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## Groups rally in favor of reproductive rights/choice

BY CHRISTINA ERB  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Approximately 50 activists rallied with bullhorns and brightly colored signs on the Pentacrest Thursday advocating women's right to choose abortion.

"Our rights are eroding away," said Karen Kubby, the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic. "We need to be heard by the White House. We need to be heard by every living person in America."

Organizers of the march had two main objectives — to raise awareness and to draw local support for a national march in Washington, D.C., on April 25. Such activist groups as NARAL Pro-Choice America, Iowa City National Organization for Women, and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance organized the event.

Michael Rack of the International Socialist Organization marched alongside dozens of UI students chanting, "We won't lose the right to choose."



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Emma Goldman  
Clinic director

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### IC CITY COUNCIL

## Sprinklers not to be required in greek houses

BY WILLIAM MIKESSELL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City City Council will not hear a city fire marshal recommendation that would have required all UI fraternity and sorority houses to install automatic fire sprinkler systems during next week's discussion of fire-code updates.

Housing and Inspection Services rejected Fire Marshal Roger Jensen's advice to mandate implementation of sprinkler systems in the houses. Swayed by greek community leaders, who said installing the estimated \$50,000 fire-prevention systems in nearly every house would be too expensive, the housing board of appeals voted, 5-2, on March 8 against the safety measure, said city building inspectors.

"The funding for it would have to come out of nowhere," said UI Panhellenic Councilor Michelle Thompson, adding that each chapter would have been forced to procure alumni funding or raise dues, something difficult considering stagnant recruiting numbers.

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## Americans vow revenge for Fallujah killings

BY SEWELL CHAN AND KARL VICK  
WASHINGTON POST

BAGHDAD — U.S. officials vowed Thursday to hunt down those responsible for the killing and mutilation of four American civilians in western Iraq, and they acknowledged that ordinary Iraqis, not just religious extremists, are behind some of the violence against the American-led occupation.

One day after the incident in Fallujah, in which insurgents killed four American security guards and enraged townspeople burned and hung their corpses, the effects of the ambush and its gory conclusion could be felt throughout the Iraqi capital.

The top U.S. military spokesman in Iraq vowed a

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## Members of the Iowa National Guard's 109th Medical Battalion return to Iowa City after serving in Iraq for a year



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Members of the 109th Medical Battalion celebrate after a ceremony in the Coral Ridge Mall marking their return from Iraq.

# 2,000 welcome back troops

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL  
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THE DAILY IOWAN

Approximately 2,000 family members and friends of the Iowa National Guard's 109th Medical Battalion welcomed back to Iowa City nearly 200 soldiers with banners, balloons, flowers, and open arms Thursday at a crowded Coral Ridge mall.

After a year of service in Iraq, the 109th landed March 27 at Volk Field in Wisconsin for four days of processing before catching buses to Coralville. En route to the mall, whole towns and passersby honored the troops. The Solon Fire Department broke out the hoses to shoot an arch of water over the buses as they

**ALSO INSIDE:** The women in a newly formed support group for those with loved ones in the military discover a lot of common ground. See page 2A

passed on Main Street.

Toting welcome-home gear — T-shirts, signs, miniature American flags, and cameras — the anxious crowd sobbed in relief as the soldiers filed onto the plank-covered ice rink at the mall.

"The last couple of minutes are just torture," said Judy Cox of Waterloo, a soldier's mother, before the ceremony.

The 6 p.m. event included short speeches of gratitude from Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack and other local public officials. The event marks the single largest return of Iowa Guard troops since the war started in March 2003. Approximately 800 Iowa Guard troops are expected home by May.

"This is the farthest deployment [into a war zone] of a medical battalion in history," said Vilsack after the ceremony. "They survived without an injury or a lost vehicle. They performed unbelievably. They waited a year and a half to see their loved ones and be embraced back into their community and jobs."

The 109th was mobilized with the first



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Lt. Nicole Sieber watches the ceremonies during the return of the 109th Medical Battalion on Thursday. She was in training while the 109th was deployed in Iraq.

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Amanda May/The Daily Iowan

Tim Dickens, a co-owner of Herteen & Stocker Jewelers, adjusts a setting for a diamond ring on Thursday evening.

## Diamond industry takes steps to retain its luster

BY MARK QUINER  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Local jewelers say they are able to sleep a little better these days, knowing that there is an effort to ensure their diamonds don't support armed conflicts overseas.

In recent years, the threat of "conflict diamonds" — gems that are used to support armed warfare in Africa — have scared the industry into creating an international certification system called the Kimberley Process to stop the flow of such diamonds into the world market, a move jewelers say will maintain the credibility of their businesses.

Robert Moeller, a sales representative for diamond cutter and wholesaler Lazare Kaplan in New York, said that when the firm can ensure customers that its diamonds are not supporting violence overseas, the stone retains its sentimental value.

"We want to protect the image of that product," he said.

Bill Nusser, the owner of Hands Jew-

elers, 109 E. Washington St., said he is able to give reasonable guarantees to his customers that his diamonds obtained from Lazare Kaplan are legitimate. Lazare Kaplan is one of 80 businesses that buy from DeBeers, which adheres to the certification process.

The process requires shipments of rough diamonds to be packaged at the mine in tamper-proof containers with an official certificate of origin.

Jeremy Pedder, an adviser to the head of the Kimberley Process, said the project's development started in May 2000, when diamond-producing states in southern Africa developed a plan to promote the legitimate diamond trade.

He said that because the certification process is for rough diamonds, there is no evidence of origin at the retail level, adding that the initiative is still in its infancy. As time passes, he said, more new diamonds entering the market will go through the process, giving consumers increased faith in the system.

Willa Dickens, the owner of Herteen & Stocker Jewelers, 101 S. Dubuque St., said he cannot tell people the origin of most diamonds in his store because many come from corporations with multinational mine networks.

When the official certification process

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### WEATHER



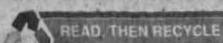
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# House defies Bush on road/transit bill

BY DAN MORGAN  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — House Republicans, openly defying President Bush's call for spending restraint, pressed ahead Thursday with a \$275 billion highway and mass-transit bill that exceeds a White House spending ceiling, bestows thousands of projects on lawmakers' districts, and requires Congress to consider adding more money two years from now.

A veto threat issued by the White House budget office on Tuesday appeared to have hardened the determination of GOP members — including many fiscal conservatives — to pass the legislation. The House began debating the bill and amendments Thursday. Final action is expected today.

The Senate has passed a \$318 billion version, far exceeding the \$256 billion limit set by Bush. The legislation would authorize federal spending for highways, bridges, rapid rail, and safety programs over the next six years.

Key Democrats stressed this week that they are solidly behind the Republicans in their money battle with the White House. Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, the ranking Democrat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said the bill before the House was the product of "partnership, not partisanship."

Members of both parties hailed the bill as addressing traffic congestion, crumbling infrastructure, and joblessness.

On Thursday, White House budget office spokesman Trent Duffy said Bush has proposed a "responsible plan" and is standing by it.

But in using the popular transportation bill to advertise his tough position on spending, the president appears to have badly miscalculated the mood of members of his own party. Sweetening the House measure are approximately 3,000 parochial projects for home districts — double the number approved in the previous long-term bill, passed in 1997.

They include a \$15 million earmark to build a road to a gold

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— Allen Schick,  
professor

mine in Alaska, \$3 million for a river walkway in Montgomery, Ala., and \$250,000 to construct a transportation museum at a Cleveland high school.

At the same time, GOP lawmakers from Florida, Ohio, Michigan, and other states seen as battlegrounds in the presidential election are demanding major changes in a highway-aid formula that, they say, shortchanges their states. In tense sessions with House GOP leaders this week, some Republicans from those states indicated that they might vote against the bill unless the disparities are corrected.

Rather than forcing House Republicans into line, as in the past, the White House's veto threats provoked an unprecedented revolt by congressional Republicans.

"Republicans are agreed on taxes. They're not agreed on spending, and that's a real problem," said Allen Schick, a professor at the University of Maryland's School of Public Affairs.

Schick noted that the bill brought to the House floor Thursday had been scaled back sharply from the \$375 billion measure favored by Rep. Don Young, R-Alaska, who chairs the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. That larger bill assumed a nickel increase in gasoline taxes, something the Bush administration has ruled out.

"In the minds of congressmen, especially Republicans, they've met the president more than halfway, and he's still sticking it to them," Schick said. "The president picked the wrong fight, in [their] eyes."



Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Associated Press

President Bush, surrounded by congressional Republicans and relatives of crime victims, signs the Unborn Victims of Violence Act during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House on Thursday.

