WR Damay Scott on a one-year contract.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Signed DE Jay Williams to a three-year contract extension through 2005.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Signed DB Brian Williams to a two-year contract extension through 2006.

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE—Announced the resignation of head coach Brian Williams.

INDIANA-PURDUE-INDIANAPOLIS—Named Joy Holmes-Harris woman's assistant basketball coach.

NORTH CAROLINA-CHARLOTTE—Announced junior basketball F Matas Parvicius is transferring.

RUTHERFORD, NJ—Signed F-CE Clark, making him an unrestricted free agent.

FAIRLAUGH DICKINSON—Named Elizabeth Papetti athletic communications director.

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GROVE CITY—Named David Fritz men's swimming and diving coach and men's and women's water polo coach.

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VERMONT—Announced the retirement of Rick Hamer, director of athletics, effective June 2003.

CENTRAL, IOWA—Named Terry Wells defensive line coach and Mack Jorth receivers coach.

DARKE COUNTY, OHIO—Named Mark O'Dell coordinator.

CORNELL, IOWA—Accepted the resignation of Jon Herbrechtmeier, women's basketball coach, to become women's basketball coach and athletic facilities manager at Bethel, Minn.

DAVIDSON—Named Timothy Cowie volleyball coach.

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5. Francisco Mancebo, Spain, Ibanes: 10:57.

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33. Michael Rasmussen, CSC: 29:04.

43. Kevin Livingston, United States, Telekom: 31:49.

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52. Floyd Landis, United States, US Postal Service: 48:48.

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59. George Hincapie, United States, US Postal Service: 59:08.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—(Walker, Colorado, 358; Bonds, San Francisco, 344; JKent, San Francisco, 339; LCastillo, Florida, 338; Helton, Colorado, 332; VGuerrero, Montreal, 328; Altazor, New York, 324.

RUNS—(Jugan, St. Louis, 73; Sosa, Chicago, 73; Bush, San Francisco, 72; Walker, Colorado, 69; Burnett, Philadelphia, 68; ShGreen, Los Angeles, 66; Vido, Montreal, 65).

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TRIPLES—(Castillo, Arizona, 7

# SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Celtics get Baker in five-player deal

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Celtics acquired forward Vin Baker from Seattle on Monday in a five-player deal that sent point guard Kenny Anderson to the SuperSonics.

The Celtics also received guard Shammard Williams and traded center Vitaly Potapenko and guard Joseph Forte to the Sonics.

The deal brings Baker, a nine-year NBA veteran, back to New England. He was born in Connecticut and starred at the University of Hartford.

The Celtics hope it will revitalize the career of the 6-11 Baker, who played in four-consecutive All-Star games from 1995-98.

The Sonics get Anderson, an 11-year veteran who had one of his better seasons as the Celtics reached the playoffs for the first time in seven years.

Baker has four years left on a contract that reportedly pays him more than \$50 million, a financial burden that makes it less likely the Celtics would re-sign Rodney Rogers, a midseason acquisition who contributed to the team's run to its first Eastern Conference final in 14 years.

### Former NFL player Carruth appeals murder conviction

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Lawyers for former NFL receiver Rae Carruth appealed his murder conspiracy conviction Monday, saying a judge should not have allowed jurors to hear statements by Carruth's girlfriend, Cherrica Adams, following her November 1999 shooting.

The documents filed Monday with the N.C. Court of Appeals in Raleigh said that Superior Court Judge Charles Lamm erred in admitting notes written by Adams from her hospital bed, "as these constituted inadmissible and unreliable hearsay that was unfairly prejudicial to" the former Carolina Panthers star.

The notes, scribbled by Adams about seven hours after she was shot on Nov. 16, 1999, were a key issue during Carruth's trial in Mecklenburg County Superior Court.

Carruth, a second-team All-American wide receiver at Colorado and the Panthers' first-round draft pick in 1997, was convicted in January 2001 of conspiracy to com-

mit murder, shooting into an occupied vehicle, and using a gun to try to kill the baby Adams was carrying.

Carruth is serving a sentence of at least 18 years, 11 months at Nash Correctional Institution near Rocky Mount.

