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KERRY STEAMROLLS DEAN, GEPHARDT

THE MASSACHUSETTS SENATOR GARNERS MORE THAN ONE-THIRD OF THE IOWA VOTE

BY ANNIE SHUPPY
THE DAILY IOWAN

DES MOINES — In a surprising victory, John Kerry triumphed Monday in the Iowa caucuses over two men who had been considered front-runners for months and a third who closely trailed him just days before.

"Thank you, Iowa, for making me the Comeback Kerry," the Massachusetts senator said to a packed crowd in the Hotel Fort Des Moines' grand ballroom. "Not so long ago, this campaign was written off. You stood for me so that together, we can take on George Bush and the special interests."

Kerry's surge in the polls during the final week of his statewide campaign likely gave him the boost he needed to win the first-in-the-nation caucuses. After months of being relegated to third-place status behind Rep. Dick Gephardt and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, he rose to first place in the polls days before the caucuses.

"I started to worry about Dean, even though I was leaning toward him at first," said Drake University junior Mark Fetterhoff. "He's got a good shot against Bush. I want someone who could beat Bush."

Kerry, a Vietnam veteran, has two decades of congressional experience behind him. In stump speeches, he often speaks of a desire to fight special interests and points to his



Presidential hopeful John Kerry grins amid a sea of confetti after his victory speech in Des Moines. He won the Iowa caucuses with 37.6 percent of the vote. John Richard/The Daily Iowan

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DM hums with caucus fever

AFTER A POOR SHOWING, ONCE-FAVORITE HOWARD DEAN CONGRATULATES SEN. JOHN KERRY AND JOHN EDWARDS FOR TAKING THE TOP TWO SPOTS. REP. RICHARD GEPHARDT PLACES A DISTANT FOURTH AND WILL DROP OUT OF RACE.

BY SEUNG MIN KIM AND BILL MIKESSELL
THE DAILY IOWAN

DES MOINES — Downtown street corners here were humming Monday as Democratic backers made one final push to garner support for their candidates in a race characterized as one of the closest in Iowa caucus history.

A lone man who earlier in the day had stood silently with a yellow sign that read "Gephardt" illustrated Rep. Dick Gephardt's

crumbling support in the caucuses. A Dennis Kucinich and John Edwards supporter chatted on a street corner while holding signs in favor of his candidate — pointing up Kucinich's request that his followers join the North Carolina senator's supporters in precincts where the Ohio congressman was not viable. And a cluster of Howard Dean supporters, small but loud, encouraged passing motorists to honk as they rallied alongside a downtown street.

Before Sen. John Kerry emerged victorious from on Monday — winning 37.6 percent from the 1,993 precincts statewide — candidates and supporters alike spent the day scrambling for last-minute backing.

A few hours before making an appearance at a precinct in Urbandale, Kerry rallied supporters at Ames High School Monday afternoon. Surrounded by hundreds of locals, old Army

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THE IOWA CAUCUS

Statewide Results

John Kerry	37.6%
John Edwards	31.8%
Howard Dean	18%
Dick Gephardt	10.5%
Dennis Kucinich	1.3%
Wesley Clark*	0.1%
Joe Lieberman*	0%
Al Sharpton	0%

Johnson County Results

57 of 57 precincts, 11,169 voters, 141 delegates	
John Kerry	35.3%
Howard Dean	28.7%
John Edwards	26.3%
Dennis Kucinich	7.3%
Dick Gephardt	1.3%
Wesley Clark*	1%
Joe Lieberman*	0%
Al Sharpton	0%

* Did not campaign in Iowa

Iowa City Democrats cram caucus rooms

BY TIM CRIMMINS AND DAN SHEA
THE DAILY IOWAN

On Monday night, frantic politicking ruled some caucus locations, while subdued excitement held sway others in the Iowa City 25 caucus locations. In a once-every-four-year ritual, such sites as campus buildings, schools, and the Johnson County Courthouse were transformed into venues for political showdowns.

In the dimly lit hallways of Precinct 4 at Lincoln Elementary School, campaign posters

hung next to third-grade art projects. Inside the cramped gym, a group of sweating Dennis Kucinich supporters requested that the caucus be moved outside, and although made in jest, the idea received full support.

Voters of all ages filed into their precincts, from college students to businessmen, in unexpected droves. At Lincoln, which sends 10 delegates to the county convention, the turnout far surpassed expectations with 507 voters.

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HIS HONOR ARRIVES

Rudolph Giuliani heads to Cedar Rapids to extoll virtues of President Bush. See page 2A

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Local Green Party members back an untested lawyer. See page 3A

TIDAL WAVE IN IOWA

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Skorton likes Vilsack budget but expects legislative changes

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI President David Skorton expressed doubts Monday about whether state lawmakers will approve Gov. Tom Vilsack's recommended 2005 budget.

The budget recommends a \$30 million increase in statewide educational funding, the first recommended increase for Iowa's public universities in four years, but the figure is still short of the \$49 million the state Board of Regents had requested. The UI would receive \$14 million more than last year under the proposal.

"It is gratifying that the governor is valuing education in his

preliminary budget recommendations, and particularly after several years of budget cuts, it is gratifying to see an emphasis on higher education," Skorton said. However, he emphasized that the completed budget will probably differ greatly from the proposal.

He declined to comment about whether the proposed allocation would compensate for the school's monetary problems. The university had requested \$16.5 million for general education funds, according to records.

Since the 2000-01 academic school year, the university has undergone eight gradual budget cuts including Vilsack's 2.5 percent across-the-board cut in October.

For the upcoming fiscal 2005

budget, the regents requested \$37 million for general education funds and \$12 million to help partially recover faculty and staff positions.

"These are not easy times," said Regent Robert Downer, adding that the governor's decision was understandable because of the current state of the economy.

"We feel we need to be in an advocacy position for general education. We requested numbers we thought we needed to do the job right."

If the current recommendations are passed, the UI's and the regents' top priorities will emphasize funding salary increases for staff and faculty, Skorton said.

"There is no question we have lost ground on teacher salary and the number of employees on both faculty and staff," he said.

The past four years of budget cuts have left the university scrambling to satisfy student, faculty, and staff needs.

The budget cuts "happened at the same time the number of students have increased and the number of demands on the UI have increased," Skorton said. The result, he said, was higher tuition and, to a smaller extent, increased class sizes.

Meanwhile, Skorton appointed UI law Professor Jonathan Carlson to lead the newly formed General Education Task Force — an 18-member

team made up of faculty, staff, and students that will examine ways to cut funds to non-academic areas of the university while disrupting the school as little as possible.

"The people it will affect will be around the table," Skorton said of the task force.

He said he hopes the group will complete its work within the next three months so he can consider it when completing the 2004-05 school-year budget. UI vice presidents and deans are scheduled to voice their recommendations by April 15.

"They have a big job in a little amount of time," Skorton said.

Both past and current budget cuts have worked to "protect core

State appropriations (in millions) to the UI in recent fiscal years:



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education, activities, and undergraduate education," he said.
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HOOPSTERS NICKED

Nick DeWitz, plagued by academic uncertainty, apparently heads for Oregon. See story, page 1B



SHIITES RALLY FOR VOTE

Tens of thousands of Shiites march through Baghdad, protesting the U.S. political plans in Iraq. See story, page 8A



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NEWS

Local GOP has caucus fun, too



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Johnson County Republican Amelia Versteeg files incoming information packets from the local Republican caucuses at the Coralville Holiday Inn on Monday night.

BY DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN

Making their way through the hordes of Democratic caucusgoers lined up outside Twain Elementary School, Republicans looking to support President Bush found themselves tucked away in two small elementary classrooms down the hall from the boisterous Democrats.

Yes, Republicans also had caucuses last night. In a stripped-down setting, that included a lone "Bush, Cheney '04" poster hung on a blackboard, a small convocation of devoted Republican Party members discussed business while echoes of cheers and chants resonated through the halls.

Approximately two dozen Republicans from Johnson County Precincts 14 and 15 gathered to express their faith in Bush through a resolution and to establish themselves as a united party.

"In our resolution tonight, we talk about how we're united together to support President Bush in his re-election effort," said Todd Versteeg, a co-chairman of the Johnson County Republicans. "I think that's universal of all Republicans across the state."

The meeting also began the process of electing delegates to represent the party at the county, district, and state level, as well as collecting money to fund the party.

"The goal for the Republican

caucus is to organize the Republican Party at the county level," Versteeg said.

The noise coming from the Democrats down the hall did not stop some Republicans from speaking passionately about issues they felt were important.

Party affiliation did not stop them from taking issue with Bush. Issues placed on Precinct 14's platform included health-care reform, the Unborn Victims of Violence Act bill, and keeping jobs in the United States.

"I came tonight because I am concerned that jobs are leaving the country," said Iowa City resident Harold Weibrenner.

To bolster support for the Republican caucuses, a number of prominent party leaders,

including former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who was in Cedar Rapids on Monday, visiting Iowa to get party members to turn out.

"It's great to see such national figures coming into the state of Iowa to help the Iowa GOP and let people know that Republicans are out there," Versteeg said. "We're organizing, we're getting ready. Tonight is essentially the kickoff for the President's re-election campaign."

Republicans will meet again on March 6 for their county conventions, where they will discuss platform planks and elect delegates for the district and state levels.

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In the Jan. 19 story, "Locals celebrate Martin Luther King," Dee Lundberg was quoted as saying members of the Consultation of Religious Communities are "the screaming liberals way out there on the end." She was referring only to her church, the Faith United Church of Christ.

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Giuliani rallies Republicans in CR

BY SONJA ELMQUIST
THE DAILY IOWAN

CEDAR RAPIDS — Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani stumped for President Bush at a caucus in the state's second-largest city Monday night, exhorting crowd of 1,350 Linn County Republicans to reelect America's leader, who will "make the world safe in the future."

The caucus started with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer asking God to help the country select a leader who would bring honor to His name.

Longtime Rep. Jim Leach, R-

Iowa, then introduced Giuliani, who balanced humor at the expense of the Democratic Party with serious talk about the importance of Iowa Republicans' participation in maintaining control of the presidency and both houses of Congress.

Giuliani credited Republican economic policy for the recent upturn in the economy and applauded Bush's willingness to confront threats to American security.

The ex-mayor acknowledged that Democrats are "decent people" but said "sometimes they've taken away human freedom" by using higher taxes to fund social programs. He said Republicans

"trust people more" to make spending decisions.

After the former mayor left the stage, nine candidates for local offices addressed the caucus.

Coe College freshman Diana Krogmeier said she is devoted to the Republican Party on moral grounds despite pressure from her liberal peers. She is against abortion and values the religious faith that Bush exhibits in his decision making, she said.

Jessica Rundlett, a 19-year-old from Benton County, attended the caucus to hear Giuliani. She said she prefers conservative fiscal policy and said she especially appreciated one speaker, who said, if elected

to the Statehouse, he would go to Des Moines and keep Gov. Tom Vilsack from digging deeper into Iowans' pockets.

Linn County Republicans Chairman Eric Rosenthal said Giuliani, maybe more than Bush, is responsible for providing national leadership following the 9/11 attacks, adding that it was a Bush 2004 campaign decision to send Giuliani to Cedar Rapids. The former mayor spoke to fire and safety workers Monday afternoon and met with Bush campaign volunteers at City Hall immediately before the caucus.

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O'Donnell considers running for seat on county supervisors

BY CHRISTINA PREISS
THE DAILY IOWAN

An Iowa City city councilor who fiercely opposed last year's proposed 21-only ordinance and helped to pass several major development projects hopes to trade his city seat for one with the county.

Mike O'Donnell recently announced he will seek one of three vacant seats on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors in a primary election set for June 8.

"As you near the end of your second term, you ask yourself if you want to run for the third," O'Donnell said. "I feel that it is the right time to extend my service to the county level."

Serving on the council for almost six years, the City High alum has remained an active community member — coaching T-ball, acting as mayor pro tem, and volunteering as a Coralville firefighter.

"I've been involved with the community my whole life," he said. "I use my business experience and public-service skills to benefit the community."



O'Donnell
Will seek one of three vacant seats on the Johnson County Board of Supervisors

As the terms of Supervisors Pat Harney, Terrence Neuzil, and Carol Thompson conclude, O'Donnell looks forward to the possibility of working on such county issues as the North Corridor development, jail capacity, and courthouse security.

City Councilor Bob Elliott said he has mixed emotions about the possibility of O'Donnell leaving.

"Mike is a friend of mine, and I'd hate to see him leave the City Council," he said. "But I suspect that if elected, he would do a great job."

O'Donnell's most endearing traits, he added, include his sense of humor and passion for local politics. Currently in sales at Graphic Printing & Design,

939 Maiden Lane, O'Donnell has been a city councilor since January 1998.

His proudest achievements, he said, is laying the groundwork for several recent city projects: the First Avenue extension, the new water plant, and the development of the Peninsula Neighborhood project.

O'Donnell also opposed the 21-only ordinance for Iowa City bars.

"Students are a major part of the community, and they should be treated that way," he said. "I thought it was wrong to support that ordinance because students need a place to go."

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Green Party faces vote without Nader

BY PHIL DAVIDSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Four years after some Democrats accused them of taking critical votes from Al Gore's presidential bid, Green Party supporters face a tricky political situation of their own.

Ralph Nader, the consumer-rights progressive whom local and national followers championed in 2000, will "definitely" not enter the race as a Green, instead considering a run as an independent, said Holly Hart, the Green Party Johnson County secretary. Nader has not yet decided whether to run, according to his exploratory committee, but his doing so could siphon votes from Green candidates.

Undeterred, local Green Party members named David Cobb as the candidate they will back during a Sunday gathering at the Mill Restaurant, 120 E. Burlington St.

Hart said she has no problem supporting Cobb, and she encouraged those in attendance to start petitioning to put someone on the ballot before the June 24 Green Party Convention in Milwaukee.

Cobb, a former lawyer with no prior experience in public office, served as general counsel for the Green Party of the United States until declaring his candidacy. In 2002, he was the Texas Green Party candidate for attorney general.

"He's a passionate speaker and supports the party's values," said

Joannes Pool, a Johnson County Green Party co-chairman and a county delegate.

Because of its third-party standing, the Greens must receive 2 percent of the statewide vote to retain ballot status. Though Nader received more than 2 percent in the 2000 presidential election, Iowa Green Party gubernatorial candidate Jay Robinson did not meet the requirements in his 2002 campaign, forcing the Green Party to petition for a candidate.

In a speech to 20 of the 500 registered county Green Party members, Pool said the party is focusing on specific issues as opposed to a general platform to attract more members. The party intends to focus resources in non-swing states, where voting Green wouldn't alter the vote as much as in swing states, he said.

"I think it would be easier to tell people it's safer to vote for the Green Party because it's not a swing state," Pool said.

In another speech, Green Party member Jim Walters encouraged supporters to educate themselves about economic policy so they understand the intricacies of the nation's budget and ended by offering his views on the current state of politics.

"Some people are fearful of leaving the two-party political system," he said. "I'm fearful of sticking with it."

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STATE

Franklin County prepares for casino vote

HAMPTON, Iowa (AP) — Voters in Franklin County will head to the polls next week to consider a proposal to float a riverboat casino.

Proponents say a riverboat would bring in tourists, create jobs, and provide property-tax relief. Opponents say the negative effects of gambling would outweigh the benefits.

Anette Renaud, executive director of the Franklin County

Development Association, said a riverboat casino would generate approximately \$250,000 for the county and \$250,000 that would be divided among communities within the northern Iowa county.

The association would negotiate a deal with the owner-operators so that it would also receive a share of profits — most likely to provide grants to local groups.

"The economic benefit to the county would be tremendous," Renaud said.

Franklin County would be the license holder, if the measure is approved Jan. 27.

Gayle and Roger Burnett, of Rockford, want to operate the boat, which would employ up to 600 people.

Under the plan, a riverboat casino would be located off Interstate 35 near Iowa Highway 3.

