

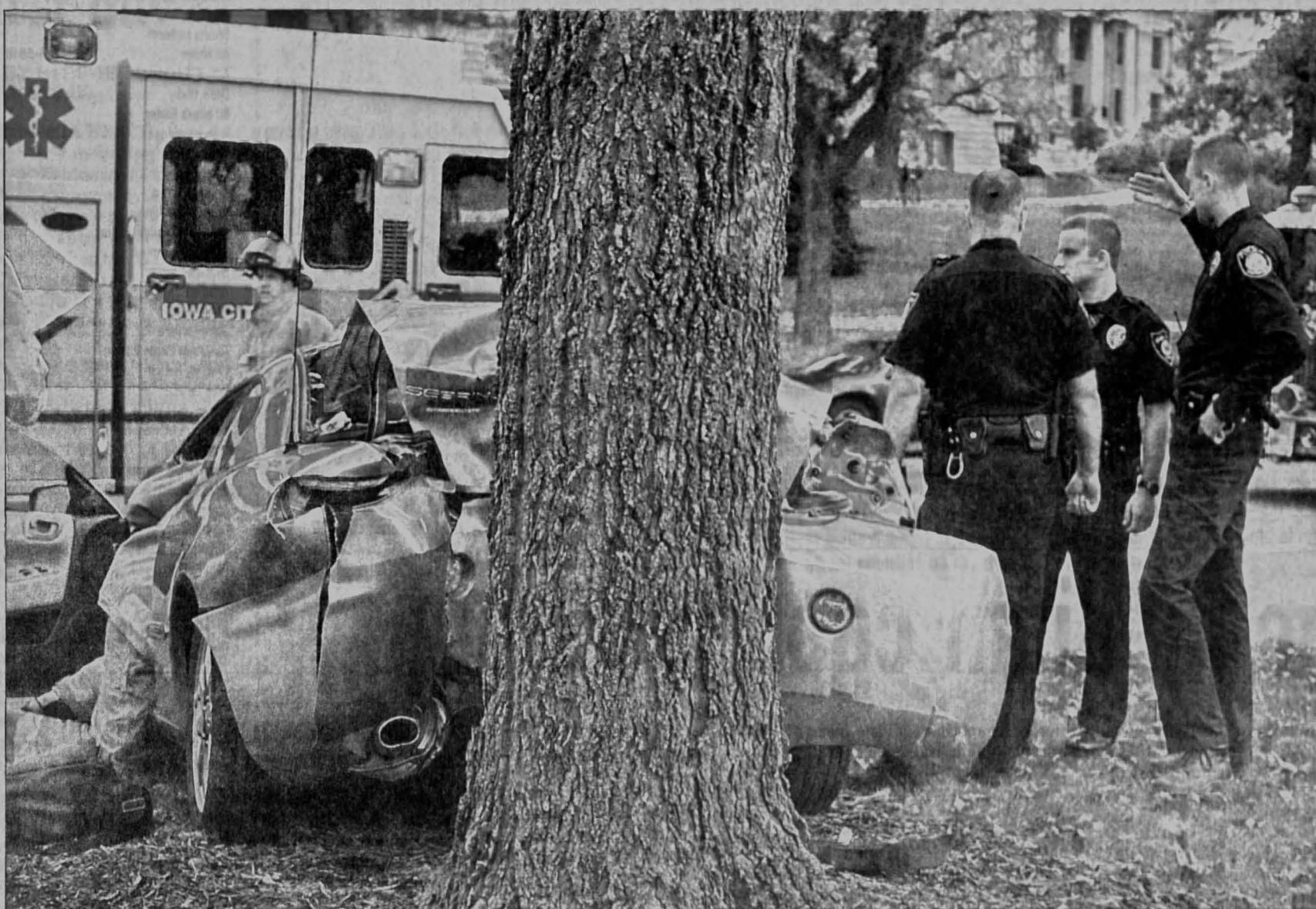
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A SINGLE-CAR ACCIDENT BEGINS NEAR THE TOP OF THE JEFFERSON STREET HILL AND ENDS AT HUBBARD PARK



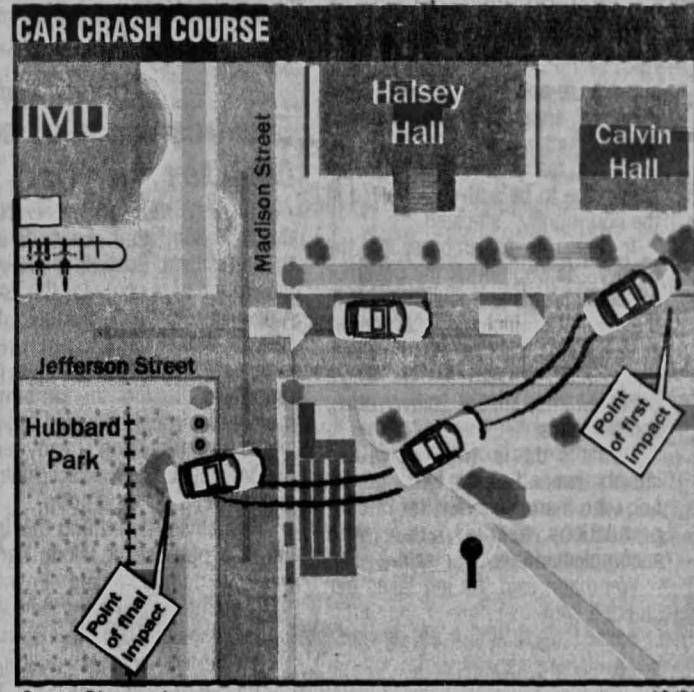
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Iowa City police officers discuss the path of a Chrysler Sebring that shot down Jefferson Street and the Pentacrest and struck a tree near Hubbard Park on Monday afternoon. An emergency crew removes the unidentified driver from the vehicle.

## Car smashes 2 trees in wild ride

BY ANNIE SHUPPY

THE DAILY IOWAN



Source: DI research

A man crashed his vehicle into a tree in front of Calvin Hall on Monday afternoon, then rolled down the Jefferson Street hill into a tree near Hubbard Park.

Witnesses said shortly after 4 p.m., a man driving a Chrysler accelerated and drove into a tree on the left side of Jefferson Street. It appeared the car then ran in reverse, rolling backwards across Jefferson Street diagonally onto the Pentacrest, managing to avoid trees, signs, and pedestrians along the way. The vehicle then traveled across Madison Street and smacked its back end into a tree in front of the Hubbard Park sidewalk.

"It was like he was in neutral and just backing up," said UI senior Jenny Merges, adding that the car was traveling "more than 25 mph" when it smacked into the first tree.

Shards of bluish-green glass surrounded the tree right in front of Hubbard Park as a team of firefighters and paramedics lifted the driver into an ambulance. Telltale skid marks traced the path of the car back up to the tree in front of Calvin Hall, where bark was torn away and pieces of black plastic and glass were strewn about. The Chrysler was smashed in on both ends.

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Amanda May/The Daily Iowan  
Skid marks scar the sidewalk and grass along Jefferson Street where a car careened toward Madison Street on Monday afternoon, eventually colliding with a tree near Hubbard Park.

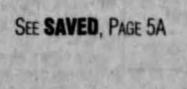
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**Art prof saves 2nd person in Iowa River**

BY WILLIAM MIKESELL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

For the second time in 10 years, a UI art teacher has saved a man who had plunged into the Iowa River.

A passing bicyclist observed 75-year-old Lt. Col. Lyle Seydel Sr. fall from his small motorized fishing



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**Rohypnol, GHB reports on the rise**

BY CHRISTINA ERB  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The number of sexual-assault crisis calls to the Rape Victim Advocacy Program involving victims reporting symptoms associated with date-rape drugs has increased dramatically in the past few months, according to statistics released Monday.

From July through September, RVAP received 29 calls reporting rape involving alcohol use — 15 of which reported effects frequently tied to

such drugs as Rohypnol and GHB. The number is more than double the six similar reports RVAP received from July 2002 to June.

Karla Miller, the RVAP executive director, said her concerns about the increase have prompted the planning of a drug-awareness campaign.

"People are going out to party, having a good time, and are not thinking about their drinks," she said. "Next thing they know, they have clearly

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**Bombs wrack Baghdad, killing 35**

BY RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN  
WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD — Powerful suicide car bombs exploded outside the local headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross and three police stations across Baghdad Monday morning, killing at least 35 people and wounding 224 in a series of sophisticated and apparently coordinated attacks on the first day of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The bombings, which killed one U.S. soldier and wounded at least seven others, created a panorama of death and destruction unseen in the Iraqi capital since the end of the



Hadi Mizban/Associated Press

**U.S. Army soldiers secure a bomb-blast site in Baghdad's on Monday.**

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### WEATHER



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Partly cloudy,  
windy, scattered  
flurries late

### HOOPING IT UP

The Kobe saga, LeBron's Hummers off the court, non-hummers on, the Jail Blazers — it must be NBA time. See story, page 1B



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## NEWS



## Iowa City City Council Candidate Profiles - District A

Karen Pease, a 23-year-old UI Hospitals and Clinics psychiatry-department employee, is running against District A incumbent Ross Wilburn in the Nov. 4 City Council election.

Her upbringing taught her that "it's important to have balance," Pease said. Her father works in the oil industry, and her uncle is a Republican congressional representative in Ohio. But when Pease became involved in politics, she discovered that her personal ideology was better aligned with progressive values than with those of her politically conservative family.

Her mother, Terri Pease, said both she and her husband grew up voting like their parents, but their politically minded daughter has changed her mind about many issues.

"We were encouraged to look at issues and develop opinions on our own," Karen Pease said.

The Terre Haute, Ill., native hopes to encourage local businesses using Community Development Block Grants instead of tax-increment financing, to address the disparity that she sees in the way that homeowners and renters are treated in nuisance disputes, and to expand public transportation, she said.

"It's the city's responsibility to do what is best for the people of the city, not necessarily to maximize developers' profits," Pease said, adding that she looks at the big picture and will do whatever is best for people as a whole, not a specific group or interest.

According to her Web site, [www.peaseforcouncil.org](http://www.peaseforcouncil.org), Pease plans to demonstrate her values through her actions by donating her entire City Council salary to charitable causes.

Pease said she approves of her opponent's position on social issues, but she would be a more valuable councilor because he works at the Crisis Center and therefore must abstain from certain votes and discussions.



Karen Pease

candidate



Ross Wilburn

candidate

Active community involvement is a way of life for City Councillor Ross Wilburn, who is seeking re-election in District A.

He has lived in Iowa City since 1982 and served as the executive director of the Crisis Center since 2000. His job places him in charge of fiscal management, fund raising, and public relations.

"It's a place where community members come together to help others in the community. We have only six paid staff members but more than 200 volunteers. There are a lot of diverse people and personalities working for one common goal," he said.

In addition to working at the Crisis Center, Wilburn volunteers for Junior Achievement Program in Iowa City schools, is a founding member of the Youth Policy Institute, and a member of Johnson County Empowerment — an organization that addresses the needs of area youth.

He is also the president of the Iowa City Slammers, a softball team his daughters, Jael, 12, and Alex, 9, play for.

In his free time, Wilburn enjoys attending his children's music and sports activities. He has also played the clarinet for 30 years.

"I like to stay active," he said, adding that he spends a lot of time working with young people and addressing issues that involve them. "I enjoy and feed off their energy."

Originally from Galesburg, Ill., he came to Iowa City to attend the UI, where he received his undergraduate degree and master's degree in social work.

In his four years representing District A, Wilburn, 39, is satisfied with its economic development and the improvements to the city parks.

If re-elected, he hopes to continue to promote economic development and work to improve affordable housing opportunities.

— by Sarah Franklin

## Finding the medium cool in CR

BY TIM FLAHERTY

THE DAILY IOWAN

Spirits, ghosts, and Eastern Iowans packed Beems Auditorium in Cedar Rapids to seek advice from an internationally renowned spiritual medium Monday night.

Spirit Wolf of Lisbon, Iowa, spoke to the crowd about paranormal activity of all kinds in a pre-Halloween lecture put on at the Cedar Rapids Public Library. She has been exploring her unique intuitive gifts since she was 4 years old.

"I didn't realize that other people didn't see colors around people or see their late grandmother," said Wolf, who asserted that the auditorium's audience was not limited to the living.

Audience members shared personal stories with the American Indian about friends, loved ones,

and unwelcome guests who have appeared to them from the beyond, often accompanied by cold mist, flying objects, and peculiar scents.

One woman left the auditorium early after becoming visibly upset while sharing her story with the medium. She said a spirit appeared to her, asking for the homeless man whom she was allowing to stay in the basement of a property she was renovating. Days later, the man passed away.

Wolf thanked the woman for sharing her story, adding that while her experience was amazing, it was not unusual. Nearly half the people in the audience shared similarly emotional tales, but she implored them not to be afraid and to help the spirits any way they can.

"If someone is stuck in quicksand, you try to pull them out," she said. "These entities are no

different. Sometimes ghosts just want to be validated."

Wolf separated the apparitions into two categories, spirits and ghosts.

"Ghosts are those stuck in the in-between world," she said. "Spirits are individuals who have crossed over but come back to share with us."

She operates a business out of Lisbon with her partner, Audrey Medicine Eagle.

"[Wolf] wants people to talk, give them a chance to learn," Medicine Eagle said. "It's about the people who come in to share, not her."

