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UI REGENTS

Regents OK Kinnick renovations

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

DES MOINES — The state Board of Regents on Wednesday agreed to pay \$86.8 million for sweeping renovations to Kinnick Stadium — including more restrooms and concession stands, new end-zone scoreboards, and upgraded parking lots.

During a more than an hour-long presentation at the regents' banking committee meeting, UI officials spelled out the changes and their benefits for the 75-year-old stadium, whose proposed improvements had drawn concerns about

spending millions in a budget crunch.

The renovation proposal is a "viable, very soluble project that would be good for the university and for the state," said UI President David Skorton. It went through several drafts, he said, and is now better after tweaking the financing.

The renovations would also include a new press box, sub-ground-level locker rooms, turf replacement, and the installation of permanent metal seating with a "brick" veneer to maintain the stadium's historical feel. The regents initially hesitated

to support earlier drafts of the proposal because they feared the stadium could not support itself and reconstruction would dip into students fees. UI Athletics Director Bob Bowsby reassured them that contingencies had been taken into account to safeguard against such actions.

"We do not plan on having any ticket increases or surcharges," he said, emphasizing that the university will not raise student fees to repay the projected \$100 million debt to cover the renovations. "We are already hit hard by increases in room and board."

He added that 90 percent of the cost will be covered by revenue from 40 suites, 310 indoor club seats, and 1,150 outdoor club seats. The UI is also expecting to receive at least \$10 million in capital gifts over the next five years.

The university has already received more than 44 letters of intent for the 40 suites — with more than 50 percent of those applicants desiring a seven-year lease. Suites are projected to cost from \$45,000-\$85,000 per year and are available in three-, five- and seven-year leases.

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UI regents decide dorm rates for 2004-2005 school year
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KCJJ fires off salvo at 'decency'

On-air protest on FCC regulations

BY ANNIE SHUPPY
THE DAILY IOWAN

A local radio owner has planned an on-air protest today in response to the expanded national attempts to curb indecency.

Steve Soboroff, the owner of KCJJ-AM, described governmental efforts to crack down on programming deemed offensive as "dangerous" to First Amendment rights. Proposed legislation in Congress would increase tenfold the cap on fines the FCC may assess television and radio broadcast licensees for obscene, indecent, or profane broadcasts. "Society won't tumble if someone says 'shit' over the air," Soboroff said.

The Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation unanimously passed the Broadcast Decency Enforcement Act on Tuesday. The legislation, which includes escalating fines and penalties for indecency violations, is expected to go to a vote in the House today.

In lieu of regular programming, KCJJ plans to air a 17-minute loop throughout the day detailing its opposition to the legislation and asking listeners to call and e-mail their elected officials. The timing of the protest deliberately coincides with the House vote.

Soboroff argues that the legislation could "squash" smaller radio stations that cannot afford the proposed fines. He added that definitions for indecency and obscenity are often unclear, and the new laws could limit public discussion out of fear of financial ruin.

"I can serve 30,000 people a day, but if one or two people

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FEATURE PHOTO



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UI senior Becky Nowell researches a 25-page paper for her Advanced Small Group Communication class at the main library Wednesday evening. The library has seen increased traffic this week because of midterms.

Festivals to remain free from alcohol

BY WILLIAM MIKESSELL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City's two largest summer festivals will not sell alcohol on downtown streets despite an expanded city ordinance that might allow them to legally do so, the events' coordinators said Wednesday.

Worried about increased insurance rates and greater liability, the Iowa City Jazz Festival and Iowa Arts Festival directors said they will not risk jeopardizing their events' futures despite the potential for large profits. Both the Jazz Festival, which will host 12 bands in July, and the Art Festival's gala with more than 100 artists, said in interviews they had considered the idea.



Jim Clayton
Stepping Up official

"If you get sued one time, you're done," said Jazz Festival head Steve Gris-

more. "The jazz fest would be gone, period."

The Jazz Festival already has a \$1 million insurance policy, but selling alcohol during the event would force it to buy additional insurance, Grismore said. The Arts Festival organizers, likewise, cited insurance costs, time constraints, and community relations as reasons.

Although festival officials said they plan to keep the street fairs dry this summer, they may reconsider in future years.

Neither of the festivals' directors suggested that Iowa City Councilors vote to expand the ordinance to allow alcohol sales for nonprofit organizations at their meeting March 2. The ordinance, which passed 6-1, awaits two more rounds of consideration.

Jim Clayton, a co-coordinator of the Stepping Up Project, said he is concerned that the council's rush to add beer to the family environment will change the event's culture.

"We've spent seven years going in one direction — limiting access and availability," he said, saying beer tents may cause competitive pricing wars

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Bill would require landlords to disclose toxins

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

A bill that would require the owners of an apartment complex at 505 E. Burlington St. and sites similar to it to notify potential renters that their property sits on contaminated land sailed through the Iowa Senate on Wednesday.

Sponsored by Sen. Joe Bolckom, D-Iowa City, the 49-0 approval marked a personal

victory for Dan Avenarius, a father who crusaded to make landlords more accountable after he moved his daughter into the Iowa-Illinois Manor Apartments not knowing about the site's toxic background. The bill will now move to the House, where Bolckom said it is likely to pass.

Environmental Protection Agency tests of the ground and water surrounding the complex, which began in the '90s,

uncovered such chemicals as cyanide, benzene, and other carcinogens. The EPA deemed the area a Superfund site — a place where toxic wastes have been dumped and cleanup is required — but added that the area now owned by AM Management poses no significant health risk to tenants.

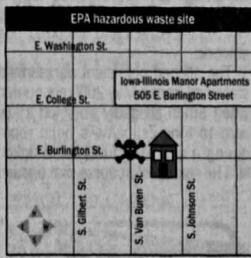
"You are playing Russian roulette with someone's health," said Avenarius, who learned of the contamination in

a newspaper article less than two weeks after helping his daughter move into the complex. "No one knows what's really under there."

Currently, potential renters must contact the EPA or ask landlords directly about contamination if they are not forthcoming.

AM Management said it has complied with the EPA's

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Four Internet titans join ranks to wage war on spammers

BY CHRIS GAITHER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Four big Internet service providers have invoked a 10-week-old federal law to go after spammers who have been clogging their networks with hundreds of millions of dubious e-mail offers for fake diplomas and hand-held computers touted as "personal lie detectors."

Lawsuits filed by the ISPs, however, rely as much on state laws as the federal Spam Act of 2003, which took effect

Jan. 1. Critics of that law have derided it as toothless because, among other things, it doesn't give Internet service providers much in the way of additional powers to fight distributors of unsolicited commercial e-mail.

The six lawsuits were filed late Tuesday by Yahoo Inc., Microsoft Corp., Time Warner Inc.'s America Online, and EarthLink Inc. in Northern California, Washington state, Virginia, and Georgia against hundreds of bulk e-mailers. The targets were described by

AOL general counsel Randall Boe as "the most notorious spammers on the Internet."

"We're going to employ whatever efforts we have to ... to put them out of business," he said Wednesday during a news conference in Washington, D.C.

Several previous civil lawsuits have been heralded as strong deterrents against spammers, but they have had little effect on the volume of spam coursing through the Internet. Unwanted commercial e-mail accounted for 62

percent of all e-mail last month, compared with 42 percent in February 2003, according to the San Francisco-based anti-spam software company Brightmail Inc.

The new lawsuits probably won't do much either to bring relief to consumers frustrated by the pitches cluttering their e-mail inboxes, said Maureen Dorney, a lawyer with Gray Cary in Palo Alto, Calif.

"I don't think it's going to do much to stop the flood of spam," she said.

But Dave Baker, an EarthLink vice president, said in an interview that the Internet providers had little choice but to bring spammers to court.

"What would the alternative be, to not sue any of them?" he said. "We have to go after them."

The Can Spam Act regulates what businesses must do if they send commercial e-mail. Among other things, it requires companies to include in their

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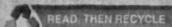
DO THEY WANT TO DANCE?

The Hawks likely have to run the table to get invited to the Big Party.
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The U.S. administration in Iraq suffers its first civilian casualties.
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NEWS

Broadcast icon Downs to speak

BY MEGHAN SIMS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Hugh Downs, the former anchor of ABC's television news magazine "20/20" and one of broadcast journalism's most recognizable faces, will visit the UI on April 5 to lecture about aging gracefully.

The 83-year-old will discuss how age is portrayed in the public eye in the free lecture, "Aging and the Media," and speak about his experiences growing older off-camera during "Older Then, Younger Now" the same day at Hancher Auditorium. The Hancher lecture, which requires free tickets to be given out on a first-come, first-served basis, will

also address issues the elderly population faces today. Downs will visit as a guest of the Woodrow W. Morris Lecture-ship Committee.

Downs has written four books related to aging and received a Certificate in Geriatric Medicine for Continuing Medical Education in the Geriatrics Review Course at New York's Mount Sinai Hospital. He has also served as a member of the Board of Overseers of the Brookdale Center on



Hugh Downs
former ABC anchor

Aging at Hunter College since 1982.

Morris Committee Chairwoman Liz Swanson, an associate nursing professor, said Downs' exemplary public representation of "successful aging" as well as the credentials that back his theories make him a valuable guest speaker. She added that several committee members felt familiar with Downs, who enjoyed a 64-year career in radio and television and held the record for the greatest number of hours on network commercial television in the 1985 Guinness Book of World Records.

"I think a number of us have grown up with him, just seeing him on the news for so many

years," she said about the six-time Emmy winner.

The events' sponsors include the UI College of Nursing, Mercy Hospital, Oaknoll Retirement Residence, Iowa City Hospice, the Iowa Geriatric Education Center, Lensing Funeral and Cremation Service, the UI Center on Aging, and the UI Aging Studies program among others.

The free public talk is scheduled from 2-3 p.m. in the IMU Main Lounge, and tickets for the 8 p.m. Hancher presentation are available at the Hancher Box Office or by calling 335-1160.

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Local pharmacy focuses on patient needs

BY MARK QUINER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Mike Stein, a pharmacist at NuCara Pharmacy in Coralville, removes dyes from heart medication, changes pills into lotions, and rids certain prescribed drugs of allergy-causing preservatives — all to suit his patients' needs.

Stein's approach to pharmacy, though unusual locally, is a revival of past practices that once raised questions about whether the state or federal government should regulate them.

For Stein, the Food and Drug Administration's decision to allow compounding for individuals — subjecting it to state regulation — marked a victory that frees him to focus on each patient's needs.

"The major thing is that compound pharmacists are solving unique problems for patients that are not being met otherwise," he said about the practice that came under scrutiny in 1992.

The practice of pharmacy is regulated by state boards, he said, and drug quality is regulated by the FDA. He said compounding is a practice of pharmacy, which is why the state should regulate it, and his operations maintain strict quality-control standards under the state's Board of Pharmacy.

Lloyd Matheson, a UI associate professor of pharmacy who teaches a course in compound pharmacy, said manufacturers have to follow quality-control measures to ensure a safe product, but pharmacies are limited in this regard.



Pharmacist Shawn Roe organizes prescriptions before closing at NuCara Pharmacy in Coralville on Wednesday.

"It is certainly true that [pharmacists] can botch a batch," he said. "There are fewer chances for a problem with a manufacturer. But I certainly don't want to put down the ability of the pharmacist to accurately produce a product."

Stein said pharmacists compounded drugs frequently before the large-scale drug manufacturers emerged. "The reason that compounding exists today is to meet specific compounding needs."

FDA regulations also state that pharmacists are allowed to compound if they do not sell or dispense the drugs at retail or replicate manufactured drugs already on the market.

In response to the sale of mass quantities of compounded drugs, the FDA prohibited pharmacists from advertising drugs they compound to prevent mass production. But the pharmacists contended this was a violation of commercial

free speech, and in 2001, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed.

To comply with current FDA regulations, Stein said, he does not make the drugs commercially available. He said NuCara does not advertise in the traditional sense — it goes directly to physicians and tells them the kind of solutions the company offers for problems with taking medication.

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CITY

Woman files harassment suit

An Iowa City woman contending that her supervisor forced her into a sexual encounter in an Illinois hotel said in a lawsuit that the May 2000 incident preceded months of harassment and ultimately ended her job.

Gayle King-Zeithamel filed the suit in 6th District Court on March 8, claiming Robert Smith, a former supervisor at First Students Inc. in Iowa City, broke state laws barring sexual harassment and discrimination at work.

The alleged persistent harassment stemmed from a May 2000 encounter, when Smith allegedly obtained a key card to King-Zeithamel's hotel room during a company function in Joliet, Ill. The sexual intercourse that ensued

was "not consensual" and "unwelcome," according to the petition.

After the alleged incident, Smith continued to demand sexual favors from King-Zeithamel, while making "sexually demeaning" comments and firing and rehiring her, among other work-related allegations.

She was fired permanently in June 2001, the suit states. However, the lawsuit contends Smith's threats and harassment continued, including physically assaulting King-Zeithamel and barring her from accessing psychiatrist-prescribed medication.

King-Zeithamel is requesting unspecified compensatory and punitive damages, among other fees.

The petition, filed Monday, also alleged battery, intentional infliction of severe emotional distress, invasion

of privacy, and violation of Iowa law banning retaliation. King-Zeithamel's Des Moines-based attorneys, Jean Pendleton and Roxanne Conlin, were not available to comment Wednesday.

— by Seung Min Kim

Musser faces 4th HIV charge

Facing a fourth charge of criminal transmission of HIV, Adam Musser wishes to move his April trial to a fifth courthouse in Iowa.

Musser, who was originally charged in Johnson County, has stood trial and been convicted of three counts of the Class B felony in Vinton, Jones, and Tama Counties. The 23-year-old filed a motion for

change of venue Wednesday in 6th District Court in Johnson County.

Assistant Johnson County Attorney Victoria Dominguez subsequently filed a resistance to the motion Wednesday. The trial is scheduled for April 12.

Defense attorney Kelly Steele did not return phone calls Wednesday, but the primary reason for his previous motions of change of venue was excessive pretrial publicity. Musser was most recently found guilty by a Tama County jury on March 4.

He is scheduled to be sentenced on his second conviction Friday. Steele asked the court to delay the sentencing; a judge has not yet ruled on the motion. If convicted on all four charges, Musser can face a maximum 100 years in prison.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Steven Moore, 34, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Tobin Newson, 27, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with third-degree harassment.

James Rutledge, 21, Coralville, was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.

Jessica Stiver, 30, Kalona, was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.

Pascal Waller, 19, 1537 Burge Hall, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and falsifying a driver's license.

Joseph Wellman, 24, 615 S. Johnson St., was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.

STATE

Lawmakers talk business regulations

DES MOINES (AP) — Senate lawmakers on Wednesday passed a bill that would make workers' compensation records confidential information. The bill passed 49-0.

"We're trying to protect and ensure that information and medical reports that are furnished to the compensation commissioner are not available to be reviewed by anyone off of the street," said Sen. Larry

McKibben, R-Marshaltown. "We are trying to protect workers and workers' families ... trying to prevent misuse of that information or data."

Under the bill, all workers' compensation information filed with the state worker's compensation commissioner, including worker injuries and deaths, would be confidential. The legislation would not extend that privacy protection to court proceedings, including pleadings, motions, opinions, and applications for settlement.

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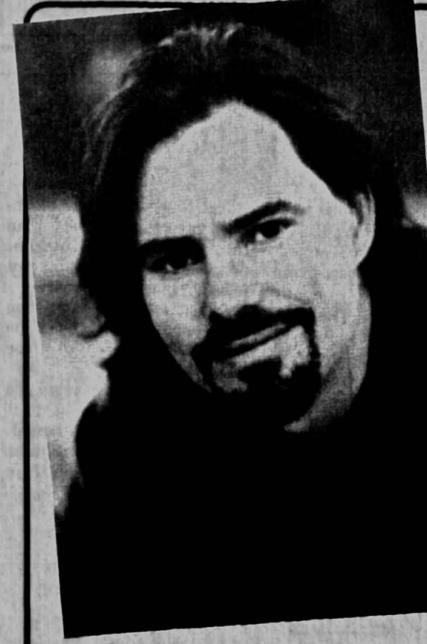
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UI wants small dorm-rate hike

BY CHRISTINA ERB
THE DAILY IOWAN

DES MOINES — The UI proposal to increase room and board by the smallest increment in the last decade left the university's director of Residence Services confident on Wednesday that the state Board of Regents will approve the measure in April.

The proposal asks for a 3.2 percent average increase in room-and-board fees to cover the university's annual operating costs, including utilities, food, telecommunications, and insurance costs.

"I expect it to pass. Generally, resident hall rates do pass," said Von Stange, the Residence Services director.

Regents' universities base annual room-and-board rates on a five-year plan, which projects estimates of enrollment and occupancy, financial forecasts, and capital-renewal plans.

UI officials recommended raising the rate for double-occupancy rooms by 3.2 percent, singles 8.7 percent, and triples 3.8 percent to offset growing costs.

University apartments are expected to increase by 1 percent. Additionally, the cost of rooms with extra features, such as air conditioning or private bathrooms, will increase approximately 4 percent.

But while the UI has overextended its occupancy rate, the

University of Northern Iowa and Iowa State University remain lower. With only 79.1 percent of its rooms occupied, UNI was forced to close one or more floors in its resident halls this academic year, and it is planning to close an entire dorm next year.

In the face of budget cuts and diminished state funds, UNI and ISU are proposing more drastic average room-and-board increases — 7 percent and 3.8 percent, respectively.

UNI's proposed increase led Regent Mary Ellen Becker to voice concerns that the increase would lead to "a spiral that we wouldn't want to see," adding that the rise of room-and-board costs would

cause more students to live off campus.

As a result of the rising costs of living in residence halls, regents hinted that they may have to require certain students to live in dorms if increases in room-and-board rates continue.

In the March docket, state universities said that if necessary, they may consider reinvoking the parietal rule — a policy mandating that freshmen live in the dorms. The rule was initially suspended in 1979 and officially rescinded in 1995.

However, Stange said, he had no fears the minimal increase would affect UI resident-hall occupancy rates.

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Steve Helber/Associated Press
Prince William County Commonwealth attorneys Paul Ebert (left) and Richard Conway arrive for the sentencing of convicted sniper Lee Boyd Malvo in Chesapeake, Va., on Wednesday.

State's mammogram rate 'stagnant'

52.7 percent of eligible women in Iowa got mammograms in the past year

BY MELANIE S. WELTE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

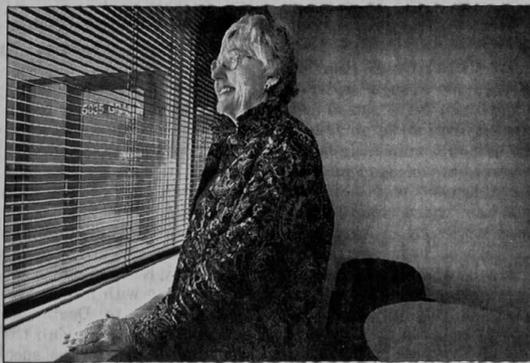
DES MOINES — Betty Grandquist knows the importance of a yearly mammogram, especially at her age.

Two years ago, a routine mammogram found breast cancer.

"By getting it that early, it was not in the lymph nodes, so they could do a lumpectomy," she said.

'I think it so important to have those mammograms. My surgeon said it would have been two years before they felt any lump.'

— Betty Grandquist,
Des Moines resident



Charlie Nelbergall/Associated Press
Betty Grandquist looks out a window in her office on Wednesday in Des Moines, Iowa. Two years ago, a routine mammogram found breast cancer in her before it could get into the lymph nodes.

Grandquist, 75, of Des Moines, is on Medicare, and has the additional coverage, known as Part B, which covers the cost of an annual mammogram.

"I think it so important to have those mammograms. My surgeon said it would have been two years before they felt any lump," she said.

New figures show many Iowa women who are eligible for mammograms under Medicare aren't getting them. That's a big concern because breast cancer is one of the most commonly diagnosed cancers in Iowa women.

The figures are from the Iowa Foundation for Medical Care, which tracks Medicare claims for the Medicare program.

"By the time a woman reaches Medicare age, particularly the over 65 women, the belief is they don't have to get mammograms any more. It's a misperception that breast cancer is a young woman's disease," said Mike Speight, the foundation's director of partnership development.

The foundation's analysis found that 52.7 percent of the eligible women in Iowa received a mammogram over the past year.

The problem is not where the rate is, but that it has remained stagnant over the past five years, Speight said.

