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"IT PERKS THEM UP, PROVIDES THE FAMILY WITH SOME MEMORIES OF HAPPIER TIMES AT THE HOSPITAL." — CHILD LIFE SPECIALIST GWEN SENIO

Brightening the outlook & the looks

BY MEGHAN SIMS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Erin Richardson's IV pole is adorned with a picture poster of "Erin's Favorite Things," a tissue flower, a paper fish, hats, and stuffed animals. Her mother, Kathy Richardson, smiles as UI Hospitals and Clinics cosmetologist Liz Owen styles the 14-year-old's hair.

"Erin's one of our repeaters," says cosmetologist Judy Quigley, watching Erin's straight hair curl.

"She seems like an old friend," adds Donna Deatch, a volunteer with UIHC's in-house beauty parlor.

"Here's Looking at Me," a free service sponsored by UIHC Volunteer Services, offers pediatric patients a break from the monotony of hospital life once a month. For a fleeting afternoon, sick children, their young siblings, and child visitors can dress up, make up, and ham it up for the camera at the Fourth Floor Salon. The pictures shot by volunteer photographer Kris Westphal are theirs to keep.

Child-life specialists in the Children's Hospital of Iowa help to coordinate the program with the salon staff. The occasional pampering makes them feel special, says child-life specialist Gwen Senio.

"It perks them up," she said, adding that the event "provides the family with some memories of happier times at the hospital."

In Erin's case, the makeover comes as a highlight that distracts her from greater troubles. She suffered a stroke as an infant, experiencing severe brain damage during a heart transplant — "pretty scary



UIHC patient Erin Richardson, 14, gets her hair curled by cosmetologist Liz Owen at the Fourth Floor Salon in the hospital on Wednesday afternoon. The session was part of the "Here's Looking at Me" program sponsored by Volunteer Services.

Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

stuff," her mother said. Waiting for her pink nails to dry momentarily eases the anxiety of waiting for a second heart transplant.

"She seems to have a pretty strong will to live," Richardson said.

Owen and Quigley began the program two and a half years ago after realizing they could do more for the children in the hospital. Geared toward

UIHC's younger visitors, Quigley said the program serves "little tiny babies up to 18-year-olds."

But it's not work for the volunteers. "The boys and the tattoos, and the hair color. They're a stitch," Quigley said.

The boys are particularly thrilled with the temporary hair-dye spray. One day, after Owen colored their heads half green and half blue, they wanted a shot

at her brown locks.

"They wanted my hair sprayed, so they did mine blue," she said.

Her favorite part of the job is helping cancer patients improve their look and self-image by teaching hands-on techniques to overcome appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments.

Quigley recalled a funny experience: "Remember that

pun'kin who wanted a tattoo on the top of his bald head?" she asked Owen.

As the photo shoot wraps, Senio wraps her arm around Erin to let her know she's leaving. "I'll see you later, lady," she says.

Erin leans from her wheelchair into Senio's body and closes her eyes, smiling.

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Ex-Hawk tabbed for U.S. attorney

BY WILLIAM MIKESSELL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Bush administration appointed a UI alumnus and former Hawkeye football player to be the U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Iowa on Tuesday.

Matt Whitaker, who was nominated by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, was an academic All-American tight end who played on the 1991 Rose Bowl team and earned his law and business degrees from the UI. The Ames native said he was "excited and humbled by the opportunity" to serve as chief litigator of the region.

If his appointment is approved by the Senate, he will fill the position vacated by Steve Colloton, who became a judge in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. Whitaker said he will serve the federal government and the people of Iowa by focussing on prosecuting felons possessing handguns and preventing terrorism.

The Des Moines attorney was always known for his tremendous work ethic, overachievement, and leadership skills, said Dave Triplett, the Hawkeyes' former tight end coach.

Whitaker was a "quality guy — a very focused, goal-oriented person" who showed up early to practice and stayed late, Triplett said. "He was one of those guys who was always working ahead."

The highlight of Whitaker's football career was a key touchdown in the 1990 win over Iowa State, Triplett recalled.

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Student regents' terms draw concern

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jenny Rokes, the newest student face on the state Board of Regents, is supposed to serve a six-year term.

At least that's how it works in theory. If history is any indication, the University of Northern Iowa junior will probably spend much less time representing students on the board that oversees the UI and Iowa's other public universities. Of the six people who served in the official student position, none completed a full term.

The result, say past and present student leaders, ultimately stifles the students' opinions.

"My sense is that it diminishes the impact that the student has because the view of the other regents would be to expect that the student will always come with a pro-student bias,"

said Steven Zumbach, a UI alum who served on the board from 1973-77.

Though not officially considered a "student regent" — the law putting a student on the board took effect in 1988 — the Des Moines lawyer was the first person to act in the position while attending a public university.

"The regent institutions are very complex, and my concern with a very short tenure is it's difficult to really understand the issues in such a short amount of time," Zumbach said, adding that then-Gov. Robert Ray appointed him in hopes of appeasing student protesters.

"It's a lot of responsibility. It takes lot of time and effort to

become informed, and as a regent, you have to be informed so you can make intelligent decisions. And that simply can't happen in two years," Zumbach said.

Rokes disagreed: "I don't think the board would be asking for a student regent if that were the case."

The 21-year-old said she will meet with UNI's student government president for the first time and study each university's current issues before attending her first regents' meeting, on Feb. 18-19. She acknowledged she plans to serve two of the five years of a term that began with former UI student Neala Arnold.

In the past, student regents have typically resigned after three or four years.

"I think a lower turnover rate would obviously be better, but I think it's very important

that we have these students regents on the board," said Regent David Neil. "I think it's important to have their opinion on the board, regardless of their length of service."

Former Regent Jacklyn Van Ekeren echoed that sentiment. "The important fact is you have a student on the board who knows what the issues are and communicates with the student leaders," she said.

As a result of the pattern, the Iowa Legislature considered a bill in 1995 that would have shortened student-regent terms from the current six years to four. The regents strongly opposed the bill, however, contending that such a change would minimize the student's experience and weaken the board.

Trimming student members' terms would relegate them to a

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Coming soon: 'Deep in the heart of taxes'

BY ARNA WILKINSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

The deadline to file taxes is looming on the horizon, and the maze of paper and financial information can be confusing. No matter how difficult, federal taxes must be ready by April 15 and state taxes by April 30.

"The first step to preparing taxes at state and federal levels is to compile all financial information," said Brian Kooyman, the owner of Kooyman Tax Service in the Old Capitol Town Center.

It may be easy to get financial information, but completing tax forms can be the hard part.

Instead of getting buried under a pile of paper, people can get help from the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites approved by the IRS in Iowa City and Coralville. The sites are run by UI accounting students who are required to complete a university tax class and an IRS course.

In addition to all pertinent tax information, taxpayers need to bring a copy of last year's federal and state income-tax returns to verify their eligibility to participate in the program. Single taxpayers with a gross income exceeding \$20,000, married taxpayers with a combined gross income of \$25,000, or taxpayers with incomes from outside Iowa do not qualify for this program.

How to Tackle Tax Forms

- Gather all financial information, including W-2 forms from employers, stock sales, tuition, and student-loan amounts.
- If income has been earned outside of Iowa, fill out tax forms from the necessary states.
- Decide with family whether they will claim you as a dependent.
- Choose which method to file taxes—either tax forms and booklets, online, computer software, or a private firm.



Source: DI research

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Volunteers will be at the Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn St., between Feb. 23 to April 13 on Wednesdays from 6-8:30 p.m. and Sundays from 1-4 p.m. They will also be at the Coralville Public Library, 1405 Fifth St., between March 3 to April 14 on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Another tax-assistance site for nonresident international students is the UI Office of International Students and Scholars. The office purchased tax software three years ago specifically for international students that can be accessed on the Internet with a password.

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Mass. court paves way for same-sex marriage

BY CHARLES LANE
WASHINGTON POST

The highest court in Massachusetts declared on Wednesday that the state Legislature may not offer "civil union" instead of marriage for same-sex couples, a ruling that paves the way for the first state-recognized same-sex marriages in U.S. history.

The ruling, which amplified the Supreme Judicial Court's

Nov. 18 decision striking down Massachusetts' opposite-sex only marriage laws, was delivered in an advisory opinion sought by the state Senate.

After the November ruling, the Senate took up a bill that would have granted same-sex couples all "the protections, benefits, and obligations of civil marriage" — but called the arrangement something else. That was the approach

the Vermont Legislature took when it set up civil unions after that state's high court ruled in 1999 that limiting marriage to opposite-sex couples unlawfully denied equal benefits to same-sex couples.

Before voting on the bill, the Massachusetts Senate asked the court if it would pass muster under the Nov. 18 ruling, and the answer, read aloud for the first time in the Senate

chamber on Wednesday, was a resounding "no."

By eliminating the possibility of a legislative alternative, the decision left opponents of same-sex marriage in Massachusetts with no option other than an amendment to the state Constitution defining marriage as an opposite-sex institution only. But under Massachusetts law,

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COLLARING BLUE COLLAR

Let USC and LSU pile up the blue-chippers. Kirk Ferentz likes his blue-collars. See story, Page 1B

KERRY-ED AWAY

In the race for the Democratic nomination, momentum turned out to be everything. See story, Page 4A

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NEWS

Hospital loses West DM project

BY DAVID PITT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — A proposal by Iowa Methodist Medical Center to build an 83-bed hospital in West Des Moines was rejected Wednesday by state regulators.

The five-member Health Facilities Council concluded that the timing was wrong because a new hospital is not yet needed, although it may be at some point in the future.

"I think there will be a right time for this. It wasn't today," said Councilor Cynthia Beauman of Spencer.

The members were primarily concerned that the new hospital would duplicate services and create a surplus of hospital beds, which tends to drive health-care costs higher.

"Maybe in the next couple of years, the planning can be made more concrete and substantial that this can work," said Councilor Joan Koenigs of St. Ansgar.

Methodist Hospital officials said they were disappointed and would consider an appeal.

"We're going to continue to fight

"When the need is there, we will be the first ones to support that. For right now, we think that there isn't that kind of capacity, and we think that the citizens as a result of this action have saved a lot of money."

Cliff Gold, of Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield

for our patients and fight for our community," said David Stark, the chief operating officer for Iowa Methodist and Iowa Lutheran hospitals. "We've got to go back and figure some things out."

Iowa Methodist contends that it has outgrown its downtown space and more beds are needed in central Iowa.

Stark said other options, including renovating the downtown hospital, were considered, but all cost more than building another hospital.

Iowa Methodist competitor Mercy Medical Center planned to move part of its operations to a site across the street from the proposed Methodist site in West Des Moines if the project were approved. With denial of the Methodist project, Mercy has decided not to develop its project

for at least five years, said spokeswoman Laura Wenman.

The two competing companies worked on a joint project in 2002 to build a new hospital in West Des Moines but ended the discussions after eight months, when it appeared the U.S. Department of Justice had antitrust concerns about the plan.

Mercy, which is proceeding with a \$92 million addition to its downtown Des Moines hospital, did not file documents to oppose to the Iowa Methodist project.

A \$15 million donation by the Michael R. Myers family toward the \$82 million new Methodist hospital project will be lost, Stark said.

The Des Moines City Council denounced the plan last week, saying a new hospital would drive up health-care costs throughout central Iowa.

Wellmark Blue Cross and Blue Shield, the city's insurance carrier, estimated the city of Des Moines' health-care bill would have increased another 8 percent with construction of the hospital. The city spends about \$28 million for health care for employees.

"We believe that at some point in future — it looks to us like that will be about 2015 — that there will be a need for additional hospital capacity in central Iowa," said Cliff Gold, the group vice president for the insurance company. "When the need is there, we will be the first ones to support that. For right now, we think that there isn't that kind of capacity, and we think that the citizens as a result of this action have saved a lot of money."

The Health Facilities Council is responsible for holding down the cost of health care in Iowa. As part of that process, the council must approve any new service costing more than \$500,000 and new equipment above \$1.5 million, said Iowa Department of Public Health spokesman Kevin Teale.

Bolkcom lashes out at tax-refund loans

BY AMY LORENTZEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, warns financially struggling Iowans not to get scammed into high-interest tax-refund loans as they prepare to file their taxes.

Bolkcom also urged his fellow lawmakers to stop predatory lenders who, he said, offer loans based on expected tax refunds with interest as high as 774 percent.

"Unfortunately, the state of Iowa is a silent ally of this legalized loan sharking. The result is that we are failing to protect Iowa families from a ruinous debt treadmill," he said at a news conference Wednesday at the State Capitol.

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by the Brookings Institution showed that at least 50,000 Iowans used the refund-anticipation loans in 2001. Other national reports show that the typical finance charge of such a loan is \$75 on a \$1,900 refund, totaling a 144 percent interest rate, he said.

"Skimming income-tax refunds by using outrageous interest rates in another example of bottom-feeders focusing on working families struggling to make ends meet," he said.

The tax-refund loans, usually made for anywhere

from 24 hours to 10 days, are similar to other payday loans, said Bolkcom, who has vowed to make payday-loan reform a top legislative priority this session.

Part of his plan, Bolkcom said, is to work with the National Consumer Law Center, which is crafting model legislation regarding predatory lending. Reforms could include limiting interest rates and fees and requiring the lender to provide more up-front information to consumers, he said.

Bolkcom admitted there are

hurdles to proposing legislation that would rein in the \$1 billion a year predatory lending business run by large national banks that he said have special-interest ties with government officials.

"You are going to see organized interest come together to stop any kind of control or reform in this area," he said.

Bolkcom said taxpayers should search out organizations that can help them file their taxes for free, including getting free assistance from the Internal Revenue Service. In Iowa, which leads the nation in electronic tax filing, taxpayers can get their entire refund in just a week to 10 days if they file electronically, he said.

"We're here to warn Iowans that they don't have to pay to borrow their own money," he said.

STATE

Lawmakers continue gambling work

DES MOINES (AP) — Lawmakers continued Wednesday to work on a gambling bill that recovers \$112 million in back taxes the state owes racetrack casinos.

The back taxes must be paid as the result of an Iowa Supreme Court ruling Tuesday that struck down the way the state taxes riverboats and racetracks.

House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City, said taxpayers will not get stuck with paying the money. He said the racetracks will work out a deal with the state or lawmakers will find a way to tax the gambling operators to pay it.

"If the tracks keep their cool and are reasonable there's a way to address back taxes so that the state taxpayers don't get hurt for that tax bill," Rants said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Wendy Crossett, 26, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3601, was charged Tuesday with suborning perjury, possession of a schedule I controlled substance, and driving with a suspended license.

John Jorgensen, 48, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Nathan Kondora, 21, 618 Iowa Ave. Apt. 4, was charged Tuesday with three counts of possession of a schedule I controlled substance.

Anita Martin, 29, 719 Oakcrest St. Apt. 4, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

Donald Nunley, 35, 320 Douglas St., was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended license.

James Streil, 19, 1958 Broadway Apt. 4C, was charged Tuesday with two counts of domestic assault.