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On Friday at 7 a.m., she will counsel Z102.9 morning personalities Scott Schulte and Rick Swan after the duo spends Wednesday night at the reportedly haunted Granger House in Cedar Rapids. She also teaches classes on the paranormal at Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids.

One of her former students, Sean Maxwell of Cedar Rapids, attended the lecture in costume as the Grim Reaper, unnerving the audience.

"I wanted to get a rise out of Spirit Wolf," said Maxwell, whose garb prompted Wolf to make light of the prank by asking the audience members to confirm the specter's appearance.

"Is that just someone in a mask?" asked Spirit Wolf, amid chuckles from the audience.

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## City mulls changing restaurant definition

BY MICHAEL DHAR

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City City Council will decide tonight whether to set a public hearing to change the city's definition of a restaurant, a move that would make it easier for Starbucks to set up shop downtown.

At the public hearing, to be held Nov. 10, the councilors would discuss reducing the amount of floor space downtown restaurants must devote to seating. Under current regulations, dining establishments must devote at least 50 percent of their floor space to seating in order to qualify as restaurants.

The proposed ordinance change comes in response to

requests by the coffee house, another business this year, and several in the past, said Karin Franklin, the city's director of planning. Starbucks will open at 228 S. Clinton St. in late December or early January. The store removed a vestibule from its floor plans in order to meet current guidelines.

"This is not just about Starbucks," Franklin said. "We don't make ordinance changes because of one thing."

The current seating ordinance was implemented to prevent drive-in restaurants from locating downtown, she said.

But Councilor Irvin Pfah said revoking the 50 percent rule could make downtown more

automobile-oriented.

"By not requiring as much seating, do you take away from the ambiance of the downtown?" he said.

Starbucks owns roughly 7,000 stores throughout the world, and it will join an already-thriving Iowa City coffee scene, which includes five other coffee shops.

In other business, the councilors will consider a motion to send letters to Iowa congressional representatives expressing concerns about the USA Patriot Act, a law passed shortly after the 9/11 attacks that expands the powers of federal law-enforcement agencies. In response to the concerns of many Iowa City citizens about the act's constitutionality, the

councilors will vote to send letters to Sens. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, and Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, and Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa.

"The purpose of this letter is to urge you to carefully examine the various provisions of the USA Patriot Act and to work to remove any of those provisions that may threaten the basic rights of individuals," a draft of the letter reads.

Councilors moved Monday to add a sentence encouraging lawmakers not to remove a sunset clause contained in the Patriot Act, in response to a suggestion by Pfah. A sunset clause states the act will expire unless renewed.

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## POLICE LOG

**Gary Duffel**, 36, address unknown, was charged Oct. 24 with harassment. According to court records, he allegedly threatened a person with a knife. Duffel allegedly stated that he had just gotten out of jail and was headed to prison. Court records show he had a blood-alcohol content of .164.

**Justin Thompson**, 24, 702 Greenwood Drive, was charged Oct. 25 with domestic assault causing injury. According to court records, police allegedly discovered a crying and injured woman upon arrival at Thompson's residence. The woman allegedly had a bloody nose and said her boyfriend, Thompson, hit her and destroyed the apartment.

## STATE

## Ambassador Wegmann named to another term

UI senior Mayrose Wegmann was recently re-appointed as Gov. Tom Vilsack's ambassador to Johnson County.

"It's a really rewarding job that allows me to be actively involved in the community," she said.

In her role as ambassador, the Bellevue native informs the governor of special events and achievements in the county, including academic achievements, scholarships received, retirements, heroism awards, Eagle Scout awards, special anniversaries, and birthdays.

"What I do is write down the information and send it to the governor, who then sends a letter of congratulations to the person who accomplished this," she said.

Wegmann said the job takes her one to two hours a month and mostly consists of reading local newspapers and keeping aware of events in the community.

Wegmann became the ambassador to Jackson County, her home county, in 1999 while she was a sen-

ior in high school. She continued to serve in that role until recently, when she was named ambassador to Johnson County. She also serves as the UI Student Government vice president.

— by Sarah Franklin

## Edwards warns of new Bush tax cut effort

DES MOINES (AP) — North Carolina Sen. John Edwards says that President Bush is planning a new round of tax cuts for the richest Americans in what amounts to a "war on work."

Edwards said that the tax cuts, reportedly tripling the amount of money that could be saved tax-free, would further balloon already record budget deficits and exacerbate the gap between rich and poor.

"He's obviously putting this in for the sole purpose of taking care of wealthy people," said Edwards. "He's about to give a big thank you to his campaign contributors."

New reports have said Bush plans a proposal that would increase what a family of four could save tax-free from the current \$20,000 to \$60,000.

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## Witnesses recount horror on sniper's first day

BY STEPHEN BRAUN  
WASHINGTON POST

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A daughter's mounting desperation, a frightened doctor's futile stab at saving a dying man, a patrol officer's race through a crowded intersection — the moments when the Washington, D.C., region first came under the shadow of a sniper unrelenting again Monday in a Virginia courtroom.

After days spent trying to link John Allen Muhammad to a series of distant killings and robberies in the Deep South, prosecutors turned to the rampage of rifle fire that killed five people in 14 hours and stirred placid suburban Maryland to the sudden fear of long-range murder.

Andrea Walekar, the daughter of slain Montgomery County cab driver Premkumar Walekar, took the witness stand Monday afternoon, recounting her father's death on the morning of Oct. 5, 2002. She told how she grew frantic as she heard news accounts of a gunman roaming the streets and began dialing her father's cell phone to warn him.

"I kept calling and calling him," she said. "But he wasn't picking up."

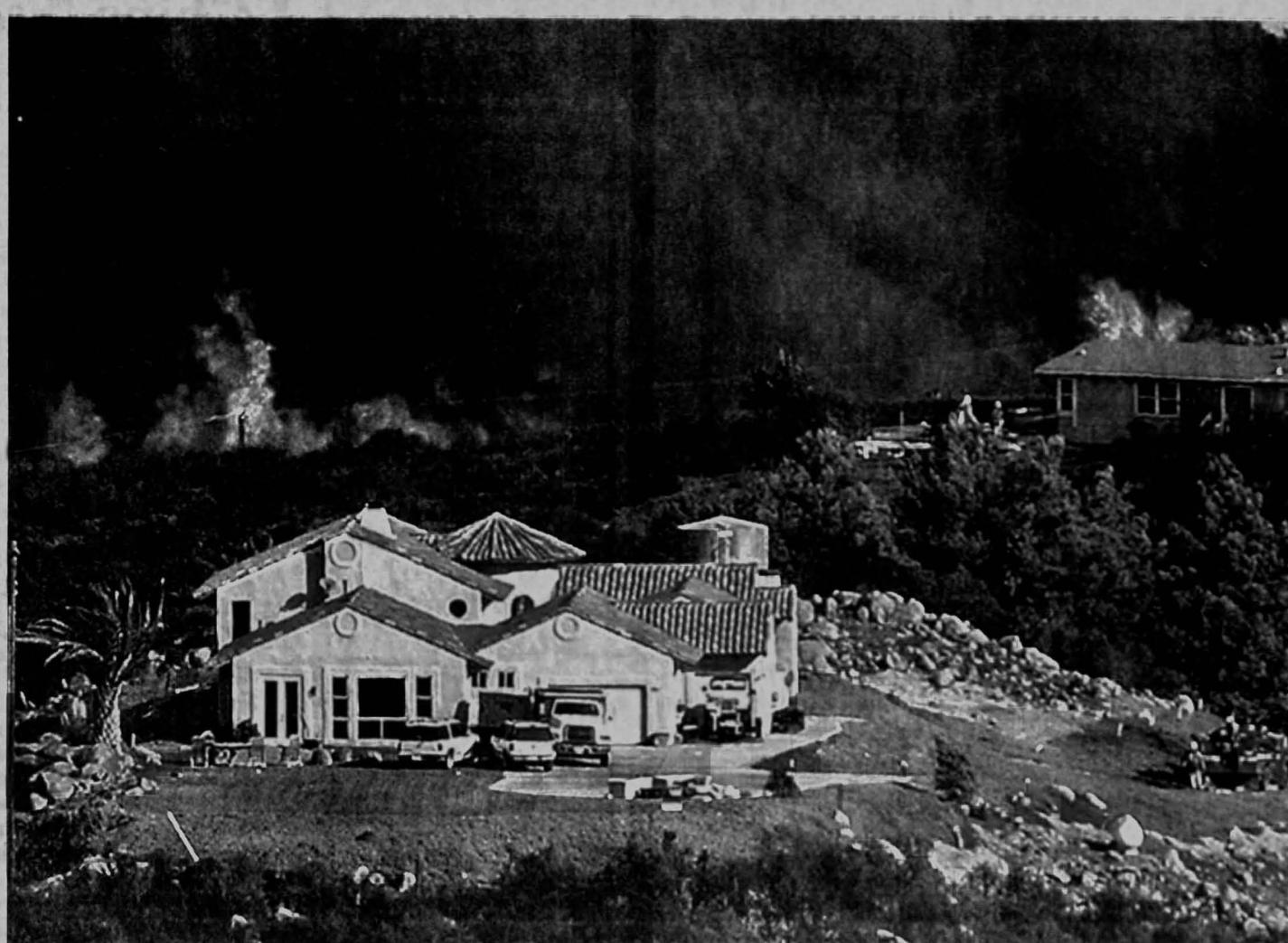
Finally, she got her answer by turning on the television. She saw a news report from the shooting scene, which showed her father's idle, empty taxi next to a gas pump in the county's Aspen Hill section.

Pediatrician Caroline Namrow, who had driven into the Mobil lot with her 22-month-old daughter, tried to save the dying cab driver. Namrow said she watched Walekar pump gas at the rear of his car when she heard a gunshot. She said she looked up as Walekar staggered toward her, mouthing the words: "Call an ambulance." Shot once in the chest, he toppled over.

Namrow testified Monday that she found only a faint pulse when she reached for the dying man's wrist. As she bent down to revive him, Walekar's eyes rolled up in their sockets, the physician recalled.

At that moment in Namrow's account, a woman in the courtroom began sobbing. It was Walekar's widow, Margaret,

who had kept her composure through her daughter's testimony but could no longer muzzle her grief. Her moans grew so loud that deputies escorted her out.



Denis Poroy/Associated Press  
Firefighters work to protect two homes on a remote hillside in Bear Valley, south of Valley Center, Calif., on Monday. A state of emergency was declared in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura counties as the fires laid waste to large areas.

## Wildfires rage in S. California

BY RENE SANCHEZ  
WASHINGTON POST

LOS ANGELES — An army of firefighters across Southern California struggled Monday to stop huge, raging blazes continuing to advance on densely populated communities and blanketing much of the region in smoke and ash.

Burning relentlessly over hundreds of square miles, the wildfires consumed another swath of homes around San Diego and San Bernardino, put thousands more families on the run, and spewed so much hazardous matter into the air that public-health officials urged most residents in greater Los Angeles to stay indoors.

The fires forced widespread school and road closures, disrupted air travel, and deprived some areas of electricity. Hospital emergency rooms reported treating a surge in patients complaining of respiratory problems. Emergency shelters were swamped with more waves of refugees who said nothing was left of their neighborhoods.

"It looked like Armageddon," said Kimberly Medsker, who slept with her three children in a restaurant parking lot in San Diego on Sunday night.

State officials said that 10 major fires were burning across more than 400,000 acres from the Mexican border to the

Los Angeles suburb of Simi Valley. The fires, which exploded in size and fury over the weekend with the help of fierce Santa Ana winds, have now destroyed more than 1,000 homes and other structures. At least 14 people have died, most of them in a runaway blaze that erupted early Sunday morning near San Diego. The firestorm is one of the biggest and most destructive ever to strike Southern California, and no end is in sight.

"It's pretty bad," said Jack Haynes, a Los Angeles firefighter who has been on the frontline of a 80,000-acre blaze near here since Oct. 25. "We've had fires before, but there's just so many of them that are so big, and they're all happening at once."

President Bush declared the region a disaster area on Monday and pledged immediate federal assistance. California Gov. Gray Davis, saying the state's firefighting resources have been stretched to the limit, mobilized National Guard units to assist in the effort and asked the governors of Arizona and Nevada each to send 50 fire engine companies to join the 8,200 firefighters already battling the blazes in four counties. "Everything we can possibly do, we are doing," Davis said. California Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger, who will replace Davis next month, visited firefighters battling the Simi Valley blaze late

Monday.

The wildfires are altering daily life across nearly all of Southern California. In San Diego, Mayor Dick Murphy urged employers to let their workers stay home Monday to help keep roads clear for emergency vehicles and to conserve electrical power. The National Football League hastily moved Monday night's game between the San Diego Chargers and Miami Dolphins to Arizona because Qualcomm Stadium is being used as an evacuation site. The San Diego Zoo moved primates indoors.

In San Bernardino, where blazes have destroyed approximately 450 hillside homes, officials advised residents to boil drinking water that may be contaminated by smoke and debris from fires. Around Los Angeles, schools that stayed open curtailed athletics practices and outdoor recess, and some residents ventured outside wearing face masks.

Area hospitals were reporting a steep increase in the number of patients complaining of breathing problems or throat irritation. Strong winds are carrying microscopic particles from the fires around San Bernardino all the way to coastal cities 60 miles away.