"Our mammography rate in Iowa is not very good — only half of the woman that should be getting them are," Speight said. "The rate is really not getting any better. It's been fairly static, really for the past five years. It's only gone up 1 or 2 percent since 1997."

The analysis looked at Medicare eligible women over 65 and those over 50 who qualify for Medicare because of a disability or some other reason.

Iowa ranks 18th among the states, Speight said. Maine tops the list, at 60.6 percent, with New Jersey at the bottom, at 43.9 percent.

The Medicaid program in Iowa, which provides health care to the poor, had similar results for mammograms, state officials said.

"It appears that the percentage mirrors those of Medicare," said Dennis Janssen of the Iowa Department of Human Services.

According to the foundation's report, approximately 80 percent

of Iowa women diagnosed with breast cancer are over the age of 50, and two of three women who die from breast cancer are over 65.

Speight said many older women are putting themselves at risk. And, he said, the current public awareness and educational programs about breast cancer and the need for mammograms don't seem to be reaching the women who need it most.

He said many women wrongly believe breast cancer is a young woman's disease.

"The reality is just the opposite is true. The risk of developing breast cancer increases as a woman ages," Speight said.

The foundation, in an effort to raise awareness and get more women to get a mammogram, plans to work with some 2,000 primary care physicians across Iowa to encourage their patients to get a mammogram.

"The single most influential factor in a woman's decision to get a mammogram is a conversation or a recommendation from her physician to get one," Speight said.

Grandquist has been getting a mammogram on the advice of her doctor for about 15 years.

For women her age, she said, it's a scary decision.

"If someone had breast cancer, it was a death sentence. So they don't want to deal with it," she said. "You have to get over the fear factor."

Younger women, she says, have a different mind-set.

"It's how early you get it, the better chances of survival. There's a generational difference and the way to reach older women ... is to get across to them that if you get it early, there's nothing to it," Grandquist said.

Iowa House caps medical malpractice suits

BY DAVID PITT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — The House narrowly passed a bill Wednesday that sets a cap of \$250,000 on non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, in medical-malpractice lawsuits.

The bill, which passed 53-47, has pitted doctors against lawyers in Statehouse rallies in recent weeks.

Doctors, who have lobbied for the cap, claim rising malpractice premiums have forced them to drop some procedures, such as delivering babies and setting broken bones.

Trial lawyers claim caps hurt consumers by limiting their ability to collect quality-of-life damages from doctors whose errors cause injuries or death.

Bill sponsor Rep. Lance Horbach, R-Tama, an independent

insurance agent, said that without caps, efforts to keep doctors in Iowa and recruit new ones will fail.

"If we don't put caps and this legislation in place, those good professional people we recruit will not be doctors," he said.

However, opponents of the bill blame factors other than lawsuits for the higher malpractice premiums, including insurance companies trying to recoup investment losses.

Rep. Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque, tried to add several medical-malpractice insurance changes adopted in California in 1988. The measures are credited with helping to bring down malpractice premiums in that state. They included appointing an insurance protection advocate and giving doctors the right to challenge malpractice insurance rate increases.

"The answer to this problem is not to take the rights of Iowans away when they are injured," Jochum said. "The answer to the problem is what can we do to effectively bring down the insurance rates."

But House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City, ruled the amendments were not germane to the bill, and members were not allowed to vote on them.

Rep. Bruce Hunter, D-Des Moines, called Horbach's bill the "snake oil" of the session. He said the \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages would do nothing because no recent damages had reached that amount.

"This snake oil will do nothing in equalizing malpractice insurance rates," Hunter said.

Horbach agreed that no recent cases resulted in \$250,000 verdicts, which he said means his bill will hurt no one in Iowa seeking damages.

"My total intent is not to take away from someone unjustly harmed," he said. "I'm not promising you snake oil, I'm promising you an opportunity for us to have a decline in those rates," he said.

Rep. Phil Wise, D-Keokuk, said the bill likely will be vetoed by Gov. Tom Vilsack, and he implored Republicans to work on a realistic solution involving insurance rate reform.

"Let us, before we adjourn this session in 2004, do something meaningful and bring together all parties of interest and look at a comprehensive solution to the problem," Wise said. "Don't we owe that to physicians and patients that they serve in this state?"

Vilsack, a former trial lawyer, has spoken against the bill, saying insurance companies should be asked to change their rate practices to reflect experience in Iowa.

STATE

Bill gives in-state tuition to illegal immigrants

DES MOINES (AP) — The House passed a bill Wednesday that would offer in-state college tuition rates for illegal immigrants who have lived in the state at least three years.

Rep. Jodi Tymeson, R-Winterset, said the bill could help some immigrant students from dropping out of school because they believe college is out of their reach.

"It is about making clear to these young Iowans they should stay in school and work hard so they can compete for admission to college because college is not out of their reach," she said.

The bill passed 93-0.

It requires Iowa's three state universities and the state's community colleges to adopt rules by Jan. 1, 2005, offering in-state tuition rates to students who meet these criteria: she or he has resided in the state for three years, obtained a diploma or a GED from an Iowa high school or community college, is accepted by the college, is not a U.S. citizen,

and lives in Iowa while attending college.

Rep. Swati Dandekar, D-Marion, an immigrant from India, said her initial reaction was not to support the bill.

"I came to the United States through the right paperwork," she said. "But I realized it's not an immigration bill. This bill is about young people."

Teenage sniper gets life for Va. homicide

BY TOM JACKMAN
WASHINGTON POST

CHESAPEAKE, Va. — Lee Boyd Malvo, the Jamaican teenager who was convicted of murder last year in connection with the 2002 sniper slayings, was formally sentenced Wednesday to life in prison without parole.

In a brief proceeding at the courthouse here, Fairfax County, Va., Circuit Court Judge Jane Marum Roush imposed the sentence that was recommended by the jury in Malvo's trial last year after he was convicted of killing Linda Franklin, an FBI analyst who was shot from long range in the parking garage of a Northern Virginia home improvement store. Under Virginia law, Roush had no choice but to sentence Malvo, 19, to life and could neither reduce nor increase the penalty.

Franklin was one of 10 people who were killed in the sniping spree that terrorized the Washington area for three weeks in October 2002. Three others were wounded in the shootings.

Unlike during the sentencing Tuesday of John Allen Muhammad, Malvo's 43-year-old accomplice in the sniper killings, no relatives of the victims spoke in the courtroom. But Malvo's defense attorney, Craig Cooley, said he and Malvo had read all the victim-impact statements.

"Lee knows he has much to face and much to pay for," Cooley said. On the advice of his lawyer, Malvo did not address the court, but gave brief answers to procedural questions from Roush.

After the 12-minute hearing, some victims' relatives who attended told reporters they were disappointed that Malvo did not get the death penalty like Muhammad, who was sentenced

to be executed for the killing of another sniper victim, Dean Meyers, in Prince William County.

The chief prosecutor in Malvo's case, Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Robert Horan Jr., said Malvo's life sentence without parole was justified by the egregiousness of the crime. He said Fairfax County would probably end up trying Muhammad later for Franklin's murder and that neighboring Prince William County would probably try Malvo for the murder near Manassas of Meyers.

Paul Ebert, the Prince William Commonwealth's attorney who prosecuted Muhammad, said he would not attempt to try Malvo on capital charges in the Meyers murder until the U.S. Supreme Court rules — perhaps a year from now — on whether executing juveniles is constitutional. Malvo was 17 when the sniper shootings took place.

Doug Keefer, one of the jurors at Malvo's trial, said he was "satisfied" with the life sentence. He told reporters after Roush's announcement that he believed 50 to 60 years in prison is adequate punishment for Malvo. He said he did not vote for the death penalty after the trial because Malvo was a minor at the time of the shootings and was evidently under the "influence" of Muhammad.

Malvo and Muhammad were arrested together on Oct. 24, 2002, in a blue Chevrolet Caprice that prosecutors said had been modified into a "killing machine." Inside the car was a Bushmaster .223 rifle that was linked ballistically to nearly every shooting, and Malvo's fingerprints and skin cells were on the gun, according to testimony at the trial.

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NEWS

House bans lawsuits in battle of the bulge

BY CHRISTOPHER LEE
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Americans who order fast food would have to hold the lawsuits under a bill passed by the House Wednesday.

The "cheeseburger bill," approved 276-139, would prohibit people who are battling the bulge from going to court in an attempt to finger the food industry for their weight problems. Proponents of the measure said the fed-up well-fed would do better to look in the mirror for the cause of their trouble.

"The gist of this legislation is there should be common sense in the food court, not blaming other people in the legal court," said Rep. Ric Keller, R-Fla., the bill's chief sponsor, whose district is home to Darden Restaurants Inc., the owner of the Olive Garden and Red Lobster chains.

Only a few lawsuits against fast-food giants have been brought so far, and none has been successful. But some plaintiffs' attorneys say juries soon may be ready to hold an industry that peddles fattening products through ubiquitous advertising — often aimed at children — at least partly liable for the rise in obesity and obesity-related diseases.

Nearly two-thirds of adults and 15 percent of children in the United States are overweight, and Americans spend \$33 billion annually on weight-loss products and services, according to federal statistics. The surgeon general has said the social cost of obesity is approximately \$117 billion a year. And a study released this week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found that obesity could overtake smoking next year as the leading cause of preventable death.

Several of the bill's opponents, who included most

Democrats, said suing fast-food chains probably is not the answer. But banning lawsuits is more about helping a special interest group shore up its bottom line than about shrinking the waistlines of millions of Americans who are at increased risk of heart disease, stroke, and hypertension, they said.

"We're talking about a public-health problem for which our government has not taken responsibility," said Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton, D-D.C. Several opponents said the matter was better left to the judicial system, pointing out that the lawsuits the industry so fears have gone nowhere so far.

In the best-known case, a federal judge in New York last year dismissed a lawsuit filed against McDonald's on behalf of two overweight teen-agers that contended the company was hiding the health risks of Big Macs and Chicken McNuggets. U.S. District Judge Robert Sweet said it was well-known that fast food contains high levels of potentially harmful ingredients such as fat and salt.

John Banzhaf III, a law professor at George Washington University who was an early proponent of suing the tobacco industry, said lawsuits to end school segregation and sexual harassment were once considered frivolous. But he noted that the threat of lawsuits against fast-food chains already has prompted some to stop offering "supersized" portions and to include more healthful items on their menus.

Rep. Kay Granger, R-Texas, said she knew of a better remedy: "Americans can sue the McDonald's and Burger Kings of the world until these establishments can pay no more, but not one American will lose weight until they eat better and exercise more frequently."

Kerry comment draws Bush ire



'At every turn, John Kerry has claimed to be the victim of an imaginary smear machine. John Kerry has run a relentlessly negative campaign from the very beginning, and this comment is completely consistent with that.'

— Steve Schmidt
Bush campaign spokesman

BY DAN BALZ
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., duelled with President Bush over taxes and the economy Wednesday and then, in an offhand comment to factory workers in Chicago, called the Republicans "the most crooked, you know, lying group I've ever seen," triggering an angry denunciation from Bush's campaign.

Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt, in a statement, said, "At every turn, John Kerry has claimed to be the victim of an imaginary smear machine. John Kerry has run a relentlessly negative campaign from the very beginning, and this comment is completely consistent with that." Schmidt said Kerry "has based his entire campaign on a series of false and inaccurate attacks."

Kerry campaign spokeswoman Stephanie Cutter said the Democratic candidate had no regrets about his characterizations of the opposition. "Not at all," she said. "There's been a



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. John Kerry (left) and former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean clasp hands as they enter Kerry's campaign headquarters in Washington on Wednesday.

pretty high level of Republican attack machine working for the last four years for the sole purpose of smearing the Democrats. We're trying to make this campaign about issues; Republicans are making it about attacks."

The uproar threatened to overshadow two other events Wednesday, Kerry's first face-to-face meeting with former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean since effectively wrapping up the nomination and a flurry of speculation about whether Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., might entertain the idea of joining Kerry on the Democratic ticket.

Kerry and Dean, at times bitter rivals for the Democratic nomination, met for about 45 minutes at Kerry's headquarters in Washington, where they discussed a probable endorsement by the former governor.

Sources familiar with the discussion said Dean likely will

endorse Kerry in the next few weeks, possibly around the time of a Democratic National Committee gala that will feature former Presidents Clinton and Carter. But beyond the endorsement itself is the more important question of what role Dean will play in the Democratic Party's campaign to defeat Bush in November.

On March 18, Dean plans to announce more details of how he hopes to repackage his organization into a political force that will work on national, state, and local issues and campaigns. Kerry in particular is anxious to tap the huge fundraising network Dean created during his campaign, a

network that raised about \$50 million, much of it through donations of less than \$100.

Dean has said he intends to maintain control of his list of donors, but party officials hope he will actively encourage them to help Kerry raise the estimated \$80 million he has set as a target over the next four months.

Dean issued a statement saying that while he and Kerry spent much of the past year focusing on their differences, they agreed on far more, starting on the need to change presidents. "I will work closely with John Kerry to make sure we beat George Bush in November and turn our country around," he said.

NATION

4th NYU student dies in plunge

NEW YORK (AP) — A 19-year-old New York University student committed suicide by jumping from the roof of her boyfriend's off-campus apartment building, the fourth student from the school to die in a plunge this academic year.

Diana Chien, who transferred this semester from the University of California-Los Angeles, jumped off the roof of the 24-story building in midtown Manhattan on March 6, police said.

The medical examiner ruled her death a suicide. Chien and her boyfriend, Christopher Lam, had a rocky relationship, and Chien's death was unrelated to problems at school, police said.

Two of the four falling deaths have been ruled suicides, the first among NYU students since 1996, according to the university.

"This is difficult news for our community, which has known an unprecedented level of sadness this year," Marc Wais, the university's vice president for student affairs, said Monday in an e-mail announcing Chien's apparent suicide to the school's 38,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

"It's unbelievable that it keeps happening," said sophomore Laura Lampkin of Baltimore.

University spokesman John Beckman said the community's pain was intensified by the *New York Post's* decision Wednesday to publish a front-page photograph it said showed Chien jumping to her death. The newspaper already had run the photograph inside its Sunday paper but reprinted it after learning of Chien's identity.

"Given that this had already been in the paper once, it seems to show an appalling lack of judgment and insensitivity to the young woman's family and a disregard for the feelings of students at NYU," Beckman said.

The *Post* declined to comment, said its spokeswoman Suzi Halpin.

One NYU student committed suicide last semester by jumping from a high floor of a library. A second also fell from a high floor in the same library, but authorities ruled his death an accident after it was found he had been on drugs.

Authorities have not yet ruled on the death of a third student, a woman who fell to her death from the window of a friend's apartment near campus.

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Labor ramps up election plans

BY LEIGH STROPE
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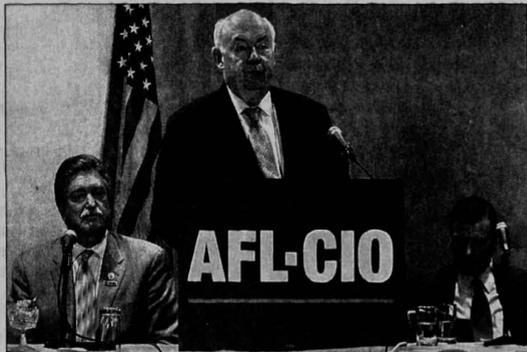
BAL HARBOUR, Fla. — Labor leaders voted Wednesday to spend \$44 million to mobilize union household voters in November against President Bush, a record sum in an election they say is do-or-die for the labor movement.

The AFL-CIO's get-out-the-vote efforts on behalf of Democrat John Kerry are concentrated in a few battleground states that labor leaders believe will determine the next occupant of the White House. Florida, Ohio, and Missouri top the list.

"People are fed up with this administration's inability to create good jobs and get our country back on track," AFL-CIO President John Sweeney said. "They are demanding a change, and we plan to give it to them."

Union leaders meeting this week at a luxury seaside resort approved a hike in the assessments they pay to the AFL-CIO to help fund the \$44 million effort, which does not include money the affiliates will spend individually on their own programs. The 64 unions agreed to pay 48 cents per member.

Labor's strength in the workplace has been plummeting, but union members have remained reliable voters for Democrats. One in four voters in the 2000 election was from a union household. That year, the AFL-CIO



John Sweeney (center), the AFL-CIO president, speaks on Wednesday in Bal Harbour, Fla.

spent about \$41 million to mobilize its 13 million members and their families.

Previous election efforts focused on registering and turning out new union voters. This time, the AFL-CIO is targeting undecided and swing union household voters.

"Our program is more sophisticated," Sweeney said. "We can more accurately identify the undecided voters among our ranks, and plan to make a special new effort to make sure they get educated about where the candidates stand on issues like overtime, jobs, and education."

Research has shown labor leaders that continuous communication with those union swing

voters can move them 10 to 15 percentage points in polls on attitudes about candidates and issues, said Karen Ackerman, the AFL-CIO's political director.

For example, when Saddam Hussein was captured in November, it boosted Bush's poll ratings. But the AFL-CIO found that swing voters who had received mailings, fliers, and phone calls from their unions did not give Bush more favorable marks.

Kerry won the labor federation's endorsement last month, and is counting on labor's organizational strength and money to boost his campaign.

"George Bush is running on the same old Republican tactics of fear — and they're already

"People are fed up with this administration's inability to create good jobs and get our country back on track. They are demanding a change, and we plan to give it to them."

— John Sweeney,
AFL-CIO president

getting tired," Kerry said in a satellite feed to the union conference Wednesday.

Kerry called for deeper tax cuts for the middle class than proposed by Bush and described his Republican critics as "the most crooked ... lying group I've ever seen."

For most unions, the Massachusetts senator was not the first choice for the Democratic nominee. But labor has rallied behind Kerry, united by a visceral dislike of the Bush White House.

Dick Gephardt, who dropped out of the race after losing Iowa despite support from nearly two dozen unions, spoke to union leaders in the afternoon. Some of Gephardt's union supporters are making a big push for Kerry to pick the Missouri congressman as his running mate.

BLEEX really gets a leg up

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY, Calif. — Move over Bionic Man and make room for BLEEX — the Berkeley Lower Extremities Exoskeleton, with strap-on robotic legs designed to turn an ordinary human into a super strider.

Ultimately intended to help such people as soldiers or firefighters carry heavy loads for long distances, these boots are made for marching.

"The design of this exoskeleton really benefits from human intellect and the strength of the machine," says Homayoon Kazerooni, who directs the Robotics and Human Engineering Laboratory at the University of California-Berkeley.

The exoskeleton consists of a pair of mechanical metal leg braces that include a power unit and a backpack-like frame. The braces are attached to a modified pair of Army boots and are also connected, although less rigidly, to the user's legs.

More than 40 sensors and hydraulic mechanisms function like a human nervous system, constantly calculating how to distribute the weight being borne and create a minimal load for the wearer.

"There is no joystick, no keyboard, no push button to drive the device," says Kazerooni, a professor of mechanical engineering. "The pilot becomes an integral part of the exoskeleton."

In lab experiments, says Kazerooni, testers have walked around in the 100-pound exoskeleton plus a 70-pound backpack and felt as if they were carrying just five pounds.

Eventually, the device could help rescuers haul heavy equipment up high-rise buildings or turn tired troops into striding super soldiers.

What it won't do is turn you into a Borg, the gadget-happy gladiators of "Star Trek" fame.

"The exoskeleton is not going to magically transform people into killing machines," says Kazerooni, known to his students as Professor Kaz. "They're really good, it turns out, at enabling firefighters, soldiers, post-disaster rescue crews to carry heavy loads over great distances for hours."

So, no cyborg cops. But at least you get Terminator togs.

Video of the BLEEX in action, which can be viewed at <http://www.me.berkeley.edu/hel/bleex.htm>, shows a steel-spiked symbiosis of man and machine, marching about to the techno-industrial drone of grinding

motors. The next step for the BLEEX team is making the power source quieter and stronger and miniaturizing components.

BLEEX is funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Pentagon research and development arm, and was among the projects being showcased at a tech symposium this week in Anaheim.

The project is one of scores in the field of robotics, which ranges from industrial machines that assemble cars to orthotics, surgical devices that activate or supplement weakened limbs or functions.

Excitement about robotics was fanned by this week's DARPA-sponsored Mojave Desert race for fully autonomous vehicles, and the field is making strides worldwide.

In Japan, a leader in robot research, Sony Corp. has developed a child-shaped walking robot, known as Qrio, and Honda Motor Co. has also developed a walking, talking humanoid robot. This spring, some Japanese companies plan to start marketing a "robot suit," a motorized, battery-operated device intended to help old and infirm people move around.

