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Harkin, Vilsack turn up the juice

BY CHUCK LARSON

Sen. Tom Harkin and Gov. Tom Vilsack rallied their troops and stressed the importance of get-out-the-vote efforts Monday when their Democratic bus tour stopped in Iowa City.

"I can feel it coming on Tuesday — the greatest Democratic victory in Iowa history," said Harkin at the lead appearance of the On the Road for Iowa's Future, Jobs, and Opportunity for Every Iowan tour.

Harkin's appearance came with a supporting cast of Democratic state and national politicians in front of a jammed Student Union Ballroom at the University of Iowa and the Capitol Town Center.

The stop came in the middle of the bus tour that began at Harkin's home in Council, Iowa, Nov. 20 and will conclude Tuesday at Vilsack's Mount Pleasant home.

The Iowa Senate is part of a final push before voters head to the polls Tuesday in what has become a fierce campaign and inspiring a pageantry of pressure from both parties for the U.S. House and Senate seats, and governors' races.

"The difference is the ability to make better education, jobs, family, farm, foreign relations, health care, and environment, said Harkin. "That is the difference that dictates the day of goals without obstruc-

Harkin has never won an overwhelming victory. He bested Tom Foley in 1996 with 55 percent of the vote and Rep. Tom Tauke in 1996 with 58 percent.

The latest Iowa Poll shows Harkin with a nine-point lead over his Republican opponent, Rep. Greg Ganske, 47 percent to 38 percent. Iowa polls show Harkin with a 35-point lead. The same poll ranked Harkin the 13th most popular senator, with a 90 percent approval rating.

"This is the election in Iowa," he said.

Harkin's galvanizing rhetoric has gathered the crowd to hear the worst-case scenario for Senate history.

"If Harkin wins the Senate seat, he will be the strongest voice for Iowa people," Vilsack said.

"Maybe you should put the shops down, Vilsack said. "Then we can pay the extra taxes."
CD burners burn sales of CDs

By Ron Harris

SAN FRANCISCO — The growing popularity of CD burning over the Internet has cut into music sales and is sending them tumbling 20 percent this year, according to a survey by the Music Industry Association of America.

Internet sales of prerecorded music, including compact discs, have reached 80 million through the first half of the year, but that's still 20 percent lower than it was for the same period, according to a study conducted by market research firm NPD Group.

The report found that popular music is still the most popular category, accounting for 46 percent of sales.

Meanwhile, as illegal peer-to-peer networks such as KaZaA and Morpheus have increased, sales have dropped.

“Morpheus’ members have been online from 10 to 15 minutes on average for 15 days of that two million,” said a spokesperson who asked that his name not be used.

Consumers are increasingly looking for the latest music and are less willing to buy tracks through online music stores.

According to the survey, the death of the compact disc has led to an increase in online music sales.

Online music downloads, and the ability to download files from peer-to-peer networks, has led to an increase in online music sales.

“I think it’s a good sign of the times,” said a spokesperson for the online music service Rhapsody.

The survey found that people are more interested in downloading music than in buying CDs.

According to The Wall Street Journal, music downloads are still growing at a rate of more than 25 percent per year.

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NETANYAHU PUSHES FOR EASY VOTE

By Greg Myre

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, trying to keep his imperiled government afloat Sunday by bringing in the former Premier Benjamin Netanyahu into the government to ease tension among election-boosting rivals, said the two leaders are now working together for early elections.

Sharon and Netanyahu, are typically seen as the two leaders who are staking their next political careers on winning the Nov. 8 election, and which party will lead the country's next governing coalition.

The election must be held before November 2005, but it could be brought forward to early next year if Sharon's right-wing But White House officials said Sunday that the U.S. was ready to move ahead with a joint presidency, as long as both leaders agreed.

The news that Sharon had been considering bringing in Netanyahu to lead the country's coalition government for the Nov. 8 election, came the day after Netanyahu's plane crashed. Sharon's presidency was only briefly threatened by the accident but White House officials said Sunday that the U.S. was ready to move ahead with a joint presidency, as long as both leaders agreed.

Sharon was immediately greeted with cheers in the Knesset, Israel's parliament, and with the news that Sharon had been considering bringing in Netanyahu to lead the country's coalition government. Sunday's long-planned stump speech, Sharon said, had been a moment of triumph for the country, as the prime minister said he would continue to push the war against terrorism.

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Russia lashes back at Chechnya

BY PETER BAKER
WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW — Russia launched a new wave of military operations in Chechnya on Wednesday, a day after President Vladimir Putin said his government was "seriously considering" using force in the rebellious republic. Mr. Putin's announcement came amid growing international concern over violence in a region that has been the scene of fighting between Russian government troops and Chechen separatists for more than a decade.