Ricardo Thomas, 19, 1956 Broadway Apt. C5, was charged Wednesday with false imprisonment and willful injury.

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HOT SPOT



Mason City, Iowa, firefighters battle a fire at a McDonald's in Mason City early Wednesday in sub-zero temperatures. The cause of the fire was not immediately determined, Fire Chief Bob Platt said.

Jeff Heinz, Globe Gazette/Associated Press

Official lauds reinventing Iowa

BY AMY LORENTZEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Iowa's reinvention plan needs more time to show results, management director Cynthia Eisenhauer told lawmakers Wednesday.

"We are now getting to the point where there is a fair amount of enthusiasm for what we have under way, and we'd like to stick with it for a while and help it work," she said.

The plan is the product of Public Strategies Group, a Minnesota consulting firm hired by Gov. Tom Vilsack to help streamline the state government. The company's goal is to save money while offering Iowans better services.

The firm's recommendations were aimed primarily at state agencies, the state's child-welfare system, and local governments. The

company stands to earn as much as \$6.3 million — or 5 percent of the savings realized by the state — if it meets the reinvention goals.

So far, the company has been paid approximately \$4 million of that total, Eisenhauer said.

Public Strategies recommended reinventing state agencies by allowing them to become charter agencies. As a charter agency, they agree to accept less money and be accountable for specific results in exchange for more freedom in their operations.

Agencies that have signed up include the Departments of Natural Resources, Human Services, Corrections and Revenue, the Alcoholic Beverages Division, and the Iowa Veterans Home.

Natural Resources Director Jeff Vonk said the program has helped his agency cut approximately \$50,000 and

could help the agency earn another \$150,000 by allowing it to operate more like a business, thereby bypassing some of the bureaucratic hurdles.

"We're gradually gaining confidence that this is a real effort at improvement. We need to stick with this, because we're just starting," he said.

Sen. Bryan Sievers, R-New Liberty, the chairman of the Senate's administration and regulation appropriations subcommittee, said he believes the move will allow state agencies to explore new methods, and he supports the idea — but, he said, the Legislature will keep an eye on what's happening with charter-agency innovations.

He wants to ensure that the charter-agency designation isn't a way for agency directors and managers to "raise fees on the people of Iowa," he said.

Fatal freak I-80 accident leaves police perplexed

BY PATRICK CONDON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Police are struggling for clues in a woman's death that one investigator called "a true freak accident."

Doris Ruth Hemphill died on Jan. 31 — nine days after a minivan she was driving down Interstate 80 was struck by two tires that came off a semitrailer and flew into the oncoming lane.

Police have not been able to find the truck's driver, and they think he may not have realized what happened. It's possible for large trucks to lose a few tires without noticing it, they said.

"In 13 years, I haven't seen anything like it, and if I last 13 more years, I doubt I'll see it again," Dennis Manion, a crash reconstructionist with the Davenport police, said on Wednesday. "The timing had to be absolutely perfect."

Hemphill, 48, of Le Claire, was driving her Ford minivan east on I-80 not far from the border of Davenport and Bettendorf shortly before 8 p.m. The semitrailer was coming in the other direction.

"I doubt they ever saw it coming," Manion said.

A passenger in the minivan, Sandy Geiken, 63, of Le Claire, was injured; she is recovering at home.

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— Dennis Manion, a crash reconstructionist with the Davenport police

Police who responded to the accident sent messages over the CB radio to truck stops in hopes of finding the semi but had no luck. Another trucker who stopped at the scene of the accident said he had noticed the loose tires on the other truck moments before the accident and had unsuccessfully tried to radio the driver.

Now, police can't find the second trucker, either, Manion said.

They have no description of the truck that lost the wheels, and while they can tell where the tires were manufactured, they don't know where they were sold, he said.

"It's going to be difficult," Manion said. "The only way it's going to be solved is if someone hears or reads something and calls us."

Manion said it's unlikely the driver would face criminal charges if they do find him. There would be no way to prove that he knew the accident happened and purposely fled.

Geiken's son-in-law, John Hanson, has tried to find the truck driver himself.

He has gone to a salvage yard where the minivan and the truck parts are being stored looking for clues.

"It would be nice if we could find the vehicle that was involved," Hanson told the Quad-City Times. "I called pretty much every truck stop and every repair place between here and Des Moines."

The vice president of the Iowa Motor Truck Association said instances of trucks losing such large parts are rare.

"There are real high standards for companies to maintain their equipment," Brenda Neville said. "Certainly, safety is the very top priority of most trucking companies."

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Bank employees help end robbery string

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — Grinnell bankers helped catch two men responsible for a string of robberies last year.

Mike Olson, the vice president of Grinnell State Bank, and Mike Larson, a bank employee, chased the pair down, recording their license plate number.

Police traced the car to Geneseo, Ill., where they arrested Jason Oppe, 28, of Geneseo and Cameron Hogue, 24, of Peoria, Ill.

Both have pleaded guilty to federal bank-robbery charges, prosecutors said this week. The pair admitted to robberies between April and July in Iowa City, Dubuque, Washington, North Liberty, Grinnell, and Newton.

The case was cracked after the pair hit the Grinnell State Bank on July 1, said Grinnell Police Chief Jody Matherly.

Hogue entered the bank and gave a note to tellers, who alerted Vice President Mike Olson of a robbery in progress. Oppe waited in the getaway car in the alley.

Olson waited until Hogue left and then went after him. He caught Hogue in the alley. The two struggled, but Hogue slipped away.

"I tried to pull him out of the car,

but he was able to get the door shut on me," Olson said.

Meanwhile, Larson stood in front of the car while Olson shouted out the license plate number.

Olson wouldn't say how much

money they took, but "it wasn't worth their time."

Hogue is set for sentencing March 22 and Oppe on April 26. The two face up to 20 years in prison and a \$250,000 fines on each count.

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Longtime music educator dies

FORT DODGE, Iowa (AP) — Reginald Schive, a longtime Iowa music educator and performer, died Monday in his hometown of Sioux City after a lengthy illness. He was 73.

Schive, a clarinetist, was in the ninth grade when he was asked to join the Karl L. King Municipal Band, which was started in the summer of 1921 by King, a well-known composer of 200 marches, including "Barnum and Bailey's Favorite."

In 1978, Schive was named conductor, the position he held until last year.

"He was always concerned about the people in the band, and he was always concerned about the students he worked with," said Jerrold Jimmerson, the band's current director, said of his predecessor.

Schive began his teaching career at Alta High School where he stayed for 16 years.

After graduating from Fort Dodge High School and junior college, Schive earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Northern Iowa and a master's degree from the University of Colorado.

While at University of Northern Iowa, he helped form the UNI Jazz Festival, now known as the Tall Corn Jazz Festival.

Schive started the Reggie Schive summer jazz camp while teaching at Buena Vista College. The camp since has moved to Lake Okoboji but still bears his name.

Schive received the Karl L. King Distinguished Service Award from the Iowa Bandmasters Association in 1993, and he was elected to the Iowa Jazz Educators Hall of Fame.

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NEWS

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BY RONALD BROWNSTEIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — The first rounds of Democratic primaries and caucuses have taught one lesson above all: In the party's compressed nomination calendar, momentum trumps money and organization.

Propelled by victories in Iowa and New Hampshire, Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts won five of the seven states voting Tuesday, even though he did not advertise in any until last week and had not set foot in them for months.

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, coming off his disappointing losses in Iowa and New Hampshire, finished no better than third in any of Tuesday's contests despite huge spending last year and early this year in most of the states.

Similarly, retired Gen. Wesley Clark paid for extensive television advertising in several of the states voting Tuesday, but he managed to win only one after finishing a deflating third in New Hampshire.

To many Democratic strategists and independent analysts, these results make it clear that when the contests are packed so closely together, momentum is by far a candidate's most valuable asset — a conclusion underlined by Kerry's sizable victory in Arizona, where he attracted only single-digit support in polls just a few weeks ago.

"There are not a lot of candidates recently who can say they got the nomination on the basis of

momentum, but Kerry clearly [would be] an example of one" if he becomes the Democratic presidential pick, said William Mayer, a political scientist at Northeastern University in Boston.

All the candidates, even Kerry, are struggling to raise more money for advertising in states with approaching primaries, including Tennessee and Virginia on Feb. 10.

But Kerry, far more than his rivals, is reaching voters through media coverage of his wins. For him, the most important ingredient of his success may be success itself.

The wave propelling Kerry is so powerful that it threatens to overwhelm one of the most reliable laws of modern presidential campaigns. Since 1984, the candidate who raised the most money in the year before the voting has won each major party's presidential nomination. But Dean now appears a long-shot for the nomination despite collecting approximately \$41 million in 2003 — the most by any Democrat in the year before the nomination contests. For Kerry, the decision to concentrate on Iowa and New Hampshire was driven as much by necessity as design: His difficulty raising money last fall forced him to lower his sights.

But it also reflected a different vision from that of Clark or Dean about the ability to lock down support early in states that vote after Iowa and New Hampshire.

"The strategy that we pursued ... was built on the belief that



Paul Sancya/Associated Press

Democratic presidential hopeful former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean speaks to supporters in Madison, Wis., on Wednesday.

Iowa and New Hampshire would dramatically focus the attention of voters in later states," said Tad Devine, a Democratic strategist advising Kerry.

Kerry's remarkable run from the back to the front of the Democratic pack will likely encourage future presidential candidates to focus even more intently on Iowa and New Hampshire.

"The lesson that everyone is going to take away from this is to concentrate on the early states and don't make big investments in the subsequent states, because it could all change very rapidly," said David Axelrod, an adviser to Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina.

Choices on balancing resources between the first two states and those that follow have influenced

every nomination race since the modern primary system began in 1972, but never as starkly as this year. No first-tier contender narrowed his efforts into Iowa and New Hampshire — and then Iowa alone — more severely than Kerry. And no candidate has made a larger early investment in states that follow New Hampshire than Dean.

Edwards blended these approaches. Like Kerry, he stressed Iowa and New Hampshire and paid little attention to most of the states with February contests. But he did devote substantial time and money last year to his native state of South Carolina. He hoped — correctly, as it turned out — that victory in that state could sustain his campaign even if he failed to win Iowa or New Hampshire.

NATION

11 Cubans intercepted at sea in '50s Buick

MIAMI (AP) — Eleven Cubans trying to sail to Florida in a 1950s Buick converted into a tail-finned boat were intercepted at sea by the Coast Guard and will be sent back to their homeland, exile activists said Wednesday.

Marciel Basanta Lopez and Luis Grass Rodriguez, the two men who turned the classic car into a floating vessel, tried a similar stunt last summer and got caught: They set out for Florida in a 1951 Chevy pickup with pontoons made out of empty 55-gallon drums and a propeller that pushed it along at around 8 mph.

On Monday, the men set out

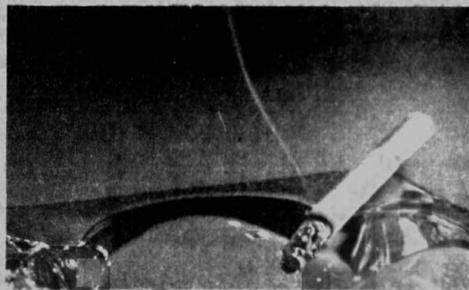
again, with four other adults and five children, relatives said. The Coast Guard intercepted the group late Tuesday en route to the Florida Keys, picking them up off Marathon, approximately 90 miles southwest of Miami, activist Arturo Cobo said.

Coast Guard officials refused to confirm the floating car's status, but Cobo said the Buick sank.

"My uncle is very brave. He is not irresponsible," Eduardo Perez Grass, a nephew of Luis Grass, said in Havana. "There is no danger to the children. The car is very safe."

He said the others on board were Luis Grass' wife and son, Marciel Basanta's wife and their two children, and a third couple with two children.

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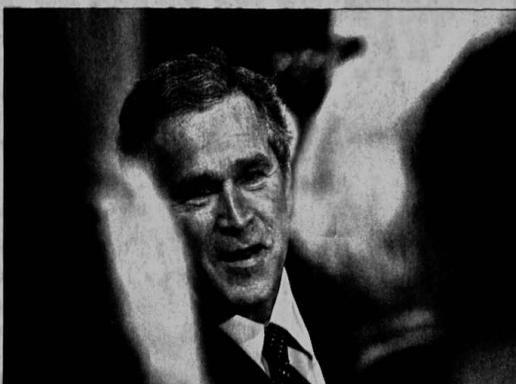
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Bush switches on 9/11 panel

BY MIKE ALLEN
AND DAN EGGEN
WASHINGTON POST



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President Bush speaks about the war on terrorism at the opening of the Library of Congress exhibit "Churchill and the Great Republic" on Wednesday in Washington.

WASHINGTON — President Bush reversed himself Wednesday, agreeing to support a two-month extension of the deadline for completion of an independent investigation of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Yielding to pressure from the panel conducting the probe, the lawmakers who established it, and families of victims, the White House set a schedule that would result in the release of the unclassified version of the report by July 26 — a month before Republicans gather for their national political convention near Ground Zero in New York City. Any extension of the deadline must be approved by Congress.

In announcing support for the delay, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Bush wants the 10 members of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States to "have all the information they need to do a thorough job and complete their work in a timely manner." McClellan added that if the commission "has information that can help prevent another catastrophic terrorist attack on American soil, we need to have that information as soon as possible."

The White House had previously insisted that the bipartisan commission to stick to its original plan and issue its report by May 27, saying the work should be

completed as soon as possible. Privately, Republican officials said they wanted time for any politically damaging findings to blow over before the heat of the presidential campaign.

But the panel, citing numerous delays in obtaining information, said it needed more time. Victims' families supported the postponement in order to produce a more thorough report, and the two main architects of the 9/11 panel, Sens. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., and John McCain, R-Ariz., introduced legislation three days ago that would give the commission until January 2005 to complete a report. McCain and others

said a longer delay would avoid putting the commission's report in the middle of the election cycle.

That proposal was supported by many victims' family members, but commission staffers opposed the idea in part for logistical reasons. Many of the key employees have other jobs and obligations that would not allow them to serve through the end of the year.

Adoption of the new deadline could depend on how hard the White House pushes for it. House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., continues to believe the commission should complete its work on its original timetable, a spokesman said.

Ricin scare over, senators say

BY CAROL MORELLO
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WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Hundreds of police and military troops in chemical-protection gear combed through unopened mail Wednesday as Senate leaders pronounced the ricin scare at the U.S. Capitol over and said Senate office buildings would begin to reopen today.

As a criminal investigation into the toxin's source intensified, Capitol Police Chief Terrance Gainer said "no direct link" has been established between the poison found Monday afternoon in the Dirksen Senate Office Building suite of Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., and that found in an intercepted envelope addressed to the White House in November.

The U.S. Secret Service said Wednesday that it had waited six days after the Nov. 6 discovery of the letter, also containing ricin, before notifying the FBI and other agencies. The letter's discovery was not

revealed to the public until Tuesday.