The current favorite in the DARPA race came out of

Carnegie Mellon University, where professor Matthew Mason is working on intelligent robots including the Mopibulator, which uses its wheels to move things as well as for locomotion.

Franken, liberals to air it out

BY SETH SUTEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Comedian Al Franken is baiting conservatives again, and this time he's bringing a bunch of friends to back him up.

Franken will be the lead personality on Air America Radio, a startup venture promising a liberal alternative to powerhouse radio talk show pundits such as Rush Limbaugh.

The backers of Air America announced their programming lineup Wednesday and said they planned to launch the network March 31 in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, and San Francisco.

Franken and fellow comedian Janeane Garofalo will have co-hosts for their live three-hour shows. Other shows will be hosted by Randi Rhodes, a radio personality from southern Florida, and Lizz Winstead, a co-creator of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central.

"We're not ceding this territory anymore," Franken said during a conference call with reporters. "To their credit, the right wing has captured radio. We're going after them, and we're going after them hard."

Franken, in a swipe at Fox News host Bill O'Reilly, plans to call his midday show "The O'Franken Factor."

"Bill, I want you to sue us," Franken said, referring to a case last year in which a judge threw out Fox's request to ban Franken from using the slogan "Fair and Balanced" on the cover of his book, *Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right*. The ruling turned into a bonanza of publicity for Franken.

Another lawsuit seems unlikely. Asked to respond to Franken's remarks, Fox News spokesman Robert Zimmerman said, "All forms of free speech are welcomed in this country. We wish them well."

Mark Walsh, the CEO of Progress Media Inc., the company backing the network, said it has yet to sign any firm deals with advertisers but that several nonprofit organizations and progressive groups have promised to advertise.

Walsh said the company hoped to raise "upward of \$30 million" by the time the network goes live, which would allow it to operate for about two years before turning a profit. He declined to say how much it had raised so far.

Franken has signed a one-year contract with the network. Robert Unmacht of In3 Partners, a media consulting firm in Nashville, Tenn., said Air America is starting out with a weak array of stations.

Walsh said although the network is starting small, it is positioned in key markets. "We don't expect to get giant numbers right away. This is one brick at a time."

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NEWS

First U.S. civilians killed in Iraq

BY ALISSA J. RUBIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD — Two U.S. citizens working for the Coalition Provisional Authority were gunned down along with their Iraqi interpreter in a tense area south of Baghdad, becoming the first civilians working for the U.S.-led administration to be killed in Iraq, a coalition official said Wednesday.

On another front, Kurdish officials in Iraq said they had captured Ayyoub Afghani, reputed to be the chief bomb-maker for the terror group Ansar Al-Islam. The capture of Afghani could yield important information about recent bombings, particularly in Kurdistan, Kurdish officials said.

Few details were available about the deaths of the two Americans and the Iraqi translator late Tuesday near Hillah, approximately 50 miles south of Baghdad.

"It's a great tragedy, and our hearts go out to the relatives of those killed," L. Paul Bremer, the U.S. administrator for Iraq, told Fox Television. His spokesman, Dan Senor, said Bremer had requested that an FBI team be deployed to lead the investigation.

Senor declined to provide details of the incident and cautioned against an account provided by the Polish authorities, who lead the multi-national team patrolling southern Iraq. The Poles reported that the U.S. officials had been shot execution-style at a checkpoint by attackers disguised as Iraqi policemen.

"The facts are still coming out, and we're going to wait on the investigation," Senor said.



CIA Director George Tenet (center) arrives at a Senate Intelligence briefing on Thursday in Washington.

The names of the dead, both civilian employees of the Defense Department, were being withheld pending notification of relatives, Senor said.

Abbas Abdul Hussein, an Iraqi journalist who went to the scene of the shooting, said he saw the body of the Iraqi translator being carried away on a stretcher.

These were the first civilian coalition employees killed in the Iraqi conflict, Senor said. There are between 2,500 and 3,000

civilian employees working for the Coalition Provisional Authority. More than 500 U.S. soldiers have died. A uniformed U.S. officer attached to the coalition, Lt. Col. Charles Buehring, was killed last fall in a rocket attack on the Rasheed Hotel, where many coalition employees were living.

Questions are likely to emerge about the level of security the U.S. officials had and what kind of vehicle they were using. Such officials are known to be targets of the insurgents and generally do

not travel outside U.S.-guarded secure zones or bases without armed escorts.

If confirmed, the capture of Afghani, so named because he fought with Afghan forces against the Soviets in the 1980s, would be significant because the organization is believed to be reconstituting itself after attacks by U.S. and Kurdish forces on its main camp in Kurdistan last spring. Many of its fighters were killed and an estimated 300 others fled over the mountains to Iran.

WORLD

Supermodel attacked in Vienna

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — A stalker beat Somalia-born supermodel and bestselling author Waris Dirie in her Vienna apartment on Tuesday, and police on Wednesday arrested a 26-year-old Portuguese suspect.

Dirie suffered minor injuries in the attack, a law-enforcement official told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity. She could not be reached for comment, and her agent in New York did not immediately return a phone message.

The attack occurred just a week after Dirie had moved from Britain into an apartment in Vienna, the Austrian state broadcaster ORF and the Vienna newspaper Kurier said.

Dirie, a prominent model and a women's rights activist who has campaigned against the practice of female genital mutilation in some African countries, is the author of the bestselling autobiography *Desert Flower* and two sequels, *Desert Dawn* and *Nomad's Daughter*.

A former goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Population Fund, Dirie appeared in *The Living Daylights*, a 1987 James Bond film. She has modeled in Chanel perfume ads and has appeared on numerous magazine covers.

Harald Hofmayer, a Vienna police official, told the Austria Press Agency that the suspect, identified only as Paulo A., was under the illusion that he had a relationship with Dirie and had stalked her for the past six months. He showed up at her door on Tuesday, he said.

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Iran to resume uranium enrichment

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI
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TEHRAN, Iran — Iran said Wednesday it would resume uranium enrichment and warned it may quit cooperating with the International Atomic Energy Agency, which it accused of kowtowing to Washington at a crucial meeting in Vienna.

Separately, Defense Minister Ali Shamkhani told reporters the Iranian military had built nuclear centrifuges for civilian use — the first time Iran has acknowledged its military was involved in the country's nuclear program.

Atomic agency Director-General Mohamed ElBaradei warned that Iran risked undermining its efforts to convince the world that its nuclear intentions are peaceful.

"I think suspension is ... a good confidence-building measure, and Iran needs to do everything possible right now to create the confidence required," ElBaradei said Wednesday in Vienna, Austria, where the U.N. atomic agency's board of governors was meeting.

The agency's 35-nation board of governors was preparing for a debate Thursday on whether

Iran is living up to its pledge to full transparency on its nuclear program.

The United States, which suspects Iran is building nuclear arms, wants a draft resolution on Iran to take a tough line because of evidence of secrecy. But the Europeans want to acknowledge Iran has made substantial, if not complete, steps toward openness.

A draft obtained by the Associated Press said the agency noted "with the most serious concern" that Iran's declarations "did not amount to the correct, complete and final picture of Iran's past and present nuclear program."

But it also praised Iran for signing an agreement that granted a free hand to atomic-agency inspectors.

Iran's chief delegate to the atomic agency, Pirouz Hosseini, told reporters outside the board of governors meeting that Iran was unhappy with the draft and accused the United States of putting pressure on the Europeans.

"We have never been involved in any nuclear weapons program ... and the Americans don't want to accept the fact," Hosseini said.

In Tehran, Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi accused the world body of failing to reciprocate.

"We told [the atomic agency] that cooperation should be bilateral. We take steps and expect the other side to take steps. It can't go one-sided," Kharrazi said.

Kharrazi warned Britain, France, and Germany — whose foreign ministers visited Tehran last year to discuss the nuclear issue — that Iran will stop cooperating with them if they fail to resist U.S. pressure at the Vienna meeting.

"We recommend that the three European countries remain committed to their obligations [toward Tehran] and resist U.S. pressure, if they want ... cooperation between Iran and them to lead to results," Kharrazi said. "Cooperation is a two-way street."

Kharrazi said Iran had a "legitimate right to enrich uranium" to fuel the nuclear reactor it is building to generate electrical power.

"We suspended uranium enrichment voluntarily and temporarily. Later, when our relations with the atomic agency return to normal, we will

definitely resume [uranium] enrichment," Kharrazi said.

One of the reasons for the recent atomic-agency inspections of Iran's nuclear facilities was last year's discovery of undeclared uranium enrichment.

Kharrazi accused the atomic agency of giving in to U.S. pressure.

"Unfortunately, the agency is sometimes influenced by the United States, while it should maintain its technical and professional identity," Kharrazi said.

Defense Minister Shamkhani said the military industries had produced P-1 centrifuges, which are used for low-grade enrichment, not the P-2 models used for weapons-grade enriched uranium.

"We have produced P-1, not P-2, contrary to U.S. allegations," Shamkhani said.

"It's natural in the world that defense industries produce civilian parts," Shamkhani said, adding the industries also produce televisions and parts for civilian planes and vehicles.

The atomic agency has questioned Iran about blueprints for the more advanced P-2 centrifuges. Iran says the blueprints never got beyond the research stage.

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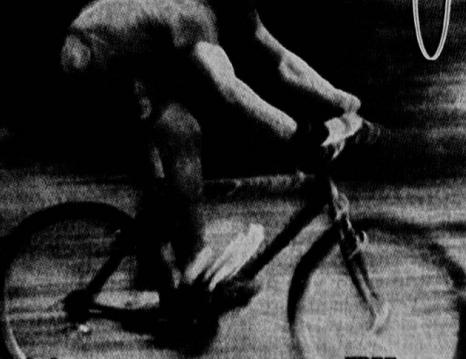
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Israelis, Palestinians OK summit

BY RAVI NESSMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — The Palestinian and Israeli prime ministers agreed in principle on a long-delayed summit next week, officials said Wednesday, a sign of diplomatic progress. But corrosive violence persisted, with Israeli forces killing six Palestinian militants in the West Bank.

Early today, Israeli troops were operating inside Ramallah, the military said, after encircling the West Bank city.

The Israeli-Palestinian summit is the latest step in the complex brinkmanship between the sides, with the Palestinian uprising in its 42nd month and both sides jockeying for U.S. and international support.

Among Israelis there is widespread support for a Palestinian state. But the Palestinians are far from their goal that such a state encompass all of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and East Jerusalem.

For Palestinians, there is some satisfaction at Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's proposed plan to pull troops and settlers out of Gaza unconditionally. But there is also fear that by unloading Gaza, Sharon hopes to entrench Israel in much of the West Bank.

Final summit details are to be worked out on March 14, but the summit meeting was tentatively set for next week, Israeli officials said on condition of anonymity.

Israel hopes the Palestinians will agree to maintain order in Gaza after the proposed pullout,

part of unilateral measures if peace talks remain stalled, while the Palestinians seek to revive the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

"Both sides now want the meeting," said Raanan Gissin, an adviser to Sharon.

Speaking in Norway, however, Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said "the date is not fixed yet." A senior Palestinian official earlier had said the summit would be held on March 16.

Qureia has dropped a demand that a summit yield concrete results, such as an easing of travel restrictions on Palestinians, Palestinian officials said.

Israeli roadblocks and curfews have crippled Palestinian life during the conflict, and 2,725 people have been killed on the Palestinian side. Israel says the controls are needed to stop attackers, nearly 1,000 Israelis have been killed in the intifada.

A senior Israeli official said the summit would address Sharon's plan to remove most or all Gaza settlements and withdraw from the territory in the absence of peace moves. Israeli officials hope to find out whether the Palestinian Authority is prepared to take security responsibility for Gaza.

Palestinians have not ruled out cooperating with a Gaza pullout, but have been emphasizing reviving the "road map" peace plan, which calls for an immediate end to violence and envisions creation of a Palestinian state next year.

Sharon's threat of unilateral action if there is no progress on the "road map" is seen by some as a pressure tactic against the

Palestinians, but neither side has taken the first steps in the three-phase program that aims toward a Palestinian state in 2005.

Israel was supposed to remove unauthorized settlement outposts and halt construction at older ones, and the Palestinians were to dismantle violent groups responsible for attacks against Israelis.

In violence Wednesday, Israeli soldiers killed five members of the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militant group linked to Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement, in Jenin, Palestinians said. The five were in a car, which witnesses said was riddled with bullets.

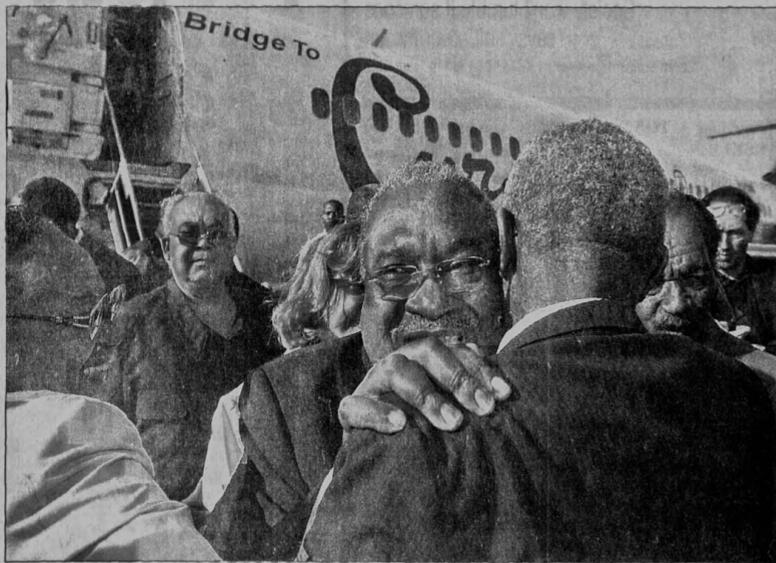
The army said the men had been involved in previous attacks and were on their way to carry out another one when they were killed. Israeli media said they planned to attack an Israeli settlement.

At the El Aroub refugee camp near Hebron, soldiers shot and killed a Palestinian who was throwing a firebomb, the military and residents said. Doctors said the Palestinian was 15 years old.

Meanwhile, Egypt renewed its diplomatic efforts.

Egyptian intelligence chief Omar Suleiman met Arafat on Wednesday to discuss Gaza's fate. Egypt fears a power vacuum in Gaza could lead to chaos and anarchy in the impoverished coastal strip on its border.

Palestinian security official Jibril Rajoub said Suleiman told Arafat Egypt would help restructure and retrain the Palestinian security forces to keep order in Gaza in the event of an Israeli withdrawal.



Pablo Anelli/Associated Press

Newly appointed Prime Minister of Haiti Gerard Latortue is embraced as he arrives in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, on Wednesday. Loyalists of the former president said they wouldn't accept him.

U.S. to expand Haiti mission

"When multinational armed forces personnel encounter any acts of violence, they will intervene to protect life. We will simply not tolerate acts of violence against our multinational forces or innocent Haitians."

— Gen. James Hill
commander of U.S.
Southern Command

BY JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG
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LOS ANGELES TIMES

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — A day after U.S. Marines again used their weapons, firing back at gunmen on the capital's rooftops, the Pentagon announced it was expanding the mission to allow U.S. troops to forcefully stop violence among Haitians.

Gen. James Hill, commander of U.S. Southern Command, told reporters in Washington that the tougher rules were a natural evolution of the U.S. peacekeeping mission in Haiti where troops from four countries are working to restore order after a rebellion forced former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide into exile on Feb. 29.

Marines "will intervene to protect life," Hill said.

The announcement of the tougher military role came as Gerard Latortue, a 69-year-old economist and diplomat, returned from Florida to become the interim prime minister. He said he would work to restore security and organize new elections in the violence-ravaged country. More than 300 Haitians have been killed in recent weeks, and looting has been widespread.

"We are all Haitians. We must walk hand in hand," said Latortue, a former foreign minister and U.N. official who fled Haiti after a 1988 military coup.

Stepping up the American mission, said Hill, whose Miami-based command oversees the Haiti operation, required a clarification of the rules governing when U.S. and allied troops could use force.

"When multinational armed forces personnel encounter any acts of violence, they will intervene to protect life," Hill said at his news conference. "We will simply not tolerate acts of violence against our multinational forces or innocent Haitians."

Pentagon spokesman Lawrence DiRita said U.S. troops still won't intervene to stop property crime or looting.

U.S. Marines have fired upon and killed four Haitians when they felt threatened, military officials said.

The first was Sunday, when gunmen opened fire on a demonstration by anti-Aristide protesters. Marines fired at the gunmen, and killed one fighter they said was firing at

them. Hill said that incident was an example of why the rules of engagement had to be clarified.

"No one from the multinational force was going to stand there and watch one Haitian kill another Haitian without trying to intervene," Hill said.

The international force includes 510 French, 320 Chilean, and 50 Canadian soldiers. About 400 Canadian troops are expected to arrive shortly to join the effort, Hill said.

Marine Col. Mark Gurganus, in command of the 1,600 U.S. troops in this Caribbean country, said a Marine foot patrol returned fire early Tuesday evening, when it went to investigate a report of illegal weapons in one of the capital's neighborhoods. Earlier that day, American forces announced they would begin disarming Haitian militants in a bid to end the violence and insecurity.

As the Marines entered the residential district near the prime minister's offices, "they were taken under by fire by gunmen from two separate rooftops — more or less ambushed," Gurganus said.

The Americans retaliated with M-16s and shotguns and likely killed two riflemen perched on one roof, the colonel said. As the Marines changed position, a gunman atop another building opened fire. The Marines fired at him too, but he fled across the rooftops.

When the Marines, accompanied by members of the Haitian police, returned to the area, some 2 1/2 hours later, they found bloodstains and shell casings on the roof of the first house, but no bodies. En route to its base, the patrol was fired on a third time. The gunfire ceased after the patrol leader fired six rounds from his handgun, the colonel said.

Also Tuesday, a speeding car stopped outside the port and gunmen sprayed bullets at guards manning the main gate. The Marines fired at the three men who fled into a nearby slum, Gurganus said.

Gurganus said it was too early to tell whether his forces were being targeted by die-hard Aristide loyalists, rebels who marched against the ex-president or someone else.

Aristide has been in the Central African Republic since March 1. He met with South African officials Wednesday to discuss asylum in that country.

After the talks the South African deputy foreign affairs minister, Aziz Pahad, said the question of Aristide's future should be determined by the African Union. He praised the Central African Republic for accepting Aristide.

Gurganus said the task of disarmament will have to be carried out with great care. "Any time you take weapons away from people, you are starting to talk about a dangerous thing," he said.

As of midafternoon Wednesday, Gurganus said the Marines hadn't collected a single gun despite Tuesday's

announcement and had conducted no sweeps in search of illicit weapons.

"We'll pick the times, we'll pick the places and we'll do it where we can make sure our Marines can do it in a safe and secure manner," Gurganus said. He said it had not yet been decided whether to offer Haitians money as an incentive to turn in firearms.

Staff writer Robyn Dixon contributed to this report.



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Society won't tumble if someone says "shit" over the air.
 Steve Soboroff, owner of KCIJ 1630 AM in Iowa City, on government attempts to curb indecency.

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No place for partisan politics

Both Bush and the Democrats should cooperate with investigative commissions

The commission investigating the 9/11 attacks is on a roll. First the Bush administration and then House Speaker Dennis Hastert agreed to extend its deadline, giving it the time it needs to create a report worthy of the most destructive act of terrorism ever committed on American soil.

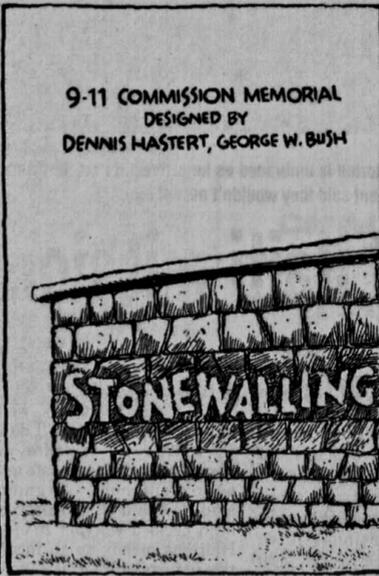
On Tuesday, the commission received another boon: President Bush, who had previously agreed to face questioning for only an hour, now says he won't impose a time limit on the commission's interview.

We applaud Bush's cooperation, although we wish it had come sooner and without so much pressure. The 9/11 panel, as well as the commission investigating pre-Iraq war weapons intelligence, should not be chasms of partisan hullabaloo. A commitment to finding out the truth should not be a Republican or Democratic issue.

