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Regents OK \$1.9 billion for UI budget

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

LAKESIDE LABORATORY — The state Board of Regents spent part of a rainy Wednesday approving the UI's budget for fiscal 2005, which will increase to \$1.9 billion to support higher salaries and financial aid.

The increase from fiscal 2004's \$1.8 billion budget comes mainly from increased state appropriations to the general university, UI Hospitals and Clinics, Psychiatric Hospital, Center for Disabilities and Development, and Hygienic Laboratory and from an 8.3 percent tuition-rate increase for resident students and a 4.9 percent increase for nonresidents.

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Presidential Salaries for fiscal year 2005

UI — David Skorton: \$293,250
ISU — Gregory Geoffroy \$293,250
UNI — Robert Koob \$231,050



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The regents also approved a 2 percent salary increase for presidents at the three regents' universities. The move brings Skorton's fiscal 2005 salary to \$293,250. Board members met individually with Skorton and listened to his self-assessment and heard from outside sources in the evaluation process.

"You do a tremendous job for the people of Iowa," regents President

John Forsyth told leaders. "We're very pleased with your collective and individual efforts."

The regents, meeting at the Lakeside Laboratory, in northwestern Iowa, also approved the UI athletics budget, which will see an increase as well.

The \$45.5 million budget for fiscal 2005 does not include funding for the Kinnick Stadium renovations — the athletics department is raising the money for that separately.

ALSO INSIDE:

Student government presidents from the UI, ISU, and UNI ponder strategic goals for the upcoming year
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"We have two very exciting developments that we hope to talk to you about soon," Doug True, the UI vice president for

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New UI provost quickly settles in

BY NATE GREEN
THE DAILY IOWAN



Michael Hogan
Position: Provost
Age: 60

Education: B.A., University of Northern Iowa, M.A. and Ph.D., UI

UI Duties: Supervises UI academic and research programs, faculty promotion, student academic affairs, and strategic academic planning

Michael Hogan has successfully dropped the "Buck" and added the "Hawk" — "eyes," that is — after becoming the UI's provost.

After just two weeks, the former Ohio State University administrator sees major challenges facing the UI, but he has fresh ideas for making improvements. Hogan identified low faculty salaries compared with peer institutions, large class sizes, and rising tuition as his greatest concerns at the UI.

But the 60-year-old believes that his 18 years at Ohio State have provided him the experience needed to improve the UI.

As the university's chief academic officer, he wants to push for greater state support to increase faculty salaries, raise

more money for scholarships, and increase fund raising for academic units.

Hogan also said he wants to establish a Scholars Program for students with 2.8 to 3.2 GPAs — those falling just below Honors Program standards.

"Studies show that students who go through such a program do better academically and are more likely to graduate," he said.

Patricia Cain, last year's interim provost, identified the budget and responding to requests from the state Board

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GROUNDBREAKING



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

City and School Board officials break ground Wednesday morning at the site of the new alternative high school near Kirkwood Community College. The new facility has yet to be named.

Alternative-school construction under way

BY NICOLE BRUNS
THE DAILY IOWAN

With smiles on their faces, Iowa City School District officials and students wielded shovels on Wednesday morning and broke ground at the site of a new alternative high school.

The groundbreaking ceremony was step closer to providing students who are unsuccessful in traditional schools with a much-needed, larger facility, said school Superintendent Lane Plugge.

"[The school] respects the diversity of learning styles that

our young people have," said Plugge, who considers the school "an investment in educational opportunity."

The school, which has yet to be named, is scheduled to open in August 2005. The \$3.3 million facility is being financed through funds from the school bond referendum that passed in early 2003 and a \$1 million Iowa Demonstration Construction Grant.

Board members decided to build the new facility after voters approved the \$39 million bond referendum.

Located on Mall Drive, the new school will be near Kirkwood Community College, providing students with the opportunity to work closely with the college in various programs and obtain dual high-school and college credit.

For the past 15 years, the Senior High Alternative Center has been located on the third floor of the Central Administration Office, 509 S. Dubuque St. It accommodates 70 students in grades 9-12 and employs five teachers. The new building, which will have a capacity of 250,

is projected to have an opening-day enrollment of 150 students.

"I'm simply ecstatic to have a facility large enough to serve more students," said Principal Stephanie Phillips.

