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Some area haunts for a ghoulish time

BY SONJA ELMQUIST AND J.K. PERRY
THE DAILY IOWAN

Don't forget to bring a change of clothes if you plan on attending some of the area haunted houses — you might drown in the stench of your own fear. The urination tally was 26 as of Oct. 23, said Chad Canfield of Canfield's Frightmare Forest in Cedar Rapids. The outdoor maze made of pallets covered with plastic tarp and decorated with

ghoulish props is bound to challenge the bladder of even the most courageous. Thirty to 70 volunteers who haunt the forest every night managed to scare Cedar Rapids resident Jessica Case into having minor contractions — her Oct. 22 due date had already come and gone. "[Ghouls] kept getting in my face," Case said, adding "I've got to pee, and I'm pregnant." Located on Mehaffey Bridge Road north of North Liberty, the haunted barn entertains

those with a penchant for the spooky. John Grassi, the president of the North Liberty Jaycees, likes to break his own rules — No. 9 posted at the entrance to the Haunted Barn states, "No wetting your pants." "This is the only rule we try to get people to break," said Grassi, clutching a 14-inch Poulan chain saw and donning a hockey mask. At the exit, 14-year-old Lauren Myers sat on a chair nursing an injured knee with an ice pack.

"My friends fell on top of me," she said. She and her six friends got scared and toppled over. "I'm not disappointed that I hurt myself." Walking through the haunted barn at the Sass family farm in Riverside is an entirely different experience of terror. Cartoon-like ghosts and skeletons mark the journey through the well-lit haunted barn. An adorable "killer pig" lies waiting at the end of the adventure to tickle any fingers offered with a soft brown nose.

Outside the barn, a kid-sized hay-bale maze challenges anyone under 3 feet tall. A hayrack ride through a pumpkin patch geared at children shows the effect of the hot, dry August on the pumpkin crop — rotting orange remains that could not be harvested littered the ground. The pumpkins available from the Sass farm were grown elsewhere, like the unwanted pet chickens, goats,

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Anti-gay slurs found in Daum

BY GRANT SCHULTE
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI freshman Julius Carter, awakened by an assistant floor coordinator Wednesday morning, recoiled in shock when he caught the word "die" written on his residence-hall door. It was all he needed to see. As an openly gay student on a dorm floor that, he said, is plagued with anonymous homophobic vandalism, the premedicine and health-care major was terrified — but not really surprised — to learn someone had peppered his door with homophobic epithets, including "die you fucking fag." "The fear's there," Carter said. "The fear of what's happened in my dorm room. The fear of being harassed or beaten up. It's still there." The homophobic slurs weren't the first on Daum Residence Hall's sixth floor, he said; over the past several months, vandals have splattered several door marker boards with demeaning rhymes about gays. Across the top of a hallway bulletin board, someone wrote

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3 men rob Coralville apartment

BY PAULA MAVROUDIS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three men armed with a gun and knife robbed half a dozen Coralville apartment dwellers late Tuesday night, stealing a Sony PlayStation 2 and an undisclosed amount of money, police reported Wednesday. Coralville police said Wednesday they had made no arrests, and the incident at the Oakwood Village apartment complex remains under investigation. Police records show three men broke into the residence and threatened the apartment's six occupants with a gun and knife. The suspects then allegedly stole an undisclosed amount of money from one resident's purse and a Sony PlayStation. No injuries were reported. The three suspects are described as black men, one about 5-8 with a stocky build, another 6-1 and around 200 pounds, and a third 6-3 and roughly 180 pounds. Lenora Goodwin, a neighbor who was sleeping at the time, said she has never heard of any criminal activity in the area in the 12 years she has lived there. She did not hear anyone around the building during the time of the robbery but said authorities did knock on her door shortly after midnight. "We knew that something was going on, and then the police came to the door," she said. "My daughter answered the door, but we really didn't hear anything." Coralville Police Lt. Ron Wenman said the robbery was not typical for the neighborhood,

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Joey Daniels scares an unidentified woman at the North Liberty Jaycees' haunted barn Monday evening.
Top: Endora the Witch grins at customers at the Coral Fruit Market in Coralville on Wednesday afternoon.

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Officials stress internships in finding a job in tough market

BY WILLIAM MIKESSELL
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI administrators said Wednesday that students who assume leadership roles in activities and internships are adequately prepared to meet Eastern Iowa's demand for highly educated and skilled workers, despite a recent labor study's conclusion that local employers can't find qualified applicants. Studying hard, by itself, isn't enough to compete in a slow economy and tight job market, officials said in response to recent findings that more than half of all job applicants are not

qualified because they lack leadership or strong management and problem-solving skills. "You've got to develop yourself, do internships, and take challenging classes," said Fred Antczak, the UI associate dean for academic programs in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He added that students must take the initiative while in school to reduce the difficulty of finding a job after graduation. The Skills 2006 report by the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids Technology Corridor Committee, which surveyed more than 150 employers, came as area executives, community leaders, and development

planners met to strategically plan for the anticipated growth in the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids technology corridor, which will attract 10,000 new or replacement workers over the next three years. Internships better equip students to find employment in a competitive job market and slow economy because classes alone don't teach all the qualifications that employers seek in their applicants, said Charles Funk, the president of Iowa State Bank & Trust and co-chairman of the technology-corridor panel.

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Bush wins victory on Iraq reconstruction \$

BY JULIET EILPERIN
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Key senators reversed course on Wednesday and voted to make an \$18.4 billion reconstruction package for Iraq entirely in the form of grants rather than loans, as House-Senate negotiators worked their way through President Bush's \$87 billion request for military and rebuilding operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The 16-13 vote represented a significant victory for Bush, who had threatened to veto the bill if Congress insisted on making Iraq repay some of the money.

But even as GOP senators sided with Bush — and overturned an Oct. 17 vote by the full Senate to make some of the Iraq funding a loan — members from both parties made it clear they expect more White House answers on how U.S. money is being spent to pacify and rebuild Iraq. Bush's victory on the loan-grant matter was slightly offset by lawmakers' nibbles at other portions of his request, which had called for more than \$20 billion to rebuild Iraq. Negotiators signaled their intentions to trim nearly \$2 billion from the plan,

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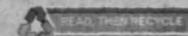
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Hawkeye punter David Bradley knows more than he needs to about the ups and downs of kicking. See story, page 1B



2 KIDS DIE IN FIRE

A Waterloo house fire claims the lives of a 5-year-old and a 23-month-old. See story, page 3A

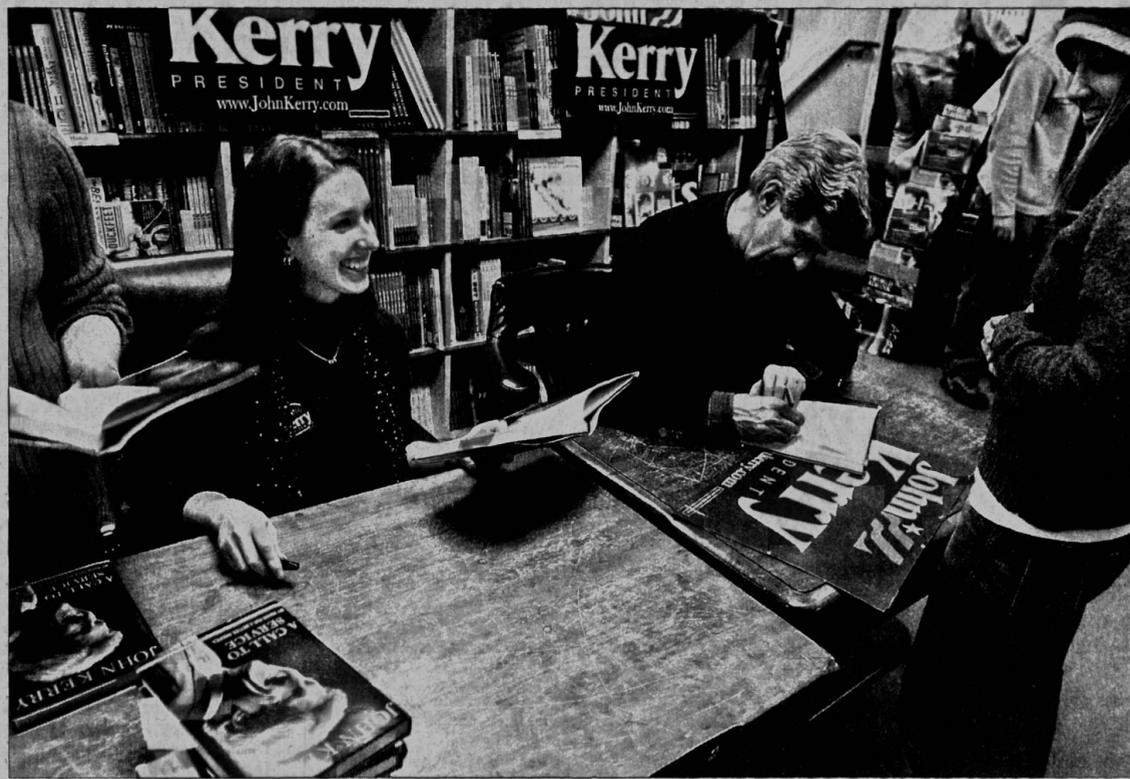


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UI student and Kerry campaign volunteer Anne Rosenberg passes a copy of his book to Sen. John Kerry while Maria Metropoulos waits patiently. The candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination had a book-signing Wednesday afternoon at Prairie Lights.

Kerry signs books, stumps IC

BY JEROD LEUPOLD
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a dress-down event at Prairie Lights Books on Wednesday afternoon, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry signed copies of his new book, shook hands, and posed for photos with local supporters.

According to a press release, Kerry's second book, *A Call to Service: My Vision for a Better America*, highlights his duty in Vietnam, tax cuts, and health care.

"He enjoys coming to campus as much as possible," said Laura Capps, Kerry's state communications director. "To us, Iowa is really important; we think Iowa deserves it. Reading his book gives them an idea."

During the procession of approximately 50 people, the candidate wore a green, button-

down underneath a navy blazer. And neither his staff members nor Kerry donned a tie.

UI sophomore and Kerry intern Elizabeth Fahrlander stressed the need for grass-roots campaigning.

"It's important and it works," said the political-science major. "People seemed genuinely excited to see him."

Among the gathering was 47-year-old Debbie McDowell, who wandered into the 15 S. Dubuque St. store after seeing Kerry supporters outside.

McDowell, who said she is dependent on human services, asked Kerry about his health plan. She said she has not decided who she will support among the Democrats.

"I just need someone to stand up for the little guy," she said. "We can't have another Bush."

Kerry also made some noise by calling former Vermont Gov.

Howard Dean "Mr. Avoidance" in response to his decision not to participate in an *Iowa City Press-Citizen* debate. The three-way meeting would include Dean, Kerry, and Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo. — the three Democratic front-runners in Iowa, according to an Oct. 22 Zogby International poll.

"He ought to defend the issues," Kerry said. "It's inexcusable that he's ducking."

This is the second time Dean has refused a debate, according to a John Kerry for President press release. The first was a forum on CBS's "Face of the Nation" on Sept. 14.

"If anyone is 'Mr. Avoidance,' it's Sen. Kerry for avoiding opportunities to make his position on the war in Iraq clear," said Sarah Leonard, Dean's Iowa communications director.

She added that she did not recall Dean's campaign ever receiving any formal invitation to the specific debate to which it could have responded.

Press-Citizen Opinion Page Editor Rob Bignell is the mastermind behind bringing the trio together.

"Pundits would say there's no point for [Dean] to take potshots [from the other candidates]," Bignell said. "The way the caucuses work is to raise money and make contacts. It's better for them to meet hard-core Democrats."

The newspaper will sponsor an event Nov. 14 in which representatives for each presidential hopeful will gather at the Coralville Library to encourage 17- and 18-year-olds to become politically active.

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Winnie Kariemu, 27, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with third-degree theft. According to court records, Kariemu allegedly wrote a \$656.79 check to Dusty's Tire and Service in Coralville that was returned unpaid. She was allegedly served with a demand of payment by Johnson County sheriff's officers yet failed to pay.

STATE

Iowans urged not to shoot mountain lions

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — Wildlife officials are telling people who spot mountain lions not to shoot them. The Department of Natural Resources gave the advice on Monday, four days after a farmer reported the first confirmed shooting of a mountain lion in Iowa since 1867.

"They really didn't have to kill it," said Ron Andrews, the DNR's furbearer specialist.

The 113-pound male mountain lion did not represent a grave threat to livestock or people and there have been no official reports of livestock killed or injured in the area, he said.

Farmers in Sioux City saw the animal near Ireton, approximately 30 miles north of Sioux City, DNR conservation officer John Sells said.

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The University of Iowa plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities".

The storm water discharge will be from the West Campus Chiller Plant site utility construction located in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 9, Township 79N, Range 6W, Johnson County.

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Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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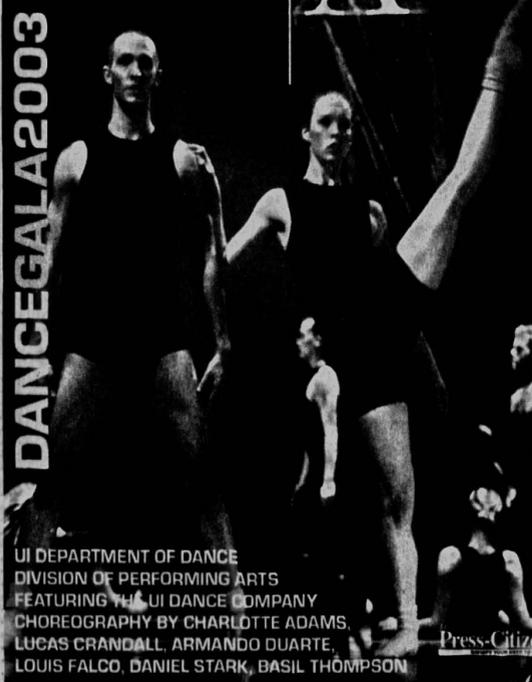


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City Council hopefuls air views

BY TIM FLAHERTY
THE DAILY IOWAN

Candidates for the Iowa City Council election on Nov. 4 debated such issues as public safety and student-citizen relations at a forum on Wednesday sponsored by the Neighborhood Council of Iowa City.

Eight council hopefuls, including incumbents Ross Wilburn and Dee Vanderhoef, fielded questions from representatives of seven Iowa City neighborhoods.

Top priorities of the discussion included public safety, preservation of historic Iowa City, and fostering good relations between Iowa City and the UL.

All of the candidates made it

clear that despite the budget difficulties of the past year, in which the city's budget was slashed by \$1.4 million, they intend to make public safety their top priority.

"It's a priority," said candidate Regenia Bailey. "It's a core function, and it's how we should function in Iowa City."

Candidate Dean Shannon expressed his gratitude to the Iowa City police on their continued efforts to make Iowa City a better place, but he suggested a focus on residential neighborhoods.

"We have made a priority for our downtown area," he said. "We may have to shift that a bit."

Economic development was a key issue as well, but Wilburn

indicated that all parts of Iowa City are related.

"Economic development brings people to town, but it's the other aspects of Iowa City that keep people here," he said.

The candidates were also concerned with defining the relationship between the university and the city, on which all the candidates said communication was a key.

With answers limited to fewer than two minutes in most cases, candidates had to be concise on very complex issues. Candidate Steve Soboroff set a straight-talking tone from the beginning with answers as short as one sentence.

"It's not an us-versus-them situation," he said. "I won't look

at voters as university voters or city voters."

Candidate Bob Elliott asserted that the relationship is mutual, adding, "The university is only as good as Iowa City is good."

Other issues brought before the candidates were the need for a stoplight near the Peninsula Neighborhood on North Dubuque Street, an ordinance concerning neighborhood nuisance, and Iowa City's network of trails and parks.

Iowa City TV 4, which aired the event live, will air the event again on Friday at 9 p.m., Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and 9 p.m., and Nov. 3 at 11 a.m.

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Dean campaign irked at Gephardt incident

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Democrat Howard Dean's presidential campaign complained to rival Dick Gephardt about an angry confrontation between staffers at an Iowa event.

The incident occurred during a Gephardt speech at a Des Moines senior center Tuesday. Hunter Allen, recording the speech for the Dean campaign, said one Gephardt staffer grabbed him by the shoulder and pulled him out of the crowd. A second staffer pushed him out the door.

"The one who was pushing me out was grabbing my arm, and at other points, he physically shoved me ..." Allen said, adding that the pair swore at him and used a derogatory slur. "I was in shock at being treated that way."

In a letter to the Gephardt campaign late Tuesday, Dean campaign manager Joe Trippi said, "I urge you to find the staff member responsible, and fire him, and send a strong signal to the rest of your staff that behavior of this kind will not be tolerated."

I WAS NOT THERE TO DISRUPT ... IT WAS NOT MY INTENTION. I WAS THERE TO TAKE NOTES, RECORD, AND REPORT. I CONSIDER MYSELF TO BE VERY PROFESSIONAL.

— Hunter Allen,
alleged victim

Erik Smith, a spokesman for the Gephardt campaign, said Wednesday, "this guy was belligerent and we escorted him out." He referred to the incident as political dirty tricks.

"Absolutely untrue," Allen said. "I was not there to disrupt ... it was not my intention. I was there to take notes, record, and report back. I consider myself to be very professional."

Dean, the former Vermont governor, and Gephardt, the Missouri congressman, are atop the pack of Democrats campaigning for Iowa's leadoff precinct caucuses. Campaigns often send staffers to rival events to keep track of their opponents.

Two children killed in Waterloo blaze

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WATERLOO — Two children died and a firefighter was injured in a house fire early Wednesday.

The bodies of Rodquez Robinson-Seals, 5, and Dayounis Seals, 23 months, were found in an upstairs bedroom, firefighters said.

Firefighters were called to the two-story single family home about 12:55 a.m.

A neighbor who lives across the street, Trescica Arceo, said she heard yelling and looked outside. She saw smoke billowing from the windows and flames coming from the back of the house.

She said two adults had crawled out an upstairs window and onto a porch roof. They tried to get inside through another window to reach the children, Arceo said.

They were able to pluck one

child, Queshandis Seals, 7, from a window but were unable to get inside because of the heavy smoke, Arceo said.

When firefighters arrived, residents were trying to douse the flames with garden hoses, she said.

Lt. Bill Harter, 38, suffered second-degree burns on his neck when he and another firefighter went into the burning house to look for the other children.

He was treated at Allen Hospital and returned to duty, Lt. Tom Lanigan said.

One adult, Dannette Seals, was treated at Allen Hospital and released. Her boyfriend, whose name wasn't available, and Queshandis Seals, also were taken to the hospital but their conditions weren't available Wednesday morning.