Secret Service officials said neither postal workers nor the public were at risk, but they acknowledged the delay was not ideal and said new procedures should eliminate such delays.

There was anger from members of Congress and others. "It is appalling that the lives of innocent people were put at risk when the precautions we are now taking against ricin could have been implemented on the basis of what the Bush administration apparently knew three months ago," said a statement by Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., a member of the House Select Committee on Homeland Security.

On Capitol Hill, investigators said the source of the ricin remained a mystery and that they have not found anything suspicious. Capitol police said they had received neither a ricin threat nor a claim of responsibility and had no proof of international terrorism. But federal officials declared that the ricin was a bioterror attack.

"This did come through the mail," Frist said, adding that the powder was discovered in the cutting tray of the letter-opening machine in his office mail room. "I regard this as a terrorist attack on my life."

Senate officials indicated concern about the powder's fineness and whether that suggested it was manufactured to increase its ability to spread by air and poison people in distant rooms. That is what happened with the anthrax spores in 2001 that rendered the Hart building unusable for months after an aide to then-Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., opened a contaminated letter.

Inside the Senate buildings Wednesday, police and troops placed mail in sealed evidence bags, which they packed into large containers to be shipped to FBI labs. But police said they had not determined whether the ricin had arrived in a letter.

"There is no smoking letter or anything of that type that ties this all together," Gainer said.

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President Gen. Pervez Musharraf (center left) presides over a meeting to review the nuclear crisis with Prime Minister Pervez Jamali (center right) on Wednesday in Rawalpindi, Pakistan.

Pakistani scientist admits to sharing nuclear secrets

BY JOHN LANCASTER AND KAMRAN KHAN
WASHINGTON POST

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — In a televised address Wednesday, nuclear scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan admitted providing nuclear-weapons expertise and equipment to Iran, Libya, and North Korea, saying he had done so without authorization from the Pakistani government.

"My dear brothers and sisters, I have chosen to appear before you to offer my deepest regrets and unqualified apologies to a traumatized nation," Khan said in a taped four-minute address that aired on state-run Pakistan Television after a meeting between Khan and Pakistan's president, Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

"There was never ever any kind of authorization for these activities by the government," he added, speaking softly in English. "I take full responsibility for my actions and seek your pardon."

Khan agreed to speak on television in return for assurances that he would not be prosecuted for transactions that Pakistani investigators say provided him millions of dollars over a period of almost two decades, according to a Cabinet minister and an individual outside of government who was involved in brokering the agreement.

The deal appeared to eliminate the prospect of a public confrontation between the government and Khan that could prove uncomfortable for Musharraf if it led to disclosures that Pakistan's military played a role in Khan's proliferation activities.

It also appears to mean that Khan will essentially go unpunished for presiding over what Pakistani officials now acknowledge, after years of denials, was a far-reaching scheme to peddle hardware, blueprints, and

design assistance by means of a thriving nuclear black market stretching from the Persian Gulf to Southeast Asia.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said: "We think that the process of investigation that's been undertaken by the Pakistani government does indeed demonstrate that President Musharraf and the government of Pakistan take seriously their commitments, their assurances that they were not going to allow their technology to be used to help other nations that might be trying to develop weapons of mass destruction. ... The way this has been proceeding is evidence that Pakistan too is determined to meet those commitments."

On Wednesday morning, Khan met with Musharraf to present a clemency petition based on his service to the nation. After Khan's televised speech, Musharraf chaired a meeting of the National Command Authority, a civilian and military body that oversees the nuclear arsenal, at which he recommended that Khan's plea be accepted, according to a participant. The recommendation was forwarded to the Cabinet, where approval today is considered a formality, the participant said.

Musharraf has been under heavy public pressure to go easy on Khan, 67, a European-trained metallurgist who is considered a national hero for his pivotal role in developing Pakistan's nuclear arsenal, which helped to redress a strategic imbalance with archrival India. India tested its first nuclear device in 1974; Pakistan's first test was in 1998.

Leaders of an alliance of hard-line Islamic parties, the Muttahida Majlis Amal, have promised to hold a nationwide protest Friday against the investigation of Khan and other scientists and officials associated with the

Khan Research Laboratories, which Khan founded nearly three decades ago in Kahuta, approximately 20 miles from Islamabad, to enrich uranium for nuclear bombs. Partly in response to U.S. pressure, Musharraf forced Khan to retire from the lab in 2001.

"Obviously, you can't bring a man of his stature to trial," Sen. Mushahid Hussain, a Georgetown University-educated newspaper columnist and member of the main pro-government party, said Wednesday. "He is someone who has made a tremendous contribution to Pakistan's national security, and he's highly respected for that achievement."

Pakistan launched its investigation last year after the International Atomic Energy Agency provided it with evidence that Pakistani scientists had provided hardware and expertise to Iran for building high-speed centrifuges to enrich uranium for nuclear bombs. The United States separately expressed concern that Pakistan had provided similar assistance to North Korea. Pakistani authorities subsequently widened their investigation after Libya admitted in December that it had a nuclear-weapons program.

Over the last two months, Pakistani investigators have uncovered evidence that Khan made millions of dollars from his transactions, spreading his wealth among foreign bank accounts, palatial homes in Pakistan, and properties abroad, including a hotel named for his wife, Hendrina, in the West African state of Mali.

Khan has acknowledged providing assistance to Iran and Libya, but he asserts that he did so only to deflect international pressure from Pakistan's nuclear program, investigators have said.

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WORLD

Top cardinal says pope's health has improved

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A top Vatican cardinal said in a magazine interview released Wednesday that Pope John Paul II's health has recently improved and that talk of term limits is not relevant to the current papacy.

Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger said he would not rule out term limits in the future. With people living longer, "one also would consider new norms," he said.

Asked by *Famiglia Cristiana* (Christian Family), a leading Italian religious-affairs magazine, how the pope was feeling, Ratzinger replied, "Well. Since Christmas, his physical condition has been improving."

The pope looked alert during his general audience Wednesday. The 83-year-old pontiff has Parkinson's disease and knee and hip ailments that make it difficult to walk or stand.

He has clearly improved since he looked tired and weak during celebrations in October marking the 25th anniversary of his papacy.

The Vatican has never provided an explanation of the pope's changed condition, and Ratzinger didn't offer one.

The article was set for publication later in the week.

Asked whether future popes may be elected to a fixed term, he said:

"The pope is selected for life because he is a father, and his pater-nity goes before his function. Perhaps in the future, with life being prolonged, one also would consider new norms but it doesn't seem to me to be a current issue."

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U.S. blackmailing Palestinian gov't, Arafat aide says

BY JOHN WARD ANDERSON
WASHINGTON POST

RAMALLAH, West Bank — A senior Palestinian security official and top aide to leader Yasser Arafat accused the United States on Wednesday of "blackmailing" the Palestinian Authority over its failure to arrest and prosecute those responsible for the October killing of three American security guards in the Gaza Strip.

Brig. Gen. Jibril Rajoub, Arafat's national-security adviser, complained in a news conference with foreign reporters that the U.S. Embassy had stopped sending diplomats and other personnel into the Gaza Strip and West Bank because the Palestinians had not solved the case. Afterward, he said his remarks also referred to a threatened cut-off of U.S. funding to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority — amounting to roughly \$200 million a year — because so little progress was being made in the investigation.

A U.S. official confirmed that the threat had been made on several occasions.

"The Americans stopped their involvement, waiting for the results of the investigation. I think that's blackmailing," Rajoub said during the meeting with reporters. "Americans are using this isolated case in order either to not be involved [in efforts to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict] or to blackmail the Palestinian people."

A U.S. official in Tel Aviv said embassy workers were prohibited from traveling in the West Bank and Gaza Strip since October "because we have security concerns. We don't want to put our people at risk." He added: "With respect to the investigation, there has been cooperation and progress, but we'd like to see more."

The Oct. 15 attack occurred when a buried roadside bomb was detonated underneath a Chevrolet Suburban carrying American security guards who were escorting a U.S. diplomat traveling in another vehicle.

Three of the guards were killed, and one was seriously injured.

U.S. officials said the guards worked for DynCorp, a private security contractor from Reston, Va. They said the diplomat was visiting Gaza to interview Palestinian academics who had applied for Fulbright scholarships.

Senior Palestinian officials insist that the dead men were CIA officers who were traveling to Gaza to monitor Palestinian compliance with a U.S.-backed peace initiative called the "road map." That plan has since collapsed.

After the bombing, U.S., Israeli, and Palestinian officials were unanimous in their conclusions that the attackers knew that the convoy was carrying Americans and had deliberately targeted them. It was the first time in the three-year Palestinian uprising that workers from the U.S. Embassy were singled out for attack.

Immediately after the incident, Palestinian security officers arrested several members of the Popular Resistance Committees, a loose-knit group of disaffected former members of larger Palestinian militant groups, principally the Al-Aqsa Martyrs Bridges, the military wing of Arafat's Fatah political movement.

In interviews with the *Washington Post*, leaders of the group have denied that their members were involved in the attack. At least three members of the organization remain in the custody of Palestinian security forces.

Briefing reporters three weeks ago, a senior U.S. official said that "we are continuing to get cooperation" from Palestinian security officials in the investigation. But, he added, "we are not happy" that the investigation failed to produce "reliable suspects."

U.S. officials have turned up the heat by threatening to suspend approximately \$200 million a year in spending on health, education, water, and other programs run by the U.S. Agency for International Development, senior Palestinian officials said.

U.S. general sees power struggle in Iraq

BY CHRIS BRUMMITT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TIKRIT, Iraq — A senior U.S. commander said Wednesday that recent attacks in Iraq are the work of groups seeking to sabotage — or gain leverage in — a future independent Iraqi government that is due to take power by July.

Maj. Gen. Raymond Odierno, the commander of the Army's 4th Infantry Division, also predicted that coalition forces would be able to crush the insurgency within a year, despite continued American losses since the Dec. 13 capture of Saddam Hussein.

"There are ethnic issues. People are now positioning themselves to see what their role is in the next government, and they are doing it by force," Odierno said after a tour of this city, Saddam's hometown. "They are trying to disrupt the

way things are going so they can get a little advantage."

On Wednesday, an Iraqi insurgent group claimed responsibility for twin bombings that killed 109 people at the offices of two Kurdish political parties on Sunday. The "Jaish Ansar al-Sunna" said it targeted the "dens of the devils" because of the parties' ties to the United States.

The U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority plans to hand over sovereignty to a provisional Iraqi government on June 30. The United Nations soon will dispatch a team to Iraq to resolve differences between the Americans and the Shiite Muslim clergy over how to choose the new Iraqi leadership.

"We have six to 12 months left of this insurgency," Odierno said. "I think constant pressure will bring it down."

So far, 528 U.S. service members have died since the Iraq war began March 20, 368 by hostile fire. Forty-five soldiers

died in January and three more in the first three days of February. The January toll was five more than in December, despite hopes that Saddam's capture would weaken the insurgency and slow the killings from roadside bombs and other attacks.

Odierno, who is in charge of security over a large swath of north-central Iraq, did not elaborate on how insurgent attacks were aimed at gaining advantage before the power transfer. He also did not offer specific examples of such attacks.

However, a recent series of major attacks were clearly aimed at Iraqi targets, raising fears that insurgents were going after those who would play major political and security roles in a future Iraqi government.

On Sunday, two suicide bombers struck simultaneously at the offices of two Kurdish political parties in Irbil, killing 109 people — the biggest confirmed

death toll in any insurgent attack since the start of the Iraq conflict last March.

Among the dead were many key leaders of the Kurdistan Democratic Party and the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan, the two U.S.-backed parties that run the Kurdish autonomous region of northern Iraq.

The Jaish Ansar al-Sunna (Army of the Protectors of the Sunna) claimed responsibility for the bombings on Wednesday. Sunna refers to the collective teachings of the Prophet Muhammad.

"Two of our martyrdom-seeking brothers ... broke into two dens of the devils in the city of Irbil in the north of Iraq," the group said in a statement posted on a Web site. It said the Kurdish parties were attacked because of their U.S. connections.



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The fat lady has sung, and she's singing "The Wedding March."

Paul Martinek, editor of *Lawyers Weekly USA*, regarding the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling allowing homosexual marriages.

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Bush – not conservative enough?

A JUMP TO THE RIGHT IS IN ORDER, SAY SOME REPUBLICANS

Of all charges leveled against President Bush, a lack of conservatism is arguably the most surprising. Most Democrats, for example, would say that our current chief executive's politics lie only a shade to the left of Attila the Hun.

However, a few skeptics in his own party have taken issue with the so-called Compassionate Conservative's agenda. While social conservatives are delighted with Bush's opposition to gay marriage, his anti-abortion rights stances, and his faith-based programs, Bush's recent records on federal spending, education, and health care have raised a few eyebrows among the right-wingers of America. And indeed, Republicans — historically critical of "tax and spend" Democrats — should be astonished at the very unconservative "no tax and spend" policies of their current standard bearer.

In the New Hampshire Republican primary, 1 in 7 voters cast their ballots for someone other than Bush, though the president is officially unopposed for the GOP nomination. "Thousands of these Bush-bashing Republicans went so far as to write in the names of Democratic presidential contenders," John Nichols of *The Nation* wrote in his online analysis of the primaries.

Some local right-wingers take issue with the president's spending records. Todd Versteegh, the co-chairman of the Johnson County Republicans, said Bush followers



are concerned with national endowments for the arts and the Medicare bill, but he added that this may be the Democrats' fault.

"To be quite honest, these are things the Democrats have hammered and hammered President Bush for," he said.

In fact, Medicare bill will end up costing a third more than the Bush administration initially claimed.

Another trouble the Bush administration is associated with is the Department of Education. Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., spoke at the Conservative Political Action Conference on Jan. 22, reminiscing about the days when state control of education was within grasp, only

to be thwarted by Bush's pet No Child Left Behind Act. In his speech, Pence said, "The ship of conservative governance has gone off course." According to him, some Republicans were also surprised with a "massive one-size-fits all" prescription-drug benefit plan for seniors, while expecting a limited program that would not place "trillions in obligations on our children and grandchildren without giving any thought to how we were going to pay for it."

Though the president might not be reactionary enough to suit a faction within his party, these malcontents do not seem to be the stuff with which upheavals are made.

Bush faces no serious challenge to the title of most conservative candidate for America's highest office.

Somewhere between his new immigration policy and his extravagant Mars plans, however, more than a few Republicans have lost their enthusiasm. While Bush has had no trouble raising money and in fact is quite popular with most Americans, he may have trouble firing up parts of his base — those who value fiscal accountability and detest government spending. These people aren't likely to vote Democratic, but there's a chance that, if Bush doesn't start championing their causes, they might not vote at all.

LETTERS

Super Bowl stunt outrageous

I know it's out of fashion to complain about the age-old sexual objectification of women, but Janet Jackson's bare breast on such a widely watched program was too much.