Floor plans show the building will house a science lab, botany lab, pottery area, art studio, and two group-study areas.

"Having a new building sends a message that [the students'] lives and education are important," said Ben Mosher, an English teacher at the alternative center.

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Original 9/11 plan called for taking 10 planes

Panel finds no Iraq/Al Qaeda connection

BY THOMAS FRANK
NEWSDAY

WASHINGTON — The mastermind of the 9/11 attacks originally planned to hijack 10 planes and hit U.S. nuclear power plants, CIA and FBI headquarters, and West Coast skyscrapers along with the targets struck that day, but he was overruled by Qaeda leaders, the commission investigating the attacks said Wednesday.

The panel also found "no credible evidence that Iraq and Al

Qaeda cooperated" on the attacks. Detailing convoluted planning, leaders who disagreed over the plot, and would-be hijackers who backed out, the commission gave further ammunition to critics of intelligence agencies, stating that in June 2001 a CIA source reported that many Qaeda members knew operatives were being prepared to go to the United States.

But the most intriguing disclosures came from statements of 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and plotter

Ramzi Binalshibh — both now in U.S. custody — who laid out the extensive behind-the-scenes planning and constant involvement of Osama bin Laden.

The commission was barred from interviewing the two men and read interrogations conducted by U.S. authorities holding them in undisclosed locations.

Through more than two years of planning, bin Laden shaped the scale and details of the attacks to a degree that startled some members of the commission.

"Is this really realistic that he was that much hands-on in charge?" Fred Fielding asked a panel of FBI and CIA officials.

"He was a bit of a micromanager," FBI agent James Fitzgerald replied.

When some senior Qaeda officials and the head of the Taliban government in Afghanistan, which harbored Al Qaeda, voiced last-minute opposition to the attacks, bin Laden overruled them.

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Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City resident Damon Toal-Rossi pours biodiesel fuel into his VW Golf TDI on Tuesday afternoon. He makes the fuel from a methanol mixture and oil donated from various restaurants, and he averages around 45 miles per gallon.

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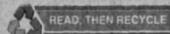
OPEN FOR NEOPHYTES

The last six golf majors have been won by first-timers. Will Sergio Garcia make it seven?
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COURT DUMPS VALUES FUND

The state high court says Gov. Tom Vilsack's line-item vetoes were unconstitutional.
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NEWS

Student gov'ts agree to collaborate

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

LAKESIDE LABORATORY — She listened to Death Cab for Cutie and Danny Kimball on the five-hour drive to West Lake Okoboji, in northwestern Iowa, then UI Student Government President Lindsay Schutte spent Wednesday with her fellow student-government presidents discussing strategic goals for the year.

UISG officials, Iowa State University Student Government

President Sophia Magill and University of Northern Iowa Student Government President Brendon Moe, along with other ISU and UNI student officials, sat in the library of the Lakeside Laboratory on Wednesday and decided how student officials at the three regents' universities will collaborate in the coming months.

A listserv, regular meetings, and conference calls topped the list of how to stay in touch.

The group joked casually throughout the meeting, but the

members were serious when it came to issues involving their jobs.

The leaders cited "clear communication, responsive relations, effective execution, and trusting team" as guiding principles when dealing with each other.

"We need to keep in mind we're setting institutional goals," Schutte said. "We need to take personal politics out of it."

The group decided on one important short term goal — to

be recognized as a collective association on higher-education policy and organization.

Schutte said the presidents "want the three institutions to have a strong relationship and to achieve some of our initiatives for the year."

The three student leaders plan to meet with some of the state's top officials, including Gov. Tom Vilsack, before the fall semester begins.

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State Supreme Court kills Iowa Values Fund

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Gov. Tom Vilsack said Wednesday that Iowa will honor its agreements under an economic-development program declared null by the Iowa Supreme Court.

The court ruled earlier in the day that Vilsack's line-item vetoes in the bill creating the \$503 million Iowa Values Fund were unconstitutional and nullified the entire measure.

Grants and loans from the Values Fund, backed in the first two years by federal economic-stimulus aid, went to more than 30 projects worth millions of dollars, many already under way.

"The state has to send a strong message it will honor those commitments," Vilsack said in a conference call from Washington.

Under state law, the governor may use a line-item veto to reject portions of spending bills, but he or she may not strip items from policy measures, which must be accepted or rejected in total.