Dan Nierling, Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier/Associated Press

A fire at this home in Waterloo on Wednesday claimed the lives of two children and sent others, including a firefighter, to the hospital. A third child was rescued through the left window over the porch.

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ponies, and pigs that have found a safe home there.

You can also head to West Liberty, where instead of selling candy to raise money for baseball and softball, coach Joe Brinson decided to put the teams' effort into erecting the West Liberty Scare Grounds.

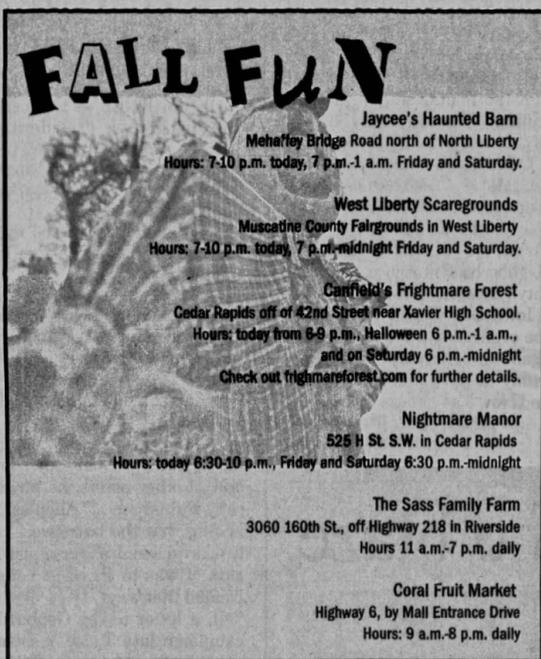
Brinson lost \$30 in revenue when six members of a UI sorority were scared stiff by crazy men with chain saws outside the haunted house — they stayed inside the car.

For a nearby pumpkin-patch experience, the Coral Fruit Market starts the season with 100,000 pounds of pumpkins, said manager Kay Carpenter.

Instead of sitting in a barnyard, the pumpkins are on a paved area near the Coral Ridge Mall, and carnival-type games in the "spooktacular center" replace the traditional petting zoo or corn maze.

Carpenter said she likes Halloween for being "totally a kid's holiday," adding that having fun at Halloween time is not very expensive.

Another Cedar Rapids venue is Nightmare Manor, owned by



Jaycee's Haunted Barn
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Linn County Deputy Sheriff Chris Smaby. His staff of 15 to 16 volunteers intermingles with around \$150,000 of terrorizing props bound to scare.

What he calls an expensive

hobby pays off when he sees people coming out the exit smiling and giggling after dealing with "the illusion of fear."

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Dorm door hit with ant-gay slurs

HATE CRIMES

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"fuck fags," Carter said. UI police deemed the vandalism a hate crime and ticked off a litany of possible charges for anyone connected to the incident, including first-degree harassment, criminal mischief, and damaging university property. Such crimes are "quite rare," said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, offering few other details because of the continuing investigation.

"It's comforting to know that it's rare, but it's not comforting to know that it still happens," said Carter, who openly acknowledged his homosexuality in high school. "It's a question of how do we educate people."

The university offered no answers, for instance, during its summer Orientation session for incoming freshmen, in which hate crimes and hostility toward minority groups were not even mentioned, he said.

"I think the university's very accepting," he said. "But there can always be improvements."

Many of Carter's neighbors were shocked to learn about the vandalism.

"It was incredibly violent; it was very inappropriate," said neighbor Nick Hobart, another

openly gay freshman. "I think Iowa City, as a whole, is very tolerant, but this is still a problem the university needs to address."

Ignorance, and sometimes even hatred, frequently accompany students from smaller, more conservative towns, he said — newcomers who typically begin their UI careers in the residence halls.

Last year, hundreds of students were evacuated from Daum after a poster illustrating definitions and examples of racism, discrimination, and hatred caught fire. Authorities, who have not announced any new developments in that case, suspected arson at the time.

Carter, a member of the university's Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender and Allied Union, said group members met Wednesday but opted to discuss how to address hatred in general. Group representatives were not immediately available for comment.

Intolerance, Carter said, won't keep him from "just being who I really am."

"When you're closeted, you're under this extreme pressure; you're pretty much lying to yourself every day," he said. "How can you be honest with other people if you can't even be honest with yourself?"

Carter, the recipient of a full-ride scholarship in memory of Matthew Shepard — a gay college student who was beaten, tied to a fence post, and left for dead in Wyoming — played football and ran track in high school. He hopes to pursue a career in health-care administration, perhaps heading a hospital or owning his own clinic.

Despite the initial fear from the threats, Carter said, life "first, and foremost, as a student" goes on. Telephoned at his dorm late Wednesday night, he agreed to a brief interview but said it would have to be quick — he has a math midterm today at 8 a.m.

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Internships, activities important in finding job

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Although some of the desired skills that employers seek are not learned in the classroom, students can take advantage of leadership opportunities in activity groups, said Wendy Ford, the interim director of the UI Career Center.

"You can articulate the value you brought to the organization you were involved in," she said. "As far as college education goes, I think [students] have more than adequate training."

The committee projected that many of the job opportunities would be in education, electronics, and financial marketing.

The increasing reliance on advanced technology calls for a highly trained workforce, said Don Jackson, the human-resources manager for the local Proctor & Gamble plant, 220 Lower Muscatine Road. He foresees a growing need for engineers in his business, he said, and looks for applicants who have thrived when working for a team.

"It's much more competitive in the job market than it has been in the past," he said.

The challenge for the Iowa City-Cedar Rapids corridor is to attract businesses that depend on a skilled workforce. The committee projected 75 percent of all new and replacement jobs to require more education than a high-school diploma.

The Iowa City-Cedar Rapids corridor is one of the fastest-growing regions in Iowa, said Iowa City Mayor Ernie Lehman, but businesses will be reluctant to move here unless they identify a large labor force.

"My suspicion is that there aren't 10,000 jobs because the workforce isn't there," he said.

Regional-development planners hope to keep college graduates in the state and bring relocated Iowans back home.

Iowa has the third-highest high-school graduation rate in the country, but the state ranks 43rd in the number of people older than 25 who have a college degree, said Joe Raso, the president of Iowa City Area Development.

Students do not leave Iowa just because they cannot find decent work in the area, he said. "They leave the state for other opportunities that are not tied to the job."

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Coralville apartment robbed

ROBBERY

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a community of brick and dark brown-paneled apartments and townhouses in which children are seen walking around by themselves.

"We only have maybe one or two of these a year at this location," Wenman said.

The robbery was not the first time a popular game console has been stolen locally. In September, Kyle Marin, a 17-year-old North Liberty resident, allegedly stole a PlayStation 2 after he threatened a man with a shotgun. Marin's alleged accomplice asked the victim to bring the game console out to a vehicle at 610 Roberts Ferry Road in Tiffin, where they proceeded to take the console, police records show.

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Senators reverse course on Iraq funds

IRAQ

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eliminating money to restore wetlands and upgrade the postal service. Also against Bush's wishes, negotiators voted to expand Pentagon health coverage to National Guard and Reserve troops when they come home.

When the negotiators finish their work, perhaps this week, their reconciled bill will go to the House and Senate for final approval and then to Bush for his signature.

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Calif. battles 'firestorm'

BY RENE SANCHEZ
WASHINGTON POST

LOS ANGELES — In a last stand against unrelenting flames, firefighters across the charred and smoky landscape of Southern California battled Wednesday to save two beloved mountain resorts and a new suburb from burning amid erratic weather conditions that were both a blessing and a curse.

The epic fight to stop the firestorm, among the worst ever to strike California, is far from over. And each day, the consequences from it are becoming more catastrophic.

More than 2,100 homes in the region have now been destroyed or badly damaged by the blazes, which began last week. Near San Diego Wednesday afternoon, one firefighter was killed and three others were injured as they tried to slow a wildfire that has scorched 230,000 acres. At least 16 other people have died in the blazes. Tens of thousands of residents remain displaced from their homes. Schools in San Diego County remained closed for the third-consecutive day. The air around Los Angeles reeked of smoke.

Firefighters had hoped that the absence of hot, dry Santa Ana winds and the arrival of cooler temperatures would help them tame the flurry of huge blazes wreaking havoc across the region, and on some frontlines Wednesday, the flames lost most of their fury.

But stiff new breezes blowing in from the Pacific suddenly shifted other wildfires in dangerous new directions — directly at a heavily populated subdivision on the northern edge of Los Angeles County and into picturesque mountain towns near San Diego and San Bernardino that for generations have been popular weekend retreats.

Overnight, one blaze incinerated the hamlet of Cuyamaca in San Diego County, burning more than 100 homes and buildings. "The only things left are town hall and the fire station," said Tim Turner, a supervisor for the California Department of Forestry.

In Santa Clarita Valley near Los Angeles, a wildfire raged so



Nick U/Associated Press
Three-year-old Mariah Glasser hugs her father, Dan Glasser, amid the remains of their house, which was destroyed by a wildfire in Crest, Calif., on Wednesday.

unpredictably Wednesday that residents living in new hillside homes first were told to evacuate, then allowed to return, then ordered again to leave. "This is as close as it's been," Mark Hughes said nervously as he watched a plane dump flame retardant around the corner from his house. "Everything is dependent on the wind." Then he rushed off to find his wife.

The fires have burned more than 600,000 acres, approximately 937 square miles, or roughly three times the area of New York City. Smoke from the blazes shrouded the Las Vegas Strip 270 miles away this morning. In Los Angeles, a Spanish-language television station headlined its footage of the fires with one word: "Apocalipsis" (apocalypse).

More than 12,000 firefighters from around the West are working around the clock to contain the blazes, which, state officials, say have caused more than \$2 billion in damage.

During a visit to San Bernardino, Gov. Gray Davis said he will sign an executive order to relieve Southern California counties of the huge expense of fighting the firestorm, which could soon become the costliest disaster in state history. On Capitol Hill, Gov.-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger, who will take office next month, met with Federal Emergency Management Agency officials and appealed for

aid. "We are right now in the middle of the disaster," he told reporters. "We don't know how long this fire will continue."

The first death of a firefighter since the blazes erupted occurred Wednesday near the town of Julian, a mountain community an hour's drive east of San Diego that is a tourism hub. California forestry officials said they had no details on how the firefighter died. Three other firefighters who were injured there, one critically, were flown out of the area by helicopter.

The battle to save Julian, founded after the Civil War in a gold rush, has grown fierce. Hundreds of firefighters are on the scene. But some engine companies rushing there Wednesday had to retreat when strong winds swept flames over a local highway. "If Julian goes," said San Diego County Supervisor Dianne Jacob, "a lot of history goes with it."

Firefighters also struggled Wednesday to keep onrushing flames from engulfing the resort community of Lake Arrowhead, high in the San Bernardino National Forest approximately 80 miles east of Los Angeles. Countless thousands of pine trees there are dead or dying from years of drought and beetle infestation, and they no match for a powerful blaze.

Special correspondent Kimberly Edds contributed to this report.

NATION

4 escape from understaffed N.C. jail

RAEFORD, N.C. (AP) — Four inmates escaped from an understaffed county jail, including a man accused of kidnapping an 11-year-old girl who was pregnant with his child and holding her captive in Mexico for years, authorities said.

The four escaped late Tuesday from the Hoke County Jail's annex. One was captured Wednesday, and

the others remained at large, authorities said.

Hector Noel Mojarro Frausto, 23, is charged with kidnapping and statutory rape of the girl, who was pregnant with his daughter. She was missing from 1999 until this March, when she went to the U.S. Consulate in Guadalajara, Mexico.

"This guy is dangerous," Sheriff Hubert Peterkin said.

The other inmates are Christopher Damien Handon, 22,

Steven Ray Locklear, 20, and John Shannon Phillips, 31. Phillips was captured Wednesday in Hoke County after attempting to shoplift, authorities said.

The four took advantage of understaffing, the sheriff's office said. The inmates were in the jail's annex. The jail and the annex are supposed to house approximately 71 inmates, but they typically hold 90 inmates, Peterkin said.

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A tale of two Georges

AMERICANS CAN'T STAND losers; just ask the Georges, Bush and Steinbrenner. One George heads a powerful empire that is now rife with internal squabbling and has now been publicly undermined by a group of desperate, underpaid Third World refugees. The other is our president. Both have made it clear they can't stand losing.

Except in the case of the Chicago Cubs, images of losers evoke contempt from the average American. However, it's interesting to note that of the 10,000 people (and I'm being generous) who actually care that the Florida Marlins won the World Series, half are probably just happy the Yankees lost. But these bitter, mean-spirited pessimists would probably also say such things as, "The war in Iraq was a poorly planned, fabricated misstep, and it is trading U.S. soldiers' lives for profit. They have no appreciation of an empire."



JOHN MOLSEED

According to Bush, it's these types of people who filter our daily news. He says the media filter out the good news about Iraq and only report the bad.

"There's a sense that people in America aren't getting the truth," he said, and he wasn't talking about his January State of the Union Address.

Public opinion about Iraq has been deteriorating. Bush's assurances, coupled with almost daily attacks and increasing Iraqi unrest, are hurting him in the polls. In other words, he's starting to look like a loser.

Bush isn't the only one who's losing face. Our country's perception internationally is one of increasing derision. Bush's insistence on going it alone in Iraq and then asking for assistance is as cool and classy as that guy who says "I forget my wallet" on a first date.

A nonpartisan Pew Research Center poll of more than 15,000 people in 20 countries shows the world doesn't think much of America.

In Indonesia, 75 percent of people had a favorable opinion of the United States in 2000; now, 83 percent of Indonesians view the nation unfavorably. In France, Germany, and Spain, fewer than 50 percent have a favorable view of the United States.

The only thing worse than being a loser is dragging down everybody else with you. Losers are treated like carriers of contagious plagues in our society. That's why boys don't let their little sisters play baseball with their friends, and why the scrawny kid who cried at least twice a week in sixth grade and is allergic to eggs sat by himself at lunch. Losers are isolated and ignored. It's a label to avoid at all costs.

Blaming the media won't help Bush avoid being labeled a loser. Maybe he should follow the other George's lead to do some damage control.

Steinbrenner's first step to rid himself of his loser status will be to admonish his players for not trying hard enough (especially Alfonso Soriano, who, during the series, would have swung at a pick-off throw to first base). We Yankee fans call that the "Dave Winfield maneuver." Next will come firings and resignations, which Yankee fans call the "name any Yankee manager from the last 30 years maneuver."

I think it's time to clean some neon house, Steinbrenner style. Sacking people is much more forceful and dynamic than blaming the press. It also has the added benefit of distracting the press.

Steinbrenner would never do something as spineless as blame the media and then "bypass" their "filters." Imagine Steinbrenner holding a Monument Park press conference and admonishing the press for only reporting the bad aspects of the World Series.

"We won two of the six games," he'd say. "All I'm hearing about in the media is how we lost four games."

No way. That's just un-Yankee. The message that nearly three dozen people die in a day of attacks is not good no matter how you spin it. Blaming the messenger only makes Bush look like a whiner. And only losers whine. ■

HIV-transmission law should stand

The life-long implications of HIV have led many states, including Iowa, to enact laws that criminalize knowingly transmitting the disease. Recent charges against Adam Musser, an HIV-positive 22-year-old man who allegedly neglected to inform four separate sexual partners of his condition, have raised speculation about the law.

Musser's defense attorney, Dennis Cohen, has called the law unconstitutional, saying the maximum 25-year prison sentence constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. To illustrate the excessiveness of the punishment, Cohen has pointed out that voluntary manslaughter carries a maximum sentence of only 10 years.

However, the court system is not bound by any law to impose the maximum sentence, and it is doubtful whether it will, considering that none of the four women contracted HIV.

Tim Hagle, a UI associate professor of political science, said the law doesn't sound unconstitutional in itself, but applying the maximum sentence may be in certain cases, including Musser's. Hagle added that there are always situations in which

the maximum sentence for a crime isn't appropriate.

Cohen should try his case and then fight for a light sentence if Musser is convicted, rather than challenging the law itself as he did in a motion to dismiss charges on Oct. 16. Being found guilty of criminal HIV transmission, under Iowa Code 709C.1, does not necessarily mandate a maximum prison sentence of 25 years. Past cases involving the law, such as the Justin Keene case in 2001, resulted in a suspended sentence; the offender was placed on probation. Cohen's motion to dismiss seems to be more of the smoke-and-mirrors variety than actual substance.

Cohen also contended that the maximum punishment is excessive because the accused did not have "mal-intent" in allegedly withholding his condition from his sexual partners. Put simply, this means that Musser did not intend to harm his sexual partners by not disclosing his HIV-positive status. Factually, none of the women pressing charges against Musser contracted HIV, and unique biological characteristics of sexual partners keep HIV from always being

transmitted by a single penetrative act.

However, in having intercourse with four separate women, the defendant could not have known whether the virus would have been transmitted, demonstrating at the very least gross negligence on his part. The HIV-transmission law makes it clear that "intentional exposure of one person to the body fluid of another that could result in the transmission of HIV" qualifies as intimate contact that violates the law. Actions that could result in the transmission of HIV are held to be as criminal as those that actually do transmit the disease. The Iowa Supreme Court reinforced the validity of the law in the court's decision to affirm judgment against Keene in 2001.

The HIV-transmission law does not infringe upon the sexual freedom of those with the virus, as Cohen also claims. It requires that HIV-positive individuals disclose this fact to their sexual partners. Once this occurs, consensual sex between individuals is not illegal. In a world in which AIDS is rampant and sexual activity high, the law takes a pro-active step to curb the epidemic, protecting lives, and raising HIV awareness.

Fighting fire with smoke and mirrors

Fires are burning across Southern California and Mexico this week, proving once again that natural disasters can be as devastating as the man-made kind. It's a genuine national tragedy — and one that shouldn't be misused for political purposes.

Unfortunately, that is a distinct possibility. The fires happen to have arrived just as the Senate is wrestling with a bill, already passed by the House, which is supposedly designed to help prevent catastrophic fires. In theory, the bill would address the environmental imbalance that has developed over the past several decades from the Forest Service's misguided policy of preventing all forest fires, even the low-level fires that once cleared away brush and young trees from old forests. Without these periodic fires, forests have become much denser, and big fires are far more damaging than they used to be.

But although foresters and scientists now recognize this problem, brush is still not being cleared away fast

enough. Why? The House Republican authors of the forest bill blame overly bureaucratic environmental regulations. Accordingly, their bill attempts to loosen the procedures that the Forest Service must go through before it can carry out "fuel-reduction activity" — a change that would also help the timber industry dodge objections to the cutting down of older forests. This explanation does not stand up to close scrutiny. Last week, the General Accounting Office released the final results of its study on fuel-reduction activity and discovered that of the Forest Service's 818 applications to cut brush, only one-quarter were appealed. Of these, 79 percent were processed within 90 days. What is hampering the process is not environmental litigators but finances. To carry out more brush-clearing operations, the Forest Service needs more resources.