Once more, Jackson didn't tear her shirt off, it was violently torn off by a white male. I realize that many adults can view this and not let it affect the way they view sexual and racial politics between men and women. But I know for a fact that there were many adolescents and children watching who make many of their decisions about sexuality through example. I know my 5-year-old brother was watching. I hope that he doesn't feel it's cool to be sexually violent toward women.

Football is a widely watched and loved sport. It should be a bonding experience for families across the United States, but I will never allow my children to watch the Super Bowl if this is the standard for years to come. I am disappointed that American television has finally stooped this low, and I hope others join me in my outrage and show television corporations that violent objectification doesn't sell.

Mary Lynch
UI student

Yes, we do have snowplows

It seems this year that every time we have a winter storm, someone feels compelled to write and complain that the snowplows were not out. On Feb. 4, there was another letter.

My daughter was driving on the West Side of town delivering newspapers from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m., and she only made it around her route because the plows came and sanded. The Iowa City and Coralville buses waited until the streets were plowed to begin their routes. That was about 7 a.m.

I drove around Iowa City from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the morning, I saw several snowplows around town sanding. The streets were in good shape considering the weather. The Washington, Jefferson, and Market street hills were sanded and plowed whenever they became slippery. Other slippery intersections and hills were sanded and plowed.

Some streets became slippery soon after because of falling temperatures and continuing snow even though they were sanded and plowed. Bowery Street was one of them.

Traffic congestion made many intersections slippery. On my way home, Mormon Trek was very

slippery. I went sliding across my lane, so I went home and stayed there.

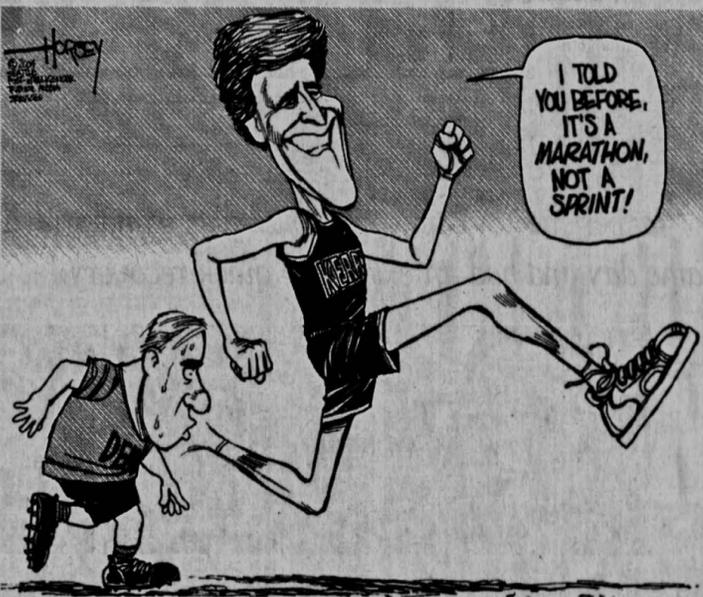
If Iowa City had an unlimited budget and more snowplows and staff, there could be a truck for each street waiting for those few times when they were needed, but the city doesn't have that kind of money. So the best course of action is stay off the roads. If you

must drive, drive carefully, leave lots of time to reach your destination, and don't expect to drive like you do the other 360 days a year.

It's winter; enjoy the time home. Thanks to the street crews for those long hours of work.

Barb Threlkeld
Iowa City resident

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ON THE SPOT

How will Tuesday's results affect the 2004 presidential election?



"I have no idea."

Marc Wendell
UI freshman



"I think it will affect the nomination as far as the two front-runners go."

Hilary Warren
UI sophomore



"The same way the Iowa caucuses did."

Geoff Spillnek
UI senior



"I think Kerry is going to win."

Mark Grover
UI staff

The non-center cannot hold

HOWARD DEAN went into Tuesday's seven primaries and caucuses not expecting to win any of them. At least he wasn't disappointed. Lowering one's expectations is an effective way to avoid disappointment; while also an effective way to avoid triumph. Dean finished no better than third place in any of the contests.

Both Michigan and Washington hold their caucuses this weekend. Washington, a "must win" for Dean, and Michigan will be the final battlegrounds in which the former Vermont governor is still considered a viable candidate for the Democratic nomination. It's during defining moments in political campaigns such as these when the pundits begin to sound like politicians themselves. Even more so now because so many of the "experts" predicted Dean victories in Iowa and New Hampshire. Their answers on whether Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., is unstoppable or if Dean is finished are full of words, but no conclusions.



JOHN MOLSEED

"Anything could still happen," they all say. Like Punsutawney Phil, if a pundit gets a call wrong, he's scared back into his hole in the ground and six more weeks of snow jobs will follow. Dean is finished.

Dean, a very ordinary politician, ran a very extraordinary campaign. He recruited grass-roots support on a scale not seen in decades. The campaign was built not on a state, or even regional level, but in people's homes using house parties hosted by volunteers, who then encouraged their friends and attendees to do the same. This strategy worked, eventually assembling an army of self-made Dean supporters. A curious attendee at a Dean house party would walk away a virtual campaign staffer or a precinct captain. The Internet effort snared people online the same way. A Dean campaign event wasn't a stump speech, it felt like a political movement. Supporters poured money into his campaign, helping him net more than \$15 million in the fourth quarter, \$41 million overall.

The campaign was like a political version of Star Trek's "Borg" — a massive, decentralized power that grew by assimilating more and more people into its ranks. Money, support, press — Dean had every key ingredient for becoming the eventual nominee. What he didn't have was a center. At first, this worked to his advantage. His supporters felt empowered. Instead of working for a politician or a campaign, his supporters believed they were running a political movement.

"The biggest lie people like me tell to people like you is that if you vote for me, I'll solve all your problems." Dean would say in his stump speeches. "The truth is, the power to change this country is in your hands, not mine."

It's a classic persuasive method — make those you ask for help believe it is their initiative and in their best interest to do so. It was a sociologist, Marshall Ganz, who devised the strategy (damned sociologists still think they can predict human behavior). However, when the primaries and caucuses began, that structure failed. People are fickle creatures, with a habit of thinking for themselves on rare occasions. These individuals began to seriously question whether Dean could go head-to-head against President Bush. With no center to hold them together, Dean's supporters scattered in the wind.

Despite raising more than \$40 million, Dean wasn't able to afford buying air time in any of the seven states. He whined to Larry King that the press has treated him badly, and he fired his campaign manager and political mastermind Joe Trippi; and he is now trying to centralize the remains of a campaign that never had a center. All these signs his campaign is in a tailspin from which there is no recovery.

Dean's campaign was based on individual voters and their desire to see change in our country's government. However, that desire has led to their desertion from the Dean camp. Maybe that says something about the American public or our political system. Did their expectations from Dean become higher, or were their expectations lowered in order to support another candidate?

I can't say — let's leave that one for the pundits not to answer. ■

NEWS

Mass. court backs gay marriage

MARRIAGE

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the earliest such an amendment could be adopted is 2006.

As a result, the state will be required to issue marriage licenses to qualified same-sex couples beginning on May 16, the date by which the court said its original ruling must take effect.

By a vote of 4-3, the same majority that prevailed in

November, the court said the state Constitution requires Massachusetts to offer marriage to same-sex couples on precisely the same terms as opposite-sex couples get.

"Because the proposed law by its express terms forbids same-sex couples' entry into civil marriage, it continues to relegate same-sex couples to a different status," the majority — Chief Justice Margaret Marshall and Justices John Greaney, Roderick Ireland, and Judith Cowin —

wrote. "The history of our nation has demonstrated that separate is seldom, if ever, equal."

Word of the ruling set dozens of gay couples in Boston to planning their weddings come May and June. Sue O'Connell, a co-publisher of *Bay Windows*, a newspaper serving the gay community, noted that a legal marriage brings with it a host of legal protections on matters ranging from health insurance to inheritance to child custody.

Alum nominated for U.S. attorney

ATTORNEY

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Now a UI Foundation fundraiser, Triplett said Whitaker's on-field determination is reflected in his career achievement. He added that he hopes the U.S. Senate approves the four-year appointment.

"If it's based on his character, hard work, and what other people say about him, he will get appointed," Triplett said. "He's the kind of quality guy we need in government."

Despite his unsuccessful run for state treasurer in 2002 on the Republican ticket, Triplett believes his friend's work ethic was not outdone.

"I don't think anyone outworked him," said Triplett, who helped in Whitaker's 2002 campaign. "It was just an uphill battle."

Whitaker said he will represent the U.S. government in a nonpartisan manner if approved for the position.

A law and business degree coupled with a solid college football career make Whitaker an

outstanding UI alum, said Margaret McDonald, the co-chairwoman of the Johnson County Republicans.

"Matt will do a fabulous job; he's a great ambassador to the university," said Kermit Anderson, a fellow lawyer and former U.S. attorney. "We hate to see him go."

Whitaker said he still closely follows Iowa football and is glad to see recruits from his hometown planning to attend the school in the fall.

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Student regents' terms fall short

REGENT

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"second-class" status, damaging their credibility, regents' spokeswoman Barbara Boose wrote in an e-mail.

She hesitated to speculate why past student regents have failed to complete their terms but said

full-time jobs, distance, and a lack of time may have contributed to their decisions to resign early.

However, UI Student Government President Nate Green said he is working with UNI and Iowa State University's student-government presidents to push for a bill similar to the 1995 version. The new bill would require that student

regents serve four years and remain in school throughout their time on the board.

Green voiced concerns over the high turnover rate, but he said, students who continue on the board after graduation cannot adequately stand for student concerns.

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Volunteers gearing up for tax season

TAXES

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"You can do your taxes in 15 minutes," said Susan Fulenkamp, a UI international adviser.

There will also be volunteers available to work directly with international students from March 1 to April 11 on Mondays

and Tuesdays from 6-9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

"The majority of volunteers are international students who are accounting majors," Fulenkamp said. "Before this started, we had no resource for international students. A lot of them were going to people who were giving them the wrong information."

Whether assistance is needed or not, the tax refund after the filing can be the sweetest reward for UI students.

"I've collected all my W-2 forms, and I am waiting to have my dad look at them," UI freshman Kelsi Kautzky said. "I'll probably go out and spend my refund on the bars."

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- **Commerce & Politics,"** John S. Kavulich II, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton St.
- **Graduate Student Workshop, Ken Sykes, pharmacology,** 12:30 p.m., 2-501 Bowen Science Building.
- **Spring 2004 Career Programs, "Putting Your Science Degree to Work,"** 2:30 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall.
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- **Town Hall Meeting with College of Law dean candidate, Professor Carolyn C. Jones, University of Connecticut Law School,** 3:30 p.m., Boyd Law Building Levitt Auditorium.
- **Biological Sciences Seminar, "Synapse Formation Studied in the Zebrafish Embryo,"** James Jontes, Stanford University School of Medicine, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East.
- **Industrial Engineering Graduate Seminar, "Time-based Measurement of Taskload, Workload, and Performance in Air Traffic Control,"** Esa Rantanen, University of Illinois, 4:30 p.m., 3321 Seamans Center.
- **Icelandic Film Series, "Children of Nature,"** directed by Fridrik Thor Fridriksson, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building.
- **2004 Intramural Men's 3-point Shootout,** 7-10 p.m., Field House South Gym.
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Cheryl Peck, fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
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What track queen was known as "Flo-Jo"?

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What 88-year-old civil-rights icon sued the rap group Outkast for using her name in a song?

1 Tiger Woods
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3 Florence Griffith-Joyner
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5 Miss Parks

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE A 'PROBLEM' EMPLOYEE WHEN ...

By Jesse Ammerman

- Of the 40 hours you've spent at work this week, 27 were spent searching for Janet Jackson pics on Google.
- New employees are now forewarned about your lewd advances in the company's training manual.
- The supervisor isn't amused that you continually roll your eyes and use air quotes when calling him "boss."
- Your face paint, nose rings, and offerings to medieval vampire gods have the other sales reps feeling a little edgy.
- You subcontracted your weekly report to a ragtag group of Cambodian laborers, leaving the boss impressed with your efficiency but not your grasp of English.
- You openly refer to morning meetings as "siesta time."
- Your concept of desktop productivity is surpassing 100 lines on Tetris.
- As you've explained before, the occasional headaches justify your daily use of the handicapped parking spot.
- You're bitter — angry, even — that the vending machines offer beverages from Coca-Cola but not Anheuser-Busch.

horoscopes

Thursday, February 5, 2004 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Finish off any chores that need to be done. Once you have the work out of the way, you can enjoy yourself without feeling guilty. Investments made today should bring high returns.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Someone may try to be helpful today, but if you let others meddle in your private affairs, you can expect it to backfire. Stick up for the ones you love, and make your own choices.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Hard work will bring you the best results, so don't hesitate to put in overtime if necessary. Someone you think may help you get ahead is probably only interested in using your ideas for her or his own gain.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You have so much going for you; don't miss out because you are in an emotional funk. Financial extravagance due to feeling upset will cause setbacks. A change will do you good.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You may find it difficult to concentrate today. Leave important decisions until you feel a little more in control. Don't put up with anyone who is condescending or abusive.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Present your ideas to people who can help you make them happen. Using your intellect will be the key. Socializing will lead to romantic encounters or an important partnership.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Calm down, and don't conclude that things are a certain way without adequate proof. Don't take action without doing your research first. If you are patient, everything will turn in your favor.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Learn all you can today. Every experience will be worth its weight in gold. Your open attitude will help you to form interesting relationships.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): This is a good time to go for a checkup. Why put up with something that is bothering you if you don't have to? Denial is your enemy. Money matters can be resolved if you are quick to react.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your powerful persona will engage those you come into contact with today. Partnerships can be formed with those who hold as much strength as you.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have romance on the brain today, but that's OK. Someone you know through work may have a greater interest in you than you realize. Don't jeopardize your job or your health for foolish reasons.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Your unusual approach to whatever you do will cause quite a stir today.

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ACROSS

- 1 "Gosford Park" character
- 5 Zool. or astron.
- 8 Stiffness
- 14 Street crossing Hollywood
- 15 Razor-billed
- 16 "Yeah, right!"
- 17 x, for one
- 18 Coast Guard rank: Abbr.
- 19 One on the go
- 20 Juicy fruit
- 23 Hackneyed
- 24 Took surreptitiously
- 25 1953 Jean Simmons title role
- 27 Disencumber
- 28 Lightning bolts, in Germany
- 32 Sirens, e.g.
- 35 Fish eaten whole
- 37 W.W. II map: Abbr.
- 38 It comes to mind
- 39 Owner of eight other answers in this puzzle
- 40 Daring 1960's Ralph Ginzburg magazine
- 41
- 42 Lincoln and Ford
- 43 Be a poor public speaker
- 44 Cavorter
- 46 Slip into
- 47 Prefix with meter
- 48 Wild ones
- 52 Zulu, for one
- 55 The Tigers
- 57 Good-for-nothing
- 59 Cable inits.
- 60 "Forever, ..." (1996 humor book)
- 61 California's Pass
- 62 Take in
- 63 One who waits in ambush
- 64 Split-second
- 65 ___ favor
- 66 Stuff

DOWN

- 1 Several czars
- 2 Female fox
- 3 Opposite of neat
- 4 Stopping-off place
- 5 Like some ground
- 6 Matchmaker
- 7 Religious image: Var.
- 8 Turf
- 9 "Aha!"
- 10 Basketball datum
- 11 German valley
- 12 Chief Big Bear, for one
- 13 Reindeer group
- 21 Parallel
- 22 Dodgers' field, once
- 26 "___ Cinders" (old comic)
- 29 Nil
- 30 School attended by Ian Fleming
- 31 Rudolph's beacon
- 32 Bit of a shock?
- 33 Musk or must
- 42 Criminal defendant, with "the"
- 43 Therefore: Fr.
- 45 Nil
- 46 Ballerina
- 48 Photocopy precursor
- 49 Courtyards
- 50 Cleaning brand
- 51 Net
- 52 What gymgoers show off, slangily
- 53 On
- 54 Reindeer team, counting Rudolph
- 56 Sound gravelly
- 58 Suffix with mock

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Hawkeyes ink 20 recruits from 10 states

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz often says his football team isn't "sexy."