Vilsack had argued that his use of the veto in the bill creating the seven-year Iowa Values Fund program was within the limits of the law because it spelled out how huge sums of money would be spent.

A lower state court agreed, but the Iowa Supreme Court rejected the argument, saying the governor had overstepped his authority.

"As a result of the governor's unconstitutional action, his attempted disapproval of the bill has been rendered a nullity and ineffective," the court said.



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Legislative leaders said they were taken aback by the decision, hoping the court would order the entire package into law.

"I did not see this coming," the said House Speaker Chris Rants, R-Sioux City. "They threw us a curve ball today. We assumed that in going to court everything would be restored."

"It's going to take some time for both parties to sort out what it means," Rants said.

Vilsack said he would speak with legislative leaders as early as Thursday to assess the next step. Neither side ruled out a special legislative session.

"It's been a phenomenal year for the state and we want to keep that momentum going," Vilsack said. "I think it's in all our best interests ... to continue the Values Fund."

Agreements struck under the program so far, he said, have spurred investment of \$1.4 billion in the state, creating 11,000 jobs.

For example, Wells Fargo Home Mortgage received \$10 million from the fund toward a \$250 million project in West Des Moines. Groundbreaking for its new headquarters and training center, expected to employ 4,500 people, was set for Friday.

Rep. Phil Wise, D-Keokuk, said the mess created by the veto and Republicans' lawsuit must be fixed with new Values Fund legislation in a special session.

Legislative leaders took him to court, saying he had overstepped his authority. They said they had carefully crafted the bill to force Vilsack to accept or reject the entire package.

The power to veto specific items in legislation has been a traditional source of conflict between the governor and lawmakers, regardless of which party holds those offices. Governors, by tradition, seek to expand their veto power, giving them more control over the budget process, while lawmakers traditionally seek limits on that power.

The Supreme Court said the bill was a policy measure that, under the Iowa Constitution, needed approval from the governor in its entirety for any part to take effect.

"Ultimately, the result of this case is to render things as though no provision ... passed into law," the court said.

The dispute underscores a fundamental disagreement between Democrats and Republicans over the direction the state should take in economic development. Vilsack believes state investment in new projects can best boost the economy, while Republican lawmakers favor deep income-tax cuts and eased regulation of businesses.

The court offered sympathy for the dispute.

"As is prone to happening, particularly in times of divided government, the Legislature and governor had difficulty reaching an agreement on the best methods for economic development and the specific nature of the Values Fund," the court said.

AP writer David Pitt contributed to this report.

CITY & STATE

Bettendorf melts ban on ice-cream trucks

BETTENDORF (AP) — Children of all ages will soon be able to run down the sidewalks of this Eastern Iowa town, chasing the calliope music of an ice-cream truck.

The City Council voted Tuesday to lift the decades-old ban on ice-cream trucks selling within the city limits.

That means Jolynn Holan, a Stan's Ice Cream vendor, may be able to have her truck on the streets selling ice cream as soon as Thursday.

"I'm ecstatic," she said after the council's vote. "I can't wait. The kids finally won't have to have someone drive to get their ice cream anymore."

City Councilor Rosemary Gordy said there are still some concerns with allowing an ice-cream truck to operate in the city.

"I've been assured the ice-cream trucks will park on the side of the street and not in the middle where kids could run out," she said. "I've also been assured that the noise ordinance in the city will be enforced, and you won't hear the

truck's music from two or three blocks away."

While some councilors said complaints over an ice-cream truck focused on safety and noise, the craving for cones won out.

The Milan, Ill.-based company operates 15 vans and sells ice cream throughout the Quad Cities region and as far away as Dubuque, Galesburg, Ill. and Sterling-Rock Falls, Ill. Bettendorf was the only community to ban ice-cream truck sales.

Ancient Coralville campsite to be excavated

CORALVILLE (AP) — A campsite along the Iowa River will be excavated this summer in hopes of finding ancient artifacts, city officials said.

The dig was prompted by work on a \$63.2 million hotel and convention center and the Iowa Environmental/Education Project, the *Gazette* reported in a copyright story.

"We wanted to make sure we handled the site appropriately," said Kelly Hayworth, the Coralville city administrator.

Excavation is not expected to affect construction of the various projects and commercial redevelopment in the area, Hayworth said.