# Bush inks fetal-crimes measure

BY AMY GOLDSTEIN  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Thursday signed legislation, sought by social conservatives for years, that elevates the rights of fetuses by making it a separate offense to harm an "unborn child" while committing a violent federal crime against a pregnant woman.

The law is entangled in the politics of abortion, but Bush sidestepped the larger controversy, portraying the hard-fought measure as a matter of criminal justice. "As of today, the law of our nation will acknowledge the plain fact that crimes of violence against a pregnant woman often have two victims," the president said.

Democrats, civil-liberties groups, and abortion-rights lobbyists regard the law as part of a conservative strategy to lay groundwork for an eventual challenge to the 1973 law that legalized abortion, *Roe v. Wade*, by establishing that fetuses have separate rights. The president and congressional Republicans deny any such link.

The White House used the signing ceremony as a visible evidence that Bush remains loyal to his conservative base. The bill was the first of the year that the president signed in the ornate East Room, and he shared a small stage with the parents of several pregnant women who have been murdered in recent years. Family members wept.

Among those relatives were the mother and stepfather of Laci Peterson, who was nine months pregnant with a son who was to be named Connor when she disappeared in California in late 2002. Their bodies were later found; her husband is facing murder charges. The highly publicized case galvanized efforts in Congress to pass the Unborn Victims of Violence Act. The House had passed the bill twice before, starting in the late 1990s, but it did not reach the Senate floor until last month.

Under the law, similar to ones that exist in approximately half the states, violence against a pregnant woman is considered two separate crimes, no matter whether an assailant is aware of

her pregnancy. It protects embryos and fetuses from conception. On Thursday, Bush used the word "children" in describing such fetuses. He said: "With this action, we widen the circle of compassion and inclusion in our society, and we reaffirm that the United States of America is building a culture of life."

Bush has taken a position that the nation is not ready for an abortion ban, but he has consistently sided with efforts to restrict the procedure and expand fetal rights. Last November, Bush signed into law a prohibition on a relatively uncommon but politically explosive type of late-term abortion; the law is being challenged in the courts.

# Dow adds Pfizer, Verizon, insurance titan

Index will dump International Paper, AT&T, and Eastman Kodak to make room for newcomers

BY BEN WHITE AND YUKI NOGUCHI  
WASHINGTON POST

NEW YORK — Mirroring an economy evolving away from its Rust Belt roots, the benchmark Dow Jones industrial average will start tracking three new stocks next week, including insurance giant American International Group Inc., pharmaceutical firm Pfizer Inc., and Verizon Communications Inc.

The Dow, the world's premier stock-market index and a psychological talisman for millions of investors, will dump International Paper Co., AT&T Corp., and Eastman Kodak Co. to make room for the new companies. The changes will take effect April 8 and will not change the level of the 30-member index. (The method of calculation will be

slightly altered to take into account the different stock prices.)

Paul Steiger, who as managing editor of the *Wall Street Journal* oversees the makeup of the Dow, said the changes reflect the changing nature of the American economy. The *Wall Street Journal* is owned by Dow Jones & Co., the publishers of the index.

"None of these changes was triggered by an event such as an imminent merger, which was the case in the past three instances of changes dating back to the early 1990s," Steiger said in a statement. "Rather, they recognize trends within the U.S. stock market, including the continued growth of the financial and health-care sectors and the diminishing relative weight of basic materials stocks."

"All these things are subjective decisions," said John Prestbo, the editor of the Dow Jones Indexes, who along with Steiger scrutinizes the index for potential changes at least once a year. "We try not to change the Dow very frequently. Why? Because we

think that not doing so bolsters peoples' belief that the Dow has integrity." Charles H. Dow founded the index in 1896 as a 12-stock gauge to measure the overall health of the market. In the subsequent 108 years, investors have agonized over the index's every tick.

The Dow's importance has grown dramatically in recent years, as stock-market investing evolved from the province of the well-heeled rich to a critical wealth generator for 85 million Americans who invest in individual stocks and mutual funds.

But the Dow also has been criticized for moving too slowly to reflect the transition from a manufacturing economy to one dominated by information, technology, and services.

The index began addressing the criticism in 1999, adding software titan Microsoft Corp. and chipmaker Intel Corp. and dismissing pre-Depression companies Union Carbide Corp., Chevron Corp., Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., and Sears, Roebuck & Co.

Market analysts said the changes announced on Thursday reflect a logical continuation of the effort begun five years ago.

"The Dow tries to get a small number of companies that are at heart of the American economy and are easy to monitor," said Chuck Hill, a veteran market observer and the president of investment analysis firm Veritas et Lux.

"I'm sorry to see [International Paper] going out, but the materials sector had three representatives, IP along with Alcoa and DuPont ... It makes sense to have more representation from financial services and health care and less from materials."

David Kotok, the president of investment firm Cumberland Advisors, said there was more significance in the firms going out, particularly International Paper, than the ones coming in.

"The message is in the deletion," he said. "Manufacturing — the basic dirty, greasy industries — are shrinking all the time."

## NATION

### Detroit schools cut 3,200 jobs

DETROIT (AP) — The city's struggling public schools are cutting 3,200 jobs — including at least 900 teaching positions — to close a budget gap, officials announced Thursday.

The majority of the cuts will be accomplished through layoffs. District chief executive Kenneth Burnley said an estimated 700 jobs will be cut through attrition, but the exact number remained unclear.

The layoffs will take effect at the end of the school year; they are intended to eliminate projected budget shortfalls of \$78 million for the current fiscal year and at least \$91 million next year.

The Detroit Federation of Teachers criticized district officials for failing to "properly utilize its existing staff."

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NEWS

# Dragnet sweeps up 50 in 5 nations

Detainees suspected of belonging to or aiding a Turkish far-left group

BY TRACY WILKINSON  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

ROME — In a dragnet spanning five countries, authorities Thursday arrested more than 50 people suspected of belonging to or aiding a far-left Turkish group blamed for a string of deadly bombings and shooting attacks against Americans and Turks.

**Nations involved:**

- Turkish, German, and Italian police
- Raids conducted in Turkey, Italy, Belgium, Germany, and the Netherlands

Those detained included alleged Turkish militants and European leftists accused of raising money on their behalf. The coordinated, predawn raids capped a year-long investigation by Turkish, German, and Italian police, who said they used 56,000 hours of bugged telephone conversations to build their case.

The group, the Marxist Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front, is one of several radical factions that have menaced successive Turkish governments throughout the years. Virulently anti-American, it advocates overthrowing the Ankara regime and installing a Marxist one and is listed as an outlawed terrorist organization by Washington and the European Union.

Fourteen Americans were killed by the group between 1979 and 1991, U.S. officials said. In the 1990s, Marxist Front militants launched rocket attacks on the U.S. air base at Incirlik, Turkey, and the U.S. Consulate in Istanbul and killed two U.S. military contractors, officials said. The radical faction also claimed responsibility for two suicide bombings in Istanbul in 2001 that killed three police officers and an Australian citizen.

Its attacks have been largely limited to Turkey, and there are no



Prosecutor Nicola Miriano (center) talks to reporters during a news conference in Perugia, Italy, Thursday. Italian police arrested five people as part of a Europe-wide raids aimed at breaking up cells of an outlawed Turkish Marxist group.

known ties between it and Islamic extremists. However, authorities said, the operation that culminated in Thursday's arrests exposed the significant cross-border ties between groups with similar goals if dissimilar tactics.

"This consolidates the hypothesis that individuals or groups of Italian subversives, pushed by common anti-American and anti-Western views, can contact and collaborate with international terrorism," Italian Interior Minister Giuseppe Pisanu told reporters here.

Police in Istanbul arrested 37 people, and masked Carabinieri paramilitary police detained three Italians and two Turks in the Italian city of Perugia, located in the idyllic Umbrian hills north of Rome. Eleven other suspects were taken into custody in

Belgium, while raids were also conducted in Germany and the Netherlands, authorities said.

Prosecutors said the Italians who were arrested were believed to have provided Turkish militants with money, equipment, and cellular-phone calling cards. One of the Italians, a woman, was believed to have married a Turkish militant so that he could get residency papers, prosecutors said.

Among the Italians in custody is Moreno Pasquinelli, a spokesman for a radical Italian group called the Anti-Imperialist Camp. Pasquinelli, on his group's website and in publications, has been attempting to raise money for "the Iraqi resistance." In an interview with the *Los Angeles Times* in February, Pasquinelli said that by "resistance" he

meant political parties that will govern a sovereign Iraq. He said that he was not involved in providing weapons to Iraqi fighters; there were already plenty of weapons in Iraq, he noted. At that time, he said he had only raised approximately \$13,000.