Maybe it's also a good way to describe his 2004 recruiting class. The future Hawkeyes may not have garnered an abundance of stars, but they work hard and have the right mindset, Ferentz said. Iowa inked 19 of their 20 recruits Wednesday on national signing day.

"I think the bottom line is this group possesses the mentality, the character, the attitude that's necessary, that's required, to be successful in the Big Ten and

| IOWA'S 2004 RECRUITING CLASS | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| NYERE AUMAIRE, OL
6-5, 300 pounds
Camden, N.J. | LUCAS COX, DE
6-4, 240 pounds
Springdale, Pa. | CHARLES GODFREY, DB
6-1, 200 pounds
Baytown, Texas | GRANT MCCrackEN, DE
6-3, 215-pounds
Ankeny | MICHAEL SABERS, TE
6-5, 230 pounds
Iowa City |
| WALNER BELLEUS, DB
5-10, 175 pounds
Dodge City, Kan. | HAROLD DALTON, DB
6-1, 185 pounds
Camden | SHONN GREENE, RB
5-11, 190 pounds
Atco, N.J. | BRANDON MYERS, TE
6-4, 220-pounds
Prairie City | ADAM SHADA, DB
6-1, 180 pounds
Omaha |
| TED BENTLER, DE
6-4, 245 pounds
Davenport | RASHAD DUNN, OL
6-3, 270 pounds
Evans, Ga. | MITCH KING, LB
6-3, 230 pounds
Burlington | ANTON NARINSKIY, LB
6-4, 220 pounds
Chagrin Falls, Ohio | DAMIAN SIMS, RB
5-9, 185 pounds
Boca Raton, Fla. |
| ANDY BRODELL, WR
6-3, 185 pounds
Ankeny, Iowa | BRADLEY FLETCHER, DB
6-2, 185 pounds
Youngstown, Ohio | MATT KROUL, LB
6-3, 240 pounds
Mount Vernon | SETH OLSEN, OL
6-5, 305 pounds
Omaha, Neb. | KYLE WILLIAMS, LB
6-2, 220 pounds
Bolingbrook, Ill. |

compete at a championship level," Ferentz said at Wednesday's press conference. "I feel real good about the group."

The Hawkeyes inked the 18 expected oral commitments

(junior-college cornerback Walner Belleus signed in January), and also earned a signature from Iowa native tight end Brandon Myers. The two-star recruit from Prairie City gave

an oral commitment to Northern Iowa but changed his decision during the past week.

Iowa's class is now ranked by Rivals.com as the 38th best in the nation, seventh in the Big

Ten. Michigan brings in the top class in the conference (5th in the nation) with Ohio State close behind at 9th. Penn State had a big signing day by acquiring the services of the second rated quarterback in the nation — Pittsburgh native Anthony Morelli. The signing propelled them to the 14th spot in the nation.

Much like college football's preseason polls, Ferentz doesn't buy stock into the star and ranking systems.

"I'm not real big, as you probably know, into the rankings,"

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Wade

BIG 10 HOOPS

Wade is accused of choking woman

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Wisconsin guard Maurice "Boo" Wade was arrested Wednesday on charges he choked a 19-year-old woman, and the team suspended him indefinitely.

Wade was to be held in the Dane County Jail overnight on felony battery charges, meaning he would miss (No. 11 ESPN/USA Today, No. 14 AP) Wisconsin's game against Minnesota on Wednesday night.

Madison police spokesman Larry Kamholz said Wade could not be released until after he appeared before a judge. An initial appearance was set for this afternoon.

The woman told police Wade attacked her in the bathroom of an off-campus house, Kamholz said.

She said Wade choked her twice and then tried to strangle her with his arm. She was treated at a hospital for injuries Kamholz said were consistent with being choked.

Kamholz did not provide further details.

NFL

Pro Bowl halftime toned down

HONOLULU (AP) — The NFL is changing the Pro Bowl's halftime show because of Janet Jackson's breast-baring at the Super Bowl.

Singer J.C. Chasez was dumped from the program at Sunday's all-star game in Hawaii after fellow N'Sync member Justin Timberlake's stunt with Jackson at the championship game.

The new Pro Bowl halftime plan includes hula dancers, drummers, conch-shell blowers, and local singers.

"The commissioner said Monday morning that we will change our policies and procedures as it relates to entertainment during our games," league spokesman Brian McCarthy said. "This is immediate action that reflects that approach."

PLAY NO MORE

ESPN Cancels 'Playmakers'

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — ESPN canceled "Playmakers" after one season Wednesday, ending a show that drew criticism from the NFL and some players.

The show focused on a fictional team and featured plots that included drug use, marital infidelity, bigotry, and homophobia.

ESPN is paying the NFL \$4.8 billion over eight seasons for the rights to Sunday night games. League Commissioner Paul Tagliabue had expressed concerns that "Playmakers" was one-dimensional and perpetuated ethnic stereotypes.

"Many considerations went into this decision, not the least of which was the reaction from a longtime and valued partner," ESPN VP of programming and production Mark Shapiro said.

MICHIGAN STATE 89, IOWA 72

Spartans stump Hawks

Michigan State coach Tom Izzo wins 200th game as Iowa falls to 4-4 in the Big Ten

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Paul Davis scored 19 points, and Tom Izzo won his 200th game in Michigan State's 89-72 victory over Iowa on Wednesday night.

Izzo became just the eighth coach to reach 200 victories in his first nine years among coaches with at least half of their seasons at a Division I school. The other coaches are Roy Williams, Everett Case, Denny Crum, Jerry Tarkanian, John Calipari, Tubby Smith, and Jim Boeheim.

The Spartans (11-8, 6-2 Big Ten) have won six of seven since losing the conference opener at Wisconsin and falling to 5-7 overall. Michigan State is alone in second place, a half-game behind the Badgers.

Iowa's Jeff Horner and Pierre Pierce each scored 21 for the Hawkeyes (11-8, 4-4), who had won two out of three. Greg Brunner had 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Kelvin Torbert scored 18 for the Spartans, Chris Hill had 15, and Alan Anderson added 12. Shannon Brown and Jason Andreas scored eight apiece.

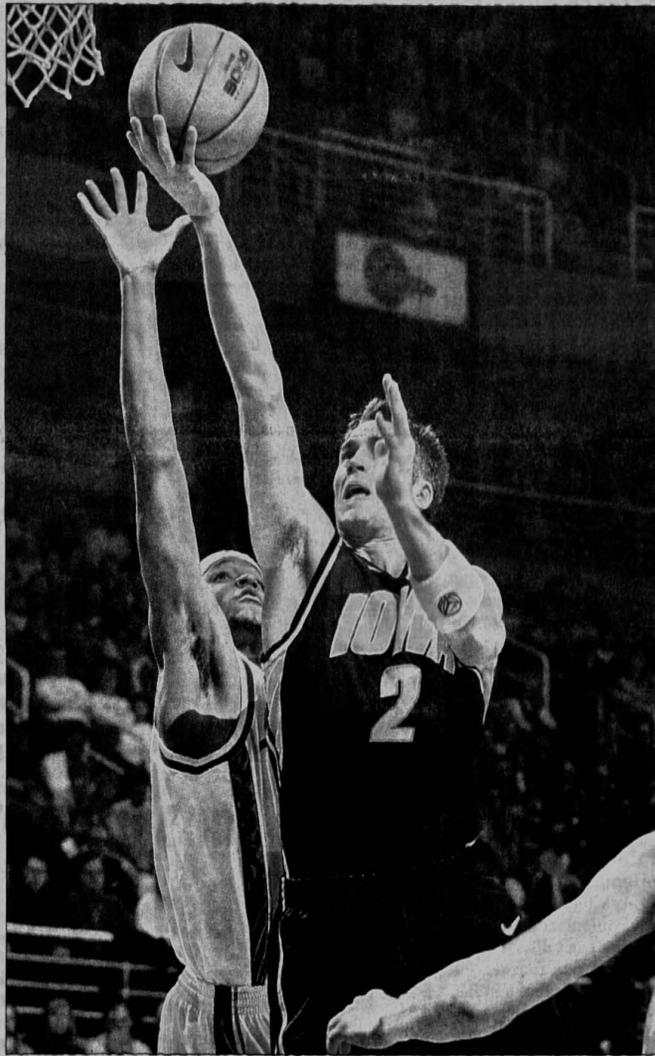
Michigan State won its 10th-straight game against Iowa at the Breslin Center, where the Spartans are 42-2 against Big Ten teams since 1998-99.

The Spartans took control of the game for good by outscoring Iowa 22-11 during the final six minutes of the first half to lead 50-35 at halftime.

It was their highest scoring first half of the season and their second-straight 50-point half.

After Iowa trailed by 22 midway through the second half, it pulled to within 12 with 3:56 left but couldn't get closer.

Michigan State made 51.7 percent of its shots and limited Iowa to 41.1 percent.



Al Goldis/Associated Press

Iowa's Jeff Horner shoots a lay-up over Michigan State's Maurice Ager during the first half Wednesday in East Lansing, Mich.

IOWA HOSTS OHIO STATE, 7 P.M. TODAY
 Iowa (12-7, 6-2) vs. Ohio State (12-7, 4-4), Carver-Hawkeye Arena

Hawkeyes face another tough conference foe

BY ROSEANNA SMITH
 THE DAILY IOWAN

As the Iowa women's basketball team closes in on its final eight conference games, there are few cupcakes and fewer chances for error.

Tonight, the Hawkeyes face Ohio State, which is 12-7 overall and 4-4 in conference play — but a team Iowa coach Lisa Bluder won't overlook.

"They have been in every game," the fourth-year coach said in her Tuesday press conference. "Every game has been a close game."

The Buckeyes started the season in the top echelon of women's hoops — alongside powerhouses Penn State, Purdue, Minnesota, and Michigan State — and the Big Ten has

been rated the most difficult and contentious conference this year.

So far, Ohio State has fallen to Illinois — now in the lower ranks of the conference at 2-7 — but the game was a one-point loss, 52-51, on the road. The Buckeyes sank against No. 18 Michigan State, No. 5 Purdue, and No. 6 Penn State, all at home, but they enter Carver-Hawkeye riding a two-game winning streak over Michigan and Indiana.

Against Indiana, LaToya Turner recorded a team-high 19 points and game-high nine boards. Freshman Jessica Davenport of Columbus, Ohio, whom the Hawkeyes recruited heavily, added 18 points and

Cleaning up: the morning after the Knight before

BY JIM LITKE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

When Bob Knight arrived on the campus of Texas Tech three seasons ago, everybody knew there would be plenty of yelling. Still, hearing somebody yell "Cleanup in Aisle 5!" probably wasn't what most people in Lubbock had in mind.

But they can't say they weren't warned.

People who want attention in the worst way usually get it, especially when Knight is involved. He either wins, or he sets his hair on fire, and often does both, so that no matter the order, it's always good copy. Sooner or later, it results in another one of those seasons on the brink, which raises the question about this one: on the brink of what?

Until Monday's run-in with Tech Chancellor David Smith, the answer would have been: on the brink of one of Knight's



Knight reprimanded

best coaching performances in a long time. He got the Red Raiders off to a surprisingly fast start, had them ranked in the top 20, and oversaw the continued

development of Andre Emmett into one of the best players in college basketball, the kind of star a team can ride deep into the NCAA Tournament.

Things weren't entirely quiet, to be sure. There was that meltdown in December, when a former coach-turned-ESPN reporter asked Knight about his relationship with Steve Alford, and the network's censors rubbed their fingertips raw editing every sentence that made it

DONOVAN BURBA

Izzo proves coaching prowess

TOM IZZO DIDN'T JUST stumble into 200 career wins, and Michigan State's 89-72 thrashing of Iowa in East Lansing showed why the popular coach is considered one of the nation's best.

Against an Iowa team without a legitimate big man, Izzo designed a scheme to make full use of the Spartans' size advantage on both ends of the floor.

Michigan State's used a tenacious 2-3 zone defense to smother Hawkeye sharpshooters Brody Boyd and Jeff Horner, confident that Iowa, sans Jared Reiner and Sean Sonderleiter, had no consistent low-post scoring threat. Horner still connected on five 3's, including three from NBA range, but Boyd barely got an open look all night. When he did, such as on a first-half fast break, he had to hurry the shots, and the result was an ugly 1-5 first half.

On Jan. 31 the Hawkeyes shot 71 percent in the first frame en route to a 77-58 win over Penn State. But after that win, Pierre Pierce said prophetically, "We did a good job shooting the ball tonight, but sometime the shot's not going to fall, and then we're going to have to grind it out on the defensive end."

A nice strategy, but not one that the small Hawks are built for. The shots certainly weren't falling (Iowa shot just 36 percent in the first half, 43 percent for the game), but defensively, the Hawkeyes had no answers for the athletic Spartans.

As on offense, the problem started down low; Iowa's first five fouls were whistled on those trying to defend 7-footer Paul Davis. Pierce and Glen Worley frequently had to help out Greg Brunner on him, and very quickly, all three found themselves in foul trouble. With 15 minutes left to play, each had three fouls, and Pierce's foul trouble in particular hurt Iowa.

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SPORTS

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Q & A

Women's football makes its debut in Iowa

One of the best Super Bowls is now almost a week gone. And although the NFL is but a Pro Bowl away from fishing season, its sister league, the Independent Women's Football League and its Des Moines-based franchise, the Courage, begin the season on April 3. The Daily Iowan's Frank Klipsch posed questions for team president Lisa Wright.

The Daily Iowan: Is there crying in football?

Wright: Well, is there crying in baseball?

DI: What is your inspiration for creating a women's football team?

Wright: As a female athlete, I wanted to give other women the opportunity to pursue their dreams in a sport that has not been open to women other than on a recreational level. This dream would not be even possible without the work of the IWFL.

DI: Do many of the players have past football experience, or are there a lot from other sports?