Renaud said a casino in Osceola, which is comparable to the one being proposed in Franklin County, grosses about \$50 million a year.

The Rev. Jerry Miller, a United Methodist minister from Hampton, is opposed to new gambling in Iowa.

"It takes people's money away from the local economy and drops

it down the slot machine, and it's forever gone," he said.

Miller said the amount of money lost by gamblers would far exceed the payroll gambling would generate.

Voting to approve gambling doesn't guarantee that a riverboat will ever be launched.

The county would join a list of counties waiting for the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission to lift its moratorium on gambling licenses. Even if the moratorium is lifted, the county would have to compete against other counties for a license.

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Christine R. Lotz, 22, Bettendorf, Iowa



Celebration of Life Memorial Services for Christine R. Lotz, 22, a resident of Bettendorf was held on Sunday, January 11, 2004 at 5:00 p.m. in the All Faith Chapel at Halligan-McCabe-De Vries Funeral Home, Davenport. The family greeted friends from 3:30 p.m. until the time of service.

Christine passed away unexpectedly of natural causes on Wednesday, January 7, 2004. Christine Robin Lotz, daughter of Steven and Linda (Allen) Lotz was born February 3, 1981 in Camarillo, California. Christine was a graduate student at the University of Iowa, Henry B. Tippie College of Business. Survivors include her parents, Steve and Linda Lotz and a sister, Deborah Lotz, of Bettendorf, and her paternal grandparents, Robert and Betty Lotz, of Darien, Connecticut, as well as extended family across the country.

Christine was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Harry and Miriam Allen.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the United Way of the Quad Cities in Christine's name.

Obituaries will be accepted by The Daily Iowan until 10:00 a.m. for publication the following day. Please call 319-335-5784 for more information.



Tracy Wilcox, Fayetteville Observer/Associated Press
First Lt. Christopher Hart of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment gets a kiss on the neck from his girlfriend, Katie D'Amico, on Monday at Pope Air Force Base, N.C.

82nd Airborne begins trek home

BY ESTES THOMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

POPE AIR FORCE BASE, N.C. — The first wave of returning 82nd Airborne Division soldiers arrived home Monday after nearly a year in Iraq, where they battled during the war and then worked to maintain order.

Spc. Keith Benoit and around 210 other members of the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment stepped off a trio of C-5 transport jets onto the landing strip at the air base adjoining Fort Bragg, the 82nd Airborne's home.

Benoit, 21, from Monson, Mass., said he was looking forward to getting together with family and friends and trying to readjust to American life.

"To me, it's 180 degrees. Everything's different," Benoit said. Sgt. 1st Class Mike Creager was greeted by his wife, Angie, and their 10-year-old daughter,

Kelsey, as well as his mother and his in-laws from Wadesboro.

Creager, 37, said during his time in Iraq he was struck by the difference in living standards enjoyed by his family compared with those of Iraqis, who suffered from 24 years of economic stagnation under deposed dictator Saddam Hussein.

The poverty facing so many Iraqis, he said, is "shameful."

"The news on TV doesn't reflect how the majority of people live," he said.

The 82nd Airborne has suffered 26 deaths in Iraq since shipping out last February.

More than 6,000 82nd Airborne paratroopers are expected to return home by May from Baghdad and western Iraq, where anti-occupation violence has been strongest. Approximately 2,200 other 82nd Airborne paratroopers are being dispatched to Iraq this month to fill in manpower gaps as U.S. units prepare to return home.

Bush eyes swing to center in address

BY DOYLE MCMANUS
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — President Bush's State of the Union message tonight will be a signal moment for his presidency: not only a semi-formal kickoff for his re-election campaign but also his first detailed explanation of what he wants to do if he wins a second term.

Much of his message will come as no surprise. On both foreign and domestic issues, aides say, Bush will declare he has achieved great things but has still more to do.

In foreign affairs, the president will ask Americans to "stay the course" in pacifying Iraq and will call for new efforts to promote democracy in the Middle East, aides said.

But if the speech includes surprises — and for presidents, the State of the Union is an almost irresistible opportunity to surprise — they are likely to come on domestic policy, where, aides say, Bush wants to demonstrate his care for workers battered by the winds of economic change.

The details of the speech remain under wraps, but White House officials' studiously vague descriptions suggest that the president will unveil a battery of new proposals to help the unemployed, including federal funds for job training and tax breaks for health-care costs.

The political purpose is twofold: to take the spotlight away from the Democratic candidates and to repair Bush's standing among moderate voters who are concerned about the slow pace of the economy's recovery.

Bush's crusade for tax cuts and his other policies have cemented his image in the public mind as strongly conservative, not centrist, pollsters say. But in recent weeks, Bush has begun to revive his favorite self-description as a "compassionate conservative," and aides suggested that the "compassionate" face of his domestic agenda is likely to be prominent tonight.

"This is his first opportunity to lay out, for the whole country, what the program for a second term will be," said David Gergen, who worked on similar speeches for Presidents Nixon, Ford, Reagan, and Clinton. "This speech is about a mandate. It's a speech that says: 'Our work is still unfinished, and don't change horses in midstream.'"

Bush previewed his anticipated theme in Atlanta on Jan. 15, telling campaign donors: "In three years, we've done a lot. We have come far, but our work is only beginning." His speech tonight will be divided roughly equally between foreign policy and domestic concerns, aides said.

Times staff writer Edwin Chen contributed to this report.

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'We can find billions of dollars to rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan, and we cannot find the money to rebuild the infrastructure of the United States.'

— Rev. Vashti Murphy-McKenzie, the first woman bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

King rallies target Bush

BY LOUISE CHU
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Americans observed Martin Luther King Day on Monday with some activists charging that the war in Iraq and other Bush administration policies run counter to what the civil-rights leader stood for.

"We have to be concerned not just about us. We have to be concerned about all our brothers and sisters throughout our nation and world," King's son Martin Luther King III said in a service at Ebenezer Baptist Church, where his father preached until he was assassinated in 1968.

"How many Iraqi children have been killed? When will the war end? We all have to be concerned about terrorism, but you will never end terrorism by terrorizing others."

At events across the nation, Americans were urged to work to realize King's dream of peace and equality. King Day activities included an affirmative-action rally in Michigan, volunteering campaigns in Washington and Philadelphia, and a Florida protest against a speech by the president's brother.

Criticisms of President Bush popped up in several places.

In Boston, the first woman bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Rev. Vashti Murphy-McKenzie, said the nation should adjust its priorities.

"We can find billions of dollars to rebuild Iraq and Afghanistan, and we cannot find the money to rebuild the infrastructure of the United States," Murphy-McKenzie said.

In Atlanta, King's widow, Coretta Scott King, said: "Peaceful ends can only be reached through peaceful means."

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin brought forth a standing ovation when she referred to a visit Bush made last week to King's tomb. The visit was picketed by nearly



Jack Dempsey/Associated Press
Bridget Johnson holds a photo of the late Martin Luther King Jr. as she marches in the 2004 MLK Parade in Denver on Monday.

800 people who said the president should not have come because his policies are inconsistent with King's principles of nonviolence.

Referring to the president, Franklin said, "Perhaps some prefer to honor the dreamer while ignoring or fighting the dream."

But amid the criticism was a tone of hope. King III told congregants that his father would have wanted people to work together for peace and justice even when they seem impossible to achieve.

"He had a policy of zero tolerance for despair and cynicism," he said.

At the University of Michigan, hundreds marched in support of the school's affirmative-action policy, which is under fire from a group that wants voters to decide the issue in a Nov. 2 referendum.

In Tallahassee, Fla., a group of college students

protested the holiday speech by Gov. Jeb Bush, the president's brother. Gov. Bush was invited to speak at historically black Florida A&M University, but students unhappy with his policies walked out before his remarks. The students criticized his views on affirmative action, among other things.

The governor said the students have every right to express their views. He also said Florida A&M's success "could not have occurred without the struggles that Dr. King and many others a generation ago undertook."

In Washington, volunteers helped the homeless, delivered meals to homebound people, and took part in other projects, saying the best way to honor King's legacy was to give back to the community. Thousands in Philadelphia participated in similar acts of community service.

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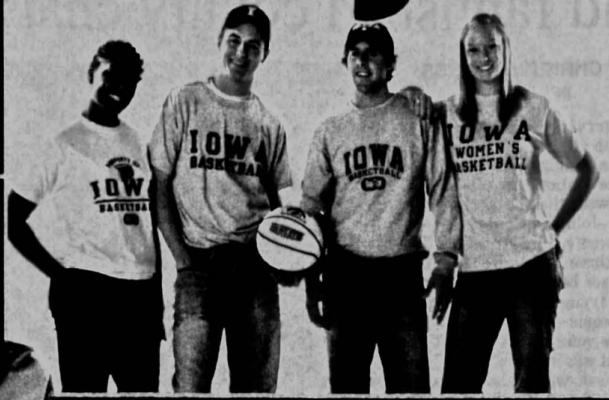
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CAUCUSES

Caucus tsunami changes race

BY RONALD BROWNSTEIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

DES MOINES — Sens. John Kerry and John Edwards reshaped the Democratic presidential race in the Iowa caucuses Monday night by demonstrating broad appeal across the party, while Howard Dean and Rep. Dick Gephardt saw their core base of support crumble, according to a poll of voters.

Kerry, lagging behind Dean and Gephardt in Iowa until last week, beat both among virtually every major group of voters. Kerry displayed almost equal appeal to men and women, working-class and more affluent voters, liberals and moderates, and those with and without college educations, according to the Monday night survey of caucus-goers.

Edwards, in finishing a strong second, also showed an impressive reach, winning significant from these groups.

The poll found Edwards and Kerry surged among voters who made their decisions in the week before the caucuses. Dean and Gephardt launched negative television ads in Iowa at the start of that period, both of their concluded in the last few days that the crosswire had hurt each of them and benefited Kerry and Edwards.

Dean's third-place finish represented a severe setback for the candidate who had led in the polls both here and nationally through most of the fall.

Perhaps the most ominous aspect for Dean of his third-place showing that it came in a state where Democrats overwhelmingly agreed with his position on the Iraq war: The survey found that 75 percent of those who attended the caucuses opposed it.

But he was hurt by the importance of that issue among the Iowa voters. According to the poll, Dean ran ahead among those attending the caucuses who said the war was the most important issue in their decision. But those voters represented just one-seventh of those who participated.

For Dean, who stressed his opposition to the war here, that stark finding suggests his first imperative as the race moves to New Hampshire could be to broaden his message and appeal.

Gephardt's showing appears to spell the end of his presidential hopes. He not only placed fourth in a state he carried in his 1988 presidential bid, he failed to hold the groups that had been his base in Iowa: seniors, voters without a college education, and union members. Kerry carried all three of those groups, and Edwards beat Gephardt with the first two and tied him with the third, the poll found.



Sen. John Edwards gives two thumbs up for his supporters at the Savory Hotel in Des Moines. Edwards took second in the Iowa caucuses on Monday.

Zach Boyden-Holmes/The Daily Iowan

The National Election Pool Survey contacted 1,659 voters across Iowa as they entered 50 precincts Monday night. The survey used a confidential, self-administered questionnaire. The margin of sampling error was plus or minus 3 percentage points. For some subgroups, the margin could be higher.

The survey was conducted by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International, a cooperative arrangement among ABC News, the Associated Press, CBS News, CNN, Fox News, and NBC News.

The official results from the Iowa Democratic Party measured something else: the allocation of delegates from the caucuses. Because of the rules governing the allocation of delegates — for instance, candidates receive no delegates in precincts where they attract less than 15 percent of the vote — the preferences measured in the entrance poll and the delegate allocation totals vary somewhat.

But both results pointed to the same story: a dramatic surge for Kerry and

Edwards, a dramatic decline for Dean, and a virtual collapse for Gephardt.

For both Kerry and Edwards, the breadth of support they showed could be a powerful asset as the race advances into states that represent different elements of the Democratic Party. In New Hampshire next Tuesday, the candidates will confront an electorate dominated by well-educated, socially-liberal voters. In several of the key states that follow on Feb. 3 — such as South Carolina and Oklahoma — blue-collar voters are likely to cast a majority of the votes.

Although the Iowa impact on the New Hampshire primary has been uneven over the years, Monday's results could unsettle the landscape in that contest. In polling over the past weeks, Dean has seen his once formidable lead erode, with retired Gen. Wesley K. Clark, who chose not to compete in Iowa, moving into a strong second, and Kerry surging to a virtual dead-heat with Clark.



Edwards precinct captain Dan McMahon high-fives supporters on Monday night as he counts their numbers in Coralville Precinct 5 at Northwest Junior High.

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Monday features caucus virgins and famished county chairman

BY CHRISTINA PREISS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Scurrying into the First Avenue Club, 1550 First Ave., Monday night with his laptop and cell phone in tow, David Redlawsk, the acting chairman of the Johnson County Democrats, was visibly stressed. More than three hours after the Iowa caucuses began, he was desperately trying to keep things — and people — organized.

"The voter turnout wasn't just high, it was incredibly high," said Redlawsk, who is also a UI assistant professor of political science. "I've had around 35 phone calls this evening from precinct leaders who ran out of voter registration forms and all other kinds of forms. It's been crazy."

Redlawsk, famished and yelling for cheese and crackers, was focused on returning the results of caucus night and getting them properly recorded while emotional local Democrats gathered for the post-caucus party.

Calling themselves "caucus virgins," friends Simone Grace and Calyonda Heller came to the Coralville Public Library on Monday night undecided about whom they would support. After listening to various campaign enthusiasts, Grace chose to caucus for Dean.

"Until [Jan. 17], I was completely against Dean," Grace said. "Then Carol Moseley Braun put her support behind his campaign, and a Dean supporter on the stump from Oregon came to my door and pointed out some really good information. I realized that I had my opinions of



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Dick Siefers of Coralville Precinct 6 (right) and Dean supporter Joyce Gerleman of the Monroe precinct watch John Kerry's acceptance speech at the First Avenue Club in Iowa City on Monday night.

him because of the negative press he was receiving."

Her friend Heller put her faith behind John Edwards because of the tactlessness she found in other campaigns.

"One Dean speaker was so negative that it completely turned me off," she said. "I had to look at those in support of specific campaigns and the way they were talking to me. The way they represented the candidate was telling of how the candidate would represent me."

Carrying a weathered stuffed donkey representing the Democratic Party, Dean party activist John Deeth was leery of the preliminary results that were beginning to appear on television.

"I see the first numbers coming through, and I question what locations around the state they are from," he said.

Kucinich supporter Steve Fugate had an undeniable sadness in his eyes as his first caucus drew to a close.

"I caucused in a small and conservative precinct where two things influenced people: good looks and negative campaigns," he said. "We could only elect one delegate, which took me off guard."

Redlawsk, removing his glasses and rubbing his eyes, said the funniest thing in all the night's excitement is that he had to teach two classes in the morning.

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NEWS ANALYSIS

Dean gets Iowa body blow

BY DAN BALZ
WASHINGTON POST

DES MOINES — Iowa Democrats dealt a serious blow to the once front-running campaign of Howard Dean on Monday night and to predictions that the Democratic presidential race might end as quickly as it began.

With the big victory of Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., the party faces an open and potentially protracted contest to find a nominee to challenge President Bush in the fall.

Dean's vaunted grass-roots movement, which fueled the former Vermont governor's rise to the top of the Democratic field with money and energy in 2003, failed its first test at old-fashioned politics, falling far short of the bold claims of its architects.

Dean now has a week to regroup for what will be a critical test in the Jan. 27 primary in New Hampshire, where retired Gen. Wesley Clark has been gaining ground on him and where Kerry will now be a major factor in the outcome.

Organization prowess, considered the hallmark of the caucus process here, proved no match for the messages and momentum that built behind the candidacies of Kerry and surprise second-place finisher Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., as voters began to take a more serious look at all the candidates in the last two weeks.