"We're seeing people with shortness of breath and people wheezing from the particulate

matter," said Brad Gerberich, a physician at West Hills Hospital and Medical Center, which is downwind from the Simi Valley fire. He advised people, especially the elderly, to stay indoors, close windows, and run their air conditioners. "The air is definitely unhealthy," he said.

Firefighters made little progress containing any of the major blazes Monday. Tens of thousands of homes remained threatened. Nearly two dozen emergency shelters have been opened around the region for residents forced to flee their homes.

Authorities told thousands of other residents who could soon be in the path of the unpredictable blazes to be prepared to leave their homes with as little as 10 minutes' notice.

Still, there were signs of hope on the frontlines of some of the wildfires. The Santa Ana winds that had been blasting the region for two days with gusts of 40 to 50 mph subsided for hours in many places, allowing air tankers loaded with water to return to the sky and giving firefighters ample time to dig better containment lines and stamp out hot spots. Over the weekend, the strong desert winds had put firefighting crews in a strictly defensive, and often desperate, position trying to save homes.

## STATE

### Dean collects 1st international union backing

ANKENY, Iowa (AP) — Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean snared his first international union on Monday, collecting the endorsement of a 140,000-member trade union in his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Dean said the endorsement of the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades will add muscle to his already formidable campaign organization he's built.

"Over the course of the last year and a half or so, we have put together the greatest grass-roots organization of the modern era," he said. "When we build this organization, we're going to have 2 million people on our list."

### Vilsack: 'Net law may cost Iowa \$50 million'

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Tom Vilsack opposes federal legislation that would expand the definition of Internet access, possibly costing the state as much as \$50 million a year in lost tax revenue.

In a letter to Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, Vilsack said the legislation could mean an end to taxes on telecommunications services far beyond just those used to access the Internet. That would be tough to handle at a time when state services are seeing significant cuts, he said.

"As you know, the Iowa budget has been hit hard over the last few years, and we have needed to make budget cuts in all areas, including education and services for our senior citizens," Vilsack wrote to Grassley, the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee.

Grassley is trying to balance the states' rights to tax telecommunications while making sure that Internet access remains free of taxes for consumers, the senator's aides told the *Des Moines Register* in Washington.

"He is opposed to a tax increase," said Grassley spokeswoman Jill Kozyry.

As new technology emerges, lawmakers, and industry leaders are squabbling over which of them can be taxed and how to separate Internet access from other telecommunications services, such as phone service or cable service.

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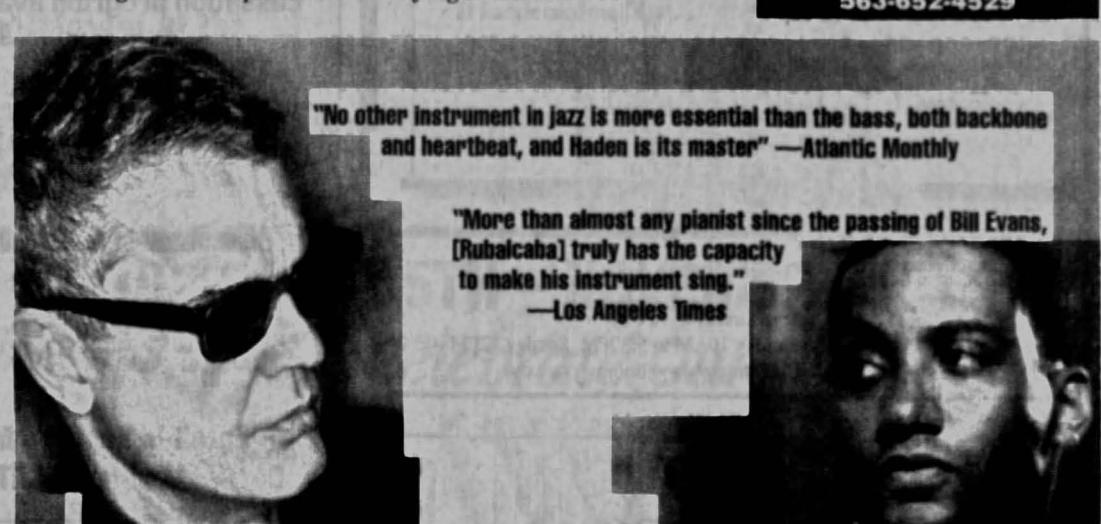
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## NEWS



Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon (right), flanked by European politician François Zimeray, tells a delegation from the European Union that Israel has no plans to assassinate Yasser Arafat, despite its earlier threats against the Palestinian leader.

## Sharon rejects killing Arafat

BY HENRY CHU  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM — Israel has ruled out assassinating Yasser Arafat even though the Palestinian leader is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Israelis, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday.

Speaking to a gathering of European Union lawmakers, Sharon gave his first public indication that an attempt on Arafat's life was not imminent despite the Israeli Cabinet's declared intention to "remove" the aging Palestinian Authority president.

"You don't have to worry — he's alive, and not only that ... but he's very active in taking all the steps that [lead] to the murder of children, civilians, old people," Sharon said. "But I don't see any plans to kill him, although the man is responsible for the death of hundreds and thousands of mostly civilians."

Arafat has lived for weeks under threat of isolation, exile, or assassination since Israeli officials announced their decision to oust him following two suicide bombings on Sept. 9 that killed more than a dozen people.

But in the face of vociferous international opposition — including a sharp rebuke from the United States, Israel's strongest ally — Sharon has recently backed down from his government's drastic line on Arafat, whose popularity among Palestinians has soared as a result of Israel's threats.

In a published interview this month, Sharon — who has expressed regret at not having killed Arafat years ago — acknowledged that expelling him "would not be good for Israel."

Analysts say that deporting Arafat from his battered West Bank headquarters would arouse worldwide opprobrium and give the former Palestinian

guerrilla leader an even larger stage on which to press the case for an independent Palestine.

Palestinian statehood is also envisioned in the U.S.-backed Mideast peace plan known as the "road map," an initiative that has all but broken down in the wake of continued terrorist attacks by Palestinian militants and Israel's refusal to freeze the growth of Jewish settlements in the West Bank and dismantle all outposts erected since March 2001, as called for by the peace plan.

Both sides now seem far from fulfilling their obligations. Palestinian gunmen shot to death three Israeli soldiers late last week, and on Monday, Israeli media reported that the government has

decided to provide limited public services to eight Jewish settler outposts in the West Bank. While not quite legitimizing the outposts, Israel's decision implies some level of recognition, the *Yediot Aharonot* newspaper said.

In the West Bank city of Ramallah, Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia spoke of progress in talks with militant groups such as Hamas and Islamic Jihad toward a possible ceasefire. He called on the Israeli government to join a comprehensive truce. Israeli officials have scoffed at the offer and continued their campaign of hunting militants in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

## China frees American, deports him to States

BY TED ANTHONY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIJING — Citing his "repentant behavior," China deported a Chinese-born American citizen convicted of obtaining state secrets and put him on a plane to the United States on Monday, less than two years before his prison sentence expires.

Fong Fuming, 68, a naturalized American and a business consultant from West Orange, N.J., had been on a list of 13 prisoners that the U.S. government identified to China as priority cases. Officials as senior as Secretary of State Colin Powell brought up his case with Chinese leaders.

In the past, Beijing has freed Americans or U.S. residents to coincide with visits from top-level Washington politicians. One source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the Associated

Press that a U.S. official who deals with human rights arrived in Beijing on Monday.

The ailing Fong "has had his sentence reduced and was deported from China," the official Xinhua News Agency reported Monday night. It referred to Fong's "repentant behavior in jail" but didn't give details.

"It's a happy surprise," said one of Fong's two sons, reached by telephone in New Jersey. He spoke on the condition that his name not be used. "We're just so overjoyed that he's coming home."

Fong, an electrical engineer and one-time power official in China, long denied charges he illegally obtained documents containing state secrets and bribed government officials. He was sentenced to five years in March 2002 after being detained for nearly two years and was given credit for time served.

## Butler's tell-all book on Diana sets off furor

BY SUE LEEMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — A tell-all memoir by Princess Diana's former butler went on sale in Britain on Monday, with its author insisting he meant it as "a loving tribute" rather than an act of revenge.

In a slew of interviews, Paul Burrell also conceded that he remains angry at what he feels were royal snubs and wrote *A Royal Duty* at least in part to give his side of the story.

A week of excerpts in the *Daily Mirror* tabloid — which painted an intimate picture of Diana's private life — infuriated friends of the princess and brought an anguished appeal from princes William and Harry for Burrell to desist.

The ex-butler, unrepentant, says he is proud of the book

and he relishes a chance to meet Diana's sons "to give them a piece of my mind."

Burrell told BBC radio that since Diana's death in a car crash in 1997, "I've been on this roller coaster of madness — I have been here, there, and everywhere ... from grieving the princess's death ... through the police knocking on my door and taking me to the highest court in the land," a reference to his collapsed trial on charges of stealing some of Diana's belongings.

"My name has been trashed, my family has been put through hell, and I have been to the brink of suicide," Burrell added. "At the end of all that, I think it is important that I have a say — I am a human being, too, and I need to put the record straight."

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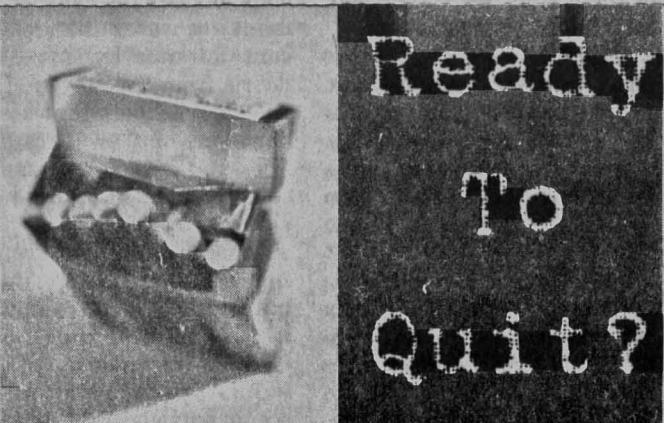
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# Art prof fishes fisherman out of river

## SAVED

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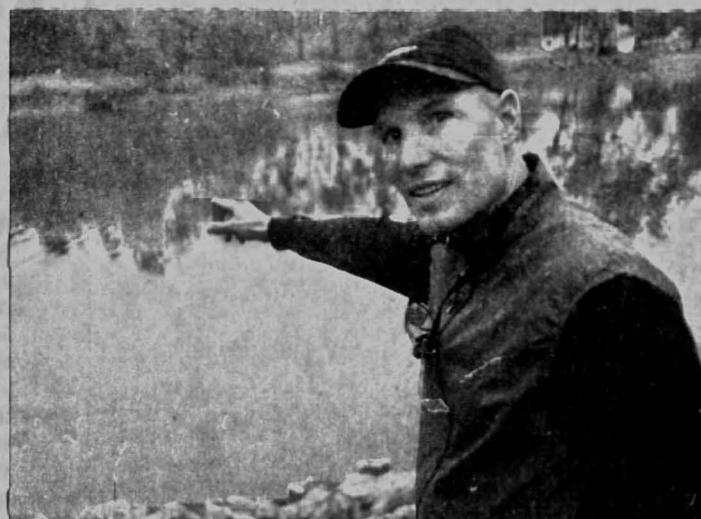
boat on Oct. 24 and alerted Steve Thunder-McGuire.

The UI associate professor was talking with a graduate student at his 825 Eastmoor Drive home when the panicked messenger told the duo about the predicament. Thunder-McGuire, who is trained in life-saving techniques, dashed approximately four blocks to help save Seydel from drowning in the 50-degree water, he said Monday.

Floating in the river next to his overturned boat, Seydel yelled ashore that he didn't need help. But Thunder-McGuire dove in after him because he was concerned that the water could quickly induce hypothermia.

He began to pull Seydel toward the shore when he realized the fisherman was entangled with a gas can.

The gas can acted like a buoy for Seydel because it was mostly filled with air, said Thunder-McGuire, adding that after about seven minutes he freed Seydel and pulled him toward



**Steve Thunder-McGuire**, a UI associated art professor, points to the spot on the Iowa River where he rescued Lyle Seydel Sr.

the embankment. "He is 75 years old, but he was fairly tough," Thunder-McGuire said.

Seydel said that he wasn't at risk of drowning, but he was thankful a concerned bystander jumped in and swam to his rescue.

"I was not in any danger," he said.

"I was going to float down the river."

He said he hung onto the side of his boat to stay afloat for

about five minutes before Thunder-McGuire arrived.

"It was awfully nice for him to jump in, and he helped," he said.

Thunder-McGuire had a similar experience in 1993, when he noticed a student who had fallen in the swollen river trying to grab a hat. Noticing the student bobbing up and down, he ran along the bank to get closer, climbed out across a tree lodged in the river, and pulled him out

from under the water by the collar, he said.

Thunder-McGuire said that even though he may have saved Seydel's life, he didn't feel like a hero; he just responded as fast as he could to a dangerous situation.

"I was propelled not so much by being a hero but by making things turn out right," he said. "When things like that happen, you remember everything you're taught. You block out everything except what is going on."

A self-described great swimmer, Seydel said he was thrown off balance while changing positions on his 8-foot fishing boat, tipping it upside down and plummeting himself into the river near lower City Park.

Ambulances arrived after Seydel had safely reached shore but did not take him to the hospital.

He did not require any medical treatment other than being "warmed up."

Seydel also said his plunge into the river has not discouraged him from getting back in his boat and fishing on the river.