Wright: The sports backgrounds vary; however, most have a vast knowledge of football or backyard experience playing with the "guys."

DI: Is femininity a function of position? For example, do place-kickers have long fingernails or do middle line-backers drive Harleys?

Wright: What they do in their spare time is their business. When they are on the field they are football players; if you break a nail, tear it off and keep playing.

DI: Have there been many obstacles to bringing the sport to Des Moines?

Wright: Finding sponsors, specifically a stadium sponsor. There is a little hesitation as to how Iowa is going to welcome a pro women's football team.

DI: How long has women's football been in existence?

Wright: The first league started in 1997.

DI: How did the name "Courage" come about?

Wright: I took it from the initial idea that courage can be portrayed through multiple avenues. It takes courage to follow one's dreams even in the midst of scrutiny, and it takes courage to stand up and say, "I am a woman, and I am a football player."

DI: Are there any differences in the women's game compared to the NFL?

Wright: We follow NFL rules and regulations. The IWFL has made arrangements with Nike and has created a custom football used by IWFL players.

DI: The Iowa women's basketball team practices against men. What about the Des Moines Courage?

Wright: In a sport where weight places a key factor in positioning, etc., it is not feasible

to stick a woman up against a man; that is why we have our own team and league, so that women can play on an even playing ground.

DI: Do you foresee or are you aware of high schools adding girls' football teams?

Wright: I would like to see a league started, even if it is outside of schools, for girls and women under the age of 18 who show interest to be allowed to play. This is something I am working on based upon interest levels. We will see where it goes.

DI: Has there been much of a demand for tickets to the Courage's first game?

Wright: Yes, actually, we are in the process of getting season-ticket packages put together. Most spectators and fans are not just wanting to buy one ticket, they want tickets for all three home games. We also have fans and spectators that are willing to travel to our away games.

DI: Where do you guys play your games?

Wright: North High School in Des Moines.

DI: Are the players all local, or are some there just for the IWFL?

Wright: No, they vary from Northwood, Hubbard, Newton, Marshalltown, Ottumwa, Sheridan, Ill., and various other locations including Des Moines.

DI: What is the age range of the players, and what do some of them do for a living?

Wright: A player has to be 18, and the age limit — well, there is not one. If you are capable of playing, then you are welcome to do so. Some occupations include teachers, police officers, engineers, social workers, surveyors, and [members of] the military.

DI: Have there been many injuries?

Wright: Of course there have been a few bruises here and there, but nothing serious.

DI: Linemen or linewomen?

Wright: For the sake of the sport, we leave it as it is. They are football players regardless of what their position is called. Linemen.

DI: What is the goal of the Courage, both in terms of the season and the future of the league?

Wright: I want to see this team have a positive impact on the whole state of Iowa and its communities. I hope to see it successfully take off and become a significant athletic achievement among female athletes.

DI: How many members on the team?

Wright: What about coaches, trainers, equipment people, and those in the front office? Forty-three players, four coaches, one med staff, and 10 office admins.

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| Indiana at Toronto, 6:30 p.m. | | | | | | | |
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| Seattle at Phoenix, 8 p.m. | | | | | | | |
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| Denver at Golden State, 10:30 p.m. | | | | | | | |

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Dallas 1, Columbus 0
Florida 5, Phoenix 4, OT
Edmonton 5, St. Louis 3
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Today's Games
Boston at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
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Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Vancouver at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Nashville, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
No games scheduled

Saturday's Games
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Sunday's Game
All-Star Game at St. Paul, Minn., 2 p.m.

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE CRIOLES—Agreed to terms with INF-OF Mark McLemore on a minor league contract.
BOSTON RED SOX—Named Dale Sveum third base coach.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Named Robert Rice vice president of ballpark operations and development.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with C Joe Girardi, INF Homer Bush, INF Erick Almonte, OF Darren Bragg, INF Jeff Dearnoff, INF Felix Escalona, C Sal Fasano, C Omar Fuentes, INF Tyler Houston, RHP Jim Mann, C Dioner Navarro, LHP Donovan Osborne, OF John Rodriguez, RHP David Shepard, C Jon-Mark Sprovi and C Steve Torrealba on minor league contracts.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Scott MacRae on a minor league contract. Named Gary Allenson minor league catching coordinator.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Named Tony Besley manager of Altoona of the EL.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA—Fined Chicago Bulls coach Scott Skiles \$7,500 for criticizing the officiating after a Feb. 2 loss to Seattle.
PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS—Placed F Travis Outlaw on the injured list.
WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Activated G Gilbert Arenas from the injured list. Released F Torraye Bragg.
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Davis Love III follows his shot from the fairway down to the ninth green of the Pebble Beach Golf Links during a practice round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in Pebble Beach, Calif.

Experience pays off at Pebble Beach Pro Am

BY DOUG FERGUSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Davis Love III had the crystal trophy under his arm as he walked to the practice range Wednesday morning at Pebble Beach, prompting a sarcastic protest from one of the caddies. "We already have a winner?" the caddie called out. "What is this, wrestling? Pre-determined winners?"

Love was simply returning the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am trophy to the tournament office. Besides, this is one of the most unpredictable tournaments because of the fickle weather, bumpy greens, three very different courses, and six-hour rounds with amateur partners that range from CEOs (Charles Schwab) to actors (Kevin Costner) to Super Bowl MVPs (Tom Brady).

That's not to say Pebble Beach doesn't have its share of favorites, even without Tiger Woods. Love's victory last year made him the 10th multiple winner at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Mark O'Meara won five times during a 13-year stretch. Jack Nicklaus won the National Pro-Am three times, plus a U.S. Open and a U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach.

And even some guys that haven't won always seem to be around the lead Sunday.

Vijay Singh has been in the top 10 four of the last five years and figures to be there again this week. The big Fijian has top-10 finishes in 11-straight tour events, three shy of the modern-day record.

Matt Gogel blew a big lead in 2000 — the year Woods made up seven shots over the final seven holes — but returned two years later to win at Pebble Beach.

"Experience is huge here," Gogel said on Wednesday. "There's no other tournament where the greens are soft, the weather is unpredictable at best, and the ball doesn't go very far. The more times you go around, the more you realize where you've got to pull back."

The tournament will start today at Pebble Beach, Spyglass Hill, and Poppy Hills.

Woods is skipping the tournament for the second-straight year. He has made it no secret that watching short putts fishtail across the greens takes a toll on his confidence.

He clarified his position in his monthly newsletter Wednesday. He still loves Pebble Beach, where he won the U.S. Open by a record 15 shots in 2000. But along with the greens and long rounds, playing in the AT&T will be the start of five-consecutive tournaments.

"I just don't want people to get the wrong idea," he said. "I've enjoyed going to the Monterey Peninsula since junior golf, and it's one of the most beautiful places in the world."

IOWA SPORTS

- Today**
- **WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** hosts Ohio State, 7:07 p.m. at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.
 - Friday**
 - **MEN'S SWIMMING** hosts Northwestern, 5 p.m. at UI Field House pool.
 - **WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS** at Utah, 7 p.m.
 - **MEN'S GYMNASTICS**

TV SCHEDULE

- Today**
- **WCBB** Connecticut at Tennessee, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **NBA** Los Angeles Lakers at Philadelphia 76ers, 6:30 p.m. on TNT.
 - **WCBB** Ohio State at Iowa, 7 p.m. on KCRG.
 - **NHL** Detroit Red Wings at Colorado Avalanche, 7 p.m. on ESPN
 - **CBB** Penn State at Indiana, 7 p.m. on FSN.
 - **CBB** Duke at North Carolina, 8 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **NBA** San Antonio Spurs at Seattle Sonics, 9 p.m. on TNT.
 - **CBB** Arizona at California, 9:30 p.m. on FSN.

- at Winter Cup Challenge, 1 p.m. in Las Vegas.
- Saturday**
- **MEN'S BASKETBALL** at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
 - **MEN'S SWIMMING** hosts Northwestern, 11 a.m. at UI Field House pool.
 - **WOMEN'S TENNIS** hosts Marquette, 11 a.m. at Rec Building.
 - **MEN'S GYMNASTICS**

- **CBB** Pepperdine at Gonzaga, 10 p.m. on ESPN2.
- Friday**
- **NBA** Orlando Magic at New Jersey Nets, 7 p.m. on ESPN.
- **NBA** San Antonio Spurs at Sacramento Kings, 9:30 p.m. on ESPN.
- Saturday**
- **CBB** Michigan State at Ohio State, 11 a.m. on ESPN.
- **CBB** Purdue at Michigan, 11 a.m. on CBS.
- **CBB** La Salle at St. Joseph's, 1 p.m. on ESPN.
- **CBB** Wisconsin at Northwestern, 1:30 p.m. on CBS.
- **CBB** Southern Illinois at Creighton, 2 p.m. on ESPN2.
- **CBB** Texas Tech at Kansas, 3 p.m. on ESPN.
- **CBB** Iowa at Indiana, 3:30 p.m. on CBS.
- **CBB** Alabama-Birmingham at Louisville, 5 p.m. on ESPN.
- **CBB** Pittsburgh at Notre Dame, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.
- Feb. 8**
- **CBB** Illinois at Minnesota, noon on CBS.
- **NBA** Seattle Sonics at Portland Trail Blazers, 2 p.m. on ESPN.
- **NFL** AFC-NFC Pro Bowl, 6:30 p.m. on ESPN.
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SPORTS

Southern Cal tops in college football recruiting

Oklahoma snags most-recruited player, running back Adrian Peterson

BY ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

College football's recruiting race finished up exactly like the season did — with Southern California and LSU on top, and everybody else chasing them.

Only this time, there's no disputing Southern Cal is No. 1, according to five top recruiting services that unanimously ranked the Trojans' incoming freshman class as the nation's best.

LSU was a strong second on national signing day, landing every top player it sought in its own state while adding to its already deep wide-receiver corps.

Miami made a strong rush Wednesday by unexpectedly landing three top players, and Florida State made a big comeback from a year ago. But it was Southern Cal's off-the-charts class that was the buzz of the college football world.

"USC's recruiting class is the best in the 11 years I've been doing this," said recruiting analyst Bobby Burton of Rivals.com. "It's the highest quality class you're ever going to see."

Gatorade and Parade national player of the year Jeff Byers of Loveland, Colo., leads coach Pete Carroll's incoming freshmen. Not only was he the most highly recruited center in years, he had 56 sacks and 14 forced fumbles on defense.

The AP national champion Trojans signed two top California high-school players in defensive end Jeff Schweiger and offensive lineman Thomas Hering. They also journeyed into recruiting hotbeds Ohio (wide receiver Fred Davis) and Florida (linebacker Keith Rivers) to land key recruits.

Allen Wallace of Prep Football Report called the Trojans' recruiting class "phenomenal."

"There are no all-regional players on their list; there are no second-list players there at all," he said. "USC never dipped



Sue Ogrocki/Associated Press

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops talks about his recruiting class at a news conference in Norman, Okla., on Wednesday. For the second-straight year, Oklahoma rustled away some of the best prospects in Texas to fill out what's expected to be one of the nation's top recruiting classes.

below [the top level], even though it had great regional kids who wanted offers."

LSU was much the same way, capitalizing on its USA Today/ESPN national championship with a recruiting class arguably just as good as last year's top-ranked class.

The Tigers, already loaded at receiver, landed not one but three of the nation's top pass catchers — Early Doucet of St. Martinville, La., Xavier Carter of Melbourne, Fla., and Lavelle Hawkins of Stockton, Calif.

Doucet scored 79 touchdowns and had 7,104 all-purpose yards in his high-school career. Carter is one of the nation's fastest sprinters and could be a future U.S. Olympian.

"It was a great year for receivers, and LSU got three of the best," recruiting analyst Max Emfinger said. "You wonder why another

receiver would want to go there, but the answer is they want to wear a national championship ring."

LSU stayed in-state to land dominating 310-pound lineman Marlon Favorite, then went next door to sign massive 395-pound lineman Herman Johnson from Denton, Texas.

"He looks like he is all ready to go down the I-395 freeway and report to the Dallas Cowboys' camp," Emfinger said.

StudentSports.com's Doug Huff, who has been tracking national high-school recruiting since the 1960s, wasn't surprised last season's strongest teams — USC, LSU, Oklahoma — had big recruiting years.

"Recruits see teams in the big bowl games on national TV and atop the rankings, and that's where they want to play," he said.

Oklahoma signed the nation's most-recruited player, running back Adrian Peterson, who ran for nearly 3,000 yards last season at Palestine, Texas. He was ranked as the nation's best player by Rivals.com and Tom Lemming's Prep Football Report and No. 2 by SuperPrep and StudentSports.com.

Oklahoma also got another top-five player in quarterback Rhett Bomar of Grand Prairie, Texas, plus highly sought Chicago linebacker Chris Patterson.

While Southern Cal and LSU had their classes mostly locked up weeks ago, it was Miami's late surge that was the biggest surprise on signing day.

Coach Larry Coker's Hurricanes signed two top-50-caliber players they weren't expected to get in linebacker James Bryant of Reading, Pa., and defensive lineman Rhyann Anderson.

UConn tries to unseat Lady Vols

BY ELIZABETH A. DAVIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee's No. 1 ranking never seems safe when Connecticut is the opponent.

It's a curse that dates to the teams' first meeting, in 1995, when the Lady Vols led the Associated Press poll. Tennessee lost that game — and the top ranking. Later that season, UConn beat the Lady Vols in the NCAA title game.

Ever since, Tennessee and Connecticut have been dueling to dominate women's college basketball, winning a combined total of seven of the past nine championships.

Tennessee (18-1) puts its top ranking on the line again today, hosting No. 4 Connecticut (16-2). The Huskies lead the series 11-6, including four-straight

victories — most recently in the 2003 NCAA title game.

Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt, whose 839 career wins are the most by a women's coach, won't concede anything to the Huskies, though.

"I think our program is one of the best, if not the best, in the nation, year in and year out," she said. "I don't think anyone has passed us by. We're still getting good recruits, and going to Final Fours, and playing in national-championship games."

The Lady Vols' most recent title, their sixth, came in 1998.

Connecticut was No. 1 for the first time after its 1995 regular-season victory over the Lady Vols and has been in the top spot for 64 of the last 88 polls.

Until regaining the No. 1 spot Jan. 26, Tennessee had not been ranked there since 2001.

The Huskies' current position of fourth is their lowest ranking heading into a game against Tennessee, and they have lost — gasp! — two games already this season. A loss to Duke last month ended Connecticut's regular-season winning streak at 76 games.

The underdog label just doesn't fit well with All-American Diana Taurasi and Co.

"Why are we the underdog? Look at the last five years — you be the judge," she said.

The senior has been a big reason for Connecticut's success against Tennessee, which UConn coach Geno Auriemma nicknamed the "Evil Empire" last year.

Taurasi has averaged 23 points in five games against the Lady Vols. She's averaging 17.4 points this season.

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SPORTS



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Patriots' coach Bill Belichick shares a laugh with CBS "Late Show" host David Letterman during a taping of the show on Wednesday. The Patriots won the Super Bowl on Sunday.