But the Forest Service is unlikely to get significantly more resources anytime soon. It would therefore make sense for Congress, instead of passing laws that

appear to be largely of benefit to the timber industry, to encourage the Forest Service to spend whatever money it does have on brush-clearing projects closer to human communities. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., has helped write a compromise bill that would instruct the Forest Service to spend at least 50 percent of its fuel-reduction resources on precisely that. Although this is the right approach, Feinstein has received no guarantee that her bill won't be completely rewritten by a Republican conference committee, as has lately become common practice.

In the absence of such a guarantee — which would have to come from the White House — it's probably better to pass no bill at all. We retain just the slimmest hope that the California blazes might cause members of Congress to redirect their energy toward saving people and homes and away from helping loggers cut down mature trees.

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LETTERS

Driving Miss Traci

In response to "Smokers Are Jokers" (*DI*, Oct. 24) I would like to thank Traci Finch for such a well-spoken column. I would just like to bring up the study "Lung Cancer, Cardiopulmonary Mortality, and Long-term Exposure to Fine Particulate Air Pollution," Arden Pope et al., *JAMA*, 2002.

It seems that Pope has found that particulate air pollution — that translates to burning of fossil fuels for all intents and purposes — is just as much of a cause of "cardiopulmonary and lung cancer mortality" as smoking — and that's not even secondhand smoke.

Seeing that the Bureau of Transportation Statistics reported 181,880,466 licensed drivers in 2001 and the U.S. Census Bureau found a total population of 281,421,906 in 2000, that gives us roughly 65 percent of Americans who dare pollute our wonderful air supply. After informing all of your driving friends that you can no longer be associated with the likes of them (I assume you'd never think of driving), you can move to LA. Then, finally, you'll be able to eat that wonderfully healthy hamburger without all that pesky smoke wafting about. After you're done, you'll be able to go outside and enjoy that nice city with the highest air pollution for the last four years running ("State of the Air 2003," American Lung Association).

Paul Davis
UI student

Negative energy

This week, the Senate will review President Bush's latest attempt to help his Big Business friends at the expense of the American people: his proposed energy bill.

This backward-looking bill would open new loopholes for oil, gas, and nuclear-energy companies, undermine protections for drinking water, open up millions acres of public lands and ocean to drilling, and increase America's dependence on foreign fossil fuels.

What it won't do is put America on a path to a sensible, sustainable energy policy based on efficiency, conservation, and the development of clean, renewable energy sources.

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, should filibuster this bill.

Jane Roper
UI grad student

A detox injection

In the last six years, I have seen the students' rights to party slowly start to slip away. During my first year here, the Greek system went dry. Soon, the national awareness of smoking being bad for you took precedence, and it soon became illegal to smoke in a restaurant that did not sell more alcohol than food per hour (although the state Supreme Court has overturned this law). Now, if you want to tailgate, you need to stop partying and go home during the game if you do not have tickets.

What is going on? The university

keeps raising tuition so that soon, the only people able to attend the UI will be the progeny of white-collar families. We as students are losing our right to party. For many of us, it is our first time away from our parents, and therefore it is our God-given right to party like we have never partied before.

If we can't party at our houses, or in the parking lots, or in our dorm rooms, or apartments, where can we party? The bar prices are too steep for most college students looking to party hard for as little money as possible; after all, one still needs money to eat and pay parking tickets. If the university will

not let us party, I am sure there are other towns in the great state of Iowa that will welcome students.

If the university and Johnson County will not let us party with in the boundaries, then I say boycott. Let us take our party someplace else.

We are students, and we deserve our rights to party! So I propose, in the grand style of students and the rumor mill, to choose a new location to celebrate life and friends and pass the word of the new party locale. Fliers on every bathroom wall or other more creative methods. We work far too hard during the day to not party hard at night.

J. Raclaw
UI senior



Trick or treat!

ON THE SPOT

Should the UI have a detox center?



"Our taxes pay our police, and it's their job. The university budget is already tight."

Brandon Jass
UI senior



"No; I don't think the problem's that bad."

Kevin Tidgewell
UI grad student



"Sure; it would make sense because there's a lot of drinking."

Dan Buzzell
UI junior



"Yes, if it's an acknowledgment of alcohol as a problem on campus."

Jallyn Moreland
UI grad student

NEWS

Sun blasts Earth with solar flares

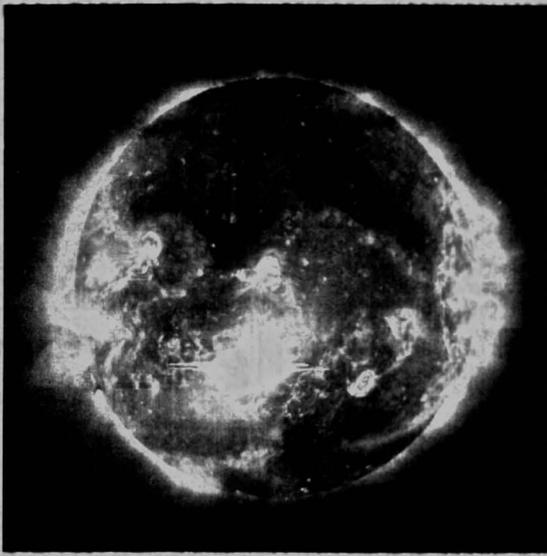
BY KATHY SAWYER AND JOHN F. KELLY
WASHINGTON POST

The sun fired another gigantic flare late Wednesday as one of the fastest-moving geomagnetic storms on record was still creating fireworks in the skies on Earth, and scientists predicted that the effects of the two events could overlap.

"To have two huge [eruptions] coming out of an active region within a day — both aimed right at Earth — there's no precedent for that," said solar physicist John Kohl of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. "It goes beyond anything we've seen."

The third solar eruption to engulf Earth in a week arrived ahead of schedule at 12:13 a.m. CST Wednesday. The most intense of the bunch, it had covered the 93 million mile distance from the sun in 19 hours, compared with the usual two to three days and close to the record 17 hours measured in 1859, space weather forecasters said.

As of late Wednesday, the storm had caused no major problems, but it was keeping spacecraft operators, utilities managers, and others on alert. It damaged a Japanese satellite and produced spectacular displays of the Northern Lights as far south as Georgia, New Mexico, and Texas.



NASA/Associated Press

A spectacular eruption on the surface of the Sun on Tuesday sent charged particles hurtling toward Earth on Wednesday, and scientists said the cloud could significantly disrupt communications on Earth.

The solar activity has also caused a series of radio blackouts that affected communications with aircraft traveling at extreme northern and southern latitudes. The blackouts are expected to continue for at least a week.

The storms are caused by clouds of billions of tons of hot gas

and charged particles spewed from a huge region of sunspots currently in the center of the sun's disk — aimed directly at Earth.

The storm that arrived Wednesday was classified at the top of the scale for some three hours, but its potential to cause damage was mitigated by its orientation. The invading magnetic

field carried in the plasma cloud was pointing north, harmonized, in effect, with Earth's own magnetic field, said forecaster Larry Combs of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Space Environment Center in Boulder, Colo.

By late afternoon, however, the field had reversed direction, and the storm was increasing in intensity.

In the new orientation, with the storm's polarity opposing that of the Earth's magnetic field, there would be "a much more violent interaction," said Paul Brekke of the European Space Agency.

Any large and rapid change in the Earth's magnetic field sets the stage for potentially strong currents in any electrically conducting material lying in the altered field, scientists said.

The radiation — actually a shower of high-energy protons — from the flare was the fourth-largest amount since the ocean/atmosphere agency started keeping such records in 1976, the forecasters said.

Just as the polarity of Wednesday's storm was turning, a new one left the gate. At 2:48 p.m. CST, forecasters and scientists watched as another ferocious outburst of energy rose from the sun and ejected yet another plasma cloud, this one traveling somewhat more slowly but still coming at millions of miles per hour.

NATION

Sheriff: Officials warned about Columbine killers

GOLDEN, Colo. (AP) — The two students who gunned down 12 schoolmates and a teacher at Columbine High bragged about making pipe bombs and said they were looking for a "ground zero" two years before the bloodbath — and authorities knew it, the sheriff said Wednesday.

Authorities have said they knew about violent rants by Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold in 1998, a year before the shootings, and that a search warrant was not acted upon.

Jefferson County Sheriff Ted Mink, who took office in July, said Wednesday that someone had called the sheriff's office a year earlier, in 1997, to tip off authorities about a Web site run by Harris.

A deputy investigated the tip and forwarded a report and printouts from the Web site to a sheriff's

investigator in charge of computer-related crimes, Mink said.

The investigation of the Web site apparently stopped there, Mink said. The report was not found until last week, when a deputy came upon it as he was leafing through a training manual, the sheriff said.

On the Web site, Harris and Klebold described building pipe bombs from scratch.

"Now our only problem is to find the place that will be 'ground zero,'" they say, according to the report.

Some families have been sharply critical of the sheriff's office and Mink's predecessor — Sheriff John Stone — for the handling of the Columbine investigation. They have accused authorities of ignoring or missing warning signs that Harris and Klebold planned to kill.

Sue Petrone, whose son, Daniel Rohrbough, was killed at Columbine, said she was astonished to see the year 1997 on the report.

"That's another chance that someone had to keep my son alive," she said.

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NEWS

11 trapped Russian miners saved

BY PETER BAKER
WASHINGTON POST

MOSCOW — Eleven miners trapped a half-mile underground for six days emerged Wednesday tired, hungry, and layered in coal dust after an elaborate rescue operation punched through walls of solid rock to reach them.

Most of the miners walked out of the shaft on their own, some even smiling and waving at the crowd of relatives, colleagues, and rescue workers who have stood vigil at the mouth of the mine in southern Russia since the beginning of the ordeal nearly a week ago, according to television footage from the scene.

"When we saw the rescuers, that was like the appearance of Christ before the people," said Vasily Avdeyev, one of the freed miners whose coal-blackened, grim faces attested to their ordeal.

Nikolai Lazaryev, an uncle of one of the rescued men, said the long wait was a grueling ordeal. "We could not live — we just existed," he said.

One of the surviving miners was in serious condition and taken to a hospital. A 12th miner was found dead in the same pit area, and his body was pulled out. And one miner remained missing, apparently because he ran off on his own in hopes of finding a way out. Officials presume he also died; they were continuing their search Wednesday evening.

The surprise discovery of the survivors after so long without food, light, communications, or drinking water thrilled family members, who called it a miracle. Union officials could not remember another incident in which so many trapped miners survived so long underground.

Working in poor conditions, often going unpaid for months, Russia's miners have learned to be bearing and the seven days of being trapped in the Zapadnaya mine tested the 11 men harshly.

"We had one or two mouthfuls of water from the shaft, but



Misha Japaridze/Associated Press

One of 11 rescued miners leaves the shaft outside the Zapadnaya mine in Novoshakhtinsk, southern Russia, on Wednesday. Eleven of 13 coal miners who were trapped for six days were found alive Wednesday.

it was undrinkable, it was very bad," miner Vladimir Mikhailov said in the hospital where the men were taken. "By the time we came out, we had only one lamp out of the original 12, so we switched it on and off, on and off. ... In the last hours we were fumbling in darkness."

The miners had climbed an incline that kept them out of the frigid water, but they feared their refuge wouldn't last.

In the last hours before rescuers reached them, "we felt that the water level was rising and there was little oxygen and people were not feeling well," said miner Vasily Karlov.

Avdeyev, who is the mine director, alternated between trying to buck up the other miners and being wracked by his own fear.

"We had nothing to eat, [so] I delivered a speech saying that a 20-day fasting has not ever hurt anyone and that it is good for the health," he said.

But, he acknowledged, "we understood that obviously we would die."

The deputy chief doctor at the hospital, Yuri Grishchenko, said all 11 rescued men were suffering from exposure and stress.

"The guys looked fine for people who have been trapped in a mine for six days. They came out themselves," said Alexander Smetalin, one of the rescuers. "They were found in the northern part of the mine. They were lying there all together."

Seventy-one miners were working deep in the mine in Novoshakhtinsk in the Rostov-on-Don region on Oct. 23 when water

from an underground lake began flooding the shaft. Twenty-five miners scrambled out immediately, but 46 were trapped. Thirty-three of them were rescued Oct. 25.

Rescue workers could only guess where the final 13 were located, and they began drilling what they called a "tunnel of hope" from an adjacent mine shaft in order to reach them. After reaching the pit area, they found a note scrawled on a ventilation pipe pointing in the direction the survivors had fled, according to Russia's NTV television.

"This case was extraordinary because it took them only four days to dig that tunnel," Ruben Badalov, the deputy chairman of the Russian coal miners' union, said by telephone. Normally, he said, such a tunnel would take a month to dig. "People just moved mountains because they felt it was their moral duty to save their friends."

The miners' plight captured the nation's attention and demonstrated the great hazards of the Russian mining industry. Ninety-three men died in Russian mines in 2001, 68 last year, and 65 as of June of this year.

Even as the miners were being located in Novoshakhtinsk on Wednesday morning, rescuers were responding to another mine accident across the country. A methane explosion in Partizansk in the Primorye region of the Russian Far East killed five miners; 66 were rescued.

President Vladimir Putin met with officials later in the day and praised the rescuers in Novoshakhtinsk while bemoaning the industry's safety record. "Thank God it is more or less over, though the search will be continued," he said. "Unfortunately, events of this nature are now becoming widespread. You know there has now been a similar tragedy in the Far East. We will have to investigate this carefully."

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2 more GIs killed in Iraq attack

BY SLOBODAN LEKIC
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Two American soldiers were killed when their Abrams battle tank was damaged by resistance fighters, as the number of attacks on coalition forces jumped to 33 a day in the past week, U.S. officials said Wednesday.

The latest deaths bring to 117 the number of American soldiers killed in combat in Iraq since President Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1, according to Department of Defense figures. A total of 114 U.S. soldiers died in the active combat phase, which began March 20.

Meanwhile, seven Ukrainian troops were wounded in the first ambush of a multinational unit in the Polish sector south of Baghdad, coalition officials said.

In Baghdad, Col. William Darley said the average number of anti-U.S. attacks had reached 33 a day in the past week. This is more than a 50 percent increase over levels of early September. By mid-October that number, reported by the U.S. command here, had reached about 26 a day.

The Abrams tank was disabled when it was struck by a land mine or a roadside bomb Tuesday night during a patrol near Balad, 45 miles north of Baghdad, said Maj. Josslyn Aberle, a spokeswoman for the 4th Infantry Division. A third crewman was evacuated to a U.S. hospital in Germany, she said.

It was the first M1 Abrams main battle tank destroyed since the end of major combat May 1, military officials said. During the active combat phase, several of the 68-ton vehicles — the mainstay of the U.S. Army's armored forces — were disabled in combat.

The latest attacks, including a nighttime mortar barrage in Baghdad, followed a day of violence in which insurgents targeted American forces and

Iraqis who work with the occupation authorities. U.S. officials also announced that Baghdad's Deputy Mayor Faris Abdul Razzaq al-Assam was killed Sunday in a drive-by shooting.

On Wednesday, Baghdad police commander Maj. Gen. Hassan al-Obeid announced new measures, including additional 24-hour checkpoints and special patrols, to heighten security in the capital, according to coalition-run Iraqi television.

The proliferation of attacks on Iraqis allied with the occupation bodes ill for attempts by the U.S.-led authorities to persuade more Iraqis to join in administering the country and play a greater role in providing security. Resistance forces have targeted several prominent figures, including Aquila al-Hashimi, a member of the Governing Council, who was fatally shot Sept. 20.

In Geneva, the international Red Cross said it would cut back on its international staff in Iraq but remain in the country for the sake of the Iraqi people. The action comes in the wake of Monday's suicide bombing on its Baghdad headquarters. The relief organization has approximately 30 international staffers in Iraq and 600 Iraqi employees.

The Red Cross made its announcement a day after Secretary of State Colin Powell telephoned the organization's president to urge the agency to stay in Iraq.

The aid group Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) on Wednesday also pulled out part of its staff from Iraq for security reasons, the organization said.

At Camp Babylon, a spokesman for the multinational division said the attack on the Ukrainians occurred when two of their armored personnel carriers rolled over land mines near Suwayrah, around 40 miles southeast of Baghdad.

After the vehicles were disabled, unidentified gunmen opened fire on the disembarked soldiers, the spokesman said on the condition of anonymity.

Approximately 1,650 Ukrainians are serving in the Polish-led stabilization force patrolling central and southern Iraq.

In Baghdad, half a dozen mortar rounds exploded late Tuesday in an upscale Jadriya neighborhood across the Tigris River from the U.S.-led coalition headquarters but caused no damage or casualties, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

One landed in a field close to a palace once occupied by one of Saddam Hussein's daughters, now a headquarters for the U.S. civil-military affairs command. Another struck Baghdad University's College of Physical Education, damaging the wall of an enclosed volleyball court. There were no casualties in the shelling.

In Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, insurgents fired late Tuesday on the south gate at the main U.S. military base there. At least one American soldier from the 4th Infantry Division was wounded, witnesses said. A patrol was sent out to search for the assailants, who fled after firing on the troops from a nearby rooftop.

And a U.S. military convoy was attacked Tuesday night by small arms fire in the northern city of Mosul, the military said. There were no casualties. On Wednesday, an improvised explosive device went off near another U.S. convoy in the same area without causing any damage.

In Ramadi, 60 miles west of Baghdad, witnesses said an explosive device intended for U.S. troops detonated Wednesday as a civilian car was passing by, seriously injuring the driver.

AP correspondents Katarina Kratovac and Mariam Fam contributed to this report.

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TROJAN MAN

Top Iowa recruit commits to USC

Jeff Byers, regarded as the top high-school offensive center in the country, has committed to Southern California, according to rivals.com. The Loveland, Colo., native was all-conference, all-area, and second team all-state as a Colorado junior.

The 6-4 Byers runs a 4.8 40-yard-dash and has a 3.92 GPA. He visited Iowa before committing to the Trojans.

READY OR NOT

Bills may activate RB Willis McGahee

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills are leaning toward activating running back Willis McGahee next week even if the first-round draft pick is not immediately ready to play.



McGahee

While a final decision has not been made, team president Tom Donahoe said Wednesday that placing McGahee on the active roster would be better than placing him on injured reserve and losing him for the rest of the season.

"We probably would be leaning that way," Donahoe said. "We can activate him, but it doesn't mean he has to dress."

