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## 4th provost hopeful to speak

BY SEUNG MIN KIM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Add one more Californian to the list of university administrators vying to become the UI's next provost.

Cristina González, a senior adviser to the chancellor and former dean of graduate studies at University of California-Davis, is the fourth candidate — and the third from the Golden State — announced for the post Jon Whitmore vacated last summer.

González will field questions from the public in a forum today at 3:30 p.m. in W401 Pappajohn

Business Building. She will also present her academic achievements in a symposium Friday at 2:30 p.m. in W151 Pappajohn.

Her recent accomplishments include heading a committee that explored work-life balance issues at UC-Davis, said Kate Gfeller, a co-chairwoman of the Provost Search Committee.

"She also brings a deep commitment to the humanities, which would complement the administrators we have here," Gfeller said.

After receiving a master's and doctoral degree in Spanish from Indiana University-Bloomington,

González found employment as an assistant professor in 1981 at Purdue University. Five years later, she moved to the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and taught for 10 years until she arrived at her current job in Davis, Calif.

Her past administrative duties include the dean of graduate studies at California, chairwoman of the Spanish and Portuguese department and Graduate Program director in the same department at Massachusetts, and graduate program

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CRISTINA GONZÁLEZ  
fourth finalist for UI provost

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## Suit may affect 16 local sex offenders

BY ARNA WILKINSON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A federal class-action lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Iowa's sex-offender residency law could determine as early as next week whether 16 local offenders can remain in town.

The suit, brought by the Iowa Civil Liberties Union and Iowa City attorney Philip Mears on behalf of 12 sex offenders, is set to go to trial on Dec. 15. At issue in the case is whether the offenders can live within 2,000 feet of a school, daycare, or a registered child-development home. The law's critics say the measure leaves sex offenders with slim living options, especially in Iowa City.

Johnson County Attorney J. Patrick White has been named as a defendant representing all of the state's prosecutors.

"The Iowa Legislature thought that it made people safer," White said, adding that the existing law was modeled after a similar Alabama statute. At present, 14 other states have comparable laws.

The ICLU contends that the law, which was passed in July 2002, violates the 14th and Eighth Amendments. Authorities stopped enforcing the law following a temporary injunction in July.

Randall Wilson, the ICLU legal director, said 30 percent of Iowa's towns are smaller than the required distance.

"When you start to draw a 2,000-foot circle, all the community is cordoned off," he said. "All that is left are the parks or expensive neighborhoods. In effect, it's banishment."

As written, the law "does nothing in terms of protecting children," he said. "The law applies to a wide range of offenders, but only 10 percent of sex offenders choose a victim they don't know ... It doesn't prevent someone from traveling to places [where children are]."

The court's decision will affect 16 at-risk offenders in Iowa City and 35 in Coralville.

"To the best of my knowledge, there is no place in Iowa City to for them to live, and there is no place in North Liberty," said probation and parole officer Dudley Allison.

Allison, who works at the Hope House in Coralville, said offenders on probation are monitored by officers for one to five years while undergoing a mandatory counseling program. Probation officers can restrict residency on a case-by-case basis.

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## Profs are ho-hum on rating Web site

BY TINA STEIN  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Vincent Rodgers, a UI associate professor of physics/astronomy, received a handful of student evaluations early this year — though they weren't exactly conventional.

Rodgers is "almost as hot as a hot, hot lawyer," one student raved, and "the most helpful teacher anywhere in the space-time continuum," as a former pupil tells it. The reviews came not through a standard Scantron sheet but on a Web site created for U.S. college and university students seeking information about instructors.

Ratemyprofessors.com, which listed 289 UI professors as of Wednesday, permits students to anonymously rate professors on clarity, helpfulness, easiness, and sex appeal — all based on a five-point scale marked with a yellow smiley face, neutral green face, or blue frown. Students can deem their instructor a "hottie" with a red chili pepper.

"It's nice to see students say something flattering," Rodgers said. "But that's only three of 1,000 students I teach, and comments go from one extreme to another."

But many comments posted, students and academics say, are irrelevant and disrespectful. One professor, for instance, was deemed a "very, very stupid person. I think she got her degree out of a Cracker Jack box."

UI sophomore Courtney Pahlke was upset and shocked by the comments she read about her professors.

"I think a lot of the comments are very rude and totally inaccurate," she said. "I just think that the people posting comments are angry with professors for getting a bad grade and have too much time on their hands."

She added that no one person can sway her opinion about a professor and she would not put time into a Web site that makes fun of people.

But UI sophomore Billy Madden said he will use the site before signing up for classes.

"I think it's definitely a beneficial Web site," he said. "It has a wide variety of teachers, and I want to hear what past students say before I sign up for the course."

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## WINTER WONDERLAND RETURNS



Amanda May/The Daily Iowan

Mike Mussig of Midwest Lawn shovels the sidewalks of downtown Iowa City after the first substantial snowfall of the season Wednesday.

## UI back in business of sending letters home

BY PETE WARSKI  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Despite the UI's decision last spring to discontinue sending letters to students' permanent residences for PAULA violations, Student Services instituted a similar policy this semester that is sending home letters at a comparable rate.

Phillip Jones, the vice president for Student Services, attributed the number of letters to a new approach implemented over the summer. The policy stipulates that parents be notified when their son or daughter violates the residence-hall alcohol-free policy. It was intended to address concerns about safety of on-campus residents.

Dormitory policy, as outlined in a guidebook published by Residence Services, prohibits residents and visitors from using alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs anywhere in the dorms, regardless of age. Parents of residents under the age of 21 are informed when an alcohol violation occurs. Other violations are not covered under the parental-notification policy.

"Essentially, we replaced one set of letters with the other," Jones said, adding that the PAULA letters were stopped because they no longer served their intended purpose.

"We started sending home those letters because of concern voiced by parents," he said. "The purpose was to inform parents that we are not responsible for the behavior of students at off-campus places. Once we got that message across, we no longer felt it necessary to send the letters."

The UI mailed approximately 700 letters about underage drinking last year. No exact record is yet available for the number of residence-hall violations this semester, but Residence Services Director Maggie Van Oel says her office has already handled "hundreds" of cases.

"If you're engaging in self-destructive behavior, then we need to let someone know about it," she said. She added that residents accused of using alcohol in the dorms are given a hearing before a letter is sent.

UI police Capt. Larry Langley said his department has handled 37 cases of reported

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## Supreme Court upholds McCain-Feingold campaign law

BY CHARLES LANE  
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court endorsed the key provisions of the McCain-Feingold campaign-finance law Wednesday, issuing a strong affirmation of Congress' authority to regulate the flow of money in politics.

Rejecting opponents' claims that McCain-Feingold stifles free speech, a slender but emphatic five-justice majority upheld both the law's ban on so-called "soft money"—

unregulated donations to the parties from wealthy individuals, corporations, and unions — and its new rules limiting campaign-season political advertising.

Both parts of the statute were appropriately designed to combat a widespread and well-founded perception that large donors exercise undue influence over government, the majority ruled.

The law effectively confronts what the court majority's main opinion, written jointly by Justices John Paul Stevens and

Sandra Day O'Connor, called "the danger that officeholders will decide issues not on the merits or the desires of their constituencies but according to the wishes of those who have made large financial contributions valued by the officeholder."

The court's surprisingly unambiguous reading of a dizzyingly complex statute crowned a movement for campaign-finance change that had been energized both by allegations of favoritism by the Clinton White House toward soft-money donors and by the

Enron scandal surrounding the current Bush administration. The movement culminated last year in the passage of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act and its signing by Bush.

Wednesday's ruling, delivered on an expedited basis after the justices returned early from their summer recess in September to hear oral arguments in the case, removed lingering uncertainty about the effect of McCain-Feingold on the pending 2004 presidential election campaign, ensuring that the virtually the entire law

will remain in force through next year — and beyond.

So strongly did the majority back the law that the main opinion often echoed not only the reasoning but also the language of the law's sponsors, Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russell Feingold, D-Wis., and Reps. Marty Meehan, D-Mass., and Christopher Shays, R-Conn.

Stevens and O'Connor wrote of the need to "plug the soft-money loophole" in existing campaign law, of pernicious

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### MORE MONEY, GUV

Iowans want more money for education and health care, and they're willing to pay more in taxes. See story, page 2A



### WRESTLING WITH LEADERSHIP

Iowa coach Jim Zalesky asks for some more oomph from his four seniors. See story, page 1B



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NEWS

# Iowans push Vilsack for funding

BY TODD DVORAK  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CEDAR RAPIDS — Gov. Tom Vilsack was urged to fight for improved state funding for education, health care, and public safety during a public hearing on his upcoming budget Wednesday night.

Some even suggested they would support new taxes to raise money for public schools and universities, health care for senior citizens and children, and local police and fire departments.

Dan Holub, an associate director of the UI Labor Center, said he is indebted to the state for providing him with an excellent education and career opportunities and instilling the value of providing quality health care for elderly.

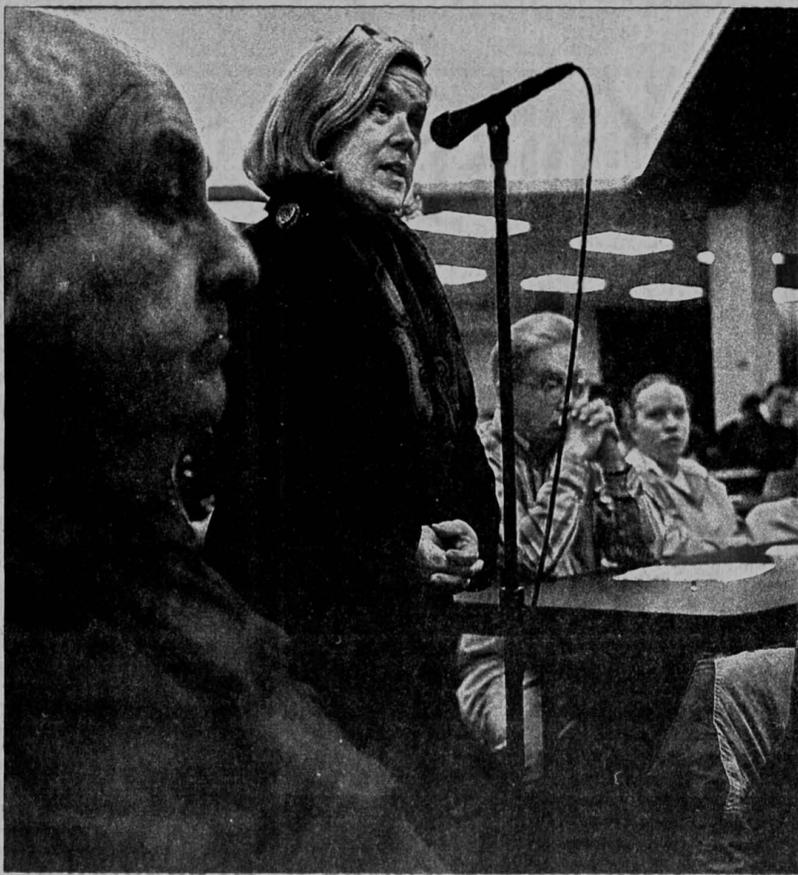
"I'm here to tell you: Raise my taxes," said Holub, whose remarks triggered a chorus of applause from the audience. "I owe this state and am willing to pay more."

Others at the hearing suggested luxury taxes on cosmetics, jewelry, a progressive income tax, and an end to the tax cuts imposed in recent years.

Vilsack was mum on the tax ideas and other pleas for finding new sources of revenue. But he said he and lawmakers face some difficult spending choices in the coming year, especially with new predictions that there will be less revenue next year than previous years.

Although the state's economic outlook is finally turning around, Vilsack and lawmakers still will need to come up with approximately \$336 million to cover what are called built-in costs—increasing school enrollments, state employee salary costs, and other charges that can't be avoided.

Vilsack said it remains to be seen where the money will come from to fund those increases. Iowa has reduced spending three years in a row, he said, for the first time in history, and the phase out or reduction in tax rates in the last nine years has erased \$947 million a year from state revenues.



Laura Segall, Gazette/Associated Press  
Peggy Whitworth of Cedar Rapids, the chairwoman of the State Historical Society, tells Gov. Tom Vilsack how cultural issues have been affected by state budget cuts Wednesday.

Last week, Vilsack, a Democrat, announced he would not ask the Republican-led Legislature for money to cover state worker salary increases, estimated at \$50 million. Instead, state agencies must find that money within their own budgets.

"We're in the process of looking at a wide variety of things," the governor said after the two-hour hearing attended by more than 200 people.

The hearing is one of a handful Vilsack has organized around the state this week and next. He said the hearings are designed to help him decide how to craft his budget proposal, which is to be delivered to the Legislature early next year.

"Budgets are more than just numbers. Budgets reflect our values and priorities, and they affect people's lives," Vilsack said. "We're all in this together. What's your direction to me?"

Gary Anhalt, a Cedar Rapids teacher, said it's time to reinvest in classrooms, teacher salaries, and programs to help keep Iowa a leader in education. The payoff is continued economic development and making the state attractive to new business, he said.

"Quality education is economic development," he said. "We can't afford not to continue to invest in quality education. We can't take it for granted anymore."

CITY & STATE

Staff Council to use online elections

Candidates for UI Staff Council can now be nominated and selected through online elections.

With one-third of the council up for re-election as early as February, the new ISIS-based system will simplify the voting process, said Staff Council President Charles Eastham.

The council will send out electronic messages to eligible participants—professional, scientific, and merit staff—to inform them of the upcoming nominations and election, he said. In prior years, the council has solicited nominations through mail at a cost of \$800.

The online version will have higher start-up cost, but it will save the university money in the long run, Eastham said. A specific cost has yet to be determined.

The system strongly resembles UI Student Government's Web-based voting, which student leaders implemented for the 2002-03 election. Voter participation skyrocketed that year.

"Hopefully, we will have a better turnout in the elections," said Chris Annicella, a UI human-resources specialist who serves on the council. "It is a lot easier for individuals to get online."

— by Tina Stein

Piano bar coming to Iowa Avenue

A new Iowa City piano bar opening next week will feature live musicians and a quiet, low-key atmosphere.

The Piano Lounge will open Dec. 17 in the same building as the new Japanese restaurant, Takanami, with its entrance in the alley.

Brett Thomas, one of the bar's four owners, said patrons should expect to be entertained.

"It will be a wonderful introduction to the entertainment of downtown, which needs more diversity," he said. "It will add to the overall atmosphere of downtown."

Chad Freeman, Steve Fishman, and Tyler Rogers are co-owners in the venture.

The bar will feature musicians from Chicago and local talent, Thomas said, adding that the bar, which has been in the works for two months, will be "a little on the upscale side" and will not serve food.

Unlike other downtown bars, the Piano Lounge will bar those under 21 from entering, will not offer drink specials, and will not charge cover.

"It will cater to Iowa students who want to get out of rowdy bars and go somewhere quieter, more low-key," said Thomas, adding that the lounge will also cater to other area residents looking for entertainment.

— by Sarah Franklin

CR student suspended for critical Web site

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP)—A Prairie High School student has been suspended for creating a Web site critical of school teachers and administrators.

KayCee Purdy, 16, is serving a 10-day suspension and says she's been told she could be expelled for putting up a Web site last month

designed to give students and staff an outlet to vent about problems and concerns.

The Web site, which offered a message board, included altered photographs of teachers and initially appeared with a "hit list" headline, but that was not meant to be threatening, Purdy said.

It left a different impression on officials with the College Community School District.

"We will not allow any student to use the Internet for purposes of threatening and intimidating staff or students by the use of a hit list," said a statement issued by the district Tuesday.

The Web site was pulled by the Internet service provider within days of its Nov. 22 posting. Another company has agreed to publish the site, which no longer contains the "hit list" header, Purdy said.

Purdy's mother, Tina Keister, said she was initially bothered by vulgar language on the Web site but notes that her daughter has a right to publish her opinion.

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BY TOM JACKMAN  
WASHINGTON POST

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# 2 psychiatrists: Malvo was insane

BY TOM JACKMAN  
WASHINGTON POST

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alleging that Malvo and Muhammad committed terrorism by demanding \$10 million in exchange for an end to the shootings and that Franklin's killing was one of two or more in a three-year period.

Blumberg, who is on the forensic fellowship faculty at the University of Maryland, is likely to be the defense's final witness. He was the first of many mental-health professionals who visited Malvo in the Fairfax County jail, beginning approximately a month after his and Muhammad's arrests on Oct. 24, 2002. Blumberg said he ultimately met with Malvo 20 times, for a total of 50 hours.

Earlier in the week, forensic psychologist Dewey Cornell testified that he believes that Malvo suffered from a dissociative disorder at the time of the killings, but he did not offer an opinion on whether Malvo knew right from wrong.

Schetky and Blumberg issued the same diagnosis of dissociative disorder, which Blumberg defined as a loss of identity combined with psychological numbness, "caused by the coercive persuasion" of Muhammad.

Muhammad, 42, was convicted in a separate sniper shooting last month, and a jury sentenced him to death.

In their examinations of Malvo, Blumberg and Cornell described similar experiences and heard similar life stories. Both men said Malvo initially was emotionally distant from the crimes, utterly loyal to Muhammad, and willing to talk mainly about a radical political philosophy derived from Muhammad. Both said Malvo softened in June, after seven months in jail, when he began to realize that Muhammad had manipulated him.



Steve Helber/Associated Press  
Defense attorney Tom Walsh (second from right) waves to a death-penalty protester as psychiatrists Dr. Diane H. Schetky (left) and Dr. Neil Blumberg (right) arrive for the trial of sniper suspect Lee Boyd Malvo on Wednesday in Chesapeake, Va.

"Up until that point," Blumberg said, "John Muhammad was his father, could do no wrong, was basically the perfect parent."

Malvo told his various interviewers that his mother took him from his father at age 5 and began leaving him with friends and relatives when he was 9. He also reported that she beat him repeatedly. The abandonment and the physical abuse made him susceptible to the influence of an apparently attentive father such as Muhammad, who had moved to

Antigua with his three children in 2000, the witnesses said.

Blumberg revealed details of Malvo's first meeting with Muhammad in October 2000, when Malvo and Muhammad's children were playing video games at a shop in St. John's, Antigua. Malvo watched enviously as Muhammad played with his children, Blumberg said. The two were formally introduced a month later when Malvo's mother, Una James, used Muhammad's services to help her sneak into the United States.

# Once more, Nixon stars as U.S. plotter-in-chief

BY KEN RINGLE  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Someday, perhaps, we really won't have Richard Nixon to kick around anymore. But for now, he's still very much alive on obscenity-laced tapes at the National Archives and Records Administration, which Wednesday released 240 more hours of the 37th president bugging himself.

You might think we had learned everything the celebrated Nixon White House tapes can teach us in the nearly 30 years since their chief conversationalist resigned in disgrace from the White House or in the nine years since he died. But as federal archivists in College Park, Md., work their way through the aural record of perhaps the 20th century's most-tumultuous administration, each release of tapes renews Nixon's spectral hold on us as we hear him plod his pathways of paranoia and deceit.

The latest conversations were recorded on microphones in the White House, the Executive Office Building, and Camp David from July through October 1972 as the viral contagion from the June burglary of Democratic campaign offices in the Watergate Hotel began gnawing in earnest at his administration.

Perhaps the most entertaining tapes are those from mid-October in the days immediately after *Washington Post* reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein published their first truly far-reaching story, tying the Watergate break-in to a program of political espionage, sabotage, and surveillance that would ultimately lead to the White House.

"What is the circulation on this really shocking goddamn story on [presidential appointment secretary Dwight] Chapin this morning?" the president asks H.R.

Haldeman, his chief of staff, on Oct. 15. Woodward and Bernstein had discovered that a young Californian named Donald Segretti, recruited for the Nixon re-election campaign by Chapin, had been roaming the country sabotaging the campaigns of various presidential candidates.

Haldeman explains that Chapin had known Segretti in college. "Christ, that's where the problem is. Those kids talk too much," Nixon says. In the 1968 campaign, he recalls bitterly, his carefully groomed presidential image was later undone by Joe McGinnis, author of *The Selling of the President*, whom he also describes, with an obscenity, as a "liberal."

Nixon doesn't appear to know about Segretti's activities, but he is clearly unsettled that Segretti's pay has been traced to funds dispersed by Nixon's personal attorney, Herbert Kalmbach. "I think you better get pretty quickly the story ready on Kalmbach. As to the funds he was using." It was never any secret, Nixon says, that Kalmbach was raising money for the Nixon re-election committee, and "we have to separate Watergate" and the Segretti business from the presidency itself.