But the BBC said Pasquinelli told that news organization in an interview last year that he supported the "armed struggle" in Iraq and that Iraqis could use his money to "buy weapons, Kalashnikovs, or medicines for people."

Pasquinelli, 47, is a veteran of hard-line communist parties in Italy and has had occasional brushes with Italian law enforcement. Last month, he helped organize a massive antiwar rally in Rome that demanded the withdrawal of Italian troops from Iraq.

# Uzbekistan blames Al Qaeda in attacks

Latest violence: A woman detonates a bomb in an apartment building in the central Bukhara region

BY BURT HERMAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — A woman detonated a bomb Thursday in central Uzbekistan, killing one person and critically injuring herself, and the government for the first time said Al Qaeda was behind this week's attacks that left at least 44 dead, mostly alleged militants.

Ilya Pyagay, the Interior Ministry's deputy antiterrorism chief, told the Associated Press that those behind the unrest, including some fugitives, were followers of the strict Wahhabi strain of Islam believed to have inspired Osama bin Laden.

"These are Wahhabis who belong to one of the branches of the international Al Qaeda terror group," he said.

The Uzbek government often uses the Wahhabi label to tar anyone who worships outside state-run mosques, and Western diplomats and human-rights activists say official repression could actually be to blame for the violence. The government also uses alleged Wahhabi affiliation to refer to the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan — a terror group linked to Al Qaeda that Uzbek officials say has been wiped out in the country.

In the latest violence Thursday, police said a woman detonated the bomb in a two-story apartment building in the central Bukhara region. She was hospitalized in critical condition, said a police duty officer who declined to give her name.

Police said a man was killed, but Russia's ITAR-Tass news

agency reported the woman's daughter was killed.

The officer said the blast was linked to Sunday's explosion at an alleged bomb-making hideaway in the same area. ITAR-Tass said the woman's husband was killed there, citing a law-enforcement source.

Meanwhile, police said a standoff ended early Thursday when a "lone bandit" blew himself up. Pyagay said there were no hostages, although police earlier had said several captives had been taken.

An Associated Press photographer saw a body being taken away Thursday as soldiers stood by, allowing only residents into the neighborhood.

Citing Interior Ministry sources, ITAR-Tass reported the man had threatened to blow himself up with his wife and a child, but they were released after negotiations. Investigators believe he might have been trained in terrorist camps in Pakistan and Afghanistan, ITAR-Tass said.

All border crossings into Uzbekistan have been closed, the Border Protection Committee said, including the already tightly controlled Friendship Bridge crossing into Afghanistan.

President Islam Karimov initially hinted that the attacks and bombings since Sunday were connected to the extremist Islamic group Hizb ut-Tahrir, even though thousands of its members have been arrested. The group, which has no known link to terrorist violence, has denied involvement, and police said no suspects interrogated so far were members.

The number of Wahhabis in Central Asia is believed to be small, said Acacia Shields, a Central Asia researcher for Human Rights Watch and the author of a report on religious oppression in Uzbekistan.



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# ARTS



Publicity photo

Seattle band Pretty Girls Make Graves will bring its bruised-heart indie rock to Gabe's Saturday in support of a new album.

## Random acts of sinister beauty

BY RICHARD SHIRK  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Chemicals, guitars, secrets, and lies.

Add the vocals of Andrea Zollo and a post-punk sound like a burning building as heard from the crumbling insides, and what we have is Pretty Girls Make Graves.

With *The New Romance* (Matador) — the Seattle band's second album — the secrets are universal un-truths, the lies are commonplace, and the chemicals prescribed. Like a series of diary entries, this album is a running commentary on the uncertainty of being young, played out in the clubs and cheap apartments and on the rooftops of a town in which rain is perpetual.

One of a host of bands more likely to nerd out about Joy Division EP's than Wiper's singles, Pretty Girls is a synergistic and inflammable concoction of disparate elements, styles, and textures. Formed three years ago from the remnants of Bee Hive Vaults (drummer Nick Dewitt), Kill Sadie (guitarist J Clark), Death Wish Kids (Zollo), and Murder City Devils (Derek Fudesco), the bruised-heart indie-rock of *New Romance* is shouted with a collective voice.

"Our band is about that randomness. We all have very different backgrounds," said Dewitt in a phone interview with *The Daily Iowan* from somewhere in Ontario. Aside from keeping the beat behind the kit, he also sings, plays keyboards, and manipulates samples. "We drive a lot of different ideas together, and what you hear is the outcome. Everybody has something to add."

The guitars on *New Romance* are replete with refracted shards and sharp angles, while the keyboards and rhythm section ooze a nocturnal vibe. At the front of the mix, Zollo sings with a voice simultaneously an instrument and a narrator of modern dissatisfaction. With the same attitude



PRETTY GIRLS MAKE GRAVES  
THE NEW ROMANCE

that a more artistically mature Poly Styrene would have used to follow up to *Germ Free Adolescence*, "Chemical, Chemical" is snide, while "All Medicated Geniuses" could have been the centerpiece for the first Avengers album, had there ever been one.

For Pretty Girls, the real spark is at the point where Zollo's words and the band's music complete a larger, more vivid picture.

"The song takes a different shape when there are words and images behind it," Dewitt said. "Or images that you conjure up after hearing the song."

These images are sepia-toned, blurred, and slightly more sinister than they might initially appear — an emotionally brittle and gasoline-soaked journal of post-adolescence. When Pretty Girls appears Saturday at Gabe's,



Publicity photo

Left: The band's second album, *The New Romance*.

Right: Pretty Girls Makes Graves vocalist Andrea Zollo sings of universal truths and lies.

the loud/soft guitar dynamics and the discordant rock 'n' roll will be secondary to the sight of a band just as punch-drunk on our brutal youth as we are.

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**SHOW**  
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• **WAVES**, Asian-American Film Festival, kick-off screening of 15, 101 Becker Communication Studies Building, 7:30 p.m., free. For a complete schedule of events, see [www.uiowa.edu/~waves](http://www.uiowa.edu/~waves).

• **Oedipus**, directed by Daniel F. Sullivan, 172 Theatre Building, 8 p.m., \$1.

• **No Shame Theatre**, Theatre B, Theatre Building, 11 p.m., free.

• **Craft Critique Culture: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Writing in the Academy**, various locations, free. For a complete schedule of events and registration information, see [www.uiowa.edu/~c3conf/](http://www.uiowa.edu/~c3conf/).

### SATURDAY

• **UI Libraries Annual Book Sale**, Main Library, second floor, 10 a.m.

• **WAVES**, screening of *Repatriation*, 101 Becker, noon, free.

• **WAVES**, Spotlight Series: "Sex, Stereotypes, and Cinema," 101 Becker, 4:30 p.m., free.

• **Oedipus**, directed by Daniel F. Sullivan, 172 Theatre Building, 8 p.m., \$1.

• **Night Games**, Field House, 10:30 p.m., free.

• **Craft Critique Culture: An Interdisciplinary Conference on Writing in the Academy**, various locations, free.

### APRIL 4

• **WAVES**, shorts program, 101 Becker, 1:30 p.m., free.

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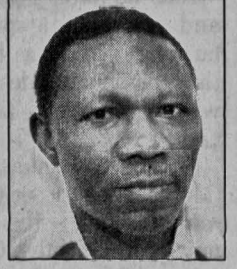
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## Looking bad on security

"DON'T CUT OFF your nose to spite your face" is popular advice — and it's quite applicable to President Bush and his national-security staff in the wake of the charges put forth by former antiterrorism czar Richard Clarke. Clarke accused the Bush White House of not taking Al Qaeda seriously. He worked in the same capacity for Bill Clinton and Bush's father, and he reported directly to the National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.



**BODE OLAKANMI**

The 9/11 commission invited a parade of officials from the Clinton and Bush administrations to confirm or deny Clarke's accusations. Some, especially former Clinton officials, had it easier in the sense that they were not accused of any significant wrongdoing. Because 9/11 happened on Bush's watch, more serious questions were directed at officials from his administration. Like the Clinton officials, many Bush administration officials did their best to show that a mistake was made but without malice or carelessness. Except for people who are bent on partisan politics, all government spokesmen and -women came out as honest people trying to do their best under very difficult circumstances. After all, the ultimate function of the 9/11 commission is to recommend ways to avoid a repeat of the attacks.