### Orioles' Erickson charged with assault

BALTIMORE — Baltimore Orioles pitcher Scott Erickson was charged Monday with assaulting his girlfriend after she confronted him about whether he was cheating on her, police said.

Erickson and Lisa Ortiz had a "heated argument" that ended with Erickson throwing her to the floor of an elevator in the building where they live, according to a police report.

The right-handed pitcher told police Ortiz bit him on his right arm, causing a bruise and swelling. Police also said Erickson's right foot was bleeding, and they found blood stains leading from the couple's condominium to the elevator.

Police said the fight began early Monday with Ortiz throwing items around the apartment. Erickson told Ortiz he wanted her to leave.

Erickson grabbed Ortiz, picked her up, and put her in the hallway, police said. When she tried to get back inside, police said Erickson "grabbed her around the neck and threw her to the floor." He gripped her hair and pulled her toward the elevator, where he threw her inside and sent the elevator to the lobby, police said.

Erickson was released from custody early Monday. Ortiz was not charged.

### ISU player faces marijuana charge

AMES, Iowa — Iowa State basketball player Omar Bynum has been charged with possession of marijuana and driving while intoxicated.

Bynum, who will be senior in the upcoming season, was stopped by Ames police early Sunday for driving without his headlights turned on, according to police records.

The officer reported a strong odor coming from the vehicle, and tests showed that Bynum had been driving under the influence of marijuana, said Cmdr. Jim Robinson, an Ames police spokesman.

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# Boyd, Leslie survive Horner

Alford looks on as veterans lead Gatens Real Estate to first-round overtime win

By Kavitha Thimmaiah  
 The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye men's basketball player Brody Boyd sunk three-consecutive 3 pointers to lead Mike Gatens Real Estate/HIGHLAND Park Development to an overtime win over Goodfellow Printing/Imprinted Sportswear, 112-106, in the first round of the Prime Time League playoffs Monday.

"I definitely wanted those shots," Boyd said. "Not that no one else can't hit them, but I just wanted to take them." The Hawkeye guard finished the game with 28 points and six rebounds.

Gatens struggled early offensively as both teams got off to a slow start. New Hawkeye Jeff Horner owned most of the first half highlights for Imprinted Sportswear, scoring 13 points in the first period.

Horner was matched up against Hawkeye teammate Chauncey Leslie, giving the Prime Time crowd a preview of the coming point-guard battle. Each player demonstrated his strengths, as Horner exhibited his court vision with eight assists and Leslie showed off his athletic agility, putting up 33 points, including a perfect 4-4 from the charity stripe.

"I think my experience gives me an advantage [over Horner]," Leslie said. "He can really shoot the ball, which is something I need to get better at, but we can both dribble, and I look forward to playing with him."