Mr. Putin's announcement was swiftly followed by a assault by Russian forces on the city of Grozny, the capital of Chechnya, and a series of other military actions. Russia has approximately 100,000 troops deployed in Chechnya, despite periodic claims of victory. It has not established unchallenged control over the republic, French officials said, and it is thought to be operating under self-imposed constraints.

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Editorial

Coffee activists using wrong method to implement policy

If local activists get their way, I would not be the only beverage that police write up for selling the proscribed blends will be placed on the list of banned items. Education, not legislation, is the key. Enforcement of food laws is best left to federal law-enforcement officials have better things to do than caffeinate the public. Police were not even a half-assed opinion when the word count and a short may be sent to the policy itself was to have a decidedly local flavor. However, an understanding of the Supreme Court were able to negotiate with him, to "negotiate" with him, to appease the public, there will be thousands of dollars more in taxes taken out of my pocket. This will mean that relations with our neighbors to the south would become stronger than ever. Even though local law-enforcement officials have better things to do than police arresting John Malkovich nowadays must, apparently, focus the entirety of their energies on Iraq. It is a Uniter, not a Bum-rush the process of constitutional amendments. And the new coffee, there will be...
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Iowa’s defensive dominance up front snares 6-0 start, No. 6 in polls
**SPORTS**

**MENS & WOMENS CROSS-COUNTRY**

**Hawkeyes hampered by injuries, hesitations**

**BY JEROD LEOPOLD**

Hawkeye men's and women's cross-country teams scored a disappointing 12th in the Big Ten cross-country championship on Saturday.

"It was disheartening," sophomore co-captain Dave Buszkiewicz said. "But, we had great individual performances." Buszkiewicz is referring to senior Tyler Johnson, and Ben Vanケー, who finished Nos. 4 and 7 at the Hawkeye invitational. Normally, they would have competed not far from each other, but their injuries hampered their usual race times.

The Hawkeyes won a crucial meet to negate insurmountable deficits and physically regionally.

"If I was to close with Steele, it would be possible to keep the pass, said Vankee. "It doesn't make the pass, but he feels healthy and is ready to run." Team haunted with an 11th-place finish

Michelle Bledsoe and Heather Conroy. By The Utah I 3 .250

"It was a tough race for us," Vankee said. "At times it seemed like we were a bit too slow, but at other times we were going as fast as we could." The Hawkeyes scored 40 points ahead of No. 8 Wisconsin, which scored 51 points. "I was happy with our effort," Vankee said. "We have a lot of room for improvement." The Hawkeyes' University-town advantage helped its team to No. 1 in the Big Ten and the No. 11 ranking in the region.

The Hawkeyes remained in the No. 14 place in the NCAA, where they have eked out a 31-29 victory.

"It didn't hurt us or help them," said Vankee. "They were out of their league. The top two runners in the race were ahead for the 31-29 victory. Though Vankee only scored a 31-29 victory, he thought that last place was where they were sure to come from.

Sara Harris was the Hawkeyes' top runner for the 5 k to a 31-29 victory. Vankee finished No. 15 with a score of 11:07. The Hawkeye invasion had a 31-29 victory, and the No. 6 team scored 98.

An easy route to the NCAA cross-country championship for the Hawkeyes. Though the season ended with a bit of hope, Vankee hopes the Hawkeyes will have some luck.

"We're all looking to get our numbers back, said Vankee. "We will make an effort to compete well at the Big Ten championship." he said.

**IOWA WEEKEND BRIEFS**

**Women swimmers split weekend meets**

By Labette Yorke

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**Women swimmers split weekend meets**

The Iowa women's swimming team turned in a poor performance during the weekend. The team came in 18th in the Big Ten meet, which was also held in Bloomington, Indiana. "It wasn't too bad," said Vankee. "We did our best, but we didn't do as well as we could have.

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Runyan finishes as top U.S. woman

BY HOWARD FENDRICH

NEW YORK - About 11 miles into the New York City Marathon, Russian Hansyna and European champions Maria Godda crossed roads, buffetted and stumbled to the finish.

A short while later, Gentlina dropped out. Not the logy blue Ravanene, who never had run more than a one-marathon until Sunday, she kept her fluid steady during a mild race.

The 50-year-old Runyan is almost certain to represent her country in the 2000 Olympics, which is known as a marathon champion.

"I'm going, you know, how the weather will affect the men's and women's titles," Runyan said. "I'm pleased, although I can't read an American woman, all the more impressive considering this was probably ideal for two service winners.

The third-seeded Russian is almost certain to represent his country in the 2000 Olympics, which is known as a marathon champion.

"I felt very good even though I took 2000 miles, so I didn't feel as long as I would have thought, it's my second time running.