Well, there's a bit of a problem, Haldeman says. G. Gordon Liddy, one of the Watergate burglars, heard that someone was running around doing sabotage, "and you know Liddy's pretty vicious. ... He said, 'My people are going to kill him.' ... The guy was in serious jeopardy."

The solution, Haldeman said, was that Liddy was informed that Segretti was one of the Nixon campaign's own saboteurs and thereafter Segretti and Liddy worked together on several operations.

"It all leads to Liddy," Haldeman says. "That's what worries us. There are all these strings out there, and one leads to another."



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# Boy serving life gets new trial

BY LIANNE HART  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A Florida appeals court ordered a new trial Wednesday for a boy serving a life sentence for killing a 6-year-old girl when he was 12, saying his ability to understand the complex proceedings against him should have been taken into consideration.

In reversing the 2001 first-degree murder conviction of Lionel Tate, the 4th District Court of Appeal wrote that Tate's capacity to assist in his defense — key to determining his competency to stand trial — was clearly in doubt.

"The record reflects that questions regarding Tate's competency were not lurking subtly in the background but were readily apparent, as his immaturity and developmental delays were very much at the heart of the defense," Judge Barry Stone wrote in the opinion.

Tate, who at the time of his trial was found to have a below-average IQ of around 90, was too immature to make crucial decisions on trial strategy and

plea offers, his lawyers argued on appeal. After turning down a plea offer, he was convicted and sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

"This opinion focuses public and judicial attention on children, especially those under the age of 14, who are tried as adults when they are not able to appreciate the criminal process," said Christopher Slobogin, the associate director of the Center on Children and the Law at the University of Florida's law school. "It's intuitively obvious, and empirical research bears out, that children do not have the same perspective on self-preservation, or an appreciation for future consequences, that an adult has."

Tate had just completed fifth grade when he was arrested in the murder of Tiffany Eunick, a neighbor. Her numerous injuries included a fractured skull, a broken rib, internal hemorrhaging, a lacerated liver, and more than 20 bruises. Tate's attorneys said he accidentally killed the girl while re-enacting pro-wrestling moves he had seen



Lionel Tate  
new trial ordered

on television. One prosecution witness said Tiffany's injuries were comparable with those received by someone who had fallen from the top of a three-story

building. Even defense experts conceded that Tate's story did not fully account for Tiffany's injuries.

Still, prosecutors offered Tate a deal: In return for pleading guilty to manslaughter, he would serve three years in a juvenile facility, followed by 10 years of probation. After talking it over with his mother, Tate rejected the offer. "Do you want to believe your child is capable of murder?" asked defense lawyer Jim Lewis, who represented Tate at trial. "Would you want your child to be put in prison for three years? She put her faith in the criminal-justice system, that it would not find an intentional crime."

In Wednesday's opinion, the three-judge panel found that the trial court had an obligation to ensure that Tate understood the plea offer and the possibility that he could get a life sentence if he rejected it. Failing to do so was a violation of his due-process rights, the court wrote.

Lewis said he hoped prosecutors would put the original plea offer back on the table and allow Tate, who is now 16, to be released from a maximum-security juvenile prison by early next year. The Florida attorney general's office has 15 days to decide its next step, said spokeswoman JoAnn Carrin.

Despite the reversal, the appeals judges did not challenge Florida's widely criticized law allowing children as young as 8 to be tried as adults.

"Florida courts have long recognized that there is no absolute right requiring children to be treated in a special system for juvenile offenders," Stone wrote.

Nevertheless, Slobogin — who filed an amicus brief in Tate's appeal — said the opinion might "trigger some rethinking on how we treat children who commit crimes."

# Mother, boyfriend charged in kids' deaths

BY JIM PAUL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLINTON, Ill. — A woman and her boyfriend were charged with first-degree murder Wednesday in the deaths of her three children, who drowned when their car plunged into a lake in September in what initially looked like a tragic accident.

Sheriff Roger Massey would not say how the car went down a boat ramp into Clinton Lake, killing the 6-year-old, 3-year-old, and toddler inside.

Massey said authorities know what the motive was, but he would not provide details other than to say it did not involve life-insurance money.

Maurice Lagrone Jr., 28, and Amanda Hamm, 27, were each

charged with three counts of first-degree murder for each death, Massey said. They were arrested separately Tuesday and were being held on \$5 million bail.

Deputies arrived at the lake in central Illinois on Sept. 2 within five minutes of receiving a 911 call from Hamm saying her children were in the water. The two suspects were on the lakeshore when rescuers arrived; Hamm was crying hysterically, according to one eyewitness.

Neither the couple nor investigators have ever offered a public explanation for why the couple was at the lake. Authorities have said the suspects were not launching or removing a boat, and it was not clear if they were in the car when it went in the

water. The couple never spoke to reporters or returned messages for comment.

The sheriff said the car went in front first and the rear end was in 4 1/2 feet of water when rescuers arrived.

Immediately after the deaths, Massey said they were being investigated as an accident. Within a day, he started calling them "the incident."

Lagrone initially was charged with driving under the influence. That charge was dropped last month, and Massey said Wednesday that investigators do not believe drugs or alcohol were a factor.

Asked how authorities decided the deaths were not an accident, Massey said investigators several times sent the car back into the water to see how it would

sink. "Our purpose is to disprove an accident," Massey said.

The siblings were Christopher Hamm, 6, Austin Brown, 3, and Kyleigh Hamm, 23 months. Lagrone was not the father of any of the children.

The case drew parallels to the 1994 case of Susan Smith, who was convicted of drowning her children in a South Carolina lake. Smith at first alleged that a man carjacked her and took her two young sons. She later admitted rolling her car into a lake with the children strapped into car seats.

Massey said he did not believe either Hamm or Lagrone had an attorney yet. They are scheduled to make their first court appearance this morning.

# Medicare act aims incentives at M.D.s, clinics

BY DAVID HAMMER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Some doctors will be able to collect bonuses for meeting performance standards under the new Medicare law, and hospitals can earn higher payments by tracking how quickly and how well they treat patients.

Included in the 681-page measure that President Bush signed this week are financial incentives aimed at measuring and improving health care.

Too few health-care organizations now allow themselves to be monitored, according to the nonprofit National Committee for Quality Assurance. In its annual report, the group blamed 57,000 avoidable deaths and 41 million sick days a year on a failure to follow best practices.

"As Medicare beneficiaries receive more choices, the quality-reporting provisions in the bill serve two purposes," said Richard Sorian, the committee's vice president. They give infor-

mation to help people pick their medical coverage, and they make it possible to assess how well Medicare is providing care to older Americans, he said.

The law enlists the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine to develop uniform quality standards and a plan for paying providers for good performance. In trial programs, participating doctors will receive additional Medicare payments for meeting or exceeding performance standards.

Hospitals that voluntarily

provide quality data to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, which runs the Medicare program, will receive 0.4 percent higher reimbursements for every Medicare beneficiary they treat.

The program already collects and distributes such data on nursing homes. Examples of the information being sought from hospitals include whether heart attack victims were given aspirin upon arrival and when patients with pneumonia first got an antibiotic.

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# Maryland police head indicted

BALTIMORE (AP) — Maryland's police superintendent resigned Wednesday after being indicted on charges of spending charity money on extramarital affairs and personal trips while he was Baltimore's police commissioner.

Edward Norris will be re-instated if he is cleared of the charges, said Gov. Robert Ehrlich, who accepted the resignation.

Indicted with Norris on Tuesday was his former chief of staff in Baltimore, John Stendrini. They are accused of misusing more than \$20,000 between May 2000 and August 2002 from an account created from three Depression-era charity funds set up to benefit police officers. The indictment was unsealed Wednesday.

"The defendants repeatedly used the funds as if it were their own ATM," U.S. Attorney Thomas DiBiagio said.

DiBiagio said the pair also used police officers to "transport female companions in connection with romantic encounters" between Norris and at least six women.

The indictment also alleges Norris traveled to New York for an affair, while Stendrini is accused of having an affair in Ontario, Canada, running up a \$1,428 bill while purporting to attend a conference there.

In addition, Norris used money from the fund to "stock his house with alcohol, pay for travel, pay for gifts from Victoria's Secret, and Coach," DiBiagio said.

Norris' attorney, Andrew Graham, did not respond to phone calls Wednesday seeking comment. Stendrini's attorney, Michael Schatzow, was out of town and could not immediately be reached for comment, his office said.

Norris, 43, was credited with sharply reducing crime during his tenure as Baltimore police commissioner from May 2000 through 2002. He came to the city from the New York Police Department.

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Gavin Newsom celebrating the election for mayor

## New S hurdle

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Gavin Newsom celebrates with supporters, including wife Kimberly Guillofoye Newsom (left), after winning the election for mayor of San Francisco on Tuesday.

# New SF mayor confronts hurdles after close vote

BY LISA LEFF  
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SAN FRANCISCO — Gavin Newsom, soon to become San Francisco's youngest mayor in more than a century, will need all the help he can get to unify a city burdened with chronic problems and polarized by an surprisingly close election.

The 36-year-old Democrat not only will have to run the city with a shrinking budget, he will also have to get his ideas past the Board of Supervisors, which is led by the man he just defeated in Tuesday's election.

"This is a very difficult city to be mayor of," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, who spent nine years as mayor here and supported Newsom. "This is a city, as they say in Washington, that will roll you 67 ways to Sunday."

Newsom, a wealthy businessman, city supervisor, and protégé of outgoing Mayor Willie Brown, benefited from the Democrats' get-out-the-vote effort in Tuesday's race against Green Party candidate Matt Gonzalez, the Board of Supervisors president whose anti-establishment campaign stoked voter anger over Brown's autocratic style. Brown was prevented by term limits from running again.

Newsom beat Gonzalez 53 percent to 47 percent — a close race, considering that Newsom outspent his rival 8-to-1 and

that the Green Party makes up only 3 percent of the city's registered voters.

Still, it was a good night for Brown, whose endorsements had been considered a liability in the city after he became a symbol of patronage and cronyism in City Hall. Brown's connections paid off for a new generation of Democrats, including his choice for district attorney, Kamala Harris, a 39-year-old former girlfriend of his.

Harris unseated Terence Hallinan, a two-term incumbent and Brown nemesis, to become the state's first black district attorney. Hallinan, 67, had campaigned as "the nation's most progressive DA," but he came under fire for indicting the city's police chief in an ill-fated grand-jury probe.

Harris promised better relations with police, slammed Hallinan as soft on crime, and blamed his office for a huge backlog of cases.

The mayor-elect vowed to reach out to his rivals' supporters on election night. But Gonzalez, who is up for re-election as supervisor next November, urged his supporters to regroup and be ready to oppose Newsom's policies.

Newsom, who will be sworn in on Jan. 8, will need the Board of Supervisors' help to turn his 21 position papers into city policy on such issues as crime, hard-core homelessness, and the city's sagging economy.

Newsom's proposals include creating a single telephone number for city services, importing a crime-mapping system that New York City uses, and creating an office to improve San Francisco's ability to attract state and federal funding.

"This guy is a policy wonk. He knows how to implement things," said Jim Ilig, a longtime advocate for San Francisco nonprofit agencies. "The good side of policy wonks is they think things through. Gavin really thinks things through."

Newsom's supporters call him a left-leaning Democrat, but opponents cast him as a Republican in liberal's clothing who would drive out poor and working-class residents.

His preppy good looks, attempts to get panhandlers off the streets, and profitable relationship with billionaire Gordon Getty made Newsom a lightning rod during the election. Getty underwrote Newsom's wine store and other businesses as well as a loan for Newsom's \$3 million Pacific Heights home.

# Mother, outraged by sheriff's remark, says daughter's alive

BY DAVE KOLPACK AND CURT WOODWARD  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — The mother of missing college student Dru Sjodin said the family has not given up hope of finding her alive and is "outraged" by a sheriff's statement that her daughter is probably dead.

Grand Forks County Sheriff Dan Hill said on Tuesday that the investigation is more of a recovery mission than a rescue effort after DNA tests showed Sjodin's blood was in the car of a man suspected in her kidnapping.

Hill did not speak to family members directly, and they maintain that she is alive, Sjodin's brother Sven told CBS' "The Early Show" on Wednesday.

Sjodin's mother, Linda Walker, said the family was "outraged" by Hill's assessment.

"We firmly believe Dru's return is close at hand," she said Tuesday from her home in Pequot Lakes, Minn.

Sjodin was last heard from Nov. 22, when she called her boyfriend on a cell phone from the parking lot of a Grand Forks mall where she worked at a Victoria's Secret.

Searches of rivers, ditches, and snow-covered fields in two states, sometimes employing hundreds of volunteers, have turned up few clues to the 22-year-old's whereabouts.

Alfonso Rodriguez Jr., a 50-year-old with a history of violent sexual assaults, has been charged with Sjodin's kidnapping; he is jailed on \$5 million bond. He has said through his attorney that he is innocent.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Hill said a small amount of blood was found in Rodriguez's car and tested against DNA from

Sjodin's toothbrush. Hill said the trunk of Rodriguez's car had been extensively cleaned before his arrest.

Sven Sjodin said the amount of blood found was not conclusive.

"You know, splatters of blood inside a car does not say to me that someone is not alive. You know, I can cut my finger and probably put more blood than that may have been inside that car," he said.

Hill told CBS on Wednesday that he understood Sjodin's family was upset by his statement.

"But after this much time, I think that we have to be realistic and know that we are probably searching for a body and not Dru herself," he said.

The DNA match would be the most significant break yet in authorities' attempts to tie Rodriguez, a convicted rapist, to Sjodin's disappearance.

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# 4th hopeful strong in humanities

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director in Spanish at Purdue. Her specialties in Spanish are medieval and early modern Latino literature, literary theory and folklore, contemporary Latino culture, and philosophy of higher education.

*Hispanic Business*, a publication

published 10 times per year with a circulation of 230,000, recently named her as one of its "80 Elite Hispanic Women."

If selected as the UI's chief academic officer, González will oversee all academic programs, handle faculty matters such as promotion and tenure decisions, and engage in strategic academic planning.

Other Californian candidates

include Elizabeth Langland, the dean of humanities at UC-Davis, and Scott Waugh, the dean of social sciences at UCLA. Luanna Meyer, the assistant vice chancellor at Massey University in New Zealand, was the third candidate to visit campus this month.

Gfeller added that the Provost Search Committee encourages UI faculty, staff, and students

who have interacted with previous provost candidates to submit evaluation forms as soon as possible. The forms, which are available at the Provost Search Web site and at all candidate events, are due by 5 p.m. on Dec. 18 to Carolyn Frisbie, the committee's search administrator.

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# Sex-offender suit goes to fed court

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"I have people living within 2,000 feet [of schools and daycares], but they are not in a dangerous situation," Allison said, adding: "What it comes down to is that I wouldn't let an alcoholic be a bartender."

"The fact is that there are sex offenders all around us." Iowa City police have received no complaints regarding resi-

dency restrictions, but school officials acknowledged the law's merit.

"I believe that the intent of this law is to improve safety conditions of students," said Lane Plugge, the Iowa City school superintendent. "Both school officials and parents are concerned about student safety."

The trial in a Des Moines federal court is scheduled to last two to three days.

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# Supreme Court backs soft-money ban

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"sham issue advocacy" paid for by shadowy donors, and of the parties' "peddling" access to federal lawmakers.

In the face of these problems, McCain-Feingold was a "modest" law that would have "only a marginal impact on political speech," the majority ruled.

"[I]n considering Congress' most recent effort to confine the ill effects of aggregated wealth on our political system," Stevens and O'Connor noted, the majority was "under no illusion that [McCain-Feingold] will be the last congressional statement on the matter. Money, like water, will always find an outlet. What problems will arise, and how Congress will respond, are concerns for another day. In the main, we uphold [McCain-Feingold]'s two principal, complementary features: the control of soft money and the regulation of electioneering communications."

Stevens and O'Connor were joined by Justices David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Stephen Breyer.

"This opinion represents a landmark victory for the American people in the effort to reform their political system," McCain, Feingold, Meehan, and Shays said in a joint statement.

Through it all, the law has been opposed by lawmakers and interest groups, ranging from Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky, on the right to the AFL-CIO on the left, who argue that its restrictions on the free flow of cash will stifle the free flow of political ideas that money pays for.

"We believe the court has moved in a deeply troubling direction that could chill important and worthwhile public expression and activity," the AFL-CIO said in a statement Wednesday.

In the end, those concerns were shared by only four mem-

bers of the court: Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy, and Clarence Thomas.

"This is a sad day for freedom of speech," Scalia wrote in a dissenting opinion. Ticking off a list of recent free-speech decisions by the court, Scalia added: "Who could have imagined that the same Court which, within the past four years, has sternly disapproved of restrictions upon ... virtual child pornography, tobacco advertising ... dissemination of illegally intercepted communications ... and sexually explicit cable programming ... would smile with favor upon a law that cuts to the heart of what the First Amendment is meant to protect: The right to criticize the government."

Whereas the majority said it was showing "proper deference" to Congress' judgment "in an area in which it enjoys particular expertise," the dissenters turned that argument on its head, arguing that Congress had enacted McCain-Feingold largely because it stacks the political deck in favor of incumbents.

In upholding McCain-Feingold's ban on the parties' raising and spending of "soft money," the court also backed a ban on state parties' using soft money to fund activities that are ostensibly directed to voter registration or state campaigns, but also influence federal elections; a prohibition on national and state parties' funneling soft money to tax-exempt organizations that engage in campaign activity; and regulations on federal and state candidates and officeholders' use of soft money in connection with certain election-related activities.

These provisions were consistent with the court's ruling in its last landmark campaign decision, the 1976 Buckley vs. Valeo case, which upheld limitations on political contributions, the majority ruled. They were indeed necessary if those limitations were to have any meaning,

the majority ruled.

"The main goal of the [soft money ban] is modest," Stevens and O'Connor wrote. "In large part, it simply effects a return to the scheme that was approved in Buckley and that was subverted by" subsequent interpretations of the law by the Federal Election Commission. The FEC permitted political parties to fund federal campaigns with a combination of soft money and "hard money," as cash raised in accordance with disclosure rules, and contribution limits is known.

This part of the decision had been widely expected by legal analysts. More innovative legally, however, was the majority's conclusion that McCain-Feingold's limitations on so-called "issue ads" pass constitutional muster.

The statute defines a new category of "electioneering communications" — basically, TV, and radio ads that mention a federal candidate during the run-up to a primary or general election.

It then requires such communications to be paid for only with money raised and spent in accordance with federal disclosure rules and limitations on individual donations.

No soft money could be used to pay for the ads. Instead, corporations, unions or interest groups would have to set up federally regulated political action committees, and pay for the ads through those.

This part of McCain-Feingold was meant to overcome Buckley, which had said that the government could only regulate the financing of ads that "expressly advocated" the election or defeat of a candidate through the use of "vote for," "vote against" or similar direct language.

McCain-Feingold advocates said that this part of Buckley had turned into a huge loophole that permitted often unaccountable groups to sponsor "sham issue ads" in the waning days of a campaign that were obviously aimed at candidates.

Federal appeals courts and the Supreme Court itself had hewed to the "express advocacy" definition in the past, but Wednesday the court said that the McCain-Feingold definition was consistent with Buckley.

"[A]lthough the ... advertisements do not urge the viewer to vote for or against a candidate in so many words, they are no less clearly intended to influence the election," Stevens and O'Connor wrote.

The majority brushed aside concerns that the provision would sweep too broadly and discourage genuine discussion of issues as well as disguised campaign agenda.

# UI telling on dorm alcohol violations

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substance violations in the residence halls since Jan. 1. Not all cases are reported to law enforcement; many are handled directly by resident assistants and hall coordinators.

Jones sent a mass e-mail to students living in the dorms at the beginning of semester explaining the new policy. He said his office continues to send letters to parents in other circumstances, such as cases when students are hospitalized for alcohol poisoning.

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# Some students like prof-rating site

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Like Rodgers, UI history Professor Sara Hanley finds the Web site flighty yet possibly beneficial to students.

"I think the more information students have, the better," she said. "There's nothing you can do if information is inaccurate or someone is trying to cause damage."

Hanley said UI course evaluations are more helpful and

should be carefully considered at the end of each semester. However, she added, evaluations of her female graduate assistants often contain comments about appearance and not teaching style.

"As long as comments are thoughtful, they can be accounted for," Hanley said. "UI students are smart, and they have the capacity to weigh in appropriate information."

Nationally, ratemyprofessors.com offers 1.3 million ratings from 3,673 schools, a total of nearly 300,000 professors.

Rodgers, who heard about the service this summer, said the Web site has no value beyond entertainment. But if faculty members take the comments too seriously, the site might become a problem, he said.