Not only did Dean's army fall

short. Organized labor, the backbone of the Democratic Party's get-out-the-vote machinery, did not come close to delivering here for its most loyal warrior, Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo. Gephardt, who won the caucuses here in 1988, signaled an end to his campaign in an address to his supporters Monday night.

"The Iowa results mean it's a wide-open race," said New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, a Democrat who is neutral in the contest.

"I believe we're now looking at a four-person race, at least. We're looking at probably the nominee not selected and not known until probably early March. This could be a long drawn-out campaign."

At least four candidates now will claim a shot at the nomination — the top three finishers here and Clark, who did not compete in Iowa. Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., who also skipped Iowa, has pinned his hopes on a strong finish in New Hampshire, but he may find it difficult to reach that goal in the scrambled and enlarged competition in the Granite State.

Iowa voters not only turned Dean's campaign and the Democratic race upside down, they believed that they did not believe Dean's message of anger was sufficient to take against Bush in the general election.

"It is a strong statement that Democrats are interested in the vision, they are interested in

what you are going to do and also they are very interested in who is electable," said Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack. "They want to field the first team when we go against President Bush because we're going to need the first team."

Dean's opposition to the Iraq war did not pay the dividends his campaign team had hoped. An entrance poll of Iowa Democrats by the National Election Pool showed that Kerry won 34 percent of those voters who opposed the war, while Dean won 24 percent.

The entrance poll underscored Kerry's breadth of support. He won among men and women, among moderates and conservatives and those who described themselves as moderately liberal, among those with college degrees and those without.

That kind of broad appeal — Dean won among those who described themselves as very liberal — was evident in earlier polls in Iowa, though at a lower level, giving Kerry strategists confidence that if they invested heavily in the state, he could come out with a finish that revived his candidacy.

Kerry also beat Dean among younger voters as well among those who say they frequently use the Internet to get political news, two groups considered core supporters of Dean.

Former Nebraska Sen. Bob Kerrey said both Kerry and Edwards performed brilliantly when it counted.

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Local caucuses see high turnout

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"It's almost three times as much [as the 2000 turnout]," said caucus chairwoman Roberta Till-Retz. "People are obviously really passionate about their candidates ... it's just something really wonderful to be a part of."

The IMU Ohio State Room was so crowded with participants that caucus leaders had to move to a ballroom. Democratic supporters in Precinct 3 spilled out of 348 IMU and were forced to move to the River Room. Their heated discussion concentrated on Howard Dean, with partisans of Sens. John Edwards and John Kerry slamming the former Vermont governor for not having spent time in national politics.

Edwards "is a much more nationally viable candidate, and he appeals to people," said Jason Fernandez, an Iowa City resident who acted as the spokesman for the North Carolina senator. He said Edwards has the ability to capture Southern states, unlike the other Democratic hopefuls.

At Precinct 10, nearly double the expected number of people showed — 207 voters filed into the Iowa City School District Administration Building. Results from that precinct showed Dean taking the most delegates with two out of the available five.

"It is a thrill we got such a positive response. It is a good feeling," said Greta Anderson, the Precinct 10 captain for Dean. "People recognize Dean is the candidate who can take it to Bush. He is fighter, and we like him for that."

Delighted by the 424-person turnout at Shimek Elementary School, Kerry supporter and caucus volunteer Danielle Wiese said, "I've never seen anything like this before," adding, "I'm so glad I got to come."

Dean and Kerry each received two delegates, and Edwards received one from Precinct 13. In student-heavy Precinct 3, Dean, Edwards, Kerry, and Kucinich each received one delegate. Elsewhere in the IMU, at Precinct 5, which was marked by confusion, rowdiness, and political maneuvering, Kerry, Edwards, and Dean each received one delegate.

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Last-minute caucus scramble

"Edwards and I have been friends for a long time ... we're complementary. Some pundits have seen this as a sign of dropping out, but I'm not going anywhere."

— Dennis Kucinich

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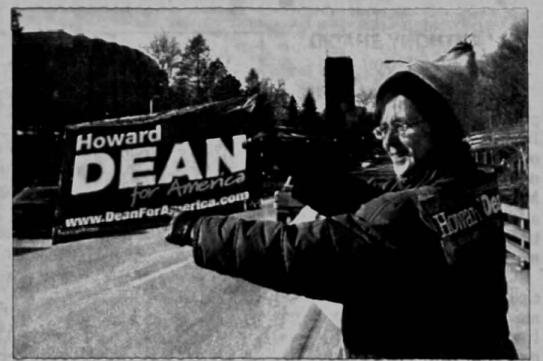
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buddies, and his brother, Cam, the 60-year-old Kerry spoke with a hoarse voice that had forced him to cancel three appearances.

The Massachusetts senator's stump speech ended with hundreds of his supporters screaming "Bring it on!" as they spilled out of all corners of the high-school cafeteria, waving signs and munching on pizza provided by Kerry volunteers.

"As a mother, as a teacher, as a daughter, and as a woman, I know that John Kerry will stand for me," said Jackie Norris, who is married to Kerry's Iowa campaign manager, John. "I tell you, you are looking at the next president of the United States."

A few miles away, Dean staged a rally of his own that



Amanda May/The Daily Iowan

Barbara Wood of Evanston, Ill., does some last-minute lobbying for the Dean campaign along Burlington Street on Monday morning.

mirrored a recent gathering in the IMU Main Lounge. In an atrium at Iowa State University, rocker Joan Jett belted "I Love Rock 'n' Roll" while supporters were treated to appearances from comedian Janeane Garofalo and Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin.

The surprise of the Democratic race came when Kucinich, left out of the four-candidate circle that composed a virtual deadlock before the caucuses, told his supporters to support Edwards if he did not reach the 15 percent threshold.

Kucinich, the progressive liberal seen as a long shot for

the nomination, justified the deal by telling supporters that Edwards has been strong in rural Iowa, while he has thrived in urban areas.

"Edwards and I have been friends for a long time ... we're complementary," Kucinich told a few hundred local supporters at Old Brick earlier Monday. "Some pundits have seen this as a sign of dropping out, but I'm not going anywhere. But keep in mind that once we leave Iowa, we're competing."

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Kerry surge takes caucuses by storm

KERRY

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record of standing up to the conservative agendas of Newt Gingrich, Richard Nixon, and Ronald Reagan. Next up is the New Hampshire primary, where Kerry will face Gen. Wesley Clark and Sen. Joe Lieberman, who skipped the Iowa caucuses. Dean, Clark, and Kerry have been the top three in New Hampshire polls recently.

As Kerry's opponents conceded Monday night, most vowed to continue on in the nominating process with their eyes set on the upcoming New Hampshire and South Carolina primaries.

However, after an unexpected weak showing in Iowa,

Gephardt foreclosed on his bid for the nomination. He had won the caucuses in 1988, and many political experts have said that he needed to win Iowa in order to leave the state with viability.

"Now, I want to take this time to congratulate a man who I have a lot of personal respect and affection for — Rep. Dick Gephardt," Edwards said.

Edwards, who garnered votes in a trade-off with Dennis Kucinich, closely followed Kerry on Monday night in his runner-up showing; his positive message devoid of cynicism and attacks on his opponents seemed to win over supporters throughout the campaign, particularly in the final week.

While Edwards has been at the top of the polls in South Carolina,

it remains to be seen how he will do in New Hampshire.

Coming into the caucus, Joe Trippi, Dean's national campaign manager, said he thought the ex-governor's chances at first were "very good" and that the focus after Iowa "immediately" changes to New Hampshire.

"The thing is, you can campaign in Iowa for two years, but this is just the start," he said.

The pundits who had predicted Dean's victory earlier weren't the only ones surprised. Asked about Kerry's win as he slipped out of a political celebration, comedian and outspoken Democrat Al Franken shook his head. "I didn't expect this."

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NEWS

1,000s protest U.S. plan

BY ANTHONY SHADID
WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD — In the largest protest since the occupation of Iraq began 10 months ago, tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims marched through Baghdad on Monday demanding that U.S. authorities organize direct elections to choose a new government.

The demonstration sent a clear signal — in numbers and message — that the demands of Iraq's emboldened Shiite majority could not be ignored by U.S. officials, who met Monday with Secretary-General Kofi Annan and other U.N. leaders in New York to discuss a greater U.N. role in a plan to transfer power to Iraqis by the end of June.

Under the plan unveiled in November, the U.S. administration wants to hold 18 regional caucuses that would choose a provisional legislature. That body would take power by June 30, formally ending the U.S. occupation. But the country's leading Shiite Muslim cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani, has insisted on direct elections — a process U.S. officials say is impossible to organize quickly and unpredictable in its outcome.

"The sons of the Iraqi people want a political system based on direct elections and a Constitution that ensures justice and equality for everyone," Hashem Awadi, a representative of Sistani, told the crowd at one of Baghdad's main universities.

The protest, which followed a large demonstration in the southern city of Basra last week, was the most visible display of the Shiites' strength, which may pose the greatest challenge to U.S. plans.

Ten months after the fall of President Saddam Hussein, U.S. officials are struggling to cope with a persistent guerrilla campaign in areas dominated by Iraq's Sunni Muslims, a minority that gave Saddam most of his support. Although Saddam was captured in



Hadi Mizban/Associated Press

Tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims carrying portraits of Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani and other Shiite clerics march in Baghdad on Monday to demand an elected government, as opposed to the U.S. plan for installing a government by July 1.

December, the insurgency continues to demonstrate its grim potency — on Sunday, a suicide bombing at the headquarters of the U.S. occupation killed at least 24 people.

In addition, Iraq's ethnic Kurds — long the most ardent U.S. supporters in the country — have pressed demands in recent weeks for a greater degree of autonomy than American officials had envisioned.

But Shiite Muslims, who make up an estimated 60 percent of

Iraq's 25 million people and were relentlessly repressed by Saddam, hold the key to Iraq's stability.

The protest movement, led by a resurgent clergy, has gained momentum since Sistani called for elections in December. U.S. officials have acknowledged that they do not know what, if any, concessions short of elections would mollify the demands. They are hampered, in part, by a lack of direct communication with the reclusive ayatollah.

Japan still wary of U.S. beef

BY NATALIE OBIKO
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — A Japanese team that returned Monday from a mission to investigate the United States' first confirmed case of mad-cow disease warned that American and Canadian cows were still vulnerable to an outbreak of the illness.

Japan, the world's largest customer for U.S. beef, banned imports from the United States last month after the mad-cow case was discovered. Canadian beef was banned seven months earlier when a case of the illness was detected there.

Both Washington and Ottawa are pressing Japan to drop the bans, arguing that their beef products are safe, but the findings of the 11-day Japanese mission to

the United States and Canada advised caution.

The cow discovered in Washington state with bovine spongiform encephalopathy — or BSE as the disease is formally known — was imported from Canada.

"It cannot be guaranteed that there will not be a recurrence of BSE in the United States," the five-member team said in its report.

The report cited the close links between the two North American countries' beef industries. The United States imposed restrictions on Canadian cattle and beef after the case was discovered there in May.

Mad-cow disease is a public-health concern because scientists believe humans who eat brain or spinal matter from an infected cow can develop variant

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. The incurable illness was blamed for 143 deaths in Britain during a mad-cow disease outbreak.

That concern prompted several countries to close their borders to American beef last month.

Before the ban, Japan was the top importer of U.S. beef, snapping up \$1 billion worth of American beef and beef products a year. It also imported approximately \$55 million worth of Canadian beef in 2002 before halting trade in May.

The sharp drop in beef supplies has sent the price of both domestic and imported beef soaring in Japan. The Agriculture Ministry said Monday that retail prices reached a record high last week since it began monitoring such data in August.

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U.S., U.N. end row over Libyan nuke program

BY GEORGE JAHN
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VIENNA, Austria — The United States and the U.N. atomic agency agreed Monday to work together in examining, cataloging, and scrapping Libya's nuclear-weapons program, ending weeks of squabbling over who had the authority to do so.

The deal was reached by International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei, senior British arms expert William Ehrman, and U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton, a critic of the atomic agency's policy on Libya and Iran.

Following the meeting at the offices of the U.S. mission to the agency, ElBaradei said the agreement gave his organization the role of establishing the scope and content of Libya's nuclear program. Once agency's verification is complete, U.S. and British experts will remove suspect materials from the North African country, he said.

Diplomats familiar with the atomic agency said it also was claiming the right to verify that all contentious equipment and material had been removed or rendered unusable.

Tensions over who does what in Libya had spilled over into



Rudi Blaha/Associated Press

U.S. Undersecretary of State John Bolton talks to journalists on Monday in Vienna after negotiations with the International Atomic Energy Agency's Mohamed ElBaradei on Libya's nuclear program.

heated public discussion in recent weeks, with the atomic agency insisting it had the mandate to take the lead on nuclear issues.

Bush administration officials had said U.S. and British experts should have the leading role in identifying and destroying Tripoli's nuclear-weapons program because U.S.-British talks with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi led to his decision to renounce weapons of mass destruction.

Differing characterizations of the state of Libya's program had fueled the dispute: The atomic agency has said Libya was nowhere near producing a weapon, while Washington and London contended that it was further along than the agency realizes.

Both sides were eager Monday to end the disputes.

"It was a very productive meeting. I think we're on the same page with the [atomic

agency] on this very important project," Bolton said after the session at the U.S. mission in Vienna.

ElBaradei called the meeting "very constructive," adding: "I think it went very well."

"We have agreement on what needs to be done," he said. "Clearly, the agency's role is very clear — that we need to do the verification. A good part of the program needs to be eliminated, it needs to be moved out, and we clearly need the British and American support with logistics."

Diplomats said both sides had made concessions but suggested some differences remained.

"The Americans are not interested in having their hands tied," said one, speaking on the condition of anonymity. While the agency would be given the mandate to verify the state of Libya's weapons activities, he

said, U.S. and British teams would essentially also be conducting their own investigations.

The dispute evoked differences over Iran. The Bush administration, which accuses Tehran of trying to build nuclear weapons, was rankled at a report last year by ElBaradei that took Iran to task for enriching uranium and other suspect activities but said inspectors found "no evidence" of an arms program.

Gadhafi announced last month his country was giving up its programs to develop weapons of mass destruction. Libya recently ratified the nuclear test-ban treaty, and next month it will become a party to the convention prohibiting chemical weapons.

Once it gets enough support worldwide to enter into force, the treaty bans any

nuclear-weapon test explosion in any environment.

ElBaradei and atomic-agency experts recently visited four once-secret nuclear facilities in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. Since then, both agency inspectors and joint U.S.-British teams have been to Libya to take stock of its nuclear programs.

"This is our job," ElBaradei said Monday, referring to verification. "We need some logistical support, some equipment ... we need to coordinate our work and the logistics support that can be provided by the U.S., the British, or anyone else."

Libya has promised to cooperate with the atomic agency, and officials said it would sign a protocol allowing inspections at short notice, similar to the one signed last month by Iran.

Sharon: Golan price for peace

BY JOSEF FEDERMAN
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JERUSALEM — Addressing two of Israel's thorniest issues, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told lawmakers on Monday that peace with Syria would require a full withdrawal from the Golan Heights, and he ordered a review of the contentious West Bank separation barrier.

Sharon's comments on the Golan, made to Parliament's Defense and Foreign Affairs Committee, were an unprecedented admission by the career hard-liner. In the past, right-wing Israeli governments insisted a peace deal could be reached without a withdrawal from the strategic plateau captured in the 1967 Mideast war.

The prime minister did not tell the closed-door meeting whether he was willing to pay what he defined as the price for peace. However, one committee member said it was clear from the context that Sharon is not ready to return the Golan in exchange for a peace deal.

Also Monday, the Hamas founder announced a change in strategy, saying the Islamic militant group would increasingly recruit female suicide bombers. Last week, Hamas sent its first female assailant, a 22-year-old woman who blew herself up at the Gaza-Israel crossing and killed four Israeli border guards.