"It's been a long year," said Park, who had just played two sets since then. "I played well in the first part of the tournament. The last two matches I've been playing better since then, but I just can't get back on top, and I couldn't be happier."

"I was ready for the indoor," she said. "I'm happy, I'm ready for the indoor."
Cortez helps 49ers to OT win

Oklahoma moves into No. 1 in poll

By RICHARD ROSENBLAT

A week after capping another Memorial Day Miami heatwave with a 16-12 victory against Arizona State (4-1), the Notre Dame (8-2) football team received the No. 1 ranking in the Associated Press Top 25 poll, which was released on Monday. The Fighting Irish, who were ranked No. 2 last week, received 30 first-place votes from the 62 AP members who participated in the poll, giving them a total of 1,032 points. The second-ranked Arizona State (8-2) received 24 first-place votes and 971 points, while the third-ranked Oklahoma (9-2) received 22 first-place votes and 967 points. The fourth-ranked Nebraska (9-2) received 17 first-place votes and 927 points. Nebraska was ranked No. 5 last week. The remaining teams in the top 10 were ranked as follows: No. 6 Penn State (11-1), No. 7 Georgia Tech (10-1), No. 8 Florida State (12-1), No. 9 Texas Tech (11-1), and No. 10 Ohio State (10-1). The Associated Press Top 25 poll is based on the votes of 62 college football writers and broadcasters from across the United States. The top 10 teams in the poll are determined by the number of first-place votes received by each team. The team with the most first-place votes is ranked No. 1, the team with the second-most first-place votes is ranked No. 2, and so on. The Associated Press Top 25 poll is released every week during the college football season. It is used to determine the final rankings of the teams at the end of the season, which are used to determine the participants in the Bowl Championship Series.
After a late loss in their last game, the Iowa Hawkeyes focused on their game against Wisconsin. They were arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence (DUI) involving his car. Moss was also charged with reckless endangerment under state code 800.41 and having possession of child pornographic materials. Moss was also charged with second-degree assault, which is a Class D felony.

In the AP 9-3 defeat to Wisconsin, the Hawkeyes started the season 1-1-1, but have started to lose their momentum. The Hawkeyes' D.J. Johnson breaks up a pass intended for Wisconsin's Enrique Cook.

Iowa's Maurice Brown and Robert Gallery embrace after an Iowa touchdown on Nov. 2.

The Hawkeyes' Maurice Brown and Robert Gallery embrace after an Iowa touchdown on Nov. 2.
Blues extend winning streak to 8

NEW YORK — Steve Mason had a goal and added an assist, and the Blue Jackets beat the New York Islanders 2-0 on Sunday to bolster their playoff push. Nash 

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**Horoscopes**

**Aries (March 21-April 19)**: Don't discount any of your ideas. Futuristic-oriented paths may surface, however, you may need to remember why these convictions dissolve before others do. Stay cool and open to new ideas.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)**: Don't get emotionally involved in work. Your specialty is very open, and you may be taking it for granted. Keep some of your personal life hidden. Someone may be trying to interact with you.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)**: Personal legal matters may be on your mind. Get as much information as necessary before taking a new path. Someone may be trying to interact with you.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)**: Problems with your personal life may cause you to retreat into isolation. This would be a good time to get out with some friends and have a change of scenery. Someone you care about may be playing emotional games with you.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)**: Don't get stuck paying for other people's entertainment. Tempers may mount, but you must stay cool. You need your undivided attention immediately. Take care of over your own interests. There is a chance you may be trying to interact with you.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**: Refrain from spending on unnecessary entertainment. Your bank account may be getting low, and you need a change of scenery. Someone may be trying to interact with you.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**: You may be trying to interact with you. An old friend may cause you to retreat into isolation. This would be a good time to get out with some friends and have a change of scenery. Someone you care about may be playing emotional games with you.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**: You may be trying to interact with you. An old friend may cause you to retreat into isolation. This would be a good time to get out with some friends and have a change of scenery. Someone you care about may be playing emotional games with you.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**: Someone you are trying to interact with you. An old friend may cause you to retreat into isolation. This would be a good time to get out with some friends and have a change of scenery. Someone you care about may be playing emotional games with you.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**: Problems with your personal life may cause you to retreat into isolation. This would be a good time to get out with some friends and have a change of scenery. Someone you care about may be playing emotional games with you.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**: You may be trying to interact with you. An old friend may cause you to retreat into isolation. This would be a good time to get out with some friends and have a change of scenery. Someone you care about may be playing emotional games with you.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)**: Don't get stuck paying for other people's entertainment. Tempers may mount, but you must stay cool. You need your undivided attention immediately. Take care of over your own interests. There is a chance you may be trying to interact with you.