The biggest surprise so far was the initial refusal of the White House to allow Rice to testify publicly under oath in front of the panel. Not surprising, the refusal became news in itself. The White House argument was that it would set a bad precedent to allow presidential advisers to be dragged in front of congressional commissions to discuss policy issues. As the argument goes, such appearances would restrict honest and candid advice from the national-security adviser to the president, and the nation would be worse off for it.

Claiming executive privilege is a common ploy from every president, and the practice would not stop with or without Rice's testimony. Indeed, it is very important for presidents to be able to receive candid advice without any fear that such advice would become public. We all know some unpleasant things are done in the name of national security. Although the U.S. government outlawed political assassination in 1974, recent disclosures by Clinton officials revealed a standing order by former President Clinton in 1998 to assassinate Osama bin Laden. I wonder — if that had been known at the time, how would the post-Watergate American public have reacted?

But extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures. Even when one considers Pearl Harbor, 9/11 was unprecedented for the American psyche. It was the first time Americans died in such large numbers on the American continent from an attack. The scale of the event alone should have persuaded the White House to allow Rice to testify publicly.

The administration's argument about national security was further neutralized when Rice appeared on many news broadcasts to defend her actions and those of the Bush administration. Besides, Rice has the intellectual capacity to be able to distinguish national-security concerns that need to be kept confidential. By insisting that she should not testify in public, the administration made it look as if it had something to hide.

It is natural for the administration to defend itself from attack, especially in an election year. According to Clarke, it took six years and the bombing of American embassies in two East African countries for Clinton to recognize the danger bin Laden and his organization posed to America. It may be unrealistic, therefore, to expect that an elusive organization would capture the obsessive attention of a new administration within a couple months in office.

By initially refusing to allow Rice to testify publicly under oath, the Bush administration did itself a disservice, letting people doubt the administration's sincerity and Rice's integrity. Only because of political pressure did the president eventually cave in. I only wish that the damage were not permanent.

## JUMP shots

### The political fetus

Upon signing the Unborn Victims of Violence Act, President Bush invoked the memory of Laci Peterson and her unborn son, who disappeared in December 2002 and were found dead in April 2003. The act expands the legal rights of unborn fetuses and makes any harm to a fetus as the result of violence committed against the mother a separate criminal offense.

Bush's words seemed a little hollow considering his long-standing opposition to abortion. He has already signed legislation that bans a particular late-term abortion. The new legislation is the first to recognize the fetus as a separate person. This is a serious blow for those arguing for the mother's right to have an abortion because this new law could be interpreted in saying her right to choose would be infringing on an individual's right to live.

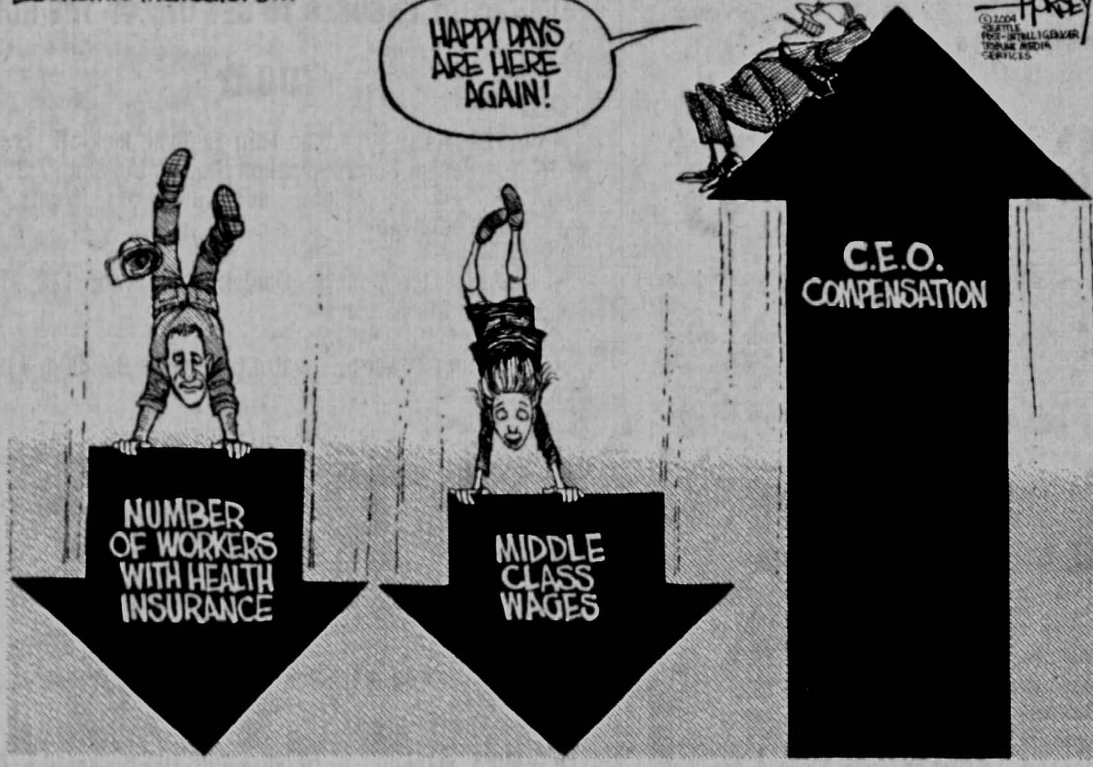
### Even more room for spam!

Tired of your free UI e-mail account shutting down every time you exceed your five megabytes of allotted hard-drive space?

If your answer is "yes," then Google Inc., the owner of the world's No. 1 search engine, may have a solution to your woes. The company says it is developing a new e-mail server called "Gmail" that will offer each customer one gigabyte of storage, which is equal to 1,024 megabytes. Gmail will also allow customers to search through their account the same way they would when using an Internet search engine.

Unfortunately, Google announced its plans on April Fool's Day, because the company has played April Fool's jokes on the tech community before — including claiming it would put a research center on the Moon — many are questioning whether or not Gmail is for real. Whichever turns out to be true, we give Google kudos for its ingenuity and for reminding us that even computer geeks have a sense of humor.

Economic indicators...



## Blowing gas on petroleum prices

We can't do much about the supply of oil, so let's do something about the demand

Pointed fingers and empty "solutions" from all sides followed OPEC's decision to reduce crude-oil production by 4 percent beginning Thursday.

Despite U.S. concern over crude-oil prices, OPEC agreed on Wednesday to endorse the restrictions on oil production, which many fear will harm the U.S. and global economy. White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters that oil prices should be set "in order to make sure we have adequate supplies available."

The Bush administration had urged OPEC to lift export limitations to help control the nation's gas prices, because crude-oil prices have reached their highest level in 13 years. The White House has chosen to engage in quiet diplomacy to increase production.

While McClellan did say Congress needed to move quickly to "pass a comprehensive energy strategy" to

deal with the rise in oil prices, officials did not give any specific solutions.

Sen. John Kerry has had plenty to say about why the prices are so high; because of the president's "arrogant foreign policy, the United States has lost credibility in the world," Kerry said, adding that Bush should focus less on Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and more on cutting down oil use. Democrats also suggest coercing auto manufacturers to advance their fuel efficiency, which, they say, Bush's plans do not attempt to do.

We wholeheartedly agree with this assessment. After all, it's a bit ridiculous that people all over America are complaining about gasoline prices while riding alone in gas-guzzling SUVs or Hummers.

The Bush administration has yet to come out with a solution; it instead seems to be on the offensive. McClellan has blamed Democrats

for the crisis, citing past energy policy, and the Bush campaign released a TV ad criticizing Kerry for supporting a 50-cent gas-tax increase and implying that he would raise prices even more.

These "it's your fault" tactics do nothing to solve the problem of increasing gas prices. Some members of OPEC argued that the planned cuts should be deferred until prices decreased; perhaps the Bush administration should support this move instead of trying to get OPEC to back off entirely.

Because the current administration doesn't seem to have any plans for solving the problem, Americans themselves should try to reduce their gas use by carpooling more and investing in long-term solutions, such as hybrid cars that use alternative fuels, which would boost the economy, lessen the reliance on overseas oil, and create more jobs.

## LETTERS

### Did he invent the Internet, too?

As most people remember, Al Gore was notorious for exaggerating or distorting facts to put him in the best light possible. All of his stories had different versions depending on who was in the audience. Well, John Kerry has picked up right where Gore left off. In this week's paper, Kerry is quoted as saying, "I noticed that gas is now close to \$3 a gallon here in California." At the time he was talking at a fund-raiser in San Francisco. The fact of the matter is gas prices are nowhere near \$3 per gallon. As of Monday, the highest gas prices in America were in San Diego, where the price averaged \$2.12 per gallon.