Sheik Ahmed Yassin told reporters in Gaza there had not been a need in the past for women to carry out bombings. Now, he said, women must step up and fulfill their "obligations." He suggested male bombers were increasingly being held back by Israeli security measures.

Sharon's meeting with the parliamentary committee came at a sensitive time.

Israel is preparing to defend the security barrier next month before the world court in The Hague, Netherlands. The government is also considering how to react to offers by Syrian President Bashar Assad to restart peace talks, which broke down in 2000.

In an interview published Monday in the London-based newspaper *Asharq al-Awsat*, Assad appeared to be pessimistic about the chances of talks with Sharon.

"From the beginning and until this moment, the U.S. administration did not wish to throw itself into the peace process. As for Sharon ... it is hard for him to succeed on a peace platform," Assad said.

The Syrian president has said talks must resume where they broke off under Sharon's predecessor, Ehud Barak. But Sharon wants to start from scratch, and

he has also demanded that Syria crack down on militant groups.

Meanwhile, Israel blamed Syria for an attack by Hezbollah militants on an Israeli bulldozer at the Israeli-Lebanese border that killed one Israeli soldier and wounded two others, one of them seriously.

Syria is widely believed to support Hezbollah.

In a broadcast by Hezbollah's Al Manar Television, the militant group said the bulldozer had crossed the border into Lebanon, but the Israeli commander, Maj. Gen. Benny Gantz, denied the accusation.

Gantz told the Associated Press the bulldozer was clearing land on the Israeli side when it was attacked.

Syria is on the U.S. list of state sponsors of terrorism, and Washington has threatened to impose sanctions for harboring anti-Israel militants. But some Cabinet ministers say Israel should take Syria up on its offer.

Sharon was asked by a lawmaker at Monday's committee meeting if now is a good time to renew talks with Syria, said Sharon's spokesman, Raanan Gissin.

"No one should have any illusions. The price of peace with Syria is leaving the Golan Heights," Gissin quoted the prime minister as saying.

Ran Cohen, a committee member from the left-wing Meretz Party, said Sharon suggested such a pullback would be too much for Israel to bear.

"His main declaration was that he is not ready to withdraw from the Golan, even for peace with Syria," Cohen told AP. "He didn't agree to pay the price that President Assad asks to complete a peace treaty with Syria."

At Monday's meeting, Sharon also said he has asked governmental committees to review the separation barrier, a senior official said.

The official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the government has asked committees to study possible changes in the route as well as technical means of easing movement for Palestinians.

Israel says the 440-mile barrier, which is one-quarter built, protects against suicide bombers and other attackers. But the barrier has severely disrupted the lives of tens of thousands of Palestinians, separating them from their farmland, jobs, hospitals, and schools.

Any changes would be applied only to existing portions of the structure, the official said. One of its most controversial elements — a section extending 25 miles into the West Bank to enclose four Jewish settlements there — has yet to be built.

The announcement came as Israel's foreign minister, Silvan

Shalom, said he would be traveling next week to Jordan, a leading critic of the barrier.

Jordan fears construction will lead to large-scale immigration by Palestinians from the West Bank. A majority of Jordan's citizens are of Palestinian origin.

An official in Jerusalem, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the barrier would be on the agenda of the Jan. 28 meetings in Amman.

The Israelis will try to persuade Jordan that the barrier is meant only to protect Israel's security and not intended to push Palestinians into Jordan, the official said.

"I want to emphasize that Jordan is not Palestine and Israel does not support any kind of Palestinian resettlement in Jordan," Shalom said.

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We still haven't overcome

Nearly thirty-six years after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., we're just as segregated as we once were.

The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University released a study on Jan. 17, finding that the level of segregation has actually increased in recent years. While the percentage of blacks attending predominantly white schools increased from 0 percent in 1954, the year *Brown v. Board of Education* ended "separate but equal" facilities, to 43 percent in 1988, it has since fallen to 30 percent. This is the same number as 1968, the year King was killed.

The trend back toward segregation was no doubt helped along by the Supreme Court's 1991 *Douell v. Oklahoma City* decision, which authorized the elimination of busing students to schools outside their immediate neighborhoods.

While we don't necessarily long for the days of busing, we do hope that this study sets off the same alarms

in the educational community that it set off for us. While there are no easy solutions to the problems surrounding ethnicity that continue to plague our country, simply acknowledging those problems is an important first step.

The report says that "the vast majority of ... segregated minority schools face conditions of concentrated poverty" that "students in the very large number of segregated white schools seldom experience." What this means is that, while we've made progress in some areas, we've effectively regressed into "separate but unequal" in others. Predominantly black and Latino schools have fewer books, worse facilities, and less-qualified teachers.

Money is one solution to this problem, but not the only one. While students will never be able to learn if they aren't given the necessary resources, they won't fare any better without involved parents and

accountable schools. The solution to these problems isn't easy, and we certainly don't have an authoritative answer. But until society commits itself — financially and otherwise — to educational equality, the problems will not go away.

Our country hasn't regressed to the extreme and widespread bigotry and hatred that spurred the civil-rights movement, but we cannot simply disregard such studies as Harvard's that show that problems continue. The groups are different — Latino students are more segregated than are blacks these days — but the problem is the same: Ethnic minority groups have a smaller chance of attending a quality school and getting the same education as white students.

We should make integration and equality top priorities. Otherwise, we'll be forced to celebrate countless more MLK Human Rights Weeks at the UI under a cloud of continued institutional bigotry.

JUMP SHOTS

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So, back to classes today. We hope everyone had a good break. And also that you saved up some money, considering the prices we're all paying for textbooks right now. We repeat: Professors should be required to post all textbooks on ISIS along with the times and locations of the classes. This will give students extra time to order books online or arrange to buy them secondhand.

Back to obscurity

Note: Because of deadlines, this comment was written without any knowledge of the results of last night's caucuses.

Wow. What a finish. This will certainly give the winner a boost going into New Hampshire and then the South. And how about that race for second place? Who saw that one coming? With the polls so close, it was anybody's race, and boy, did somebody win it!

Sad state of affairs

Tonight, President Bush will deliver his State of the Union address. And while we're curious to hear what he has to say, we're already quite aware what state the union is in. We're embroiled in a war in which soldiers, wandering the desert without a clear mission, are being picked off every day by an occupied people. Our economy, while showing signs of improvement, is still in the dumps. After losing nearly 3 million jobs in three years, our country gained 1,000 in the last month. Not exactly steam-rolling. We've got the money for tax cuts, but not enough for education, health care, or veterans' benefits.

Noting these problems doesn't amount to pessimism, or a lack of patriotism, or "anger," or desperation. It's an assessment. It's the facts. It's the State of the Union.

And the mad cow jumped over the Moon

SO HERE WE ALL ARE, safely ensconced back in the Paris of the Prairies — though we'd all forgive you if you referred to it as the Walk-in Freezer of the Prairies.

I'm not sure who, exactly, allowed it to happen, but did you ever notice that almost all the places with decent weather in this country are controlled by Republicans?

While the rest of us have to make do with castoff Canadian climate for six months of the year. Just like those thoughtful Canadians, endowed with such riches that they generously share their cold fronts and their cows.

Damn socialists.

Of course, between the cold fronts and the cows, it's hard to choose which you'd prefer not to enjoy — especially after the recent mad-cow flap. (Why are all these cows so angry? you ask. You'd be a mite upset, too, if you had to eat brains all the time.)

The best thing about the mad-cow incident was the sight of Bush administration officials scrambling all over themselves as they reversed their opposition to regulations they had long fought — including, as the *New York Times* reported earlier this month, eliminating downer cattle (cows that cannot walk) from the food chain, removing high-risk material (say, spinal cords) from meat processing, and pledging to implement a method to trace cattle back to the ranch. All of which consumer groups have been demanding for quite some time.

And why, you ask, did the officials battle what seem to be common-sense regulations? Because so many Agriculture Department officials come from the beef industry. Just for instance: Alisa Harrison, the spokeswoman for Ag Secretary Ann Veneman, was, in the words of the *Times* on Jan. 2, "the director of public relations for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, where she battled government food-safety efforts, criticized Oprah Winfrey for raising health questions about American hamburgers, and sent out press releases with titles like 'Mad Cow Disease Not a Problem in the U.S.'"

Yeah, right. And if you believe that, I've got some of those pesky Iraqi WMD I could give you a bargain on.

Among many other ex-beef officials in the Ag Department is Dale Moore, Veneman's chief of staff, the former chief lobbyist for the cattlemen's association. Talk about the fox guarding the henhouse — though, in this case, it's a bit more like the mountain lion guarding the cattle herd. And you wonder why so many foreign countries said, "Where's the (American) beef? Not on my plate."

Speaking of cattle herds and high jinks, the Democrats wrapped up their stampede through Iowa last night. (Though, as I write this, the caucuses are yet to happen; nothing like working for a newspaper to skewer your sense of time. No wonder reporters have trouble with verb tenses.)

I think the best part was watching John Kerry and John Edwards catch Howard Dean in the polls at the last minute, if only because Dr. Dean has all the personality of vinegar. He should be known as Dr. Diss-approval.

The second-best part, for me, was hearing Dennis Kucinich steal one of my lines. On Dec. 9, discussing Dubya's yet-to-be-announced plan to put a man on the Moon, I wrote (entirely seriously, of course) that the reason behind the idea was that White House officials thought that's where Saddam had hidden the WMD. A couple of weeks later, there was Kucinich, mouthing the words. They got a good laugh. Yo, Dennis, you can send the royalty checks in care of the *DI* newsroom.

Kucinich, by the way, is the darling of the denizens of Maharishi University, who bounce on their butts to achieve enlightenment.

Enough said. And speaking of the Moon, the Cowboy in Chief really, really wants to go there (my favorite headline about the announcement was in the *Post*: To boldly go where man has gone before). A nation facing record deficits of course can afford this.

A few days after the space proposal, Bush said he wanted to create a \$1.5 billion program to encourage poor people to get married. Not a \$1.5 billion program to improve educational opportunities for poor people, nor a proposal to provide decent jobs for poor people. No. Just get married, and everything will be OK.

Maybe the idea is poor people could get hitched on the Moon. Talk about a honeymoon. ■



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LETTERS

Fund the war against AIDS

One year ago, President Bush committed to emergency action to fight the global AIDS pandemic in his State of the Union speech. He also visited Africa last summer and promised to help with the crisis.

Since then, the president has failed to fulfill his promises. The pandemic has already claimed the lives of more than 20 million people and left behind 14 million orphans. Bush's broken promises translate into lives lost and children without parents.

Fighting global AIDS is a moral imperative, one that the United States cannot ignore. AIDS is destabilizing countries, tearing apart families, and forcing children to grow up without parents and without hope.

We can fight this pandemic. We have the tools to prevent transmission of HIV and treat those already infected. The world has an effective channel for funding a response, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria, which is demonstrating a great ability to save lives. Examples abound of how people in the most affected areas of the world are standing up and fighting back.

If Bush and the Congress are serious about demonstrating U.S. leadership in fighting AIDS, they

will commit to approving \$5.4 billion — our fair share in fighting AIDS and the related epidemics of TB and malaria — for next year. Millions of people around the world are depending on no more broken promises.

Sara Quartell
UI student

Good dictator, bad dictator

Saddam Hussein has been deposed and captured, but in the past, he was supported by U.S. intelligence as a bulwark of anti-communism, and it used him for more than 40 years. Saddam's first contacts with U.S. officials date back to 1959, when he was part of a CIA-authorized six-man squad tasked with assassinating then-Iraqi Prime Minister Gen. Abd al-Karim Qasim.

Saddam claims among his proudest accomplishments his 1978 campaign in which 7,000 people were tortured to death and murdered for being "suspected communists." The incredibly horrible tortures of "suspected communists," liberal Iraqis, and anyone else who opposed his rule, were presided over by Saddam in his torture chamber, called "Qasr al-Nehayat" — literally, the Palace of the End.

For such actions, Saddam won the praise and admiration of such

people as Ronald Reagan, George H.W. Bush, and Donald Rumsfeld, who lavished billions of our tax dollars in aid and weapons to the Iraqi dictator. When Iraq opposed Iran, Saddam was provided with chemical weapons and data from U.S. satellites and AWACS planes to murder his opponents.

But Saddam got greedy, cutting U.S. corporations out of the lucrative Iraqi oil market and eyeing his southern neighbor, Kuwait. Eight days before his Aug. 2, 1990, invasion of Kuwait, Saddam met with April Glaspie, then the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, who gave Saddam a green light to invade. "We have no opinion on your Arab-Arab conflicts," Glaspie said, "such as your dispute with Kuwait. Secretary [of State James] Baker has directed me to emphasize ... that Kuwait is not associated with America."

Saddam fell into the trap. Like so many puppet dictators installed over the years by fascist elements in the United States, such as Noriega, Duvalier, Pinochet, etc., Saddam was slated for recall.

As to the naive Americans who think a free democracy will now be instituted in Iraq, I say study history. With people such as Bush in office, there will be many new torturers and despots installed and pampered in countries around the world, including Iraq. Saddam should be held accountable for his actions. So should the people who

installed him in power and provided him with aid for so many years.

Jay Miller
Hills, IA resident

Question the media

Anthony Harris is just another snake-oil salesman pushing a reactionary diatribe to totally confuse voters about politics. In about 1980, there were approximately 70 talk-radio stations in this country. Now there are 1,300. Generally, their hosts have no interest in facts or good government. Add the total corruption of radio to written reactionary "criticism" that actually out Limbaughs Limbaugh in print, and no wonder American politics are scrambled and voters don't know what to think.

Corporate corruption of our politics is terrible. It will wreck our domestic economy, and it has shaped foreign policy in dreadful ways and destroyed economies in poor countries around the world. Resource "wars" are NOT OK. The attack on Iraq for oil was unethical, not to mention lousy energy and foreign policy. Now "our" government is following up with \$87 billion that we CANNOT AFFORD to support oil-company interests ... Trade deals such as the North American Free Trade Agreement lose jobs here and

send them to poor countries where working people are treated like slaves. Oregon is using convict labor for some customer-service jobs, and the use of prison labor has been spreading like a cancer. The next time you buy a candy bar, remember that children in the Ivory Coast are slaves to produce that chocolate (unless it's organic).

Americans were set up to feel like "victims" of 9/11 — they should learn something about "our" foreign policy that led to it.

"Writers" such as Harris just regurgitate and spread right-wing venom. I notice, too, that they are stirring up every kind of xenophobia they can. Don't be suckered. They don't care about this country at all — let alone the rest of the world.

Dump television & radio. Get very skeptical. For God's sake, READ!

Irene Boone
Stillwater, Minn., resident

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ON THE SPOT

Are you looking forward to your classes today?



"I would if it weren't so cold out."

Katie McDonnell
UI freshman



"I don't have many of them on Tuesday, so it should be an easy day."

David Buchmiller
UI sophomore



"Yeah, I am. I'm looking forward to meeting new people."

John Compton
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"Kind of. I'm not really in the school mode yet."

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ARTS



The Unicorns bring its spazzy rock 'n' roll and hipster eclecticism all the way from Montreal to Gabe's today.

Unicorn in a kinky garden

BY RICHARD SHIRK
THE DAILY IOWAN

Like a short-circuiting, animatronic Julie Andrews robot, Montreal's the Unicorns is a small-club rock 'n' roll band transmitting music that is twitchy, malfunctioning, and strangely, enjoyably kinked and quirked.

Touring behind a MOMA-worthy debut — *Who Will Cut Our Hair When We're Gone?* (Alien8) — the Unicorns will arrive for a show at Gabe's tonight just in time to freak us out and calm us down with enough spazzy rock to snap Iowa City out of the collective, heavy-lidded stupor that goes with resuming the chore of forced intellectualism after a month of bad television and sleeping in.