BENCHED

Ohio State's Irizarry is suspended

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State coach Jim Tressel suspended tight end Louis Irizarry on Wednesday, two days after the freshman was arrested on assault charges in a dorm room altercation.



Irizarry

"Louis will not be allowed to travel or compete in any games until this matter has gone through the legal process and been resolved at the university level," Tressel said in a statement.

YANKEE SHAKEUP

Down is out in NY

NEW YORK (AP) — Rick Down is out as the New York Yankees' hitting coach, the first move in what figures to be a wild offseason for the World Series losers.

With club officials in Tampa, Fla., this week for meetings with owner George Steinbrenner, Down was told by phone Tuesday that the team will not renew his contract.

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Who is the youngest player to score 50 points in an NBA game?

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Booting the odds

IOWA'S VETERAN PUNTER HAS BEEN UP AND DOWN SINCE BEING NAMED CONFERENCE PLAYER OF THE WEEK IN SEPTEMBER

BY DONOVAN BURBA
THE DAILY IOWAN

On Sept. 1, Iowa punter David Bradley was named the Big Ten's special-teams Player of the Week after booting five punts for 252 yards. The honor was particularly special for the junior, who came under criticism after two less-than-stellar seasons, and his solid performance over the first few games this season had some speculating that Bradley could earn a spot on the All-Big Ten team.

Then things started going wrong. A 38.6 yard average against Arizona State; 39.7 at Michigan State. Against Ohio State, Bradley's average rose to 40.1, but the Buckeyes blocked one attempt and recovered in the end zone for a touchdown, which proved to be the crippling blow in Iowa's 19-10 loss. Finally, coach Kirk Ferentz had seen enough, and he considered replacing Bradley prior to last week-end's win over Penn State.

"I think we've tailed off a bit there," said Ferentz on Tuesday about the punting game. "I hope we tail back up where we were; that would help us." Twice in the first quarter the Nittany Lions started in Iowa territory following a Bradley punt. The Hawkeye defense kept Penn State out of the end zone on both occasions, but consistently giving opponents good field position is a recipe for disaster.



Nicholas Wynia/The Daily Iowan

David Bradley makes a kick during the Michigan State game on Sept. 27 in East Lansing.

Bradley, who contends that his job wasn't in jeopardy, attributes his struggles to inconsistent fundamentals; instead of hitting the ball with the outer part of his right foot, he says he's been dropping it to the inside of his body too much, causing him to cross over and miss the "sweet spot" of his foot. Adding to the problem, though, is that Bradley's mind is always working, even at the most inopportune times — like when he's on the field awaiting the snap.

"I have been thinking about it when I'm out there," he admitted. "You really can't do that; you have to think about something else. That's why you come here to practice — that's the time to think about it — but when you get out there on the field you just have to let it go."

As if he needed anything else to worry about, wild fires rage near his hometown of San Diego. While the Torrey Pines High School grad says his home isn't in danger at the moment, others he knows aren't so lucky.

"A couple of [friends] have been evacuated, and I'm just praying for them," he said. "I have a buddy who plays basketball at San Diego State, and [he says] ashes are falling all over San Diego. It's pretty serious."

Should Bradley succumb to the heat on the field, backup John Gallery is the next man in at punter. Gallery, the younger brother of offensive lineman Robert (and former Hawkeye punting star Nick), punted twice for 92 yards in

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Minnesota 95



Milwaukee 89

Wolves slip past Bucks

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Kevin Garnett had 25 points, 21 rebounds, and six assists as the Minnesota Timberwolves hung on to beat the Milwaukee Bucks, 95-89, Wednesday night in the season opener for two teams sporting a much different look.

Newcomers Sam Cassell (18 points), Latrell Sprewell (15 points), and Michael Olowokandi (11 points, nine rebounds) helped out Garnett, as did holdover reserve Gary Trent (14 points).

Michael Redd and Desmond Mason each had 16 points for Milwaukee, playing its first game under rookie coach Terry Porter.

Celtics 98, Heat 75

BOSTON (AP) — Paul Pierce scored 23 points, and Boston made up for the absence of Antoine Walker by placing six scorers in double figures as the Celtics beat Miami.

Washington 99, Chicago 74

CHICAGO (AP) — Gilbert Arenas was a winner in his Washington debut, scoring 18 points and adding six assists in the Wizards' 99-74 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Wednesday night.

The loss spoiled the homecoming of Scottie Pippen, who is back in a Bulls uniform for the first time since winning the 1998 NBA title. Fans gave Pippen a long, loud standing ovation when he was introduced before the game, but

that's where the highlights ended for the home crowd. Jalen Rose had 15 points to lead the Bulls, who shot less than 32 percent and tied the franchise record for worst defeat in a season opener. Pippen had seven points, seven rebounds and two assists.

Raptors 90, Nets 87

TORONTO (AP) — Vince Carter scored 25 of his 39 points in the second half as Toronto rallied past New Jersey in the season opener for both teams.

Pacers 89, Pistons 87

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Jermaine O'Neal had 22 points and 15 rebounds as Indiana held on for a victory over Detroit, helping coach Rick Carlisle beat the team that fired him.

Magic 85, Knicks 83, OT

NEW YORK (AP) — Tracy McGrady scored half of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and overtime to rally Orlando to a season-opening victory over New York.

Orlando forced overtime with a 10-0 run over the final 3:55 of regulation. The Magic made it a 15-point spurt by scoring the first five points of the extra session — punctuated by McGrady's 3-pointer with 3:42 left.

Hornets 88, Hawks 83, OT

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Darrell Armstrong scored 18 points and made an assortment of crucial plays in his New Orleans debut, lifting new coach Tim Floyd and the Hornets over Atlanta.



Dino Vournas/Associated Press

Dallas Mavericks' Antoine Walker drives to the basket as Golden State Warriors' Erick Dampier defends on Wednesday.

Nuggets 80, Spurs 72

DENVER (AP) — Carmelo Anthony had 12 points and seven rebounds in his NBA debut, leading Denver to a win over San Antonio.

Andre Miller added 16 points, Earl Boykins 13 and Nene 12 for the Nuggets, who overcame poor shooting to knock off the defending NBA champions.

Jazz 99, Trail Blazers 92

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Carlos Arroyo had 18 points and 13 assists in his second career start, and Sasha Pavlovic scored 14 points in his NBA debut.

The Jazz, playing a season opener with neither John Stockton nor Karl Malone in the starting lineup for the first time since 1986, trailed by 13 in the third quarter.

Kobe's larger than life & Shaq

BY TIM DAHLBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

This wouldn't seem to be the best time for Kobe Bryant to be fighting with anyone.

Especially because he has a much bigger fight on his hands.

Two weeks from now, Bryant will stand before a judge in Colorado, who will tell him in no uncertain terms that he could go to prison for the rest of his life if convicted of raping a teenage hotel worker.

So why are he and Shaq going at it again in a nasty catfight as the Lakers open a season that once held such promise?

It could be he was simply tired of Shaq taking potshots at him and felt he needed to strike back. It might be because he thinks feuding with the big guy will raise such a ruckus that the messiness over the rape charges will fade a bit.

Or maybe, just maybe, he already believes he has that fight won.

It's easy to see why, and for reasons that have little to do with the thin case prosecutors showed off earlier this month in Colorado.

Getting 12 jurors to convict him in a "he said, she said" kind of case is always going to be tough. But there are indications Bryant already might be ahead in the court of public opinion.

Bryant was an NBA superstar before he was charged with rape. Today, he's even bigger, a true American celebrity whose image is beamed across the country as his soap opera-like saga plays out.

He's bigger than Shaq, larger than life.

In Las Vegas, fans scrambled up a chain-link fence to get a glimpse of Bryant as he got off the team bus before the Lakers' final exhibition game. They chanted his name when he took the court, microphone in hand, to tell them he loved them.

One held up a sign that likely has never before been seen at an NBA game:

"Her Underwear Tells The Story. Kobe Is Innocent."

America loves its celebrities, no matter what they are accused of doing. And these days, it seems, everyone loves Kobe Bryant.

Everyone, it seems, except O'Neal, who probably wasn't too happy to hear Bryant say Shaq came into camp last year "fat and out of shape."

And the young woman and her family in Colorado, of course.

The legal details are pesky, but Bryant's fans don't need to wait for any trial to render their verdict.

"To people who are just interested in celebrity, they think it's the greatest achievement in their life to be near celebrities or think they know them," said Richard Lachmann, a University of Albany sociology professor who studies popular culture. "To a large degree the interest in celebrity is in how famous people are, not in what they do."

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trivia A:

Rick Barry in 1965. He was 21 years, 261 days old at the time.

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- **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

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

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

All Times CST													
EASTERN CONFERENCE													
Atlantic Division													
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF		
Philadelphia	4	1	3	1	12	27	Philadelphia	4	1	3	1	12	27
N.Y. Islanders	4	3	2	0	10	27	N.Y. Islanders	4	3	2	0	10	27
New Jersey	3	3	2	0	8	18	New Jersey	3	3	2	0	8	18
N.Y. Rangers	2	3	2	0	6	12	N.Y. Rangers	2	3	2	0	6	12
Pittsburgh	1	4	3	0	5	16	Pittsburgh	1	4	3	0	5	16
Northeast													
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF		
Boston	6	2	2	0	14	26	Boston	6	2	2	0	14	26
Ottawa	5	1	0	1	11	28	Ottawa	5	1	0	1	11	28
Toronto	4	2	2	1	11	21	Toronto	4	2	2	1	11	21
Buffalo	5	5	0	0	10	22	Buffalo	5	5	0	0	10	22
Montreal	5	5	0	0	10	22	Montreal	5	5	0	0	10	22
Southeast													
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF		
Atlanta	5	1	2	1	13	26	Atlanta	5	1	2	1	13	26
Tampa Bay	6	0	1	0	12	20	Tampa Bay	6	0	1	0	12	20
Carolina	2	2	4	0	8	16	Carolina	2	2	4	0	8	16
Florida	3	5	2	0	8	18	Florida	3	5	2	0	8	18
Washington	1	7	1	0	3	19	Washington	1	7	1	0	3	19
WESTERN CONFERENCE													
Central Division													
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF		
St. Louis	6	2	0	1	13	25	St. Louis	6	2	0	1	13	25
Chicago	5	4	0	0	10	27	Chicago	5	4	0	0	10	27
Nashville	3	5	0	0	9	18	Nashville	3	5	0	0	9	18
Columbus	3	5	0	0	6	17	Columbus	3	5	0	0	6	17
Northwest													
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF		
Vancouver	5	2	2	0	12	31	Vancouver	5	2	2	0	12	31
Colorado	5	4	0	0	10	31	Colorado	5	4	0	0	10	31
Calgary	4	4	0	1	9	18	Calgary	4	4	0	1	9	18
Minnesota	3	6	1	0	7	23	Minnesota	3	6	1	0	7	23
Edmonton	3	5	0	0	6	22	Edmonton	3	5	0	0	6	22
Pacific													
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF		
Dallas	6	4	0	0	12	25	Dallas	6	4	0	0	12	25
Anaheim	4	5	1	1	10	21	Anaheim	4	5	1	1	10	21
Phoenix	3	3	3	0	9	24	Phoenix	3	3	3	0	9	24
Los Angeles	4	4	0	0	8	23	Los Angeles	4	4	0	0	8	23
San Jose	1	5	3	0	5	15	San Jose	1	5	3	0	5	15

All Times CST													
WESTERN CONFERENCE													
Central Division													
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF		
St. Louis	6	2	0	1	13	25	St. Louis	6	2	0	1	13	25
Chicago	5	4	0	0	10	27	Chicago	5	4	0	0	10	27
Nashville	3	5	0	0	9	18	Nashville	3	5	0	0	9	18
Columbus	3	5	0	0	6	17	Columbus	3	5	0	0	6	17
Northwest													
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF		
Vancouver	5	2	2	0	12	31	Vancouver	5	2	2	0	12	31
Colorado	5	4	0	0	10	31	Colorado	5	4	0	0	10	31
Calgary	4	4	0	1	9	18	Calgary	4	4	0	1	9	18
Minnesota	3	6	1	0	7	23	Minnesota	3	6	1	0	7	23
Edmonton	3	5	0	0	6	22	Edmonton	3	5	0	0	6	22
Pacific													
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF		
Dallas	6	4	0	0	12	25	Dallas	6	4	0	0	12	25
Anaheim	4	5	1	1	10	21	Anaheim	4	5	1	1	10	21
Phoenix	3	3	3	0	9	24	Phoenix	3	3	3	0	9	24
Los Angeles	4	4	0	0	8	23	Los Angeles	4	4	0	0	8	23
San Jose	1	5	3	0	5	15	San Jose	1	5	3	0	5	15

All Times CST															
AMERICAN CONFERENCE															
East															
W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA	W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA		
New England	6	2	0	0	750	154	129	New England	6	2	0	0	750	154	129
Miami	5	2	0	0	714	144	87	Miami	5	2	0	0	714	144	87
Buffalo	4	4	0	0	500	143	148	Buffalo	4	4	0	0	500	143	148
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	0	286	111	118	N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	0	286	111	118
South															
W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA	W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA		
Indianapolis	6	1	0	0	857	208	126	Indianapolis	6	1	0	0	857	208	126
Tennessee	6	2	0	0	750	224	167	Tennessee	6	2	0	0	750	224	167
Houston	2	5	0	0	286	121	200	Houston	2	5	0	0	286	121	200
Jacksonville	1	6	0	0	143	127	154	Jacksonville	1	6	0	0	143	127	154
North															
W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA	W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA		
Baltimore	4	3	0	0	571	160	132	Baltimore	4	3	0	0	571	160	132
Cincinnati	3	4	0	0	429	138	156	Cincinnati	3	4	0	0	429	138	156
Cleveland	3	5	0	0	375	115	130	Cleveland	3	5	0	0	375	115	130
Pittsburgh	2	5	0	0	286	132	179	Pittsburgh	2	5	0	0	286	132	179
West															
W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA	W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA		
Kansas City	8	0	0	0	1,000	246	130	Kansas City	8	0	0	0	1,000	246	130

All Times CST															
NATIONAL CONFERENCE															
East															
W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA	W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA		
Dallas	5	2	0	0	714	150	116	Dallas	5	2	0	0	714	150	116
Philadelphia	4	3	0	0	571	119	136	Philadelphia	4	3	0	0	571	119	136
N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	0	429	134	140	N.Y. Giants	3	4	0	0	429	134	140
Washington	3	4	0	0	429	135	171	Washington	3	4	0	0	429	135	171
South															
W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA	W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA		
Carolina	6	1	0	0	857	141	125	Carolina	6	1	0	0	857	141	125
Tampa Bay	4	3	0	0	571	150	97	Tampa Bay	4	3	0	0	571	150	97
New Orleans	3	5	0	0	375	172	191	New Orleans	3	5	0	0	375	172	191
Atlanta	1	6	0	0	143	114	220	Atlanta	1	6	0	0	143	114	220
North															
W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA	W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA		
Minnesota	6	1	0	0	857	196	133	Minnesota	6	1	0	0	857	196	133
Green Bay	3	4	0	0	429	200	166	Green Bay	3	4	0	0	429	200	166
Chicago	2	5	0	0	286	121	192	Chicago	2	5	0	0	286	121	192
Detroit	1	6	0	0	143	117	184	Detroit	1	6	0	0	143	117	184
West															
W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA	W	L	T	OL	Pts	PF	PA		
Seattle	5	2	0	0	714	170	131	Seattle	5	2	0	0	714	170	131
St. Louis	5	2	0	0	714	203	129	St. Louis	5	2	0	0	714	203	129
San Francisco	3	5	0	0	375	172	142	San Francisco	3	5	0	0	375	172	142
Arizona	2	5	0	0	286	98	193	Arizona	2	5	0	0	286	98	193

All Times CST											
EASTERN CONFERENCE											
Atlantic Division											
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Boston	1	0	1,000	—	—	Boston	1	0	1,000	—	—
Orlando	1	0	1,000	—	—	Orlando	1	0	1,000	—	—
Philadelphia	1	0	1,000	—	—	Philadelphia	1	0	1,000	—	—
Washington	1	0	1,000	—	—	Washington	1	0	1,000	—	—
New York	0	1	0.000	1	—	New York	0	1	0.000	1	—
New York	0	1	0.000	1	—	New York	0	1	0.000	1	—
Miami	0	2	0.000	1 1/2	—	Miami	0	2	0.000	1 1/2	—
Central Division											
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Indiana	1	0	1,000	—	—	Indiana	1	0	1,000	—	—
New Orleans	1	0	1,000	—	—	New Orleans	1	0	1,000	—	—
Toronto	1	0	1,000	—	—	Toronto	1	0	1,000	—	—
Cleveland	0	0	0.000	—	—	Cleveland	0	0	0.000	—	—
Atlanta	0	1	0.000	1	—	Atlanta	0	1	0.000	1	—
Chicago	0	1	0.000	1	—	Chicago	0	1	0.000	1	—
Detroit	0	1	0.000	1	—	Detroit	0	1	0.000	1	—
Milwaukee	0	1	0.000	1	—	Milwaukee	0	1	0.000	1	—
WESTERN CONFERENCE											
Midwest Division											
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	W</					

SPORTS

J. Gallery next in line at punter

BRADLEY

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garbage time against Buffalo. Both booming kicks went into the end zone for touchbacks, demonstrating that while the sophomore may have a stronger leg than Bradley, he doesn't have the same touch that has allowed the starter to drop 11 punts inside the 20 this year.

Bradley's experience is ultimately his greatest asset, and Ferentz, despite his misgivings, made sure to point out that he still has confidence in his punter.

"He's going to rally," Ferentz said. "If this were two years ago, I'd say, 'Boy, I don't know, I wouldn't count on it,' but I think all of us are counting on him rebounding and getting back in the groove."

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BASKETBALL

ISU women picked eighth in Big 12

AMES (AP) — Iowa State has been picked to finish eighth in the Big 12 women's basketball race in a vote of the coaches.

The Cyclones have several key players returning but are without Big 12 scoring champion Lindsey Wilson, who has graduated.

No Iowa State player was named to the preseason all-conference team.

Texas was picked to win the championship, receiving 10 of the 12 first-place votes. Kansas State was chosen for second, followed by Texas Tech, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Baylor.

COMMENTARY

Redskins are desperate

BY MICHAEL WILSON
 THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — If the news that the Washington Redskins have signed Darrell Russell, suspended by the NFL for the past 18 months and tossed out by the notoriously tolerant Oakland Raiders, leads you to the conclusion that the Redskins are desperate, guess what? They are desperate.