Another confusing statement recently uttered by Kerry was in response to his vote against funding the troops in Iraq. He was quoted saying, "I actually voted for the 87 billion, before I voted against it." What does that mean? He is trying to have it both ways.

Also, Kerry recently stated that under the Bush administration we have had "the greatest job loss since the Great Depression." This is simply not true. The unemployment rate fell dramatically during the Great Depression. At the lowest

point, unemployment reached approximately 25 percent. The unemployment rate right now is 5.6 percent. The current rate is below the average unemployment rate for the past 30 years. That's right, the unemployment rate is below the 30-year average. You will never hear Kerry mention this. In reality, we are doing pretty good and improving every day.

I just picked three recent quotes from John Kerry to highlight in this letter. There are many more just like these showing how often Kerry's stories change to suit his audience. I hope people realize who he really is before election day.

Ken Singletary  
Iowa City resident

### Facts better than rhetoric

Eric Dale (*DI*, March 30) rendered your readers a valuable service by drawing attention to the facts reported in a study by the Joint Economic Committee of Congress. Under President Bush, the U.S. economy — employment, growth — has performed far better than the economy of Canada and all major countries in Europe. It's better to look at reality rather than to read propa-

ganda such as the charge that President Bush "lost" (single-handedly?) 2.4 million jobs, or the assertion, in a letter in the same issue, that Saddam Hussein was just a "nasty guy" (like Hitler?) when he gassed his own people.

Panayot Butchvarov  
Department of Philosophy

### A home for everyone

Gerald Benoit, the director of Real Estate and Housing Performance in the Department of Housing and Urban Development, met with housing authorities this week in Des Moines to discuss the new "Flexible Voucher Program" — a proposed \$1.6 billion budget cut the current Section 8 Housing Voucher Program soon to be voted on by Congress, a cut deeper than any proposed in Section 8's 30-year history.

What are these housing vouchers (commonly referred to as "Section 8")? They are federally funded rental subsidies that allow low-income families, the elderly, and disabled to find apartments in the private sector. The voucher program does not cover single people who have the ability to work. Forty percent of Section 8

clients nationwide are seniors and disabled citizens, with that amount rising to 60 percent or more for some housing authorities in Iowa. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (March 17), Section 8 is "the nation's principal low-income housing-assistance program and currently assists 2 million low-income households."

Section 8 benefits all of Iowa City by enabling the distribution of low-income rental units throughout the city. With the current concern over certain school districts taking on the bulk of low-income students, Section 8 is a solution helping to alleviate the problem. Without Section 8, the issue of poverty concentration in certain school districts only increases as more needy families will be forced to find housing in low-income areas.

The cuts in funding force local housing authorities, including our own, to make up for the loss of funds. Our nation is facing a cut of 250,000 recipients of vouchers. In Iowa, we are facing a cut of 2,550 vouchers in 2005 and 6,110 more by 2009. According to Benoit this week in Des Moines, this is the first time in the 30-year history of Section 8 that families will actually be cut off

from their housing assistance.

What does this mean for Iowa City? It means an even higher concentration of low-income families to certain areas and schools. It means that more senior and disabled citizens will have to choose between buying food or paying for their medication and medical bills. It means an increase in homelessness that will include seniors, disabled citizens, as well as low-income families. We must write to our senators, Tom Harkin and Charles Grassley, and ask them to vote against this budget cut. We must fight for the neediest of our citizens, our city, and our schools.

Alex Rediger  
Iowa City resident

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## ON THE SPOT

How much would gas prices have to rise before you reduced your fuel consumption?



"Once it breaks \$2."

Michael Eovino  
UI junior



"\$3"

Clint Albertsen  
UI senior



"Not much more."

Phil Epperson  
UI senior



"I've already reduced my consumption."

Ashley Leonard  
UI freshman

# 109th returns home to cheers

## TROOPS

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rotation of soldiers sent to Iraq in January and February 2003. The battalion was mainly responsible for overseeing other medical companies, dispatching ambulance services, distributing medical supplies, and retrieving soldiers.

Returning Spc. Nick Veluema plans to re-enroll at the UI as a full-time student for the 2004 fall semester.

The junior history major with-

drew after being activated.

"The last year of my life has been an eye-opening experience," he said.

"I got to see a part of the world and a culture that most Americans won't ever see."

During the next couple of weeks, the soldiers plan to catch up with family and friends and start spending the tax-free money they earned while serving, Veluema said.

"It is great to have him home," said his mother, Paula Veluema. "We will go to Wig and Pen

tonight, and next Saturday we're having a welcome-home party."

Guardsman Mike Taylor's son was born when he deployed in February. He has seen him twice since then — once at birth and again for two weeks in October. He plans on getting to know his newborn son and spending time with his wife.

Between 30 and 40 percent of the 100,000 soldiers stationed in Iraq are from National Guard units.

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# Marines keep distance from Fallujah

## IRAQ

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forceful response by the Marines, who, he said, would re-establish control of Fallujah and pacify its restive population. The Marines set up traffic-control points around the city, restricting vehicles from entering and leaving.

In a show of force, U.S. troops patrolled Baghdad in numbers not seen in weeks. Armored Humvees, M1-A1 Abrams tanks, and Bradley Fighting Vehicles, as well as soft-skinned troop trucks, coursed through the city while

AH-64 Apache attack helicopters flew overhead.

A four-day international exposition scheduled for next week and billed as Iraq's largest postwar business gathering was canceled after diplomats said it would be impossible to protect Americans attending the event, which would have coincided with the anniversary of Baghdad's fall. Organizers of Destination Baghdad Expo said the decision to postpone the event indefinitely was "jointly made" with occupation officials.

Also Thursday, the military announced that a roadside bomb in a marketplace in Ramadi, 30 miles west of Fallujah, killed six

Iraqi civilians and wounded four others. The bomb was planted in a vehicle, but it was not clear whether the bomber was among the casualties, said Air Force Lt. Col. Steve Murray.

Official responses to Wednesday's attack began with indignant condemnations but ended with unanswered questions.

The U.S. administrator for Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, called the killings an act of "cowards and ghouls" and vowed to seek justice.

"Yesterday's events in Fallujah are a dramatic example of the ongoing struggle between human dignity and barbarism," Bremer said in a speech to graduates at the Baghdad Police Academy.

# Rally supports abortion rights

## RALLY

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Perhaps the most haunting cry was heard from one woman in the crowd: "I use my hanger for my coat" — a reference to the that was women used to abort pregnancies illegally before abortion was legalized in 1973 by *Roe v. Wade*.

After President Bush signed a ban on a particular form of late-term abortion known by physicians as D&X, many Iowa residents feared reproductive rights were being jeopardized.

"When President Bush signed that bill in front of all his male peers, he told America women's rights don't matter," said Jill Vibhakar, the chairwoman of

Iowa City NOW.

However, the ban has not been enforced because judges in three cities are in the process of deciding if it violates the Constitution. Challenges were filed by the National Abortion Federation and Planned Parenthood.

An Emma Goldman official, who declined to give her last name because of security concerns, said she fears the vague language of the ban would lead to "giving rights to the unborn fetus," effectively granting civil rights to fetuses and potentially justifying the ban of all abortions.

The 2002-03 Emma Goldman annual report shows approximately 95 percent of abortion clients at the clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St., terminated their

pregnancies by week 12 — with only 1 percent aborting their pregnancies by week 20.

Mount Vernon resident Carrie LeSeur, who marched proudly alongside her husband and son, thinks the wave of legislation on women's reproductive rights is a deliberate attack.

"They won't stop until it's a criminal attack to have control over your reproductive rights," she said.

Shouting above the enthusiastic crowd, Kubby rallied participants until 6:30 p.m., telling the public to take a stand in regard to the erosion of women's rights.

"I will not become quiet, and I will not become invisible," she said.

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# City won't require greek sprinklers

## SPRINKLERS

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Current prevention measures include fire doors, exits, fire escapes, and fire-safety awareness instructions.

Despite those efforts, Jensen said, greek houses are at a higher risk than residence halls for blazes because the aging buildings have little structural protection against an engulfing fire. Of all fires in the last 10 years in residence halls, fraternities, and sororities, half occurred in greek housing, he said.

"The potential is there to have a very unfortunate event," said Jensen, who is looking to

"What price can you put on someone's life or a house? Of course it's worth it."

— **Nate Totten**  
Phi Kappa Psi treasurer

procure money for safety equipment to revive the issue.

Despite annual building inspections for fire safety at fraternities and sororities — twice the frequency of other multifamily buildings — the risk of an inferno is still substantial, said Norm Cate, a senior housing inspector.