"I think students find expertise sexy, and that is where they get the sex appeal," Rodgers said. "I don't think I'm the type of guy who will cause a woman to crash her BMW when she sees me walking down the street."

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# U.S. says more Afghan kids died

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KABUL, Afghanistan — For the second time in a week, the U.S. military admitted Wednesday that Afghan children were killed in attacks against Taliban and Qaeda suspects, crushed under a wall at a compound stacked with a fugitive militant's weapons.

Both assaults were in the Pashtun-dominated southeast and risked further alienating the country's largest ethnic group, from which the Taliban emerged and still draws its main support.

A U.S. military spokesman said six children died when a wall fell on them Dec. 5 at a complex in eastern Paktia province. U.S. warplanes and Special Forces had attacked the compound, setting off secondary explosions, Lt. Col. Bryan Hilferty said.

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"The people are growing very hostile now, because America should know how to avoid these things," said Tareq, a 30-year-old government worker in Kabul,

who, like many Afghans, uses only one name. "They are bombing children every day. It is not [Taliban leader] Mullah Omar or [Osama] bin Laden who is killing them."

The Afghan government again implored the U.S. military to brush up its intelligence and bolster efforts to improve security to allow for badly needed reconstruction.

"The pursuit of terrorists has to continue, but we need to look at how to avoid such tragedies in the future," Foreign Ministry spokesman Omar Samad said. "We have to be extra cautious not to harm civilians."

The United Nations was more blunt: "As well as contributing to a sense of fear and insecurity, these incidents make it easier for those who wish to spoil this process to rally support," said spokesman Manoel de Almeida e Silva.

The compound allegedly belonged to Mullah Jalani, a suspected associate of renegade warlord Gulbuddin Hekmatyar. A former prime minister, Hekmatyar is now allied with the resurgent Taliban. He issued a video statement Wednesday renewing his call for Afghans to rise up against America and its Afghan allies.

Jalani was not among the nine people arrested at the site, 12 miles east of Gardez, Hilferty said. He did not identify the adults who were killed or say

whether they were combatants or civilians.

Hilferty said troops exchanged fire with rebels at the scene but said he had no information about U.S. casualties. He expressed regret over the deaths of civilians in Afghanistan but said it was impossible to eliminate such incidents.

"We try very hard not to kill anyone. We would prefer to capture the terrorists rather than kill them," Hilferty said. "But in this incident, if noncombatants surround themselves with thousands of weapons, hundreds of rounds of ammunition, howitzers, and mortars in a compound known to be used by a terrorist, we are not completely responsible for the consequences."

The U.S. military, which on Dec. 2 launched what it described as its biggest operation against militants since the fall of the Taliban two years ago, says it found hidden storage compartments containing hundreds of 107mm rockets, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades, anti-tank, and anti-personnel mines, and several howitzers at the compound.

It was unclear if the wall that crushed the children was knocked down by troops searching for weapons or the secondary explosions. Hilferty said it was still too dangerous to search some buildings.

The news comes on the heels of a tragic U.S. military blunder in neighboring Ghazni province on Saturday. Nine children were found dead in a field after an attack by an A-10 ground attack aircraft that was targeting a Taliban suspect.

U.S. officials have apologized for that incident.

They originally claimed that the attack killed a former Taliban district commander named Mullah Wazir suspected of recent attacks on road workers. But U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said Tuesday that they were no longer certain.

Efforts by the 11,700-strong U.S.-led coalition have been marred by a string of mishaps.

The worst happened in July 2002, when Afghan officials said 48 civilians at a wedding party were killed and 117 wounded in an air strike in Uruzgan province.

On April 9, a U.S. warplane mistakenly bombed a home in the eastern town of Shkin, killing 11 civilians. Another air strike in Nuristan province in eastern Afghanistan on Oct. 31 reportedly killed at least eight civilians in a house.

Some Afghans said they hope America will suffer the same fate as the Soviet Union, whose 1980s occupation ended in defeat in the face of a tireless war by Afghan mujahideen fighters.

# Agency says demand for oil will increase

BY BRUCE STANLEY  
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LONDON — With China's economy expanding rapidly and a recovery simmering in other countries, demand for oil will increase faster than expected this year and in 2004, the International Energy Agency said Wednesday.

Demand has surged this autumn in the United States and several other industrialized nations, while Chinese demand appears to be advancing "at a breakneck pace," the agency said in its monthly oil market report.

The global appetite for crude in 2003 will grow by a robust 1.9 percent, or 1.44 million barrels a day, and in 2004 by 1.5 percent, or 1.16 million barrels a day. The energy agency raised its estimates for daily demand growth in the two years by 160,000 barrels and 90,000 barrels respectively.

Crude supplies grew only half as fast in November as in October, partly because of a leveling off in production from North Sea oil fields, and tight oil inventories have contributed to swings in already-high crude prices.

Supplies appear strong enough to moderate crude prices ahead of the peak winter demand for heating oil in the northern hemisphere.

Despite the slowdown in November, total production is

2.8 million barrels per day higher than a year ago. In addition, OPEC members — even though they agreed to cut their production beginning Nov. 1 — still pumped 1.2 million barrels a day above their output ceiling, the energy agency said.

The energy agency, based in Paris, is the watchdog for the world's biggest oil-importing countries.

Chinese demand for crude jumped by 11.5 percent in October, though this growth will slow as China becomes constrained by limits on its capacity to generate electricity, the agency said.

"The pull from the Far East has taken over from the typical U.S.-centric focus as the key driver for the oil market," it said.

Paul Horsnell, head of energy research at Barclays Capital in London, agreed that China's thirst for oil imports has become a significant factor in global markets. China is a top oil importer after the United States, and both countries are leading the global economic recovery.

"It's been quite a while since we've seen the Chinese and U.S. economies going on all cylinders," Horsnell said.

While the energy agency increased its forecast for worldwide oil demand, it reduced its earlier figures for demand inside countries of the former Soviet Union.

# Backlash is swift on contracts in Iraq

BY SEBASTIAN ROTELLA  
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LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Facing outrage from Europe and Canada, the Bush administration Wednesday appeared to soften its decision to ban countries that did not support the war in Iraq from seeking \$18.6 billion in prime contracts to rebuild the country.

President Bush phoned the leaders of France, Germany, and Russia and promised to "keep lines of communication open" to discuss which countries would be allowed to bid, a White House official said. Bush had placed the calls to urge them to help restructure Iraq's massive debt, but that seemed less likely given the anger over the policy.

White House officials insisted that their policy of excluding antiwar nations from choice business deals in Iraq was unchanged. But they said they would be flexible in deciding which countries had done enough to qualify.

At a briefing, a senior Defense official said the roster of 63 eligible countries "is not a fixed closed list. ... This is an open list. We're always going to re-evaluate."

The official suggested that a country might qualify for the list simply by declaring itself a member of the Iraq coalition, a step that such war opponents as France and Germany might find politically unpalatable.

Officials made no mention of such flexibility when they disclosed the policy Tuesday. Though everyone would be eligible to become a sub-contractor, the policy of blocking Europe and Russia from seeking a prime contract touched a political nerve, and European opponents argued that the U.S. policy might violate international trade rules.

The U.S. action on contracts reopened the wounds from the run-up to the war, which began March 20. Trying to minimize the effect, White House officials noted that the directive applies only to the \$18.6 billion in U.S. reconstruction aid and does not apply to an additional \$13 billion pledged by countries during a conference in Madrid or to any other funds that may come through international organizations or to sub-contractors.

But antiwar countries complained that the Bush administration, despite recent appeals for international help in healing Iraq's wounds, had punished them by denying access to lucrative prime projects.

Russia warned that the U.S. could endanger any chance that Russia might comply with Washington's requests to restructure Iraq's \$8 billion debt. France said it would look into the legality of the U.S. move. Germany called the Pentagon directive "unacceptable" and an example of "extremely selfish economic lobbying."

"Nothing is left of the promises in recent weeks to concentrate on the future rather than looking into the past," declared an editorial in Germany's *Maerische Oderzeitung* newspaper to be published Thursday. "The recent call by top U.S. politicians for NATO commitment in Iraq appears to be insolence in light of the Pentagon order on contract bids. Washington cannot really believe that Berlin and Paris will first be punished and then go into battle with all flags flying."

Canada, which opposed the war but has given about \$230 million to Iraq since then, said it would cut off further aid if Canadian firms were barred from bidding for U.S. contracts.

Paul Martin, who takes office Friday as Canada's Prime Minister, called the decision "very difficult to fathom." Canada has supplied the largest number of non-U.S. troops to Afghanistan, freeing up American forces for Iraq, he said.

"I understand the importance of these kinds of contracts, but this shouldn't just be about who gets contracts, who gets business," Martin told a news conference Wednesday. "It ought to be: what is the best thing for the people of Iraq."

A senior U.S. official said there were discussion underway with the Canadians about whether they deserved to be on the list. Another official, who also asked to remain unidentified, said he believed "Canada may be added, at some point down the line."

The policy limiting 26 prime contracts to companies from the coalition and Iraq became public Tuesday in a memo signed by Deputy Defense Secy. Paul Wolfowitz. Critics overseas regard Wolfowitz as a leader of U.S. neo-conservatives with a perceived hawkish disdain for international institutions and multilateralism.

The Wolfowitz memo said it was necessary to limit eligibility to protect "the essential security interests of the United States." Officials said this language was added because it is needed, under federal law, to provide a rationale when government contracting is not conducted in "full and open" competition.

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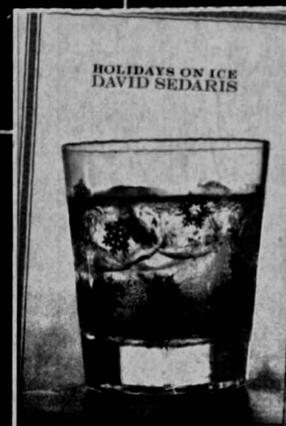
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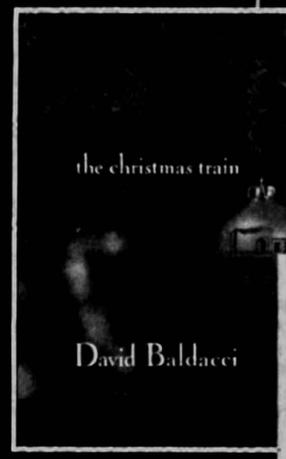
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## Tuition bills no help for students

Three recently proposed federal laws affecting tuition and financial aid do not deserve any type of enthusiastic support, especially from students. These bills are a part of the 1998 Higher Education Act, which is up for reauthorization in the spring of 2004.

One of the bills, Affordability in Higher Education Act, proposed by Rep. Howard McKeon, R-Calif., has many potential benefits. It seeks to ease credit transfer, encourage creativity in financial aid, and "reduce administrative and regulatory burdens." However, McKeon's plan centers on a way to hold higher-education institutions accountable for dramatic tuition increases. The end goal is ideal, but the method of achieving this is out of line and harmful to students.

McKeon proposes that some Title IV federal funding be denied to schools that raise tuition exorbitantly — by a loose definition, schools that raise tuition more than twice the rate of

inflation over a three-year period.

According to the American Council on Education, "among its shortcomings: It is complex and highly regulatory ... it creates undesirable incentives for schools; it applies to colleges that do not set their own tuitions; and it gives the ultimate control of the price of a higher education to a government agency in Washington."

Above all, the plan penalizes students. By denying the school federal aid, it takes money away from those who want to attend the school. The loans affected would be the federal Perkins Loan, federal work-study, and federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, which gave \$7.8 million to roughly 5,600 students last year.

The other bills are better than McKeon's, but not by much.

Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., introduced the College Quality, Affordability, and Diversity Act, which

would hurt students in the same way as McKeon's plan. Kennedy wants to make Pell loans individually larger, but only for universities in states that maintain 90 percent of the previous year's fiscal support for higher education. Another key part of the College Quality Act is allowing financial aid for students with drug-offenses.

The third bill is the most beneficial for students. Rep. John Tierney, D-Mass., proposed the College Affordability and Accountability Act. This bill takes away money from federally funded administrative-expenses, not students, in states that cut spending for higher education. College tuitions that do not exceed increased inflation would qualify for a 25 percent increase in Pell Grants.

All students want lower tuition, but these bills go about it the wrong way. Legislators should work together to create a bill that includes all the benefits of these three but without cutting into students' financial aid.

## Cutting the airwaves shortsightedly

They provide what one Lithuanian politician calls "neutral, solid, Western programming" reflecting Western values. They give an American point of view but are not generally regarded as propaganda. They have millions of listeners across the new democracies of Eastern Europe as well as a long tradition. They cost, by U.S. budgetary standards, very little: The overall funding, for 11 countries, is \$11 million a year. Yet if congressional appropriators have their way, one of the cheapest, most effective, and most popular tools of U.S. public diplomacy — the foreign-language services of Radio Free Europe — will soon cease to exist. Seven languages are to be cut altogether, including the services to Romania, Bulgaria, Slovakia, Croatia,

and the Baltic states. Several more, including services to Ukraine, Georgia, Armenia, and Serbia, will be cut by 25 percent.

The logic behind the cuts — which have been heavily pushed by the administration and opposed by many in Congress — is allegedly financial: More money is now going to radio services in the Middle East, and budgets are limited. But the omnibus appropriations bill awaiting congressional approval is hardly austere. As we've said before, it is proving to be yet another example of lax congressional spending, funding everything from a rain forest in Iowa to Alaskan fishing communities.

Like the relatively low funding for the newer but equally effective

services of Radio Free Asia, the cuts to Radio Free Europe do not, therefore, really reflect a new administration push to control spending. Instead, they are yet another example of the administration's poor choice of foreign-policy priorities.

With a short attention span and little understanding that allies, too, require attention and diplomacy, the administration seems to have let whole chunks of the world fall off its diplomatic radar screen altogether. No iron law says that new democracies will remain democracies or even remain American allies. In this unstable part of the world, the sober presentation of an American point of view is still necessary.

This editorial appeared in the *Washington Post*.

## Doctor Who and the medicine show

In 1976, COLIN BAKER was the most hated man in Britain.

"I used to get attacked by old ladies in the street," Baker said during a visit to Iowa last week. The now 60-year-old actor played a ruthless, wheeling-and-dealing villain, Paul Terroney, in the 1970s popular BBC television drama series "The Brothers" (think "Dallas" but with British accents). A few years later, Baker moved on to be the sixth actor to portray television's most loved hero when he was cast as the Doctor in the BBC's "Doctor Who" (think "Star Trek" but not at all like "Star Trek").



JOHN MOLSEED

"Doctor Who" is a science-fiction program about a guy who travels with lovely, young female companions through time and space in a Police Box (a British phone booth-looking thing). The Doctor is every underdog's hero. He never gets "involved" with his traveling companions, nor does he carry a weapon in his fights for justice. Those facts may explain why the show has never really caught on in the United States. We Americans love our sex and firearms.

I know that's a pretty bad description of the 40-year-old television series, but entire books have been published to explain the show and its history, so that's all you're going to get. Try to look grateful.

Iowa Public Television brought Baker to Des Moines last weekend as treat for the Hawkeye State's "Doctor Who" fans and to raise money for the public-TV network, which airs the show weekly. Curiosity about what "Doctor Who" fans in Iowa are like and a chance to meet the Doctor himself inspired me to use my press credentials to cover a celebrity who wasn't begging for votes. Unlike a stereotypical American celebrity, Baker wasn't terse or arrogant with his fans, and he was sober. He had an uncanny ability to make each person in the room feel like he or she was the most important person there — even the Jackal press.

The fans seemed one-track minded. They knew more about the show and Baker than I know about my own family. They were also loyal and defensive toward their favorite sci-fi show and extolled its virtues with little or no prompting. Some might call these enthusiasts geeks or other derogatory names. However, I know better than to incur the wrath of these fiercely loyal legions. My editor would receive a mountain of hate mail, and I would never be able to show my face in an Iowa comic-book store again. Dozens of these loyal fans flocked to the Johnston studios for a glimpse of the Doctor. Baker co-hosted a Friday night telethon in which certain donations could bring a caller autographed "Doctor Who" books and audio CDs. Taking in the event, I began to feel a sense of déjà vu. People played a "Doctor Who" trivia quiz before Baker's arrival. Many spent a good sum of money for tickets and hours driving across the state in order to see the man. This all rang familiar but remained out of my conscious grasp through the evening.

When the telethon started, I stayed behind the cameras, chatting with Baker during breaks. The members from the Iowa "Doctor Who" fan club, Universal Network of Iowa Timelords, manned the phones without hesitation — they'd volunteered for the task countless times before. I asked one of the members why they manned the phones during the IPTV pledge drives.

Only when a member said the time and volunteer efforts are the best way to control the fate of "Doctor Who" on the airwaves did I realize what I was witnessing. This was a political movement at its most fundamental. Politics is the art of controlling one's environment, Hunter Thompson said. That is exactly what they were doing, making sure "Doctor Who" stayed on the air. These were not ordinary sci-fi geeks; they were activists — fighting to maintain a creative, thought-provoking television series. If only we all fought for such noble causes. Now, those "Star Trek" fans, they're geeks. ■

LETTERS

### Barrier for peace and security

If you go to a jewelry store and buy your wife a piece of jewelry that is 97 percent gold and 3 percent silver, wouldn't you say it is a gold bracelet?

Despite the pictures shown in the media of a tall concrete wall, more than 97 percent of the planned 720 kilometers of the Israeli security barrier will consist of a chain-link fence. Less than 3 percent of the fence will be concrete. The short concrete sections are intended to block terrorists from shooting at Israeli vehicles.

The decision to build the security fence was taken only after other options were tried — but failed — to stop the deadly terrorist attacks. The fence surrounding the Gaza Strip has been 100 percent effective in preventing terrorists from entering Israel from Gaza.

The fact is the fence is being built in such a way that, if necessary, the relevant parts can be moved to different locations. In this context, it will be remembered that when Israel withdrew from southern Lebanon, in fulfillment of U.N. Security Council Resolution 425, the United

Nations delineated the border between Israel and Lebanon. Israel moved its security fence to comply with the new border.

The fact is that more than 40 gates exist to allow Palestinians access to their land at locations where the fence unfortunately separates them.

The security fence is not an obstacle to peace. In fact, by providing a barrier to terrorism, it will help restore quiet to the region and thereby increase the chances of achieving peace.

Israel has shown in the past that it is willing to make difficult concessions for peace, but only when a serious effort is made to end the terrorism. Until then, Israel has a duty to protect its citizens.

Avi Stramer  
President, Hawkeyes for Israel

### Bombs can't liberate

In regards to the nine children killed by the United States on Dec. 6:

How does dropping a bomb to kill one person make sense?

How do coalition forces intend to "make every effort to assist the families of these innocent casualties and determine the

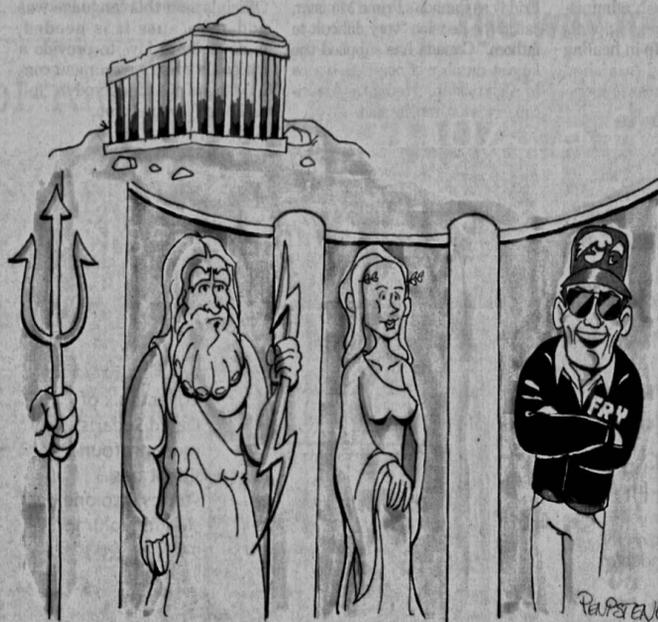
cause of the civilian deaths"? — as Army Maj. Christopher West claims. Are we going to drop cluster bombs for the rest of the children to find and briefly play with? Or maybe we'll be kind and drop a few sandwiches and pamphlets about the greatness of liberty and freedom in the

parents' front yards (or what's left of them)?

Why is the United States too cowardly to send a few men with guns to kill one man hiding in a house? Here in the United States, when a criminal flashes a gun at police, we shoot back; we don't drop a bomb and stupidly

hope there's no one else around. Kill the terrorists, but leave the civilians out of this. Liberation isn't any good when one is dead or when it kills one's children.