The Redskins are 21st in total defense, 21st in rushing defense. They can't rush the passer, can't stop anybody much of late. And they travel south this week to play the team they hate the most, the Dallas Cowboys — a team Coach Bill Parcells has playing fabulously. So the Redskins have done what they've become famous for doing the last few seasons: Dan Snyder went out, courted the biggest available star at a position of need, and got him.

Never mind that this particular approach hasn't worked much at all the past three years around here; Snyder got the man with the big name and the big talent. Russell is still young at 27, he's been to two Pro Bowls, he's a havoc wrecker, sometimes even on the opposing team.

And all over the NFL, folks are looking at the Redskins once again and wondering if they're screwing up by taking on a guy who has been suspended for violating the NFL's drug policy. He hasn't just messed up a time or two, he's messed up a lot. Everybody in football is wondering if the Redskins know whom and what they're getting, and if Russell is desperate enough to appreciate being trusted again after the Raiders let him go. In other words, is this a smart move?

I don't know Russell, never met him. All I know is that he's one convincing dude if you just listen to him.

"Everything that I've learned during the period that I was waiting for my opportunity to come back, I'm ready to apply that," Russell said Wednesday.

The first thing anyone would have to look for in assessing the matter is whether Russell is simply in denial, or whether he can deal, substantively, with his screw ups, whether he realizes the risk involved. And Russell's answers suggest he's aware.

There are a lot of players in this league who had a lot more serious charges against them than what he had. It's pretty serious [but] he's not in jail, is he?

— Redskins coach Steve Spurrier, on recent signee Darrell Russell

"Actually, I think Snyder is taking a big gamble with me because, I mean, look at my past and look at the way everyone views me at this point," he said. "Whether they need a (defensive) tackle or not, I think people are on his back as it is. All I can do is be thankful to him and [Coach Steve] Spurrier for giving me this opportunity. I want to take advantage of it as much as possible. The last thing I want to do is let a man like that down because I was able to meet with him last night and I admire his drive and his push."

"I played with Mr. (Al) Davis up to this point, and I don't have a bad word about him. Honestly, I see a lot of similarities in terms of treatment toward the players and love for the players. I think that he loves the game and is truly a fan of this team, and that right there makes me want to be a part of this team."

Here's part of who Russell is: He graduated from Southern California in 3½ years, went to the Raiders as the No. 2 overall draft pick, and lit it up from Day One. Almost everybody who met him found him to be bright, not just smart but literate, well-rounded, engaging. It appeared early on that he was a player who in short time would slide into the role of team leader.

So what happened? Well, here's also part of who Russell is: He wanted to be a baller in the New Jack culture of sports that sucks up so many talented bright athletes. It was enough for him to "represent" the flash that symbolizes that culture and in the process hide or even deny his intellect and quick wit.

It's a near epidemic in black America that bright and educated young men

feel somewhere between uncomfortable and ashamed of their academic and intellectual talents. Russell is one of the masses who get caught up in this foolishness, and he wound up paying dire consequences. He put himself in bad situation after bad situation, thinking it would somehow validate his hipness or perhaps give him street cred.

If Russell comes in and plays as he did his first few seasons with the Raiders, before he got into trouble, he's almost certainly going to help the Redskins.

If he screws up again, it only cost the Redskins \$800,000.

As Spurrier said: "We don't have a lot to lose. We may take a bad hit PR-wise. But he's not been convicted of the charges made against him. There are a lot of players in this league who had a lot more serious charges against them than what he had. It's pretty serious [but] he's not in jail, is he? The NFL says he can play. When the NFL says he's eligible to play, he's eligible to play, and it's pretty thorough on who can play and who can't."

Of course, the thing is, it's easier to give a guy a second chance when he can cave in the middle of an offensive line, something the Redskins don't have in a defensive tackle at the moment. "We think he's a big, strong guy inside who can get a little push," Spurrier said. "That should certainly help us against the run and help us in the pass rush, also. That's where we are. We signed him to a one-year deal, and we'll see what happens."

Usually, it's the Raiders' coach speaking that sentence, gearing up for that second chance. But now, it's the Redskins'. Football teams aren't Boy Scout troops, not in Oakland, not in Washington. If Russell can get himself together here and contribute, apparently as early as Sunday, Snyder will have made a smart, well-informed decision based on a lot of due diligence. If Russell can't resist being acting like a big baller and burns the men who have given him another chance, Snyder will have made a spectacularly bad decision that hand plenty of ammunition to those still looking suspiciously at him and the Redskins.

Bryant case not slowing ticket sales

BRYANT

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Bryant might be the perfect example. For months now, his name and image have been splashed across television and newspapers for reasons that have nothing to do with how he can glide down the baseline and score on a reverse dunk.

"Celebrity creates aura. Whenever you get that much national attention and your face gets beamed into millions of homes, it lends a sense of otherworldiness, an aristocracy of celebrity to the person," said Robert Thompson, a television and popular-culture professor at Syracuse.

"And that is something we respond to very much in this country."

Not everyone, of course, is infatuated with Bryant. Women's groups are wringing their hands at the treatment both he and his accuser are getting, and there are likely millions of Americans who think he's arrogant and crude at best and a calculating rapist at worst.

But those people have been largely quiet, waiting for the script to play out. Not so for the fans who stand by Bryant's side and want to let him know — loudly at times — how they feel.

Bryant's well-paid attorneys have already succeeded in framing his accuser as a starstruck woman who slept around long before Bryant ever got to town. That seems to be good enough for those buying tickets to Lakers games.

"Lots of his fans have a view either he didn't do it, or he did it and the woman in some way was asking for it," Lachmann said. "With rape, you can say she was a publicity hound, and to a good part of the population, that's the end of it."

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GRIESE MAY KEEP NO. 1 SPOT FOR DOLPHINS

BY STEVEN WINE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVIE, Fla. — Brian Griese's promotion might be permanent.

Miami Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt said Tuesday he hadn't decided whether to stay with Griese in Sunday's AFC showdown against the Indianapolis Colts. But Wannstedt was pleased with way Griese sparked Miami's sputtering offense in his first start, a 26-10 victory over San Diego on Monday night.

Replacing an injured Jay Fiedler, Griese threw for 192 yards and three touchdowns with no turnovers.

"Brian played really well," Wannstedt said. "He made good decisions, got rid of the ball, and was really into the game. He was in tune to what they were doing and what we were trying to do."

The health of the two quarterbacks might determine which one starts Nov. 2.

Fiedler, who sprained his left knee in a loss to New England on Oct. 19, dressed Monday night but was designated the No. 3 quarterback. Griese had a little swelling in his right thumb after the

It was pretty special. I wanted to contribute to the team in some way, shape, or form, and I had the opportunity to go out there and play. I felt great. It was exciting. On "Monday Night Football", I don't think I could ask for anything more.

— Brian Griese
Miami quarterback

victory, although Wannstedt said he doesn't believe the injury is serious.

Several comments by the coach suggested he's leaning toward starting Griese again. Wannstedt said a starter knocked out of the lineup by an injury — Fiedler, for instance — isn't assured of keeping his job.

"We do what's best for the team," Wannstedt said.

He said Griese releases the ball more quickly than Fiedler, an advantage once Miami's receivers adjust their timing.

"You saw two or three routes where the receiver wasn't quite

ready," Wannstedt said. "You put that on the receiver. He's got to anticipate it's going to be out quicker with Brian than it is with Jay."

Wannstedt also said he expects Griese to be even better with a start under his belt. The game was his first since being sidelined during the exhibition season by a toe injury.

"If he plays this week, you would like to believe he would be more comfortable than he was," Wannstedt said. "And it being a home game should help."

The Dolphins (5-2) play three of their next four games in Miami, beginning with Indianapolis (6-1).

Miami players had Tuesday off after the team returned to South Florida at 6 a.m. The game against the Chargers was played in Tempe, Ariz., because fires in Southern California forced it to be moved from San Diego.

Griese threw first-half touchdown passes of 5 yards to Chris Chambers, 2 yards to James McKnight and 7 yards to Randy McMichael. He finished 20-for-29 and at least three passes were dropped.

"It was pretty special,"

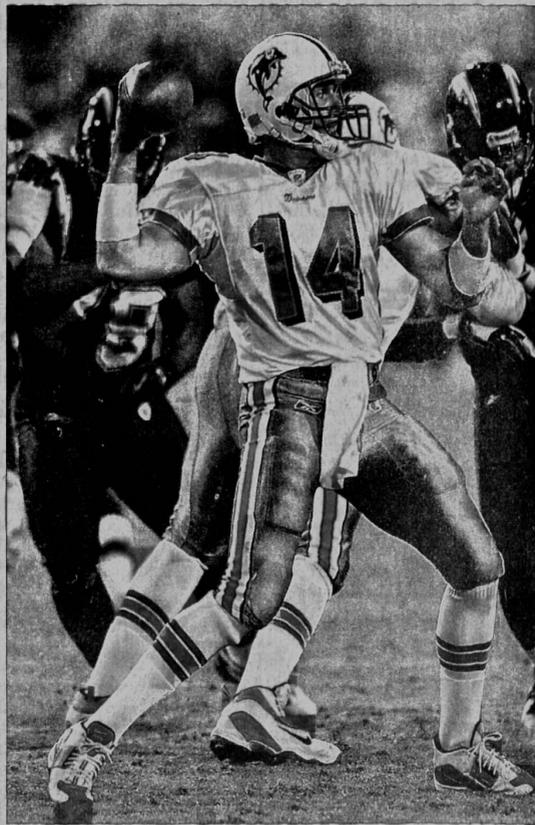
Griese said. "I wanted to contribute to the team in some way, shape, or form, and I had the opportunity to go out there and play. I felt great. It was exciting. On "Monday Night Football", I don't think I could ask for anything more."

Griese's first pass went for a touchdown. His first six passes were complete. His only incomplete pass in the first half was dropped. By halftime the score was 24-3.

For the Dolphins, it was the best performance by a quarterback named Griese since at least 1980. That year Brian's father, Bob, ended his Hall of Fame career with the Dolphins.

The younger Griese benefited from good field position, thanks to three interceptions by the Dolphins, and he enjoyed excellent protection against a defense ranked 28th in the NFL. Still, the offense clicked in a way it hasn't with Fiedler, who has thrown five interceptions and just two touchdown passes in his past four games.

The Dolphins are 33-15 with Fiedler starting, but he has led them to only one postseason victory since succeeding Dan Marino in 2000.



Paul Connors/Associated Press
Miami Dolphins quarterback Brian Griese makes a throw against the San Diego Chargers on Monday at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe, Ariz.

NFL

Johnson's gesture draws criticism

CINCINNATI (AP) — Chad Johnson has been warned to watch the choreography.

The trash-talking receiver who loves entertaining the crowd after a touchdown put the Cincinnati Bengals' biggest comeback of the season at risk with his latest move.

Coach Marvin Lewis castigated him on the sideline Sunday after his throat-slash gesture following a touchdown drew a 15-yard penalty. The Bengals overcame it, holding on for a 27-24 victory over Seattle.

Johnson said Wednesday that he hadn't been fined by the NFL, an indication the league accepted his explanation that it was an innocent mistake. (The NFL won't comment on such fines.)

"They would have done it already," said Johnson, who has a lot of firsthand knowledge of the league's methods for fines. "I'm sure they understand what I meant."

His head coach is less understanding.

Lewis jogged over to Johnson as he returned from the end zone after Sunday's display, and berated him at length. The first-year head coach made it sink in that every action — even one

done in fun — has consequences.

"That's the significance of what you do," Lewis said. "We are beginning to learn that this is a team game. It's not the Chad Johnson show, it's a team game. He understands and is remorseful."

Remorseful, perhaps, but not ready to become a wallflower.

Johnson is enjoying his emergence as one of the league's top young receivers. His 53-yard touchdown catch Sunday left him with 643 yards and an 18.4-yard average per catch in seven games.

He started getting attention with his catches and his win guarantees last season, when the Bengals finished 2-14. Most of his trash-talking is playful rather than malicious — he even makes fun of himself.

Last week, Johnson suggested there's no pressure on him now that he's become the leader of the Bengals' receiving corps.

"That's just me," he said. "I worked my way from the bottom up. Every week, it's only going to get better. There are three things in life that are certain: death, taxes, and not being able to cover me."

Bills may activate RB Willis McGahee

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The Buffalo Bills are leaning toward activating running back Willis McGahee next week even if the first-round draft pick is not immediately ready to play.

While a final decision has not been made, team president Tom Donahoe said Wednesday that placing McGahee on the active roster would be better than placing him on injured reserve and losing him for the rest of the season.

"We probably would be leaning that way," Donahoe said. "We can activate him, but it doesn't mean he has to dress. The thing that you probably do not want to do with Willis is put him back on IR because then he can't practice."

McGahee is the former Miami star who spent the last 10 months recuperating after tearing three ligaments in his left knee, which he hurt in the Hurricanes' loss to Ohio State in the Fiesta Bowl.

After opening the season on the nonfootball injury list, McGahee was cleared to practice with the Bills two weeks ago. Under NFL rules, Buffalo has until Nov. 5 to determine whether to activate him.

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Lemieux moves up ranks

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PITTSBURGH (AP) — Mario Lemieux became the sixth player in NHL history with 1,700 points with an assist that started a four-goal run by Pittsburgh, but the New York Islanders scored twice in the third period for a 4-4 tie Wednesday night.

With the Islanders up 2-0 late in the first, Lemieux took Konstantin Koltsov's pass along the right wing boards, slipped the puck between the legs of defenseman Janne Niinimaa, then made a backhanded pass to the slot to Dick Tarnstrom for his second goal of the season.

Lemieux joins Wayne Gretzky (2,857), Gordie Howe (1,850), Mark Messier (1,847), Marcel Dionne (1,771), and Carolina Hurricanes captain Ron Francis (1,760) on the 1,700-point list. Only Gretzky reached the mark faster than Lemieux.

Trailing 4-2 in the third, the Islanders scored twice in a span of 2:48 to tie it as Jason Blake got his third of the season and Mariusz Czerkawski evened it with his eighth at 11:13 of the period.

Blues 6, Red Wings 5

DETROIT (AP) — Doug Weight had the second three-goal game of his career and Dallas Drake collected five assists as St. Louis ended Detroit's club record 15-game home winning streak.

Red Wings goalie Dominik Hasek allowed four goals on St. Louis' first 13 shots and was pulled early in the second period.

Peter Sejna added two power-play goals for St. Louis, Keith Tkachuk



Montreal Canadiens' Steve Begin and Boston Bruins defenseman Ian Moran battle for the puck in front of Bruins goaltender Felix Potvin during first period on Tuesday.

had a power-play goal and Mike Danton had two assists.

For the Red Wings, Brett Hull scored the 718th goal of his career — breaking a tie with Phil Esposito for fourth place on the NHL's all-time scoring list.

Hasek was replaced by Manny Legace after Sejna's first power-play goal 4:46 into the second period. That goal made it 4-2.

Flyers 5, Panthers 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michal Handzus and Joni Pitkanen each had

a goal and assist, and Robert Esche stopped 21 shots for Philadelphia.

Justin Williams, Jeremy Roenick, and John LeClair also had goals for Philadelphia, off to a 4-1-3 start. Mark Recchi, Tony Amonte, and Simon Gagne added two assists apiece. Viktor Kozlov scored for the Panthers, who have lost two of three.

Roenick and Handzus scored 59 seconds apart in the second period to break open a one-goal game.

Mighty Ducks 4, Capitals 2

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sergei

Fedorov scored two goals and Martin Gerber made 23 saves for Anaheim.

The Capitals lost their sixth straight and are winless in eight games since an opening-day victory. The losing streak is their longest since they dropped the final six games of the 1998-99 season.

Gerber has allowed four goals in three games in place of Jean-Sebastien Giguere, who struggled in Anaheim's early losses. Jason Krog and Steve Rucchin also scored for the Ducks.

SPORTS

Dotson defense to explore all options

WACO, Texas (AP) — Attorneys appointed to represent the former Baylor University basketball player charged in the shooting death of an ex-teammate said it's too soon to say whether they will seek an insanity defense.



Dotson

Waco attorneys Russ Hunt and Abel Reyna were appointed to represent Carlton Dotson on Wednesday during his first court appearance in Texas, the day after he was extradited from his home state of Maryland.

At the start of the hearing, the 6-7 Dotson stood stoically before state District Judge George Allen and was told that he had been indicted on a murder charge and faced a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Allen asked if any attorneys were with him; Dotson said "no." When asked if he had funds, Dotson mumbled that he was trying to get some money, then answered "no" when the judge asked if he had any now.

The judge appointed the Waco defense attorneys after Dotson filled out a pauper's oath declaring that he had no money.

Dotson, 21, had been jailed in his home state of Maryland the past three months, and he recently gave up an extradition fight.

He was arrested July 21 after calling police from a supermarket, saying he was hearing voices and needed counseling. Officers took him to a hospital, where he contacted the FBI. Later, he

denied that he confessed to killing his former teammate and roommate Patrick Dennehy.

Dotson was indicted in August in the death of Dennehy, 21, who had been missing six weeks when his body was found July 25 in a field near a rock quarry south of Waco. The 6-10 player had been shot twice in the head.

Hunt and Reyna said they met briefly with Dotson after the hearing but had not seen the prosecution's files. Hunt said he would explore all options, including insanity and self-defense, just as he would do in any case.

"Only a fool makes up his mind before seeing the facts," Hunt said after the hearing.

District Attorney John Segrest later said the bond could be set at another hearing, but Hunt said he did not plan to seek bond because Dotson was indigent.

McLennan County Sheriff Larry Lynch and two deputies picked up Dotson at 6 a.m. Tuesday. They flew commercial airlines from Baltimore to Dallas and then on to Austin, before driving Dotson to Waco.

Lynch said Dotson was restrained but would not comment on security measures or say how airplane passengers reacted.

Dotson had returned to his hometown of Hurlock, Md., in June after leaving Baylor.

The case rocked the Baptist school and its basketball program. Coach Dave Bliss and Baylor's athletic director resigned in August amid revelations of NCAA violations. School investigators said two players had received improper financial aid and employees did not properly report some players' failed drug tests.