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# Suicide bombers rattle Baghdad

## BAGHDAD

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sparking panic and grief as Muslims began a month-long daylight fast.

At each blast site, the tableau of violence was eerily similar: broken glass and twisted metal lined the street, bloodied victims milled about, edgy American soldiers and distraught Iraq police scoured the rubble for survivors, still-burning cars unleashed plumes of acrid smoke into the blue morning sky. The blasts

occurred within an hour of each other, forcing siren-wailing ambulances and fire trucks to crisscross the city all morning.

The Red Cross said 12 people were killed in front of its offices in central Baghdad, including two unarmed guards. At least 22 people were killed in the three police station bombings, according to reports from police officials and hospitals that received casualties. Of the 224 injured, 159 were civilians, said Gen. Ahmed Ibrahim, the deputy Interior minister.

# Date-rape reports rising

## RVAP

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been sexually assaulted, and that's all they know."

Rohypnol and GHB are nervous-system depressants. When Rohypnol and GHB are combined with alcohol, disinhibition and amnesia occur. Both drugs are produced in pill form and dissolve easily in liquids.

According to the reports, women named four to six bars in downtown Iowa City where they think they were drugged. Because of RVAP's confidentiality policy, the bars' names were not released.

Mike Porter, the owner of two downtown bars, seemed surprised by the new statistics but said he was concerned with the increase.

"Under no circumstances do

we let a guy carry a girl out [of the bar] if she looks like she wouldn't be able to handle herself," he said, adding that if a person looks as if he or she is in danger, he immediately contacts the police. "We are not afraid to call the police in situations like that."

According to the Iowa Code, sexual assault with the help of date-rape drugs is considered to be third-degree sexual abuse, a Class C felony. If convicted, a person can be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison.

Miller said people commonly think they can identify rapists because they believe they will appear slimy, scary, or weird.

"But what if he is nicely dressed and good looking?" she said, adding that it is important for people to watch out for their friends.

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# Car takes wild ride on Jefferson

## CRASH

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It appeared as if the driver were having a seizure prior to hitting the tree, some witnesses said. Some also testified that they saw the man flail his arms immediately before impact.

Police on the scene refused to comment, and authorities had issued no report Monday night. But a police source confirmed that the driver has a medical condition, and alcohol was not involved.

"It looked like he was out

when he came by," said Mark Heller, who was driving behind the Chrysler as it hit the first tree and rolled right in front of him.

UI senior Alissa Chisholm and friends were standing underneath the Calvin Hall tree at the moment of impact.

"All of the tree debris fell on us when it hit," said Chisholm, who was walking down the street toward Halsey Hall at the time.

Witnesses said police responded almost instantaneously.

"I heard sirens within a couple of minutes," Chisholm said.

I heard sirens within a couple of minutes. People were calling 911 as it was happening.

**Alissa Chisholm**  
UI senior

"People were calling 911 as it was happening."

Merges tried to report the incident via cell phone, but she said she could not get through because of the number of other callers trying to reach officials.

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## REC

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current practice of charging students additional fees to use the facility.

Braisford & Dunlavy Inc. of Washington, D.C., completed a study in 1999 that discovered UI students are willing to pay up to \$70 per semester to use a new center. The firm's officials will return to campus on Nov. 6 and 7 to survey more students and meet with focus groups to determine if students still support a new recreation center.

UI students will also have to decide if they want a spacious new center alone or one to complement the Field House. The UISG and university officials are in the process of hiring a consultant to determine the best location for the new recreation center site, Ostrander said.

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## LETTERS

### DI a Cubs newsletter?

Come on. You can't be serious. It's been over a week, and you guys decide to slap Jason Brummond's column on the front page of the sports section. Since when is *The Daily Iowan* the official Cubs newsletter? I understand that a substantial chunk of the student body is from Chicago, but what about the rest of your daily readers? Beutler is out for the season, dashing the hopes of the Hawk fans wanting to beat the traitor (only a blip on the front page of the sports section), the UI is taking another swing at curbing binge and underage drinking and in the process taking away a mainstay of Hawk football, the Field House parking lot. The basketball season is getting underway, which is ripe with great story lines. And you guys have the audacity to run this story on the front page of the sports section? This article may as well have been regurgitated from every other damn sports page in the country, besides Boston, last week.

To do this on Oct. 22, you are only rehashing wounds for the real Cubs fans. Get it together. As the jump headline for the article states, I "Can't wait until next year" until I have to read another article on the demise of the Cubs in the NLCS.

Noah Siela  
UI student

### Battle wounds

I am the owner of a permanent souvenir from the Oct. 4 Homecoming football game: a 2-inch scar running across my forehead. Despite being one of the casualties from the half-full beer can throwing, seeing the nearly empty Field House parking lot on Oct. 25 was disheartening. I don't think that the behavior of a few stupid people should ruin years of tradition and good times for everyone else. Put the security personnel and police officers to work monitoring the behavior of tailgaters — not an empty parking lot. I survived the Field House parking lot — and I was looking forward to showing off my scar to prove it.

Carrie Napolilli  
UI student

### How about a little respect?

While I sympathize somewhat with the Hawkeye fans who find the new rules regarding tailgating to be restrictive, the arguments made in two letters to the editor on Oct. 26 make a very poor case for loosening the restrictions. Both writers made the untenable argument that when people act like morons, others must accommodate them.

One indirectly blamed the university for what he thinks will be more drunken fans driving to the Field House lot at 8:30 instead of 6. I could be wrong, but I thought it was the driver's responsibility to not drive when drunk. Perhaps the author is saying that people his age can't be trusted to drink responsibly?

The other writer instead argues for the fundamental right of college students to indulge (I must have missed that one in my constitutional-law class) and throws out the tired and nonsensical line

"let's not judge" others for their actions.

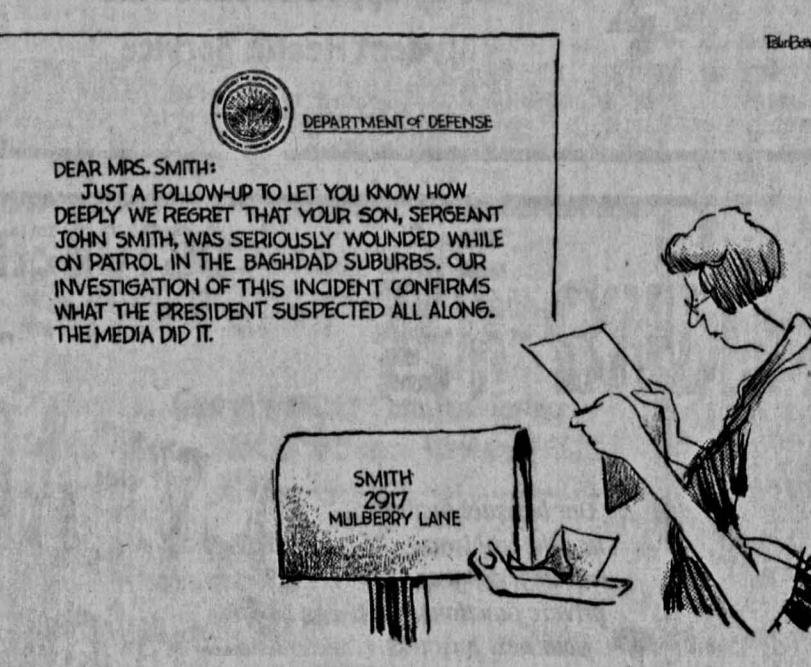
In the real world, judging others is how we get through life. Based on the behavior of others, we decide whether we want future interactions with a person or group of persons — judgment forms the basis of every relationship.

And apparently, the residents near the Field House lot decided that they didn't want future interactions that involved tailgaters throwing beer cans and other idiotic behavior. This is the legal right of the residents, and

the letter writers make a pretty good case that restrictions on people of their "I'm a moron — deal with it" mentality is a good idea.

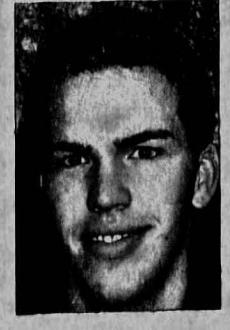
Finally, the thousands of non-student health-care workers at the UI Hospitals and Clinics might argue that they also make the town — not just the students — and that mutual respect would be a better basis for residents and tailgaters finding a compromise solution.

Jeremy M. Yarwood  
UI Department of Microbiology



## ON THE SPOT

Do you plan to get a flu shot at the IMU?



"No, I just believe in building up an immunity."

Josh Olson  
UI junior



"No, 'cause I'm lazy."

Megan Harty  
UI sophomore



"Maybe; it depends on my schedule."

Laura McElherne  
UI sophomore



"No, I haven't really thought about it."

Kyle Ferguson  
UI senior

## SOUND OFF

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# Desert mirages & drain pipes

ARE YOU AS IMPRESSED with the peace and stability that the United States has inflicted upon Iraq as I am?

Thought so.

You have to admit, it's been quite the sight,

all those millions of Iraqis

greeting our troops with

open arms, flowers, kisses —

not to mention the rockets' red glare on Sunday

as they slammed

into the Rashid Hotel, which, the

*Washington Post*

noted, was the "core of the U.S. presence in Iraq."

Also not to mention the car bombs bursting in air Monday in Baghdad. Much more peace and stability like this, and probably a lot of Iraqis will long for the chaos of war.

Just in case you haven't been keeping track, more than 100 U.S. troops have been killed by hostile fire since that glorious day (May 1) when the *Cowboy in Chief* landed on the aircraft carrier and photo-opted informed us that the war was over. In the period from Oct. 8 through Oct. 22, attacks on "coalition" forces have doubled to around 25 a day.

No wonder that Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., mused to *Newsweek* that things were looking more and more like Vietnam in the sense that the story line that the administration was describing about Iraq continued to diverge from the story line that reality was telling.

Of course, when it comes to Iraq, diverging from reality's story line is nothing new for our gung-ho cowboys in the administration. There's a new, in-depth report from the *Washington Post* that delves into the cornerstone of the administration's reasons for going to war — that Saddam was trying to revive his nuclear-weapons program — and it makes for fascinating reading.

The *Post* examined documents and interviewed U.S., British, and Australian arms investigators and concluded that "central assertions of the Bush administration's prewar nuclear case" were "insubstantial or untrue." The arms investigators told the *Post* that "it is now clear [Saddam] had no active program to build a weapon, produce its key materials, or obtain the technology he needed for either."

Well, well, well. You'll remember last fall, administration officials were gallivanting across the country, warning us about the mushroom cloud of doom that Saddam possessed. That's why we had to invade Iraq, they contended, and invade Iraq immediately.

In particular, U.S. officials pointed to the batch of aluminum tubes that Iraq had attempted to buy as evidence that Saddam was pursuing an uranium-enrichment program; the tubes were to be used as centrifuge rotors to enrich the uranium.

There were some who dissented last fall; the International Atomic Energy Agency, for one, pooh-poohed the idea. And the two top U.S. government nuclear-centrifuge experts said the aluminum tubes could not be put to such use.

And now, Australian Brig. Gen. Stephen Meekin, the commander of the Joint Captured Enemy Materiel Exploitation Center, which reports to David Kay, the chief U.S. arms inspector, says the aluminum tubes are "innocuous." "The tubes were used for rockets," he says.

Meekin went on to note that, for all the alarm that U.S. officials raised about the tubes a year ago, the United States has taken no steps to round them up but has let them sit, unguarded. He also told the *Post* that he wasn't sure where the tubes might be. "They weren't our highest priority." Left unguarded, he said, scavengers most likely "sold them as drain pipe."

The Iraqis did have a uranium-enrichment program prior to 1991; it died then, said top scientist Mahdi Obeidi, who is now living with his family in an undisclosed location on the East Coast. His design called for managing steel and carbon-fiber tubes, for which aluminum tubes could be substituted. Also, the steel and carbon-fiber tubes had to be 145 mm in diameter; the aluminum tubes were 81 mm.

So, let's see — we went to war so looters could provide Iraqis with drain pipes?

I've been in a fair number of deserts, and I've experienced the phenomenon known as the desert mirage.

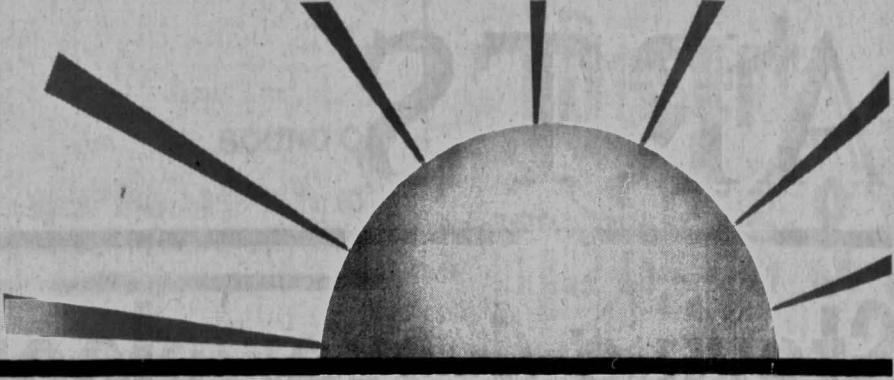
But never have I seen a desert mirage so cloak U.S. policy. ■



**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

**I did feel kind of weird after those photos. I was in a moment. I had, like, eight Red Bulls and said, "OK, let's do it."**

— Britney Spears, explaining to *Newsweek* why she posed for *Esquire* wearing a white sweater, high heels, and nothing else.