Sadly, both parties have played politics with the commissions. While Hastert and Bush initially tried to keep the 9/11 commission's deadline early in this election year, Democrats have focused more on accusing Bush of "stonewalling" than they have on making sure the commission has the tools to finish the job.

Similarly, Bush was slow to appoint a commission to investigate why our intelligence on Iraqi weapons was so incredibly off the mark. And while Democrats want to give the 9/11 commission plenty of time, some griped that the weapons commission would release its findings after the election. Neither commission should be used for political gain, and deadlines should only matter insofar as they give the investigators all the time they need.

We don't know what the investigations will uncover. We're more than confident that conspiracy theorists — some of whom have alleged that Bush may have been tipped off about 9/11 before



the event — will be disappointed. If the weapons investigation is thorough, no one is likely to be safe from its findings; both Bush and Democratic nominee John Kerry made claims that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

No matter the deadlines or the results, if the findings are bad enough, Bush will suffer the consequences.

The war in Iraq and 9/11 are serious issues. Some argue that the attacks were enough to make

us rethink our entire way of life, and perhaps they're right. If they were that important, though, they're surely worth investigating fully. We must know what led up to the attacks — what people knew, when they knew it, and what they should have known but didn't.

This is perhaps the most contentious election year in recent memory. But these important commissions should be one thing we can all agree to work together on.

Patriotic act

AS THE CYNICAL joke goes, one way a person not well-versed in politics can gauge a law or bill passed in Washington, D.C., is by looking carefully at the meaning of the media-friendly name with which new legislation is christened and thinking of the exact opposite. There are few examples where this generalization rings as true as "the USA Patriot Act," which about as American as Grechnevaya Kasha and as patriotic as the Gestapo.

Actually, the Gestapo was pretty patriotic. The guys loved to wave their national flag and seemed to enjoy carrying out their führer's orders — much like the fear-blinded morons who support the Bush administration who call themselves patriots. All it takes to be a patriot these days is wave the flag and implicitly trust Congress and federal law-enforcement agents not to abuse a measure that allows for the indefinite detention and imprisonment of U.S. citizens without due process — or even being charged with a crime. So by redefining a patriot as a simpering imbecile who blindly agrees with everything her or his government does, the "patriot" in the Patriot Act is pretty accurate.



JOHN MOLSEED

That definition is the polar opposite of mine. A patriot's duty is to not only question the government's actions but to hound our elected officials, back them into corners, and remind them they are the ones who should be watched like criminals, not their constituents. A patriot should strike deathly fear into the soul of every dishonest law- or policymaker and remind all politicians every hour they are in office that their power comes from the people's consent and can be revoked. However, with all the greed-heads who keep getting elected, and the hostile political climate today, that task has increasingly become like shoveling sludge against the tide.

These may sound like broad idealistic generalizations, which in a way they are, but this country is facing a watershed in which previous generations' heroes are becoming 21st century criminals or are replaced with a hollow imitation that stands for the opposite ideals. The cowboy, for example; our president tries to act like a John Wayne cowboy character, but he's only a Texas oil tycoon brat who bought his Crawford ranch in 1999 shortly before running for president. It's little more than an expensive (and expensive) Hollywood-style set.

Twenty-first century America is in reality a hostile place for the cowboy. Ask 59-year-old Dudley Hiibel. The Nevada rancher was having an argument with his 17-year-old daughter, Mimi, over a boy she had been seeing as she sat in the driver's seat of her father's pickup and he leaned against his truck with his elbow resting on the rolled down passenger's side window wearing a black cowboy hat. Sounds like a scene from modern Western, doesn't it?

Then the police arrive, and it quickly descends into an authoritarian nightmare. Deputy Lee Dove of the Humboldt County Sheriff's Department says he was responding to a call about a domestic dispute involving a young woman who may have been assaulted by a man in a black cowboy hat, and he demands to see Dudley Hiibel's identification. Hiibel declines. Eleven times the deputy asks for identification, and 11 times the rancher declines, eventually asking, "Why?"

"Because I'm investigating," Dove says. "Investigating what?" Dudley says. "I'm investigating an investigation," is Dove's flippant answer. Hiibel was arrested and charged with obstructing/delaying a peace officer. Mimi, seeing her father arrested, began screaming and bolted out of the truck. Dove and his partner planted her face down on the side of the road, cuffed her as well, and charged her with resisting arrest.

The U.S. Supreme Court will examine Hiibel's case March 22, along with other cases pertaining to the Patriot Act this month. Both Democrats and Republicans are banking on the Patriot Act being a key issue to win this November's election. Support for it will help the Bush administration, while Democrats are hoping to draw people from the right who feel it infringes on civil liberties.

The Supreme Court rulings will determine whether the Fourth Amendment provides real freedom and protection or becomes a victim of today's hypocrisy and the words "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated" have the same meaning as Bush's "patriotism." They may be a good barometer to see how America can "cowboy up" in November. ■

LETTERS

The abstention option

First, I want to express my opposition to a constitutional amendment defining marriage as solely between one man and one woman. Not only would such an amendment be wholly unnecessary, as marriage contracts have never been subject to the Full Faith and Credit Clause of the U.S. Constitution, but the Constitution is hardly the place for such moralizing. Furthermore, I feel that the student government should show solidarity with the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community.

Now then, why on earth did I abstain considering my personal opinion?

Well, quite simply, the resolution did not reflect my opinion. Nor did it express any solidarity with the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community on campus. Nor did it express a larger goal of joining fellow Big Ten schools in opposing a constitutional amendment. It did, however, have one false statement: "Whereas, the passage of such an amendment could hinder the same-sex partner benefits the University of Iowa offers its faculty, staff, and students[.]" (The university offers same-sex benefits in an atmosphere that already does not condone same-sex marriage.)

Not only did the resolution we considered last week *not* do the job all of its proponents said it would, but the student senators considering it did not have a say in its construction nor an opportunity to discuss the legislation with their constituents. The first time any of the non-co-sponsors actually saw the text of the bill was just 30 minutes before the meeting that rejected it.

The solution is not holding hundreds of referendums every school year, thereby nearly eliminating the need for UISG. It lies in fixing the process by which the Student Assembly considers legislation, getting senators in their seats, forcing everyone to turn in legislation by a set deadline, and then distributing that legislation to senators and their constituents so the Student Assembly can actually do its job.

Barry Pump
UCS senator

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The Board of Regents, state of Iowa, wants to thank the more than 850 UI students and the 300 volunteers who raised a record \$625,758 at the 10th-annual UI Dance Marathon on Feb. 6-7. Your efforts will directly benefit critically injured and ill children, particularly those with cancer, and their families served by the Children's Hospital of Iowa at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

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Your efforts will continue to have a great effect on Iowa children and their families. Your impressive stamina on the dance floor is surpassed only by your spirit of generosity and caring. On behalf of the Board of Regents, I thank you for your efforts.

Owen J. Newlin
president, Board of Regents

Keep nursing numbers low

I would like to point out what I see is a fatal flaw of the Iowa Nursing Education Loan Repayment Program ("New program to aid nurses," *DI*, Feb. 17) and all other programs designed to increase the number of nurses. I feel that trying to increase the number of graduates in an effort to alleviate the nursing shortage cheapens nursing and only keeps salaries down. The average starting salary for a staff nurse in Iowa is approximately \$30,000. Neighboring states such as Illinois, Nebraska, Minnesota have much more attractive salaries.

Medical schools' admissions are restricted based on projections from the Pew Report. Does this not artificially support physician salaries? And if baccalaureate nursing schools across the country were to follow suit and turn out high-quality nurses in smaller numbers, wouldn't that increase the market value of nurses?

I don't think these loan programs are addressing the bigger issue: that nurses are historically underpaid. I believe that nurses should start at \$50,000 a year, with those in specialty areas and/or with more education earning more than that. Nursing departments (and their salaries) are usually seen as the biggest drain on resources. In times of budget shortfalls, registered nurses, nurse managers, and clinical nurse specialists are the first to be let go.

Maybe the nursing shortage is best addressed by not churning out more nurses to "flood the

market." Maybe what is needed is a vision in which nurses are not seen as a drain but rather a crucial resource that ensures better patient safety and quality outcomes.

I sincerely hope that nursing schools in Iowa and across the country become proactive and really evaluate what is best for nursing — which is not just responding with a knee-jerk reaction to short-term (and limiting) incentives such as loan-repayment programs.

Jeffrey M. Gonzales
R.N., B.S.N., family nurse practitioner student

Straight-white-male syndrome

For 23 years I've heard Iowa City boys use the terms "nigger," "faggot," and "bitch" to insult people. Since I've been a student at Iowa, I've heard guys openly joke about raping women, watched nearly every guy I've ever met disrespect his girlfriend, and seen dozens of fights.

This behavior is common among male students, and it has a direct relationship with rape and other hate crimes. I've heard too many women and queers talk about how terrified and alone this town makes them feel.

If a woman feels violated and raped, then she was. Two hundred women have reported rapes on this campus since this year started. If an Asian woman or a gay man watches a boyfriend get beat up and feels it was a hate crime, then it was. Thousands of racist and homophobic slurs are spoken every week in Iowa City. I have lived in the straight

white guy's culture my whole life, and it is very clear to that we are the terrorists. A logical and honest analysis of violent crimes in Iowa City clearly removes women, queers, and people of color as suspects and shows that the overwhelming majority of violent acts on this campus are committed by heterosexual white males.

We are perpetuating rape when we refer to women as bitches, and we are perpetuating fear and cruelty when we call our friends faggots.

The solution is simple, guys. We need to grow up and start policing ourselves and our friends.

There are other actions you can take. Go to a Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Allied Union or Women's Resource and Action Center meeting and make some friends. Follow Kanye West's advice and realize that "you can love your man and still be manly dawg." Read the Koran. Let her make the first move. And if you really want to be radical, you can do what I'm doing and wear pink every day until the end of the semester.

David Goodner
UI student

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ON THE SPOT

What are your plans for Spring Break?



"I'm going to Miami."

Brandon Jass
UI senior



"I'm going home to Baraboo, Wis."

Cassie Bueno
UI freshman



"I'm going to Acapulco with my fraternity brothers."

Jon Ellis
UI sophomore



"I'm showing a friend Chicago."

Natalie Somor
UI freshman

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Stephen J. Boitano/Associated Press
(From left to right) AOL Executive Vice President Randy Boe, Earthlink Vice President Les Seagraves, Microsoft Deputy General Counsel Nancy Anderson, and Yahoo! Senior Vice President Mike Callahan on Wednesday announce the filing of lawsuits against spammers.

Internet giants vow to fight network spam

SPAM

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messages a physical mailing address and a link that allows recipients to remove themselves from the e-mail list.

The law also bans many common tricks used by spammers, such as falsifying return addresses and harvesting e-mail addresses from Web sites for spamming. MX Logic Inc., an e-mail security company in Denver, estimates that about 3 percent of commercial e-mail follows the guidelines.

Federal and state agencies are expected to use the law to bring criminal charges against spammers.

In one of the lawsuits, AOL accuses Davis Wolfgang Hawke, a former neo-Nazi group leader, and his business partner Braden Bournival, of violating the Can

Spam Act by forging their identities and failing to honor requests for removal from their mailing list, among other things. But the Dulles, Va.-based Internet giant also contends that Hawke broke Virginia laws on computer fraud, trespassed on AOL's networks and distributed software that can hide spammers' identities.

"State law continues to be the core of our civil and legal action," said Les Seagraves, EarthLink's assistant general counsel and chief privacy officer.

The Can Spam Act merely provides plaintiffs with some legal shortcuts, such as defining the size of monetary damages that can be sought, said Ray Everett-Church, an attorney who works with ePrivacy Group, a consulting firm in Paoli, Pa. What's more, the law prevents corporations and individuals who receive spam from suing the senders, he said.

"It's not that there's no value

in the Can Spam Act," he said. "It's just that it's not nearly as valuable a resource as many had hoped it could have been."

Other defendants also include JDO Media Inc., of Ocala, Fla.; Eric Head, Matthew Head and Barry Head, of Ontario, Canada; and several hundred "John Does," whose identities the Internet service providers hope to unmask through subpoenas. The known defendants could not be reached for comment.

The four big Internet service providers were not the first to use the Can Spam Act. Hypertouch Inc., a tiny ISP in Foster City, Calif., last week accused BVWebTies, which owns the BobVila.com Web site, of sending e-mail that did not comply with the new federal law. BVWebTies, based in Boston, has denied the charges.

KCJJ protests 'decency' bills

KCJJ

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complain I can be fined," Soboroff said.

He added that combined with war and economic problems, the country faces more dire issues than swear words.

"They'll say it's for the children, we've got to protect the children. Let the American people parent their children," he said. "The government hasn't done anything about getting children more milk, better

schools, or out of war."

Soboroff, a father himself, said his radio show is intended for 25- to 54-year-olds and not for children. Yet, he said, he abstains from using "the f-word" on the air, realizing that some children could be listening. Although he is not certain what could be considered indecent about his programming, he is worried that the threat of penalties is "taking the humanity" out of the media.

KCJJ news anchor Terrence Neuzil supports the protest and efforts to educate

the public about the proposed regulations. He recorded one of the statements the station will repeatedly broadcast throughout the day.

"I'm certainly concerned about what's happening in America," said Neuzil, who is also the chairman of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors. "We're certainly facing some serious threats to the First Amendment."

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Summer festivals opt to stay dry

ALCOHOL

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and lower prices. "Do we have to constantly show our children the only time to have fun is with a drink?"

The thriving downtown bar scene provides plenty of opportunities to find a drink, said Jazz Festival board member Mark Ginsberg.

"The last thing we want to do is compete or take away business from the bars," he said.

A festival beer tent would be

open to minors under the 19-ordinance and would likely be staffed by volunteers who "would be less apt to order [underage] people out without the police being there," said Iowa City police Sgt. Brian Krei.

City Councilor Connie Champion said she voted to expand the ordinance so festivals could find additional sources of revenue. She is not concerned alcohol consumption will dampen the cultural activities.

"It's alcohol abuse that

makes it a problem, not where it is consumed," she said. "I think they'll do as good of a job [to enforce laws] as the bars do downtown."

Coralville allows people to bring beer to parks and permits alcohol sales on special occasions, yet no liability suit has ever been filed against the city. Differences between the two cities make any comparisons difficult, said Coralville City Manager Kelly Hayworth.

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REQUEST FOR NOMINATIONS

The Hawkeye Awards for Student and Organizational Leadership

In recognition of student leaders, clubs and organizations

The nominations form must be turned in no later than 5:00 p.m., April 5, 2004 to the Office of Student Life

The Hawkeye Awards will be held on Wednesday, April 26, 2004. Tickets will be available at the University Box Office April 5-22, 2004.

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- ★ University-wide Leadership Award
- ★ Organization of the Year Award
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Nomination forms may be picked up from the Office of Student Life or online at imuis.iowa.edu/osl or uiowa.edu/~uisg/

Bill requires landlords' toxin disclosure

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regulations in the past, which do not force it to inform potential tenants.

"I am not sure what we would be expected to tell them," said Steve Cordon, the company's general manager. "They can get any information at the library."

UI junior Megan Evans signed with Heritage Property Management, then the managers of the nearly 50-unit apartment, for a lease that

began in August 2003. She also was never informed about the contamination until after moving in.

"I was mad at Heritage for not telling me I was living on a toxic-waste dump," she said. "It made me feel like I had been deceived."

Bolkcom said he doesn't fall for the buyer-beware policy employed by AM and other landlords in the state.

"People have a basic right to know about the basic conditions of a site," he said. "It is just a fair thing to do."

Before the apartments were built, the Iowa City Gas Co. burned coal and other material at the site, contaminating the ground six to 10 feet below the topsoil. Tanks possibly containing pollutants were also buried on the site. Mid-American Energy Co. has assumed responsibility for monitoring and cleaning the site.

Iowa-Illinois Manor is owned by AM Management, but will be managed by Heritage Property Management until April.

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Broad renovations coming for Kinnick

KINNICK

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"At present time, we have more demand for suites than we have suite space available," said Doug True, vice president for Finance. The UI's current data already suggest that fans will buy 100 outdoor club seats and 35 club seats, he said.

UI Student Government President Nate Green, too, praised the project and voiced

his support on behalf of UI students.

"After talking to Doug True, I am convinced that the university is taking the right approach to it — with a lot of safeguards for the students," he said. "It would take a catastrophe for it to affect student fees."

Regent Mary Ellen Becker voiced her fear that the \$100 million debt would inhibit the UI from receiving future bonds.

Barry Flick, the senior vice president of Springsted Inc.,

who worked out the financial details, reassured members that Becker's fears were unfounded.

"No, it shouldn't [harm future bonds] because the athletics bonds will be looked at as athletics bonds," he said, adding that chemistry bonds, for example, are looked at separately. "In addition, the university is strong enough financially to issue the debt."

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NATION

Peterson unusually jovial during murder trial

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — With jury selection in its fourth day, an unusually jovial Scott Peterson laughed and joked with his attorneys Wednesday as about 100 prospective jurors filed into the courtroom to fill out an extensive questionnaire.

Peterson glanced over his shoulder several times, scanning the crowd and appearing to make eye contact with some of the people

who might be asked to decide whether he is guilty of killing his pregnant wife, Laci, and the couple's unborn son.

Peterson could face the death penalty or life in prison without parole if convicted.

Another 100 potential jurors came to the courthouse Wednesday afternoon to repeat the process of filling out the 23-page questionnaires attorneys will use to help decide who sits on the jury.

However, defense attorney Mark Geragos has said he will likely seek a second change of venue. The case

moved from Modesto to Redwood City after a judge ruled an impartial jury could not be found in the couple's hometown.

Meanwhile, Judge Alfred Delucchi received papers Wednesday afternoon from an attorney representing various California newspapers, as well as The Associated Press, seeking access to the completed jury questionnaires. The attorney, Karl Olson, asked that the court make public the forms of the potential panelists whom the judge and attorneys will eventually question one-by-one in chambers.

RAPE DRUGS ARE OUT THERE
ARE THEY IN YOUR DRINK?

IF THINGS DON'T FEEL RIGHT...

If you or a friend:

- Seem drunk after a small amount of alcohol or soft drink
- Suddenly are dizzy, confused, drowsy or nauseated, or
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GET HELP!

- Tell a trusted friend
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- Seek medical attention
- Call 911
- Call the Rape Crisis Line at 335-6000

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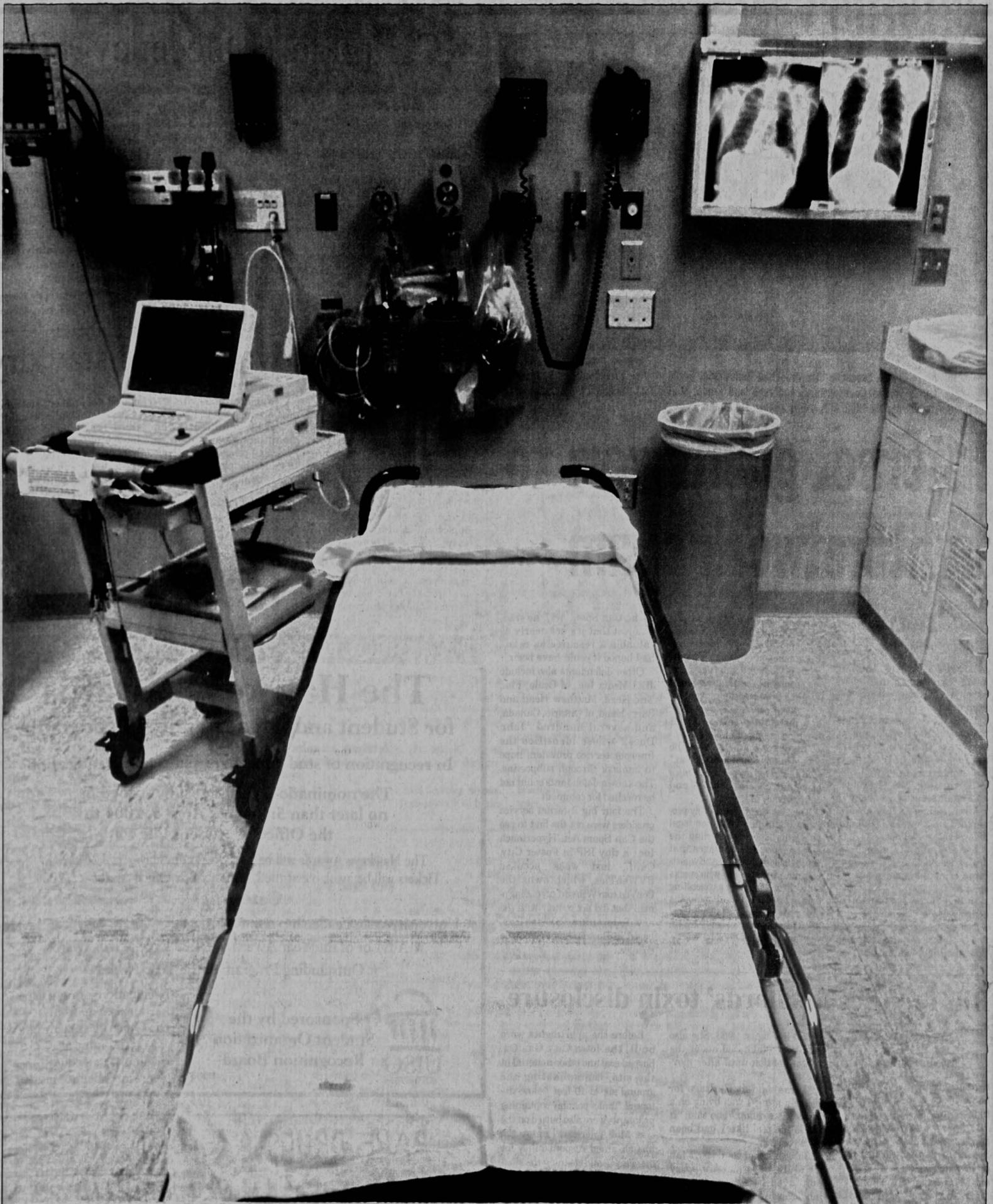
Remember that whether you follow these tips or not, or if you are drinking, if someone sexually assaults you, it is not your fault.