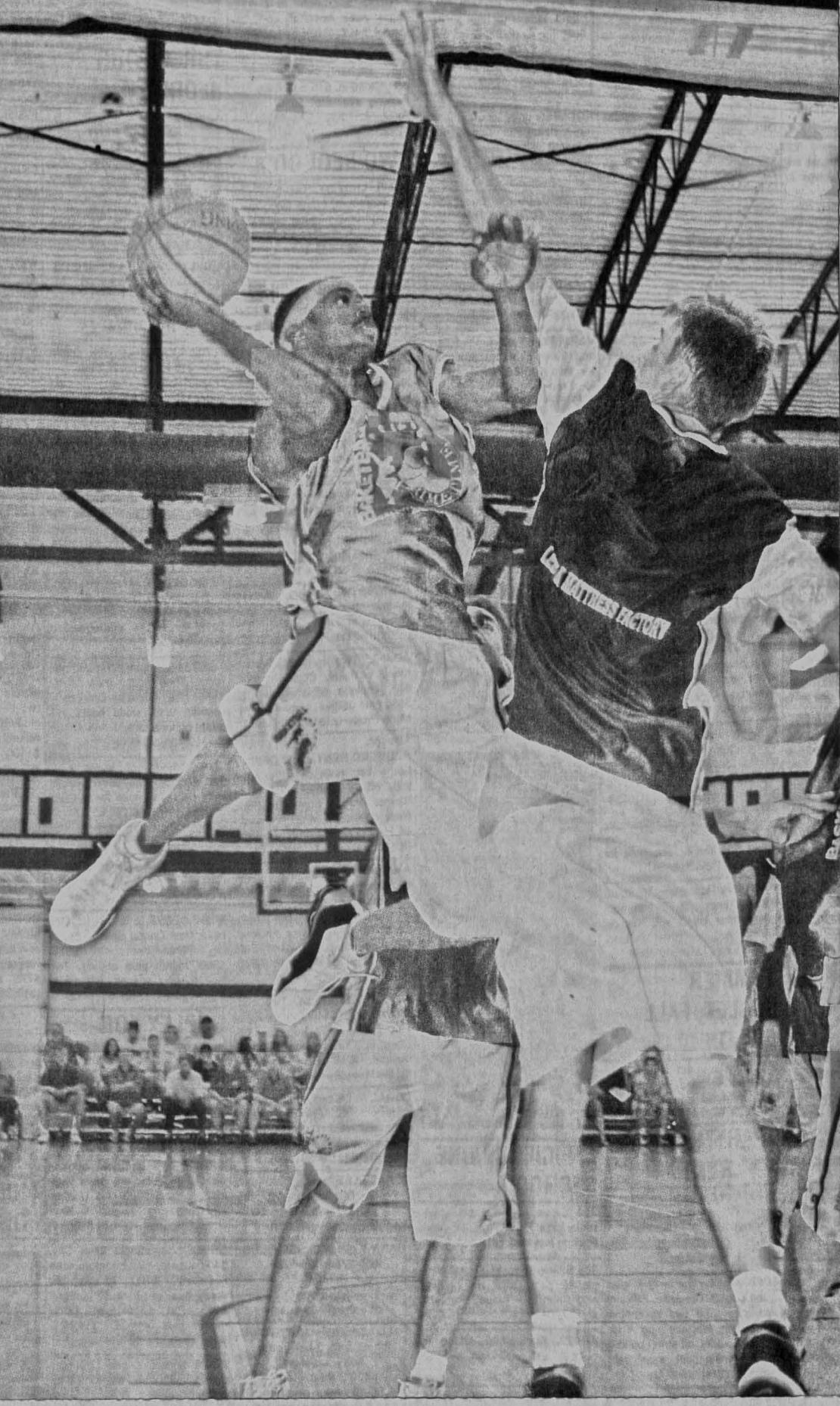
"I had a bad game," said Horner, who finished with 30 points and 11 rebounds. "I need to work on being quicker — more explosive."

Neither player felt any pressure to outdo the other nor any pressure from the eyes of Hawkeye coach Steve Alford, who made his first Prime Time appearance.

"This is summer league; we're just out here to

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## PRIME TIME LEAGUE PLAYOFFS



Chauncey Leslie of Mike Gatens Real Estate goes up for a shot during the Prime Time League playoffs on Monday night.

# Crime Dog lifts Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — Fred McGriff doubled off Phillies' closer Jose Mesa in the ninth to score Chris Stynes and give the Cubs a come-from-behind win.

Bobby Abreu had put the Phillies ahead 6-5 with a ninth-inning homer off Kyle Farnsworth (3-1), helping Philadelphia overcome a 5-0 deficit.

But Mesa (3-6) blew a save for the seventh time in 32 chances.

Mark Bellhorn led off the bottom half with a single, and Chris Stynes bunted, reaching on a throwing error by first baseman Travis Lee. Sammy Sosa and Fred McGriff followed with RBI singles.

Sosa, who hit his 30th homer in the second, singled home the

tying run during the late rally. Cubs starter Kerry Wood, winless since July 3, gave up three runs and seven hits in six innings, striking out six.

Sosa, 8-40 since the All-Star break, had been hitless in 11 at-bats and hadn't homered since July 14 against Florida's Vladimir Nunez.

The right-hander gave up two runs and seven hits in six innings.

Burnett (9-7) was just slightly better, yielding five hits and striking out six.

## Marlins 2, Braves 1

MIAMI — A.J. Burnett allowed a run in six innings, and Florida handed Greg Maddux his first loss in 16 starts, snapping Atlanta's six-game winning streak.

Maddux (9-3) lost for the first time since April 30. In the following 15 starts, he went 7-0 with a 2.28 ERA.