Layered with off-kilter harmonies, party-band vocal abandon, and a veneer of blissed-out and jangled guitars, the trio (vocalist/multi-instrumentalists

Nicholas Diamonds and Alden Ginger and drummer J'aime Tambeur) is a band stirring art-school budget panache, yard-sale cool, and garage-band chops. Incorporating borrowed tricks from a bin of fetishised bands (the Byrds, Half Japanese, Syd Barrett's Pink Floyd), the Unicorns is likely to treat Iowa City to a puppet act, psychedelic light show, or dance party (or all of the above).

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the Unicorns

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And it's this hipster eclecticism that makes *Who Will Cut Our Hair When We're Gone?* one of the most sprawling and googly-eyed 40-minute albums around. Even when feigning to be straight college-radio fodder ("Les Os," "The Clap," "I was Born"), the songs soon spiral into a dizzying succession of choruses, coda choruses, and anti-verses that subversively

disregard the trusty verse-chorus-verse cookie cutter while delving into call-and-response pop ("Child Star"), drum machine glitch-outs ("Ghost Mountain"), and skinny-tie dance-punk ("Inoculate the Innocuous," "Tuff Ghost"). Unlike most bands self-consciously sitting down to write their x-genre song ("Hocus Pocus" by Enon, for example), these songs seem genuine enough, with the stylistic shifts seemingly the result of high sugar intakes, low attention spans, and restless creativity.

On tour since August, the Unicorns is also a band that has dished out live shows just as extroverted, theatrical, and unpredictable as the 12 tracks of its album.

"We just played in Chicago," crackled Tambeur from a cell phone somewhere between Chicago and Minneapolis, "and these girls showed up in gorilla costumes. Anything can happen."

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Going far beyond merely good

BY WILLIAM SMITH
THE DAILY IOWAN

A good video game creates a seamless experience that takes the player to another place. A great video game constructs an entire world that seems like it could go living without you, even when the system is turned off.

Beyond Good and Evil, currently available for the Sony PlayStation 2, Microsoft X-Box, Nintendo GameCube, and the PC, is one of those great games that uses tiny details to construct a believable world. The writers and developers present the game with authority and confidence, making the outrageously odd content seem perfectly natural.

The plot is one of those wonderfully far-flung science-fiction stories in which new wonders pop up at every turn. The player takes control of Jade, a young woman who makes her living as a photojournalist on the planet of Hillys. She lives in a lighthouse with her Uncle Pey'j, a humanoid pig man that is a genius engineer. The lighthouse acts as an orphanage for half-human and fully human children. The kids look up to Jade, who acts as a caretaker for them.

Unfortunately, Hillys is one of the many planets that has been under attack by a mysterious alien race called the Domz. This brutal race as been engaged in a long war with the Alpha Section, a special division of the military that protects the people of Hillys from the Domz. Jade's job as a photojournalist soon leads her to believe that the military and the aliens are in league with each other. The war is actually a carefully constructed charade, and Jade's mission is to expose the conspiracy by publishing her photos for an underground newsletter.

The game play is just as original and diverse as the plot, although there is no simple



VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Beyond Good and Evil
★★★½ out of ★★★★★

available for: PlayStation 2, X-Box, GameCube, and PC

way to describe it. Unlike most games, it is impossible to assign Beyond Good and Evil to a certain genre. Jade spends a lot of time sneaking past guards, so at times it plays like a stealth game. She also gets paid to take photos of rare animal species for a research facility, so some people might call it a photography game.

Jade is usually accompanied by a sidekick character whom the player doesn't directly control. The game is rife with puzzles that can only be solved by using both characters in unison. This makes for some clever riddles

that never get frustrating enough to slow down the pace of the game.

Sometimes, Jade has no choice but to fight with her trusty stick. While somewhat simplistic, the combat is very flexible and concise. The fighting feels a lot like the tight melee combat in *The Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker*.

The game also lets the player travel around the entire planet via a hovercraft. The ability to jet around the planet and visit with the locals is a great touch, making the game seem much bigger than it actually is. It gives the title a grand and open feel.

What really brings the entire package together, however, is the superb presentation. The excellent graphics, convincing voice acting, and epic soundtrack make this game feel like it should be playing at the local cinema instead of on a television screen.

Beyond Good and Evil does suffer from a short running time, which has become a recurring problem with many recent titles. The game can easily be conquered in 10-15 hours, which is a huge waste of this rich and beautiful world.

The ambiguous ending screams for a sequel, so hopefully this won't be Jade's only appearance.

All serious gamers owe it to themselves to rent this title, and many will want to purchase it so they can play it again later. Beyond Good and Evil is a gasping breath of originality in a game market that has grown stagnant with cookie-cutter genre titles.

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Hawkeye Tae Kwon Do

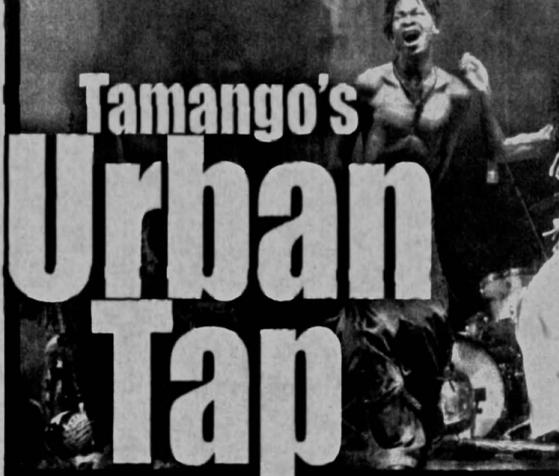
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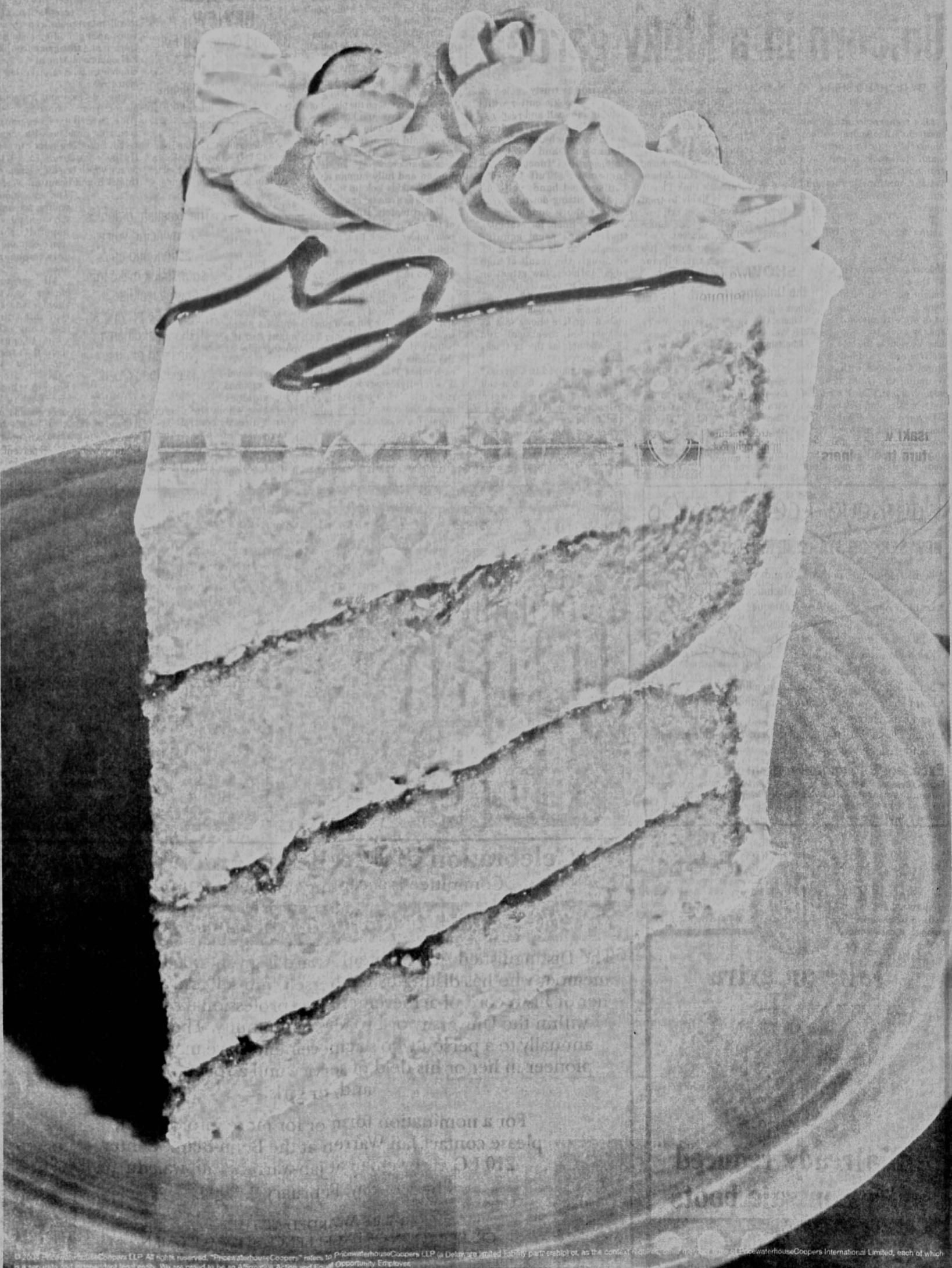
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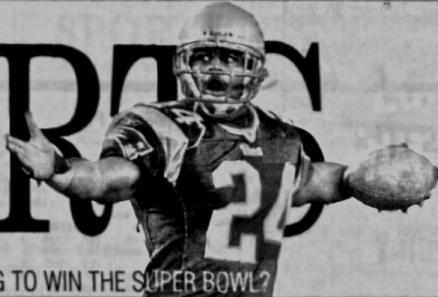
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POINT/COUNTERPOINT: WHO IS GOING TO WIN THE SUPER BOWL?

CHICAGO

Lee agrees to \$6.9M deal with Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — First baseman Derrek Lee and the Chicago Cubs agreed to a \$6.9 million, one-year deal Monday and avoided salary arbitration.

Lee, who helped the Florida Marlins win the World Series after they beat Chicago in the NL Championship Series, was traded to the Cubs in November for first baseman Hee Seop Choi and minor-league pitcher Michael Nannini.

"We have a pretty good foundation to do something multi-year before spring training. We reached a fair agreement on a one-year deal," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said Monday. "It gives us something to work off and work with."

Last week the Cubs and pitcher Kerry Wood agreed to a \$9.75 million, one-year deal, giving the sides more time to work out a multi-year contract — another deal that also could be done before spring training begins next month in Mesa, Ariz.

The Cubs have also offered Greg Maddux a two-year deal believed to be worth at least \$13 million. Hendry said Monday he hadn't talked with agent Scott Boras in a few days but expected to see him this week.

Lee batted .271 with 31 homers, 92 RBIs, and 21 steals last season, and he had a slugging percentage of .508. He has 20 homers in each of his last four seasons and 40 steals over the last two years.

SEATTLE

Sasaki won't return to Mariners

SEATTLE — Mariners closer Kazuhiro Sasaki told the team Monday he will not pitch for Seattle in 2004, deciding to forfeit the final year of his contract and remain with his family in Japan.

The Mariners' career saves leader, who will turn 36 on Feb. 22, would walk away from up to \$9.5 million by not playing for Seattle next season.

"It's a personal situation," agent Tony Attanasio said. "He wanted to stay home with his kids. Last year, he did not have his kids with him and his wife. He had to have that, and he left a lot of money on the table."

Attanasio said Sasaki may pitch in Japan next season, but "he will not pitch again in the United States."

Mariners general manager Bill Bavasi said Sasaki's intentions became clear in the last four to five days.

COLLEGE HOOPS

Duke was due to be No. 1 in poll

(AP) — For the seventh straight season, the Blue Devils made an appearance atop the AP men's college basketball poll, moving up one place Monday to overtake Connecticut.

Duke also took over the top spot in the ESPN/USA Today coaches poll. The Blue Devils grabbed 25 of the 31 first-place votes to take the spot vacated by UConn after its loss to North Carolina on Jan. 17.

Stanford moved up to No. 2 in the ESPN/USA Today poll, followed by Saint Joseph's, which grabbed its highest poll in almost 40 years. UConn and Cincinnati rounded out the top five.

Duke's AP streak dates to the 1997-98 season and is the second longest in history, behind UCLA's 12-straight seasons with a stay at No. 1 from 1964-75. The Bruins won 10 national championships during that span; the Blue Devils have one NCAA title during their run (in 2001).

DeWitz to Oregon State

Former Iowa basketball player transferred Monday because of academic woes at UI

BY KELLY BEATON AND JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

While the rest of Steve Alford's squad buses west for Ames to take on Iowa State on Wednesday, one Hawkeye has already made a much farther trek — all the way to Corvallis, Ore.



DeWitz transferred

Sophomore forward Nick DeWitz, who is expected to be ruled academically ineligible by the UI today, has confirmed

he is transferring to Oregon State University.

"My UI GPA was a little too low," DeWitz told *The Daily Iowan* Monday night. "I'm still in pretty good standing elsewhere. It's still above a 2.0."

Once the Chandler, Ariz., native realized he would be ineligible at Iowa, he began searching for a different school. Oregon State was top on his list because DeWitz's former coach at Utah Valley State Community College, Jeff Reinert, joined the Beavers' staff as an assistant last season.

"I just think the Pac-10 is a really good fit for me," said the 6-8 swingman, who averaged 5.1 points per game in eight

contests this season. "It's close to home."

The UI Academic Programs and Services will release DeWitz's first-semester grades later today.

Despite DeWitz confirming his departure, Steve Roe of the Iowa Sports Information Office said he was unable to comment on the situation.

"We can't comment until we have all of his final grades," Roe said Monday.

DeWitz enrolled at the university and sat out during the 2003 spring semester in order to get acclimated to the D-I level, but he apparently ran into difficulties with grades during the fall semester. As a result, Iowa

coach Steve Alford held him out of Iowa's last six games. Alford did not comment on DeWitz's eligibility status at Monday's press conference.

According to Van Coleman, the publisher of basketball recruiting magazine *FutureStars*, DeWitz may still face an uphill climb to become academically eligible at the Division-I level.

"It's a little surprising, because he'll definitely have to crack down and get it done to be eligible," he said.

The versatile forward will not attend Oregon State on scholarship.

SEE DEWITZ, PAGE 4B

Iowa looks to keep the Tomahawk chop rolling



KELLY BEATON

WITH 13 MINUTES left in the 2004 Outback Bowl, little was left to be decided on the field.

So, needing something to entertain themselves with before their 37-17 post-game celebration, the 22,000 or so Iowa fans decided to add the final insult to the Gators' injury. The band of Black and Gold broke into a rowdy rendition of a chant that is the equivalent of fingernails grating a chalkboard for all associated with Florida Gator football: The Florida State Seminoles' Tomahawk Chop.

There could be more blue skies ahead for these Hawkeyes, especially if Kirk Ferentz can resist dipping his hands into the NFL's cookie jar for a few more years.

Although 14 starters have played their last football in Kinnick, a wealth of talent returns next season.

On offense, Fred Russell departs, having accounted for a whopping 66 percent of Iowa's rushing offense in 2003, and the loss of the mammoth Robert Gallery at left tackle doesn't help that area. But Jermelle Lewis should return to 100 percent after tearing an ACL last spring and regaining his footing throughout the latter stages of the 2003 season. While he was limited to just 264 rushing yards in six games this season, the senior-to-be notched 709 yards on the ground in 2002, and he could be poised for a breakout senior campaign. Youngsters Albert Young, A.J. Johnson, Champ Davis, and Marcus Schnoor should all pitch in to help shoulder the rushing load for Kinnick's tenants as well.