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Spring break in the ER, instead of on the beach?

There's no view of the beach and the food is terrible. You don't want your spring break to end in an emergency room.

Yet every year, that's where more and more students are winding up.

Alcohol poisoning. Car wrecks. Falls from balconies. Fistfights. Rape.

Why? Statistics show that half of male students, and 40 percent of females, drink on

spring break until they vomit or pass out. The average male student consumes 18 drinks daily. The average female downs 10.

The alcohol and tour industries are urging you on with free beer, all-you-can-drink parties, booze cruises and endless happy hours.

Don't fall for it. Enjoy a fun, safe spring break. And remember. Nobody looks good in a hospital robe.

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Barry Bonds

MLB

Bonds' injury not considered serious

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Barry Bonds hurt his back during batting practice Wednesday and was taken out of the lineup for San Francisco Giants' game against Texas.

Bonds swung at a pitch, then walked out of the batting cage and threw his bat down.

He was flat on the grass behind the cage as Giants assistant trainer Barney Nugent worked on his back. Several minutes later, Bonds stood up, walked back into the cage, swung at another pitch, then walked off the field.

Bonds went to the trainer's room, and the 39-year-old outfielder remained there the rest of the morning.

"This has happened to him before," Giants head trainer San Conte said. "It's not considered serious. But in the best interest of everyone, he's not going to play today. Barry wanted to play, but I persuaded him not to."

BIG TEN

Maday honored as gymnast of the week

Senior Alexis Maday received her fifth Big Ten Gymnast of the Week award after leading the GymHawks to a third-place finish against No. 4 Utah, No. 8 Washington and Illinois-Chicago. Maday shares this week's award with Michigan's Elise Ray.



Maday
 Honored for the fifth time

At last weekend's meet, Maday tied for first on floor with a score of 9.95. She also tied for third on bars (9.925) and vault (9.95). Maday finished sixth in the all-around with a 39.45.

Maday is nationally ranked in every event. She is ranked second on bars, sixth in the all-around, tied for seventh on floor, tied for ninth on vault, and tied for 25th on beam.

The 16th-ranked GymHawks travel to Ames on Friday to compete against intrastate rival Iowa State.

BIG 12 HOOPS

Texas tops Iowa State women

DALLAS (AP) — Outshot and outrebounced in the first half by underdog Iowa State, No. 2 Texas got back on track with the help of a halftime pep talk from junior guard Jamie Carey.

Texas opened the second half with a 20-8 run, capped by three-straight jumpers from Nina Norman, in a 64-54 victory over Iowa State on Wednesday in the Big 12 Tournament quarterfinals.

"I decided to stay out in the hall and not go in the locker room for a few minutes and let Jamie talk to them," Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "She took care of making the points that needed to be taken care of. She had things to say to them, and they responded to her."



THE COACH

Hawks eye hardware

Iowa coach Steve Alford and his Hawkeyes have tasted the sweet success of a Big Ten Tournament crown after capturing the top prize in a four-game run in 2001. On Friday, Alford will return to the state where he is regarded with near legendary status as he and his Hawkeyes try to capture the magic once again.

BY DONOVAN BURBA • THE DAILY IOWAN

LIKE THE HEALING WATERS OF LOURDES or the magical powers of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the hardwood floor at the Big Ten Tournament seems to work miracles with the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Three years ago Iowa blew through the conference field, winning four games in four days to win the tourney and earn an automatic spot in the NCAA field despite missing leading scorer Luke Recker. A year later, the Hawks nearly salvaged an utterly disappointing season, advancing to the final game on the strength of two Recker buzzer-beaters.

Friday, the Hawkeyes take the floor at Consecro Fieldhouse in Indianapolis hoping to repeat that magic against Michigan, Iowa's first opponent.

The tournament starts today, but for the first time in Alford's Iowa career the Hawkeyes have a first-round bye, meaning that to take home the hardware they'll only need to win three games in three days — not that that's such an easy task.

"I know it's going to be hard-fought and hard to do, but it's not an option," said forward Greg Brunner of the grueling task. "We have to do it if we want to succeed and be where we want to be."

As in past years, Iowa likely has to win the whole tournament to get a berth in the Big Dance. With a 16-11 (9-7 in the Big Ten) record and an RPI of 80, two wins this weekend probably won't be enough for the Hawkeyes to sneak into the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001.

While the conference has been branded as weak all year by observers, the tournament field features several tough obstacles, most notably Illinois, Michigan State, and Wisconsin, who combined for a 4-0 record against Iowa this season.

Should Iowa beat Michigan on Friday, it would most likely face Illinois in the semifinal on Saturday. The Illini crushed the Hawks, 78-59, on Feb. 25 in Iowa City and also won the teams' first meeting on Jan. 17 in Champaign.

The depleted Hawkeyes, who have been using a seven-man rotation since January, do benefit from a first-round bye, which gives them an extra day to rest and get ready for the Wolverines.

"With the depleted roster we have, I think it's really a big deal," said forward Glen Worley about the extra day. "The extra day off will definitely help people get healthier and gives us an extra day to prepare for Michigan."

BIG TEN TOURNAMENT

What: No. 4 seed Iowa (16-11, 9-7) vs. No. 5 seed Michigan (17-10, 8-8)
When: Friday at 1:30 p.m., Consecro Fieldhouse
Time to shine: Alford's teams have an 8-3 record in the conference tournament and a .727 winning percentage, both best among Big Ten coaches.

Few can question Alford's ability to ready his teams for the tournament. His 8-3 record and .727 winning percentage are both best among Big Ten coaches, and, perhaps not surprisingly, he emphasized that good shooting leads to wins. Alford, of course, was one of the best pure shooters in history when he played for Indiana from 1984-87.

"When we've had success, we've shot the ball at a high rate," said Alford. "You get on a neutral site, you've got a lot of enthusiasm, lot of excitement, lot of anxieties, sometimes the first two things to go are turnovers and quick shooting. When you do those two things, you don't get good shots on goal."

Iowa features two dangerous outside threats in guards Brody Boyd and Jeff Horner. Horner shot 51.2 percent from beyond the

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The Hawkeyes may face some tough competition on their way to a Big Ten title. Wisconsin's Devin Harris, Michigan State's Paul Davis, Minnesota's Kris Humphries and Illinois' Daron Williams all stand between the Hawkeyes and the hardware.

Sweet home Indiana

Alford returns to the Hoosier State in search of an NCAA bid

BY KELLY BEATON
 THE DAILY IOWAN

NCAAs as a Hawkeye. The message board hits are mounting on websites like firestevealford.com. Many of these disgruntled fans have a very negative perception of the fifth-year Iowa coach.

Yet, five and a half hours east lies a town full of people who worship at Alford's altar. And a state full of many Hoosier fans hoping he'll come back and save their proud program, slogging through a disappointing 13-14 campaign. Alford is viewed as All-American as blue eyes and apple pie. Somewhere in between lies the truth.



The Steve Alford Inn on the outskirts of New Castle, Ind., is a shrine to the former Hoosier and current Hawkeye coach.

Contributed photo

Several players have gone from mere mortals to all-out icons with a simple swish in the state of Indiana's legendary high-school basketball tournament, or on the NCAA stage for the Hoosiers, Boilers, Irish, or Sycamores.

There was Bobby Plump. Kent Benson. Joe Barry Carroll. Damon Bailey.

As great as those players were however, they never had a hotel named after them.

On the outskirts of the blue-collar burg of New Castle, Ind. (pop. 17,753) there it is: the Steve Alford All-American Inn.

The brainchild of Kenny Cox, a former high-school teammate and coaching assistant of Alford's, the roadside hotel is a shrine to all things Alford.

In the parking lot lies a black and gold fiberglass basketball sneaker roughly the size of a LeBron James Hummer H2.

These sights seem far, far away from Iowa City.

On the Iowa campus, Alford is an embattled fifth-year men's basketball coach trying to quell murmurs that he should be fired as he heads into his fifth Big Ten Tournament still looking to secure his second appearance in the

Growing up in Indiana

Alford is embraced as a native son in his home state for obvious reasons. He embraces all that the state holds dear: Hard work, religion, and basketball.

New Castle's hometown hero developed his love affair with basketball at a young age.

Alford often tagged along to the gym with his father, Sam, a veteran high-school coach who stalked the sidelines for four Hoosier high schools, namely New Castle Chrysler.

"He started sitting on the bench with me



Since the Big Ten tournament began in 1998, the Hawkeyes have claimed the trophy once. Michigan State is the only team to win it twice.

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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Rahlvcs dominates downhill; Miller slips in overall race in World Cup

BY ANDREW DAMPF
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SESTRIERE, Italy — American Daron Rahlves added to his finest season by winning the downhill at the World Cup Finals on Wednesday, while Bode Miller failed to score any points in his bid for the overall title.

The Austrian team had a big day, with Stephan Eberharter and Renate Goetschl moving into second place in the overall standings.

Rahlves charged down the 2.04-mile course in 1 minute, 51.88 seconds, securing second place in the final downhill standings. He beat Austrian Fritz Strobl by a tenth of a second. Eberharter was third in 1:52.01, and Miller finished 22nd in 1:54.12.

It was Rahlves' eighth career World Cup win, all in speed events, and fourth victory of the season.

"I'm super stoked. I'm really liking this hill," Rahlves said. "This is the way I want to end my season."

"My goal was to win the downhill title, but I had a good all-around season. It gives me a huge lift for next season."

He also won a downhill in Beaver Creek, Colo., in December and a super giant slalom in Kitzbuehel, Austria, in January, before adding a super giant slalom victory Sunday in Kvitfjell, Norway.

Eberharter was the only contender for the overall title to score points, moving into second place behind Hermann Maier. Miller failed to add to his 1,098 points.

Maier leads with 1,165 points, and Eberharter is next with 1,143. Benjamin Raich, fourth in the overall standings, finished 24th Wednesday.

"It's tough when you have to be in the top 15 and everyone is charging," said Miller, bidding for his first overall title. "You have to have a clean run. You have to be charging and attacking and not making mistakes."

"It's disappointing not to score points, but I was taking some risks today. To make errors when you're taking risks is acceptable, I suppose."

Miller hopes to gain ground in the giant slalom and slalom, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

"I'm capable of winning the slalom and GS," Miller said. "Who knows what is going to happen? I know Hermann and Eberharter are going to try to win the Super G and GS."

Miller's chances of gaining ground in the Super G might not be much better than in the downhill. His best result in the discipline was 17th.

"I hope [my chances] are better now because I didn't score any points here," he said. "I can ski Super G well, I just haven't been scoring well this year, so it's going to be a question mark tomorrow."

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New Orleans	34	30	.531	14
Cleveland	29	36	.446	19½
Toronto	27	38	.415	21½
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Chicago	18	48	.281	30

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Denver	34	32	.515	11½
Utah	33	32	.508	12
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Sacramento	47	16	.746	—
L.A. Lakers	42	22	.656	5½
Portland	31	33	.484	16½
Seattle	27	37	.422	20½
L.A. Clippers	26	38	.406	21½
Golden State	25	39	.392	22
Phoenix	21	43	.328	26½

Wednesday's Games
L.A. Lakers 117, Boston 109
Cleveland 106, Toronto 92
Orlando 98, Washington 99
Detroit 98, Chicago 65
New Jersey 98, Denver 97
Milwaukee 94, Atlanta 80
New Orleans 95, Miami 84
San Antonio 108, L.A. Clippers 90
Utah 91, Golden State 77
Portland 92, Minnesota 79

Today's Games
New Orleans at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Friday's Games
New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Denver at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Portland, 9 p.m.

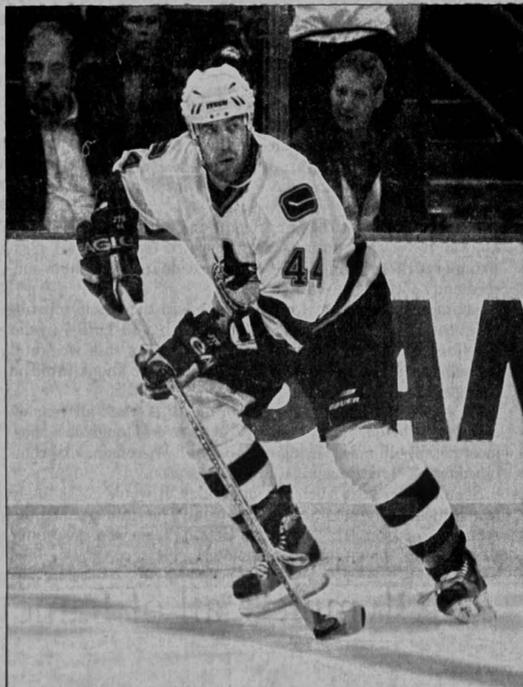
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EASTERN CONFERENCE						
Atlantic Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Philadelphia	36	17	12	6	90	204
New Jersey	35	17	11	2	83	170
N.Y. Islanders	30	25	10	4	74	192
N.Y. Rangers	25	33	7	5	62	182
Pittsburgh	16	44	6	4	42	154
Northeast						
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	
Toronto	38	20	9	3	88	203
Ottawa	37	18	9	5	88	230
Boston	33	16	14	7	87	178
Montreal	37	26	6	2	82	184
Buffalo	31	31	6	6	69	182
Southeast						
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	
x-Tampa Bay	40	17	8	5	93	209
Florida	24	29	14	3	65	152
Atlanta	27	33	7	3	64	186
Carolina	22	30	13	4	61	133
Washington	21	39	8	2	52	159

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division	W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF
Detroit	39	17	10	2	90	214
Nashville	33	26	8	2	76	182
St. Louis	32	26	9	2	75	181
Columbus	20	37	8	4	52	147
Chicago	18	35	9	6	51	158
Northwest						
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	
Colorado	36	17	12	5	89	211
Vancouver	35	21	8	4	84	199
Calgary	34	26	6	3	77	188
Edmonton	28	27	12	3	71	185
Minnesota	22	26	19	2	65	149
Pacific						
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	
San Jose	33	19	11	6	83	176
Dallas	35	23	11	0	81	160
Los Angeles	27	19	16	7	77	181
Anaheim	25	28	9	8	67	157
Phoenix	20	29	16	5	61	172

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



Jeff Groves, The Advocate/Associated Press
Vancouver Canucks Todd Bertuzzi handles the puck against the Columbus Blue Jackets on Oct. 13 in Columbus, Ohio.

League to announce Bertuzzi's fate today

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Todd Bertuzzi will find out the length of his suspension today for punching Colorado's Steve Moore and leaving the Avalanche forward with a broken neck.

Bertuzzi, an All-Star forward for the Vancouver Canucks, had an hour-long hearing at the NHL office in Toronto on Wednesday. He already has been suspended indefinitely, while Moore is out for the season.

Moore also sustained a concussion and deep cuts on his face, and he remains hospitalized in Vancouver.

Colin Campbell, the league's vice president and disciplinarian, will issue his ruling this morning.

"The decision has not been reached. Mr. Campbell is going to take some time before he reaches his decision," said Gary Meagher, an NHL spokesman.

Meagher said representatives of the league, Bertuzzi, and the Players Association watched videotape of the punch and discussed what happened.

Bertuzzi and Vancouver general manager Brian Burke returned to Vancouver after the meeting.

B.C. Solicitor General Rich Coleman and Vancouver police are investigating the punch, the second time in four years police have looked into an on-ice hit at an NHL game in the city.

Bertuzzi slugged Moore in the side of the head late in Monday night's 9-2 Colorado victory. He hit Moore from

behind and drove his head into the ice. Moore landed face-first — with the 245-pound Bertuzzi on top of him — and lay in a pool of blood for several minutes before he was removed on a stretcher.

Bertuzzi's punch appeared to be retaliation for an on-ice hit Moore delivered to Canucks captain Markus Naslund last month, knocking him out for three games. Vancouver players vowed to get even with Moore for that hit, which wasn't penalized.

Naslund said he didn't believe Bertuzzi planned to hurt Moore.

In February 2000, former Boston Bruin Marty McSorley was charged for hitting then-Vancouver Canuck Donald Brashear with his stick. McSorley was convicted of assault with a weapon, but he received an 18-month conditional discharge, meaning no jail time and no criminal record after probation.

The league suspended him for a year, ending his 17-year NHL career.

When Moore's condition improves, he'll be transferred to Craig Hospital in Denver and evaluated by neurosurgeons, the Avalanche said.

"Steve knows he has the support of the entire Avalanche family and hockey fans throughout the world," said Pierre Lacroix, Avalanche president and general manager.

Bertuzzi was an All-Star last season when he was fifth in the league in scoring. This year, he was an All-Star again and has 60 points.

IOWA SPORTS

- Today**
- **WOMEN'S SWIMMING** at NCAA diving zones in Oklahoma City.
 - **Friday**
 - **MEN'S BASKETBALL** at Big Ten Tournament, 1:30 p.m.
 - **SOFTBALL** at NIST, vs. Washington (5 p.m.); Santa Clara (7 p.m.).
 - **WOMEN'S SWIMMING** at NCAA diving zones in Oklahoma City.
 - **MEN'S SWIMMING** at NCAA diving qualifier in Bloomington, Ind.
 - **WOMEN'S TRACK** at NCAA indoor championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

- **WOMEN'S TRACK** at NCAA indoor championships in Fayetteville, Ark.
 - **MEN'S TRACK** at NCAA indoor championships in Fayetteville, Ark.
 - **BASEBALL** vs. Maine, noon in DeLand, Fla.
 - **SOFTBALL** at NIST, vs. TBA.
 - **MEN'S GYMNASTICS** at Illinois-Chicago, 2 p.m.
- March 14**
- **MEN'S BASKETBALL** at Big Ten Tournament, TBA.
 - **MEN'S SWIMMING** at NCAA Diving Qualifier in Bloomington, Ind.
 - **SOFTBALL** at NIST, vs. TBA.