The campsite likely dates to around 1500 B.C., said John Doershuk, the director of the general contracts program in the Office of the State Archaeologist at the UI.

"This has the potential to be a really great site, which could give us a great interpretation of the period," he said.

Researchers have found a spear point, stone tools, and chips of stone associated with early toolmaking. There also was fire-cracked rock, which would be consistent with a campsite, Doershuk said.

The artifacts are approximately 4 feet beneath the surface, he said, in an area of what is now Edgewater Park. The area would remain open space when the hotel and convention center and the Iowa Environmental/Education Project are built.

There are only about six such sites in the state and about a dozen in the Midwest, Doershuk said.

The artifacts will be catalogued and preserved, Hayworth said.

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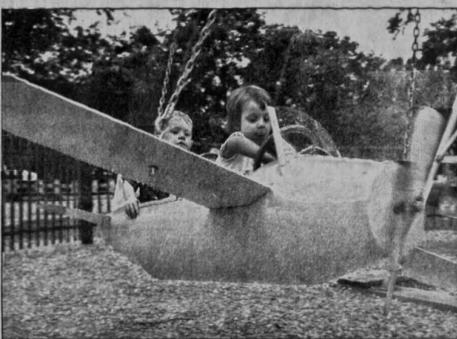
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GREAT PLANE



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Grace Heller-Fey "steers" a plane on a ride in the Lower City Park as her little brother Mason rides in the back seat on Wednesday evening. Other rides in Lower City Park include a carousel, train, and miniature Ferris wheel.

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BY KAREI ASSOCIATE

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GAY-MARRIAGE NATION

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Gay-nuptial critics target Legislature

BY KAREN TESTA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — For a month now, hundreds of gay couples have gotten married in Massachusetts with remarkably little fanfare or protest. The honeymoon is about to end.

Gay-marriage opponents are targeting the Legislature this fall, when all 200 seats are up for election. They want to see passage of a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage.

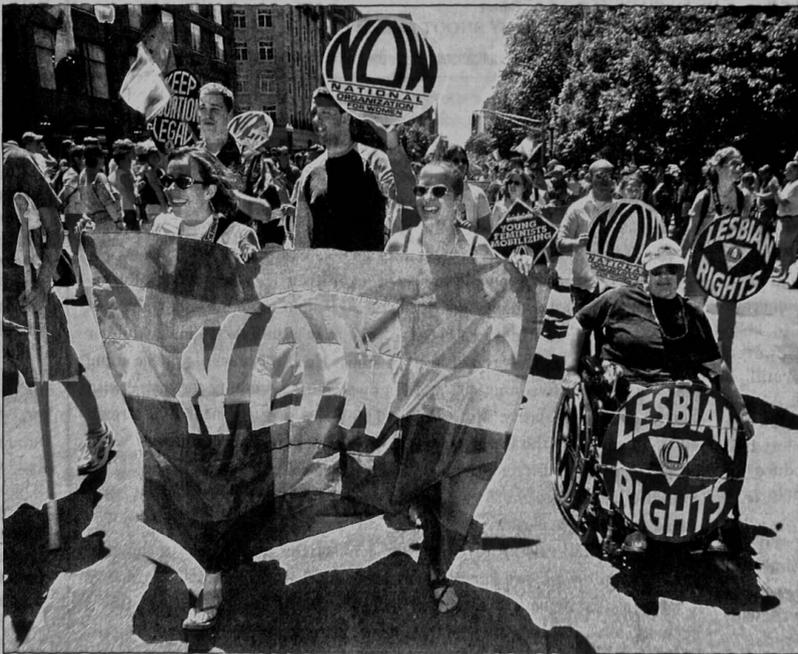
"The people who are in favor of marriage, the traditional definition of it, we still haven't given up," said Michael Carl, the president of a political-action committee to support candidates who oppose gay marriage and civil unions.

On the other side of the issue, gay-marriage supporters plan to mount a legal challenge any day now to the 1913 law that Gov. Mitt Romney has used to block out-of-state couples from exchanging vows in Massachusetts.

Overtaking the law could lead large numbers of gays and lesbians to come to Massachusetts to get married. Those couples could then demand legal recognition in their home states, setting off challenges to marriage laws across the country.