Also gone from Iowa's offensive attack are receivers Mo Brown and Ramon Ochoa, who combined for 67 catches, 984 yards, and 10 touchdowns. No other Hawkeye pass-catcher hauled in more than two scores, but help should be on the way for Iowa's aerial attack. Last year's receiving recruits, Eric McCollom, James Townsend, and Herb Grigsby could be diamonds in the rough along with the workman-like Warren Holloway, who will be a senior. Back-up quarterback Jason Manson is reportedly pondering a move to wide-out to team with the likes of Davis, Hinkel, and Melloy, though the move seems odd for a passer so talented he once threw for a jaw-dropping nine touchdowns in a game as a prep in Bloomfield, Conn.

Clinton Solomon is the wild-card for Iowa's passing attack. The lanky Texan showed flashes as a freshman in 2002 before transferring to Iowa Central this year to remedy his academic woes, and he may return to Iowa City.

And then there's the Baytown Bomber, Drew Tate. The likely successor to Nate Chandler as Iowa's quarterback basically wrote the Texas prep record book, passing for 12,180 career yards for Robert E. Lee High.

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 4B

IOWA BASKETBALL AT ISU • 7:05 P.M. WEDNESDAY

Hansen to replace Reiner

Iowa center out indefinitely with injured foot

BY DONOVAN BURBA
THE DAILY IOWAN

The loss of center Jared Reiner, out indefinitely with a stress fracture in his right foot, leaves a gaping hole in the Iowa lineup — both literally and figuratively.



Reiner injured

Reiner is out anywhere from five to eight weeks, and already the Hawkeye staff is filling out paperwork to try to earn the senior a medical redshirt that would allow him to come back next season.

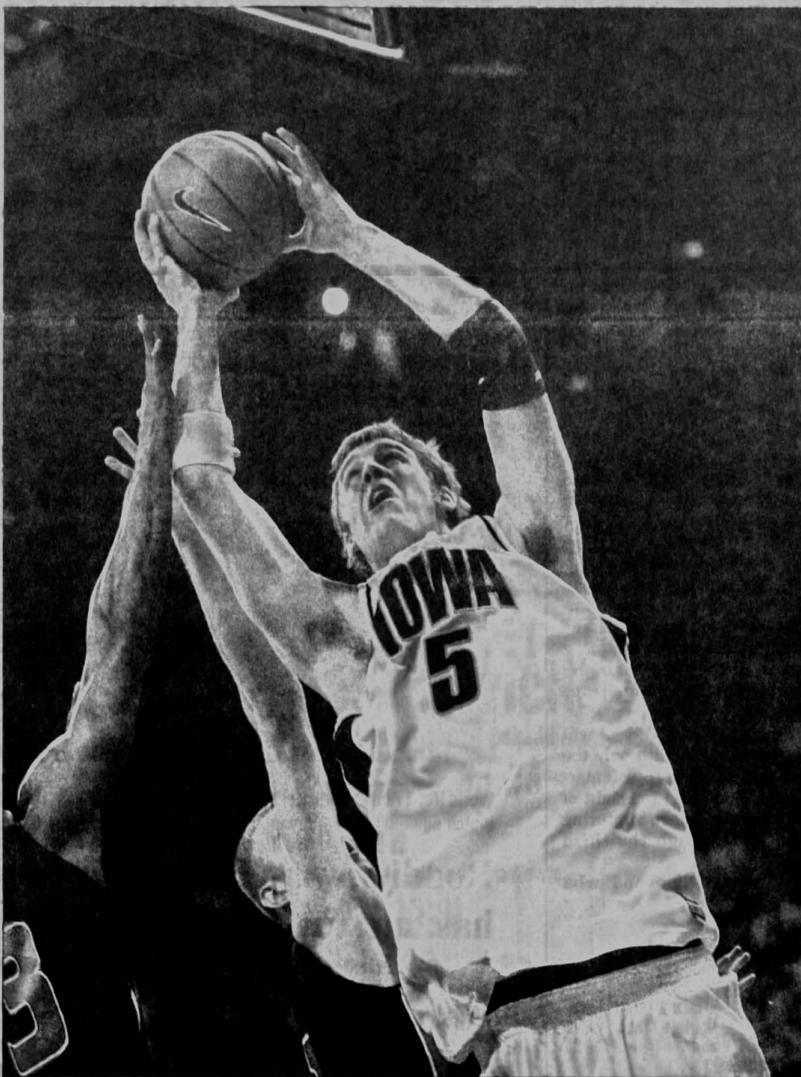
Meanwhile, though, there are games to be played, starting Wednesday night at Iowa State.

Sophomore Erek Hansen is expected to step into Reiner's place, but while the 6-11 Hansen has Reiner's height, he's neither as big nor as experienced as the senior. Reiner, an honorable-mention All-Big Ten honoree last year, is a traditional center, using his 255-pound frame to establish position at the low post.

Hansen, on the other hand, is a svelte 215-pounder, more adept at running the floor than banging underneath the basket.

Oh, and Reiner has 79 career starts under his belt, compared with Hansen's zero.

Hansen probably won't start at Iowa State, but coach Steve Alford expects the Bedford,



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa starting center Jared Reiner powers the ball over Drake defenders earlier this season.

SEE HOOPS, PAGE 4B

IOWA BASKETBALL NOTEBOOK

Last-ever January ISU/Iowa game?

BY KELLY BEATON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Like most contentious relationships, the timing is all wrong between the Hawkeyes and Cyclones.

Wednesday's clash in Ames will be the second-straight between the two schools to occur later than the usual date in early December. Last year, the squads squared off in a rare postseason matchup on March 21, which Iowa won by a narrow 54-53 margin. This time around, Iowa's finals week is to blame.

"Iowa can't play the weekend before finals or after finals," said Steve Roe of the Iowa

Sports Information Office, citing a school policy.

As a result, last year's regular-season battle between ISU and Iowa at Carver-Hawkeye Arena was scheduled for Dec. 13.

Both Steve Alford and ISU head coach Wayne Morgan plan on keeping the game out of their conference crush in the future.

"We would obviously like to see the game played earlier, in the nonconference schedule," Morgan said.

Preliminary talks have taken place between the two schools regarding playing the game on Friday nights in early December for the next four seasons.

Patching holes in leaky D

As a result of the season-high point total the Hawkeyes allowed in their 88-82 loss at Illinois on Jan. 17, Iowa worked at length on its 2-3 zone during Monday's practice.

Illinois found holes in the middle of the zone during the second half of the loss, which led to a staggering 68 percent shooting percentage by the Illini in the second half.

Alford had his wing defenders work on forcing the opposition baseline in hopes of setting up the Hawkeyes' big men to take charges.

"This is what's got to be improved," Alford said.

Hawks announce ticket offer

Iowa announced a new "Family Four Pack" ticket deal for the Hawkeyes' upcoming games against Penn State on Jan. 31 and Wisconsin on Feb. 11.

The cost of the ticket package is \$68 for four seats located in the student section. The package also includes four free passes to the UT's Karro Athletics Hall of Fame.

Tickets can be purchased by calling 1-800-IA-HAWKS. Tickets remain for all six of Iowa's remaining home games.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Who will win the Super Bowl? Panthers Patriots

THIS GAME IS ATTACK OF the clones. Carolina and New England are exactly the same team, the NFL versions of Ohio State: reliable offense, stellar defense, solid special teams, and sound coaching. The only edge the Patriots have is experience, which does not count for much. The Panthers are every bit as good as the Patriots, possibly better. For every weapon the Patriots have, the Panthers can match it.

Carolina quarterback Jake Delhomme is the NFC version of Tom Brady. He is not the best quarterback in the league as far as talent goes, but he knows how to win. He is 7-0 in games decided by three points or fewer. His receivers are not going to blow anybody away, but they make plays. Steve Smith is quickly becoming Carolina's best deep threat (just ask the St. Louis secondary). Carolina's running-back combination of Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster is actually better than New England backs Antowain Smith and Kevin Faulk. Davis is one of the best backs in the league, and Foster has proven in the playoffs that he belongs in the league. They can match New England's thunder-and-lightning combination.

The Patriots are known for their defense, but the Panthers' defense, especially the front seven, is one of the toughest in the league. The front four does a terrific job of taking the pressure off the secondary by providing pressure on the quarterback, which allows Morgan and the linebacking crew to drop back in coverage.

One cannot overlook the importance of coaching in this game. Bill Belichick is the top defensive mind of this era. Carolina coach John Fox, however, is no slouch himself. His defense is similar to New England's: Both get pressure on the quarterback with the front four and with blitz packages, and both are fundamentally sound.

In what will be a defensive slugfest, most will say Carolina does not stand a chance. New England is on a streak of 14-straight wins. However, if the game is tight, do not be surprised if the Panthers come out on top.

—by Nick Richards

I'M NOT SURE WHAT sort of life insurance plan Jake Delhomme has, but if the Carolina quarterback, I'm calling up my old buddy Ned Ryerson in a desperate search for some added coverage.

Delhomme should also place a phone call to Colts quarterback Peyton Manning to get some tips on how to handle the transition from darling to goat in a mere four quarters. Manning, you'll recall, was on top of the world after leading Indy to two high-octane playoff wins. Once he had to play a team with a defense, though, suddenly all that play-calling at the line looked a little silly — especially after four interceptions.

No team is hotter right now than the Patriots, with a 14-game winning streak and all three facets of their game clicking perfectly. Tom Brady may not have Drew Bledsoe's arm, but his accuracy, particularly in the postseason, is simply unmatched.

But the Patriots' defense is what will bring the Lombardi Trophy back to the nation's cradle. Ty Law picked off Manning three times and shut down all-everything receiver Marvin Harrison. There's no reason to think that Law won't be a bee in the bonnet of Delhomme and Steve Smith, neither of whom is as good as Manning and Harrison. A few shoulder-to-jaw hits like the one Eugene Wilson laid on Brandon Stokely on Sunday, and the Carolina receivers will be lobbying coach John Fox to stick to the ground game.

Panther running backs Stephen Davis and DeShaun Foster might be better than their counterparts in New England, but good luck trying to run past big Ted Washington. The Patriots' defensive tackle is one of the best run-stuffers in the league, and by himself, he takes up more space on the field than any two offensive linemen put together.

Sadly, this Super Bowl will be another dud, with only the commercials to keep us entertained. That, and the sight of Delhomme's spleen rupturing midway through the third quarter.

—by Donovan Burba

WOMEN'S TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 18. Total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Duke (45)	14-1	1,148	1
2.	Tennessee (11)	14-1	1,096	5
3.	Texas	15-2	980	3
4.	Texas Tech	16-1	980	2
5.	Connecticut	12-2	828	4
6.	Stanford	14-2	826	7
7.	Penn St.	13-3	880	8
8.	Purdue	14-2	879	9
9.	Kansas St.	13-4	779	10
10.	Minnesota	15-1	779	6
11.	La. Tech	12-2	640	12
12.	LSU	15-2	609	14
13.	No. Carolina	13-2	607	13
14.	Colorado	14-2	531	15
15.	Oklahoma	13-2	528	15
16.	DePaul	16-1	488	17
17.	Georgia	13-4	393	11
18.	Miami	15-1	312	21
19.	Baylor	14-3	286	24
20.	Michigan St.	13-3	217	25
21.	TCU	13-3	164	18
22.	Auburn	13-4	148	20
23.	Villanova	13-3	148	19
24.	Boston Coll.	12-3	134	22
25.	Houston	14-2	90	—

MEN'S TOP 25

By The Associated Press
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 18. Total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

Rank	Team	Record	Pts	Pvs
1.	Duke (45)	14-1	1,763	2
2.	Stanford (24)	14-0	1,733	3
3.	St. Joseph's (11)	15-0	1,548	6
4.	Connecticut	14-2	1,529	1
5.	Louisville	13-1	1,443	8
6.	Cincinnati (2)	13-0	1,429	10
7.	North Carolina	11-3	1,262	9
8.	Pittsburgh	18-0	1,207	13
9.	Kentucky	11-2	1,181	5
10.	Wake Forest	11-2	1,073	4
11.	Georgia Tech	14-2	1,068	12
12.	Kansas	11-2	1,026	14
13.	Syracuse	13-1	1,024	17
14.	Arizona	11-3	971	7
15.	Gonzaga	14-2	921	16
16.	Texas	11-2	833	18
17.	Florida	11-3	849	15
18.	Texas Tech	14-2	530	22
19.	Mississippi St.	14-1	501	20
20.	Oklahoma	10-3	337	11
21.	Wisconsin	11-3	303	19
22.	Vanderbilt	13-2	292	23
23.	Purdue	12-3	247	—
24.	Oklahoma St.	12-2	140	—
25.	So. Carolina	16-2	115	—

NBA

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division W L Pct GB

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	21	17	.553	—
Boston	20	23	.465	3 1/2
New York	19	24	.442	4 1/2
Philadelphia	18	23	.439	4 1/2
Miami	16	25	.390	6 1/2
Washington	12	28	.300	10
Orlando	11	31	.262	12



World No. 1 Andy Roddick reacts after a point during his first round match against Chile's Fernando Gonzalez at the Australian Open.

Roddick wants what Agassi has: an Australian Open title

BY JOHN PYE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick is ranked No. 1. Andre Agassi has been there. Roddick is the U.S. Open champion. Agassi won it twice. Roddick's coach, Brad Gilbert, helped turn his enormous potential into a major title. Agassi used to work with Gilbert. Agassi owns eight Grand Slam titles, including last year's Australian Open. Roddick would love to succeed him as champion.

Roddick opened the season's first Grand Slam tournament Monday with a (6-2, 7-5, 7-6 (4)) victory over Chile's Fernando Gonzalez. Agassi defeated Australian wild-card entry Todd Larkham (6-1, 6-3, 6-4) in the late match. Roddick tuned up for this tournament at an exhibition at Kooyong, where Agassi played before winning Australian Open titles in 2000, 2001, and 2003. Roddick says not too much should be read into that. "Brad's philosophy is that I'm not Andre, and so he can't approach me like he did with Andre," Roddick said. Gilbert coached Agassi for eight years, helping him return from outside the top

NHL

By The Associated Press
All Times CST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division W L T OL Pts GF

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Philadelphia	22	10	10	5	59	128
New Jersey	22	11	10	1	55	102
N.Y. Islanders	22	19	4	1	49	134
N.Y. Rangers	18	17	7	4	42	124
Pittsburgh	11	28	5	3	30	91

NFL

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EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division W L T OL Pts GF

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Philadelphia	22	10	10	5	59	128
New Jersey	22	11	10	1	55	102
N.Y. Islanders	22	19	4	1	49	134
N.Y. Rangers	18	17	7	4	42	124
Pittsburgh	11	28	5	3	30	91

NFL

By The Associated Press
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WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division W L T OL Pts GF

Team	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Detroit	24	12	8	3	59	128
Ottawa	24	12	7	3	58	149
Boston	21	12	7	4	56	115
Montreal	23	16	6	2	54	118
Buffalo	19	23	7	4	42	111

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 - CBB Texas at Missouri, 8 p.m. on ESPN.
 - Wednesday
 - CBB Cincinnati at Louisville, 6 p.m. on ESPN.
 - CBB Iowa at Iowa State, 7 p.m. on Fox.
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- Blackhawks at Minnesota Wild, 7 p.m. on FSN.
- CBB Duke at Maryland, 8 p.m. on ESPN.
- NBA New York Knicks at Houston Rockets, 8 p.m. on ESPN2.
- Thursday
- CBB North Carolina at Florida State, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.
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Women's basketball player at Cal dies

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Alisa Lewis, a reserve on the California women's basketball team, died Monday morning after apparently contracting bacterial meningitis.



Lewis died Monday

Lewis, a junior from Spokane, Wash., died after being taken to the emergency room Sunday night with a severe headache, rash, and flu-like symptoms, the university said.