TV SCHEDULE

- Today**
- **CBB Big Ten** Tournament, TBA, 11 a.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB Big East** Tournament, TBA, 11 a.m. on ESPN2.
 - **CBB Big Ten** Tournament, TBA, 1 p.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB Big East** Tournament, TBA, 1 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **CBB Pac-10** Tournament, TBA, 2 p.m. on FSN.
 - **CBB Big Ten** Tournament, TBA, 3:30 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **CBB AAC** Tournament, TBA, 6 p.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB Big East** Tournament, TBA, 6 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **NHL Chicago** Blackhawks at New Jersey Devils, 6:30 p.m. on FSN.
 - **NBA New Orleans** Hornets at Houston Rockets, 6:30 p.m. on TNT.
 - **CBB Big 12** Tournament, 8 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **CBB Big East** Tournament, TBA, 8:30 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **NBA Dallas Mavericks** at

- **NBA Chicago Bulls** at New Jersey Nets, 6:30 p.m. on FSN.
 - **CBB Big East** Tournament, TBA, 8 p.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB ACC** Tournament, TBA, 8 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **CBB Pac-10** Tournament, TBA, 10:30 p.m. on FSN.
 - **CBB Mountain West** Tournament, TBA, 11 p.m. on ESPN.
- Friday**
- **CBB Big Ten** Tournament, TBA, 11 a.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB AAC** Tournament, TBA, 11 a.m. on ESPN2.
 - **WCBB Mid-American** Tournament, TBA, 11 a.m. on FSN.
 - **CBB Big Ten** Tournament, TBA, 1 p.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB AAC** Tournament, TBA, 1 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **WCBB Mid-American** Tournament, TBA, 1:30 p.m. on FSN.
 - **CBB Conference USA** Tournament, TBA, 3:30 p.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB Southland** Conference Tournament final, TBA, 3:30 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **CBB AAC** Tournament, TBA, 5:30 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **CBB Big East** Tournament, TBA, 6 p.m. on ESPN.
- Saturday**
- **CBB Conference USA** Tournament final, TBA, 10:30 a.m. on CBS.
 - **CBB American East** Tournament final, TBA, 10:30 a.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB MEAC** Tournament final, TBA, 11 a.m. on ESPN2.
 - **CBB ACC** Tournament, TBA, 12:30 p.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB Big Ten** Tournament, TBA, 12:40 p.m. on CBS.
 - **CBB Big 12** Tournament, TBA, 1 p.m. on ESPN2.
 - **MLB Preseason**, Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs, 2 p.m. on WGN.
 - **CBB ACC** Tournament, TBA, 2:30 p.m. on ESPN.
 - **CBB Big Ten** Tournament, TBA, 3 p.m.

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Panthers proud about NCAA bid

AUTOMATIC BIRTH IS UNI'S FIRST NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCE SINCE 1990

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CEDAR FALLS — To get a measure of what led to Northern Iowa's berth in the NCAA basketball tournament, go back three years.

"David Gruber's decision to attend UNI was the first step in that process," coach Greg McDermott said.

Gruber showed up at Northern Iowa in McDermott's first season, only months after the Panthers had gone 7-24 under former coach Sam Weaver.

With his work ethic and toughness, the 6-foot-6 center set an example that others could follow and McDermott built from there to where the Panthers are now: waiting to find out where and who they will play in their first NCAA tournament appearance since 1990.

"You just have to have a plan and stick to it," said McDermott, a former Northern Iowa player.

Picked to finish sixth in the conference before the season, Northern Iowa (21-9) tied for

second and then won three times in the MVC tournament, finishing its run with a 79-74 victory over Southwest Missouri State in two overtimes in Monday night's title game.

That gave the Panthers an automatic berth in the NCAA tournament and left their fans swelling with purple pride.

"We've got the fever," said Chris Hetherington, a regular at UNI games. "I remember 1990 when we went. It's history again. This is huge for Cedar Falls."

Northern Iowa made the tournament at less than full strength. Gruber has been playing with a soft cast on his broken left wrist and guard Chris Foster was lost for the rest of the season after tearing a knee ligament on Feb. 29.

Still, the Panthers have won eight straight games and were the only conference team to beat regular-season champion Southern Illinois. Sophomore guard Ben Jacobson was voted the conference tournament's MVP after scoring 23 and 26 points in the last two games.

"We said a long time ago that sometimes the teams that get along the best will play the best," McDermott said.



Dennis Cook/Associated Press

Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig (left) testifies on professional sports drug-testing policies before the Senate Commerce Committee on Wednesday. At right is Donald Fehr, the executive director of the Major League Baseball Players Association.

Congress: Toughen steroid testing

BY FREDERIC J. FROMMER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. John McCain told the baseball players' association Wednesday that Congress will step in unless the union agrees to toughen the sport's steroid-testing rules.

The Senate Commerce Committee chairman challenged union head Donald Fehr to accept a far more stringent

drug-testing policy, such as the NFL's. Fehr said he couldn't agree to changes in the collective-bargaining agreement.

"Your failure to commit to addressing this issue straight on and immediately will motivate this committee to search for legislative remedies," warned McCain, an Arizona Republican.

"I don't know what they are. But I can tell you, and the players you represent, the status quo is not acceptable. And we will have to act

in some way unless the major-league players' union acts in the affirmative and rapid fashion."

Home runs have been hit at a record pace in the past decade, and players have gotten larger and stronger. Former MVPs Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti have said the use of steroids was widespread.

In his State of the Union address, President Bush appealed to sports leagues and athletes to end the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

Today, the White House is expected to endorse legislation criminalizing the use of certain performance-enhancing drugs that currently are available without prescriptions.

The *San Francisco Chronicle*, quoting information it said was provided to federal investigators, reported last week that steroids were given to Barry Bonds, Jason Giambi, and Gary Sheffield. Bonds, Giambi, and Sheffield have denied using steroids.

Miami coach 'partly aware' of recruit's past

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami coach Larry Coker conceded Wednesday that he was partly aware of the school's prized recruit had a criminal background.

Parade All-American line-backer Willie Williams was arrested and charged last month with violating probation, his 11th arrest since 1999.

"I was aware and not aware," Coker said Wednesday, five weeks after Williams signed a letter of intent to play at Miami.

"I was aware that he had some issues in his past. The specifics? No. But I was encouraged with the people I talked with. I was also very impressed with his transcript and his test score. I was very confident with what I saw with Willie."

Speaking publicly about Williams' situation for the first time since signing day, Coker said he had no regrets about recruiting the troubled Carol

City High School star. But he also said he plans to revisit the program's policies and practices before next year.

"We were as thorough as we possibly could have been," he said. "Will we do things differently? Sure."

"We're definitely going to revisit our policies, what we do and how we do it and certainly try to do it better. I feel very confident that whatever happens, this young man can be OK."

Williams is free on bond and wearing a monitoring device. He faces up to five years in prison if convicted. His next court date is set for March 24.

He was charged with setting off three fire extinguishers in his hotel and grabbing a woman against her will during a recruiting trip to Gainesville in January. The charges led authorities in Broward County to arrest him on a charge of probation violation.

Dream Team considered for Olympic Hall of Fame

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Michael Jordan and the original Dream Team, Dan Jansen, Jackie Joyner-Kersey, Kristi Yamaguchi, Shannon Miller, and Janet Evans are among the finalists for this year's U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame class, the first since 1992.

Six individual athletes, one team, and one paralympian will be inducted July 1 in Chicago. The inductees will be voted on by Olympians, U.S. Olympic officials and media representatives. Members of the public also can vote on the Internet until April 14.

A veteran representative — someone who competed at the 1956 Olympics or before — and a special contributor already have been selected by a nominating committee. Their names will be announced in May.

The finalists for individual

athletes are: Joyner-Kersey, Florence Griffith Joyner, Evelyn Ashford, Joan Benoit, and Valerie Brisco (track and field); Jansen and Bonnie Blair (speedskating); Evans, Matt Biondi, Rowdy Gaines, and Mary T. Meagher (swimming); Tracie Ruiz (synchronized swimming); Bruce Baumgartner, Jeff Blatnick, and John Smith (wrestling); Yamaguchi (figure skating); Miller (gymnastics); Oscar de la Hoya (boxing); and Greg Barton (canoe/kayak).

The Hall of Fame was established in 1983. Jesse Owens, Mark Spitz, Jim Thorpe, Wilma Rudolph, Peggy Fleming, and the 1980 hockey team were among the first class, and annual additions continued through 1992 before inductions were halted.

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Alford returns to old stomping grounds

ALFORD

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when he was 3 years old," said the elder Alford. "Every Friday and Saturday night, that was what he lived for."

Soon his son made a name for himself around town due to his silky smooth jumper and tireless work ethic.

"He was not a normal person as far as how he practiced," said Cox, who later became an assistant on Alford's staff at Manchester College in the early '90s. "He was practicing every day, and he was very diligent about it. He was very particular as far as [how] he kept records. I mean, you could've went back 10 years prior, and he knew how many free throws he hit out of 100 on July 12, 1976," Cox added with a laugh.

The work ethic wasn't limited to the basketball court, according to those close to Alford.

"He was a likable kid. Really just wholesome, with his religious faith and that work ethic," said Steve Dicken, a teacher who recently retired from Chrysler High and taught Alford in College Prep English his senior year.

"He was organized," Dicken added. "Before class, he would be milling around with the students, or me, and then once the bell rang, he would be seated and focused on what he had to do. I think that's something he's always had."

The ideal Hoosier

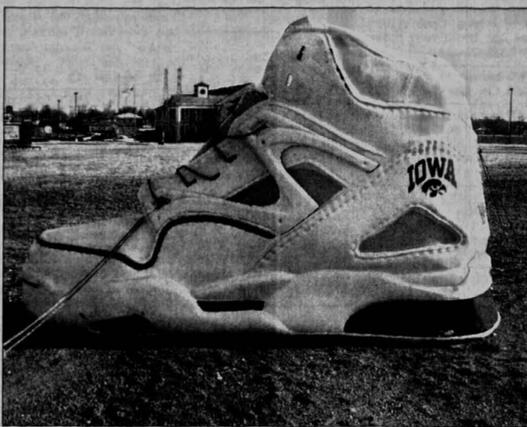
Those close to Alford say the community of New Castle embraced him during his playing days for his father at Chrysler, commonly referred to as simply "New Castle High" by the townsfolk nowadays (the local Chrysler plant was bought out recently). Incidents such as the embarrassment Hawkeye recruit J.R. Angle of Trafalgar, Ind., endured recently when a teammate mockingly passed him the ball while he was on the bench were few and far between for Alford as a prep — with the exception of his freshman year.

"When I played him as a freshman [when Steve averaged 1.5 points per game], the fans booed me for playing him," Sam Alford said. "Then, when I took him out of the game as a senior, they booed me for taking him out of the game."

Alford averaged 37.7 points per game in his final campaign at Chrysler, in 1982-83, and he was named the National Converse Player of the Year.

Displaying sniper-like accuracy from his shooting-guard position, Alford became a household name in the Hoosier State when he moved on to Indiana University, where he earned first-team All-Big Ten honors his last three seasons and left as the school's all-time scoring leader with 2,438 points.

"He was Indiana basketball to me as I grew up," said Chance Young, who played for the final squad Alford coached at Manchester College in 1994-95, a team that went 31-1 and was the Division III National runner-up.



In the middle of Hoosier country, a large shoe is painted black and gold in tribute to native son Steve Alford. The fiberglass shoe is 7 feet tall and 10 feet long.

Absorbing, not taking, shots

Of course, nowadays, success hasn't come as easily to the current coach of the Hawkeyes. Only once has his Iowa squad reached the NCAA Tournament, in 2001, and that came by virtue of a miraculous four-game Big Ten Tournament run.

As a result of such adversity, he's also had to endure another first — criticism.

Both the media and fans have taken their shots at Iowa's leader throughout the Hawkeye State this season.

Many sports publications have listed Alford as being on the hot seat, and attendance, at 12,977 per game, was the worst in the history of the 21-year-old Carver-Hawkeye Arena this season.

The fifth-year Iowa coach did clear up one of the blemishes on his résumé recently when his Hawkeyes knocked off Purdue on March 6. The win gave Alford his first winning mark (9-7) in Big Ten play since he arrived in Iowa City.

However, even Alford would have to admit the Big Ten reached new lows in mediocrity this season. The conference is ranked sixth in the RPI, and nine of the league's members have double-digit losses.

Although still a relative neophyte in the coaching ranks, Alford has learned that, along with the \$800,000 per year salary, often comes criticism. He says he pays no attention.

Of the 20 scholarship players Alford has recruited to Iowa, seven have either transferred or quit the team. This season, Sean Sonderleiter and Nick DeWitz, key cogs in the Iowa attack, left the team.

Alford lost the services of Jared Reiner because of a stress fracture, and Mike Henderson because of academic difficulties.

"People will always look at a positive or a negative," Alford said. "It's always been about the spin. Hey, nobody's more upset about our Big Ten record over the last five years. I'd like for that to change."

"Do I know that over that five-year period we've had an awful lot of bad luck? Without question ... yet we still have managed to have winning seasons, and we've still managed to get to postseason, where a lot of teams would crumble and not even be a part of the March situations."

"I've learned in this business that you don't try to fight those things; you don't try to argue those things. It is there. There are facts both ways and we just try to improve."

'Losing not an option'

Alford said another reason the lights have shined brighter upon him as a coach than during his playing days is the proliferation of media outlets that have arisen in recent years.

"Everybody's always had opinions, but now I think the important step in this process has been the Internet and everything else," he added. "It's a lot different than when I played. You have a lot of 24/7 radio talk shows. I think that has probably spurred [critics] talking about things and thinking that they're experts in things."

While the head Hawkeye largely keeps a cool head when publicly addressing his recent shortcomings, Cox, who spent time on the bench with Alford during the dawn of his coaching career at Manchester, said his friend does not take to losing well.

"I think he got a lot more nervous as a coach than I can ever remember him being as a player," he said. "And that's just a control factor."

"I know they've had their ups and downs there at Iowa," Cox added. "I can't imagine how gut-wrenching that's been for him, because clearly he doesn't handle losing very well," he said with a laugh.

"I wouldn't compare him with Bob [Knight, Alford's coach at Indiana] by no means, but I do know losing is not an option anymore."

If New Castle's native son works as hard as they say, Iowa might just join the nation's elite soon.

"I don't think I've ever been around anyone as competitive — no matter whether it's coaching or playing or anything — as Coach," said Young, 28, who has a burgeoning coaching career of his own, and led 3A Mississinewa (Ind.) High School to a 15-5 record and a Central Indiana Conference regular-season title this year.

And while Alford may yet have work to do in winning over certain legions of Iowa followers, back in his home state they'll still be on the edge of their seats come late Friday afternoon.

All throughout New Castle, the lights leaking from the windows of houses will be flickering in unison, all those TV sets tuned to the same channel.

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Hawks are comfortable in confines of Consec

BIG TEN

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arc in conference play, good for second in the league, and Boyd has made the third-most 3s in school history.

Even Brunner, who passes for Iowa's big man these days, admits that the spotlight is usually on the backcourt in the Big Ten.

"The big men all around the league are pretty solid, they stay with each other pretty well, and they usually can counter each other pretty well," said Brunner. In the games that we've played it's more been the guards that have gotten away from people. You take [Illinois'] Dee Brown or [Iowa's] Pierre [Pierce], for instance, they can put up 25 to 30 easily, and that's just to name a few."

Alford and Boyd are both Indiana boys, the coach from New Castle, the player from Dugger, and the rest of the Hawkeyes showed they feel at home in the Hoosier State as well, beating then-No. 16 Louisville in overtime, 70-69, at Consec on Nov. 29.

Although they carry an unimpressive 4-7 road record overall, the Hawks went 4-4 in Big Ten road games, the third-best such mark in the conference.

All of that gives Iowa confidence going back to Indy, even if all of those wins came against teams below the Hawkeyes in the league standings.

"From that standpoint that helps, knowing that we've been [to Consec] and played in that environment, and I would hope that the guys know that they've done a lot of good things on the road," Alford said. "If we want to keep playing at the level we want to play at, we've got to play all the games away from home."

If Iowa fails to make the NCAA Tournament, they'll likely play at least one NIT game at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

That's a fate that the Hawkeyes, and particularly seniors Worley, Boyd, and the injured Jared Reiner, who have journeyed through a three-year desert since last drinking from the cup of champions, desperately want to avoid.

"A lot of things have happened, most of them out of the control of that locker room, and they've really stayed together," said Alford of his seniors. "They want to have bookend championship seasons to end their careers."

To do that, they'll have to summon up the magic one more time.

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NCAA TOURNAMENT

Bowlsby can't cast ballot for Iowa as head of selection committee

(AP) — Here's some advice for Iowa fans pulling for the Hawkeyes to make the NCAA Tournament: Cheer for the conference favorites.

That comes from the chairman of the selection committee himself, Iowa Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby.

Not that Bowlsby will have anything to do with it. He has to leave the room anytime Iowa is discussed.

"I'm not permitted to cast a ballot on any votes that might include Iowa as one of the candidates," Bowlsby said Wednesday.

The 10-member committee begins its deliberations in Indianapolis today and will announce the 65-team field late on the afternoon of March 14.

Bowlsby said he also will recuse himself from discussions on seeding Northern Iowa, where he was athletic director before moving to Iowa. Northern Iowa earned an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament by winning the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

While Bowlsby said he could consider the Panthers fairly, "we'd like to avoid the reality and the perception that there is any preferential treatment."

Iowa, which finished fourth in the Big Ten, could end any suspense about making the NCAA Tournament by winning

the Big Ten Tournament. Failing that, the Hawkeyes (16-11) would have to receive one of the 34 at-large bids.

They're among the teams being considered but aren't regarded as a lock for a tournament berth.

Iowa plays Michigan in the quarterfinals of the Big Ten tournament on Friday. But other conference tournaments could have just as much effect on Iowa's chances. The more that go according to form, the more at-large spots they leave available.

"I think everybody on the bubble has to wish for conference tournaments to run according to predictions," Bowlsby said. "That is even more true as you get into the Big Ten, ACC, Big 12, Big East, because you tend to see some upsets in those."

"If those leagues are won by institutions that get hot and move through it, it can keep some people on the bubble out of the tournament."

The Missouri Valley Conference is an example of what can happen. If regular-season champion Southern Illinois had won that tournament, the Salukis probably would have been the league's only team in the NCAA field.

Because Northern Iowa won, the Panthers get the automatic berth, and Southern Illinois is expected to go as an at-large selection, taking a spot that otherwise would have been open.

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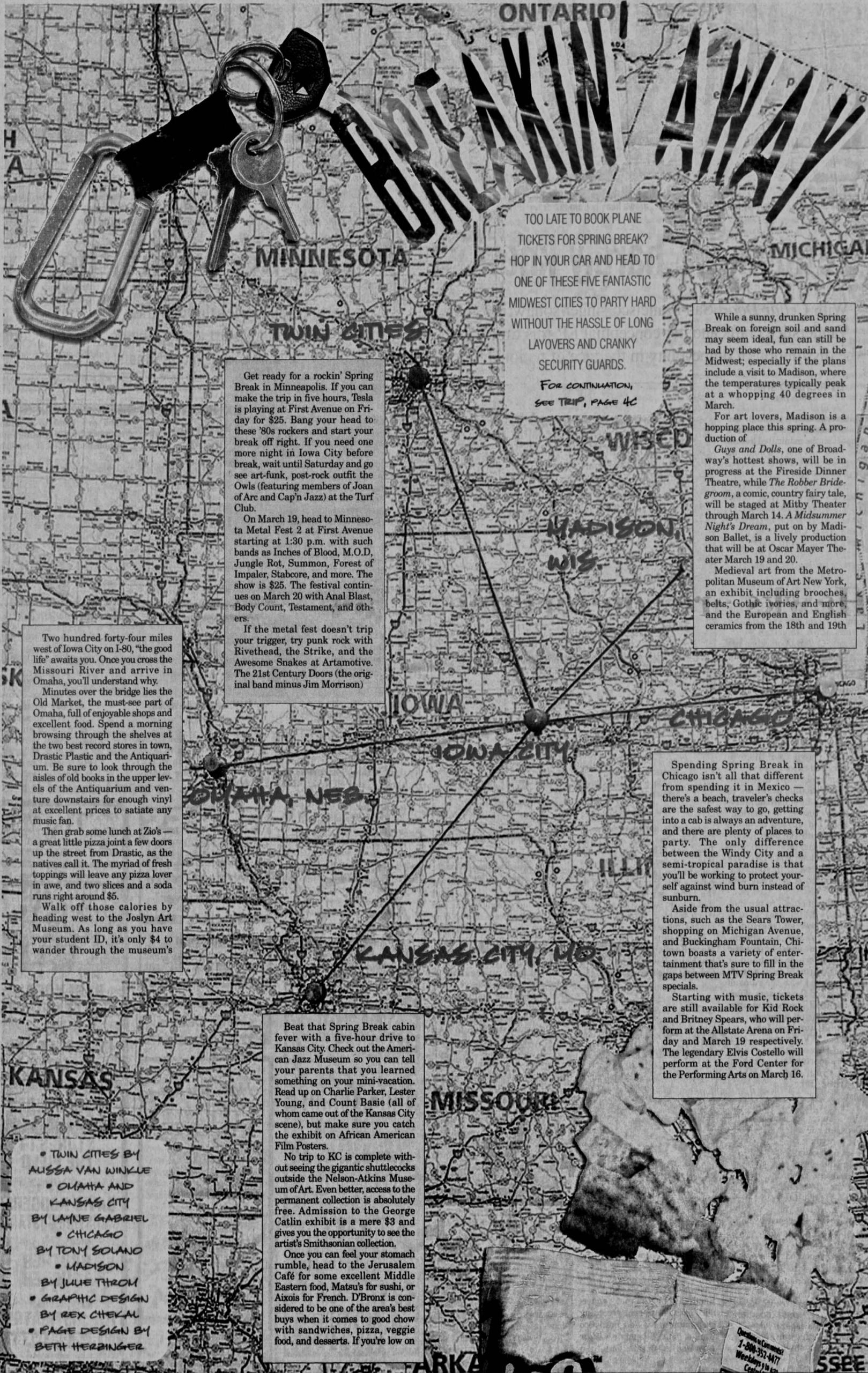
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On March 19, head to Minnesota Metal Fest 2 at First Avenue starting at 1:30 p.m. with such bands as Inches of Blood, M.O.D., Jungle Rot, Summon, Forest of Impaler, Stabcore, and more. The show is \$25. The festival continues on March 20 with Anal Blast, Body Count, Testament, and others.