# The Daily Break

## calendar

• Campus Activities Board Event, Easily Amused concert, noon, IMU Wheelroom.

• Iowa Valley High School Performance, noon, UIHC Colloton Pavilion Atrium.

• Materials Physics/Solid State Physics Seminar, 12:15 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

• Center for the Book Brown Bag Series, "The Story of 'The Story of A,'" Patricia Crain, University of Minnesota, 12:15 p.m., Main Library second-floor conference room south.

• Biochemistry Research Workshop, "The Contribution of the DNA-binding Domain of RPA32 to the Function of Replication Protein A," Anne Sheehan, biochemistry, 12:15 p.m., Bowen Science Building Auditorium 2.

• Math/Physics Seminar, "An Astrophysical Application of the Formulation of General Relativity in Terms of Null Surfaces," Simonetta Frittelli, Duquesne University, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen Hall.

• Operator Theory Seminar, "On Connes' Conjecture," F. Radulescu, 2:30 p.m., 301

Van Allen Hall.

• Center for Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Seminar, "Bioinformatics Applications in Tissue Engineering," Joe Assouline, 4 p.m., 2229 Seaman Center.

• Lecture and film about human rights in Latin America, "Justice for the People of the Americas," Joe Ferrara, 7 p.m., 346 IMU.

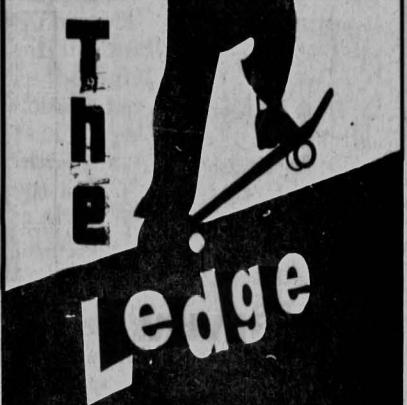
• Live from Prairie Lights, Aharon Shabtai,

poetry, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSU.

• Electronic Music Studios, Lawrence Fritts, director, featuring the Edison Studio group, featuring the Edison Studio group, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.

• Club Baseball Team Fall Meeting, 9:30 p.m., Hillcrest Martha Von Nostrand Lounge.

• Biocatalysis and Bioprocessing Conference, time TBA, IMU; for information, call 335-4903.



## GUIDELINES FOR A SUCCESSFUL BACHELOR PARTY

by Jessie Ammerman

- You're doing well when the exotic dancer you hired resembles a celebrity of some sort. Unless, of course, that celebrity is Captain Lou Albano.

- Honestly, you should consult with the rest of your group before reserving a table at Chuck E. Cheese.

- There's really no need to tell a stripper your thoughts on the continuing civil unrest in Kurdistan, as you never quite know where she stands on the issue.

- When selecting a strip club to visit, be sure not to pick the one where the bachelor's fiancée works.

- While a dancer's mother might indeed be proud of those moves, it's best not to mention that so loudly.

- It's generally better to offer some brief congratulations than to remind the bachelor that life as he knows it is drawing to a stunning and inescapable end.

- For once, please, leave the Parcheesi board at home. That lesson should have been learned at the last party you introduced it at.

**Little University**

1 What Fox News star parlayed his on-air "Talking Points" into a No. 1 best-seller?  
2 What 1987 pioneering simulation game actually made an urban planner's job seem interesting?  
3 What publishing czar offered a \$1 million reward to any woman who could prove having had an affair with a member of Congress in 1998?  
4 What novelist funds the writer-in-residence program at the University of Mississippi?  
5 What superstar holds U.S. patent on shoes that attach to a stage, allowing the wearer to lean in apparent defiance of gravity?

5. Michael Jackson  
4. John Goodman  
3. Larry Flynt  
2. Sandra Bullock  
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5 Animal House  
5:30 Protostar  
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7 U.N. Report  
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10 Cold and Grey  
10:30 RBO TV  
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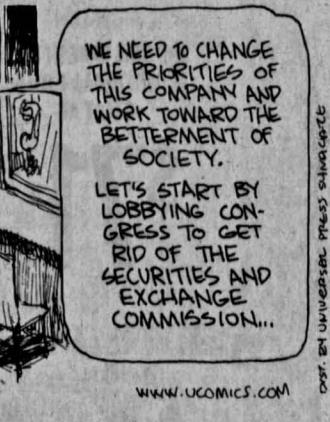
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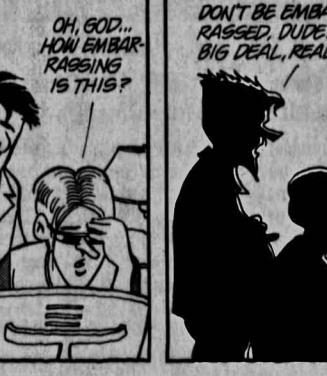


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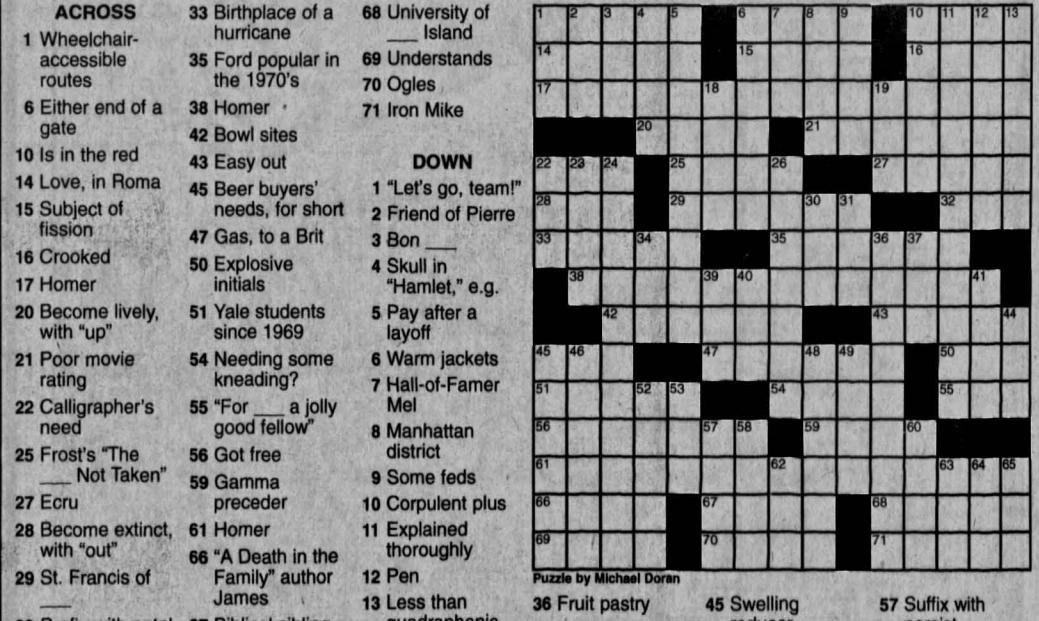


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## SCOREBOARD

## NFL

Dolphins 26, Chargers 10

## NHL

Flyers 5, Canadiens 0

Thrashers 3, Maple Leafs 2

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## SPORTS

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## UP FOR GRABS

## Players file for MLB free agency

NEW YORK (AP) — Vladimir Guerrero, reigning AL MVP Miguel Tejada, and Gary Sheffield filed for free agency Monday along with pitcher Bartolo Colon. Relievers Keith Foulke, LaTroy Hawkins, and Armando Benitez also were among the 71 players who filed on the second day following the World Series, raising the free agent total to 106 among the approximately 225 players eligible.

Others who filed included Rafael Palmeiro, Ruben Sierra, Mike Cameron, Rickey Henderson, plus the Philadelphia relief duo of Jose Mesa and Mike Williams.

Five players filed from the San Francisco Giants: first baseman J.T. Snow and shortstop Rich Aurilia, plus Andres Galarraga, Tim Worrell, and Eric Young.

Guerrero, Tejada, and Sheffield figure to be among the most prized hitters in the free agent market, and Colon is one of the top pitchers.

Colon rejected a three-year offer from the White Sox. His agent, Mitch Frankel, said the pitcher hasn't ruled out returning to Chicago.

"We will still continue to talk to the team and see if there's something that can be worked out," Frankel said Monday. "He does like Chicago. He liked the players on the team. He would welcome the opportunity to come back. If something could equitably be worked out, he would stay in Chicago."

## INVESTIGATION

## Doping abuse linked to pair of drugs

LONDON (AP) — Two drugs under scrutiny in sports — modafinil and THG — are part of a pattern of doping abuse in the United States, a top track and field executive said Monday.

Anne Ljungqvist, the International Association of Athletics Federations medical commission chief, said the evidence suggests a link between the substances.

Modafinil is the drug sprinter Kelli White says she took for a sleep disorder. Tetrahydrogestrinone, or THG, is a previously undetectable designer steroid that has turned up in the samples of several track and field athletes.

"What emerges now is a pattern," Ljungqvist told the Associated Press by phone from Sweden. "People have taken THG for obvious reasons — it's been designed with the intent to be discovered."

"And modafinil seems to have become a fashionable stimulant among certain athletes as well. It's a pattern I've seen before, where drugs have become popular and we find them."

Ljungqvist spoke after 400-meter runner Calvin Harrison became the latest athlete identified as having tested positive for modafinil.

Harrison, an Olympic and world gold medalist, tested positive for modafinil this past summer, a source close to a U.S. doping investigation, told the AP on Oct. 25 on the condition of anonymity.

Harrison, still awaiting the result of his backup B sample, was tested at the U.S. national championships in June at Stanford, Calif.

## BIG TEN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Big Ten loaded with potential

BY ROSEANNA SMITH

THE DAILY IOWAN

ROSEMONT, Ill. — Women's basketball hasn't looked as strong in the Big Ten for as long as most of the coaches can remember.

Twelve of 15 of the players nominated to the all-conference team after last season return for another year, most of them seniors out to capture not only a crown in the Big Ten but a place among the nation's best in March.

"We return great players this year, and some of the best in America are playing right here in the Big Ten," said Iowa coach Lisa Bluder, who returns two key all-conference players in Jennie Lillis and Kristi Faulkner. "The conference is going to be tremendous, and that's what makes it so exciting."

Last year's conference champion, Penn State, returns Kelly Mazzante, who averaged 23.0 points per game last year and was selected as the preseason player of the year at the Big Ten's annual media day Sunday.

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The Nittany Lions, who went 26-9 overall and lost in the Sweet 16 to No. 4 Tennessee, have four freshmen this year, but they are balanced by eight players who have played together for at least three years.

Wright said she expects conference play to be vicious.

"It will be a difficult thing to play in the Big Ten," she said.

"There won't be one team that blows everyone out of the water.

It'll be tough to win the Big Ten this year."

Big Ten Tournament winner Purdue is led by the tandem of Ericka Valek and Shereka Wright, both of whom were nominated to last season's



Ben Plank/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa's Jennie Lillis goes up for a layup last season. Lillis has been named to the preseason all-conference team.

all-conference first team by the coaches. The Boilmakers lost to eventual three-time champion Connecticut, 73-64, in their Elite Eight game.

Also returning from the All-Big Ten teams are Lindsay Whalen and Janel McCarville from Minnesota. The Gophers played to the Sweet 16 and lost to No. 5-seed Texas.

Forwards Angelina Williams and Cindy Dallas will set up Illinois' attack.

Williams led the team in scoring last year, with 15.4 points per game and 2.7 assists per game. Dallas headed up the team's rebounding, averaging 9.6 per game, and scored consistently behind Williams.

Caity Matter is the lone representative on the all-conference team returning for the Buckeyes, who lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in coach Jim Foster's first year. Foster's team will need to find a replacement for Courtney Coleman, who was second on the team in points with 14.1.

Bluder said the stacked conference will force every Big Ten team to be successful in its non-conference schedule.

"We have to hope all of us do extremely well, because we're going to beat up on each other when it comes to conference time," she said.

This may help the Hawkeyes improve on their seventh-place finish of last year; the team plays a strong nonconference schedule, including a game against No. 4 Kansas State.

But Minnesota coach Pam Borton says no matter what the outcome of the nonconference schedule, teams can expect a contentious few months of conference play.

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FRANK KLIPSCH  
Sportswriter

I knew I was in the right place when a swarm of men breezed past me on the left side of a carpeted and Muzak-filled hotel hallway.

I knew I was in the right place because in the middle of the mass I could make out what looked to be an oil-slicked ocean wave that was actually the iconic comb-over of Purdue coach Gene Keady.

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## NBA SEASON TIPOFF • 6 P.M. TONIGHT

## Back to the court

BY MARK HEISLER

LOS ANGELES TIMES

Whatever this is going to be, it's here.

After a monumental, or horrific, buildup the like of which the NBA has never seen, and would have as soon passed on, the season is finally about to start.

Commissioner David Stern says it won't be about Kobe Bryant's rape case, but he isn't fooling anybody, certainly not the executives at any of the networks that carry his games.

With Turner and ESPN rushing to pick up the last two Laker exhibitions when they learned Bryant would play in them, it looks more like Dallas owner Mark Cuban's politically incorrect prediction that it will actually spur interest because people like "train-wreck television."

For those seeking nice stories, *Sports Illustrated* put LeBron James on the cover, making him the first 18-year-old basketball player to make it twice. Unfortunately, it turned out to be so last season, after LeBron went from teen legend to mortal in the exhibition season.