Future looks bright for Super Bowl champions

BY HOWARD ULMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOXBORO, Mass. — Like many New England Patriots fans, Jerry Baldwin suffered through the lean years of last-place finishes and missing the playoffs.

That makes it all the more satisfying to see the team celebrate two Super Bowl titles in three seasons.

"It's great to be a Patriots fan now," Baldwin said.

And it could be great for years. A young team that should only improve with experience, the Patriots have seven picks in the first four rounds of April's NFL draft and face a problem any team would love: How can the Patriots possibly fit all those players into an already deep, talented team?

Plus, the 2004 schedule appears easier.

"I haven't thought about next year," linebacker Tedy Bruschi said, striding through the snow as the Patriots greeted thousands of welcoming fans at Gillette Stadium. "Right now, we're just sort of resting up and enjoying ourselves, and I trust that the people in the front office will keep us focused and ready to go."

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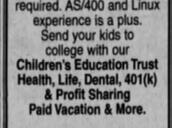
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SPORTS

Knight still fiesty

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on the air. But that should have surprised no one. What changed when Knight left Indiana was his address, not his opinion of the media, referees, players, or even bosses who dared question his version of events.

So the hard-to-believe element in this latest blowup isn't that it began alongside the salad bar in an upscale grocery store, but that the boss who set it in motion expected any other outcome. Smith may or may not have intended to bait Knight — it isn't hard to do, and besides, there was already some bad blood between them. But the one thing he can't plead is ignorance.

Smith wasn't the chancellor when Knight arrived in Lubbock, but the only way he could deny knowing the university struck a deal with the red-sweated devil back then is to produce a note from a doctor saying he'd been in a coma the last 20 years or so. What the school offered Knight was a Division I platform from which to chase Dean Smith's career-victory record of 879. And after beating back a suspension earlier in the day, Knight then sent his Red Raiders out to beat Baylor, 83-63, on Tuesday night, running his own total to 826.

What Tech wanted from its part of the bargain was headlines, a competitive team, and a program that graduates a few of its student-athletes. Knight has delivered on all three, though not always in ways the school's administration dreamed about.

In a postgame interview, Knight conceded that when Smith attempted to strike up a conversation, "I should have just shook my head and walked away." When it escalated from there, instead, he knew the consequences likely would, too. Knight even said he was prepared to serve a suspension, if it came to that, "because I feel so strongly about this situation, this school, this community, and these kids, and that would not have been easy for me to do but I would have done it with them."

But the rest of the Tech brain trust caved in, downgraded his punishment to a reprimand, and let it go at that. Which is why, before he got up to leave the postgame news conference, Knight said with admirable restraint, "I'm just glad everything's behind us and hope we can go on from here."

Knight, of course, won't have any problem doing just that. He's used to getting his way. It's the people who work with him who are going to have to "go on from here," who are about to find out just what kind of wild ride they signed on for.

Bluder's Hawkeyes undefeated in the conference at home

WOMEN'S HOOPS

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six rebounds. Caity Matter and Kim Wilburn also scored in double figures.

Matter ranks first on the team in scoring and 3-pointers, with 13.5 ppg and a 37 percent shooting average. Davenport ranks second in scoring and rebounding and first in blocks; Turner leads the squad on the glass.

Bluder said the starting lineup created different matchup problems for the Hawkeyes, beginning with Davenport, who is big (6-5), physical, and shoots the ball at a high percentage (64).

The varied Buckeye defense and fast-paced offense also are concerns for Bluder, but her team's chief advantage may be a good showing last week against Michigan State. After winning four consecutive home games, the Hawkeyes tracked through Northwestern and on to a bigger challenge.

Against the Spartans, Bluder said Iowa (12-7, 6-2) played good defense in the closing minutes, converted almost all of its free throws down the stretch, quit fouling, and rebounded well — ending in a 78-67 win.

"It was one happy locker room after Michigan State," Bluder said. "They were very excited about the win and how they pulled that out after some adversity. ... I think it was the manner we won that made the players really happy. We have to use the momentum, and I think it's the coach's responsibility to keep that going."

Gearing up for the game shouldn't be too difficult — the Hawkeyes have yet to lose a home game in conference play (4-0), and their five-game winning streak has catapulted the team to third in the Big Ten behind only Penn State and Purdue, both top-10 teams.

Senior Kristi Faulkner said the team's attitude is the most important thing to think about now.

"I think we're excited. People are having fun, everyone is contributing, we're getting little things done and staying focused," the captain said. "The main thing is to maintain that mental toughness down the road."

And that toughness becomes important as the No. 5 Boiler-makers bring their train around to Carver on Feb. 10. Iowa will play Purdue again on Feb. 26, preceded by rematches with Minnesota and Penn State at Carver.

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Iowa's exhausted D can't keep up

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Michigan State led by just seven when Pierce committed his third foul 4:45 left in the first half, but when the guard went to the bench, the Spartans reeled off a 14-2 run that sent them into the locker room up 50-35.

Davis ended the game with 19 points.

With the game effectively over with 20 minutes left to play, Michigan State loosened up on offense, showing the athleticism and flair that has elevated it to the level of

the nation's elite. Iowa's exhausted defense couldn't keep up with the Spartans' rapid ball movement, and the home team found open looks both inside and outside.

Even with Reiner or Sonderleiter in the lineup, Iowa would have been hard pressed to beat Michigan State, much less make a run at the top of the Big Ten. Last night's game may have been the dagger in the heart of the Hawkeyes' conference hopes, and it casts into doubt their chances in the Big Ten Tournament.

Guards, as it turns out, can't take you all the way.

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Iowa's top players not always top recruits

RECRUITS

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Ferentz, who will enter his sixth season this fall, said. "I'm not quite sure where we are. I think in a lot of ways those recruiting rankings are a lot like the pre-season rankings — they're great for sparking interest and getting discussion going."

"But as far as significance, I'm not sure how important they are. I really always have believed, and still believe, that the end of the process is what's important."

He mentioned that Iowa's four individual award winners over the last two years — quarterback Brad Banks (Davey O'Brien Award), tight end Dallas Clark (Mackey Award), kicker Nate Kaeding (Groza Award), and tackle Robert Gallery (Outland Trophy) — were not "big recruits." Iowa has established a reputation of putting walk-ons into the NFL.

Despite being one of six schools to finish in the top-eight each of the last two seasons, Iowa has trouble bringing in top-rated recruits. Whether it is because of geographical reasons or tradition, Ferentz realizes the unevenness of the situation.

"Right now, our odds of beating some of those teams are better on the field than they are in recruiting," the 48-year-old Ferentz said. "That's just the reality of the situation. On one hand, it's a little frustrating. But on the other hand, I think we're certainly in a better position than we were five years ago."

The biggest difference in recruiting from when the 2002 AP Coach of the Year arrived at Iowa in 1999 was what he had to offer prospects.

"Five years ago we were selling hope," Ferentz said. "The nice thing is now we can go out and sell the fact that we've done it."

Still searching

Ferentz could not comment on rumors that former Iowa receiver Clinton Solomon will return to the Hawkeyes this fall. He played for Iowa as a true freshman in 2002 but left Iowa last summer because of academic issues. He attended Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge this season.

"I can't comment on anybody who hasn't signed," Ferentz answered. "I can say there are prospects out there that we're looking at right now and still evaluating."

Looking like Kinnick in Kinnick

Iowa is looking at wearing throw-back uniforms in the season opener against Kent State on Sept. 4. Ferentz said the program is considering bringing back the attire from

the 1930s. Nile Kinnick won the Heisman Trophy in 1939 while playing for coach Eddie Anderson's Ironmen team.

"That's a rumor I heard floating around. I think we're looking at the '30s," he said.

No redshirt available

Ferentz clarified that freshman full-back Champ Davis will not receive a medical redshirt for last season. He will be a sophomore next season. However, quarterback Eric McCollom will be a redshirt freshman next year after seeing action in only one game before going down with an injury.

Vaughn picks the Irish

Wide receiver Chris Vaughn signed with Notre Dame on Wednesday over the Hawkeyes. The 77th ranked receiver by Rivals.com stated he would choose Wednesday between the two schools.

Spring game

Iowa's annual spring game is scheduled for April 17 at 1 p.m. The team will start spring practice in the last week of March.

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Angel at their table

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At the heart of this all-encompassing play, which follows three gay couples in New York City who battle sexual, religious, and political conflicts, are characters on a journey of self-realization.

"The unifying element of the play is that most of the characters are in the process of peeling away their layers of self-delusion," said director John Cameron, a UI associate professor of theater.

UI graduate student Lauren Armstrong, who plays the part of Harper, said her role was particularly difficult because Harper is affected by a Valium addiction. She worked hard with Cameron to pin down her character's neurotic personality — having to act subdued when she was on Valium and extremely anxious when she was coming down from the drug.

Armstrong wasn't the only actor who felt challenged; UI graduate student Kelly Bartlett, who plays the angel, and several others had to adjust to playing several different characters. The important thing when playing numerous characters, Bartlett said, is to establish each of them through differences in voice and appearance in order to mask the actor and let the audience focus on the character.

Graduate student Christina Frank played three characters in addition to her role as Hanna, a Mormon who moves to New York after finding out her son is a homosexual.

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Top: Jonathan Weber (Prior Walter) and Lauren Armstrong (Harper Amaty Pitt) rehearse a hallucination scene for *Angels in America* in Mable Theatre on Tuesday evening.

Middle: Kelly Bartlett (Emily), Weber, and Terrence Monte (Louis Ironson) work through a hospital scene on Tuesday evening.

Bottom: Tim Budd (Roy M. Cohn) and Ken Peterson (Joe Porter Pitt) rehearse for *Angels in America* on Tuesday.



MIRACLE ON OLYMPIC ST.

Cheesy, yes. Inspirational, you betcha. Grab some popcorn and relive the 1980 U.S. Olympic victory over the Soviet hockey team.

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25 YEARS OF THE BUNNY

The saddest, greatest band to ever mope out of Liverpool celebrates its 25th with reissues of five of its greatest albums.

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Coach Herb Brooks (Kurt Russell) and the 1980 U.S. hockey team practice in the inspirational film *Miracle*. Production photo

A Cold War ice storm



FILM REVIEW
by Laura Jensen

Miracle

When: 1, 4, 7, and 9:50 p.m.
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★★½ out of ★★★★★

Sports movies are, as a rule, cheesy.

They earn the right to be, however, because sports themselves are cheesy. Sports inspire coaches to spout speeches imploring competitors to "win one for the Gipper," athletes to perform gymnastic feats with sprained ankles, and fans to paint their bodies gold and green in zero-degree temperatures. Sports represent the emotional extremes of the human experience. *Miracle* is no different.

Miracle's title refers to the U.S. hockey team's 1980 Olympic victory over the Soviets. The movie follows the team from Coach Herb Brooks' (Kurt Russell) interview with the U.S. Olympic Committee until the miraculous victory.

Brooks is a tough coach who insists on doing things his own way. While interviewing for the job, he promises he will

implement a new type of hockey — a blend of U.S. and Soviet styles — and conditioning. The players he selects are all in their early 20s and have played only college hockey. The Soviets, on the other hand, are more experienced, and many of them had played together for a decade.

The Soviets had also been winning for two decades. They won the gold in every Olympics since the American's last gold, in 1960, the year Brooks was the last man cut a week before the games. This drives Brooks to push his players to the limit; he drills them for hours and pulls them together as a family. As the team begins winning, the members unite the nation, and the game transcends hockey to become a beacon of hope in the midst of the Cold War.

Russell delivers a fine performance in the rather clichéd role of the slave-driving genius with a soft heart. He manages a Minnesota accent without letting it become overbearing, as do the other actors. Russell is restrained yet passionate, but the role lacks the fiery attitude of Denzel Washington's Coach Boone in another Walt Disney sports flick, *Remember the Titans*. As Brooks' wife, Patti, Patricia Clarkson (*Far From Heaven*) is given little to do besides fret over the amount of time Brooks puts into the team, but her performance is well-done.

Actually, no one other than Russell is given a meaty role, including, oddly enough, the hockey players themselves.

The only recognizable face among them is that of Eddie Cahill, who is best known for his recurring role as Rachel's boyfriend, Tag, on "Friends." Surprisingly good, he plays goalie Jim Craig, who lost his mother and subsequently his A-game and struggles to regain his passion and skills as the Olympics approach. Several of the players are first-time actors who really did grow up playing hockey. Michael Mantenuto, a former D-I player at the University of Maine, stands out as Jack O'Callahan.

Despite several convincing performances, none of the roles are fleshed out enough for the audience to connect with emotionally. The only character we are allowed to see off the ice is Brooks, but we still know very little about him.

The movie is directed by Gavin O'Connor, whose only directing experience was the 1999 film *Tumbleweeds*. He pieces together the beginning of the movie fairly well but then loses focus on characters and chooses to end the film after the U.S.-Russian game with a voice-over, glossing over America's actual gold-medal game. He does, however, weave the Cold War into the story well, using news clips from the era.

Miracle's only flaw is that it can't decide whether to focus on the sport or the characters and ends up shortchanging them both. All in all, though, it is an entertaining, heartwarming story that elicited actual applause from movie-goers last weekend.

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CBS stems nipple effect

BY DAVID BAUDER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Following Janet Jackson's surprise breast-baring on the Super Bowl halftime show, CBS said Tuesday it would institute a video-delay system to avoid any recurrence at Sunday's Grammy Awards. CBS technicians were scrambling to invent the software — something more than five-second audio delay the network has used to bleep out swear words, such as when Eminem performed on the Grammys two years ago.

Meanwhile, CBS may ask that Jackson and Justin Timberlake be banned from the Grammys if the network concludes the musicians fully intended to give Jackson the extra exposure on Sunday, said a network executive who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Various referred to as "Nipplegate" and the "bra-ha-ha," the one-second Super Bowl flashing continued to cause reverberations Tuesday. MTV boss Tom Freston, whose network produced the halftime show, bitterly complained about being "punk'd" by Jackson, and Federal Communications Commission chief Michael Powell said the entire show angered him.

At the end of their duet Sunday, Timberlake snatched off part of Jackson's bustier on stage, revealing a breast clad only in a sun-shaped "nipple shield" to some 89 million viewers. Jackson's spokeswoman, Jennifer Holiner, said a red lace garment was supposed to remain when Timberlake tore off the outer covering. But widespread questions remained about the intent.

Timberlake, who is nominated for five Grammy Awards, is scheduled to perform on Sunday's telecast. Jackson is supposed to present an award. Whether they appear or not, CBS censors will have their fingers on a new delay system.

"Unfortunately, we cannot count on those who appear on our air to live up to our standards," said Martin Franks, the CBS executive vice president. Technicians were trying to come up with something more viewer-friendly than just fading to a blank screen if they want something off the air, he said.