It is not clear exactly how many gay couples have gotten married since May 17 as a result of a first-in-the-nation ruling by Massachusetts' high court that said gays have the right to wed. City and town clerks have two months to file the marriage-license paperwork. On the first day alone, approximately 1,700 applications were issued.

Gay-marriage foes who had warned of the imminent destruction of a sacred institution have held off holding any large-scale



A group from the National Organization for Women walk in the annual gay-pride march on June 12 in Boston. Thousands of people celebrated during Boston's first gay-pride festivities since the legalization of gay marriage in Massachusetts.

Michael Dwyer/Associated Press

protests and have instead spent the past weeks regrouping for the months and years ahead.

They say they want to focus their attention on legislators at the state and national level, not the couples.

In March, the Legislature narrowly passed, 105-92, a proposed amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution that would ban gay marriages but legalize Vermont-style civil unions.

In addition, the lobbying arm of the state's four Roman Catholic dioceses is sending letters to every parish in the state, urging Catholics to let lawmakers who did not vote to ban gay marriage know of their "profound disappointment" and encouraging high praise for those who opposed gay

marriage. However, the Boston Archdiocese has stopped short of pushing for the defeat of lawmakers who support gay marriage.

Also at issue is a 1913 state law that prohibits clerks from issuing licenses to couples if the marriage would not be legal in their home state.

"It's an ongoing piece of discrimination ... that really needs to be addressed," said lawyer Mary Bonauto, who represented the seven gay couples in the landmark case that led to the legalization of gay marriage.

Given the narrow margin of approval, both sides are working to try to shore up their support in the Legislature.

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Moon-Mars panel: NASA must change

BY MARCIA DUNN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA must make difficult and controversial changes — like turning its Apollo-era field centers into innovative research hubs — if the nation is to send humans back to the Moon and on to Mars, a presidential commission said Wednesday.

The commission issued 14 recommendations for achieving the goals outlined by President Bush in January and stressed that adopting all of them will increase the chances of success.

The commission presented the 60-page report to Vice President Dick Cheney and then met with reporters in Washington and later with NASA employees.

Aldridge said reaction from the White House was positive. And NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe called the recommendations "quite remarkable." He urged employees to give the recommendations as much thought and consideration as the commission did.

The Moon-Mars panel spent the past four months conducting hearings around the country and reviewing thousands of ideas from experts, educators, and space enthusiasts.

In the end, the group settled on eight findings and 14 recommendations on how best to implement the president's vision of landing astronauts on the Moon by 2020 and getting them to Mars a decade or two later.

Among them: NASA should give a larger share of its launch work to industry. And it should transform its field centers into federally funded research and development centers, like the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif.

The nine field centers — still stuck in the 1960s Apollo era with an aging work force, old buildings, and "ossified" practices, and often duplicating one another's efforts — "are not optimally configured to carry out the nation's space exploration vision," the commission said in its report.

Aldridge said the exploration plan will boost the U.S. economy and competitiveness by creating good technical jobs, improving national security through the advanced technology that results, ensuring America's leadership in the world, and inspiring youngsters and teachers.

The commission defended the "pay-as-you-go approach" adopted by NASA and said it is not essential — and not even possible — to calculate the full cost of the program.

"How much is the cure for cancer going to cost? I don't know that either, but I know what I can afford on an annual basis to try to get there, and this is the same model we're using for the space program," Aldridge said.

He noted, however, that NASA needs to work harder at spreading the message and, despite all the restrictions on marketing, could borrow an idea or two from the armed services' recruitment efforts.

"NASA does not do a very good job of selling the program to the American people," he said. The "U.S. Air Force now has a stock car with 'Air Force' painted on it. Where's the NASA stock car?"

NASA employees applauded as Aldridge laughed and went on: "I know there are some engineers who could really soup that car up. ... Maybe we can put a rocket engine on the back."

NATION

Man accused in mall plot to get psych test

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A man charged with plotting to blow up a shopping mall slammed his face on a table and smiled vacantly Wednesday in a courtroom where a federal magistrate ordered tests to determine whether he is competent to stand trial.

Authorities have accused Nuradin Abdi, 32, of plotting an attack with a self-admitted member of Al Qaeda, Lyman Faris, who is now imprisoned for never-acted-on plans to sabotage the Brooklyn Bridge. Hundreds of Abdi's supporters gathered to proclaim his innocence at the courthouse where Magistrate Mark Abel ordered the Somali national transferred to a federal psychiatric facility.