If *SI* wanted a cool rookie to put on the cover (and win the weekly demographic war for the kids with *ESPN the Magazine*), it should have chosen Denver's Carmelo Anthony, who has shown he's actually ready now.

Unfortunately, even assuming that the prurient interest engendered by Bryant's case fades, the season figures to proceed along all-too-familiar lines, building interest as it goes ... right up until the big anti-climax.

In this league, the rule should be: East is East, West is West, and never shall they meet.

The West has won the last five NBA Finals and in only one, last spring's ratings debacle between the Spurs and Nets, was it anything but 3-1 or 4-0 after four games.

Once again, the West's huge, talented teams seem to tower over anything in the East.

Once again, the West general managers have done incredible jobs of building up their powerhouses.

Next June, one of the big West teams figures to plow under the biggest beast the East can find, but surprises happen. No recently, of course, but it's possible. In theory.

Good luck. We NBA fans may need it, again.

**D.Y.K.**  
Did you know?

Which NBA players averaged 30 PPG last season?

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## SPORTS

**trivia A:**

**Tracy McGrady  
and Kobe Bryant  
averaged 30  
points last season.**

**IOWA SPORTS**

this week

**Today**

- MEN'S TENNIS** at the ITA Midwest Regionals in East Lansing, Mich. All day.
- SOCCER** at Kentucky Tournament vs. Rutgers, Lexington, Ky., 5:30 p.m. Tickets: \$5 adults, \$2 youth/senior.
- SOFTBALL** Alumni Game at Pearl Field. Admission free.
- MEN'S/WOMEN'S GOLF** at Badger Invitational University Ridge Golf Course, Madison, Wis. All day. Admission free.

**Tuesday**

- MEN'S TENNIS** at the ITA Midwest Regionals in East Lansing, Mich. All Day.

**Wednesday**

- VOLLEYBALL** at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

**Friday**

- FIELD HOCKEY** hosts Indiana at Grant Field, 2:30 p.m.
- WOMEN'S SOCCER** hosts Northern Iowa at Iowa Soccer Complex, 7 p.m.

**Saturday**

- FOOTBALL** hosts Illinois at Kinnick Stadium, 11:08 a.m. kickoff. Game is sold out. Telecast by ESPN-plus.

- MEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Black & Gold Blowout at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 3 p.m.
- VOLLEYBALL** hosts Wisconsin at Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7 p.m.

**Nov. 2**

- FIELD HOCKEY** hosts Wake Forest at Grant Field, 2:30 p.m.

- MEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY** at Big Ten championships in East Lansing, Mich.

- WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY** at Big Ten championships in East Lansing, Mich.

**TELEVISION**

- Tuesday:**  
NHL: Anaheim Mighty Ducks at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m. on ESPN2.

- Wednesday:**  
NHL: St. Louis Blues at Detroit Red Wings, 6:30 p.m. on ESPN2.

- Thursday:**  
CFB: Boise State at BYU, 6:30 p.m. on ESPN  
NHL: Philadelphia Flyers at New Jersey Devils, 7 p.m. on ESPN2.

**NFL****All Times CST  
AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	6	2	0	.750	154	129
Miami	5	2	0	.714	144	87
Buffalo	4	4	0	.500	143	148
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	111	118
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	1	0	.857	208	126
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	224	167
Houston	2	5	0	.286	121	200
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	127	184
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	3	0	.571	160	132
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	138	156
Clarendon	3	5	0	.375	115	130
Pittsburgh	2	5	0	.286	156	179
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	8	0	1	1.000	246	130
Denver	5	3	0	.625	184	141
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	125	161
San Diego	1	6	0	.143	125	195

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	5	2	0	.714	150	116
Philadelphia	4	3	0	.571	119	136
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	.429	135	171
Washington	3	4	0	.429	135	171
Carolina	6	1	0	.857	141	95
Tampa Bay	4	3	0	.571	150	97
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375	172	191
Atlanta	1	6	0	.143	114	220
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	6	1	0	.857	198	133
Green Bay	3	4	0	.429	200	166
Chicago	2	5	0	.286	121	192
Detroit	1	6	0	.143	117	184
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
St. Louis	5	2	0	.714	203	129
San Francisco	3	5	0	.375	172	142
Arizona	2	5	0	.286	98	193

**Sunday's Games**

Chicago	24	16	Baltimore	26	Denver	21
St. Louis	33	21	Pittsburgh	21	Cincinnati	27
Atlanta	27	30	Seattle	16	Dallas	18
Tennessee	30	17	Tampa Bay	16	Dallas	18
New England	9	17	Carolina	28	Minnesota	20
Carolina	23	17	Philadelphia	24	Philadelphia	17
Arizona	29	17	St. Louis	13	Atlanta	20
Indiana	30	17	Philadelphia	24	Philadelphia	17
Kansas City	38	17	Seattle	24	Philadelphia	17
Open	Buffalo	38	Tampa Bay	16	Philadelphia	17
Monday	Nov. 3	2	Atlanta	21	Philadelphia	17
New England	17	2	Chicago	21	Philadelphia	17

**Monday's Games**

Philadelphia	5	0	Atlanta	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	St. Louis	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2
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**Tuesday's Games**

Philadelphia	5	0	Atlanta	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	St. Louis	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2

**Wednesday's Games**

Philadelphia	5	0	Atlanta	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	St. Louis	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2

**Thursday's Games**

Philadelphia	5	0	Atlanta	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	St. Louis	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2

**Friday's Games**

Philadelphia	5	0	Atlanta	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	St. Louis	3	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2
Philadelphia	5	0	Philadelphia	5	Toronto	2

**Saturday's Games**

**SPORTS****West****1. San Antonio Spurs:**

2002-03 record: 60-22, first.

**Outlook:** Plans A, B, and C went by the boards last summer, so this is Plan D. With \$14 million in cap room, the champions went after Jason Kidd and Karl Malone, who spurned them. The real hope is their young guards, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili. Both are talented and brash; if they keep coming, this will still be a powerhouse.

**2. Minnesota Timberwolves:**

2002-03 record: 51-31, fourth.

**Outlook:** Talk about being overdue for a break. The team that endured Christian Laettner and J.R. Rider, was abandoned by Stephon Marbury, made an example of by Commissioner David Stern, and then, after never having home-court advantage, clinched it just in time to host the Lakers, finally saw something go right.

**3. Sacramento Kings:**

2002-03 record: 59-23, third.

**Outlook:** Our semi-civilized neighbors to the north won 59 games with Mike Bibby sitting out 27, Bobby Jackson 23, Webber 15, and Peja Stojakovic 10, suggesting the uncrowned Kings may have been the best team in the league. Then they lost Webber for good after taking the home-court advantage from the Mavericks in the second round, and it was just one more in the Kings' long series of hard-luck stories.

**4. Los Angeles Lakers:**

2002-03 record: 50-32, fifth.

**Outlook:** No one ever saw a starting lineup this devastating — on paper — and no one ever may, after an exhibition season in which everything came apart at the seams. As far as basketball goes, they're bigger and deeper with four likely Hall of Famers in their starting lineup. O'Neal is in playing shape for the opener, for a change. Of course, their chemistry, with O'Neal and Bryant feuding openly on the eve of the season, is something else.

**5. Dallas Mavericks:**

2002-03 record: 60-22, second.

**Outlook:** Mark Cuban's first big move upon taking over in 2000 was to sign Dennis Rodman. Rodman proceeded to blow up what had been a promising drive to make the playoffs.

**6. Phoenix Suns:**

2002-03 record: 44-38, eighth.

**Outlook:** After their misadventures when they tried to rebuild around Jason Kidd, Penny Hardaway, and Tom Gugliotta, and their pratfall after they traded Kidd and fell from 51 wins to 36, the Suns pulled a rabbit named Amare Stoudemire out of the hat last season and rediscovered their future. Stoudemire (20), Marion (25), and Stephon Marbury (26) make a promising nucleus.

**7. Portland Trail Blazers:**

2002-03 record: 50-32, sixth.

**Outlook:** Meet the new, nice Jazz, er, Trail Blazers. After the usual arrests and a \$100 million loss that may be the biggest in sports history, owner Paul Allen, who seemed to pick up basketball more slowly than he did software, decided it was finally time for a shakeup.

**8. Houston Rockets:**

2002-03 record: 43-39, ninth.

**Outlook:** Tomjanovich wasn't much with X's and O's, but he built and coached their 1994-1995 title-winners and was coming off a bout with cancer besides leading everyone to believe he'd get one more season. Surprise! Owner Les Alexander, who had told the world this was the next dynasty, kicked him out the door instead and hired Van Gundy. This was unseemly but an upgrade. The 7-5 Yao Ming was a revelation as a rookie.

**9. Los Angeles Clippers:**

2002-03 record: 27-55, 13th.

**Outlook:** Haven't we seen this before? Oh, yeah, annually. Of their eight free agents, six fled and two (Elton Brand, Corey Maggette) signed offer sheets with other teams but had to return when the Clippers matched. Dunleavy will use 10 players and press. Too bad he wasn't here when they had more of it.

**10. Seattle SuperSonics:**

2002-03 record: 40-42, 10th.

**Outlook:** Starbucks magnate Howard Schultz was hoping to sign Jason Kidd with the money he got by letting Gary Payton go. Instead, he traded Payton for Ray Allen, who's making \$13.5 million this season, and there went the rebuilding project. They had two lottery picks, but that didn't go so well, either. Their first, Nick Collison, turned out to have a shoulder injury and is out for the season.

**11. Memphis Grizzlies:**

2002-03 record: 28-54, 12th.

**Outlook:** At 0-8 in his debut in Memphis, Jerry West shocked everyone by bringing in 70-year-old Hubie Brown, who'd been a TV commentator for 16 years. Brown put them through an old-school indoctrination while they fell to 0-13, then finished 28-41, breaking the franchise record for victories by five.

**12. Golden State Warriors:**

2002-03 record: 38-44, 11th.

**Outlook:** No one rebuilds like the Warriors, or as often. After a whirlwind season under new coach Eric Musselman in which they actually made a run at the playoffs, they lost Arenas, Boykins, and traded Jamison for Van Exel, who doesn't want to be there.

**13. Denver Nuggets:**

2002-03 record: 17-65, 14th.

**Outlook:** With the second-worst record, they drew the No. 3 pick but at this point, their rookie, Anthony, is

way ahead of the No. 1 and 2 selections, LeBron James and Darko Milicic. Anthony led the Nuggets at 19 a game in the preseason, shot 50 percent, and made 3-pointers, too. They have more young prospects who are coming too, such as Nene Hilario (who is now just Nene) and Nikoloz Tskitishvili, but they have a long way to go.

**14. Utah Jazz:**

2002-03 record: 47-35, seventh.

**Outlook:** After years of wondering when Malone and Stockton would go, it actually happened. Of course, if the Jazz knew rebuilding would be this hard, they might still be there. With \$21 million of cap space, the Jazz had one little problem: getting anyone to take any of it. Now it's Matt Harpring, Andre Kirilenko and even more humble role players.

**East****1. New Jersey Nets:**

2002-03 record: 49-33, second.

**Outlook:** Even for the Nets, whose history has more intrigue than Hamlet, this was a disturbing offseason, with Jason Kidd trying to get coach Byron Scott dumped as his price for re-signing. Team President Rod Thorn didn't feel like cashing Kidd after two trips to the Finals, so now what they have is a shotgun marriage: Kidd and Scott, together again. Amazingly, with all these subplots, the Nets played great last season. Kenyon Martin and Richard Jefferson are comers.

**2. Indiana Pacers:**

2002-03 record: 48-34, third.

**Outlook:** The Pacers don't have a history of intrigue, or didn't until last summer when team President Donnie Walsh brought in Larry Bird, who offed Thomas, replacing him with Carlisle, who is one of Bird's favorites but has had trouble getting along with everyone else. What Carlisle lacks in charm, he makes up for in his ability to coach. Jermaine O'Neal is pouting over Thomas' firing. They're still giving Ron Artest last chances, and instead of Miller at center, it'll be journeyman Pollard. Prediction: Carlisle needs a lot of backing, but he has it with Bird.

**3. New Orleans Hornets:**

2002-03 record: 47-35, 5th.

**Outlook:** Silas, who ridiculed his bosses in the newspapers, was so upset when they fired him, he went to owner George Shinn's house, knocked on the door — with a TV crew behind him, filming away — and demanded an explanation as Shinn cowered. This is still one of the East's biggest, deepest rosters. However, although they have never fallen out of contention, as soon as anyone gets excited about them they fall back.

**4. Detroit Pistons:**

2002-03 record: 50-32, first.

**Outlook:** Carlisle took the Pistons back-to-back 50-win seasons but was fired reportedly because owner Bill Davidson and his right-hand man, Tom Wilson, couldn't stand his dour personality. Of course, Brown is used to tearing his teams down and rebuilding according to his own vision, so it may not be long before he's telling his boss, Joe Dumars, that these kids they like so much can't play.

**5. Philadelphia 76ers:**

2002-03 record: 48-34, 4th.

**Outlook:** Teams typically unravel as soon as Brown leaves, so the pressure's on his successor. However, Ayers spent six seasons under Brown and doesn't have to put in a new system. Allen Iverson's four-year, \$76-million extension has him in a positive mood. The question mark is Robinson. He's the No. 2 scorer they always needed, but he's one-dimensional, doesn't defend, and has never been popular with teammates.