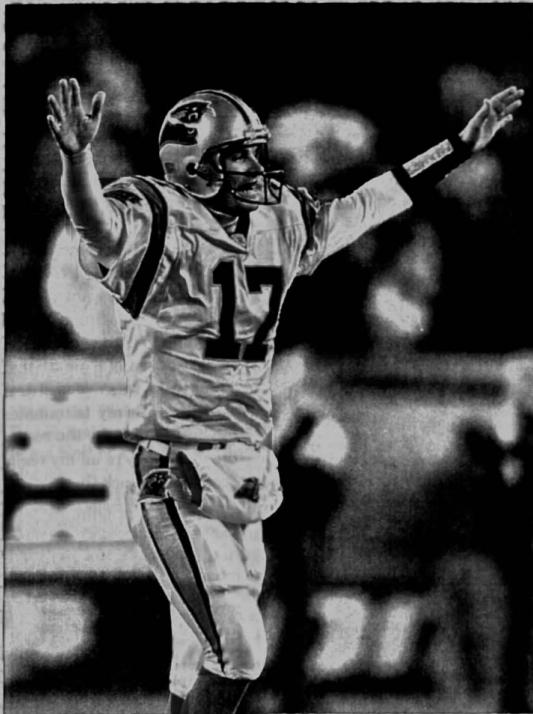
"Our hearts goes out to Alisa's family following this horrible, devastating news," coach Caren Horstmeier said. "Alisa was one

of the nicest, hardest-working players I've had the opportunity to coach. We're all in a complete state of shock."

A team spokeswoman said Monday that doctors believe Lewis probably died from bacterial meningitis, an infection of the covering of the brain and spinal cord which spreads through saliva and mucus.

University officials have notified local public-health authorities about Lewis' apparent case of the disease, which won't be confirmed until further tests are done. Her teammates and some staff were given a precautionary treatment of antibiotics.

Lewis played in 10 of the Golden Bears' 16 games this season, averaging 1.9 points and 1.7 rebounds per game. She started six games during her first two years at Cal.



Chris Gardner/Associated Press

Carolina quarterback Jake Delhomme celebrates after defeating the Philadelphia Eagles, 14-3, in the NFC championship game on Sunday.

Panther turnaround is almost full circle

BY JENNA FRYER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — His house and lawn were covered in toilet paper and congratulatory banners when Carolina coach John Fox returned home from the NFC championship game early Monday morning.

The drive home took longer than usual because of the extra time it took to push through the thousands of fans who turned out to greet the Panthers following their 14-3 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles.

Two years after the lowest point in Carolina history, Fox and the Panthers are headed to the Super Bowl for the first time in franchise history.

"We've got great fans, and they were out at the airport and all along our trail to the stadium, and there were a number of people to greet us here at the stadium," Fox said. "I had all kinds of things on my house, and everybody was really excited."

That's because the Panthers' turnaround has been nothing short of amazing.

A young franchise that had long been troubled by off-field problems, Carolina hit bottom on Jan. 6, 2002. The New England Patriots came to town for the regular-season finale and humiliated the Panthers, 38-6.

The game capped Carolina's 1-15 season and was played in front of a half-empty stadium. Of the franchise-low 21,070 in

attendance, more than half were New England fans. The Patriots, who went on to win the Super Bowl a month later, felt so at home that owner Bob Kraft was on the field shaking hands with their supporters after the game.

"The energy has been sucked out of our organization and our fan base," Panthers owner Jerry Richardson said the next day in firing coach George Seifert.

So Richardson went after a high-energy coach full of enthusiasm. He found it on Fox, who immediately set out to turn around the franchise.

In two seasons, he's done it, and Carolina's opponent in the Super Bowl is none other than the Patriots.

"One of the first things I thought of is we played against New England in the final game of the 1-15 season," general manager Marty Hurney said. "That was one of the low points, and now we are playing them in the Super Bowl two years later. It's gratifying; we have one game to go to accomplish our goal."

The Panthers are long shots to do that: The Las Vegas oddsmakers made New England a seven-point favorite to beat Carolina.

But that's a huge improvement from how the Panthers were perceived last year. Just days after the last Super Bowl, Carolina was listed by oddsmakers as anywhere from 75-1 to 100-1 shots to win the NFL championship.

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SPORTS

Future is bright

FOOTBALL

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Defense is where things get truly interesting in Iowa City in 2004.

Four starters from the Out-back champs will be gone, including fan favorite Bob Sanders (who will likely garner thousands of dollars in fines for helmet-to-helmet hits in the NFL next season). Nevertheless, Norm Parker's posse of defenders could be the best to ever grace Kinnick's turf next season. Linebackers Abdul Hodge and Chad Greenway were already among the best in the Big Ten as sophomores, with 141 and 132 tackles respectively, and they should only get better.

You can bank on at least a dozen sacks from the maniacal Matt Roth at end.

In the secondary, incoming five-star Juco recruit Walner

Belleus of Dodge City, Kan., should improve the defensive backfield from the corner-back position, possibly unseating Antwan Allen as a starter.

Look for rising star Miguel Merrick to assuage the loss of Sanders at strong safety. The 6-0, 194-pound sophomore-to-be seemingly made tackle after tackle in kick coverage in '03.

All the preceding adds up to more of the same for Ferentz's program in his sixth campaign at Iowa. It should also add up to a significant boost to the economy of some warm-weather locale due to an influx of Iowans around New Year's, just as Miami and Tampa enjoyed the last couple years.

I have always wanted to see what Pasadena looks like.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

WR wants to force NCAA's hand in debate

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Two-sport star Jeremy Bloom said Monday he intends to play football next fall and accept skiing endorsements in defiance of the NCAA.

Bloom said his decision is intended to force the NCAA's hand, requiring the organization to either change its position regarding endorsement money or prevent him from playing football.

The NCAA has ruled that Bloom cannot accept skiing endorsements and also play football. Bloom maintains such endorsements are necessary to fund his freestyle ski career.

Bloom has appealed the NCAA ruling, but a state district judge ruled against him in August 2002.

For the last two seasons, Bloom has been a wide receiver and kick returner at the University of Colorado while also competing in moguls skiing on the World Cup circuit — at his own expense.

During a news conference on the Colorado campus, Bloom said his agent will begin accepting

corporate endorsements today. But he also intends to return to the football field for his junior season next fall.

"From the time I was 9 years old, I've dreamed of winning a gold medal for our country in the Winter Olympics," Bloom said. "Unfortunately, at this time, I can no longer realistically attempt to follow this dream with the restrictions that exist under current NCAA bylaws."

Bloom insisted his desire to play football is equal to his desire to win an Olympic gold medal.

"The unfortunate side of this is that the NCAA possesses the power to kick me off the football field and take my scholarship away, even though its own rule book states that an amateur student-athlete can simultaneously be a professional in another sport [such as baseball]," he said.

"The NCAA has not allowed me to be a professional skier for two years now. I only want what is fair, for the NCAA to control my amateur career and the International Olympic Committee to control my ski career," he said.

Alford impressed with Hansen's play

HOOPS

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Texas, native to play 10-20 minutes a game in Reiner's stead, a significant step up from his current 5.4 average.

"Erek's been a fierce competitor since he's been here," Alford said Monday. "But I just have sensed in the last three weeks, he's had some practices where he's kicked our regulars' tails."

Hansen impressed Alford with his performance in the Jan. 17 loss at Illinois, putting up four points and three blocks in 15 minutes.

"He runs the floor, he's very long, he can dunk the basketball in traffic," Alford said. "I liked his jump hook; he's worked really hard at that over the last year. He did not have much of a low-post game when he first got here, and he's starting to develop it."

After redshirting during the 2001-02 season, Hansen was ruled academically ineligible and played last season at Kirkwood Community College. There, he averaged 8.1 points, 6.5 rebounds, and 5.3 blocked shots in one year before returning to the Hawkeyes.

"I worked a lot on my offense at Kirkwood, and now I'm going to be able to use it in the games," he said.

The obvious concern with Hansen is how he'll be able to handle Reiner-type centers such as Penn State's Jan Jagla (7-0, 232) and Ohio State's Velimir Radinovic (7-0, 250). Both will visit Carver-Hawkeye Arena before the end of January, and it will be up to Hansen to contain them.

Hansen learned early about the physical nature of playing center in the Big Ten.

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— Iowa coach Steve Alford, on Erek Hansen

"I came in I thought I was pretty good, and I get here and I got shoved around a lot, because I was kind of weak," he recalled with an embarrassed smile. "After a couple of years of playing and working out, I've gotten stronger, and I don't get pushed around nearly as much as I used to."

Since his initial arrival in Iowa, Hansen said, he's put on around 15 pounds, and he'd like to bulk up more but without sacrificing speed or athleticism.

And, Alford said, he already plays with a veteran's mentality.

"He doesn't look strong, but he's deceptively strong in the way he competes so hard," said the fifth-year coach. "He doesn't back down from anybody. There was a stretch in the game where [Illinois center] Nick Smith got him, and he came right back down the floor and got Nick Smith."

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DeWitz will be able to play next spring

DEWITZ

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DeWitz, would be available for Oregon State's spring semester next season, assuming he is able to navigate through his current murky academic status.

"Yeah, I'm eligible," he said. "I still have to sit out [two semesters], but I'll only miss like six games."

DeWitz was a highly heralded recruit who was rated the No. 1 Juco power forward

in the nation when he arrived on campus last spring. He does not leave on bad terms — at least when it comes to his former Iowa teammates.

"I don't really want to comment on the coaching staff — they did what they could," he said. "It was unfortunate that I had to leave so soon. I just want to wish my teammates the best of luck for the rest of the year. They're all my really good friends back there."

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SPORTS

NBA ROUNDUP

Pistons win No. 13

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Chauncey Billups scored 18 points to help Detroit beat the reigning NBA champion San Antonio Spurs, 85-77, Monday for their franchise record-tying 13th-straight win.

The last time Detroit won 13 straight was 1989-90, the season it won its second-straight NBA title. Pistons coach Larry Brown had not won 13 straight in his Hall of Fame career until Monday.

Detroit matched the league's best winning streak, set by the Spurs in December. The Pistons have not lost since New Jersey beat them at home on Dec. 26.

After the Spurs enjoyed slim leads in the final quarter, Billups tied it at 72 with a 3-pointer with a few minutes left.

Billups made a go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:28 left, and his three-point play put the Pistons up 81-77 with 48.6 seconds to go. He then made all four of his free-throw attempts to seal the win.

Knicks 90, Raptors 79

NEW YORK (AP) — Stephon Marbury had 28 points and 14 assists to keep coach Lenny Wilkens undefeated in his new job, extending the Knicks' winning streak to four games.

The Knicks improved to 3-0 under Wilkens by defeating the team he coached the past three seasons. Toronto was without Vince Carter, who missed his second-consecutive game with a strained right quadriceps.

Marbury scored 13 in the third quarter, when the Knicks took the lead for good, then added 11 more in the fourth. Jalen Rose had 22 points, Donyell Marshall added 21 points and 15 rebounds, and Chris Bosh had 18 points for the Raptors.

Pacers 100, Hawks 97

ATLANTA (AP) — Reggie Miller hit a go-ahead 3-pointer and added two free throws in the final minute to lead the Pacers to their fourth-straight win.

With the score tied at 93, he made an open 3 with the shot clock winding down. Miller's free throws with 5.1 seconds left put the Pacers back up by three, and they hung on from there.

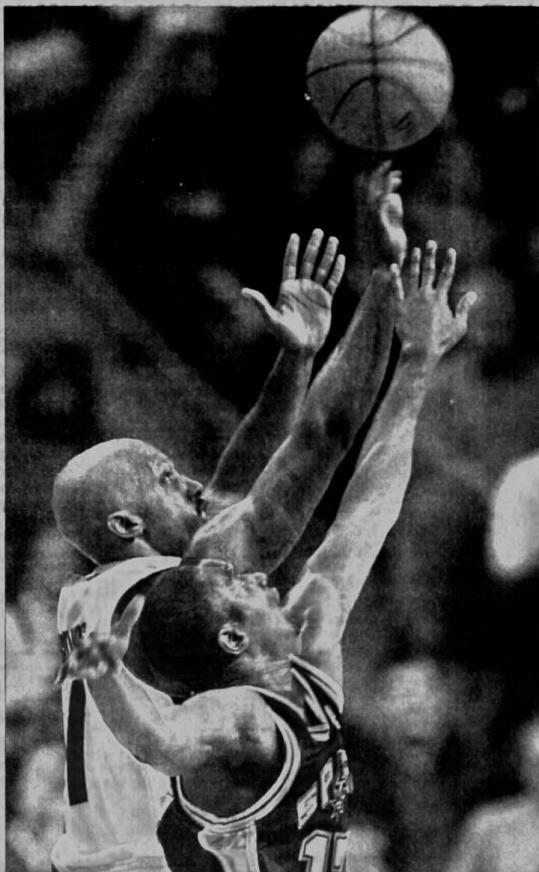
Jermaine O'Neal had 24 points and 10 rebounds for Indiana. Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 32 points, and Jason Terry had 23 for the Hawks.

Kings 125, Clippers 100

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Peja Stojakovic scored 31 points to help the Kings win their fifth straight and ninth in 10 games.

Sacramento improved the NBA's best record to 29-9. The Kings had a season-high 38 assists on 49 field goals, including eight each by Doug Christie and Vlade Divac, who scored 15 points.

Elton Brand, who had 35 points and 20 rebounds against the Lakers on Jan. 17, had 24 points and six rebounds for the Clippers. Quentin Richardson returned to Los Angeles lineup, getting 18 points in 35 minutes after missing four of the previous five games because of a sprained right hand.



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Detroit Pistons guard Chauncey Billups takes a shot over San Antonio Spurs guard Charlie Ward in the second half on Monday in Auburn Hills, Mich. Billups scored 18 points in the Pistons' 85-77 win.

Magic 106, Bucks 99

ORLANDO (AP) — Tracy McGrady scored 34 points, while Juwan Howard added 19 points and 12 rebounds to lift the Magic.

Joe Smith led Milwaukee with 19 points and eight rebounds. Milwaukee trailed by as many as 17 in the fourth quarter but closed to 98-96 with 25.4 seconds remaining.

Howard was fouled on the inbound play and made both free throws to give Orlando a 100-96 lead. McGrady then stole the inbound pass and scored on a breakaway dunk to make it 102-96 with 19.8 seconds to go.

Sonics 90, 76ers 81

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Ray Allen scored 28 points and hit two late off-balance shots to help the Seattle SuperSonics end a four-game losing streak.

Glenn Robinson scored 27 points for Philadelphia, which lost its third-straight game. Allen Iverson was held to 18 points on 7-for-22 shooting.

Seattle erased a 19-point first-half deficit to win.

Wizards 93, Bulls 83

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Wizards overcame an 18-point deficit to win consecutive games for the first time in two months.

Since beating Atlanta on Nov. 17 and Cleveland two days later, Washington had gone 5-22 before a Jan. 17 99-84 win over Seattle.

Larry Hughes, who had 25 points to lead the Wizards, passed the 5,000-point mark with his second field goal of the game.