If the metal fest doesn't trip your trigger, try punk rock with Rivethead, the Strike, and the Awesome Snakes at Artamotive. The 21st Century Doors (the original band minus Jim Morrison)

Two hundred forty-four miles west of Iowa City on I-80, "the good life" awaits you. Once you cross the Missouri River and arrive in Omaha, you'll understand why.

Minutes over the bridge lies the Old Market, the must-see part of Omaha, full of enjoyable shops and excellent food. Spend a morning browsing through the shelves at the two best record stores in town, Drastic Plastic and the Antiquarium. Be sure to look through the aisles of old books in the upper levels of the Antiquarium and venture downstairs for enough vinyl at excellent prices to satiate any music fan.

Then grab some lunch at Zio's — a great little pizza joint a few doors up the street from Drastic, as the natives call it. The myriad of fresh toppings will leave any pizza lover in awe, and two slices and a soda runs right around \$5.

Walk off those calories by heading west to the Joslyn Art Museum. As long as you have your student ID, it's only \$4 to wander through the museum's

Beat that Spring Break cabin fever with a five-hour drive to Kansas City. Check out the American Jazz Museum so you can tell your parents that you learned something on your mini-vacation. Read up on Charlie Parker, Lester Young, and Count Basie (all of whom came out of the Kansas City scene), but make sure you catch the exhibit on African American Film Posters.

No trip to KC is complete without seeing the gigantic shuttlecocks outside the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art. Even better, access to the permanent collection is absolutely free. Admission to the George Catlin exhibit is a mere \$3 and gives you the opportunity to see the artist's Smithsonian collection.

Once you can feel your stomach rumble, head to the Jerusalem Café for some excellent Middle Eastern food, Matsu's for sushi, or Aixois for French. D'Bronx is considered to be one of the area's best buys when it comes to good chow with sandwiches, pizza, veggie food, and desserts. If you're low on

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While a sunny, drunken Spring Break on foreign soil and sand may seem ideal, fun can still be had by those who remain in the Midwest; especially if the plans include a visit to Madison, where the temperatures typically peak at a whopping 40 degrees in March.

For art lovers, Madison is a hopping place this spring. A production of

Guys and Dolls, one of Broadway's hottest shows, will be in progress at the Fireside Dinner Theatre, while *The Robber Bridegroom*, a comic, country fairy tale, will be staged at Mithy Theater through March 14. *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, put on by Madison Ballet, is a lively production that will be at Oscar Mayer Theater March 19 and 20.

Medieval art from the Metropolitan Museum of Art New York, an exhibit including brooches, belts, Gothic ivories, and more, and the European and English ceramics from the 18th and 19th

Spending Spring Break in Chicago isn't all that different from spending it in Mexico — there's a beach, traveler's checks are the safest way to go, getting into a cab is always an adventure, and there are plenty of places to party. The only difference between the Windy City and a semi-tropical paradise is that you'll be working to protect yourself against wind burn instead of sunburn.

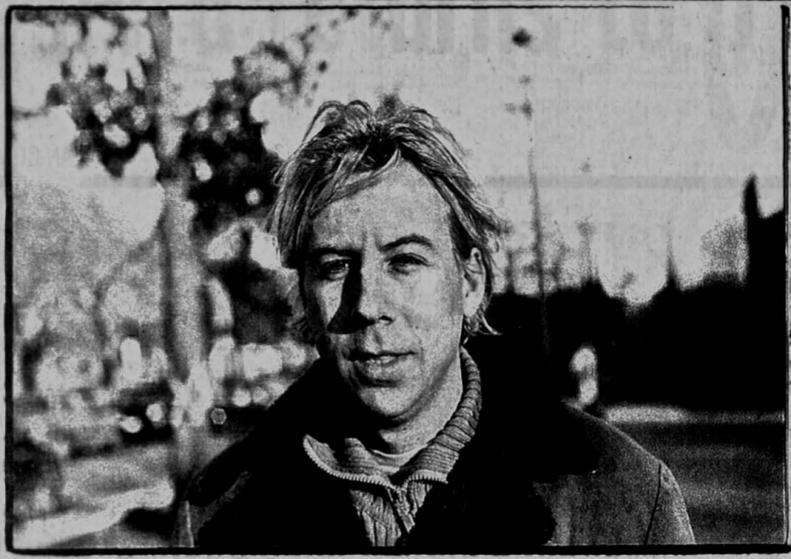
Aside from the usual attractions, such as the Sears Tower, shopping on Michigan Avenue, and Buckingham Fountain, Chitown boasts a variety of entertainment that's sure to fill in the gaps between MTV Spring Break specials.

Starting with music, tickets are still available for Kid Rock and Britney Spears, who will perform at the Allstate Arena on Friday and March 19 respectively. The legendary Elvis Costello will perform at the Ford Center for the Performing Arts on March 16.

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John Vanderslice, the former frontman of MK Ultra, draws heavily from his experience for his songs.

Vietnam, we hardly knew ya

With *Cellar Door*, San Francisco singer/songwriter John Vanderslice crafts another conceptual LP, this time about the dissolution of domesticity in the face of national trauma

BY RICHARD SHIRK
THE DAILY IOWAN

Reverberating through the mass consciousness, Vietnam's impact on the manicured lives of suburbia was and is a blighting presence just below the surface of everyday life.

And in stark character sketches and densely articulated indie-pop, this is also the unsettling common thread throughout *Cellar Door* (Barsuk), the latest in a string of largely conceptual LPs from San Francisco musician John Vanderslice.

In contrast to Antarctic motifs of *Time Travel is Lonely* and the deserted mansions and runaway teenagers of *Life and Death of an American Four-tracker*, *Cellar Door* relies not so much on overarching, constructed narrative but on the facets of the characters and the focus on the dissolution of domesticity in the face of national trauma.

For Vanderslice, the former frontman of forward-thinking outfit MK Ultra, the songs are heavily drawn from his own memory and experience.

"I definitely think that there was a particular darkness to growing up in suburban Maryland or wherever in America," he recalled during a phone interview with *The Daily Iowan*. "I think that, in a weird way, suburbia allows you to damage yourself more ... in suburbia, you can kind of get away with murder."

These vignettes are presented to us with the ghost of Raymond Carver whispering in Vanderslice's ear. The characters are real and sympathetic in their efforts to maintain or create a normal life in a landscape pocked with the ruins of families and the specters of former football heroes returning damaged from a foreign war that unfolded for most over TV dinners and in between the nightly sports run-down and the weather forecast.

"If I were in the Defense Department, the last thing I want is the kind of [media coverage] we saw during the Vietnam War," Vanderslice said. "... When you are 7 years old seeing that stuff is deeply affecting.

"The population at large is just as happy to get over the Vietnam syndrome as the war planners are."

In the songs "White Plains," "Pale Horse," and "June July," the mutual inseparability of the soldier and the war is explored — with the memories



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Time Travel is Lonely or Life and Death.

Cellar Door succeeds in pressing down on societal bruises, but in songwriting and vibe, Vanderslice is in a holding pattern. *Four Tracker's* poisoned gothic mood and *Time Travel's* cold skeletalism are more concise, even if *Cellar Door* is more successful in touching a deeper nerve. Only the wind-chime poignancy of "June July" and the macabre "Coming and Going on Easy Terms" stand up to such songs as "You Were My Fiji" and "Do You Remember" (*Time Travel*) or "Greyhound" (*Four Tracker*).

But what makes *Cellar Door* a crafted narrative and beautiful album is something inaudible, resounding, and bubbling just beneath the surface. Aside from creating a sinister duplicity in suburbia, he also asks a question: Down the street from city parks, in the houses of nuclear families, what collective fears and traumas gather dust, half-forgotten, behind our cellar doors in the dark?

hundreds of hours that Vanderslice estimates spent recording the album in his San Francisco Studio, Tiny Telephone, *Cellar Door* has less to show for it than

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5 Best Concept Albums

by John Vanderslice

Quadrophenia
by the Who

Lamb Lies Down on Broadway
by Genesis

The Wall
by Pink Floyd

The Final Cut
by Pink Floyd

In The Aeroplane Over the Sea
by Neutral Milk Hotel



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Matthew Hopson-Walker displays a sample of his artwork in the lithography room in the UI print department. *A Little Bird Told Me*, a new show including his work, opens on March 19.

Getting news from the sky

Local artists tell stories through their art about what happens when animals start acting like people and people start acting like animals

BY KATE BULLEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

You don't have to be famous to have an art exhibition.

Arts Iowa City, a local nonprofit artists' organization, gives new and student-artists, as well as established artists, a chance to exhibit their work. The gallery space consists of an office and gallery in the Jefferson Building, a satellite gallery at Starbucks, and the new Galleries Downtown at 218 E. Washington St. Beginning March 19, a new exhibit called *A Little Bird Told Me* will debut at the Jefferson Building and gallery. The exhibit will contain works by UI graduate students in the printmaking program.

The name comes from the title of one of the student-artist's works. Some of the pieces feature birds as well, creating an anthropomorphism that is the signature of the show — animals acting as people and people acting as animals as the artist tells a story with the piece.

Kim Ambriz, a second-year printmaking student, is excited about the upcoming exhibition.

EXHIBITION

A Little Bird Told Me

When: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Mar. 19-April 11
Where: 129 E. Washington St.
Admission: Free

"I've exhibited before in other Midwest galleries, but I like this one better than others," she said. Ambriz has

It's really interesting to see all the pieces together. Arts Iowa City is really great. It has a nice space, and it's great that it's so open to the public. I've never worked with a place like it before.

— Matthew Hopson-Walker, local artist

also had a previous Arts Iowa City showing in 2002. Nichole Maury, a third-year student graduating in May,

agrees.

"It's hard to get work out," she said. "Arts Iowa City is a good program; it provides resources for beginning and established artists. It should be bigger."

Recent graduate Matthew Hopson-Walker organized the exhibition, his first for Arts Iowa City. He has also organized exhibitions at the UI and at the Kansas Art Institute.

"It's really interesting to see all the pieces together," he said. "Arts Iowa City is really great. It has a nice space, and it's great that it's so open to the public. I've never worked with a place like it before."

A Little Bird Told Me will open on March 19 and run through April 11 at 129 E. Washington St. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with an artist reception on April 2 from 5-8 p.m.

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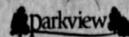
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No grey area when it comes to disobedience

UI Assistant Professor Kembrew McLeod, who allowed Internet users to download DJ Danger Mouse's *The Grey Album* as an act of civil disobedience, believes major labels are using copyright law to stifle creativity, and he has teamed up with activists around the country in an attempt to change things for good

BY LAYNE GABRIEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

When the Beatles' copyright holder, EMI, began sending out cease-and-desist orders to stop the distribution of *The Grey Album* — DJ Danger Mouse's innovative remix of Jay-Z's *The Black Album* and the Beatles' *The White Album* — Internet activists and a UI professor decided to get involved.

Citing copyright law violations, EMI asserted that Danger Mouse illegally sampled music from the Beatles' catalogue to create *The Grey Album*. When the people at www.downhillbattle.org caught wind of the notices and realized that the album would probably never be released, they decided to take a huge step against EMI. Two weeks before Feb. 24 (the day when a few thousand copies of the album were allegedly supposed to hit independent record stores), co-founders Holmes Wilson and Nicholas Reville announced their plans for Grey Tuesday.

"Websites could host the album for a day, and sites that didn't have the space and bandwidth could turn their page grey

for solidarity," Wilson said. "Within 24 hours, we had more than 40 websites join."

Kembrew McLeod, a UI assistant professor of communications, decided to participate by hosting the album on his website, www.kembrew.com.

"I've been documenting and writing about these people who put themselves on the line and possibly get themselves sued, and it's something I feel strongly about," he said. "I felt it would be immoral to take the detached scholar perspective and watch people take the fall for something I feel so strongly about."

Downhill Battle stands up for musicians' rights and creates various campaigns to promote music-industry reform. Grey Tuesday was another one of those

projects. "We were pretty amazed at how well it worked out, because the day before the planned protest, our site and all the other sites that were going to host the album received a cease-and-

desist letter from EMI, which is pretty threatening," Wilson said. "We had 170 sites hosting it for a good part of the day and, in total, we distributed about 100,000 copies of the album, which made it much more

than just a symbolic stand. We actually distributed enough copies to have made it No. 1 on the charts."

UI sophomore Melissa Mace downloaded *The Grey Album* after getting an e-mail about it from a hip-hop organization, and she's happy that she did.

"It's not going to be released, and I'd like to have it," she said. McLeod, Downhill Battle, and people such as Mace who may have just downloaded the album out of curiosity have worked together to send a message to the music industry, showing the need for reform in regards to copyright laws and file sharing.

"The main point of the protest is that copyright law was created to promote the progress of science and the useful arts," Wilson said. "It was created to make it possible for people who were making a living by doing something creative, such as

writing, making music, and doing art, to continue being creative. It was meant to encourage creativity, and the major labels are using it to stifle creativity."

Downhill Battle also calls for reform of CDs pricing, which tends to deprive artists of royalties. If a disc costs \$16 retail, the artist is likely only receiving perhaps 80 cents per album, Wilson said. The website promotes file sharing as a method of weakening the music industry's monopoly.

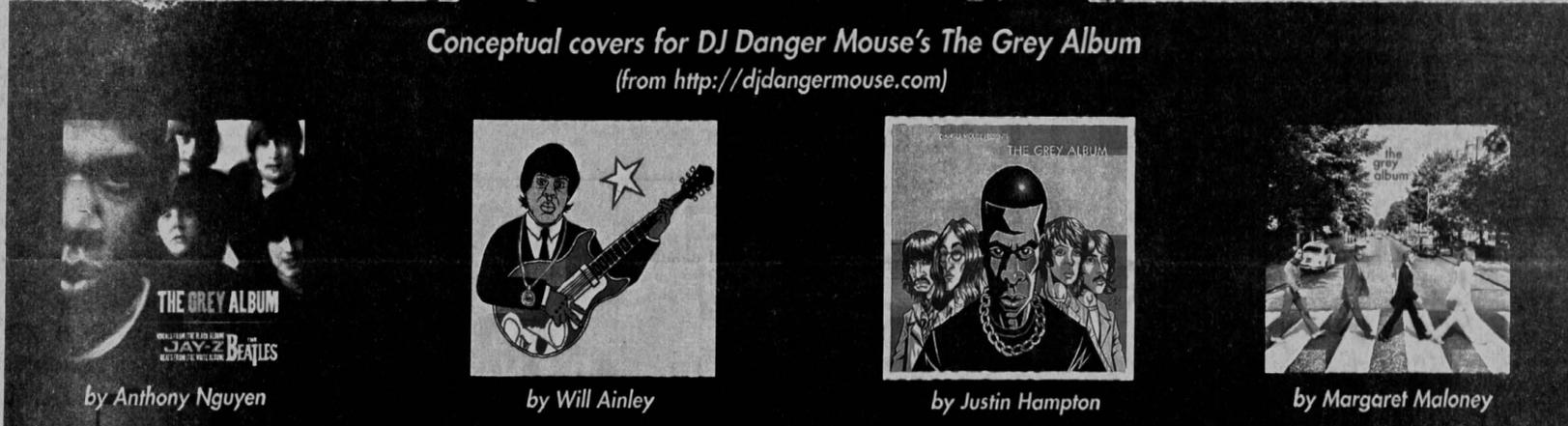
McLeod sees the major labels' resistance to digital music as the result of slumping sales.

"There are plenty of independent musicians that I know that in the past three years are doing much better than they were before [because of file sharing]," he said. "Every single musician that I've spoken to that works outside of the major-label industry sees file trading as a huge benefit. All file trading means is that it's free exposure. Real music fans, once they get turned onto a band, will end up buying a CD or going to see the band when it plays live in town."

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Conceptual covers for DJ Danger Mouse's *The Grey Album* (from <http://djdangermouse.com>)



Looking at music through the glass greyly

DJ Danger Mouse's *The Grey Album* — an innovative work of genius that combines Jay-Z's *The Black Album* and the Beatles' *The White Album* — is as brilliant as it is imaginative

BY DANNY KIMBALL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The idea is amazingly simple, yet remarkably imaginative — put Jay-Z's *The Black Album* together with the Beatles' *The White Album* to create *The Grey Album*. This is exactly what DJ Danger Mouse did.

We have heard of the huge legal battle over the unauthorized use of the Beatles' music, the highly unexpected popularity of the record through online distribution, and the giant spectacle created as a result. However, there is much more to this story than just the heated debate over intellectual copyright laws and listeners' subsequent curiosity about a peculiar concept. This album is more than a novelty; it is an absolutely brilliant work.

After being inspired by inadvertently listening to Jay-Z and the Beatles in the same day, Danger Mouse spent only two weeks making the record. He never intended to release the album commercially, instead merely giving a few CDs to

friends. Soon, a few copies turned into a few thousand copies, and it had spread all over the Internet. Following the copyright dispute, websites organized a protest — a mass release of the album on what they called Grey Tuesday. As far as can be determined, the album will only be available online, but since Grey Tuesday, hundreds of thousands of copies have been circulating websites and file-sharing programs.

Danger Mouse used nothing but the two albums in producing the 12 tracks, using an a cappella version of Jay-Z's album (made specifically for remixes) for the raps and instrumental productions he made by remixing the Beatles' 1968 classic record. The result is the most innovative hip-hop record I have ever heard and one of the most fascinating albums to be released in a very long time. It is not quite so bizarre as one would imagine, mostly because Danger Mouse cut the Beatles songs apart into almost unrecognizable backgrounds. This is certainly not to be compared

with the fad that circulated the Internet rather recently of mash-ups, which also mix together unlikely bedfellows, such as Christina Aguilera singing with the Strokes, but put the vocals straight over the instrumentals with no remixing.

It is, on the other hand, is a deft, visionary production by Danger Mouse, most of it sounding strangely appropriate. It is best appreciated with knowledge of the context. Upon comparison, *The Grey Album* is actually better than Jay-Z's excellent original record. In spite of *The Black Album*'s refreshingly engaging production by the likes of Kanye West, Just Blaze, and the Neptunes, Danger Mouse's mix is

utterly captivating. *The Grey Album* is an infinitely interesting listen, no matter how much one has heard of either album.

Although it shares all of the lyrical content with *The Black Album*, this is a very different record — the songs seem completely new.

The acoustic guitar line from "Mother Nature's Son," along with a wonderful backward bass line, fits the nostalgic storytelling of "December 4th" flawlessly. "What More Can I Say," a great track originally, with an imposing beat and a sample of Russell Crowe from *Gladiator*, here becomes a chill flow when mixed with "While My Guitar Gently Weeps," which sounds perfectly hip-hop

with more bass and a cut-up backbeat.

Danger Mouse works with the original concept of guitars on "99 Problems" and uses "Helter Skelter" to make a new version that rocks harder. He succeeds when he deconstructs the Beatles and when he leaves it mostly as is: "Encore" bounds along smoothly over a mostly recognizable but start-and-stop "Glass Onion" background, while "Dirt Off Your Shoulder" finds the acoustic guitar from "Julia" as a chopped-apart backbeat, complete with John Lennon providing the "uh" backup for Jay-Z. Even the enjoyable

but ubiquitous single "Change Clothes" gets a fresh take by being mated with the harpsichords from "Piggies," resulting in a creative, silly bounce.