**6. Boston Celtics:**

2002-03 record: 44-38, 6th.

**Outlook:** So much for the Celtics' four-point era. Walker, big, talented, and stubborn, led the league in 3-point attempts at 7.5 a game — a full 2.6 ahead of No. 2 Ray Allen — while making 32 percent, which was No. 79. Asked once why he took so many 3-pointers, Walker answered, "Because there are no fours." Ainge took care of that by dumping Walker.

**7. New York Knicks:**

2002-03 record: 37-45, 10th.

**Outlook:** They're still just trying to maintain the illusion they're competitive so they can keep milking their \$1-million-a-game Madison Square Garden cash cow while trying to figure out what to do next. They've been stuck at this point since Pat Riley left as coach ... eight years ago. However, trading Sprewell enraged fans. Mutombo, Van Horn, and the return of Antonio McDyess make them bigger but older.

**8. Orlando Magic:**

2002-03 record: 42-40, 8th.

**Outlook:** The Grant Hill era is officially over as he plans his latest comeback and the team plans to get his money off its cap in 2005, when there will be a big free-agent class. Of course, Tracy McGrady can be one of the free agents, so they have until then to convince him there's still a future in Orlando. They'd better hurry. The Magic didn't defend or rebound, and on offense just went to McGrady. After they blew a 3-1 lead over the Pistons in the first round, management apologized to fans. Prediction: Hill's injuries annually blow up Doc Rivers' plans. Now without Hill, the coach had better get them organized again.

**9. Chicago Bulls:**

2002-03 record: 30-52, 12th.

**Outlook:** It's a new, warm, fuzzy era with General Manager John Paxson taking over for prickly Jerry Krause. Paxson arrived in the nick of time because their young team was about to explode. Jay Williams was a disappointment before totaling his career in a motorcycle accident, the young guys were at coach Bill Cartwright's throat, and Krause was in his usual don't-bother-me-with-your-little-problems mode. Paxson brought Pippen home, a good move since Pippen showed in Portland he can provide direction and teams don't come much more clueless than this one.

**10. Toronto Raptors:**

2002-03 record: 24-58, 14th.

**Outlook:** Vince Carter, who used to say he wasn't the next Michael Jordan, has proven that much. Last season, he missed 39 games and wasn't impressive before he got hurt as the Raptors crashed to the bottom of the East. This is still a playoff team if Carter gets his head on straight. On the plus side, Bosh was impressive in exhibitions.

**11. Miami Heat:**

2002-03 record: 25-57, 13th.

**Outlook:** If they can recover from the bombshell Riley dropped on them when he walked away four days before the season, you'd have to like their chances. On the other hand, that's not the way it figures to go. They looked like they could be a playoff contender. Now they find themselves under Stan Van Gundy, who was 135-92 as a head coach at Wisconsin and Massachusetts Lowell.

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"Every game is going to be a war from top to bottom. There isn't a weak team in the conference. A team at the bottom can knock off a No. 1 or 2. Everyone is focused on the NCAA Tournament, and everyone will be clawing away and kicking and fighting every game."

Teams such as Michigan, which went 13-16 overall and 3-13 in the Big Ten, appreciates the parity because it could mean a big payoff. With Cheryl Burnett, a 15-year coach at Southwest Missouri State who made 10 NCAA Tournament appearances, players such as Stephanie Gandy are excited to show off a new attitude and philosophy.

"We don't go off pre-season polls, because they're based on last year," she said. "We're trying to look to the future. Some teams will try to play us like we're last year's team, but we're not last year's team. We're looking ahead."

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I had officially arrived at the men's and women's Big Ten media day, which was far less a circus than about 40 round tables in a ball room with either a coach or a couple players sitting down, ready to field questions for the three hours before a free lunch. I found a good amount of fun while getting down to business.

My beat is women's hoops, so I didn't have to do any undignified cramming around the men's coaches to pull some kernels of truth from between their sips of free soda, tea, spritzer, juice, Perrier, or coffee. I did notice how easily Keady can make a band of reporters laugh, but then, he's been doing this for almost a quarter of a century. I also noticed that Tom Izzo's stature makes him more qualified to be Notre Dame's mascot than a high-profile basketball coach and Indiana coach Mike Davis' voice was not nearly so deep as it sounded during press conferences at the end of last season.

Iowa's Jennie Lillis and Kristi Faulkner held court in just about the middle of the ballroom. They discussed the early morning flight on a little six-seater plane that wasn't too comfortable. But the pair feels much better about the

upcoming senior season. "Something I really like to see is that we're not only holding ourselves accountable in practice, but we're holding each other accountable," Lillis said. "Our intensity is up. We're driving for loose balls — I'm excited." Alternating between the serious and the fun, Lillis, a preseason All-Big Ten pick, playfully raised both her arms in celebration when asked whether her team or Faulkner's won the intrasquad scrimmage the day before.

The Wisconsin women's team had still yet to play its intrasquad scrimmage. The Badgers started the day with a two-hour drive from Madison to Chicago, and they would end with a two-hour drive back followed by the game and an ice-cream social. Wisconsin's Stephanie Rich, a former AAU teammate of Lillis, made a few smiling remarks about the Hawkeyes.

"I didn't think I'd like Jennie until I started to play with her," said Rich, a junior from Washington High School. "She's such a competitor. Once she gets going, that gum comes flying out, and she just starts going harder than anyone."

Wisconsin features a new head coach in Lisa Stone.

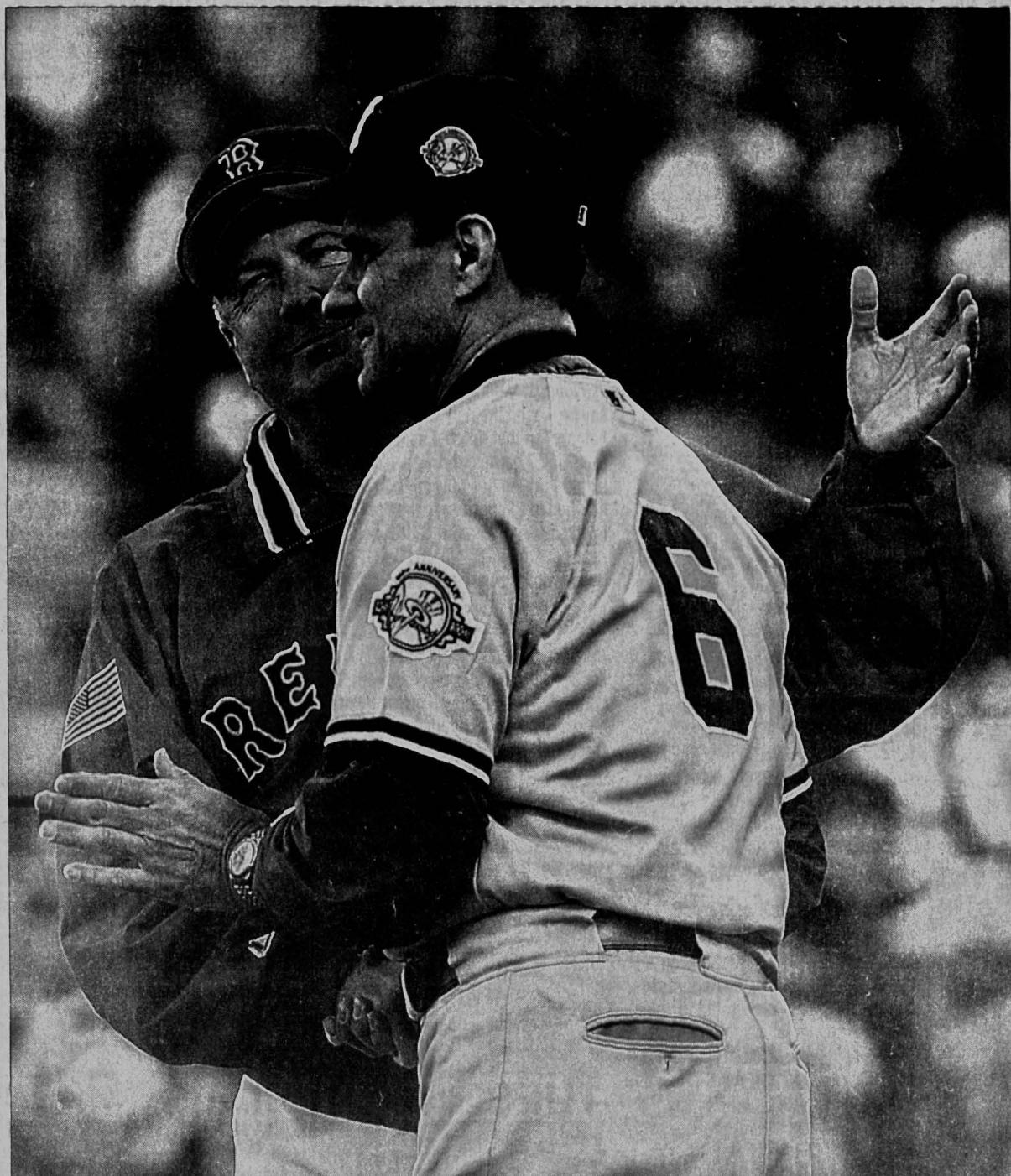
The Madison native has a 375-118 record in her 18 years of coaching, which puts her at No. 9 among

**active Division I coaches.**

I found that some players had a different perspective on the upcoming season. Indiana forward Jamie Gathering has a surgically re-attached ligament in her knee.

"This was the first summer that I was totally healthy and able to lift, and work, and improve," said the fifth-year senior, who missed the 2001 senior because of a knee injury. Gathering is the lone senior on the Hoosiers and will now apply for a sixth year. "I'm the leader on this team," she said. "And now all the girls are calling me 'grandma.'"

The grandpa of the women's

**SPORTS****BASEBALL****PACKING UP IN BEANTOWN**

Red Sox manager Grady Little, left, pats Yankees manager Joe Torre on the back prior to the start of an ALCS game.

**Little let go by Red Sox on Monday**

BY JIMMY GOLEN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox insist that Grady Little's disastrous decision to stick with Pedro Martinez in the seventh game of the AL championship series isn't the only reason they let him go.

It sure didn't help.

Little was dismissed by the Red Sox on Monday, less than two weeks after he left his tiring ace in too long, probably costing the team a chance to play in the World Series for its first championship since 1918. Little wasn't fired — he was sent off with kind words and a \$250,000 bonus but without a new contract to replace the one that expires Friday.

The Red Sox said that the parting of the ways, as they called it, was not solely based on what happened in Game 7 of the ALCS. According to the Red Sox news release, owner John Henry "took the position well before the postseason that the club may need to question a long-term commitment to its manager."

"This is not an organization that makes decisions of this importance based on one event," President Larry Lucchino said.

Still, Lucchino conceded that it would have been difficult to let Little go if he had made the World Series and impossible if he had won it.

"It would have been ungrateful in the extreme," he said.

Little's decision to go with his gut instead of the numbers that said Martinez lost effectiveness as his pitch count went up illustrated disastrously, but not exclusively, that he was out of place on a team that emphasized statistics. And the loss to the archrival Yankees forced the front office to re-examine lingering doubts about his ability to implement the organizational philosophy.

"This is not going to be a stat-geeks organization," Lucchino said. "Nor is it going to be an organization that is going to be run by old, salty-dog traditionalists."

Lucchino and general manager Theo Epstein said Monday that Little bristled at the idea of coming back for another year with no security beyond the current year. He asked for the team's complete support and a long-term contract that would demonstrate it.

"It became clear after a lengthy discussion that Grady was not going to have 100 percent support," Epstein said. "Once that question was answered, the

other answer was clear."

Red Sox officials called Little at his home in North Carolina on Monday morning and told him of their decision. He took it well, and both sides continued to compliment each other even as they parted ways.

The team released a statement from Little in which he thanked the team for the opportunity to manage in the majors and stressed his accomplishments over two years in which he won 93 and 95 games.

"Yes, we came up short of our goal, and to the Red Sox Nation, I say: I hurt with each of you. It was painful for all of us," he said. "Grady Little is going to be fine! The organization made a decision to go in a different direction. Whomever they hire to replace me will be getting the best bunch of players in baseball and a solid general manager. I love each and every one of those guys."

Epstein and Lucchino declined to discuss Little's possible successors, but Jim Fregosi, Bud Black, Glenn Hoffman, Charlie Manuel, Bobby Valentine, and Jerry Remy have been mentioned as candidates.

"There will be a lot of Grady Little in our next manager," Lucchino said.

Little, 53, managed 16 seasons in the minors, from 1980 to 1995, and he was San Diego's bullpen coach in 1996. He spent the next three seasons as Jimy Williams' bench coach in Boston, then had the same job the next two seasons with Manuel in Cleveland.

He became the Red Sox manager in spring training of 2002 after Joe Kerrigan was fired. Kerrigan had moved up from pitching coach in 2001 when Williams was fired.

In 2002, the Red Sox got off to a 40-17 start under Little but finished at 93-69 and missed the playoffs. This season, they were 95-67 and led the AL in batting average, total bases, and several other offensive categories.

They rallied from an 0-2 deficit in the first round of the playoffs against the Oakland Athletics to advance to the ALCS, and Little's job seemed secure. But when things unraveled in New York, the passionate Boston fans called for his job.