An early morning fire caused by short-circuited extension cords destroyed the Phi Kappa

Psi house in January 1994 and caused three students to seek medical treatment — two for smoke inhalation and one for back injuries. When the house was rebuilt, a sprinkler system was installed.

Less than a month ago, a kitchen fire started at the house, prompting treasurer Nate Totten to employ the fire-suppression system to extinguish the flames.

He said he recommends that other houses install the equipment. "What price can you put on someone's life or a house? Of course it's worth it," he said.

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# Industry works against 'conflict gems'

## DIAMONDS

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was adopted in July 2003, it had become a three-way partnership among the diamond-producing nations, industry leaders, and non-governmental organizations. The process, Pedder said, was then open for adoption by other

nations, of which there are now 47 — including all the major diamond-producing countries.

By adopting the process, member nations agree to trade only with each other, theoretically allowing only certified diamonds into their country.

UI geography Professor Rex Honey, who teaches courses on child-labor and human-rights

issues, said the global diamond trade is difficult to regulate.

"The Kimberley Process is a wonderful project," he said. "But allow me to remain skeptical."

Because much of the regulatory initiative is up to the industry, he said, it will be difficult to hold it to its own standards.

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## calendar

- Master Class, Marc Dickman, 10 a.m., 2050 Voxman Music Building.
- SASP-CAPS Workshop, "The Impact of China's Entry to WTO on the Income of Rural Families," Zhong Tang, Renmin University of China, 11 a.m., 302 Schaeffer Hall.
- Finding God At Iowa Luncheon Series, brown-bag lunch, A. Denita Gadsden, Journalism and mass communication, noon, IMU River Room 1.
- Magnet Designation for Nursing Excellence Award Celebration, 11 a.m., formal awards presentation at 12:30 p.m., atrium adjacent to Elevator F UIHC Colleton Pavilion.
- "Racism in Our Generation," Asian-American Law Students Association, 1 p.m., Boyd Law Building Levitt Auditorium.
- Psychology Colloquium, "Personality and Health: Interpersonal Paths to Risk and Resilience," Timothy Smith, University of Utah, 3:30 p.m., S207 Pappajohn Business Building.
- "Serious Pleasures" Conference, panel discussion on "Musical Mutations," 3:45 p.m., 341 IMU.
- Iowa Center for the Book open house, 4-7 p.m., North Hall.
- "The Promise of the Negative: Crossing of Religion, Poetry, and Philosophy," Robert Baker, University of Montana, 4 p.m., 1505 Seamans Center.
- "Beyond Gay Rights: Marriage as a Constitutional Right for All," Evan Gerstman, Loyola-Marymount University, 4 p.m., W151 Pappajohn Business Building.
- Biological Sciences Seminar, Raymond Fong Memorial Lecture, "Global Analysis of Genomes and Proteomes," Michael Snyder, 4 p.m., 101 Biology Building East.
- Cultural Frameworks for Civil Liberties Lecture Series, "Freedom Was All They Had: Civil Rights in the Age of Emancipation," Leslie A. Schwalm, 4 p.m., 704 Jefferson Building.
- Café Central, 4:30 p.m., International Center Lounge.
- International Volunteer Appreciation Party, 4:30-6:30 p.m., International Center courtyard.
- Dan Knight, piano, 5-8 p.m., Museum of Art.
- Potluck dinner and guest speaker, "No fire too hot: Serving the King of Kings," InterVarsity Graduate Christian Fellowship, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle Ave.
- "Allegories of Collaboration: Public and Private in the Hawthorne Private Journals," Marta Werner, D'Youville College, and Nicholas Lawrence, Canisius College, 7 p.m., 118 Pappajohn Business Building.
- Lorrie Moore, fiction reading, 8 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium.
- Society of Composers Student National Conference, electro-acoustic music, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.

### Little University

- 1 What does "MAD" mean to nuclear doomsday buffs?
- 2 What cosmetics firm's collectible bottles are the subject of Bud Hastin's 640-page encyclopedia?
- 3 What human secretion contains the powerful antibiotic known as dermcidin?
- 4 How many times was Manny Ramirez intentionally walked in a 2001 game to tie Roger Maris' All-time single-game record?
- 5 What state's Klamath Basin wildlife refuge boasts the largest winter concentration of bald eagles in the contiguous U.S.?

5 California  
4. Four  
3. Sweet  
2. Awaits  
1. Mutually assured destruction

## Quote of the Day

America is the only country that went from barbarism to decadence without civilization in between.

— Oscar Wilde

## happy birthday to ...

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April 3 — Stephanie Fogle, 20; Brian Davidson, 22  
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## news you need to know

April 5 — Undergraduates: Last day to drop individual semester-length courses, 4:30 p.m.  
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April 13 — Graduate students: Last day to withdraw entire registration or drop individual-length courses, 4:30 p.m.  
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April 19 — Undergraduates: Last day to withdraw entire spring semester registration, 4:30 p.m.

## horoscopes

Friday, April 2, 2004

by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Work should be your prime concern — if you don't have a job, get out and start looking. If you do, push for advancement. Contact people who may be able to help you get ahead.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Prepare to have some fun. Get out and socialize, or go shopping with a close friend. You will find some extraordinary buys. A new romance could easily develop.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You may not enjoy the company you have around your home today. Don't meddle in other people's affairs, and you will save yourself a lot of grief. Talks will only lead to differences.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Utilize your time if you want to make the most of today. Love and romance can be yours if you make the first move. It's up to you to make things happen, so stop thinking and start doing.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You should be concentrating on money matters. An opportunity to make some extra money is apparent if you use your ingenuity. Act quickly.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be surprised if someone from your past pops back into your life. A change regarding your feelings for someone is likely. Overindulgence will not solve any problems.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): This is the perfect day to clear up overdue work. You could come into some money or find some that you didn't realize you had. Prepare to take on someone else's responsibilities.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make a difference to people who have not been able to fend for themselves. Use your talents to skillfully get your ideas off the ground.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone may be trying to find out your plan and to secretly use it against you. Your openness will only lead to others judging and criticizing you. Listen and observe today.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your mind should be on change and how you can make your life better. Travel for both business or pleasure will bring good results. It's time to do a little backtracking.  
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## THE LEDGE

### SIGNS THAT YOUR EATING HABITS COULD USE IMPROVEMENT

By Jesse Ammerman

- You customarily refer to chocolate as "vitamin C."
- You lost sleep over the announcement that McDonald's will phase out its supersize fries and drinks.
- Because breakfast is the most important meal of the day, you start mornings off with king-sized M&M's instead of a regular bag.
- Your lifelong dedication to the fast-food industry has finally paid off: Subway now wants you as a "before" model for its new ad campaign.
- To increase vegetable consumption, you've doubled your daily intake of Ruffles and Funyons.
- You think it's about time that Orange Julius offered a nacho-cheese smoothie.
- You're delighted that Gummi Bears offer samplings from each of the five major food groups: red, yellow, orange, green, and translucent.
- Your burning love for dorm food has unexpectedly given rise to the term "Freshman 50."
- After many protests (and chalupas), you now have an open tab at the downtown Taco Bell.
- Thanks to Atkins, you can proudly shove your face with all the beef and ice cream you desire and still call it a diet.

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Edited by Will Shortz

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## Twice would be nice

Led by a strong senior class, the Iowa women's gymnastics team heads to Denver this weekend in an attempt to clinch a spot at the NCAA Tournament for the second season in a row