Fuseina Mohamad  
Iowa City resident



### ON THE SPOT

How will Al Gore's endorsement affect Howard Dean's campaign?



"I think it will probably place Dean higher in the eyes of Democratic voters."

Alex Hoeh  
UI freshman



"I think it's good to have a strong Democratic endorsement."

Trisha Miller  
UI senior



"I think he should pick him as running mate. Then they can go with the 'Gore for Four.'"

Elgn Arney  
UI junior



"I think it will help him with people who like Dean and Gore but not with people who don't care."

Jane Ulises  
UI junior

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BY JONATHAN PA  
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MONROVIA, Liberia — A wave of ex-government military forces lay sprawled in the streets of Liberia's capital Wednesday as U.N. peacekeepers confronted gunmen on a rampage of looting, shooting, and looting. Monrovia's bloodiest day since an August peace deal.

The violence, launched by militiamen loyal to ousted president Charles Taylor, demanded cash to give up their guns. The first serious threat to U.N.-backed disarmament talks. The fighting late Tuesday and early Wednesday killed at least nine Liberians.

U.N. peacekeepers marked the first casualty of the month-old Liberia mission. An officer from Benin shot his leg as his troops tried to disarm militiamen, a U.N. mission commander said.

At daylight Wednesday, Associated Press journalists saw bodies of eight of the militia fighters in civilian clothes — lying crumpled on streets in the dirt by the side of a road surrounded by hundreds of incredulous ex-comrades.

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Trying to quell the violence, U.S. and Liberian officials on state radio, demanding fighters lay down their

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# U.N. confronts Liberian militia

BY JONATHAN PAYE-LAYLEH  
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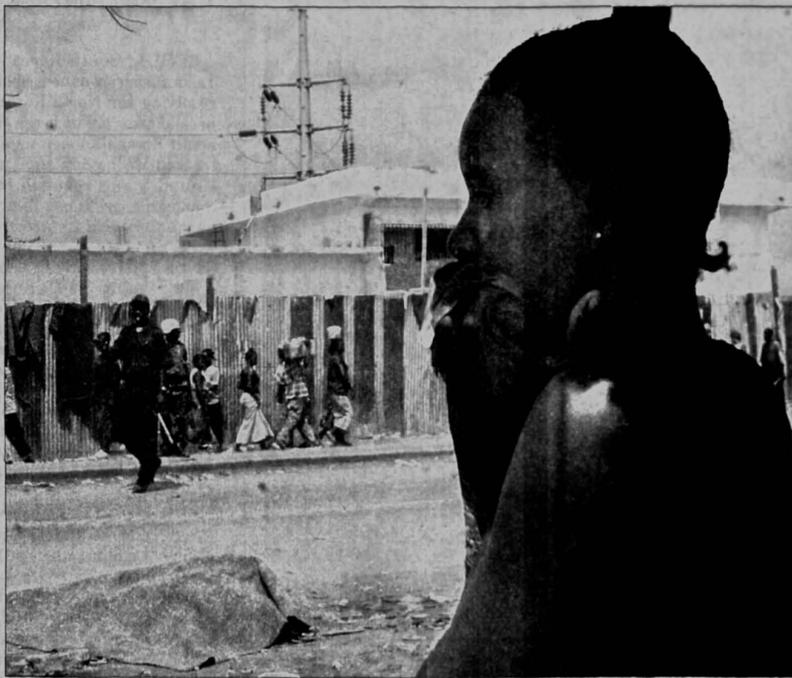
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At daylight Wednesday, Associated Press journalists saw the bodies of eight of the dead — militia fighters in civilian clothes — lying crumpled on streets and in the dirt by the side of roads, surrounded by hundreds of incredulous ex-comrades.

Rag-tag, undisciplined, habitually drunk and stoned, the fighters' return to gunplay after months of peace in the capital posed a major challenge to a 4,500-strong U.N. peace force.

The force, due to grow to the world's largest at 15,000-strong, is charged with helping oversee disarmament of the estimated 40,000 rebels and government fighters nationwide after 14 years of near-constant conflict. The government and rebels are trying to implement a peace deal reached after Taylor fled the country in August.

Trying to quell the violence, U.S. and Liberian officials went on state radio, demanding that fighters lay down their arms.



An unidentified woman cries for her dead brother, seen covered with a piece of cloth, who was killed during fighting between U.N. troops and the ex-militiamen in Monrovia, Liberia, on Wednesday.

The United Nations vowed the nationwide disarmament program would continue.

The clashes started Monday, on the second day of disarmament.

The Taylor loyalists were due to enter a disarmament camp. Hundreds rioted instead, demanding money to give up their guns.

Gunmen on the eastern edge of Monrovia, near the camp, blasted AK-47 rounds into the air, looted and burned some homes, and chased civilians off the streets.

Trying to stop the rampages, U.N. leaders acquiesced Tuesday, agreeing to give \$75 cash on the spot to each fighter who gave up his gun and entered the

containment camp. Still, rioting persisted into early Wednesday.

With looting and gunfire raging, interim leader Gyude Bryant late Tuesday imposed a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew on the city.

U.N. peace forces in armored vehicles and pickup trucks rolled out in force into eastern districts early Wednesday, residents, Liberian, and U.N. officials said.

The bursts of firing grew heavier as the U.N. troops moved in, then subsided, according to residents, who listened to the rounds as they covered inside their homes.

A senior Liberian police official said U.N. troops and militiamen exchanged fire, killing the

eight militiamen. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

However, both military and civilian U.N. officials said they had no knowledge of U.N. forces opening fire.

Such an engagement would mark the first known clash between U.N. and Liberian forces here.

U.N. spokeswoman Margaret Novicki said she knew of only one death, that of a woman killed in the militia firing Tuesday. Extra U.N. forces were out on the streets Wednesday, and schools were closed.

Over Liberian radio, U.S. Ambassador John Blaney called on the militia fighters to stop shooting.

# Iraq creates panel for war criminals

BY CAROL J. WILLIAMS  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD — Iraq's Governing Council established a war-crimes tribunal Wednesday to try ousted leader Saddam Hussein and his top lieutenants on charges they committed crimes against the Iraqi people and their neighbors, from the gassing of Kurds to the mass executions of Shiites to the military aggressions against Iran and Kuwait.

Bringing the former regime to justice is a burning priority for many Iraqis, but it is one unlikely to produce immediate gratification. While the statute establishing the court allows prosecutions in absentia, a defendant captured after conviction would be entitled to a new trial. Thus any case brought now against Saddam would probably be a limited exercise that would simply spotlight the U.S.-led occupation force's inability to track down its most-wanted suspect.

U.S. authorities, who hold 38 of the 55 most-wanted figures from the former regime, have promised to hand over detainees once they are indicted. "We agreed that those who have been accused and detained would be handed over to this historic court," said Abdelaziz Hakim, the current president of the Iraqi Governing Council.

However, the coalition is expected to take its time fulfilling that promise. U.S. and other sources noted that the transitional and largely symbolic Iraqi leadership bodies are far from prepared to ensure that war-crimes suspects can be securely held.

Still, Iraqi authorities insisted the creation of the new panel constitutes a milestone in the building of democracy and rule of law.

"This tribunal will show the world the horror of crimes committed against the people," said Dara Noor al-Din, the head of the Governing Council legal committee and a judge

once jailed by Saddam for refusing to bend the law to the dictator's liking.

The U.S. government is providing \$75 million for war-crimes investigations in addition to funds already budgeted for the justice system.

The tribunal, which will be an exclusively Iraqi forum, has been designed to respond to local notions of justice, first and foremost the fervent national embrace of the death penalty as punishment for particularly heinous crimes committed by the former regime.

Coalition Provisional Authority officials suspended executions months ago, but Iraqi officials will assume responsibility for running the country after a planned June 30 handover of power. Then, the Iraqi legal code that allows capital punishment is expected to return as a sentencing option.

Trials of the most-noted suspects, such as former Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and Ali Hassan Majid, the Saddam lieutenant known as "Chemical Ali" for his 1988 attack on a Kurdish village with noxious gases, would take a good six months to prepare, say those setting up the court. That promises to make the current prohibition against capital sentences "a moot issue," said the council's legal liaison, Salem Chalabi, as public pressure for the ultimate penalty will ensure its imposition.

Amnesty International, the London-based human-rights watchdog, immediately challenged the Iraqi tribunal's legitimacy, noting it had been created under U.S.-led occupation and that its support for capital punishment made it "inconsistent with international human-rights standards."

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# Iranian activist accepts Nobel

BY DOUG MELLGREN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OSLO, Norway — Iranian democracy activist Shirin Ebadi received the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize on Wednesday, saying it would inspire Iranians and women around the Muslim world to seek their rights and denouncing leaders who use Islam as a pretext for dictatorship.

Ebadi, the first Iranian and Muslim woman to win the Peace Prize, appeared at the award ceremony without the headscarf that Iran requires women to wear in public, in what many viewed as a silent expression of her battle for freedom.

An audience of hundreds, including members of the Norwegian royal family, rose to give the laureate a standing ovation after she was given the coveted Nobel gold medal and diploma.

The award "inspires me and millions of Iranians and nationals of Islamic states with the hope that our efforts, endeavors, and struggles toward the realization of human rights and the establishment of democracy ... enjoy the support, backing, and solidarity of international civil society," Ebadi said a speech after receiving the \$1.4 million award.

"Undoubtedly, my selection will be an inspiration to the masses of women striving to realize their rights, not only in Iran but throughout the region," she said, speaking in Farsi.

Ebadi also criticized the United States for using the war on terror as a pretext for violating human rights, pointing to the detention of hundreds of Muslim men at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, without access to lawyers.

The 56-year-old lawyer, author, and activist, Iran's first female judge, was named the 2003 Nobel peace laureate for her work in fighting for democracy and the rights of women and children. In 2000, she was jailed for three weeks on charges of slandering government officials and banned from working as a lawyer after riling her nation's theocratic rulers.

Since winning the Nobel, Iranian reformers have looked to Ebadi to rally opposition to unelected hard-liners who oppose any change to the conservative Islamic system of running the country. Hard-liners have denounced her as a "Western mercenary," and she recently was given police bodyguards



John McCannico/Associated Press

Iranian activist Shirin Ebadi waves to supporters gathered outside City Hall before receiving the 2003 Nobel Peace Prize during a ceremony in Oslo, Norway, on Wednesday. Ebadi accepted the prize on behalf of her fellow Iranians, Muslim women everywhere, and those who struggle for human rights.

after receiving numerous death threats.

Last week, approximately 60 female hard-liners prevented Ebadi from making a speech at a women's university in Tehran.

Ahead of the ceremony outside Oslo City Hall, thousands of children sang for the laureate.

Ebadi, wearing a light-colored skirt and blouse, spoke during a solemn one-hour ceremony before an audience that included members of Ebadi's family and Academy Award-winning actors Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones. The ceremony also featured music performed live by an Iranian-Kurd folk-music group.

"If the 21st century wishes to free itself from the cycle of violence, acts of terror, and war ... there is no other way except by understanding and putting into practice every human right for all mankind regardless of race, sex, faith, nationality, or social status," she said, according to an English translation of her speech.

The other 10 Nobel winners, including six Americans, were to receive the awards for medicine, physics, chemistry, literature, and economics in Stockholm,

Sweden. J.M. Coetzee, 63, was to receive the literature prize, the second South African to pick up the award. Nadine Gordimer was the first in 1991.

In her acceptance speech, Ebadi said despotism was incompatible with Iranian and Islamic traditions.

"Some Muslims, under the pretext that democracy and human rights are not compatible with Islamic teachings and the traditional structure of Islamic societies, have justified despotic governments and continue to do so," Ebadi said.

She said the plight of women in Islamic states and the lack of freedom and democracy is caused by "the patriarchal and male-dominated culture prevailing in these societies, not in Islam."

Ebadi also took the United States to task for its human-rights record.

She warned that threats to human rights also come from countries who have used the 9/11 terror attacks as pretexts for limiting freedoms.

"Regulations restricting human rights and basic freedoms ... have been justified and given legitimacy under the cloak of the war on terrorism," she said. She also criticized the world's failure to enforce U.S. resolutions calling for an end to Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The Nobel Prizes, first awarded in 1901, were created by Swedish industrialist Alfred Nobel in his will and are always presented on Dec. 10, the anniversary of his death in 1896.

# Korean nuclear talks in limbo, official says

BY SANG-HUN CHOE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEOUL, South Korea — Talks among six nations about resolving the North Korean nuclear crisis are up in the air, South Korea's Foreign minister said Wednesday, after the United States rebuffed the communist government's proposal to freeze its atomic-weapons program.

"It is still too early to determine whether North Korea will join a second round of talks within this year or not, just based on yesterday's statement," Foreign Minister Yoon Young-kwan told reporters. "We are still studying North Korea's intentions and what North Korea tried to say through last night's statement."

Yoon said he did not believe Tuesday's North Korean proposal was a direct response to a U.S.-backed plan, which was penned with Japan and South Korea, then forwarded to the Chinese on Monday for relay to the North. He said there probably hadn't been enough time for it to be delivered and for North Korea to prepare a detailed counterproposal.

Responding to "what is now afloat and what we hear," North Korea on Tuesday called the U.S. stand on Pyongyang's earlier proposal "disappointing" and offered its own apparent counterproposal.

North Korea said it would freeze its nuclear-weapons projects if the United States provides energy aid and removes the North from a list of terrorism-sponsoring countries.

Pyeongyang would then join a second round of talks envisioned to include the United States, China, Russia, Japan, and the two Koreas — the same group of countries that held a first round of talks in August in Beijing.

President Bush rejected the offer in what appeared to be further jockeying for position ahead of another round of talks.

The impoverished North has often tried to use the nuclear confrontation as a means to win economic aid and diplomatic recognition.

Participants in the six-way talks have been trying for weeks to jump-start the second round. The first ended without much progress, and participants had hoped for a new meeting in mid-December.

While Washington and its allies have sought the dismantling of North Korea's nuclear programs, Tuesday's proposal from Pyongyang offered only to "freeze" them — but added that the long-term goal is to "de-nuclearize the Korean peninsula."

"The goal of the United States is not for a freeze of the nuclear program," Bush said. "The goal is to dismantle a nuclear-weapons program in a verifiable and irreversible way."

The president spoke at a brief news conference with Premier Wen Jiabao of China, who visited Bush at the White House. The Chinese are working to revive the stalled six-way talks.

Details of the U.S.-backed proposal are unclear, but media reported that it seeks agreement on three principles: a peaceful solution to the nuclear crisis, a complete, verifiable, and irrevocable dismantling of North Korea's nuclear program, and security assurances for North Korea.

North Korea, however, proposed freezing its nuclear activities in exchange for its removal from Washington's list of terrorism-sponsoring nations. It also demanded the lifting of economic sanctions and the supply of fuel oil, and electricity.

WORLD

## Iraq orders halt to counting civilian dead

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraqi Health Ministry officials ordered a halt to a count of civilian casualties from the war and told workers not to release figures already compiled, the head of the ministry's statistics department told the Associated Press on Wednesday.

The Health minister, Dr. Khodeir Abbas, denied that he or the U.S.-led occupation authority had anything to do with the order, saying he didn't even know about the survey of deaths, which number in the thousands.

Dr. Nagham Mohsen, the head of the ministry's statistics department, said the order came from the ministry's director of planning, Dr. Nazar Shabandar, who told her it was on

behalf of Abbas. She said the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority, which oversees the ministry, didn't like the idea of the count either.

Abbas, whose secretary said he was out of the country, sent an e-mail denying the charge.

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— by Ali

**BUILDING BLOCK**

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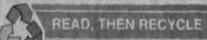
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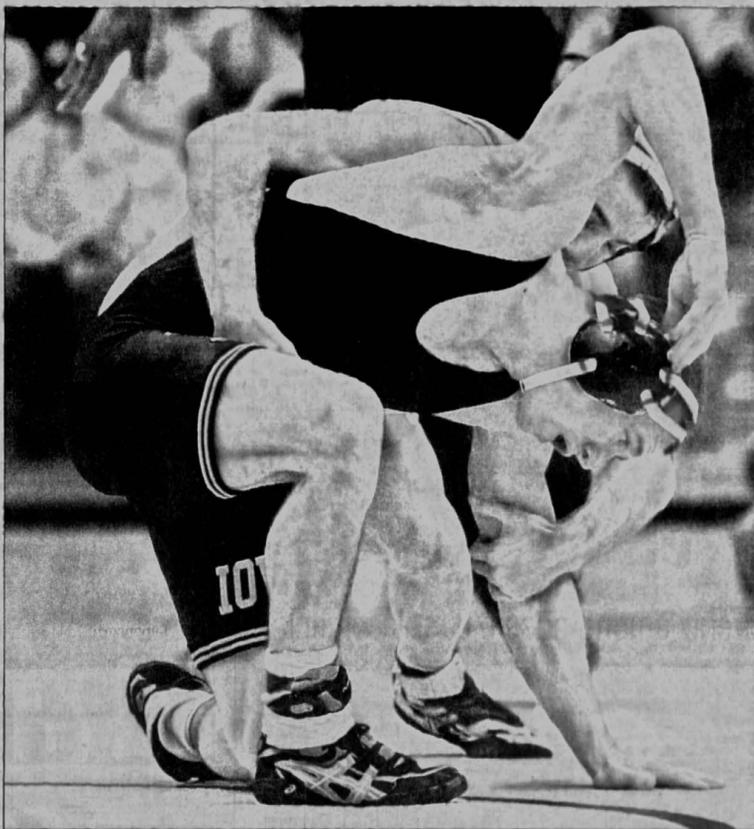
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## Senior pride



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Iowa senior Cliff Moore tries to escape during the Dec. 7 dual at Iowa State.

*It's more important  
to be able to walk  
the walk, than  
talk the talk*

BY BRIAN TRIPLETT  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The four seniors in the Iowa wrestling starting lineup share a respectable combined record of 42-3 so far this season, so what more is coach Jim Zalesky looking for out of the veterans?

"I think seniors have to be the leaders," he said two days after his team's loss to Iowa State. "They've got to do more."

The coach understands, however, that taking on a leadership role takes time. It isn't a lack of effort, but these seniors have quiet personalities.

Tyler Nixt and Luke Eustice, who both remain undefeated this season, along with fellow

seniors Cliff Moore (9-1) and Ryan Fulsaa (11-2), are used to letting their work on the mat do the talking.

"I think for the most part, none of us are real vocal," Nixt said. "I think for the most part we're doing the right thing. I think that's more our style. I think that's more important anyway to do well in matches and every day in practice."

Eustice, who claims to be the most vocal on the team, said that if he has something to say, he's not going to be afraid to say it, but the fact that his teammate Nixt is more reserved is not a bad thing.

"If he does say something, you know it's real important or it's something that's been bothering him," Eustice said.

Fulsaa — a fifth-year senior — shared Nixt's sentiments.

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IOWA LINEUP

- 125 — Luke Eustice (Sr., 7-0)
- 133 — Todd Meneely (Fr., 3-1)
- 141 — Cliff Moore (Sr., 9-1)
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- 157 — Joe Johnston (So., 11-4)
- 165 — Cole Pape (So., 6-2)
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- 184 — Paul Bradley (So., 10-2)
- 197 — Ryan Fulsaa (Sr., 11-2)
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- 149 — Jon Garvin (Sr., 10-2)
- OR Jeff Harrison (Jr., 12-3)
- 157 — Nick Biama (Fr., 15-3)
- 165 — Hesston Johnson (Sr., 4-1)
- 174 — Eric Hauan (Jr., 10-1)
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- 197 — Anthony Stumbo (So., 0-2)
- Hwt. — Michael Shedeck (So., 6-6)

\*redshirt freshman

## USC & Oklahoma: Let them play, already



DONOVAN BURBA  
Sportswriter

Remember that scene in *The Bad News Bears in Breaking Training* in which Tanner refuses to leave the Astrodome field, dodging umpires' tackles as the crowd chants "Let them play?"

Let's hope Pete Carroll does. Picture it. Jan. 4, 2004. The Superdome. Oklahoma and LSU are hyped up, ready to take the field for the Sugar Bowl, when, out of nowhere,

Carroll leads his USC Trojans, fresh off a 38-14 Rose Bowl win over Michigan, onto the field. Security looks around, unsure what to do. Bob Stoops and Nick Saban smile uncomfortably. The cameras turn to the USC coach.

Carroll smiles. "We got winner," he says in his deceptively nice-guy tone of voice.

And the crowd starts to chant.