Red Sox players, however, commended the job Little did in keeping a fractured clubhouse together and campaigned for him to return. "There's no reason to blame Grady," Martinez said after Game 7. "Grady doesn't play the game, I do. If you want to judge me or curse me or whatever, I will swallow that, because I am responsible."

**BOXING****Sentencing for local boxer Nunn delayed**

DES MOINES (AP) — The sentencing date for former middleweight boxing champion Michael Nunn on a federal drug charge has been rescheduled for Dec. 16.

U.S. District Judge James E. Gritzner will sentence Nunn on Dec. 16 in Rock Island, Ill. Nunn had been scheduled to be sentenced Monday in U.S. District Court in Des Moines.

Nunn, 40, from Davenport, pleaded guilty May 23 to conspiring to distribute



Nunn

cocaine. The minimum sentence on that charge is five or 10 years in federal prison, depending on the judge's determination of how much cocaine was involved.

The maximum penalty is 40 years in prison and a \$2 million fine.

Nunn was arrested at Davenport hotel on Aug. 6, 2002, after federal authorities said he bought a kilogram of cocaine, about 2.2 pounds, from an undercover agent.

In his plea, Nunn stipulated that he conspired to distribute cocaine for a period of almost 10 years and that he bought the cocaine from the undercover agent with the intent of selling it.

Nunn has been the IBF middleweight and WBA super middleweight champion. He had a 58-4 record with 38 knockouts in a career marred by frequent legal problems.

Nunn tried to make a comeback late in 2001 after a layoff of nearly two years. His last fight was a 10-round decision over Vinson Durham in a cruiserweight bout on Jan. 23, 2002.

**Reds change direction with GM**BY JOE KAY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — In the most important ways, Dan O'Brien is the antithesis of his predecessor.

The Cincinnati Reds chose O'Brien as their next general manager on Monday, an abrupt change of course from the last 11 years under his high-profile predecessor.

Jim Bowden loved the grand gesture — sign Deion Sanders, trade for Ken Griffey Jr. — and the spotlight. He had his own radio show, complete with his own theme song. He also was inclined to change course overnight.

By hiring O'Brien, the Reds have chosen the anti-Bowden.

The former Rangers

assistant general manager won't grouse about a limited payroll, chase a two-sport celebrity such as Sanders, or spend \$116.5 million on a star such as Griffey.

Instead, he'll try to rebuild his boyhood team by concentrating on the unglamorous stuff — fortify the farm system, unify the front office, figure out how to make do on a limited budget.

During his first day on the job, he promised to be steady.

"You've got to have a plan in place in order to get you where you want to go," said O'Brien, who got a three-year contract. "The one thing we won't do is be haphazard in our approach. I can promise you that."

For the first time since

the 1980s, the Reds are now run by a chief operating officer and a general manager who share the same vision.

CEO John Allen is committed to developing talent through the farm system, a small-market approach that clashed with Bowden's expensive taste for stars.

The Reds lost 93 games in their inaugural season at Great American Ball Park.

In a roundabout way, O'Brien asked for patience as he rebuilds.

"We have a lot of work to do in regards to the construction of our major league club as well as our baseball operations department," O'Brien said. "The challenges are significant. I cannot and will not underestimate the task at hand."

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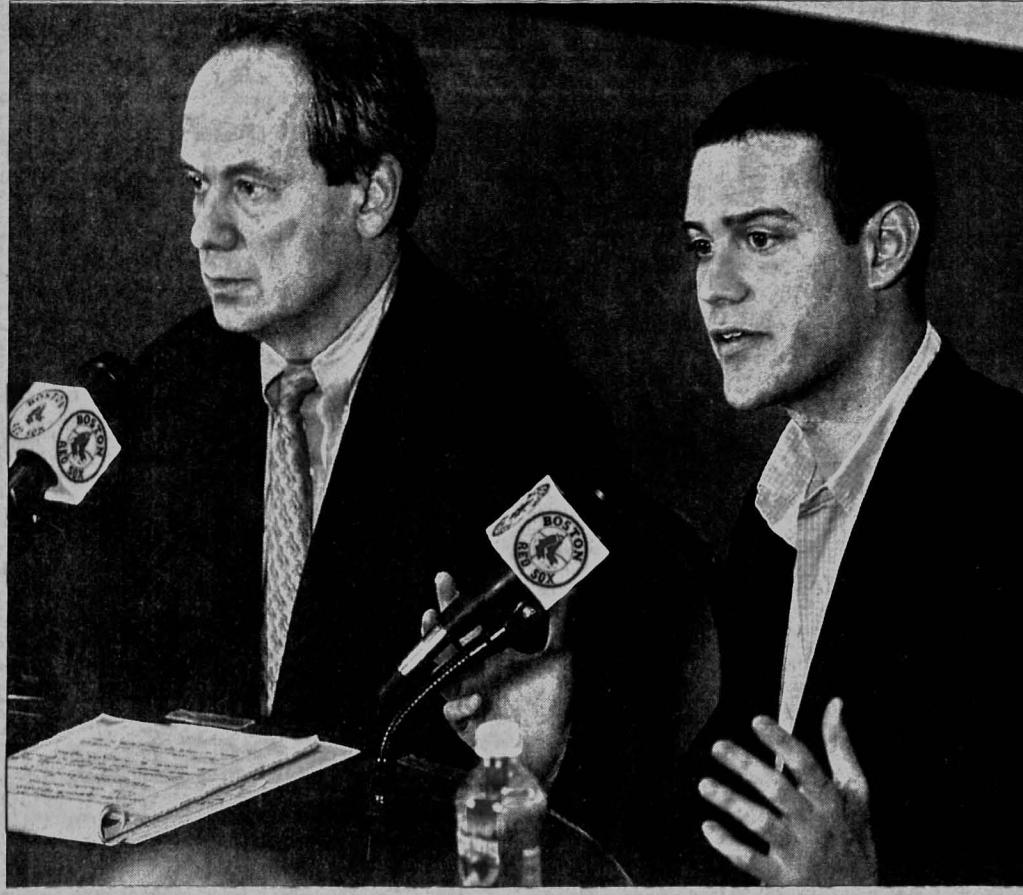
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Boston Red Sox president Larry Lucchino and team manager Theo Epstein face reporters during a news conference on Monday to announce that Grady Little will not return to the team for the 2004 season.

## Coming soon to a store near you: ‘Owners Gone Wild!’

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Think baseball's video of the just-ended World Series promises chills and spills? Just wait.

Now that the games are out of the way, the important people in New York and Boston have already returned to the real business of baseball — meddling. Though the offseason is only two days old, it's already promising to be one of baseball's zaniest ever.

Up next: ‘Owners Gone Wild’!

Finally, George Steinbrenner has some serious competition. To prove how serious, the braintrust in Boston fired manager Grady Little before the Boss could even make a move.

“He took it very well,” Red Sox President Larry Lucchino reported Monday. “He was very gracious.”

As if Little had a choice. After days of being roasted in the newspapers and on the spit of sports talk radio, he got a morning phone call confirming he was gone. You can imagine his side of the conversation.

“There was no anger or raised voices,” Lucchino said. “On the contrary, he thanked us for the opportunity he had been given to manage the Red Sox and to manage in the big leagues.”

Little took his shot two years ago knowing he had the job security of a burglar. He came in with the new ownership group and for a while, things went smoothly. Little averaged 94 wins, soothed his petulant superstars along the way, and this season stretched the Yankees to a Game 7 for the American League pennant. Of course, it was Little's misfortune to screw up that game, which just happened to be the most important sporting event in New England in almost a century.

The guys in charge of the Red Sox said they wouldn't be swayed by one game, but the way Little's firing was handled makes you believe they're not as smart as they're made out to be. It seems they really believe that ‘Evil Empire’ business.

Somebody in the organization apparently got word that Steinbrenner had summoned Yankees President Randy Levine, general manager Brian Cashman, and manager Joe Torre to his base in Tampa, Fla., and ordered a pre-emptive strike at the headlines.

No sooner was Little launched than the Red Sox started promising to be patient once more.

“We’re going to take as long as necessary to find the right manager,” GM Theo Epstein said. Good luck.

Epstein & Co. are about to find out the real cost of doing business like Steinbrenner. They already knew it was expensive; there have been a few skirmishes over ballplayers, most notably last December for Cuban defector Jose Contreras. What they’re going to learn is how unsatisfying winning can be.

The Yankees’ glass is never half full. Steinbrenner won’t allow it. If he isn’t happy — which is just about always — then no one else is allowed to be. It’s a miserable, unnerving way to run one of the greatest franchises in sports. But if the Red Sox need a role model, at least they don’t have to look far.

The Yankees went six games deeper into the postseason than Boston, but nobody inside the clubhouse dared spend even a New York minute savoring the accomplishment. At least not in public.

Torre is the best thing that ever happened to Steinbrenner, but you get the sense the only reason he still has a uniform is because George wants to make sure the Red Sox don’t hire him away. His bench coach, Don Zimmer, has already made good on his word to leave — “I ain’t coming back to work for Steinbrenner or be around him” — and the exit parade is just beginning.

Pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre might follow, voluntarily he hinted, and hitting coach Rick Down probably won’t have that option after the Yankees hit .150 with men in scoring position against the Marlins. Toward that end, Steinbrenner left behind a statement before heading for Tampa.

“Of course, I was disappointed, but we will be meeting soon to make whatever changes are needed to bring back a stronger, better team for New York and our fans,” he said. “You can count on it.”

You can count on a few other things, too.

The free-agent signing period begins Nov. 10, and it’s going to be wild. The Yankees were supposed to be the best team that money could buy, but it only turned out to be the unhappiest.

It will cost the boys in Boston plenty to take that distinction away, but from the look of things, they’re more than willing to try.

Let the fun begin.

**NFL BRIEFS**

### Mobley back in Denver after injury

DENVER (AP) — Broncos linebacker John Mobley returned to Denver on Monday after spending the night in a Baltimore hospital with a bruised spinal cord.

Mobley was injured in the second quarter of Sunday’s game against the Ravens when he collided with running back Jamal Lewis and teammate Kelly Herndon.

Mobley lay on the field for more than 10 minutes and couldn’t move his hands after the trainers first reached him, but he was able to open and close his fist as he was carted off the field.

Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said test results came back negative, but the team won’t know how long he might be out until after Mobley sees a specialist.

“At least the signs are good right now,” Shanahan said. “There is swelling around the spinal column. All the tests are very positive right now, but right now we’ll have to wait and see.”

### Raiders’ Tuiasosopo takes snaps

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Marques Tuiasosopo is taking snaps with Oakland’s first-team offense, and Rich Gannon hasn’t thrown a pass since going down in last Monday night’s loss to Kansas City.

Still, the Raiders won’t say how badly Gannon is hurt — despite reports the quarterback has a torn labrum in his throwing shoulder that could sideline him for several weeks.

“I’ll wait until Wednesday to announce it,” coach Bill Callahan said Monday. “We got a lot of good work

with Tuiasosopo today. I have a pretty good feel [about Gannon’s health], but again I want to give Rich until Wednesday. He is a quick healer. We’ll see at that point if he’s capable of throwing, if his motion is functional or not.”

### Wuerffel won’t rejoin Spurrier’s Redskins

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Danny Wuerffel won’t rejoin the Washington Redskins, leaving coach Steve Spurrier in a bind if he needs to play a backup quarterback Sunday against Dallas.

After a tumultuous bye week, the uncertainty at Redskins Park continued on many fronts Monday with the Wuerffel

announcement; yet another minor roster move; the news that top running backs Trung Canidate and Ladell Betts probably will miss the Cowboys game; and the possibility troubled defensive lineman Darrell Russell, waived by Oakland, could be on the way to help strengthen the front four.

Adding to the day’s confusion was Spurrier’s description of what he plans with the offense. The coach, who visited owner Dan Snyder’s house on Oct. 25 for a dinner-plus-strategy session, backed off somewhat from statements last week indicating he plans to return to the wide-open passing offense he used at Florida.

Whatever happens, it won’t happen with Wuerffel. After releasing Rob Johnson last week, Spurrier wanted his former Heisman Trophy winner from Florida to return as the backup for Patrick Ramsey.

Wuerffel said no, preferring to remain with his expectant wife and continue ministry work in New Orleans.

### 49ers safety Heard out 4-5 weeks

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — San Francisco safety Ronnie Heard will miss four to five weeks with a sprained left knee.

Heard, the 49ers’ top reserve defensive back and a key special-teams player, was hurt in San Francisco’s 16-13 overtime loss to Arizona on Sunday. The fourth-year pro has one interception this season after getting four last season.

Jason Webster, a three-year starter at cornerback for San Francisco, is expected to return from a knee injury in two weeks.

### Colts looking forward

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Indianapolis Colts could look at their AFC South-leading 6-1 record and start thinking playoffs. The veterans know better.

“I can recall a couple years ago when we were 6-2, and all of a sudden we were sitting at .500,” offensive tackle Adam Meadows said Monday. “So we’ve got to play good football and keep getting better.”

While the Colts are 6-1 for the first time since 1977, a first-half stretch Indianapolis fans have not enjoyed since the team moved from Baltimore, there are problems.

Coach Tony Dungy emphasized run defense for two weeks, then watched Houston pile up 131 yards rushing and 4.7 yards per carry — the exact averages the Colts allowed in their first six games.

They also drew another critical personal foul call, turned the ball over, and even trailed 14-3 in the first half.

“We don’t want to get complacent,” linebacker Marcus Washington said.

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