The record at the center of the embroiled dispute over copyrights and online music is, in fact, an excellent hip-hop record. This is much more than a silly prank played on the music industry for attention. Danger Mouse has taken perhaps one of the most unlikely combinations imaginable and made it into a work of genius.

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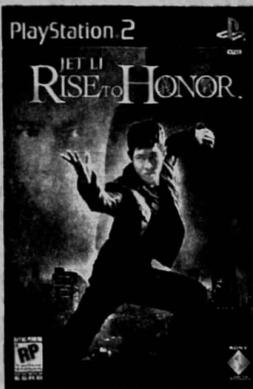
Some video games are destined to be losers.

Die-hard game fans spend their lives avoiding this mediocrity with a sixth sense that develops through experience. The game that boasts about its source material, such as "based on the hit movie," often has that distinct aroma of failure.

A new generation of gamers has forced game publishers to invent fresh marketing tricks. The latest trend involves taking a popular action star, placing a digital representation of him in a game, and then repeatedly pounding prospective customers over the head with the same television ad. Those who watch male-oriented channels, such as Spike TV, Comedy Central, or Cartoon Network, have undoubtedly seen the commercial for Jet Li's Rise to Honor a dozen times.

Rise to Honor, which is available for the Sony PlayStation 2, is a mediocre fighting game that contains a couple of moments of brilliance and more than a few sequences of dullness. After a brief surge of popularity resulting from the intense advertising campaign, Rise to Honor is destined to become another obscure title that couldn't live up to its gimmick.

The plot centers on Kit Yun (Jet Li), an undercover cop who has infiltrated a Hong Kong crime family. Yun eventually rises to the rank of protecting the boss, but he fails in his mission when the boss is murdered by a rival syndicate. He then has to track down the boss' daughter in San Francisco while the new head of the crime family tries to kill him.



VIDEO GAME REVIEW
Rise to Honor
Available for: Sony PlayStation 2
★★★ out of ★★★★★

Although the plot could have been lifted from one of a thousand movies, the cut scenes have a high production value that feels like a Hong Kong action film.

Rise to Honor may not be original, but the stunning graphics and slick presentation will hook unsuspecting gamers. The textures are quite impressive, giving the environments and characters a smooth, shiny feel, and the graphics are close to the peak of what the aging PlayStation 2 hardware is capable of producing.

Unfortunately, the character model for Jet Li is a little odd. While the facial features are quite detailed and reminiscent of the actor, the character has

extremely high cheekbones and huge eyes that seem ready to pop out of his face. If Jet Li went on a crack-smoking binge, this is how he would look.

Monotony is the biggest drawback for any fighting game; there is no way someone can beat up wave after wave of identical looking thugs without getting bored. The developers wisely incorporated a little variety, adding gunplay sequences and Metal Gear-like stealth portions. The fighting mechanics are also quite original, forcing the player to use the right analog stick instead of the standard buttons. Yun will start kicking and punching in whatever direction the player pushes the stick, giving her or him the ability to fight numerous enemies.

Sadly, this innovation is wasted on a game that isn't strong enough to support it. Eighty-five percent of the game consists of constant fighting, but most of the combat is a dull exercise in repetition. The high quality presentation helps to move things along, but the movie-like montages lack the personality a title like this needs.

The game is short enough to beat in a weekend, although the challenge significantly rises toward the end. Jet Li fans will want to make this a rental, although the rest of the gaming populace will lose interest in the title after one sitting.

Playing this game is a lot like watching Jet Li's film *The One*. Both manage to ruin a few good ideas and pretty eye candy with subpar action sequences. Moviegoers were left longing for classic Jet Li films, and gamers will want to dig up an old copy of *Double Dragon*.

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WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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WILL PERFORM AT GABE'S ON SATURDAY

TODAY

Music

- **Euforquesta**, Hyde Park, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, 9 p.m., \$4
- **John Vanderslice**, Okkervil River, Make Way for the Uno Champion of the World, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 9 p.m., \$7
- **Rock Candy**, Blue Bottle, Making Hey, Wreckage of Modern City, Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert, 9 p.m., price TBA
- **Jazz Jam**, Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert, 9:30 p.m.

Words

- **Guy Vanderhaeghe**, fiction, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, 8 p.m., free

FRIDAY

Music

- **Shame Train**, Ben Eaton, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
- **The Walkmen**, the French Kicks, the Natural History, Gabes, 9 p.m., \$10
- **The Slatz CD release**, Giant Step, Leah Quinelle, Green Room, time and price TBA
- **GizmoFunk**, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m.

Words

- "Talk of Iowa: Live From the Java House," Alastair Mook, Java House, 211 E. Washington, and WSUI, 10 a.m., free
- "Know the Score Live," Museum of Art, and KSUI, 5 p.m., free.

- "Perceptual Acoustic Assessments," lecture and panel discussion with Jody Kreiman, Clapp Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m., free
- **Peter Craig**, fiction, Prairie Lights, 8 p.m., free

Theater

- **Father of the Bride**, Iowa City Community Theatre, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 8 p.m., \$6-\$12

SATURDAY

Music

- **Alma Hovey Hayride's last show**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$3
- **Dave Zollo**, Gus' Food and Sprits, Coralville, 9 p.m., no cover
- **Ester Drang with Haley Bonar**, the Reputation, the Heavenly States, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$6
- **Fat Possum Caravan**, Green Room, 9 p.m., price TBA

Words

- **Chang-Rae Lee**, fiction, Prairie Lights, 4 p.m., free

Theater

- **Father of the Bride**, Community Theatre, 8 p.m., \$6-\$12

SUNDAY

Music

- **Blues Jam**, Yacht Club, 8 p.m., free

Theater

- **Father of the Bride**, Community Theatre, 2:30 p.m., \$6-\$12

MONDAY

Music

- **Blues Jam**, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$1
- **The Leah Quinelle All-Stars**, Happy, Sharing Mass Graves, My Brand New Life, Breakaway, Gabe's, time and price TBA

TUESDAY

Music

- **Funkin' Jazz Jam**, hosted by Matt Grunstad and friends, Green Room, 9 p.m., \$1
- **Tortured Soul**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5

Words

- **Sue Boggio and Mare Pearl**, fiction, Prairie Lights, 8 p.m., free

Misc.

- **Salsa Break**, Arts à la Carte, 20 E. Market, 9 p.m., \$5
- **Stitch 'n' Bitch**, knitting and crochet, Public Space One, 6 1/2 S. Dubuque St, 4 p.m., free

WEDNESDAY

Music

- **Dr. Z's Experiment**, Green Room, time and price TBA

The long and winding road

TRIP

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Twin Cities

will play at the Orpheum Theater on March 20 at 9 p.m.; the show is \$55.

If music isn't your dish, try out some of these attractions:

Canterbury Park (a racing and card club), Caponi Art Park (where the park is the art), Como Park Zoo, Gameworks (32,000 square feet of fun), and the Minneapolis Sculpture Garden. Or visit the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Walker Art Center, or the Minnesota Zoo.

If excitement is your game, your demise may be a short drive from the cities at Mystic Lake Casino and St. Croix Casino.

Omaha, Neb.

permanent collection and the featured exhibits: Fabulism and Late Modern European Prints.

Head back to the Market to check out some more shops, notably vintage clothing store Retro, and the Passageway. The Passageway holds a potpourri of stores, including New Realities and the Souq, which offer all sorts of fun books, clothes, trinkets, and more.

For dinner, spend your dough on the best burger you can find in town, made from ground Omaha steaks at the Upstream. If you're over 21, make sure to order a pint of one of the Upstream's house brews.

Let the night lead you in a variety of places around the downtown Omaha area. Catch Criteria (March 14) or Strike Anywhere (March 17) at the Sokol Underground. Take a walk through the Heartland of America Park and get an ice cream cone at Ted and Wally's. Or you could always hack out big money for Britney Spears and Kelis at Qwest Center on March 17, but why would you want to do that when the \$70 for one floor ticket could buy you a much bigger taste of Omaha?

Kansas City, Mo.

bucks, this is definitely the place to eat

You can also venture to Recycled Sounds and browse through racks of new and used music in a

funky atmosphere from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Kansas City is also the place to be for shows big and small. Unfortunately, you'll miss Rod Stewart at the Kemper Arena tonight, but fret not. You can make up for it at the *Playboy* 50th Anniversary Club Tour at the XO Club on March 17.

And once you're in Kansas City, you might as well make the quick drive to Lawrence, Kan., to catch the Von Bondies at the Jackpot Saloon or the Lawrence Arms at the Bottleneck on March 15.

Chicago

For those who saw and enjoyed Lucky Boys Confusion when it came to Iowa City, the band will play for its hometown fans on March 19 at the Double Door.

The critically acclaimed Blue Man Group has performances throughout the week at the Briar Street Theatre. Still one of Chicago's top attractions, the group combines instrumental music, theater, and art to put on an innovative and very entertaining spectacle.

If bagpipes are your music of choice, Chicago is the place to be for St. Patrick's Day — the Chicago River is dyed green and parades invade the city and suburbs. The Irish pubs and many other bars will feature drink specials and green beer, and instead of watching tan women in skimpy swimsuits on the beach, you can watch pasty men in skimpy kilts walking down the street.

Chicago also features a plethora of art museums and theaters. Notable theater performances include *The Phantom of the Opera*, which runs throughout the week at the Cadillac Place Theatre, and *Grease*, which starts March 19 at the Paramount Arts Center.

Madison, Wis.

centuries display of 30 pieces, will both be on display at the Elvehjem Museum of Art.

The fun, however, doesn't end there. Sports fans can attend the world's largest paddle-sport exposition and be given the opportunity to not only hear some of the world's best paddlers and teachers speak but to view the best paddle-sport gear at lower rates. Or they can

attend the Greater Madison Golf Show at the Alliant Energy Center. Bike fans can experience the show for bicycles at the Alliant Energy Center's Bike-O-Rama, where they can shop, compare accessories, and test rides, and select from all the 2004 bicycle models.

For the those who are exhausted just looking at the possibilities and would maybe prefer a little R & R, there is Yoga in the Garden at Olbrich Botanical Gardens and countless flower walks through the University of Wisconsin Arboretum Visitor Center.

But let us not forget those people who, while maybe not venturing very far out of the states surrounding Iowa, still fantasize about spending a week in an obliterated drunken stupor. While the St. Patrick's Day parade on March 14 may be the perfect beginning to a week you won't remember, your thirst can be quenched in the subsequent days in any of Madison's 178 bars and pubs.

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Publicity Photos

Frank T. Hopkins and his horse, Hidalgo, race a sandstorm in the Ocean of Fire journey across the Arabian desert.

A fantastical desert journey



FILM REVIEW

by Will Scheibel

Hidalgo

When:

12:10, 1:10, 3:20, 4:20, 6:30, 7:30, and 9:40 p.m.

Where:

Coral Ridge 10

★★★½ out of ★★★★★

Someone tell *Seabiscuit* to take a hike; I'm putting my money on Hidalgo for this race.

And what a race it is. This death-defying, 3,000-mile trek across the Arabian Desert's "Ocean of Fire" pits our heroes against a sandstorm, a plague of locusts, violent raiders, and the attempts of fellow contestants to thwart them. Oh yeah, and they also have to rescue a sheikh's daughter (Zuleikha Robinson) from the clutches of the bad guy along the way. It almost seems as though this barely coherent plot was an afterthought for the filmmakers. Their sprawling tall tale is an episodic and meandering yarn that diverges into one subplot after another, finally culminating in a deus ex machina involving Native American mysticism. Of course, I wouldn't have it any other way.

Just as Disney's *Pirates of the Caribbean* (2003) was a throwback to the classic cliffhanging swashbucklers, *Hidalgo* unabashedly pays homage to the B-Westerns and sword-and-sand epics of vintage Hollywood. Though it's released under Disney's less family-

friendly studio, Touchstone Pictures, parents can take their older children to the theater and will probably have a better time than the kids.

Viggo Mortensen plays Frank T. Hopkins, a washed-up Pony Express courier of the early 1890s who makes his living as a performer in Buffalo Bill's "Wild West" shows.

Nevertheless, his loyal mustang named Hidalgo is still being hailed as a living legend. When this news reaches the ears of Sheikh Riyadh (Omar Sharif), Hopkins and Hidalgo are invited to participate in his notoriously perilous race. Only the best of the best enter this Middle Eastern competition, few survive, and the winner collects a fortune. It's an offer Hopkins can't refuse, but once Hidalgo's hooves hit the sand, the pair gets thrown into a nonstop sprint to stay alive.

Mortensen is best known as Aragorn of the *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy (2001, 2002, 2003), and he makes for another solid action hero in this territory. While he doesn't convey the cheeky, charismatic appeal of Jack Colton from *Romancing the Stone* (1984) or *Indiana Jones*, there is something compelling about Mortensen's quiet, rugged nobility as Hopkins.

Apparently, some recent controversy has been raised surrounding the "based on a true story" subtitle used in Disney's promotional campaigns. Hopkins was indeed a real person who had

an actual horse named Hidalgo, but it's questionable how much is fact and how much fiction in these adventure accounts. The issue is irrelevant to the movie, and I honestly don't believe anyone is expected to take this "true story" stuff too seriously. It's pretty clear that *Hidalgo* is largely fantasy, and that's what it's intended to be.

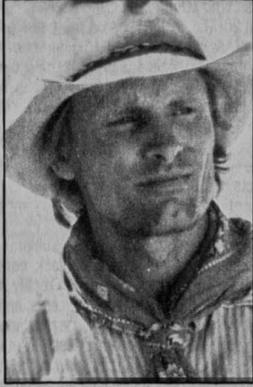
Anyone wanting a believable historical drama is at the wrong movie.

The film was directed by Joe Johnston, who knows how to do escapism well (his *The Rocketeer* [1991] was another nostalgic treat). Yes, it's predictable and manipulative, and the characters are basically cartoonish, but what do you expect? When a director is able to take such inconsequential silliness and turn it into something entertaining, he deserves ample credit.

Johnson's affectionate romp isn't perfect; it runs a tad long and takes a little while to kick into high gear. Overall, though, it works quite well. Don't step out for popcorn refills too often, or you'll miss fun cameos by Malcolm McDowell and C. Thomas Howell, as well as some gorgeous cinematography by Shelly Johnson.

I never thought I'd see the day when Hollywood would return to its sweet and innocent roots, but like the Rolling Stones said: "Wild horses, couldn't drag me away/Wild horses, we'll ride them someday."

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In *Hidalgo*, Viggo Mortensen, Aragorn in *The Lord of the Rings*, plays Frank T. Hopkins, a former Pony Express courier.

Been there, yawned that



FILM REVIEW

by David Fulco

Starsky & Hutch

When:

12:10, 1, 2:30, 3:30, 4:50, 6, 7:10, 8:30, and 9:50 p.m.

Where:

Coral Ridge 10

★★½ out of ★★★★★

Who is it that keeps green-lighting television remakes for big-screen production? And how can we make the hurting stop?

The newest installment, *Starsky & Hutch*, is based on the popular television series that ran from 1975 through '79 and became the iconic television police series of the 1970s. The show was television's answer to the success of the violent and gritty *Dirty Harry* film series and attempted to bring much of the same thrill to TV audiences. "Starsky and Hutch" starred David Soul and Paul Michael Glaser, but the series became more famous for its 1974 Ford Torino and its subsequent car chases than anything the two leads did in front of the camera. By the end of its fourth season, ABC pulled the plug on the show because of slipping ratings, but "Starsky and Hutch" still remains an indelible fixture in police TV drama.

But thanks to the ever decreasing pool of original Hollywood thought, *Starsky and Hutch* have now been given new life in the form of their very own feature-length film from director Todd Phillips (*Old School*, *Road Trip*). As we perhaps have come to expect from Phillips, *Starsky & Hutch* is a comedic homage to its "hip" '70s roots that relies more on tongue-in-cheek parody of the 1970s than it does on the action and adventure that made the television series a hit. *Starsky & Hutch* is by no means the worst '70s reinvention (most of us still have nightmarish flashbacks of *Scooby Doo*), but it does take the soul out of



Publicity photo

Ben Stiller and Owen Wilson play 1970s mismatched TV police duo Starsky and Hutch.

the original series and turns it into a gimmick to be spread thinly throughout its 100-minute running time.

For *Starsky & Hutch* circa 2004, Ben Stiller plays Starsky, an anal, by-the-book cop who prosecutes all criminals to the fullest extent of the law, much to the dismay of his newly appointed partner Hutch (Owen Wilson). Hutch's laid-back, me-first attitude lands him in trouble with the force but also gives him a valuable knowledge of Bay City's underworld, where kickbacks and beautiful women are plentiful. Hutch's street smarts brings him in contact with Huggy Bear (Snoop Dogg), a police informant and Vito Corleone-esque ring leader who may or may not be pimping on the side. Huggy Bear tells the duo that the mother lode of all cocaine deals is about to go down in Bay City, and it looks like it will be up to Starsky and Hutch to stop the crooks.

Playing the part of the evil villain is a moustache-clad Vince Vaughn, who has discovered a new type of cocaine undetectable by dogs. Of course, it takes our heroes most of the movie to discover Vaughn's criminal involvement,

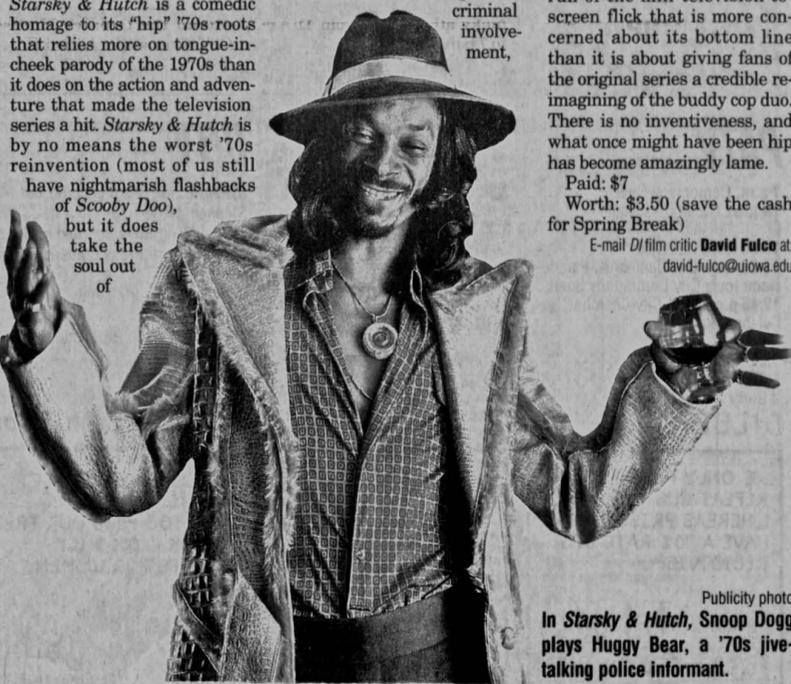
giving them plenty of time to hobnob with cardboard damsel cheerleaders Amy Smart and Carmen Electra and a dragon-crazed Will Ferrell, who is infatuated with Hutch's navel. Unfortunately, most of the sight gags and one-liners that are embedded throughout *Starsky & Hutch* have already been seen by audiences in the movie's trailer. One can hear the bated breaths of the audience members as they wait to once again laugh at the same line they remember seeing from the commercials.

The only true bright spot in *Starsky & Hutch* is Snoop, whose ultra-cool Huggy Bear is the only character that seems to embrace the '70s jive-talking hipness that made the original show cool. Snoop in fact seems to have too much cool for this movie and plays his part in a convincing un-winking manner that is appreciated when it seems like every other line is a setup to yet another joke. Snoop demonstrates an awareness of character that makes this critic think that perhaps his Huggy Bear deserved the movie entirely to himself.

What we are left with in *Starsky & Hutch* is another run-of-the-mill television-to-screen flick that is more concerned about its bottom line than it is about giving fans of the original series a credible re-imagining of the buddy cop duo. There is no inventiveness, and what once might have been hip has become amazingly lame.

Paid: \$7
Worth: \$3.50 (save the cash for Spring Break)

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Publicity photo

In *Starsky & Hutch*, Snoop Dogg plays Huggy Bear, a '70s jive-talking police informant.

NEW MOVIES

OPENING THIS WEEKEND

Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London

"Malcolm in the Middle" star Frankie Muniz stars as a teen spy sent to London to pose as an exchange student.

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