So maybe such a dramatic showdown in New Orleans is unlikely, to say the least. Even if USC, the No. 1 team in the country, does win the Rose Bowl, the Sugar Bowl winner will still sugar about being the "true" national champion, logic be damned. These things happen when you let the nerds determine the fate of the jocks.

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## Hawks anxious to play at home

BY FRANK KLIPSCH  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The left side of Hawkeye point guard Lindsay Richards' right eye is fire-engine red. Broken blood vessels stretch up and down the eyeball, a token of a tough, 11-day, five-game road trip capped by a 76-67 victory over UNI on Dec. 8. Richards, who played a team-high 30 minutes against the Panthers, took an elbow to the cornea against Iowa State in a double-overtime defeat smack dab in the middle of the journey on Dec. 3.

For Richards and the road-weary Hawkeyes (5-2), it's good to be home.

"We're very excited to be back," said senior guard Kristi Faulkner, whose 16.4 points per game is tops on the team. "It was a long stretch, and it's good to get the home crowd and the support."

Just behind Faulkner in scoring is junior center Jamie Cavey. Even more impressive than the Mechanicsville,



Nicholas Wynia/The Daily Iowan  
Iowa junior Jamie Cavey goes up for lay-up during an exhibition with Athletes in Action earlier this season.

Iowa, native's 16.0 ppg is her 64.3 field-goal percentage. She ignited the Hawkeyes down the stretch against UNI, tallying 11 of her 15 points in the final 6:43.

After a well-deserved day off following the come-from-behind-victory against the Panthers, Cavey and her Hawkeye teammates were back on the Carver-Hawkeye parquet on Dec. 10 to prepare for their toughest opponent yet, an 11th-ranked Kansas State (5-2) program led by Big 12 Preseason Player of the Year and Kodak All-American Nicole Ohlde. The two blemishes on the Wildcat's record come courtesy of Penn State and Purdue.

"Obviously, those are two pretty good Big Ten schools," said Iowa coach Lisa Bluder, who didn't have to try very hard to sound humble about the upcoming opponent. "Kansas State is very disciplined; it runs its offenses very well, it's very strong, and it has incredible athletes."

The last time the Hawkeyes and Wildcats clashed was in last year's Big 12/Big Ten Challenge in Manhattan,

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## Oklahoma QB White is AP Player of Year

White succeeds former Iowa quarterback Brad Banks, the 2002 AP Player of the Year and Heisman Trophy runner-up

BY JOEL ANDERSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORMAN, Okla. — Jason White spent much of the night in darkness, staring at his bedroom ceiling, his swollen right knee slightly elevated.

It was Sept. 7, 2002, hours after Oklahoma's quarterback crumpled to the turf against Alabama with a torn knee ligament. He had the same injury in his other knee the year before. Unable to sleep, he feared his career was over before it really began.

Yet White did return — and produced a remarkable comeback. He beat out three quarterbacks for the starting job, put Oklahoma in the Bowl Championship Series title game, and was honored Wednesday as the Associated Press College Player of the Year.

"During my rehab, there were people saying there was no way that I was going to come back or be as good as I was," said White, the Big 12 Offensive Player of the Year.

"That really drove me and ignited me this season." He emerged as the nation's top-rated passer, leading the third-ranked Sooners (12-1) to a Sugar Bowl berth against No. 2 LSU (12-1) on Jan. 4.

White, a Heisman Trophy finalist, received 27 votes in balloting by the panel of sports-writers and broadcasters on the AP college football poll.

Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald was second with 19 votes, followed by Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning (3), Kansas State running back Darren Sproles (3), Michigan running back Chris Perry (2), USC quarterback Matt Leinart (1), and USC receiver Mike Williams (1).

The nation's top-rated passer was selected AP Player of the Year for the second-straight season; Iowa's Brad Banks won in 2002. White also becomes the second OU quarterback to win in the past four years, after Josh Heupel in 2000.

White's season-ending injuries the last two years both came without being hit. That led to questions about his durability — not to mention ability. In fact, many considered him the Sooners' lone question mark coming into the season.

"I'm sure not many people had him on their All-America lists at the beginning of the season," Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said.



Tom Gilbert/Associated Press  
Oklahoma's Jason White capped his return from two serious knee injuries by being honored Wednesday as the Associated Press Player of the Year.

But White shined from the start. Indeed, his statistics probably would have been gaudier if Stoops hadn't pulled him from some lopsided games.

Robbed of much of his speed, White excelled by staying in the pocket. He completed 64 percent of his passes for 3,744 yards, with 40 touchdowns, and eight interceptions.

"He's had one of the greatest years of any quarterback ever," offensive coordinator Chuck Long said. "It's a great story for anyone. People could learn a lot from his determination — a lot of guys would have given up and called it a career."

Once White decided not to quit, his recovery began with reconstructive surgery. He then spent up to four hours a day working out, then more hours alone at night watching game tapes on a VCR he borrowed from the football office.

"It's pretty lonely," White said.

His first big encouragement came last summer when Stoops ended a four-way competition by announcing White would start.

Now the native of Tuttle, Okla., a small town about a 30-minute drive from Norman, made the decision look brilliant.

"His emergence as a great, great football player is the story of college football," Stoops said. "The biggest difference in our team is that Jason White is the quarterback. It ought to be pretty obvious."

SPORTS

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this week

Today

• **WRESTLING** hosts Northern Iowa, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7 p.m. Tickets remain available.

Friday

• **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Kansas State, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7:05 p.m. Tickets remain available.

TELEVISION

Today

• **NBA:** Detroit Pistons at Cleveland Cavaliers, 6:30 p.m. on TNT.

• **NHL:** Detroit Red Wings at Chicago Blackhawks, 8 p.m. on ESPN.

• **CBB:** Purdue at Oklahoma, 8 p.m. on ESPN2.

• **NBA:** New Orleans Hornets at Phoenix Suns, 9 p.m. on TNT.

Friday

• **NBA:** Seattle Sonics at Detroit Pistons, 7 p.m. on ESPN.

• **NHL:** Chicago Blackhawks at Dallas Stars, 7:30 p.m. on FSN.

• **NBA:** Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Lakers, 9:30 p.m. on ESPN.

NHL

All Times CST EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	17	3	7	1	42	84
New Jersey	15	5	6	0	36	61
N.Y. Rangers	10	11	5	2	27	75
N.Y. Islanders	11	13	2	1	25	72
Pittsburgh	6	15	4	2	18	54
Northeast	W <td>L <td>OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td></td></td>	L <td>OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td></td>	OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td>	Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td>	GF <td>GA</td>	GA
Toronto	15	6	5	3	36	81
Boston	12	5	7	4	35	73
Ottawa	12	9	3	3	30	83
Montreal	13	12	3	1	30	63
Buffalo	12	14	2	1	27	85
Southeast	W <td>L <td>OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td></td></td>	L <td>OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td></td>	OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td>	Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td>	GF <td>GA</td>	GA
Atlanta	15	11	3	1	34	92
Tampa Bay	13	7	4	1	31	61
Carolina	8	11	8	1	25	55
Florida	9	14	5	1	24	61
Washington	8	18	1	1	18	70

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	17	10	3	0	37	104
St. Louis	16	8	2	1	35	70
Nashville	14	11	1	0	29	67
Columbus	8	14	4	1	21	55
Chicago	6	14	5	3	20	53
Northwest	W <td>L <td>OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td></td></td>	L <td>OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td></td>	OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td>	Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td>	GF <td>GA</td>	GA
Colorado	16	7	3	1	36	86
Vancouver	15	7	4	2	36	87
Calgary	13	9	1	3	27	64
Edmonton	11	13	3	0	25	73
Minnesota	10	13	5	0	25	57
Pacific	W <td>L <td>OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td></td></td>	L <td>OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td></td>	OT <td>Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td></td>	Pts <td>GF <td>GA</td> </td>	GF <td>GA</td>	GA
Los Angeles	14	10	1	3	32	75
San Jose	9	7	9	2	29	65
Anaheim	9	10	4	5	27	62
Phoenix	10	10	7	1	28	70
Dallas	11	15	3	0	25	60

Two points for a win, one point for a tie and overtime loss.

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 1, Columbus 1, tie  
 Montreal 2, N.Y. Rangers 1  
 Boston 1, Florida 1, tie  
 Atlanta 4, Los Angeles 3, OT  
 New Jersey 1, N.Y. Islanders 0, OT  
 Detroit 7, Buffalo 2  
 Phoenix 2, Dallas 1  
 San Jose at Anaheim, late  
**Today's Games**  
 Boston at Washington, 6 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.  
 Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Los Angeles at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
 Detroit at Chicago, 8 p.m.  
 Carolina at Calgary, 8 p.m.  
 Colorado at Vancouver, 9 p.m.  
 Edmonton at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.  
**Friday's Games**  
 St. Louis at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
 Pittsburgh at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
 Montreal at Florida, 6:30 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
 N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

NBA

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Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	12	10	.545	—
New Jersey	10	11	.476	1 1/2
Boston	10	12	.455	2
Washington	7	14	.333	4 1/2
New York	7	16	.304	5 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Indiana	17	5	.773	—
New Orleans	15	7	.682	2
Detroit	14	8	.636	3
Toronto	13	8	.619	3 1/2
Milwaukee	12	12	.500	5 1/2
Atlanta	7	16	.304	10 1/2
Chicago	5	15	.250	11 1/2
Cleveland	5	16	.238	11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	13	7	.650	—
Houston	13	7	.650	—
Denver	13	8	.619	1/2
Memphis	12	8	.600	1
Minnesota	12	9	.571	1 1/2
Utah	12	9	.571	1 1/2
San Antonio	13	10	.565	1 1/2
Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	18	3	.857	—
Sacramento	14	5	.737	3
Golden State	10	10	.500	7 1/2
Portland	10	10	.500	7 1/2
Seattle	9	10	.474	8
Phoenix	8	13	.381	10
L.A. Clippers	6	11	.353	11

Wednesday's Games

Boston 126, Seattle 112  
 Orlando 95, Washington 91  
 Memphis 103, Atlanta 90  
 Milwaukee 94, Golden State 89, OT  
 San Antonio 102, Portland 77  
 Utah 95, New York 73  
 Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.  
**Today's Games**  
 Detroit at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.  
 San Antonio at Houston, 7:30 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Phoenix, 9 p.m.  
**Friday's Games**  
 Denver at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Washington, 6 p.m.  
 Toronto at Boston, 6:30 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.  
 Memphis at Miami, 6:30 p.m.  
 New Jersey at Orlando, 7 p.m.  
 Seattle at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
 Chicago at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Utah, 8 p.m.  
 Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.  
 New Orleans at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Maryland 69, #1 Florida 68  
 #5 Kansas 60, Fort Hays State 40  
 #23 Wisconsin 73, Wisconsin-Green Bay 57  
 Women  
 #14 Oklahoma 90, Montana State 59  
 George Washington 76, #23 Boston College 75, OT

TRANSACTIONS

**By The Associated Press**  
**Atlanta Falcons**  
 CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Waived INF-OF Brian Daubach.  
 DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with 2B Fernando Vina on a two-year contract.  
 TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with 1B Brad Fullmer on a one-year contract. Named Stan Hilton pitching coach for Clinton of the Midwest League.  
**National League**  
 CINCINNATI REDS—Placed LHP John Bale on waivers.  
**Colorado Rockies**—Agreed to terms with 3B Vinny Castilla on a one-year contract.  
**Milwaukee Brewers**—Agreed to terms with Ned Yost, manager, on a two-year contract extension.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with SS Kazuo Matsui on a three-year contract.

**Philadelphia Phillies**—Agreed to terms with LHP Jim Grewell, LHP Mike Spiegl, RHP Adam Rollar, C John Castellano, C Casey Martinez, C Nick Tempesta, INF Jim Deschaine, INF J.P. Roberge, OF Mark Budzinski, OF Kevin Gibbs, OF Jim Rushton and OF Mark Smith on minor league contracts.  
**Pittsburgh Pirates**—Agreed to terms with OF Daryle Ward and RHP Juan Acevedo on minor league contracts.  
**San Diego Padres**—Agreed to terms with RHP Akinori Otsuka on a two-year contract.  
**National Basketball Association**  
**NBA**—Fined Portland coach Maurice Cheeks \$7,500 for verbally abusing officials and failing to leave the court in a timely manner after his ejection against Memphis on Dec. 7.  
**Los Angeles Clippers**—Activated F Glen Rice from the injured list. Placed C Olden Polynice on the injured list.  
**Memphis Grizzlies**—Activated G Troy Bell from the injured list. Placed G Dahntay Jones on injured list.  
**Philadelphia 76ers**—Placed G Willie Green on the injured list. Activated F Glenn Robinson on the injured list. Signed F Zandon Hamilton.  
**Phoenix Suns**—Fired Frank Johnson, coach. Named Mike Anttonen coach.  
**National Football League**  
**Atlanta Falcons**—Fired Dan Reeves, coach. Named defensive coordinator Wade Phillips coach for the remainder of the season.  
**Cleveland Browns**—Signed DL Felipe Claybrooks and DB Ron Israel from the practice squad. Signed K Brett Conway, RB Nick Maddox and FB Josh Maddox. Signed K Derrick Frost and DE Corey Jackson to the practice squad.  
**Denver Broncos**—Signed WR Alaf Harris to the practice squad.  
**Detroit Lions**—Signed LB Jody Littleton and S Julius Curry.  
**Green Bay Packers**—Signed CB James Whitley.  
**Jacksonville Jaguars**—Waived WR Matthew Hatchette. Signed LB Courtland Bullard.  
**Miami Dolphins**—Released C Ben Claxton off the practice squad. Signed WR Carl Morris to the practice squad.  
**New England Patriots**—Re-signed FB Larry Centers. Released WR J.J. Stokes. Placed LS Lonnie Paxton on injured reserve. Signed LS Sean McDermott. Signed P Travis Dorsch to the practice squad. Waived OL Jamil Soriano from the practice squad.  
**New Orleans Saints**—Placed RB James Fendersen on injured reserve. Signed C Terrence Wagner from the practice squad.  
**Oakland Raiders**—Placed DT John Parrella on injured reserve. Signed WR John Stone from the practice squad. Signed C Blaine Salpeta to the practice squad.  
**Pittsburgh Steelers**—Placed RB Vernon Hayes on injured reserve. Signed RB Dee Brown.  
**San Francisco 49ers**—Signed FB Jason Isom from the practice squad. Signed WR Bosley Allen and WR Jermaine Lewis to the practice squad. Placed WR Arnez Battle and WR Arland Bruce on injured reserve.  
**Washington Redskins**—Re-signed DL Daryl Terrell. Signed LB Clifton Smith from the practice squad. Signed CB Brandon Doman and DE Greg White to the practice squad.  
**National Hockey League**  
**Columbus Blue Jackets**—Recalled D Jamie Pushor from Syracuse of the AHL. Loaned C Dan Pritsche to the U.S. national junior hockey team.  
**Detroit Red Wings**—Recalled G Curtis Joseph from Grand Rapids of the AHL.  
**Minnesota Wild**—Loaned RW Brent Burns to the Canadian national junior hockey team.

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SPORTS

Promoter settles as jury debates damages

NEW YORK (AP) — Promoter Don King agreed to pay former champion Terry Norris \$7.5 million on Wednesday, just as a jury was debating damages on the boxer's claim that King stole money from him, Norris' attorney said.  
 King agreed to pay \$3 million by next week and the remainder within 15 months, said attorney Judd Burstein.  
 "I think this is the beginning of the end for Don King," Burstein said. "A lot of people now realize he can be held accountable for what he's done."  
 Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is also suing King in New York, claiming King stole more than \$100 million while promoting his fights after his release from prison in 1995. That case has yet to go to trial.  
 "If anything, from what I've heard, the Mike Tyson case is even more overwhelming," Burstein said.  
 King, who is promoting an eight-fight card Saturday night in Atlantic City, N.J., could not immediately be reached for comment.  
 Burstein said Norris, who has brain damage from punches, had no money left from a career in which he made millions in purses. Norris was the 154-pound champion in the 1990s, beating Sugar Ray Leonard in 1991 in his biggest fight. He lost his last three fights and finished 47-9 with 31 knockouts.

Redskins' Smith reluctant to retire

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Even though he now owns the NFL career sack record, Bruce Smith just can't bring himself to say absolutely, positively that he's retiring.  
 The Washington Redskins' defensive end hemmed and hawed on the matter Wednesday, acknowledging again that this "more than likely" will be his final season.  
 "Those are my intentions," Smith said. "Unless there's some unusual circumstance that comes into play, more than likely these will be the final three games of my career."  
 Smith essentially conceded back in training camp that this would be his final season. Of course, it was assumed at the time he would have no trouble getting the 3 1/2 sacks he needed to pass Reggie White for No. 1 on the official list.  
 Instead, it took 13 games for Smith to get career sack No. 199, forcing him to keep the door slightly ajar for his return in case the record didn't happen. He passed White's 198 when he sacked New York Giants quarterback Jesse Palmer on Sunday.  
 In various interviews this week, Smith has sometimes seemed to shut the door firmly, only to reopen it again. When asked Wednesday about what circumstances he would play again, Smith would only say: "I never go into a situation saying I'll never do something."  
 For their part, the Redskins aren't expecting Smith back. They have little need for a 40-year-old pass-rushing specialist who complains about playing time. A ceremony commemorating Smith's record is scheduled for the season finale against Philadelphia.

Reeves fired by Falcons

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz among possible replacements

BY PAUL NEWBERRY  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

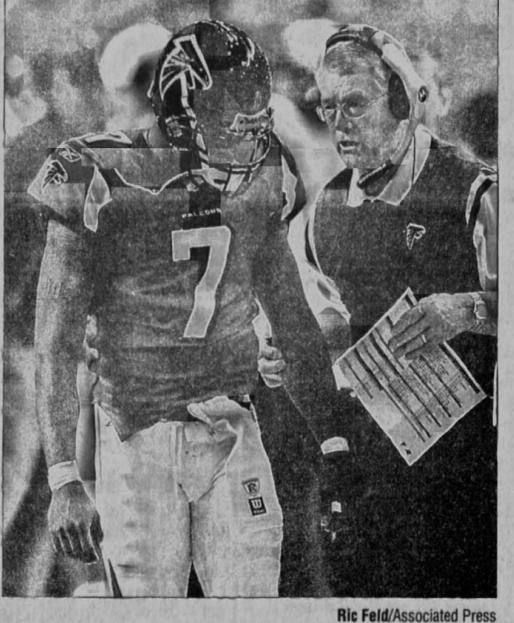
FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — Dan Reeves was fired abruptly by the Atlanta Falcons on Wednesday with three games left in a disappointing season marred by star Michael Vick's injury.

Defensive coordinator Wade Phillips will take over as head coach for the rest of the season.

Falcons owner Arthur Blank told Reeves — the sixth-winningest coach in NFL history — that he would be fired at the end of the season but wanted him to coach the rest of the way. Reeves asked to be let go immediately.  
 "When Arthur told me he had made the decision about the end of the year, I knew it had to come to a fullness today," Reeves said. "I'm an eternal optimist, so yeah, it was a surprise. But I'm also realistic enough about coaching to understand this is how it is in the NFL."  
 Reeves, 59, is in his 23rd consecutive season as an NFL head coach, by far the longest tenure in the league, and he had one year left on his contract. Reeves led the Denver Broncos to three Super Bowls, losing each time.

The Falcons fell from the playoffs a year ago to one of the worst teams in the league after Vick was hurt in the pre-season. Reeves was let go after the Falcons (3-10) defeated Carolina, 20-14, in overtime in Vick's first start of the season.

As Blank answered questions from reporters in one of the team's meeting rooms Wednesday, Reeves stood outside in the hall and exchanged handshakes and hugs with some of the players, including Vick. Afterward, Vick and the others walked to the locker room to prepare for practice.  
 "Dan is a sweet guy, very sweet," Vick said. "He's a guy who really cares about his players. I think he went the extra mile for us, and a lot of guys are going to miss him."  
 Blank said he doesn't expect to hire a new coach until after the regular season. Phillips, a former head coach in Denver and Buffalo, isn't thought to be a leading candidate.  
 "I want to be clear that this decision is not being made based on our performance this season — we're looking forward, not back," Blank said. "This is purely about the future of the organization."  
 Among the possible candidates: ex-Minnesota coach Dennis Green and college coaches Bob Stoops of Oklahoma, Nick Saban of LSU, and Kirk Ferentz of Iowa. Green's former agent is Ray Anderson, the Falcons' executive vice president.  
 "We want to begin the process of searching for a new head coach in a thorough and honest manner," Blank said. "In order to do so, and as Dan and I previously discussed, I wanted to let him know of our decision first."  
 Reeves began the season with his 199th career victory, a 27-13 win at Dallas. Atlanta then lost seven in a row before Reeves finally got his 200th win at New York against the Giants on Nov. 9.  
 Vick broke his right leg in the pre-season, exposing the Falcons as a one-man team. Initially expected to be out six to 10 weeks, the third-year quarterback's rehabilitation dragged on for 3 1/2 months.  
 At one point, there appeared to be a rift between player and coach. Reeves said Vick needed to get back on the field; Vick responded that he wouldn't play until he fully recovered.