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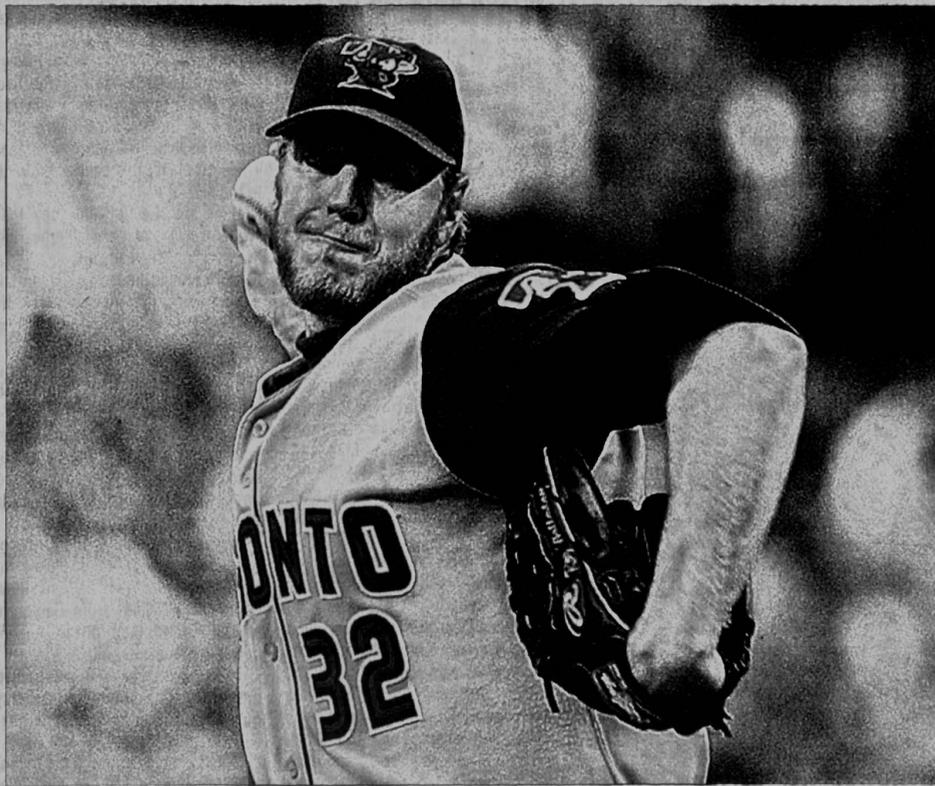
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Toronto's Roy Halladay pitches against the Orioles in Baltimore, in this June 18, 2003 photo.

Toronto's Halladay tops players in baseball

BY RONALD BLUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Toronto pitcher Roy Halladay was the top player in baseball this year, according to the annual statistical rankings released Wednesday by the Elias Sports Bureau.

Halladay, 22-7 with a 3.25 ERA, received a 98.476 rating on a scale of 100. Boston outfielder Manny Ramirez was second at 98.293, down from last year, when he became just the fifth player with a perfect score. Los Angeles reliever Eric Gagne was third at 97.347.

Halladay took over as the top AL starting pitcher from Oakland's Barry Zito, who dropped to second at 95.020. Zito was followed by Athletics teammates Mark Mulder (94.309) and Tim Lincecum (91.565).

Ramirez was among the top three AL outfielders for the seventh time in eight seasons — he led designated hitters last year. Chicago's Magglio Ordonez (95.122) was among the top three for the third-consecutive year and New York's Bernie Williams (90.976) was in the top three for the seventh-straight season.

The flaws in the system, created as part of the settlement of the 1981

strike, are evident in the rankings of AL relievers. Oakland's Keith Foulke (91.464) was first, with Boston's Byung-Hyun Kim (89.828) second, and the Yankees' Mariano Rivera (88.871) third.

While Rivera was first in wins plus saves, fourth in strikeouts per walk ratio, and fifth in ERA, he was 20th in relief appearances, 26th in innings, and 26th in hits per nine innings.

Following the departure of Ivan Rodriguez from Texas, the Yankees' Jorge Posada (88.940) led AL catchers for the first time. Toronto's Carlos Delgado (94.737) was the top AL first baseman for the second time, the first since 2000, taking over from the Yankees' Jason Giambi.

Seattle's Bret Boone (94.180) led second basemen for the second-straight season, and Texas' Alex Rodriguez (96.273) led AL shortstops for the fifth-consecutive year. Oakland's Eric Chavez (88.095) was No. 1 at third for the second year in a row.

Seattle's Edgar Martinez (87.500) was the top designated hitter, the seventh time in nine seasons he held or shared the top spot.

Ivan Rodriguez (86.842) took over from Paul Lo Duca at catcher, and Colorado's Todd Helton (95.217) led

at first base for the fourth-straight season. Montreal's Jose Vidro (91.705) replaced Jeff Kent at second base, and Edgar Renteria of the Cardinals (84.341) took over from Rich Aurilia at shortstop. St. Louis teammate Scott Rolen (92.381) led third basemen for the second-straight year.

The Cardinals' Albert Pujols (96.842), Montreal's Vladimir Guerrero (95.789), and San Diego's Brian Giles (93.053) were the top three NL outfielders, replacing Barry Bonds, Lance Berkman, and Sammy Sosa.

Arizona's Curt Schilling (96.769) led pitchers after finishing second to teammate Randy Johnson two years in a row, and the Big Unit (94.303) was second. Gagne replaced Houston's Octavio Dotel as the top reliever.

The rankings, which are based on statistics over two years, are used to decide whether players are Type A, B, or C free agents, and what draft picks their former teams get as compensation if they sign elsewhere. The top 30 percent in each group get an A ranking, the next 20 percent a B ranking, and the group between 50 and 60 percent a C ranking.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Senators weigh in on BCS system

BY ROBERT GEHRKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Bowl Championship Series shuts out too many schools in its goal of crowning a college-football champion and needs to be repaired, senators told representatives of the bowl system Wednesday.

"I don't know if you guys know how it looks to fans of teams that aren't part of this system," said Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del. "It looks unfair. It looks like a rigged deal."

Created in 1998 by the six most powerful college conferences, the BCS guarantees that the champions of those conferences will play in one of the four most lucrative post-season bowl games, leaving only two at-large berths.

Former BYU coach LaVell Edwards said the BCS system also makes it harder for teams outside the alliance to recruit, because there is little chance the players will ever be able to compete for a national championship.

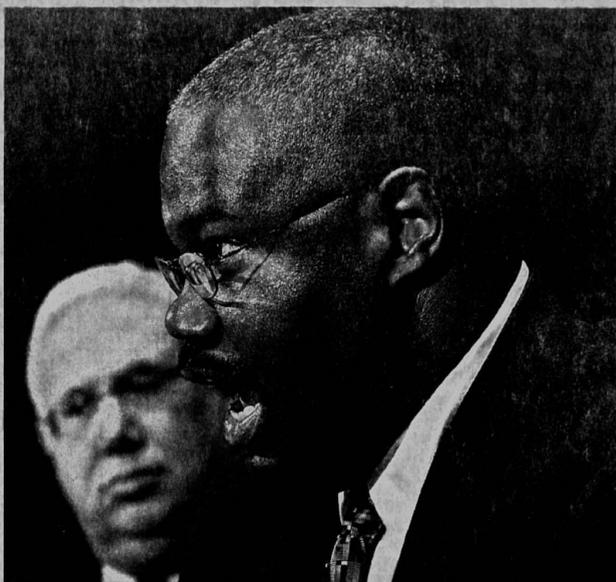
Division I-A football is the only college sport not to have a playoff system.

BYU, which won the national championship in 1984, is the only team other than Notre Dame outside the six BCS conferences to have won a national championship since 1945.

In the 20 years before the BCS started, only one school other than Notre Dame that is not currently in the Big East, ACC, Big Ten, SEC, Big 12, or Pac-10 played in one of the series' four bowls.

Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, a BYU graduate, said the current system raises enough questions of fairness that it is in college football's best interest to fix it instead of forcing Congress to intervene.

NCAA President Myles Brand said he is open to a system that



Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

Keith Tribble, chairman of the Football Bowl Association, speaks during a Senate Judiciary hearing called 'BCS or Bust: Competitive and Economic Effects of the Bowl Championship Series On and Off the Field.'

would be more inclusive, but he does not believe that there is a need for radical changes or adoption of a playoff system.

Harvey Perlman, the chancellor of the University of Nebraska, said the current system is the fairest way to determine a national champion, and it provides adequate opportunity for schools outside the BCS to play their way into contention.

A team that finishes in the top 12 of the BCS standings is eligible for consideration, and a team in the top six automatically gets a spot.

And Keith Tribble, the chairman of the Football Bowl Association and chief executive officer of the Orange Bowl Committee, said the bowl games are attracting more

fans, benefiting their host communities and generating more money than ever, paying out \$800 million in the last five years.

"For the past 90 years, bowl games have been the heart and soul of college football. It has never been healthier," he said.

Tulane President Scott Cowen disagrees. In 1998, the Green Wave went through the season undefeated, but they were shut out of the top-tier games. A year later, the same thing happened to Marshall.

"There is no doubt in my mind whether the current system is unjust and unjustifiable," said Cowen, who also heads a coalition of more than 50 schools that are not part of the BCS.

NFL

Union, NFL work on testing

CHICAGO (AP) — The NFL and its players association are working on a plan for a retroactive test for the previously undetectable designer steroid THG.

Union president Gene Upshaw and management council chairman Harold Henderson are intensively discussing the testing of previous samples. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue said Wednesday at the league's fall meeting.

"This particular category of steroids has been on the prohibited list for quite some time. So Harold and Gene will work to strike a fair balance," Tagliabue said.

Union player representative Trace Armstrong of

the Oakland Raiders said Wednesday his understanding is that samples go back only so far.

"There may be some samples there that have not been destroyed yet, but we have not been saving samples," he said.

But Upshaw said all samples are kept for a period of time.

"We're still trying to get our arms around it. There's no doubt we believe it should be tested for. And there's no doubt we believe it should be on the banned list," he said.

The NFL, with a strict steroid policy, announced last week that THG would be included in current testing for banned substances. On Wednesday, Major League Baseball and Major League Soccer added it to their lists of banned substances.

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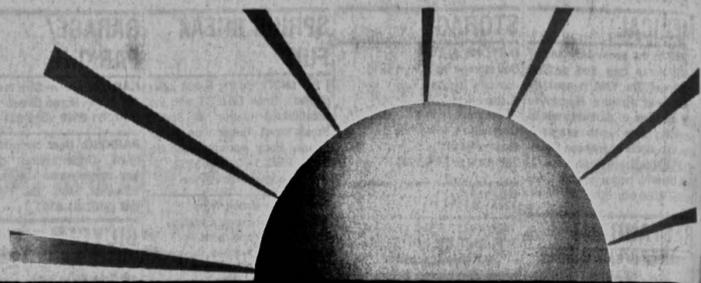
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

My heart leaps for joy every time [an abortion provider] gets popped.

— Dan Holman, a veteran of the anti-abortion movement, who stages weekly protests at the Emma Goldman Clinic.



The Daily Break

calendar

- **Biochemistry Seminar, "DNA: Electrostatics Mechanics and Structure,"** Gerald Manning, Rutgers, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.
- **Building a Community of Women, Fall Reception,** Associated University Women, 4 p.m., 181 IMU.
- **Live from Prairie Lights, Julie Orringer and Ryan Harty,** fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
- **Postdoctoral Workshop, "Functional Consequences of beta2-Receptor Activation on GluR1,"** Mei-Ling Joiner, 12:30 p.m., 2-501 Bowen Science Building.
- **Industrial Engineering Professional Seminar, "Entrepreneurship,"** Lynn Jahn, 4:30 p.m., 2217 Seamans Center.
- **"Iraq, Human Rights, and the Democratization of the Arabic World,"** Abdullahi An-Naim, Emory University, 2:20 p.m., 225 Boyd Law Building.
- **Grand Opening Party for New Students for Kucinich Office,** 7 p.m., 620 S. Dubuque St.
- **Gallery Talk, "20th-Century German Art in the Permanent Collection,"** Kathryn Floyd, 7:30 p.m., Museum of Art.



SIGNS THAT YOU'RE NOT WELL-LIKED AT YOUR JOB

by Jesse Ammerman

- For the office Halloween party, everybody keeps encouraging you to dress as a piñata.
- You understand that some co-workers are pressed for time, but you'd prefer it if they walked down the hall to the restroom instead of using your coffee mug.
- Sure, your boss says it's a promotion, but you sensed a hint of sarcasm when he handed you the mop and bucket.
- There was just no stopping your mother's frantic sobs after you told her your nickname at the office.
- While it's great to be invited to the company picnic, you're still not sure why they'd host it at an abandoned steel mill 40 miles from town.
- Your work ethic has been compared to that of many pro athletes, at least in the sense that you frequently slap asses, grab your crotch, and harass the women around you.
- Though you claim to make the best McNuggets vest of the Mississippi, nobody will let you near the fry cooker.
- You had no idea that simply dropping one's pen or tripping on the carpet could evoke such a raucous round of applause.

Little University

- What comic-strip couch potato found time to father kids named Cindy, Buky, and Blip?
- What group embarked on a "Coming Out of Their Shells" tour in 1990?
- What Hollywooder's hubby, on a private tour of the LA Zoo, met a Komodo dragon that mistook his foot for lunch in 2001?
- What unbeaten college football team won the first Bowl Championship Series title in 1999?
- What's the only pasta to eat for good luck on New Year's Day, according to Sicilian tradition?

1. Moose Miller
2. The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
3. Sharon Stone
4. Tennessee
5. Lasagna

public access schedule

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 City Council Work Session Oct. 13
- 12:50 p.m. Drain
- 1:05 ProtostarR Part 2
- 1:30 On Main Street
- 2 Boo! Scared Ya
- 2:30 Give Me An Answer
- 3 Pagan Sound Offering
- 4 The Unity Center
- 5 Tabernacle Baptist Church
- 6 Hope UMC
- 7 Grace Community Church
- 8 Revival in Oxford
- 9 Jack-o-Lanterns 2000
- 9:30 Glory 2 Glory
- 10 Power of Victory
- 11 Some Fall Leaves & Stuff

UITV schedule

- 6:30 p.m. - Kirk Ferentz Press Conference (Rebroadcast)
- 7 Iowa Football with Kirk Ferentz
- 7:30 Iowa Football Replay
- 8:30 Ueye
- 9 Binge Drinking at Iowa: Past, Present, and Future
- 10 Spellbinder

For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at www.dailyiowan.com.

horoscopes

Thursday, October 30, 2003 by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't take things said too literally today. Family discussions may get blown out of proportion. Think before you speak. Cool down before dealing with a sensitive issue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You can make interesting and positive changes today. Alter your looks, change your image, develop a skill or hobby — now is the time. Someone who admires your work will take a personal interest in you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Wheeling and dealing should be your intent today, especially with people you know quite well. Help an older relative with some everyday responsibilities.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Romance will unfold whether you are single or already in a relationship. Your charm will win the hearts of those you encounter, so don't be shy. Let your heart lead the way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Having a garage sale or turning your hobby into something prosperous should be your intent. Get the whole family to help. Open your doors to the neighbors.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will discover that there are all sorts of ways to meet new people if you get involved in something unusual. Your restlessness is mounting, so satisfy your curious nature. Socializing will lead to romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be careful what you discuss today. Someone is likely to discourage you unnecessarily. Problems with someone you live with will escalate quickly. Back off, and let this person cool down.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Talk about your future plans with a good friend, and you will get a clearer picture of your situation. Romantic possibilities will develop with someone you meet through a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep an eye on your money matters. Sudden changes in your financial situation are likely. Cover all necessary groundwork before making a financial promise to someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stop worrying about business, and start to enjoy yourself. Opportunities for romance will develop if you take a pleasure trip or attend a social event. Someone you meet will change the way you think.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't overspend, especially if you are entertaining. You must stop anyone who has been trying to run your life. Start making the changes that you've been considering.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will get recognition today for your creative endeavors and your ingenious ideas. Spending time with friends, relatives, or neighbors will lead to some interesting conversations. You could meet someone who will make a difference to your future.

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by Scott Adams

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'NON SEQUITUR

BY VILEY

JUST ONCE I WISH I COULD FIND A MAN IN THIS TOWN WHO CAN MAKE A COMMITMENT

THE END MIGHT BE AT HAND

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

SO WHAT'S THE BIG APPEAL, MAN?

WELL, FOR ONE THING, ONLINE WOMEN ARE PERFECT.

IN REAL LIFE, WOMEN HAVE FLAWS. THEY REALLY CAN'T COMPETE WITH THIS.

WHAT ABOUT OUR FRENCH T.A.? SHE'S HOT.

SHE'S GOT A FRECKLE ON HER NECK.

OH... RIGHT.

YOU SEE FRECKLES HERE? NO! HERE, ALL IS GOOD!