BY NICK RICHARDS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

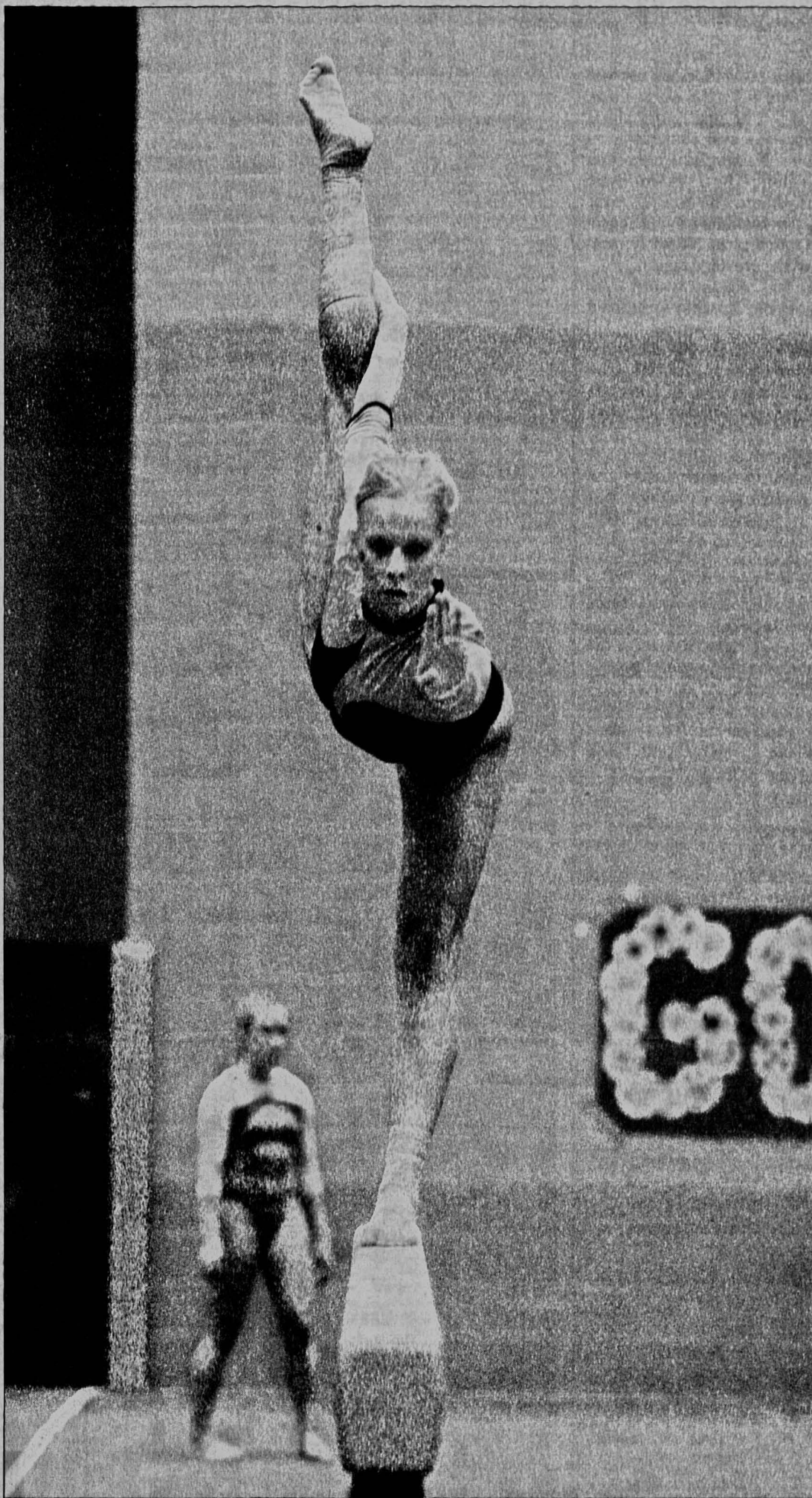
As the adage goes, "the third time's a charm." For the GymHawks, a third-straight appearance in the NCAA regionals could make the difference between a second-straight NCAA berth or the end of an era in Iowa City.

"There might be some urgency for the seniors in their minds, but if they feel that way, they haven't portrayed it to the rest of the team," said Iowa associate head coach Larissa Libby. "We've practiced this week and last week like it's just another meet, and that's the way it should be."

The No. 20 GymHawks will head to Denver for the North Central NCAA Regional Championship on Saturday in Magness Arena on the University of Denver campus. The Hawkeyes are looking to become one of just a handful of schools to ever make the NCAA championships twice. Should Iowa not finish in the top-two of the regional, it would mark the end of the careers of the fabulous senior class of Stephanie Gran, Brandy Killian, Alexis Maday, and Nicole Wong, who have brought the program to prominence.

"I think last year was different because we had never made it before [to nationals], so it was still an unknown," Libby said. "Now, most of the team has already been there, so they're a lot more relaxed about it and approaching it like it's just one more meet they have to do well at."

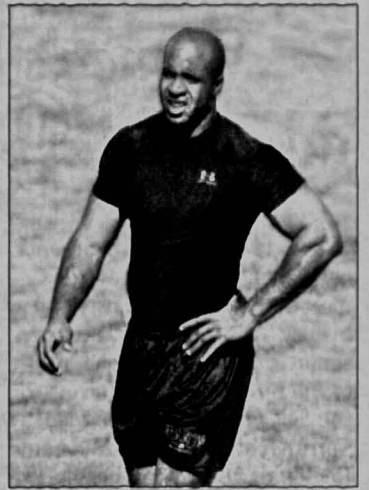
The fourth-seeded Iowa squad will face a formidable group of contenders looking to advance. Second-ranked Stanford, No. 11 Washington, No. 14 Denver,



Senior Alexis Maday performs a balance beam routine at the UI Field House in the GymHawks' meet against Iowa State on Jan. 17.

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File photo/The Daily Iowan



Eric Risberg/Associated Press  
San Francisco Giant Barry Bonds walks to the dugout after running laps in the outfield in Scottsdale, Ariz., on March 15.

## Bonds will let his bat do the talking

BY JANIE MCCAULEY  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Barry Bonds' 19th major-league season was supposed to be about passing Willie Mays and chasing Babe Ruth and Hank Aaron on the career home-run list.

Instead, Bonds is constantly being asked whether steroids helped make him one of the game's greatest sluggers.

Just two homers shy of tying Mays — his godfather — for third place on the all-time list, Bonds could even be forced to testify at a trial involving his personal trainer.

Can San Francisco's star slugger rise above it all, or will it affect his performance on the field?

"I'm just going to play the game of baseball," said the 39-year-old Bonds, who has repeatedly denied using steroids. "That's all I'm going to do. That's all I can do. I'm going to go out and play the game of baseball for the city of San Francisco and the Giants organization. I'll let my bat do the talking."

"I think it bothers everyone. Is life fair? That's how I look at it." This will be the second-straight trying season for the six-time NL MVP, who dealt with the death of his father last year.

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Mark Messier

NHL

### Messier's career appears over

NEW YORK (AP) — Seven years ago, Mark Messier pulled off his Rangers sweater in a visiting locker room and ended his first tour of duty in New York without saying goodbye to a city that revered him. Given a second chance, he didn't let that happen again.

Messier left the ice at Madison Square Garden on Wednesday night, showered with applause and cheers from teammates, family, friends, fans, and even the Buffalo Sabres. The 4-3 loss was certainly the last game the Rangers captain will play this season, and possibly the final one of his 25-year NHL career.

"Many times I took a few gulps, but I think everybody is sick of me crying on national TV, so I was trying to hold it together the best I could," said Messier, who won't play Saturday in the season finale at Washington.

Back in 1997, Messier and the Rangers were eliminated from the playoffs in Philadelphia. It was the last time New York reached the postseason and the last game he and Wayne Gretzky would play together.

NBA

### Toronto Raptors fire GM Grunwald

TORONTO (AP) — Glen Grunwald was fired as the Raptors' general manager Thursday with two weeks left in a second-straight losing season in which he clashed with the coach. Grunwald, Toronto's GM for seven seasons, was replaced on an interim basis by Jack McCloskey, a former general manager of the Detroit Pistons. Grunwald has been with the Raptors since their inception in 1994.

"We didn't make the strides that we thought we would," team president Richard Peddie said. "We're standing here with 30 wins. It's time for someone else to come up with a master plan."

Peddie said Grunwald will advise the team on the draft, and the new general manager will decide if coach Kevin O'Neill returns.

GOLF

### Two share lead at BellSouth Classic

DULUTH, Ga. (AP) — The tee shots found the fairway, the approach shots nestled close to the hole, and the putts rolled smoothly.

For one day, at least, Jose Maria Olazabal was back on his game.

The two-time Masters champion crafted a 7-under 65 Thursday to tie rookie Roger Tambellini for the lead after a blustery first round at the BellSouth Classic. They were one shot ahead of Craig Bowden, and two in front of Tim Petrovic and PGA Championship winner Shaun Micheal.

In his first seven events this season, Olazabal missed three cuts and withdrew from the FBR Open. His best finish is a tie for 40th at Bay Hill, and he failed to qualify for the weekend at The Players Championship.

"It's been a struggle," Olazabal said. "I've been going through a tough spell. One day, I might have a good round, and then the following day, I can't follow that with another round."

## An inside look at the Final Four

BY JIM O'CONNELL  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

GEORGIA TECH vs. OKLAHOMA STATE (Saturday, 5:07 p.m.)

GEORGIA TECH: (27-9)

**ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR:** beat Northern Iowa, 65-60; beat Boston College, 57-54; beat Nevada, 72-67; beat Kansas, 79-71, OT.