Ric Feld/Associated Press  
 The Falcons fired Dan Reeves on Wednesday, dismissing the sixth-winningest coach in NFL history with three games left this season.

NBA

Suns fire Johnson after 8-13 start

PHOENIX (AP) — Frank Johnson was fired as coach of the Phoenix Suns on Wednesday after an 8-13 start this season.  
 The Suns promoted assistant Mike D'Antoni, who was coach of the Denver Nuggets in the lockout-shortened 1998-99 season and had a 14-36 record. He joined the Suns as an assistant last season after coaching Bennetton Treviso to the Italian championship.

"Generally, we were not content with where we were," said Bryan Colangelo, the Suns' president of basketball operations. "We weren't necessarily content with the direction we were getting."  
 Johnson replaced Scott Skiles as the Suns' coach late in the 2001-02 season, going 11-20.  
 Last season, Johnson guided the team to a 44-38 record and a surprising playoff berth. The Suns lost to the eventual NBA champion San Antonio Spurs in the first round.

Phoenix just returned from a road trip on which it went 1-3, including a loss against the Orlando Magic — a team that had dropped its previous 19 games.  
 Overall, the Suns have lost six of their last seven games, despite a roster that includes point guard Stephon Marbury, and forwards Amare Stoudemire and Shawn Marion.  
 Stoudemire, last season's NBA Rookie of the Year, is expected to miss the next month with a sprained left ankle.

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BY EDDIE PER...  
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida failed to claim as the best team in the country, Travis Garrison a jumper for the points in overtime Wednesday night to lift Maryland to a 68-66 victory over the Gators and give coach Williams his 300th with the Terrapins.

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NBA

Bulls' Pippen thi about retirement

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Scottie Pippen is contemplating retirement because of recurring knee problems that have already kept him out of seven games.  
 Pippen is expected to miss his ninth game — and fourth in a row — Chicago Bulls travel to Milwaukee Friday. He also missed a being poked in the eye.  
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SPORTS

COLLEGE HOOPS

# Terps take down No. 1

BY EDDIE PELLIS  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida failed to make its claim as the best team on its home floor, let alone the whole country. Travis Garrison made a jumper for the winning points in overtime Wednesday night to lift Maryland to a 69-68 victory over the top-ranked Gators and give coach Gary Williams his 300th victory with the Terrapins.

The Gators, who moved to No. 1 in the AP poll this week, fell to 5-1 and all but guaranteed there will be a new top-ranked team for the fourth straight week on Monday.

It won't, however, be Maryland (5-2), which came in unranked — a standing that showed just how unscientific the polls are.

Bigger, stronger, and shooting better through the first 25 minutes, the Terrapins got big plays from John Gilchrist (18 points), Jamar Smith (12 points, nine rebounds), and Nik Caner-Medley (22 points, 13 rebounds) to build a 17-point lead.

But they went on an amazing cold streak, failing to score a field goal over the final nine minutes of regulation. In fact, their only two baskets over the final 16 minutes came on breakaway dunks after steals — and Florida tied it at 60 to send the game to overtime.

Anthony Roberson (20 points) hit a 3-pointer, and Matt Walsh took an outlet pass from Roberson to help the Gators take a 68-64 lead in overtime, but the Terps didn't give up.

Caner-Medley hit a shot standing on the 3-point line to cut the deficit to two, D.J. Strawberry made a free throw, then, after yet another stop in a rugged, defensive game, the Terps worked the ball to Garrison, who spotted up and hit the game-winner.

Maryland sealed the win by blocking Adrian Moss's shot with 1.1 seconds left.

It was the Terps' ninth victory over a top-ranked program in school history, leaving them one behind UCLA for the all-time lead.

Florida, meanwhile, fell to 0-2 in games after moving to No. 1. The Gators fell, 70-55 to Kentucky last February after moving to the top of the poll for the first time in school history.

Many felt Florida was flat in that game. That wasn't the case this time.

Maryland simply outplayed the Gators over the first half, and when Ekene Ibekwe hit a 3-pointer with 16 minutes left in the second half, the Terrapins led, 49-32.

Florida played great defense to get back in it but blew a couple chances to take the lead late. Moss and David Lee each missed two free throws in the final two minutes with the Gators trailing by one.

That was just part of the general ugliness of this one. Suffering with an injured leg, Lee went 1-for-12 from the field and finished with nine points. Walsh shot 4-for-13. The Gators made only 31 percent of their shots after shooting better than 50 percent the first five games.

Maryland, meanwhile, snapped a two-game losing streak and helped Williams get No. 300 in the most unlikely of venues. The Terps were supposed to be too young to seriously contend this season, although Gilchrist, Garrison, and Caner-Medley — all sophomores — might be proving that theory wrong.

**No. 23 Wisconsin 73, Wis.-Green Bay 57**

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Devin Harris scored 18 points, and Freddie Owens added 16 Wednesday night, leading No. 23 Wisconsin to a victory over Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Mike Wilkinson added 12 points for Wisconsin (5-1), which ended the game on a 15-5 run to win its 17th straight at home and improve to 10-0 all-time against the Phoenix (2-4).

Brandon Morris scored 11 points to lead Green Bay, which shot 55 percent but committed 17 turnovers.

After missing 12 of its first 20 free throw tries, Wisconsin went 6-of-7 down the stretch to seal the victory.

Green Bay, which trailed 40-25 at halftime, pulled within 58-52 on Mike King's basket with 6:46 left. But Harris made two free throws, and Zach Morley scored underneath to restore Wisconsin's double-digit lead. Green Bay never got closer than eight points the rest of the way.

Harris, who leads the Badgers in scoring and assists, sat out the last 11:55 of the first half after picking up his second foul.

Wisconsin led 17-10 when Harris left the game, and that lead never dipped below six the rest of the half as the Badgers found other ways to score.



Gary W. Green/Associated Press  
Maryland's D.J. Strawberry slams a one-handed dunk during the second half of its 69-68 overtime win over No. 1 Florida on Wednesday.

Leading the way was Owens, who scored 12 points on 4-of-7 shooting to help Wisconsin take the 15-point lead at halftime.

**No. 5 Kansas 80, Fort Hays St. 40**

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Freshman David Padgett scored seven points in a 17-2 run to start the second half, and No. 5 Kansas cruised past Division II Fort Hays State on Wednesday night.

The Jayhawks (4-1), coming off a 64-58 loss to Stanford that dropped them out of the No. 1 ranking after just one week, could have beaten the Tigers (4-1) much worse. But coach Bill Self liberally substituted throughout most of the game.

Nevertheless, the Tigers shot only 32 percent and were out-rebounded, 58-25. They also committed 18 turnovers and had 10 shots blocked.

A mixture of starters and bench players for Kansas did not score over the final 5:13 of the first half

but still led 34-19.

Then the 6-11 Padgett, whom none of the smaller Tigers could match up with, hit two quick buckets at the beginning of the second half, and J.R. Giddens, another freshman, canned a long 3-pointer and the rout was on.

Padgett finished with 19 points and eight rebounds, while Giddens and Keith Langford each had double-doubles with 12 points and 10 rebounds.

Fort Hays State (4-1) missed its first nine shots and trailed 12-0 before Dontaz Dean finally hit a short jumper. In the first five minutes, the Tigers had four turnovers and four blocked shots and went 0-for-7 from the field.

No Kansas starter was on the court the last five minutes of the game.

At one point in the first half, the Jayhawks were 16-for-26 from the field but then missed their last 12 shots.

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**Bulls' Pippen thinking about retirement**

DEERFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Scottie Pippen is contemplating retirement because of recurring knee problems that have already kept him out of seven games.



Pippen

Pippen is expected to miss his ninth game — and fourth in a row — when the Chicago Bulls travel to Milwaukee on Friday. He also missed a game after being poked in the eye.

"I question myself whether or not I

can play another year. Or this year," Pippen said Wednesday after the Bulls practiced. "I just have to wait and see."

The 38-year-old Pippen missed 17 games last season after having surgery on his left knee. He returned for Portland's final two regular-season games and played 32 minutes in the playoff series opener. But he missed the rest of the postseason after pain and swelling returned.

The Bulls have been cautious with Pippen's left knee, watching his minutes and his practice time. But the knee swelled after the first three games of the season, and he had to have it drained. He then missed four games.

The knee swelled again after the Dec. 1 game against Milwaukee. He has missed Chicago's last three

games, and had the knee drained again Monday.

"I'm not going to say it's ominous, but it certainly isn't a positive sign when the fluid keeps returning," Bulls trainer Fred Tedeschi said.

"We're really not making the kind of progress we'd like to think we'd be making by now," Tedeschi said. "We still have a problem with swelling, and we're investigating where we go from here."

Asked if that meant more surgery, Tedeschi said the Bulls are exploring several options. And while no one said it specifically, retirement appears to be a possibility.

"Whatever determination they come to is fine," Bulls coach Scott Skiles

said. "I'd love to have him, but I've been an older player myself and understand there's nothing worse than being hurt all the time. It just gets to the point where, mentally, it's such a drag."

A cornerstone of Chicago's championship run, Pippen was voted one of the 50 greatest players in NBA history in 1996. He's a seven-time All-Star in 16 seasons, and is one of the best defensive players ever.

When he signed a two-year, \$10 million deal with the Bulls last summer, it wasn't out of nostalgia. He and general manager John Paxson hoped the forward could play at least 60 games and give the young Bulls some desperately needed veteran leadership, and experience.

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**O'Leary gets another shot**

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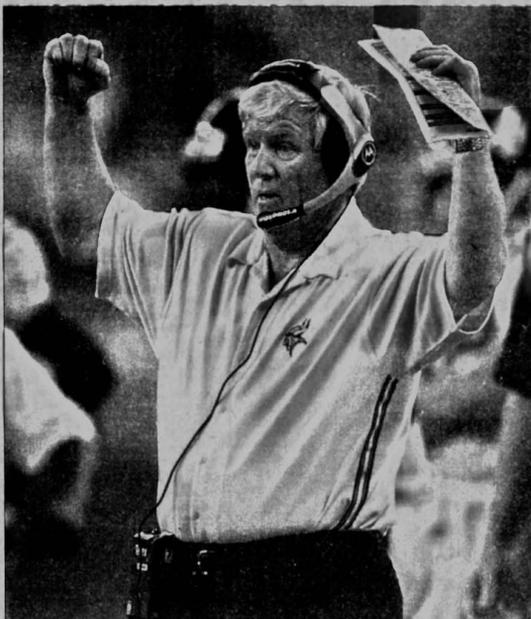
He is still better known for where he should have been than where he wound up. Even the man who gave George O'Leary another chance acknowledged that.

"He might have been at Notre Dame and had a winning record there by now," Central Florida President John Hitt said, introducing his school's new football coach. "He might have been beyond our reach. But I don't want to say I am pleased we got him because of those circumstances. We are fortunate to get George O'Leary because of the job he can do for us."

At age 57, O'Leary is about to start a long climb back up a very steep hill. Still, he can be excused for harboring grand dreams. Two years ago, he was introduced as the next coach of the most storied program in college football. A few days after that, after it came out that O'Leary falsified his résumé, he was forced to resign and went into hiding.

An old friend, Mike Tice, who played quarterback for O'Leary at a Long Island, N.Y., high school decades earlier, talked his old coach into making the first few steps back. Soon after Tice became coach of the NFL's Minnesota Vikings, he brought his old coach on board to run the defense. Though the Vikings quickly climbed up the league's defensive ladder as was good a recommendation as O'Leary could have asked for, Tice didn't stop there.

"Hopefully, some owner or some college out there will forgive him and give him a job," Tice told anybody who would listen, "because he's certainly overqualified for the



Paul Sancya/Associated Press

Forced to resign at Notre Dame two years ago because he falsified his resume, Minnesota Vikings defensive coordinator George O'Leary is returning to college coaching at Central Florida.

job that I have him doing."

O'Leary is overqualified for the job at Central Florida, too, considering that he already proved himself at a bigger school — Georgia Tech, where he compiled a 52-33 record — in a tougher conference — the Atlantic Coast, where he was named coach of the year twice.

But in another sense, O'Leary is a perfect fit: Central Florida has one season left to play in the Mid-American Conference before switching to

Conference USA in 2005; who, after all, is better qualified to run a program with ambitions of breaking into the big time than a coach who knows only too well how dangerous ambition can be?

"This is my job right now," O'Leary said moments after being introduced. "There are 24 hours in a day, and I guess I'll be using most of them."

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**HEISMAN TROPHY**

**And then there were four: White, Manning, Fitzgerald, and Perry**

NEW YORK (AP) — Oklahoma quarterback Jason White was picked Wednesday as one of four finalists for the Heisman Trophy award.

White was joined by Pittsburgh receiver Larry Fitzgerald, Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning, and Michigan running back Chris Perry.

White, voted as the Associated Press' top player earlier Wednesday, is the favorite along with Fitzgerald. The winner will be announced Saturday night at the Yale Club in New York.

Southern California quarterback Carson Palmer won the award last year.

Manning was the only one of the finalists who was prominently mentioned as a leading candidate before the season started.

White was coming off a pair of season-ending knee injuries, Fitzgerald was only a sophomore, and Perry had never had a breakout season.

White had one of the best seasons ever for a college quarterback, guiding the Sooners to a 12-1 record and keeping them at the top of the polls until the final week of the season.

He threw at least two touchdown passes every game until struggling in the Big 12 championship on Dec. 6 against Kansas State. He went 27-for-50 for 298 yards, no touchdowns, and two interceptions in a 35-7 loss to the Wildcats.

White completed 265 of 414 passes for 3,744 yards, with 40 touchdowns and just eight interceptions, leading the nation in passing efficiency.

"He's had one of the greatest years of any quarterback ever," Oklahoma offensive coordinator Chuck Long said. "It's a great story for anyone.



White  
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Manning  
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Michigan

"He virtually carried that offense single-handedly," Miami coach Larry Coker said. "He's as good as it gets."

Manning won the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award as the nation's top senior quarterback. He has thrown for 3,341 yards and 27 touchdowns this season for No. 16 Mississippi.

Manning led the Southeastern Conference in yards passing per game, completions, TD passes, and average total offense. He holds 45 school records, 27 of which were once held by his father, Archie.

Manning's hopes to win the Heisman Trophy that his father and brother, Peyton, fell short of were hurt by a poor performance last month against LSU with the SEC West title on the line.

He went 16-for-36 for 200 yards with a touchdown and an interception in a 17-14 loss to the Tigers on Nov. 22.

While some of the Heisman finalists struggled in their biggest games, Perry did his best against the biggest opponents. He was fourth in the nation with 1,589 yards rushing, caught 42 passes, and scored 19 touchdowns.

Perry capped a spectacular season with a 204-yard, two-TD game in a 35-21 victory against Ohio State that sent Michigan to the Rose Bowl.

Perry also ran for 219 yards and a touchdown on 51 attempts against Michigan State, caught 11 passes for 122 yards and a TD, had 85 yards rushing and another score in a comeback win against Minnesota that saved the Wolverines' season, and scored four touchdowns against Notre Dame.

There were 922 ballots sent out for the award, 870 to the media, 51 to former winners one for a special fan vote.

People could learn a lot from his determination."

The third-ranked Sooners still made it to the BCS title game at the Nokia Sugar Bowl despite the loss. They will play No. 2 LSU on Jan. 4 for the championship of the coaches' poll.

No. 1 USC plays No. 4 Michigan in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 1 with a chance to win the AP title.

Fitzgerald had 87 catches for 1,595 yards and 22 touchdowns, but his team finished 8-4. He caught at least one touchdown pass in all 12 games — tying Randy Moss' single-season NCAA record — and in a record 18-consecutive games dating to last season.

He set seven Big East records while leading the nation in receiving yards per game (132.9), total receiving yards, receiving touchdowns, and total touchdowns.

**Iowa looks to avenge loss**

**BASKETBALL**

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Kan., when Kansas State gave the Black and Gold a thorough thumping — the 103-60 final was the eighth-worst defeat in Iowa history. The Wildcats return all five starters from last year's NCAA Tournament team, including All-Americans Ohlde and junior Kendra Wecker, as well as junior Megan Mahoney, a member of the 2003 Big 12 first-team.



Bluder

It's an opportunity for us to bring our 'A' game. If we do, it's a great opportunity to get a win against a top team.

— Lisa Bluder, Iowa women's coach

be a great ball game. If we only do half of those things, it's not going to be a good game."

Iowa's preparation for the Wildcats will be made slightly easier because both teams run the triangle offense. Kansas State and guard Laurie Koehn's (15.4 ppg) ability to shoot the 3 will keep the Hawkeye defense dynamic, moving from person to person, and zone.

"It's an opportunity for us to bring our 'A' game," Bluder said. "If we do, it's a great opportunity to get a win against a top team."

The health of the Hawkeye squad, especially after a mentally and physically demanding road trip, will play a big part in determining the grade of the Iowa game. Leading rebounder Johanna Solverson (6.3 rpg) is favoring her ankle right now, Bluder said. The sophomore from Lake Zurich is shooting mountains and valleys thus far, leading the team with a sizzling 87.5 percent mark from the free-throw line while sitting as the lowest on the team in field-goal percentage at 32.7 percent.

In addition to Solverson's ankle and Richards' eye, freshman Deb Remmerde is still questionable for Friday. Remmerde, the all-time leading scoring in Iowa high-school history, has been sidelined with a stress fracture in her left foot since early November.

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**Another big streak**

**WRESTLING**

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"It's more important to be able to walk the walk, than talk the talk," he said.

The Hawkeyes (4-1) have the chance to go out on a good note before a two-week break from competition when they take on Northern Iowa (1-1) at Carver-Hawkeye Arena today at 7 p.m.

Almost as dominating as Iowa's streak of 30-straight victories over Iowa State, which was broken on Dec. 7, the Hawkeyes have defeated the Panthers in the last 27 meetings.

"UNI is no slouch of a team," said Eustice, who along with the other seniors will face an in-state opponent for the final time in his career. "We're going to have to get up for this meet more so than we did Iowa State."

Zalesky, who is still searching for his 100th career coaching victory, hopes to see more emotion and aggressiveness out of his team; he said he's seen better intensity than what he's seen the last few weeks.

"He stressed that right after a loss there's a difference between going through practice and getting something out of it," Eustice said. "I think the intensity has picked up in the wrestling room the last couple days."

While Zalesky wants his wrestlers to move on from the recent loss to the Cyclones, he doesn't want them to completely block it out of their minds so they can use it as fuel to ignite them as the season progresses.

"The best competitors remember the losses," he said.

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**Where the money goes, college football follows**

**BURBA**

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But this year's BCS mess gives coaches and players the opportunity to take a stand. Usually, when college programs think outside the system, it involves free cars, academic "help," and happy endings. But LSU, Oklahoma, USC, and Michigan have the rare opportunity to stage a legitimate, important coup, one that could change the face of football for the better.

After Sunday's bowl selections, the BCS is polling about as well as Carol Moseley Braun. The system was designed to choose an outright champion every year, which, to be fair, is impossible to do with any consistency. The odds of having only two legitimate contenders every year are slim, and every time there are more than two, the BCS is going to get bitten. This year's bite may turn out to be fatal.

The time is right to experiment with a playoff. The four aforementioned teams are clearly the best in the country, making the Rose and Sugar Bowls perfect de facto semifinal games. At least the BCS got that much right. Now it's up to the individual teams. Stoops, Saban, Carroll, and Michigan coach Lloyd Carr are all competitive men, but more importantly, they all care about college football. Not just their teams and players, but college football.

In other words, they're four guys who might be willing to play another game, if it meant crowning an undisputed national champ. Sure,

USC, LSU, and Oklahoma all risk losing a piece of a shared title, but all would earn far more respect if they put that honor on the line for football's sake.

Logistically, a true title game wouldn't be too difficult to pull off. I'm guessing there's a network out there that might pony up a few bucks to televise the game, advertisers would smell a bonanza, and a sell-out is a safe bet, regardless of where it's played. If there's one thing you can count on, it's that where money goes, college football follows. Maybe the BCS and NCAA would protest this year; once they saw the ledgers, they'd be on the bandwagon by March.