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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ACROSS	25 Leaf beneath a bloom	57 Sacred text
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16 Hyper, impatient ones	39 One's partner	64 Big ___
17 "The Morning Watch" writer, 1951	40 Translate	65 Cotillion honoree
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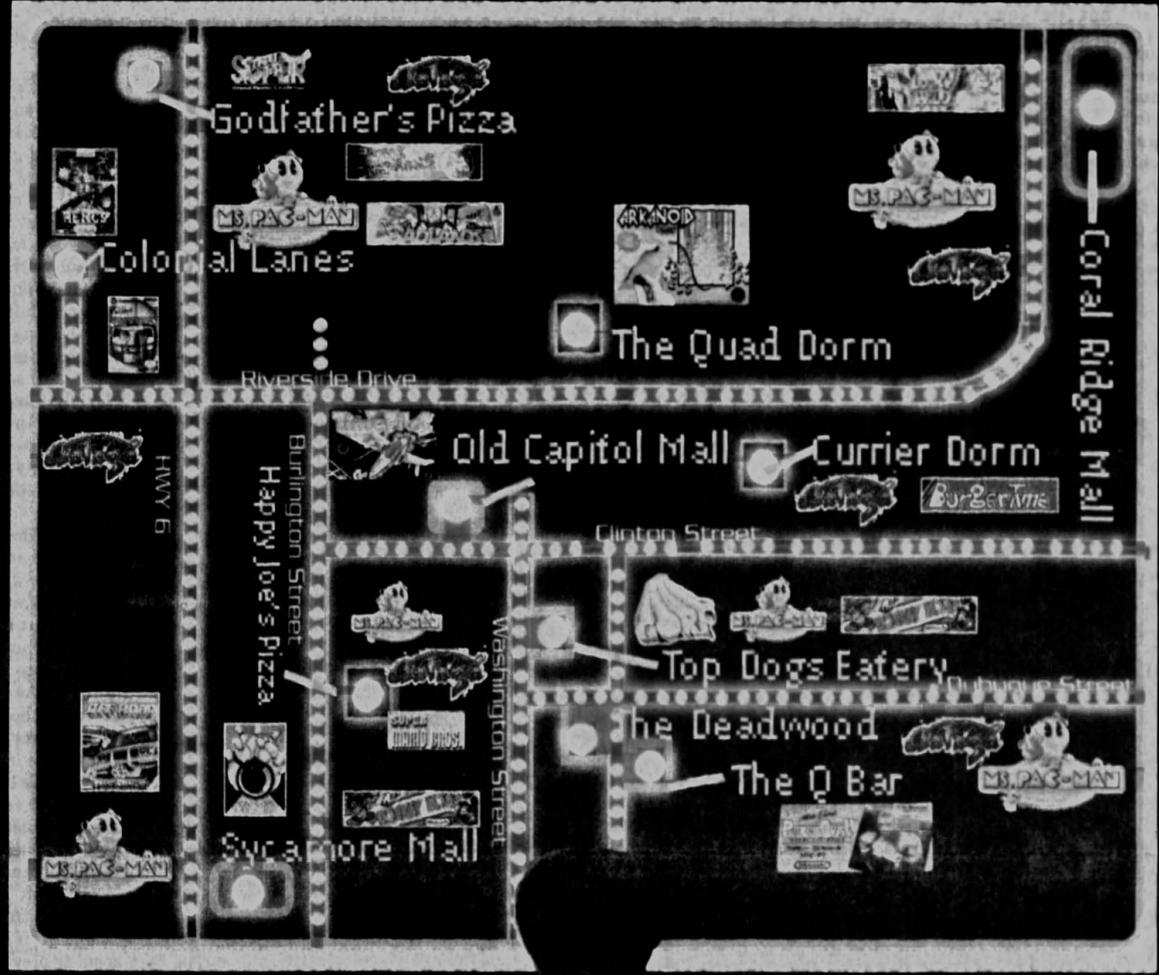
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BACK IN THE GAME



Get out your laundry quarters for some totally rad nostalgia. We've tracked down your favorite old-school arcade games, and they are still as cool as slap bracelets and Wham! It may be 20 years later, but Mario and Pac-Man live on. Story by William Smith

Huddled in a deserted corner of the Time-Out arcade sits Galaga and Ms. Pac-Man, two ancient arcade machines that seem out of place among their newer siblings. Both machines are easily the smallest in the arcade, requiring only a small screen and simple joystick configuration. The lighted display that shows the word "Galaga" has faded beyond the point of recognition, showing the signs of more than 20 years of play. The machines hardly garner a glance from patrons of the arcade, who are more interested in the games that will let them shoot a plastic gun, swing the hilt of an

imaginary sword, or ski down the Alps on an actual pair of skis. A large crowd of casual gamers and bored girlfriends sometimes gather around the Dance Dance Revolution game, watching as a teenage boy pounds the ground sensors with his feet in a spastic form of tap dancing. Although the mechanics of Ms. Pac-Man and Galaga are light years behind anything else, both games have seen crowds that none of the other machines will come close to. There were more than 100,000 copies of Ms. Pac-Man sold in America, making it the best-selling arcade game in U.S. history. The arcade world of the late-70s and early '80s was a very different place, and it is hard for those who

weren't there to even imagine it. Arcades weren't just a place to kill time before a movie. They were considered a way of life. "In the older games, you would see a lot of competition for high scores," UI junior Ryan Hammel said. Hammel is a 28-year-old self-proclaimed hard-core gamer who has been playing video games since the days of Space Invaders, which was released in 1978. "I had all kinds of rivalries with people, and I didn't even know some of their names," Hammel said. "If you knew the person who had the high score and beat that score while he was there, he would get pissed off and try to beat your score." The popularity of games during the golden age of

arcades, which is considered to be between 1979 and 1982, was a phenomenon that hasn't recurred. Gamers were always looking for the next big thing, and the next major title usually arrived mere months after the last. Among the dozens of popular games released between 1978 and 1982 were Space Invaders, Pac-Man, Asteroids, Defender, Galaga, Tempest, Donkey Kong, and Ms. Pac-Man. Americans spent more than \$5 billion playing arcade machines in 1981. Although the first interactive video game was created in 1961, the arcade scene didn't take off until the founder of Atari, Nolan Bushnell, introduced the world to Pong in 1972. The machine was a simple

black-and-white game of table tennis that consisted of one ball and two paddles. The game, an enormous success, single-handedly created the arcade market. The popularity of games allowed a lot of freedom for the industry side of arcades as well. Although most of the arcade scene today is controlled by huge game companies such as Namco, there were dozens of manufacturers in the '70s. Game designers were often scruffy counterculture kids fresh out of high school or college, and the Atari facility was famous for smelling of marijuana. After the bubble burst and the gaming industry came crashing down in 1983, the arcades had to wait until the early '90s for one

last surge of popularity. The one-on-one fighting game genre became incredibly popular with the release of Street Fighter II and the later release of Mortal Kombat. "I remember lines 10 deep for Mortal Kombat at the bowling alley," Hammel said. This popularity was short-lived, however, because both Street Fighter II and Mortal Kombat were soon released for home video-game systems. Although this practice had been going on since the days of Atari, the technology of home games was now approaching the arcade machines in quality.

SEE GAMES, PAGE 3C

Releasing the bats — and the batty

Counting down the top 5 PURE horror films of all time

The Antichrist, Norman Bates, and a demon-possessed Jack Nicholson — these are the things nightmares are made of.

BY WILL SCHEIBEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

With Halloween almost here, it's about time to dust off your collection of scary movies and pop a few in before the season is over. In case you're sick of seeing *Scream* (1996) for the seventh or eighth time and decide to stop by the video store tonight, here is a list of my top five favorite U.S./U.K. horror films. I tried to select pure horror movies, thus forcing myself to omit such great works as *King Kong* (1933), *Jaws* (1975), and *Jurassic Park* (1993), which combine horror with adventure and science fiction. So, without further ado, here are genuine, hard-core samples from one of cinema's most popular genres. It's the stuff nightmares are made of...

5. *The Frighteners* (1996)

I realize that there are a number of "better" movies I could have placed in my No. 5 spot, such as *Rosemary's Baby* (1968), *Halloween* (1978), or *The Sixth Sense* (1999). However, I have so much affection for this goofy, underrated B picture that I needed to mention it. Michael J. Fox plays Frank Bannister, a con man/ghost buster with the ability to see spirits walking among us. He finally meets his match in the form of the Grim Reaper, who is collecting the souls of the citizens of Fairwater. Peter Jackson directed, and Robert Zemeckis was the executive producer of this tongue-in-cheek, massively entertaining thriller.

4. *The Omen* (1976)

One of the first apocalyptic chillers to tackle the subject of Satanic possession or reincarnation, *The Omen* remains the best of the bunch to this day. It isn't as shocking or disturbing as *The Exorcist* (1973), but it's a lot more fun to watch. Gregory Peck lends a real sense of dignity to the production as American ambassador Robert Thorn, who discovers that his young son may very well be the Antichrist. After a series of deaths that somehow seem to implicate little Damien, Thorn starts to investigate things. This tense, creepy ride was directed by Richard Donner.

3. *Dracula* (1931, with Philip Glass score)

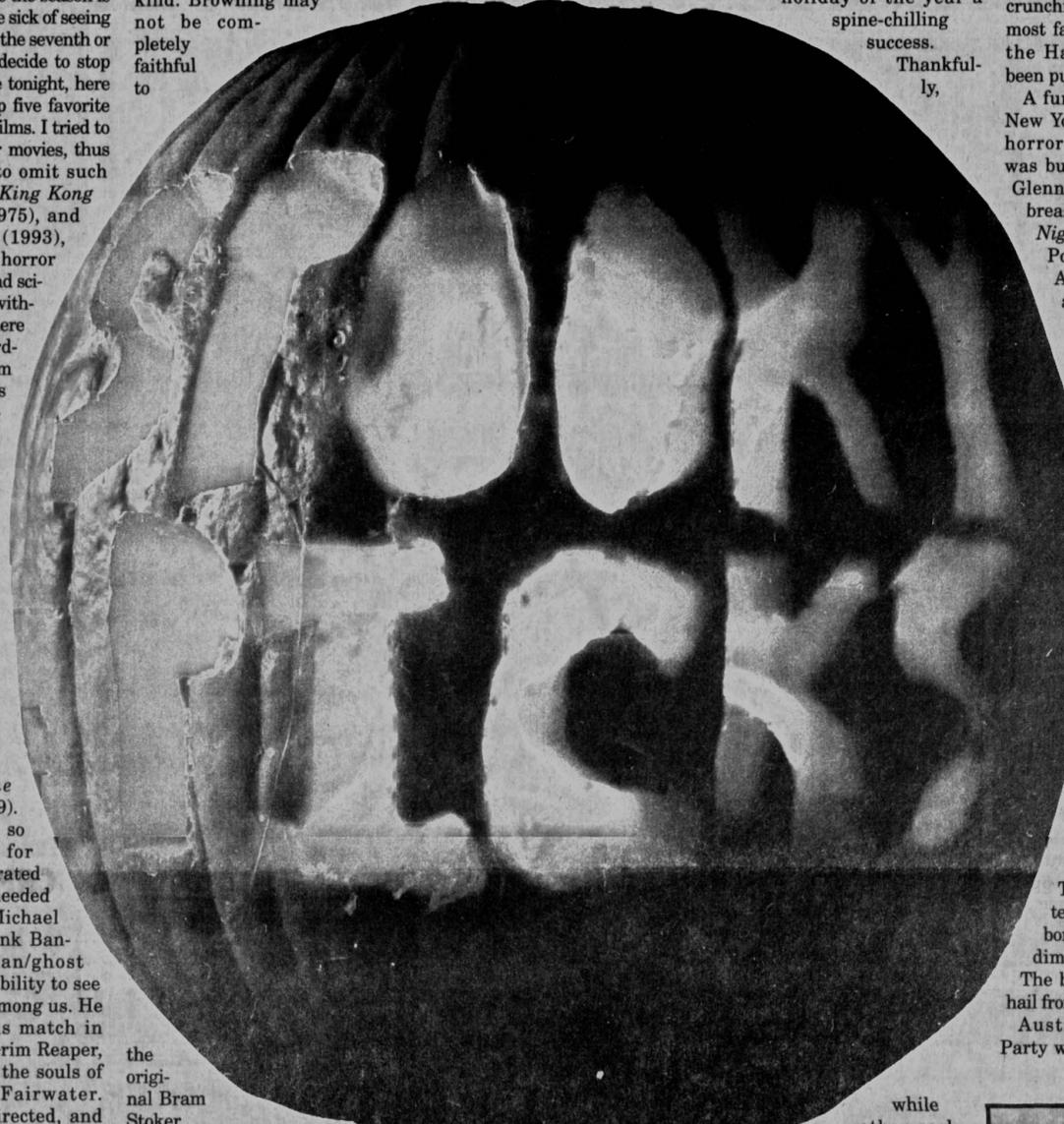
Most film historians cite *Frankenstein* (1931) as the best 1930s monster movie from Universal Pictures, but I've got to give the crown to

Tod Browning's *Dracula*. What can I say, there's just something about vampire flicks that intrigues and fascinates me, and this early talkie is still one of the finest of its kind. Browning may not be completely faithful to

scariest movie you've ever seen?" *The Shining* always winds up being one of the first that comes to mind.

1. *Psycho* (1960)

What else is there to say



the original Bram Stoker novel, but the Gothic atmosphere and Bela Lugosi's immortal portrayal of the good count make the film a classic.

2. *The Shining* (1980)

Stanley Kubrick's suspense masterpiece ages as well as a fine Bordeaux; it features Jack Nicholson in a madman performance to end all madman performances. Based on the bestseller by Stephen King, *The Shining* follows an unsuspecting family into the Rocky Mountains after they agree to become caretakers for the Overlook Hotel during the winter. Nicholson, as the dad, grows increasingly possessed by demons from the Overlook's mysterious past, and he's left snowed in with his poor wife and telepathic son. When people ask me, "What's the

about

Psycho that hasn't already been said? Not only is it the greatest horror movie of all time, but it's one of the best films ever made, period. Alfred Hitchcock weaves an ingenious web in this frightening account of Norman Bates (played extraordinarily by Anthony Perkins), a strange innkeeper who lives with his even stranger mother. And Janet Leigh plays the unfortunate woman who happens to check in and take a shower. The real-life serial killer Ed Gein was the inspiration for both this film and *The Texas Chainsaw Massacre* (1974). Based on the novel by Robert Bloch.

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In search of the most haunting Halloween soundtrack

The girl in these songs is still unattainable, but the difference is that she probably a) is dead, b) is a vampire, c) has been zombified.

BY RICHARD SHIRK
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The soundtrack to a good Halloween is an important factor to making the greatest holiday of the year a spine-chilling success.

Thankfully,

and begun shows by popping out of a coffin like a sleazy Blues Dracula, but when the same amount of camp is dosed with a shock of B-grade monster movie lyrical fodder and crunching guitars, some of the most famous acts drunk with the Halloween spirit have been punk-rockers.

A furious and frightening New York punk take on bad horror movies, the Misfits was built around lead-ghoul Glenn Danzig's bellow and break-neck numbers about *Night of the Living Dead*. Pop-punk acts such as AFI have run with the aesthetic, but, like the schlock-rockabilly of bands such as the Cramps, Misfits' records still sound as frightening as they did in the early '80s — one of the many benefits of being undead.

These bands howled songs with a wink, tongue firmly in cheek. But for a haunting accompaniment to Halloween, there is an unholy host of deadly serious groups.

With a voice like a dying gravel salesman and a unslaked taste for the macabre, Tom Waits has consistently stomped out bourbon-soaked songs from a dimly lit cabaret in hell. The best doom-trip ever to hail from

Australia, the Birthday Party was a band to bust the

juke box of the damned with the frantic, paranoid intensity of lead singer Nick Cave's grunts and screams, and the jagged volume of guitarist Rowland S. Howard's tortured riffs. Release the bats, indeed.

On a more soothing but equally dark note, *Faith and Pornography* by the Cure are some of the most riveting and bleak albums ever to creep out of England. Similarly inspired by gray skies and cold weather, *Echo and the Bunnymen* traveled the same moribund and theatric paths. Slinking out of late-70s Manchester with all the calculated unease of an H.P. Lovecraft novel, the music of Joy Division has always been fragile and inescapably haunting. Spinning Echo and the Bunnymen will add ambiance, but, if the trick or treaters catch the last two-thirds of *Closer* while grabbing bite-size Snickers, they may just run away or start sobbing while a newfound ontological nihilism sets in.

But, from punk to fractured crooners, Halloween music is not just for mood. Cut from the same black fabric as this beautifully bleak holiday, the right Halloween album is as much a means to fiendishly perpetuate the Halloween spirit as it is a celebration of it.

So, when contemplating putting on a happy, nice, fun album by some accomplished upbeat band, save it for another night when the trick-or-treaters aren't being stalked by the undead. After all, this is Halloween.

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Anthony Anderson and Simon Rex in a spoof of Eminem's *8 Mile* in the new film *Scary Movie 3*.

A scary lack of comedy



FILM REVIEW
by Dave Micevic

Scary Movie 3

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★★★ out of ★★★★★

the reasoning power of its intended audience. I half expected a buzzer tone every time a punch line was delivered, followed by dutiful laughter. In *Scary 3*, Cindy Campbell (Anna Faris) from the other two films is now a news reporter investigating crop circles at the farm of Tom Logan (Charlie Sheen). The circles have some connection to a video tape (yeah, the one from *The Ring*) that kills people in seven days. I could go on, but it's hardly worth the effort.

Like many spoofs, the film has no plot in the conventional sense. Instead, it pokes fun at the biggest movies of the last few years. The film, in fact, quotes these films so extensively that audience members who haven't seen the source material may feel a bit left out.

At least the original *Scary Movie* took the most salient features of the films it was spoofing, allowing it to operate autonomously from them. That film (directed by the Wayans brothers) used its raunchy humor to its advantage. *Scary 3* (directed by David Zucker of *Airplane!* fame) uses its supposed humor as a diluted retread of the original.

So, is the film funny? That depends. Do you find humping dogs funny? How about physically assaulting handicapped people or small children? Oh, and let's not forget the immortal fart jokes.

Two scenes in particular stand out in my mind: One tediously long scene in which a dead body at a wake is slapped, beaten, and eventually blown up; the other scene, which is just plain tasteless, shows a priest (Darrell Hammond) hinting at the notion that he's molesting a child he baby-sits.

I suppose in the right hands, all of this could be somewhat amusing, but this film craves laughter far too much to elicit any. It isn't a complete waste, however. There were a few fleeting moments during which I smiled or even giggled, but those moments simply don't add up to anything substantial.

One thing I did admire was Faris. She has a naive, bubbly charm, and I find her stunning. But after seeing her in *May* and *Lost in Translation* (two superior films), there's simply no reason see her in this one.

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Pac Man and Mario return

GAMES

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"Once the Mario Bros. craze hit, they started selling it directly to the homes," Todd Hagen, the owner of Hawkeye Amusement Company, 4224 Yvette St., said. "It's kind of like the movie market. They start out by putting it in the theaters, and so many months later, they sell it to the rental store."

Hagen, whose company provides most of the old arcade machines that can be found around Iowa City, has been in the business for more than 20 years. He pointed out that although there is certain demand for old machines, the arcade palaces themselves are pretty much gone in Iowa City. Most of the machines are just small side attractions that can be found in bars and restaurants.

"The '70s and '80s were when the game rooms were big," he said. "Now, if you can make it a year with a game room, you're doing pretty good."

As an additional attraction to business, however, owners view old arcade machines as an asset. Pizza restaurants in particular commonly host arcade machines, and Chuck E. Cheese was invented by the founder of Atari as a way of combining games and pizza.

"Sometimes, people will just walk in, plug in a couple of dollars' worth of quarters into one of the machines, and walk out," said Adam Herring, a manager at Happy Joe's Pizza and Ice Cream Parlor, 225 S. Gilbert St. "I definitely think these arcade machines draw in the customers."

Although the arcade scene in the United States may now be pretty languid, the multitude of complex arcade machines in the malls proves that it is far from

dead. The arcade is still the only place for people who want to use interactive props such as plastic guns and skis. Arcade palaces have found a small niche in mall locations, where they benefit from shopping parents and people looking to kill time.

"Our industry isn't as hard hit as other industries in an economic recession, because you only have to spend a few dollars for some entertainment," said Matthew Bean, the manager of the Time-Out arcade palace in Coral Ridge Mall. "Our sales only drop off when kids go back to school, because those are most of our customers."

No matter how complex the arcade-game machines become, their days of dominance have passed. The legacy and the actual games remain, however, and those who grew up on them will swear that better games have never been made.

"Missile Command is probably my long-term favorite game," Hagen said. "Sometimes, the machines that became your favorites were the ones that you just couldn't quite master. They were just challenging enough."

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New Movies

OPENING THIS WEEKEND
This award-winning film from Ireland tells the story of three young Irish girls in 1964 Dublin locked up in the hands of sadistic nuns at an asylum for girls with "sexually deviant" behavior. Although based on actual events, the film is less atrocious than the realities of the asylums, which were open through the '70s.