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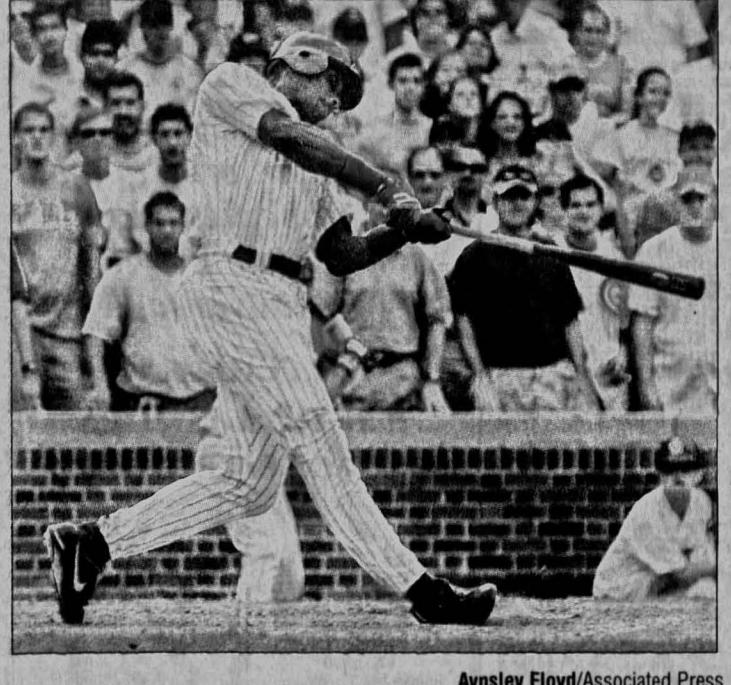
## Mets 5, Expos 2

NEW YORK — Pinch-hitter Marco Scutaro made a name for himself at Shea with his first major-league hit, a two-run triple off Tomo Ohka (8-5) that broke a seventh-inning tie and

brought the Mets within one run of the Expos.

Given the attitude of the owners closest to him, it appears another long strike is likely.

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Cubs first baseman Fred McGriff drives in the game-winning run with a double in the ninth against the Phillies on Monday.

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# Hawkeye wrestling loads up with new recruits

By Kavitha Thimmaiah

The Daily Iowan

The Iowa wrestling team has the Midwest pinned when it comes to recruits this year. Five recruits hailing from all over the region — including two from Iowa and one each from Minnesota, Illinois, and Nebraska — will join the long list of champions in the nationally honored Iowa wrestling program.

Although head coach Jim Zalesky expects most of the

incoming freshmen to redshirt, he said he expects all five to be a key part of practices. "Overall, I'm looking forward to all the recruits, I think they'll bring a lot," he said.

Recruits Jeff Pfaffinger, Todd Meneely, Mark Mueller, Ryan Fuller, and Anthony Watson bring a total of 12 state titles and a combined record of 770-69 to the Hawkeyes.

Pfaffinger will arrive from Blue Earth, Minn., as a four-time state champion and the

reigning Mr. Minnesota of Wrestling. He posted a 186-17 career record, with 14 of the losses coming in eighth-grade.

Pfaffinger is following in the footsteps of Blue Earth High School alumni Luke and Ty Eustice, brothers on the Iowa wrestling squad. Pfaffinger plans to wrestle at 125 pounds and thinks his hard work ethic and desire to be the best will earn him a position on the varsity team.

The biggest challenge will be making the transition from high

school to college — it's a big step," said Pfaffinger.

Four-time state champion Meneely will come to Iowa City from Omaha, Neb. Meneely was the only Nebraska wrestler to medal at Senior Nationals. He has a career record of 144-3 and will compete at 133 or 141 pounds. Meneely was away at wrestling camp and unavailable for comment.

Mueller expects to compete at 165 pounds. The Postville, Ill., native has a career record of 173-

and went undefeated his junior and senior year of high school.

The two-time state champion is eager to practice at a higher level.

"I'm looking forward to wrestling good guys everyday. Being from a small town, I don't get much of that," said Mueller. Mueller hopes his winning mentality will help him be successful at the collegiate level.

Iowa native Fuller won the

## GAME TIME playoffs

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