College football fans shouldn't have to sit through another year of "we're exploring all options" talk from BCS officials. Now is the time to change. Public opinion in favor of a playoff is at an all-time high, and four teams wait in the wings to make it so. Those four teams have the chance to make history, on their own, without waiting for the suits to give them the OK. Lasting change comes from the bottom up, not the top down. Sadly, coaches and players have been moved to the bottom, but from there they can still make a difference.

Someday, perhaps, college football fans will talk about Stoops, Carr, Carroll, and Saban in the same hushed tones we now reserve for Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Franklin.

Won't happen? Hey, the Bad News Bears got to complete their game. There's no reason USC shouldn't get to finish what it started, too.

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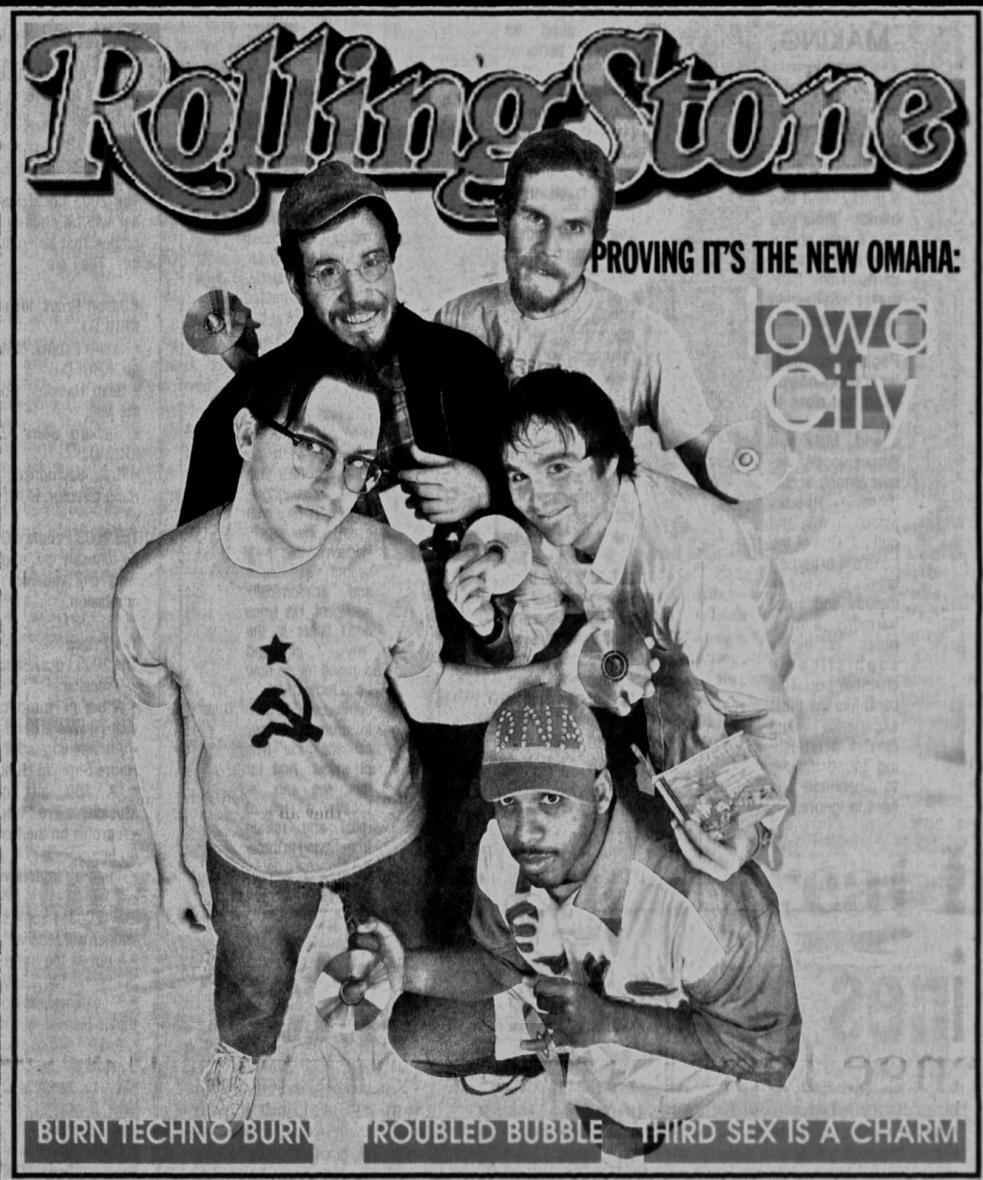
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## All music is local

BY DREW BIXBY  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The principle of karma works like this: Your actions determine your destiny. If you believe in the afterlife, or another life for that matter, you believe that doing good works in this life will garner you a positive existence in the next. Whether I began the *DI*/KRUI Local Band Contest two years ago so that I'd be happy when I'm 50 or to prevent myself from being a slab of granite in the next, I can't say. The only thing on my mind at the time was, this town has a thriving music scene that needs to be celebrated.

In the past three years, more than 100 bands and musicians entered the now annual contest; more than 1,000 people will have attended after this year. Everything from hardcore to hip-hop to experimental to garage rock to grrrl rock to singer/songwriter folk-rock has poured from the PA speakers and into the ears of listeners, who have spanned all ages. Rewarding prizes (what band doesn't need \$500-700 in cash and free press?) helped (and will continue to help) aspiring musicians move from the basement to the stage to the studio and so on. This contest is truly something to embrace.

It took more than one person to make the contest happen two years ago, as it does now. So many good people over at KRUI pitched in their talent, ideas, and hard work over the years. The initial judges — Doug Roberson, Blake Rowley, Kirk Walthers, Corey Ingles, and Richard Shirk — believed in the idea before they even knew whether it would work. All of these passionate people spent countless hours hashing out problems on the phone, e-mailing, meeting at odd times in the IMU, and discussing ideas over lunch.

Last year, John Svcc (of Minstrel Studios) reduced the price of studio time for the Slats, the contest winners. This year both Guitar Foundation and Musician's Pro Shop graciously donated gift certificates, and a group of almost entirely new judges donated many hours to the ongoing selection process.

LOCAL BAND CONTEST

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Front row: Dominic of Making Hev! D.N.A. and Jon of Strange Attractor. Back row: Chris of Martian Water and Mike of Brian Jones

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- Doors open at 8 p.m.; first band plays at 9 p.m.
- Cover is \$4; \$1 from every admission goes to create a Local Music Center at Public Space One.
- Order of the bands will be randomly picked an hour before the show begins.
- Each band/musician will have 30 minutes to perform.
- The winner will be announced around 1 a.m.

**Judging**

The 2003 Local Band Contest winner will be chosen by the panel of judges that selected them as finalists. They are:

- Jason Brizzi, local booking agent, KRUI DJ.
- Natalia Espina, KRUI training director, KRUI DJ.
- Sean Haskins, booking agent for the Mill.
- Richard Shirk, *DI* music critic, KRUI DJ.
- Brett Szymoniak, Bijou programming director, KRUI DJ.

The 2003 People's Choice Award will be chosen by audience members who will receive one ballot with admission.

**The Prizes**

- The 2003 Local Band Contest winner will receive:
- A big ol' lump of cash (in past years it was around \$600).
  - An opening spot for the 10,000 Hours Show in Hubbard Park.
  - A \$50 gift certificate from Musician's Pro Shop
  - A profile on the front of the Dec. 18 80 hours.
  - An on-air interview on KRUI.

The 2003 People's Choice Award winner will receive:

- A not-as-big lump of cash (usually between \$100-\$200).
- A headline position at the Exodus music festival next spring.
- A \$30 gift certificate from Guitar Foundation
- A mention in the Dec. 18 80 hours.

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**Fore**  
BY WILLIAM SMIT  
THE DAILY IOWAN  
Some authors transcend medium of the written and become permanent of pop culture. No author is more recognized than Stephen King. For or ill, the movies based work have introduced a TV generation that never bothered to pick of his books.  
It's a shame that King's personal *Lord of the* inspired series, *The Dark* is acknowledged as the read of all his work. King is most creative and in these books, and someKite *The Dark Tower* series one of their favorites.  
With the recent release *The Dark Tower 5: The Calla*, King has returned to the dark fantasy world he first conceived of in college days. The result is briskly calm and slow-moving that will satisfy *Tower* fans and keep them waiting for more.  
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**BRIAN JONES**

The band, from Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, combines a sound that is equal parts melody and mathematical hardcore. After forming as a high-school cover band in 1999, these guys quickly found a sound that would be just hard enough for boys to rumble to and just sincere enough to inspire girls to inscribe diary crushes of sensitivity. Brian Jones is clearly a band that has evolved from its first full length, *After This Because of This*, to the recently recorded *Swear Words* (tentatively titled), produced by Matt Talbot, formerly of the rock band Hum. Expect spacy guitar work layered with droning bass and drums but at a sonic frequency to make you invest in a hearing aid.

— All homework done by Dan Maloney

**D.N.A**

The only hip-hop presence of nominees comes from Cedar Rapids-bred D.N.A., a.k.a. Rowland Gibson. Gibson is a one-man show — producing the rhymes as well as the beats. Raised on such early hip-hop as Run DMC and LL Cool J, Gibson was a former break dancer who decided to venture into the world of hip-hop. Unlike rap artists who resort to using lyrics that flaunt fame and financial security, Gibson's rhymes reflect a sensible flair of issues that integrate family and spirituality. Hot off the success of his self-released CD *dmo#3-The Whole Package*, DNA has shared the stage with such hip-hop acts as Jurassic 5 and Gibson's heroes, Run DMC. D.N.A.'s appearance at the contest will bring an eclectic flavor but also the street knowledge of an artist who is confident and charismatic. D.N.A. will surely pulsate an audience that is willing to get down.

**MAKING HEY!**

The Iowa City group is the veteran of the bands competing. This is a quirky band that blends indie-pop music with seemingly musical standards. Think Belle and Sebastian scoring *West Side Story* or the Pogues serenading a pub, and you might get close to pinpointing the sound. Male and female vocals saw-saw among accordions, Rhodes piano, drums, and guitars. One of the band's brooding talents is its use of melody and vocal harmony that at times is highly sophisticated chamber pop. This band has the most experience and creates a refreshing sound difficult to pigeonhole and hard to ignore.

**MARTIAN WATER**

This is the youngest band among the group of performers. Founded around the fall of 2002, the group plays jangly treble indie pop that is entrancing and at times taken to a jam-band aesthetic. Think Modest Mouse jamming on epic, coma-inducing, six-minute song structures. Interestingly, the members of the band are all multi-instrumentalists, switching from drums, bass, and guitar from song to song. Despite being mere infants on the local scene, the members seem to click well together, as if they have been playing for years. If there ever were a band that made you feel like someone slipped you some LSD, this would be it. Luckily, it wouldn't be a terrible trip.

**STRANGE ATTRACTOR**

This is the solo project of Jonathan Hansen, a member of the Slats and Psychosomatic, both former DI/KRUI Local Band Contest winners. Hansen is no stranger to the Iowa City music scene, but with *Strange Attractor*, he invites listeners into the stylings of his bedroom-pop experiments. Mostly fixed within the confines of an acoustic guitar and vocal melody, *Strange Attractor* sounds like the Mountain Goats with more pop sensibility and an easier-to-swallow vocal style. Whereas it may seem as if any aspiring poet with an acoustic guitar has leapt into the singer-songwriter field with eyes wide open, Hansen's solo path seems self-aware and academically intelligent. His lyrics don't linger in the "my girlfriend dumped me so now I can recite my diary entries over the gentle strumming of my acoustic guitar" type of music. And for this, we can all breathe a sigh of relief and refrain from having to throw the *Attractor* a hanky for loose tears.

**Local music shines in annual contest**

**LOCAL BAND CONTEST**

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The James Gang is a pivotal player in this year's contest for a number of reasons. First, 25 percent of the profit made from the door will go to create a Local Music Center at Public Space One (one of the James Gang's many ventures). When finished, the music center will serve as an invaluable resource for the local community to listen to and purchase music from all cooperating local musicians and bands. The 10,000 Hours Show, another James Gang endeavor, agreed to give the winner of this year's contest an opening spot

for the "big-name" music act that will be announced by Feb. 1. For those not familiar, the 10,000 Hours Show is hosting a show at Hubbard Park show and only providing tickets to people willing to do local volunteer work. Finally, the People's Choice Award winner (which is the band or musician chosen as the winner by the audience as opposed to the judges) will be offered a headlining spot for the James Gang's fourth Exodus music festival, to be held next spring.

In addition to the small group of kindhearted and passionate people who put the contest on, all of the talented bands and musicians need to be commended, too. Without their submissions and cooperation, the con-

test would have fizzled out — or never happened at all. But for me, the music fans and music-scene-supporters deserve the most thanks. You people. Those of you who read 80 hours and listen to KRUI, who spot a flier on a downtown kiosk and actually show up, who come to support local music and have a good time without ever having heard of the bands/musicians competing.

Because Ben High (KRUI music director) and I will no longer be working for our

respective media outlets next year, it's going to take more community support to make sure this contest sees a fourth year. We've talked about it, and we'd both be heartbroken if the contest dies with our departure. This contest obviously means something to the musicians and music enthusiasts in this city. And the weight now falls on the shoulders of the passionate and dedicated students and community members to make sure that meaning is not lost in future years.

You can help in simple ways. Support local music year-round. Donate your time, talent, and connections to next year's contest. Attend the show this year and next, and prove to the musicians and the rest of this community that you care about the music.

Thanks for everything. See you on Friday at the show.

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# Forever chasing the dark side

BY WILLIAM SMITH  
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Some authors transcend the medium of the written word and become permanent icons of pop culture. No modern author is more recognizable than Stephen King. For good or ill, the movies based on his work have introduced King to a TV generation that has never bothered to pick up one of his books.

It's a shame that King's own personal *Lord of the Rings*-inspired series, *The Dark Tower*, is acknowledged as the least-read of all his work. King is at his most creative and driven in these books, and some King fans cite *The Dark Tower* series as one of their favorites.

With the recent release of *The Dark Tower 5: Wolves of the Calla*, King has returned to the dark fantasy world that he first conceived of in his college days. The result is a surprisingly calm and slow-paced book that will satisfy *Dark Tower* fans and keep them salivating for more.

The series centers on Roland, the last gunslinger from a world that is a cross between a Western and King Arthur's court. He is a type of knight who carries dual six shooters on a quest to find the

dark tower. The dark tower is the linchpin that holds all worlds, dimensions, and existence together.

During the course of the previous four books, Roland meets a heroin addict named Eddie, a legless woman with schizophrenia named Susannah, and a young boy named Jake. This mismatched crew (all of whom come from our world of New York) soon team up with Roland on the way to the dark tower.

The fifth *Dark Tower* book finds the crew stumbling across a township called the Calla. The townsfolk suffer from having half their children stolen every 20 years by man-like beasts known as the wolves, and they are powerless to stop them. In a delightful tribute to the classic films *Seven Samurai* and *The Magnificent Seven*, Roland and his crew take it upon themselves to protect the town

of farmers and fight off the wolves.

There are several plot lines besides this, and they all relate to the quest for the tower. Not only is there a magic door than can lead to any world, there is also the introduction of Father Callahan, a survivor from King's 1975 novel *Salem's Lot*.

The first *Dark Tower* book was published in 1982, and those who have been following these characters for 20 years will be elated to find a large amount of character development in this latest volume.

Roland, Eddie, and Susannah are three of King's most vividly drawn characters (which is to be expected after 2,000 pages), and King gives them a chance to relax and show their inner selves. Although this book weighs in at a hefty 714 pages, 95 percent of it is dedicated to

the preparation for the fight instead of the fight itself.

Those who criticize King for being too long-winded and writing overly bloated novels will find this book is no exception. In his usual meticulous style, King describes just about every aspect of the town imaginable. He gives numerous pages to even the most minute characters. King readers who have persevered over the years will find this to be a godsend, however, and it is a trait most of his fans cherish.

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King has already written the next two *Dark Tower* books, which will also be the final two. He has created an ending trilogy to this series, and this is apparent in the character introductions and slowly building nature of *The Dark Tower 5: Wolves of the Calla*. The



BOOK REVIEW

Stephen King  
*The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla*

★★★★ out of ★★★★★

sixth book will be released in the summer of next year, and the last installment will be released a year from now.

For *Dark Tower* junkies, the wait will no doubt mirror the heroin withdrawal Eddie suffered in the second volume of the series.

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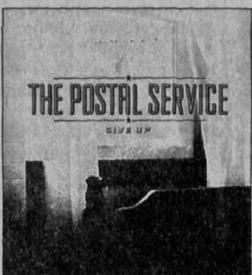
## Taking music to such great heights



5. *Hail to the Thief*  
Radiohead

This record was actually an immense disappointment; however, a disappointment from Radiohead means it wasn't at the top of this list. Despite being too caught up in compromising between the divergent masterpieces *OK Computer* and *Kid A*, this album is still great and still one of the year's best. A bit of a backtrack from the mad genius of the band's previous two records and a return to more traditional song structure, it seems as if this should be a perfect fit for those who were fans of both incarnations. Although this record doesn't live up to this notion, it is an especially high standard to be held to. Simply put, Radiohead can fall short of expectations and still make a tremendous album.

Listen to "There There," "2+2=5," and "Sit Down Stand Up."



4. *Give Up the Postal Service*

This indie-rock/electronic supergroup gets its name from how its two members, Death Cab for Cutie's Ben Gibbard and Dntel's Jimmy Tamborello, traded work through the mail to make this record. It is one of the better electronic albums released in a while and certainly the most human electronic since the Notwist's striking *Neon Golden*. Gibbard's poignant lyrics and vocals perfectly contrast the dicey beats and synth melodies courtesy of Tamborello. A somewhat unlikely success, the two luckily seem to now view the band as more than just a superfluous side project.

Listen to "Such Great Heights," "Nothing Better," and "We Will Become Silhouettes."



3. *Want One*  
Rufus Wainwright

Here is yet another eccentrically beautiful record from the most consistently creative and enjoyable of today's singer-songwriters. Filled with quirky lyrical observations, lushly dynamic instrumental arrangements, and Wainwright's wonderful vocals, the album plays like the soundtrack to the Broadway musical in his head. This is actually only the first part of a double album; the anticipation should be building for *Want Two*, supposedly planned for release within a year.

Listen to "Oh What a World," "14th Street," and "Want."



2. *Speakerboxxx / The Love Below*, Outkast

Big Boi's *Speakerboxxx* is an impressively imaginative hip-hop album featuring a glorious concoction of Southern-fried hip-hop, techno, and funk, similar to the sound for which Outkast has become known. Dre's record, *The Love Below*, is less hip-hop than it is an eclectic and entertaining blend of soul, jazz, and funk — he spends far more time singing than rapping and it sounds more like Prince than anything Outkast has ever released. Pushing the envelope even further, these two combine as an inspired and exceptionally original whole.

Listen to "Hey Ya," "She Lives in My Lap," and "The Rooster."



1. *Elephant*  
the White Stripes

This record is Jack and Meg White's masterpiece. Without question the album of the year and one of the very best of the new millennium. The scope of the band's blues/punk/garage rock has expanded, while it remains true to the mentality of musical simplicity. Powerful throughout, *Elephant* is a simply and astonishingly brilliant work.

Recorded on equipment that predates the Beatles, *Elephant* has the feel of something that might just become legendary. Listen to "Ball and Biscuit," "I Want to be the Boy," and "The Air Near My Fingers"

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# Last Mohican goes to Japan



**FILM REVIEW**  
by David Fulco

## The Last Samurai

**When:**  
11:45, 1, 3:10, 4:30, 6:30, 8, and 9:50 p.m.  
**Where:**  
Coral Ridge 10  
★★½ out of ★★★★★

Japan has survived earthquakes, tsunamis, and even Godzilla. But is the land of the rising sun ready for Tom Cruise?

In 1876, Japanese Emperor Meiji (Shichinosuke Nakamura) is looking to modernize his country. Paying exorbitant prices, Meiji has brought the steam engine, telegraph, and Western dress to the empire. But what is standing in the way of a unified Japan, according to Japan's top political adviser, Omura (Masato Harada), are the emperor's sworn warriors — the samurai — who have just begun to rebel against political persecution.

In order to squash the samurai, Omura decides to turn to the U.S. military, which, after dealing with both a Civil War and an Indian rebellion, seems like a prime candidate to help train a Japanese force worthy of the 19th century. Omura asks for Capt. Nathan Algren, a hero of both the Battle of Gettysburg and



Publicity Photo

Tom Cruise stars as a warrior in *The Last Samurai*, an epic film that is filled with good intentions but finishes short of heart.