Abel found that Abdi's behavior in jail since his November arrest and his attorney's difficulties communicating with him made an evaluation necessary. The transcript of Abel's discussion with attorneys about Abdi's behavior has been sealed, but Abdi acted strangely before and during Wednesday's hearing.

After being helped to a chair, Abdi slammed his face to the glass table and kept it there for a few minutes, staring into the reflection. During the proceedings, he looked around, smiled at no one in particular, and put his head back on the table.

Abdi also kicked the table, fidgeted with his wrist and ankle shackles, and kept pushing his chair back from the table. Toward the end of the hearing, he started muttering.

Some friends and relatives in the courtroom said Abdi, who has spent

the last seven months in federal custody, was almost unrecognizable. His brother Mohamed Abdikarani, 17, said Abdi looked at him without seeming to know him.

"This wasn't the Nuradin that we know," said Jad Humeidan, the executive director of the Ohio office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. "This was just the shell of a man."

"What did they do for him for seven months, and why is he a broken man?" Abdi's lawyer, Mahir Sherif, asked outside the courtroom. Assistant U.S. Attorney Dana Peters said he did not object to the evaluation but added, "We have no evidence of any abuse of Mr. Abdi."

The indictment against Abdi was unsealed Monday. The FBI said no specific mall was targeted.

Authorities have a third suspect under surveillance and are trying to determine how many others might have been involved, U.S. Attorney Gregory Lockhart said in published reports Wednesday.

"I don't know that we know at this point know who all the people he

[Abdi] was associated with are," Lockhart said.

Abdi is charged with providing material support to Al Qaeda, conspiracy, and document fraud. If convicted, he could get up to 80 years in prison.

Abdi, who operated a small cell-phone business, was initially held

on immigration violations when he was arrested seven months ago, authorities said.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said the charges revealed Monday against Abdi serve as a reminder that Al Qaeda is determined "to hit the United States and hit us hard."

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Trolley could save rain-forest folly

The \$50 million rider on the 2003 Energy Policy Act for the indoor rain-forest project in Coralville was an embarrassing way to bring national attention to our Eastern Iowa community. Aside from "what the f—?", the resounding question people asked was what a domed rain forest had to do with energy.

Not much, aside from the massive amounts it will require to keep heated during an Iowa winter and illuminate UV-hungry trees. However, the Cedar Rapids City Council voted in late March to apply for \$12 million in federal grant money to run a trolley between Coralville, the Amana Colonies, and Cedar Rapids. While that proposal would fall short of serving Eastern Iowa commuters' needs, the idea should be explored. If executed correctly, the rain-forest pork project could help produce an extremely useful (and likely more permanent) result that could help save fuel and ease interstate traffic.

The Cedar Rapids proposal was fiscally prudent, using existing rails on which the trolley would run, costing approximately \$15 million. However, those tracks are safe only up to 40 mph. They pass near downtown Iowa City (approximately two blocks away from the site of the new Iowa City Transit Building). The same tracks also come within yards of the site of the rain-forest project. Iowa City residents could catch a Kernels game and enjoy a few beers without having to drive home, while a Cedar Rapids resident could enjoy an evening in a downtown that has a pulse.

While the infrastructure does exist, replacing the existing tracks with ones safe for higher speeds would cost at least \$1 million per mile, according to Iowa City Transit manager Ron Logsdon. This would bring the cost of such a project to a range of about \$40 million to \$50 million, far more than the Cedar Rapids proposal. And interest in a rail system in Eastern Iowa must

be practical. Tourism alone would not sustain such a project. It must first serve the needs of Eastern Iowans in order to sustain itself for tourism.

Besides cost, getting people to accept a rail-transit system as an alternative to driving is the next biggest obstacle. People prefer taking their own vehicles to their destinations because they aren't confined to a schedule or restricted to where the transit system stops. However, parking is becoming scarce and expensive, and I-80 and Highway 6 are becoming congested with clockwork predictability. More than 45,000 cars use the local I-80 stretch daily, according to the Iowa Department of Transportation. Rail travel won't be affected by traffic. Stations downtown, on campus, and by the UIHC wouldn't be any more of a walk than to the parking facility. In fact, they would probably be closer.