Even with Christina Aguilera — who kissed Madonna onstage at the MTV Video Music Awards last summer — also scheduled to perform, Grammy producers haven't changed any plans because of the Super flashing, said Ron Roecker, a spokesman for the Recording Academy. "They're musicians," he said. "They're passionate about what they're doing, and we can't be 100 percent in control of the action. We don't anticipate there being issues."

CBS faces an FCC investigation into whether the Super Bowl show violated decency laws, with potential fines of up to \$27,500. If applied to each CBS station, the fine could reach into the millions. Powell said Tuesday that the FCC had begun a formal investigation, and a letter was sent to CBS.

"It's well under way," he said. All five commissioners expressed concern about the Super Bowl broadcast, but Powell declined to speculate on what the FCC would do once the investigation was finished. "I'm not going to try to prejudge the outcome," he said.

Powell said he wasn't happy with the halftime show in general, which featured performances by Nelly and Kid Rock before the bump-and-grind duet with Jackson and Timberlake. Nelly gestured toward his crotch, while Kid Rock draped himself in an



Elise Amendola/Associated Press
Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake bump, grind, and prepare for scandal during Super Bowl XXXVIII.

American flag-designed poncho.

"I think everybody's focusing on the finale, but a lot of what we've heard in terms of complaints, and the breadth of the investigation is a little broader than just that incident," Powell said on ABC's "Good Morning America." "I personally was offended by the entire production."

Freston, the chairman of MTV Networks, said he welcomed the FCC's investigation, which, he said, will prove that the show's producers and broadcasters had no prior knowledge of the stunt.

"We were really ripped off. We were punk'd by Janet Jackson," he said, referring to MTV's reality show that makes celebrities the butt of practical jokes.

Judy McGrath, the MTV Networks group president, wouldn't comment on whether Jackson's stunt would have repercussions for her in the future on MTV. The singer, who has a new album out next month, was named MTV's first "icon" in 2001.

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Ominous, rain-soaked, and elegant, Echo and the Bunnymen is the saddest, greatest band to ever mope out of Liverpool, England. And now to celebrate the band's 25th anniversary, Rhino/Sire Records has reissued the first five albums from this impressively melancholic and influential outfit that loomed large in British rock 'n' roll in the '80s during its first incarnation.

Consisting of *Crocodiles* (1980), *Heaven Up Here* (1981), *Porcupine* (1983), *Ocean Rain* (1984), and *Echo and the Bunnymen* (1987), these albums may vary in artistic clout, but taken together, they make up an impressive body of work that is still reverberating through modern music. With an art-damaged cool, a nocturnal vibe, and a penchant for histrionic theatrics, these albums are inseparable from the DNA of modern college radio, and they are aped outright by such bands as British Sea Power, the Stills, Interpol, and the Rapture.

Digitally remastered, the albums sound full, dark, and warm. And as the real test of any reissue touting bonus materials, the B-sides, demos, and live tracks (around half a dozen per album) are neither overlaps nor regurgitations of the rarities on 2001's excellent



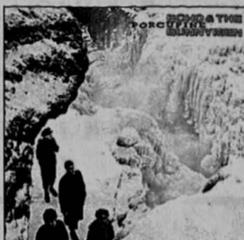
Crocodiles

(and seemingly all-encompassing) Echo and the Bunnymen four-disc retrospective *Crystal Days* (Warner/Rhino).

Beginning with *Crocodiles*, the band (named partially for the first drummer, an Echo drum-machine) sketched punchy, hook-filled, gloom-trips with chiming, angled guitars (Will Sergeant) and brooding textures. At the front of the mix were the vocals of Ian McCulloch — a croon basted in booze, and sung tiredly from a place perpetually overcast.

Dense, bleak, nervously operatic, and recorded and completed within months of *Crocodiles*, *Heaven Up Here* is the group's high point. Moody, intense, and filled with echoing hooks, songs such as "A Promise" or "All I Want" use the rhythm section of Pete DeFreitas (drums) and Les Pattinson (bass) to create a sepia canvas for the chiaroscuro jabs of Sergeant's guitar and the paranoid bellow of McCulloch's pseudo-literary lyrics.

While much of the brilliance of *Crocodiles* and *Heaven* derives from their consistency, some of the



Porcupine

most vulnerable and gripping individual songs by the Bunnymen materialize on *Porcupine* and *Ocean Rain*.

Much of the shadowy vibe from previous albums is displaced on *Porcupine* with sharply produced rock 'n' roll songs that

forgo dark sonic undercurrent and ambiance for psychedelic knots of sitar and smatterings of strings. The straight-ahead approach yields some of the most lasting moments for the band, including "Gods Will be Gods," "The Back of Love," and "In Bluer Skies."

A band now struggling with legitimate popstardom in the UK, substance abuse, and a lead singer in the throes of rock-star egomania, it was also a group beginning to unravel, a process documented on the last two proper albums — *Ocean Rain* and *Echo and the Bunnymen*.

Although the last seriously great Bunnymen work, the same strings that set *Porcupine* aside serve to mostly smother *Ocean Rain*. Sergeant's guitar is



Ocean Rain

largely submerged below string sections, and McCulloch's lyrical offerings are just as muted. Although *Ocean Rain* does harbor the Bunnymen's signature classic — "The Killing Moon" — sinister, beautiful, and probably one of the most haunting songs to ever hail from Britain — this song, and this album, are a last gasp.

Lapsing into keyboard-laden pop for *Echo and the Bunnymen*, these songs ("Lips Like Sugar" remains the band's only significant American radio hit) are not complete write-offs, and neither is the album. But this is also a far cry from the Echo and the Bunnymen of the past.

The five albums are definite testaments to the archeology of the development of pop music by moping Brits. But these are also timeless, affecting, mythologized albums full of dark, brooding, and insidiously hip rock 'n' roll.

Think about this. As the lore goes, both times Echo and the Bunnymen headlined the Glastonbury Festival, clouds gathered, the sky opened up, and a torrential downpour soaked the Liverpudlians, the gear, and the tens of thousands in the audience.

Who can argue with that?

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Intimately epic

ANGELS

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Set in the 1980s, *Angels* was written by Tony Kushner. It has won two Tony Awards, the 1993 Pulitzer Prize for drama, and five Golden Globes for a recent HBO miniseries adaptation starring Al Pacino and Meryl Streep.

Bartlett, Frank, and several others said they avoided watching the miniseries because they did not want to be influenced by it.

"If I had watched it and tried to mimic someone else's performance, it wouldn't be in sync with what John is trying to do directionally in our performance," Bartlett said. "Trusting in where John's guiding us and working with the other actors makes it a lot stronger production."

Cameron said he was indifferent to whether the actors chose to watch the miniseries, and he was unaffected by watching it because he had already decided on the direction to take the production. His focus from the beginning has been on the intimate way *Angels* deals with a plethora of issues.

"Everybody brings something different to the play," he said. "The voice of the play speaks differently to everyone, so everyone is going to respond with her or his own interpretation."

Other actors, such as Armstrong, decided to watch the miniseries but were either unimpressed or felt it may have caused unneeded pressure.

"Some of us have been concerned that people will think that because they saw the show on HBO, they don't need to come see our performance," Armstrong said. "However, I feel that live theater touches people more deeply and that it's a different experience altogether."

Frank feels some slight pressure to live up to Streep's acting in the miniseries, but she said she dealt with it by focusing on what she was trying to portray in this particular production and not comparing herself with Streep. In contrast, Bartlett said she didn't feel pressure to live up to the miniseries but pressure to do justice to Kushner's

magnificent work.

Jonathan Weber, a UI senior playing the role of Prior, said he watched the miniseries after much debate and, upon viewing it, decided to take a completely different approach to his character.

"I feel like the character on TV and my character take similar journeys, just on different roads," he said. "They interpreted the character one way, and I interpreted it differently, and that's just the great thing about theater — there are so many different ways to interpret things."

As Prior, Weber plays an ex-drag queen who has been diagnosed with AIDS.

"The most difficult thing for me to do was to bring in a physicality that showed a feminine side but also not to be stereotypically, over-the-top flamboyant," he said. "I never wanted to make my physical actions so loud that it drowned out the message of what Kushner wanted the character to say."

Graduate student Terrence Monte plays Louis, Prior's boyfriend. Throughout the performance, Louis

is torn between his love for the dying Prior and moving on with his own life.

"Louis is the kind of part that you only want to play twice in your life — once when you're young and once when you're old — because you'll never get it right the first time," Monte said. "I always feel inadequate when I'm on stage because I feel like I'm not doing justice to Kushner's writing."

Armstrong said the production is so emotional because every character gets a chance to tell her or his story.

"There are so many different subplots going on that anyone, no matter what walk of life, will be touched somehow by this play," she said.

Performances will run today through Feb. 8 and again Feb. 12-15 in the Mabie Theatre of the Theatre Building. All performances begin at 8 p.m. except Sunday matinees, which start at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$8 for UI students, children, and seniors.

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TODAY

Music

- **Drive-By Truckers**, Mill, 120 E. Burlington, 8 p.m., \$10-\$12.
- **Documentary Film Festival benefit**, Making Hey, other acts TBA, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 9 p.m., cover.
- **Spacklebury**, Dead Roots, Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert, 9 p.m., \$3.
- **Jazz Jam**, with Evan Maxunik, Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert, 9:30 p.m.
- **Backyard Tire Fire**, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, 10 p.m., \$4.

Words

- **Cheryl Peck**, fiction, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, 8 p.m., free.

Theater

- **The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?**, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert, 7 p.m., \$12-\$23.
- **Angels in America: Millennium Approaches**, Mabie Theatre, Theatre Building, 8 p.m., \$8-\$17.

FRIDAY

Music

- **Harlem Renaissance Music**, featuring Dan Knight, Old Brick, 7 and 9:30 p.m., free.
- **Meridian Trio**, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m., free.
- **Steppin' In It**, Mill, 8 p.m., \$6.

- **Bob Marley's Birthday Party with Public Property**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$4.
- **Savage Aural Hotbed**, Martian Waters, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$6.
- **The Honeydogs**, Grasshopper Takeover, Kathryn Musilek, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$7.
- **Standard AIR Jazz Band**, Anthony Cox, Reggie Thomas, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m.

Words

- **Ana Menendez**, fiction, Prairie Lights, 8 p.m., free.

Theater

- **Angels in America: Millennium Approaches**, Mabie Theatre, 8 p.m., \$8-\$17.
- **The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?**, Riverside Theatre, 8 p.m., \$12-\$23.
- **Cirque Éloize, Nomade**, Hancher, 8 p.m., \$15-\$32.

SATURDAY

Music

- **Harlem Renaissance Music**, featuring Dan Knight, Old Brick, 7 and 9:30 p.m., free.
- **Chamber Singers February Concert**, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton, 8 p.m., \$10-\$12.
- **Arthur Greene**, piano, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m., free.
- **Big Wooden Radio**, Mill, 8 p.m., \$5.

- **Troubled Hubble**, Tenki, the Forecast, Amazin' Killowatts, Kudzu Wish, Gabe's, 8 p.m., \$5.
- **Dennis McMurrin and the Demolition Band**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5.
- **Oteil and the Peacemakers**, Mountain of Venus, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$12.
- **Standard AIR Jazz Band**, Anthony Cox, Reggie Thomas, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m.

Theater

- **Cirque Éloize, Nomade**, Hancher, 2 p.m., \$15-\$32.
- **Angels in America: Millennium Approaches**, Mabie Theatre, 8 p.m., \$8-\$17.
- **Cirque Éloize, Nomade**, Hancher, 8 p.m., \$15-\$32.
- **The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?**, Riverside Theatre, 8 p.m., \$12-\$23.

SUNDAY

Music

- **Heartland Jazz Trio**, Voxman Music Building Harper Hall, 2 p.m., free.
- **Without a Net**, monologue night, Mill, 7 p.m., \$2.
- **Blues Jam**, hosted by Flying Bacchus, Yacht Club, 8 p.m., no cover.

Theater

- **American Tableaux film series: A Woman and Easy Street**, Museum of Art Carver Gallery, 2 p.m., free.
- **The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?**, Riverside Theatre, 8 p.m., \$12-\$23.

NAACP weary of Kelly

BY LAURIE WILLIS
BALTIMORE SUN

The nomination for an NAACP Image Award of R&B star R. Kelly, who is awaiting trial on charges of having sex with an underage girl, has sparked controversy and may result in a change in the way nominees are selected.

Kelly, 35, has been nominated for his latest album, *Chocolate Factory*, which includes the hit single "Step in the Name of Love." His selection has caused a furor, with people discussing it on talk radio shows and online chat rooms across the country.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume plans to ask the civil-rights organization's directors to change the selection process for the prestigious awards, a change that could come as early as its Feb. 21 meeting. Mfume hasn't asked the board to consider rescinding Kelly's nomination, though he may at some point, said spokesman John C. White.

"It continues to concern me that every now and then an Image Award nomination is put forth that fails to meet the high standards for positive, constructive images on which the program was originally created," Mfume said in a statement released last week. "Part of the reason for this is that the NAACP does not totally control the nominating process but is held totally responsible for all of the nominations."

Image Award nominees are chosen by a committee of 300 — 150 members of the NAACP and 150 members of the TV, recording, movie, and publishing industries. After nominations are announced, NAACP members nationwide vote by secret ballot.

"Sometimes, some of the people outside of the NAACP who vote to select the initial list of nominees for the Image Awards do not necessarily see things the way we do with respect to image," Mfume's statement said. "It's important

from this point on that Image Award nominees be totally selected by the NAACP in order to ensure that they reflect the standards for which the award was created."

This year's Image Awards ceremony will be held on March 6 and aired March 11 on the Fox network. The Image Awards were created to recognize blacks who have excelled in film, TV, literature, and the recording industry and to also recognize accomplishments of those individuals who have worked for positive social change within the industry and the community, White said.

Kelly, a three-time Grammy winner who has sold more than 20 million albums worldwide, was arrested in June 2002 after a videotape surfaced that allegedly shows him having sex with a minor. He is awaiting trial in Chicago on those charges. He is also awaiting trial in Florida on child-pornography charges.

TUESDAY

Music

- **Sworn Enemy**, As I Lay Dying, Himsa, With Honor, Gabe's, 6 p.m., \$8-\$10.
- **Wheat, Hey Mercedes**, Mill, 8 p.m., \$8-\$10.
- **Funkin' Jazz Jam**, hosted by WMD, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$1.
- **Starrunner**, Yacht Club, 10 p.m., \$4.

Misc.

- **Salsa Break**, Arts B la Carte, 20 E. Market, 9 p.m., \$3.

Music

- **University Symphony with Christopher O'Riley**, Hancher, 8 p.m., \$10-\$25.
- **Talk Art Cabaret**, Mill, 9 p.m., no cover.
- **Poetry Slam**, Green Room, 9 p.m., donation.
- **Jam Band Jam**, hosted by Doggman Music Co., Yacht Club, 10 p.m., free.

Words

- **Dan Lechay**, poetry, Prairie Lights, 8 p.m., free.

Theater

- **The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?**, Riverside Theatre, 7 p.m., \$12-\$23.

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