The majority of the film takes place in the winter dwelling of the samurai, and the mountains of Japan are, as always, breathtakingly beautiful. Watanabe is asked to carry much of the acting load in these scenes, and his success hinges on his ability to portray both a fierce warrior and a compassionate tribal leader.

Regardless, *The Last Samurai* is a Tom Cruise film, and it lives and dies by its bearded star.

He balances the two disciplines asked of him with a moderate constraint that succeeds even though we have previously seen this type in American films dealing with Japan (think Mr. Miyagi from *The Karate Kid*).

But while Watanabe is able to carry the acting load effectively, the film drags heavily through the middle hour. What separates *The Last Samurai* from similarly films, such as *Dances With Wolves* and *The Last of the Mohicans* (*The Last Samurai's* title alone seems to be pleading to be connected with the James Fenimore Cooper classic), is its uneasiness with the intimate. Edward Zwick, who has proven himself to be a worthy director of large-scale battles (*Glory*), has no problem with pacing in the film's climatic battle, but he seems so uncomfortable with directing true human emotion that he is forced to rely on humor. He even directs a *Risky Business*-esque dance scene when Cruise puts on his Japanese robes. Humor is necessary in epic films, but when it is the only way that a director can be effective, it becomes a major fault.

Regardless, *The Last Samurai* is a Tom Cruise film, and it lives and dies by its bearded star. Cruise's inherent cockiness seems a bit out of place with his character's self-

loathing, but credit has to be given to Tommy for agreeing to be bloodied, bruised, and bullied throughout much of the movie by lesser character actors. It is hard to believe that Cruise would have agreed to such abuse if he didn't feel that this epic was worth more to his career than just another popcorn flick. If one looks closely at Cruise's eyes, one can see his glimmer of hope: Perhaps this film might nab him his long-awaited Oscar. Unfortunately, the movie falters badly enough in spots to guarantee that none of its actors will hear their names called come awards time.

**Film:** *The Last Samurai*  
**Director:** Edward Zwick  
**Writers:** John Logan, Edward Zwick, Marshall Herskovitz  
**Starring:** Tom Cruise, Ken Watanabe, Tony Goldwyn, Billy Connolly  
**Length:** 144 minutes  
**Rated:** R

*The Last Samurai* marks the third major release this year of a film set in Japan, joining the ranks of the much-heralded *Lost in Translation* and *Kill Bill Vol. 1*. *The Last Samurai*, though, is the worst of the three. But if you can get through the pretentiousness and self-importance that oozes from every cell of celluloid film, you just might be able to find an epic film short on heart, but big on good intentions.

**Paid:** \$7  
**Worth:** \$5.25 (you can still find *Lost in Translation* somewhere).

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## NEW MOVIES

OPENING THIS WEEKEND

**Love Don't Cost a Thing**  
A smart, unpopular teenage boy hires a cheerleader to pose as his girlfriend to improve his reputation. Shenanigans ensue.

**Something's Gotta Give**  
Harry Langer is an older man with an interest in younger women. When he has a heart attack while visiting his latest trophy girlfriend's mother, he and the doctor treating him both fall in love with the mother and compete for her affection.

**Stuck on You**  
Bob and Walt Tenor are conjoined brothers and small-town legends who excel at sports and own a fast-food restaurant. When Walt decides he wants to pursue acting, the two head to Hollywood. Shenanigans ensue.

**Thirteen**  
Tracy, an all-around good girl, befriends beautiful and popular Evie and follows her down a path of drugs, sex, and self-mutilation.

## Winged Migration

This 2003 Academy Award nominee for best feature documentary used three years of innovative filming techniques to create an intensely vicarious experience that follows a flock of birds across seven continents.

## Carnage

Body parts of a bull killed in a bullfight find their way across France and Spain and influence the lives of a variety of people.

# A holiday on celluloid

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and December marks the point when Hollywood puts forth a dozen or so holiday-themed films to cash in on the most wonderful time of the year. While the last decade has proven that many of these "holiday" movies only contribute to the increasing commercialization of Christmas, we can't ignore that there have been a lot of truly great works to come out of this subgenre. So grab some blankets, hot chocolate, and your Red Ryder BB gun as we count down the top five best holiday films ever.

## 5. Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964)

Television specials geared for the family have always been one of the most popular vehicles for Christmas-oriented movies. These days, it's a pretty dismal selection to choose from. However, there was real magic and fun back in the made-for-TV holiday gems of the 1960s. *A Charlie Brown Christmas* (1965), *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (1966), and *Frosty the Snowman* (1969) are among the most enduring and endearing of these classics, but *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* (1964) is still the leader of the pack. This Rankin and Bass adaptation of the famous Robert May story is delightfully told, with memorable songs and glorious stop-motion animation.



## 4. A Christmas Story (1983)

There have been a lot of hilarious movies about Christmas, such as *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* (1989) and the first two *Home Alone* films (1990, 1992). *A Christmas Story* (1983) remains the most honest and charming comedy of its kind, though. Based on Jean Shepherd's coming-of-age memoirs, the

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BY WILL SCHEIBEL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

## Top 5 Holiday films

film stars Peter Billingsley as young Ralphie Parker, a boy who wants nothing more than a Red Ryder BB gun for Christmas (much to the chagrin of his parents). It's a funny and bittersweet fable that affectionately captures the 1940s Midwest with wit and wisdom comparable with Norman Rockwell.

## 3. A Christmas Carol (1951)

Alastair Sim is without a doubt the definitive Ebenezer Scrooge, which is a major reason that this 1951 British version is the finest cinematic take on Charles Dickens' beloved, oft-filmed novel. *A Christmas Carol* has not lost a shred of its uplifting joy and good cheer while retelling the story of a crotchety miser's redemption via a keen sense of time, place, and character. Alternate title: *Scrooge*.

## 2. Miracle on 34th Street (1947)

A little girl (Natalie Wood) is fully convinced that the Santa Claus (played amazingly by Edmund Gwenn) at Macy's is the real Kris Kringle. Nobody believes her,

but is this jolly old man a crazy fraud? That's the question George Seaton's enchanting fantasy toys with, which not even Scrooge himself could resist.

## 1. It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

Simply put, *It's a Wonderful Life* is a timeless masterpiece in every sense of the words. Peerlessly directed, produced, and co-written by Frank Capra, it's one of America's most beautiful, poignant, and life-affirming movies, and it gets better with each viewing. Jimmy Stewart gives the performance of his career as George Bailey, a man questioning the worth of his existence. On Christmas Eve, his guardian angel (Henry Travers) pays a visit to Bedford Falls, interrupts Bailey's suicide, and shows him what life would be like without him. The film is known for its sentiment, but its themes are so much more thoughtful than the schmaltzy, manipulative cliché that mar dozens of holiday features. This one earns our tears and laughs with the genuine heart that evolves naturally.

With films such as these, it's a wonderful life, indeed.

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- Kill Hannah, Swizzle Tree, the Albino Spiders, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 9 p.m., \$6.
- UI Jazz Combo Class Finals, Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert, 9:30 p.m.
- Areo and Pat, Emmitt Sheehan, Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert, time and price TBA.



Annette-Barbara Vogel

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### Theater

- The Last Five Years, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert, 7 p.m., \$12-\$25.

- Advanced Choreographic Design Concert, Space/Place, North Hall, 8 p.m., \$5-\$10.
- The Shape of Things, David Thayer Theatre, Theatre Building, 8 p.m., \$8-\$17.
- Mamma Mia!, Hancher, 8 p.m., \$36-\$50.

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## SATURDAY

### Music

- Destrophy CD release, Leven, Kloudnine, Gabe's, 6 p.m., \$5.
- Acoustic Mayhem, Mill, 8 p.m., \$5.

- DJ Night, Jason Buss, Schematic, Lady Espina, Gabe's, 10 p.m., \$5.
- Combo Nuevo Latin Jazz, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m.
- The Hackensaw Boys, the Schwillbillies, Green Room, time and price TBA.
- Star Candy, Yacht Club, time and price TBA.

## FRIDAY

### Music

- Collegium Tubum, Macbride Hall, 12:30 p.m., free.
- KRUI/DI Local Band Contest, Martian Water, DNA, Making Hey!, Brian Jones, Strange Attractor, Gabe's, 8 p.m., \$4.
- Brother Truckee, Mill, 8 p.m., \$5.
- Chesnik, Neuman & Wilson Jazz Trio, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m.
- Alma Hovey Hayride, Yacht Club, time and price TBA.
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## SUNDAY

### Music

- Eric Nassau, Red Avocado, 521 E. Washington, 7 p.m., cover.
- Blues Jam, hosted by Flying Bacchaus, Yacht Club, 8 p.m., donation.

### Theater

- The Last Five Years, Riverside Theatre, 2 p.m., \$12-\$25.
- Mamma Mia!, Hancher, 2 p.m., \$36-\$50.
- Target Family Concert: Oddbar Jazz Ensemble, Clapp Recital Hall, 3 p.m., free.
- The Shape of Things, David Thayer Theatre, 3 p.m., \$8-\$17.
- Mamma Mia!, Hancher, 8 p.m., \$36-\$50.
- Last Chance Percussion Concert, Clapp Recital Hall, 8:02 p.m., free.

## MONDAY

### Music

- Open Mike, Mill, 8 p.m., no cover.
- Blues Jam, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$1.

## TUESDAY

### Music

- Benefit for the Matt Davis family, Preacher Gone to Texas, Meth and Goats, Faultlines, Brian Jones, Organz, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$5.
- Funkin' Jazz Jam, hosted by Matt Grunstad, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$1.
- Mertoik, Yacht Club, time and price TBA.



Percussion Concert

- Salsa Break, Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market, 9 p.m., \$5.

## WEDNESDAY

### Music

- Clay Mitchell, Mill, 8 p.m., \$3.
- Z Fresh, the Robe, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$1.
- Emmett & Friends Jam Session, Yacht Club, time and price TBA.

### Words

- Poetry Slam, Green Room, time and price TBA.
- Dai Gwilliam and Tim Budd, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, 8 p.m., free.

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A first-edition presentation

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On the facing page of that book, Rowling has circled the numeral one, indicating a first printing, and written, with a pointing arrow, "Guard it with your lives!"

A first-edition presentation copy of the second book in the series, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, sold for \$10,800. And a first paperback-edition presentation copy of the first book, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, brought \$9,600.

## GABES

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## BIJOU

- University of Iowa  
Iowa City, Iowa
- Thirteen**  
(2003, US)  
Thr-7:30pm, Fri-9:30pm,  
Sat-9:30pm, Sun-7pm,  
Mon-7pm, Tue-9:30pm, Wed-7pm  
last screening 12/17/03
- Carnage**  
(2002, France/Spain)  
Thr-5pm, Fri-7pm, Sat-5pm,  
Sun-9pm, Mon-9pm,  
Tue-7pm, Wed-9pm  
last screening 12/17/03
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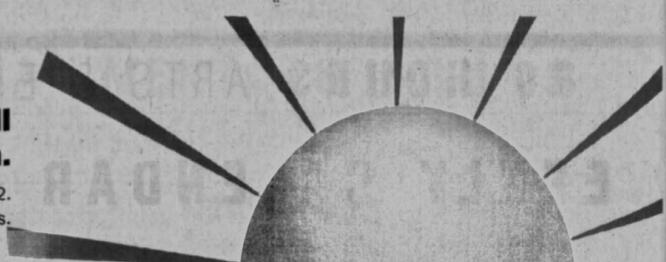
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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

I'm about at the point where I think [D.C. blacks] ought to be all stuck in boxcars and sent out around, one family to each town.

— John Ehrlichman, Richard Nixon's domestic-policy adviser, on a White House tape from 1972. Ehrlichman believed that Washington blacks should be "encouraged" to resettle in other communities.



# The Daily Break

## calendar

- **Nonprofit Management Academy: Fundraising Methods and Strategies part 2**, 9 a.m., UI Credit Union, 825 Mormon Trek Blvd.
- **Biochemistry Seminar, "Structure and Dynamics of Muscle Calcium Regulatory Proteins in vitro and in situ,"** Brian Sykes, University of Alberta, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.
- **Chemical and Biochemical Engineering Seminar, "The Role of Reactive Oxygen Species in Baculovirus Infected Insect Cells,"** Gaurav Chauhan, 10:55 a.m., 4030 Seamans Center.
- **Dowling Catholic High School A Cappella Choir**, noon, UIHC Colleton Pavilion Atrium.
- **Graduate Student Workshop, "Morphologic Changes of Neurons Induced by Inflammatory Pain,"** Ryan Emmett, 12:30 p.m., 2-501 Bowen Science Building.
- **UISG Winter Reception for student leaders**, with remarks by UI President David Skorton, 4:40 p.m., 181 IMU.
- **Institute for Cinema and Culture, Asian Noir Film, Company**, by Ram Gopal Varma of India, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building.
- **Provost candidate public forum with questions and answers**, time and location TBA; contact carolyn-frisbie@uiowa.edu.



## SIGNS THAT YOU'VE HAD A ROUGH DAY

by Jesse Ammerman

• It's bad enough that your boss cussed you, but the slashed tires are really making the drive home more challenging than you'd prefer.

• As you now know, old habits can prove useful during an exam. But clearly not when that old habit is wetting your pants.

• The legality of it all seems dubious, but that definitely didn't stop your mom from listing you on eBay.

• Your experiment using tequila as an early morning eye-opener came to an abrupt and rather sloppy conclusion on the lunch table.

• You made at least one positive contribution today, even if it was merely to the profit margin at the Band-Aid makers' headquarters.

• As it turns out, you CAN get arrested for that.

• Picketers on the Pentacrest were out in full force, which you might have found admirable if they weren't protesting against you.

• Once again, it seems the only time you can get a good laugh out of your professor is when you hand in an exam.

• You flaunt your impressive status as a contributor to *The Daily Iowan*, and the hostess at Chili's still makes you wait 15 minutes for a damn table.

## public access schedule

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 The Burry Port Male Voice Choir
- 1 p.m. Breaking the Bank No. 1
- 1:30 On Main St.
- 2 Glory 2 Glory
- 2:30 Give Me An Answer
- 3 The American Cancer Society National Lung Screening Trial
- 3:25 Beej's Yoga No. 5
- 4 The Unity Center
- 5 Tabernacle Baptist Church
- 6 Hope UMC
- 7 Grace Community Church
- 8 Revival in Oxford
- 9 Untold Stories of WWII in Asia
- 9:40 Adbusters
- 10 Power of Victory
- 11 Balls to the Wall Nov. 6, 2002
- 11:30 Basketcase

## UITV schedule

- 6:30 p.m. Lisa Bluder Press Conference (Rebroadcast)
- 7 Iowa Basketball with Steve Alford
- 7:30 Talk of the Nation: Mind and Brain
- 8:30 Uwey
- 9 Live from Prairie Lights featuring Jane Smiley
- 10 Student Video Productions

For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at [www.dailyiowan.com](http://www.dailyiowan.com).

### Little University

- 1 What *Ghost World* actress is named for a Norse god?
- 2 What TV network won an Emmy in 1999 for its Breakfast at Wimbledon coverage?
- 3 What "Sex and the City" character is a Liverpudlian?
- 4 What is the last name of George MacDonald Fraser's old-school adventurer?
- 5 What Basilica of the Assumption is the oldest Catholic cathedral in the U.S.?

1. Thora Birch  
2. NBC  
3. Kim Cattrall  
4. Flashman  
5. Baltimore's

## horoscopes

Thursday, December 11, 2003 by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Make this day joyous for family. This can be a perfect day to make changes to your home, decorate for a festive event, or open your doors to friends.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You can make a difference to someone if you share your thoughts or ideas. In return, you are likely to be offered whatever help you need to prepare for something that means a lot to you. You are likely to meet someone unique.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Don't let anyone discourage you from following your dreams. Let your imagination flow. Someone with vision will recognize what you are trying to do and give you the go-ahead.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You'll be thinking about all the wrong things. If you are feeling disheartened, get out with a friend and have a little fun. You can turn your whole day around just by being around people who lift your spirits.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You may think that you have more money to spend than you do. Check your bank account before you hire someone to do work around the house. You may be able to do the job yourself.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't turn down an invitation that will bring you in contact with people in your industry. This can be a perfect day for love or partnerships. The future looks bright.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel some limitations today if you let others control your life. Work hard, and you will reap the rewards. Problems will arise if you are overindulgent.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your involvement in cultural events or traveling to a foreign country will change your mind about your lifestyle as it currently exists. This is a time of change — embrace it.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make a concerted effort to reduce your stress and to make the necessary concessions to change your life. This is the perfect day to prepare your plans for the future.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Partnerships appear to be facing an ultimatum. It is a make-it-or-break-it day, so if you need to make some changes or adjustments, now is the time to do so.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Hard work will pay off, but don't exhaust yourself in the process, or you may suffer minor health problems. Rely on your allies to help you get things done.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): You will have to take part in any social event that you've been invited to. Chances are romance will flourish. You have plenty to gain just by getting involved.

## DILBERT®

by Scott Adams

I'M DEVELOPING AN INSINCERE OPTIMISM TO COMPLEMENT MY ARTIFICIAL SENSE OF URGENCY.

I HOPE TO TOP IT OFF WITH A DELUSION THAT I WORK FOR THE CHALLENGE AND NOT THE MONEY.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE GOOD IDEAS SOUND SO BAD? I'M AN ENGINEER.

## 'NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV

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## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

AND HERE SO PROUD OF YOU FOR MAKING THE WORLD A SAFER PLACE!

BETTER TO BE FIGHTING 'EM HERE THAN IN YOUR HOMETOWN, EH, SON?

MY HOMETOWN, SIR? YOU THINK BALATHIST GUERRILLAS WOULD COME TO YANCKTON, SOUTH DAKOTA?

SOLDIER! YOUR CINC IS ASKING YOU A RHETORICAL QUESTION!

OH, SIR! YES, SIR! BETTER HERE THAN YANCKTON!

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1030

- ACROSS**
- Backyard party, for short
  - Trapper's prize
  - Ordered around
  - Unofficial promissory note
  - Ointment ingredient
  - Put a new face on, say
  - Thanksgiving follower: Abbr.
  - Dual-purpose kitchen device
  - Dual-purpose office device
  - Light shades
  - Title character in a Pushkin drama
  - Kemo
  - "I didn't know that!"
  - Picks up on
  - Playwright Flice
  - Not fond of dirty jokes, surely
  - Relaxed
  - Le Mans event
  - Dual-purpose family room device
  - U.N. donor
  - European nomad
  - Nuke, maybe
  - Concerning
  - Seating option
  - Walk faster than
  - Cinerary container
  - Tarot card, with "The"
  - Plastic surgery targets
  - Final Four grp.
  - Dual-purpose bedroom device
  - Dual-purpose laundry room device
  - Say in a postscript
  - Ancient Macedonian city with noted tombs
  - Where a rabbit punch lands
  - U.N. donor
  - Turner
  - Make extracts from by boiling
  - Symbols of industry
  - Winding road part

**DOWN**

- Punch, slangily
- South Pacific island
- Foolishly impractical
- "Sleepers" co-star Jason
- Heroine of children's lit
- Student aid
- Lab work
- Uncle Remus character
- the ramps ...
- Butterfly wing feature
- Untamed
- More balanced
- Slow on the uptake
- Product once harbored in Boston?
- Early textbooks
- Noisy city transports
- "Fresh Air" airer
- Heads
- Gusto
- Little helper
- House of games
- Momentarily
- Discarded
- Hector or Rusty of 70's baseball
- PC key
- Single
- Erstwhile
- "Doone"
- Mock words of enlightenment
- Color used in four-color processing
- Probability

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 OPERA INN SLIDE  
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## Acad to ba

BY SONJA ELMO  
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Larissa Samuelson fronting the typical tra having a child and a car becoming a mother in doesn't have as much spend socializing with she sometimes finish after her son is asleep



Israeli police offi shop, killing three

## Tel A

BY KEN ELLIN  
LOS ANGELES

TEL AVIV, Israel's latest fat Thursday looked b iar: the jagged and front, the carpet of glass, the squad of

## Young

BY ANNIE SHUPP  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Rep. Tim Ryan, D- was the insurgent unde among fellow party n bers when he won the mary for his district's H seat and then became youngest Democrat in gress in 2002.

Ryan, 30, credits his v to a grass-roots organiz fueled largely by frien their 20s. The same cessful tactic of "pulli the system by the r has been employe Howard Dean at national level, and tha won Ryan's endorseme "I gravitated to Dean because my political experience been going against

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