The Magdalene Sisters



In The Cut

This erotic thriller stars Meg Ryan as a New York writing professor who has a steamy affair with the police detective investigating a murder in her neighborhood.



Millennium Actress

This brilliantly visual animated film from Japan follows a legendary actress through the epic love story that drove her to theater, using the films she starred in to tell her tale.

The Rocky Horror Picture Show

A dark musical debauchery with a cult following, this film follows a clean-cut couple into a castle filled with song, dance, and sexual exploitation, led by an eccentric doctor (Tim Curry).

Brother Bear
Set to avenge his brother's death from a bear attack, a young man is transformed into the very animal he was trying to kill, and he must learn a valuable lesson on the cycle of life before he is killed by his own hunting party.



ARTS

Aiken to be No. 1

LOS ANGELES (Los Angeles Times) — "American Idol" runner-up Clay Aiken's debut album held on to the No. 1 spot on the nation's pop chart Wednesday, but it barely edged out Rod Stewart's second collection of pop standards.

Aiken's *Measure of a Man* sold 225,000 copies last week, beating Stewart's *The Great American Songbook: Volume II*, which sold 212,000 copies in its first week in the stores. Aiken's album has sold 838,000 copies in two weeks, reports Nielsen SoundScan.

The Eagles' two-disc greatest-hits package entered the chart at No. 3 by selling 162,000 copies. The only other new arrivals in the top 10 were the self-titled debut album by Loon, which finished No. 6, and the Barenaked Ladies' *Everything to Everyone*, which is No. 10.

Generally, the top 10 continues to be a revolving door, with few albums staying on the list more than one or two weeks during the highly competitive fall season. Only two albums, in fact, have been in the top 10 for as many as four weeks: OutKast's *Speakerboxxx/The Love Below*, which is No. 4 in its fifth week, and Dido's *Life for Rent*, which is No. 7 in its fourth week.

Petty much a legend

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers received the Legend Award on Monday at the 2003 Radio Music Awards.

Stevie Nicks presented the award to the group in front of thousands of cheering fans at the Aladdin hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip. "He not only started out as my greatest musical influence, but today he's still my greatest musical influence," Nicks said.

The group performed two songs, "I'm Crying" and "Runnin' Down a Dream." Petty thanked radio stations for taking a chance on an "unknown band."

Beyoncé opened the show with her sultry single, "Baby Boy," which the diva belted out surrounded by a ring of fire.

Other superstars included Jewel, Avril Lavigne, and Michelle Branch.

Nelly, P. Diddy, and Murphy Lee hit the stage and sang "Shake Ya Tailfeather." The hit won best-driving song.

The two-hour show broadcast live on NBC also honored Michael Jackson, who took home the Humanitarian Award.

"Thank you for your love, your support, all that you've done," he said.

Justin Timberlake bagged the Artist of the Year/Top 40 Radio Award, while Tim McGraw won the Artist of the Year Award in the country category.

"I thought I was just coming here to present an award," Timberlake said. "I get to take one home."

NAACP: TV making some progress on diversity

WASHINGTON (Los Angeles Times) — The four major television networks have made progress in increasing roles for blacks but have fallen short in honoring their pledge to hire and promote black writers, producers, directors, and executives, NAACP President Kwesi Mfume said Tuesday.

"In the past year, there have been modest gains in the on-screen employment of African-Americans and others,"

Mfume said at a Washington, D.C., news conference during which he released the civil-rights organization's 2003 TV Diversity report. "But with some notable exceptions, these gains have been offset by behind-the-scenes losses that remain virtually frozen demographically."

The report summarizes the past three years of diversity efforts at ABC, NBC, CBS, and Fox, which all signed an agreement with the NAACP and other advocacy groups in 1999 to boost minority representation in front of and behind the camera. The study comes two weeks after a coalition of the other advocacy organizations released its own evaluations of the progress the networks are making.

Those "report cards" were more critical of the networks than the NAACP study, much to the surprise of some industry insiders. The Multi-Ethnic Coalition in its study applauded the increasing visibility of blacks and Latinos in front of and behind TV cameras, but it lamented the continuing invisibility of Asians and American Indians.

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Frenzied words, frantic stories

BY LAYNE GABRIEL
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Fifty thousand words. Thirty days.

Beginning Nov. 1, thousands of people around the world will take part in National Novel Writing Month, affectionately referred to as NaNoWriMo. The concept began in Oakland, Calif., with a man named Chris Baty. "It was back in 1999, and I think I was just drinking way too much coffee at the time," he told *The Daily Iowan* from his home in Oakland. "I just had this idea that it would be a great, kind of bizarre way to spend a month just writing a novel."

The first NaNoWriMo was small, but by 2000, Baty set up a Web site, and the word got out to more than 100 participants. The concept exploded over the years with the help of newspaper articles, e-mail, and Web logs.

"People see it, and they think it's the greatest idea they've ever heard or the worst idea they've ever heard," Baty said.

Now, the project is entering its fifth year with Baty expecting approximately 25,000 participants, including a nice collection from the Iowa City area. UI senior Peter Walsh is participating for the first time; he learned about the project from a friend.

"I think it's a test of my willpower, really. It's something I wouldn't think I could do, and I'm going to do it," he said. "Plus, it's the perfect writing

exercise for a lazy, lazy writer such as me."

The short time frame pushes the writers to reach 50,000 words and also forces them to think about quantity over quality, Baty said, adding that it breaks down the writer's expectations of creating a perfect piece, which allows some excellent work to come out.

Walsh said the quantity-over-quality idea is one of the most beneficial aspects of the project. "It's good to throw your inner critic out on its critical ass," he said.

UI freshman Amelia Wreschnig will use the project to write her second novel. The novel she worked on last year never got finished, but she still loves the idea of NaNoWriMo.

"It's spontaneous, insane, stressful — all sorts of other great things," she said. "It really eliminates writer's block, because you don't have time to worry about stupid things like writer's block. It's just good motivation to write."

UI freshman Rob Fritzsche is giving NaNoWriMo a shot for the first time this year. As an English major, he thinks it will give him some good practice for the future.

"I've always wanted to write a story and be truly motivated to finish it," he said. "Because the goal is to write a novel in a month, I think that I have a good reason to finish."

Fritzsche and Walsh are taking different routes when it comes to plotting the novel beforehand. Fritzsche has been writing character sketches and

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a plot outline; Walsh is allowing his writing to take him in any direction.

"If I think up a great quote or character, or something happens in my life that I somehow want to duplicate, I keep that in mind or write it down," Walsh said. "I'll probably develop an idea the night before, just so I can get a good start on day one, but overall, if I can't do the kamikaze thing, I'm going to flop somewhere along the way. I may as well start at the bottom."

Even a seasoned writer such as Baty takes a different path each year when it comes to finishing his novel. He has yet to develop a concrete plan on how to get the novel from its conception to the final word on his computer screen.

He generally enters November with few ideas about what he is about to write and makes a desperate scramble for characters and plot from the beginning. He finds a shred of an idea to work off of and then develops that into an entire novel, weaving in material inspired by television or a story he heard as quickly as possible.

"It's just like, 'I need to drink a lot of coffee tonight, and I need to write like hell,'" Baty said.

When it comes to getting the writing down in pixels, everyone has a different idea. Fritzsche plans on a goal of 2,000 words a day, which may cut into his busy schedule. "I'm figuring to push myself during weekends to possibly compensate if things start to get hectic. This novel-writing might actually help my time management because I'd spend less time doing nothing," he said.

For Baty, it's easiest to dedicate two hours a night, five days a week, to writing. He also goes to coffee shops with friends to prepare together. Over two hours, they have two 40-minute writing challenges and two 20-minute breaks, which turns his novel writing into a social activity.

Walsh expects to do most of his writing in creative spurts whenever they hit him. He anticipates that many things he sees, reads, and hears will help inspire him and get worked into his novel.

"If I'm in the middle of a decent idea, I'm going to try to

keep at it without stopping, even if that means forfeiting sleep and personal hygiene," he said. "I'm a believer in the unconscious muse doing the writing for us. Also, liquor might help."

Since 2001, NaNoWriMo has yielded three published novels, something few participants plan to accomplish with their material. After writing the novel in November, the author has basically a rough draft, Baty said. From there, the novel may take up to a year to revise and refine, which becomes a daunting task for many participants.

Walsh has no plans to publish his attempt. "I would be crazy to think this novel is going to be good. If I finish it, it will only be because I didn't filter out the garbage. Kurt Vonnegut told me and a room full of fans that the best writers are never English majors because having read all the best books, we know how horrible we are in comparison," he said. "I need to prove to myself that I am a stronger person than I am a bad writer. If I get a few dozen good pages out of it, that's a bonus."

NaNoWriMo also encourages

writers to get together during the month to support each other and catch up on tips and tricks. The Web site connects writers by location, and many groups plan gatherings to kick off or wind up the month.

In the beginning, NaNoWriMo was just a small group of friends working on novels in the same month. Over time, the personal connections have grown, Baty said. Writers have made contacts through the Web site with new friends and potential relationships, which Baty thinks is cool because he is bringing like-minded people together to discuss the project and meet each other.

Walsh has found the Web site helpful, though he does not feel he needs much advice about finishing his novel. "Just knowing all these other people are going through this at the same time as me, writing the 'great frantic novel,' makes it easier and more fun," he said. "It sets a goal. The Web site gives you a reason to do it now, rather than later, because later ends up being never."

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2 TV cultures separated by a common tongue

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN
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LOS ANGELES — Americans have been watching British TV shows for years, even if they haven't realized it.

When British television is interested in an American show, it usually just buys and broadcasts the original. U.S. television, meanwhile, has a long history of translating British shows into Americanized versions — although the results have been mixed.

Lost in translation so far has been NBC's "Coupling," about six friends negotiating their love lives amid a sea of ex-lovers.

The original BBC series is critically acclaimed and preparing to start its fourth season, and a DVD collection of its second season went on sale Tuesday in the United States. The original is also shown regularly on the cable channel BBC America.

But NBC's "Coupling" has met with tepid critical and fan reaction, and it temporarily has been pulled from the air — a sign of waning network confidence.

Even from the start, the show faced changes by crossing the Atlantic. Some of the spicier sex jokes were cut, and the half-hour episodes were shortened eight minutes to inject commercials.

"It's easier doing it over here," laughed U.K.-based producer Sue Vertue, who collaborates on

the BBC's "Coupling" with writer-husband Steven Moffat. "We don't have the same ... I think 'interference' is the wrong word. But there are just an awful lot fewer people here."

The independence that many British writers enjoy at home may account for their edgier humor, which appeals to U.S. networks thirsting to inject prime time with something fresh — while endless executive tinkering may sap that same liveliness.

British television has occasionally adapted American shows, including a hit 1990 remake of "Who's the Boss?" while U.S. television has succeeded recently with reality programs such as "Dog Eat Dog" and "American Idol," which originated in Britain.

A few successful translations from the 1970s include "Sanford and Son," a remake of a U.K. show about a junk-dealing father-son pair called "Stephoe and Son," and "All in the Family," adapted from the British comedy "Till Death Us Do Part."

Some of the short-lived failures: the remake of "Men Behaving Badly," which starred Rob Schneider as a layabout bachelor, and two renditions of John Cleese's revered 1975 British sitcom "Fawlty Towers" — 1983's "Amanda's," starring a miscast Bea Arthur as the comic foil, and 1999's "Payne," with

John Larroquette in the lead.

"It's wrong to assume that everything that works well in the U.K. is going to work well here," said Beryl Vertue, Sue's mother and a pioneer in bringing British shows to America in the 1970s. "There are some series that do and should. Some get a bit lost in the translation, we have found."

Beryl Vertue, who was responsible for "Sanford and Son" and "All in the Family," said much of the success of those shows resulted from the strong solo vision of producer Norman Lear.

Things have changed since then for scripted shows, she said. "There's a huge reliance on ratings and focus groups and far, far too little reliance on a gut instinct, and I think that's a pity. And ultimately, I think it's a mistake," said Beryl Vertue, who works as a producer on both the U.S. and U.K. versions of "Coupling."

Whatever happens to "Coupling" in the United States, British television is still providing fodder for new American shows.

"The Office," a mockumentary about a smarmy, pompous middle manager and his team of browbeaten drones, also is being converted into an American sitcom.

The show recently began its second season on BBC America, and a DVD of its first season

became available Oct. 7.

Ricky Gervais, the British star of "The Office," who co-wrote and directed the series, pointed out that the working styles of British show business and the more elaborate Hollywood industry make it hard to replicate each other's hits.

U.S. networks place more importance on photogenic stars, and U.S. finances are astronomical compared with British television.

Writers and producers work under much stricter deadlines because usually 22 episodes are shot each season (compared with six or nine for British shows). Notably, innovative U.S. cable programming such as

HBO's "The Sopranos" and "Sex and the City" operate on a model similar to British television.

"There's certainly a lot more pressure than we have on us," Gervais said of American network shows. "That's the reason [the BBC] lets a nobody stroll into its office. I hadn't written before or directed before. I was this fat, mid-30s bloke who wanted to do his own sitcom. The reason it let us do everything ourselves was, it was a low risk."

The U.S. version of "The Office" will be high risk if it turns up on a network, however, and Gervais predicted one big change for the lead role — a sex symbol.

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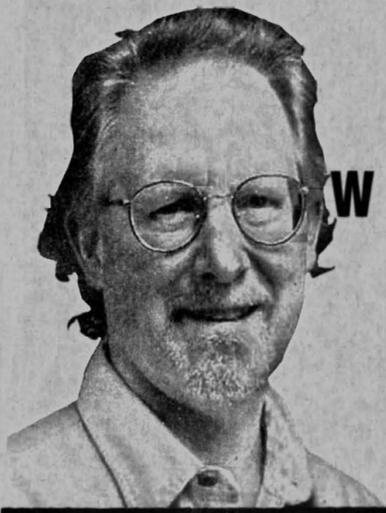
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TODAY

Music

- Winegarden, Veracity, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, 6 p.m., \$5.
- David Sewell, Nic Arp, Uptown Bill's, 401 S. Gilbert, 7 p.m., \$5.
- Sny Magill, Mill, 8 p.m., \$3.
- The Black Keys, Thee Shams, Ex-Models, Dance Disaster Movement, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 9 p.m., \$7.
- Winegarden, the Peal, Yacht Club, 10 p.m., \$5.
- The Schwillbillies, Ggltch, Green Room, 409 S. Gilbert, time and price TBA.

Words

- Kathryn Floyd, gallery talk, Museum of Art, 7:30 p.m., free.
- Julie Orringer and Ryan Harty, fiction, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, 8 p.m., free.

FRIDAY

Music

- Dennis McMurrin and the Demolition Band, Mill, 8 p.m., \$6.
- UI Percussion Ensemble, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m., free.



Words

- Know the Score LIVE!, featuring Edward Carey, Museum of Art, 5 p.m., free.
- Joe Conason, non-fiction, Prairie Lights, 6 p.m., free.

Theater

- Frankenstein, Iowa City Community Theatre, Exhibition Hall, 4-H Fairgrounds, 8 p.m., \$6-\$12.



UI Symphony

Misc.

- Halloween costume party, Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market, 8 p.m., \$5.

SATURDAY

Music

- Will Whitmore, guests, Mill, 8 p.m., \$6.
- BeJae Fleming, Uptown Bill's, 8:30 p.m., \$5.
- Evil Beaver, Two Worlds, Crotch Rocket, Joey Skidmore, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$7.
- Dennis McMurrin and the Demolition Band, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5.
- Public Property, Sphere, 5th of Paradise, Green Room, time and price TBA.

Theater

- Frankenstein, Exhibition Hall, 4-H Fairgrounds, 8 p.m., \$6-\$12.

Misc.

- Artists-in-Residence, Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall, 1 p.m., free with museum admission.

SUNDAY

Music

- Irish Slow Session, Uptown Bill's, 2 p.m., free.



UI Percussion Ensemble

Words

- Peter Matthiessen, fiction, Shambaugh Auditorium, Main Library, 5 p.m., free.

MONDAY

Music

- Onlinedrawing, Preacher Gone to Texas, The Actual, Gabe's, 6 p.m., \$7.
- Open Mike with Jay Knight, Mill, 8 p.m., cover.

Blues Jam

- Blues Jam, hosted by Johnny Kilowatt Band, Green Room, time and price TBA.

TUESDAY

Music

- Mark Erelli, Jeffrey Foucault, Alastair Mook, Uptown Bill's, 7 p.m., \$3.
- The Holy Ghost, guests TBA, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$4.

- Ekoostik Hookah, Euforia, Green Room, time and price TBA.

Words

- Chris Hallman, nonfiction, Prairie Lights, 8 p.m., free.

Misc.

- Salsa Break, Arts à la Carte, 9 p.m., \$5.

WEDNESDAY

Music

- Maritime, Rocket Summer, Troubled Hubble, Owen, Gabe's, 6 p.m., \$7.

Words

- Paddy Woodworth, nonfiction, Prairie Lights, 8 p.m., free.
- Poetry Slam, Green Room, time and price TBA.



BaJae Fleming

ARTS

Thick and freaky rock in the key of black

For a white guy in his early 20s, Dan Auerbach sings and plays the blues quite diligently. The Black Keys of Akron, Ohio, is a two-piece retro/blues rock hybrid that will knock your socks off. The two musicians — Auerbach (guitar/vocals) and Patrick Carney (drums) — have made appearances at the Austin, Texas South By Southwest Festival, have opened for Beck, and were picked to open for Sleater Kinney on its latest North American tour.

The band's sophomore album, *ThickFreakness*, was recorded in a 14-hour basement session on an 11-track recorder, with a couple of overdubs the next day. Their minimum-wage recording studio was no setback to the quality of the album, however, with Carney running back and forth from drum kit to mixing board.

Hailing from the rubber capital of the world — famous for nurturing Devo and Chrissie Hynde of the Pretenders — their surroundings have become a haven for the duo and proved to be influential to their music. With a two-piece, no-bass



Publicity Photo

Akron, Ohio-based duo The Black Keys will play at Gabe's tonight.

sound, there's little room for muddle. The fuzz of Auerbach's guitar and voice and Carney's hi-hat pounding owes much to the Goriest and Blues Explosion. Their wail is hot, primordial, and cordial, with Auerbach's voice dragging the blues into the 21st century. *Thickfreakness* is an album

of love songs in which sightless fidelity makes it impossible to let go.

The Black Keys will play tonight at Gabe's with the Shams, the Ex-Models, and Dance Disaster Movement. Doors open at 9 p.m.; cover is \$7.

— by Alissa VanWinkle

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