**STARS:** The three guards lead an extremely balanced offense — six players average between nine and 15 points. Jarrett Jack is the latest in a long line of quality Georgia Tech point guards, joining the likes of Kenny Anderson, Mark Price, and Stephon Marbury. Isma'il Muhammad frequently makes his way into the nightly highlights with his acrobatic dunks.

**INJURIES:** B.J. Elder, the Yellow Jackets' leading scorer at 15.3 points per game, went down 2 minutes into the regional semifinal win over Nevada with a sprained ankle. He tried to come back in that game but played just 1 more minute. He started against Kansas in the regional final but was clearly still hurting and played 12 minutes without scoring. The junior practiced Thursday and should be close to 100 percent.

**COACH:** Paul Hewitt is making his first Final Four appearance. The 40-year-old is in his fourth season at Georgia Tech, and he has already earned a reputation as a defensive coach, often changing defenses to take advantage of the Yellow Jackets' depth.

OKLAHOMA STATE: (31-3)

**ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR:** beat Eastern Washington, 75-56; beat Memphis, 70-53; beat Pittsburgh, 63-51; beat Saint Joseph's, 64-62.

**STARS:** The backcourt of Tony Allen and John Lucas led a balanced attack all season, and they're doing the same in the NCAA Tournament, averaging 15.8 and 13.5 points respectively. Lucas hit the game-winning 3-pointer in the regional final against Saint Joseph's with 6.9 seconds to play.

**INJURIES:** The Cowboys are the only team in the Final Four to have avoided the injury bug and haven't really been affected by it all season.

**COACH:** Eddie Sutton is at his third Final Four (Arkansas 1978, Oklahoma State 1995), and the 68-year-old would make history by winning it all, as the oldest coach of a national champion.

DUKE vs. CONNECTICUT (Saturday, following first game)

DUKE: (31-5)

**ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR:** beat Alabama State, 96-61; beat Seton Hall, 90-62; beat Illinois, 72-62; beat Xavier, 66-63.

**STARS:** J.J. Redick has become one of college basketball's most familiar players with his shooting at the lines — almost 40 percent on 3s and 95 percent on free throws. Luol Deng lived up to his billing as a star freshman averaging 15.1 points — second to Redick — and 6.8 rebounds — second to Shelden Williams.

**INJURIES:** Chris Duhon hurt his ribs when he crashed into a television camera during the ACC championship game. He shook off the painful injury and gave inspirational performances that gave him a spot in Duke's NCAA Tournament lore. He averaged 4.8 points, 5.5 rebounds, 5.2 assists, and several hustle plays in 31 minutes.

**COACH:** Mike Krzyzewski has his mail sent to the Final Four. This is his 10th Final Four since 1986 and the Blue Devils have won three national championships (1991, 1992, 2001). The only coaches with more Final Four appearances are John Wooden (12) and Dean Smith (11).

CONNECTICUT: (31-6)

**ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR:** beat Vermont, 70-53; beat DePaul, 72-55; beat Vanderbilt, 73-53; beat Alabama, 87-71.

**STARS:** Emeke Okafor was a unanimous All-America selection averaging 17.4 points, 11.6 rebounds (No. 2 in the country), and 4.2 blocked shots (No. 1 in the country). He leads the country with 23 double-doubles, and he shot 59.5 percent from the field.

**INJURIES:** Okafor missed the first two games of the Big East Tournament with back spasms, then missed most of the second half of the win over Alabama in the regional final with a "stinger" in his right arm after being hit in the neck.

**COACH:** Jim Calhoun is in his second Final Four; the Huskies beat Duke in the 1999 national championship game. He has five 30-win seasons, second only to Krzyzewski's eight.









SPORTS

# Tough competition

**GYMHAWKS**

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Minnesota, and Southern Utah all stand between the GymHawks and their coveted NCAA berth. Stanford, which ranks in the top-10 in three events as a team, beat top-ranked and defending national champion UCLA for the Pac-10 title. Washington has topped the GymHawks twice this year, once at the Cancun Invitational in January and once in Utah for a triangular meet.

"We've seen Washington this year, and I think we have a chance of taking them," said junior Annie Rue. "I think we are right in there with them. We're right in there with all the teams."

Because of the high level of competition in the country, a majority of the NCAA spots are taken by the same group of teams every year. Utah, UCLA, Alabama, and Georgia have won all 22 of the NCAA titles since the sport became official in 1982. That leaves just a handful of spots that are taken by new teams every year. Last year, the GymHawks joined that select group of teams that have made the NCAAs once. The next pedestal for the team is to join the group that has made the tournament more than once.

"It's very important for us to move on [to NCAAs]," said senior Alexis Maday. "There are only a select few program in the country that make it to nationals every year. Most of them make it once and never go back, and we don't want to be one of those teams. We want to be a team that started last year and goes every year from now on."

The GymHawks hope to use their amazing team balance to make the tournament. Iowa is



File photo/The Daily Iowan  
Junior Annie Rue leaps off the balance beam in Iowa's Jan. 17 meet against the Cyclones.

ranked eighth on the vault, 11th on the floor, 16th on the bars, and 24th on the balance beam. Maday is ranked in the top 16 in every event, with her highest rank coming on the bar, where she ranks second with a regional-qualifying mark of 9.975. Despite their fourth-seed, the team mem-

bers are mentally ready for the weekend. They will have to be if they want to make history and join the elite programs.

"Our mentality is that it's our spot, and we're going to go get it," Maday said.

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# Michigan crowned NIT champion

BY HAL BOCK  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Michigan cashed in on an opportunity it wasn't sure it would have before this season began, winning the NIT championship Thursday night with a 62-55 victory over Rutgers in the title game.

Last September, the Wolverines won an appeal of NCAA sanctions that would have barred them from the postseason. Then they made the most of the reversal, capturing the nation's oldest postseason tournament for the third time.

The Wolverines blew a 12-point second-half lead, fell behind briefly and then recovered to hold off the Scarlet Knights, who were seeking the first basketball championship

in school history.

Rutgers made a pretty good run at it, using a 15-2 surge to erase a 41-29 Michigan lead and edge in front at 44-43 on a basket by Ricky Shields with just under 11 minutes left in the game. But Dion Harris responded with a 3-pointer to get Michigan back in front.

After Juel Wiggan tied it for Rutgers, a defensive breakdown gave Michigan's Bernard Robinson Jr. an easy basket with 7:37 remaining and the Wolverines had the lead for keeps.

Robinson then converted three free throws in a 9-0 Michigan run that sealed the victory.

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# Remaining focused

**BONDS**

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Bonds' trainer, Greg Anderson, was among four men charged in February in an alleged steroid-distribution ring that, federal prosecutors say, supplied professional athletes with banned substances.

Manager Felipe Alou has expressed his confidence in Bonds' ability to stay focused through the distractions. Bonds' father, Bobby, died last season, and Bonds still batted .341 with 45 home runs and 90 RBIs.

Mays, who has been mentoring and coaching Bonds since his dad died, will travel to Houston and San Diego for San Francisco's first six games to be there if Bonds ties or passes him.

The Hall of Famer plans to present Bonds with a torch decorated with 25 tiny diamonds, symbolic of the number the

slugger wears. Only Ruth (714) and Bonds' hero, Aaron (755), have hit more homers.

"We talked about that, and he really doesn't want to do it," Mays said of Bonds passing him. "When we talked, the main thing I expressed to him is, 'You have to do what you have to do — that means pass me, pass Ruth, try to get to Aaron if you can.' And that's what it's all about."

Bonds would like to get back to the World Series before he retires after falling six outs short of winning a ring in 2002. But there have been questions about whether the Giants did enough in the off-season to make that a realistic possibility.

General manager Brian Sabean was forced to creatively overhaul the roster again after the reigning NL West champions lost right fielder Jose Cruz Jr., shortstop Rich Aurilia, catcher Benito Santiago, and key relievers Joe Nathan and Tim Worrell — and Sabean's

budget was down approximately \$8 million this year.

New right fielder Michael Tucker will be the sixth person to play the position in five seasons.

In 2003, the Giants led the NL West from Day 1 under the 68-year-old Alou, winning the division by 15½ games. The clubhouse was as cohesive as it's been in years.

It would seem this season would have to be easier emotionally for everybody.

Bonds had two stints on the bereavement list last year and was hospitalized for a night to be treated for exhaustion and an accelerated heartbeat. Ace Jason Schmidt lost his mother, Vicki, to a brain tumor in late April, and Sabean's father also died.

The health of Schmidt, 17-5 with a league-leading 2.34 ERA, and closer Robb Nen is still in question — both pitchers are dealing with shoulder soreness. Nen and Schmidt will start the season on the disabled list.

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