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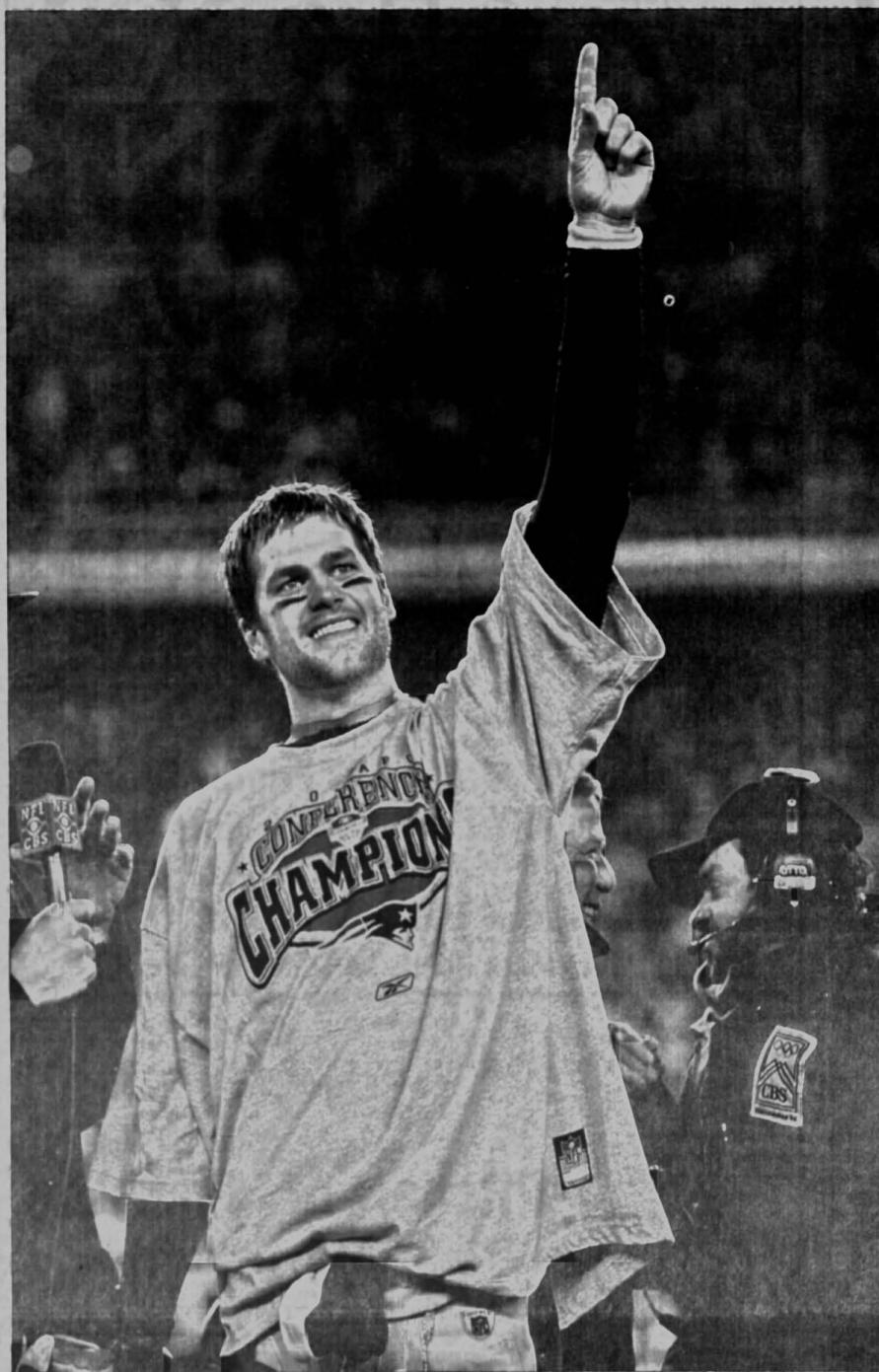
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New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady salutes the crowd at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro, Mass., on Sunday after the Patriots beat the Indianapolis Colts, 24-14, in the AFC Championship Game.

'Tom Cool' making a name for himself

BY JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBORO, Mass. — Too bad the nickname is taken.

"Tom Cool" will never have quite the same ring as "Joe Cool," yet Patriots quarterback Tom Brady hardly suffers in any other comparison with a young Joe Montana.

Brady already has the icy stare down, and now, despite just three seasons as a starter, he's also displayed the kind of big-game temperament and level-headed leadership that come along only once or so in every NFL generation.

On Sunday, Brady combined those qualities with smart reads and an accurate short-passing game to send a chill down the spine of the Indianapolis defense that was every bit as uncomfortable as the snowy New England winter. On Jan. 11, he did the same to Tennessee. That means the two quarterbacks who finished ahead of Brady in MVP balloting, the Colts' Peyton Manning and the Titans' Steve McNair, would trade places with him now — in a heartbeat.

Brady is headed to his second Super Bowl two weeks from now; bet against him in Houston at your own risk.

He hasn't lost a playoff game in five tries, going back to his cold-blooded championship run in 2001. That fifth win also gave him the third-best career start for any playoff quarterback, nudging him past Montana and Jeff Hostetler, who both won their first four tries.

"The guy is building a legacy for himself," said tight end Christian Fauria, one of eight Pats to catch at least one throw from Brady.

Tom Brady is the greatest winner in football right now. I want to go out there with Tom Brady. With all due respect to Steve and Peyton, winning is the card that trumps everything.

— Ty Law,
Patriots cornerback

Teammate Ty Law thought that assessment was almost too modest.

"Tom Brady is the greatest winner in football right now," he said. Asked to compare his quarterback with McNair and Manning, whom Law intercepted three times, the cornerback readily endorsed his fellow Michigan Wolverine:

"What do stats mean when you're sitting at home?" Law said. "I want to go out there with Tom Brady. With all due respect to Steve and Peyton, winning is the card that trumps everything."

Brady was far from flawless, except when it mattered.

He misfired twice on the opening drive but kept it going by running a gutsy 2-yard sneak when Patriots coach Bill Belichick took a huge gamble just 90 seconds into the game on a fourth-and-1 at his own 44. Then, as Brady found his rhythm, he began alternating passes to Deion Branch and David Givens, finishing the drive with a 7-yard toss to Givens that produced the Pats' only touchdown all day.

Though Brady drove the Patriots

inside Indianapolis' 10-yard line four more times, they were forced to settle each time for a field goal.

"Obviously, we left a lot of points out there. But we're working on it," Brady said through a crooked smile and several days' growth of beard.

Despite his boyish looks, Brady, at 26, already has the heart of an assassin. His winning percentage as a starter stacks him alongside all-time leader Roger Staubach, and he's a very cool 14-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer, a number that puts him in Montana's neighborhood.

But he wasn't about to be drawn into any comparisons.

"The only person I care about proving myself to is myself and my coach," Brady said. "Everybody else doesn't matter."

Still, he's been impressing almost everybody he plays alongside or against since his days at Junipero High School in San Mateo, Calif., where NFL Hall of Famer Lynn Swann and San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds also began their careers. Brady went 20-5 at Michigan, but failed to convince scouts.

He fell to the Pats with the 199th pick of the 2000 draft, a quirk that has a lot of personnel "experts" shaking their heads to this day. Brady didn't let that rattle him, either.

"Tom never lets his emotions get in the way of the game," Pats tackle Matt Light said.

Except once: In 1981, Brady's father took him to see the 49ers' playoff game in nearby San Francisco that was decided by an improbable Montana-to-Dwight-Clark touchdown hookup now known, majestically, as "The Catch." Brady missed it and still regrets it.

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TWO BEDROOM

AD#1901. Two bedroom, Coralville, cats allowed, located near to Medical and Dental schools.

AD#32. Two bedroom apartment, westside, off-street parking.

AD#4. DRAMATICALLY REDUCED RENT. TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT AVAILABLE FOR ONE PERSON!

AD#4A. FRESH remodeled two bedroom apartment for rent.

AD#5. Two bedroom apartment, westside, C/A, dishwasher, off-street parking.

AD#508. Two bedroom townhouse, Coralville, W/D hook-ups.

AD#75. DOWNTOWN. Two bedroom, A/C, dishwasher, garage parking available.

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THREE/FOUR BEDROOM

DAILY IOWAN CLASSIFIEDS 335-5784, 335-5785

JANUARY 1. S. Johnson. Three bedroom. Free water gas, parking.

JANUARY RENT FREE on three bedroom sublet at Emerald Court.

AD#5. Two bedroom apartment, westside, C/A, dishwasher, off-street parking.

AD#508. Two bedroom townhouse, Coralville, W/D hook-ups.</

Rise and shine with The Daily Break

calendar

- Biochemistry Workshop, Dan Ferraro, biochemistry, "Engineering Regioselectivity of Naphthalene Dioxygenase," 12:15 p.m., Bowen Science Building Auditorium 2.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week Event, "Quality Health Care: An African-American Doctor's View," Deborah Turner, 12:30 p.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week Event,

- "Demystifying Disability," 2 p.m., 102 Center for Disabilities & Development.
- Staff Council Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week Kickoff Event, 3 p.m., Museum of Art.
- TOW Seminar Series, "Ambiguity without a State Space," David Ahn, Stanford Graduate School of Business, 4 p.m., S107 Pappajohn Business Building.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week Event, "Academic Medicine's Role in Addressing Health

- Disparities," Deborah Turner, 5:15 p.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.
- "Desegregation, Jews, Extraterrestrial Life: Being Far Out & Going Deep Inside," Chabad Jewish Student Association, 7:30 p.m., 256 IMU.



THE LEDGE

HOW TO IMPRESS YOUR PEERS ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

By Jesse Ammerman

Enough with the standard introductions at the beginning of class. Make yourself known with a rollicking song-and-dance number that will capture the attention of classmates and Tony Award voters alike.

Explain that you spent last night watching democracy unfold at your local caucus precinct, not watching democracy unfold on "American Idol." If possible, keep a straight face while declaring this.

Be the first to note that numerous copies of the syllabus should in fact be referred to as "syllabi."

When asked, mention that you used the four-week break as an opportunity to cure lung cancer, strike a peace accord in Israel, and host a summit on the critical issue of Third World debt relief. Better than sitting around and watching football, you figured.

If you got a new pair of jeans with your gift money, be sure to roll the bottoms of those nice and tight before class.

Wear your baseball cap backwards, as this will show people who's boss in 2004.

Boast to any youngsters in class that you are indeed of legal drinking age. Swig generously from a bottle of rum for emphasis.

Sure, it's cool that you went to Tampa for the Outback Bowl. But it wouldn't hurt to mention that you recorded five sacks and an interception while you were down there.

Yes, you might brag, you are from THE Crisco, Iowa. Autographs will be signed at the end of class.

Never underestimate the power of a thick, if erratic, French accent.

Little University

- Which New York City borough is home turf for the Wu-Tang Clan?
- Who debuted atop the New York Times' nonfiction book list with *How I Play Golf*?
- What nation routinely tops all other foreign nations in U.S. patents issued to its residents?
- What pitcher became the American League's all-time strikeout king during the 2001 season?
- What nationally prominent attorney was disbarred in Florida in 2001 for misappropriating \$6 million of a client's stock?

1. Staten Island
2. Tiger Woods
3. Japan
4. Roger Clemens
5. F. Lee Bailey

quote of the day

How many Iraqi children have been killed? When will the war end? We all have to be concerned about terrorism, but you will never end terrorism by terrorizing others.

— Martin Luther King III

happy birthday to ...

- Jan. 22 — Stacey Rossman, 20
- Jan. 23 — Annie Shuppy, 20
- Jan. 31 — J.K. Perry, 25
- Jan. 31 — Pete Warski, 21

Wish your friends a happy birthday. E-mail their name, age, and date of birth to dailyiowan@uiowa.edu.

news you need to know

Today — Spring classes begin

The UI committee of Paper or Plastic tries to educate students on the importance of wise use of credit. As part of the program, free financial counseling is available to students who feel as though their debt, whether it be student loans or credit-card bills, is out of hand.

For more information, call Emily Cornish, an assistant director of marketing at the UI Alumni Association, 335-2214. Visit the group's Web site at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~wra/paperorplastic/>.

horoscopes

Tuesday, January 20, 2004

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may find this day a little frustrating. Instead of getting upset, put your time and effort into doing the best job possible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): More responsibility is coming your way, but it will be well worth your while to take on whatever you feel you can handle. Progress is looking you in the face.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are likely to be stuck taking care of someone else's responsibilities today. Money matters don't have to be bad if you are less frivolous about your spending habits. Consider a good investment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You have to deal with the personal issues in your life that are driving you crazy. Be honest, and don't back down. Accept the blame you deserve, and try to rekindle the flame.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is the perfect day to push your own project or to start your own small business on the side. Money can be made if you put your mind to it. Your ideas are sound, so act fast.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will discover that someone you have been spending time with probably has a greater interest in you than you first thought. Romance is likely to develop if you are in the market for a new lover.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Things won't unfold the way you had hoped today. Talk to someone who will have an unbiased opinion about your situation. Good advice can lead to a very workable solution.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Friendships with people who have similar interests will all lead to a greater opportunity for success. A love interest is likely to develop today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will get further ahead if you are determined to work hard and do a good job. Any thoughts of gambling or getting involved in a risky venture should be put to rest immediately.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your emotions under control. Someone may try to force personal issues with you today that you really aren't ready to discuss. Traveling for business will be your best bet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It may not be easy to deal with superiors, but if you are accommodating, you will get much further ahead. Keep your secrets to yourself; don't share your ideas.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Lots can happen today, especially in the romance department. Interacting with individuals who can teach you a thing or two will lead to all sorts of new possibilities. Travel will promote adventure.

public access schedule

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| 7 a.m. Democracy Now | 4 Gospel Explosion Ministry | 10:30 RBO TV |
| 10 Perspectives | 5 Animal House | 11 Road to Ottumwa |
| 11 SCTV Calendar | 5:30 An Interview with Dennis Kucinich | 11:50 Decorating with Nature |
| 11:30 SCTV Mature Focus | 6 Tom's Guitar Show Live | 12:25 a.m. Deep Dish TV |
| Noon House on the Rock | 7 U.N. Report | |
| 12:30 p.m. The Good News | 7:30 Coloring Easter Eggs Naturally | |
| 1 The Chins: Episode 23 | 8 Tonight with Bradman Live | |
| 1:35 Downtown Winter Carnival | 9 PATV Reserved: Local Music | |
| 2 St. Mary's Liturgy | 10 Cold and Grey | |
| 3 Power of Victory | | |

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DILBERT

by Scott Adams

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BY WILEY

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1209

- ACROSS**
- Fr. holy women
 - Nut's partner
 - Rite place
 - Bath powder ingredient
 - Tom Joad, for one
 - Mr. Moto portrayer
 - Boorish
 - St. Paul's architect
 - Shoe blemish
 - Flexible educational environment
 - You should worry if you're in it
 - Suffix with auction
 - Lobbying grp.
 - "Smile" show
 - California's Big
 - Teutonic turnout
 - Wreath for the head
 - Took advantage of
 - Like some organs
 - Herbert sci-fi classic
 - Dracula portrayer
 - Burned-out ship, e.g.
 - Amigo
 - "Guys and Dolls" composer
 - Car loan fig.
 - They, in Tours
 - Simoleons
 - Payee's convenience
 - False move
 - Mate's greeting
 - False move
 - Best Actress winner for "Blue Sky"
 - Mountain-climbing aid
 - Just manages, with "out"
 - Pushed strongly
 - Took to court
 - Deliver a tirade

DOWN

- Barbershop band?
- Hosiery shade
- One to respect
- Postcard-pretty
- Play in the alley
- Gumbo pod
- Epitaph word
- Got uptight
- Election loser
- Plumb crazy
- Falsified, as charges
- Kennel sound
- Officiate
- Tartan-wearing group
- Some California political moves
- Place to fight
- Sahara transport
- Britain's Chamberlain
- Early sixth-century date
- dark (clueless)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

EWER SASSY ZEST
BAMA OUTDO ELLE
ACID BRAINDRAIN
YOGIBEAR ROPED
HOARS PTA SSE
BLADES MAM ETD
ATTAR TARMAC
TREY WAVES RAMP
SHAPED WISER
LUD ADEEN FAMILY
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PLAGE ICECREAM
TIDAL BASIN AERO
ONES SYNOD TINA
PINK AEONS ETON

Puzzle by Alan Arbesfeld

- ACROSS**
- "Spy vs. Spy" magazine
 - drug (infection fighter)
 - Take forcibly
 - With respect to
 - Put on
 - Neighbor of Ger.
 - Sidestepped
 - Griddle-turned-politician Jack
 - Back-to-back awards for Hanks
 - Top contractor?
 - Honshu port
 - Compare
 - Bikini event, in old headlines
 - "Picnic" playwright
 - C-notes
 - Inside info
 - Checked out
 - Winter bug
 - Musical perception

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