With the fund-raising capacity and connections to lawmakers that the rain-forest project board has demonstrated, another \$25 million or so (on top of proposed local government and federal efforts) toward such a project shouldn't prove to be too difficult. Given a price tag of more than \$215 million for the rain forest, the cost of a rail system looks more than reasonable. It would shuttle visitors from the airport in Cedar Rapids to the rain forest while garnering support for the rain forest from what has been a skeptical and divided community.

A rail system is also actually justifiable in an energy bill, because it would help to save fuel and will still be running long after the rain forest begins siphoning off state and federal money to sustain itself (you wouldn't want this expensive educational facility to close just years after it was built).

Protect forests from bulldozer-huggers

Under former President Clinton, the government banned road-building in 60 million acres of pristine national forest. Last year, President Bush reversed that ruling for more than half of the Tongass National Forest in Alaska. Congress has an opportunity this week to overrule Bush and save more than 9 million acres of rain forest from the bulldozers. At the same time, it can send a message to the administration to leave priceless wilderness areas (including 2.5 million acres of roadless national forest in California) alone.

Bush wants to allow loggers to build roads on these 9 million acres so they can get at just 300,000 acres of old-growth trees. On top of that, other misguided federal policies would subsidize the road work at a cost of millions; in 2002, \$13 million in federal funds was spent on road-building in the Tongass.

And with the departure of the loggers' trucks, the decaying roads would leave a legacy of erosion and other environmental damage that the government must either pay to repair or (more likely) leave as a mess, as is the case in too many areas.

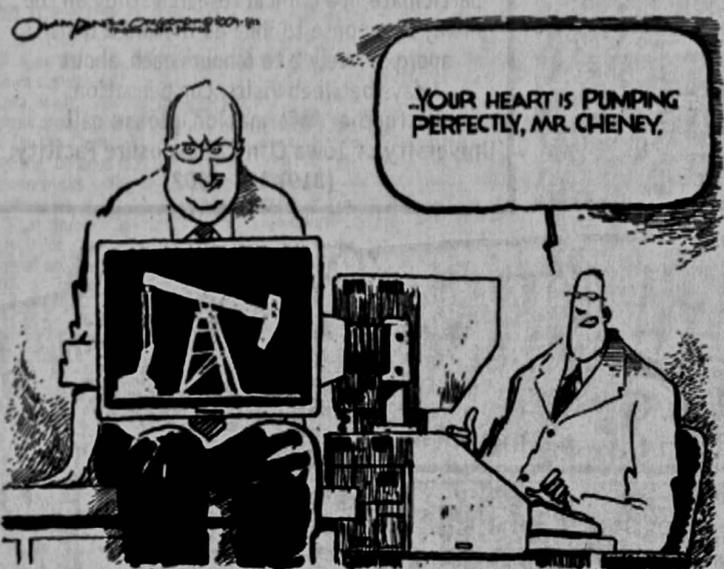
Why? Administration officials tout the economic benefit to Alaska of building roads and harvesting timber in the national forests. Alaska's governor and other state politicians pushed hard for Bush's reversal of Clinton's roadless policy. The state has suffered badly from a timber industry slump caused mainly by low-cost competition from Russia and China.

It is always an interesting test of a Republican administration: whether it sees its job as protecting free-market competition or protecting favored businesses from free-market competition. In this case, it is a test the Bush administration flunks.

And the administration also flunks on a basic understanding of federalism — another value that Republican administrations hold high, at least rhetorically. Of course local politicians care more about short-term economics than long-term wilderness preservation. That is why the national forests are national. They belong to all of us, and most of us (according to every poll) want the bulldozers to stay out.

This editorial appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*.

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Mercury sources need to be regulated

This year, the Bush administration is making a decision that will have an enormous impact on public health and the environment. The administration is deciding on how much it will reduce mercury pollution from its largest uncontrolled source: power plants.

Mercury's effects on the central nervous system are comparable with those of lead. A recent EPA analysis indicates that one in six women of child-bearing age in the United States has levels of mercury in her blood that are unsafe for a developing fetus. This means that as many as 630,000 children are born in this country each year with a heightened risk of developmental problems because of mercury exposure.

The largest industrial source of mercury remains completely unregulated. Iowa's 18 power plants emitted 2,170 pounds of mercury into our air last year. Mercury from the air pollutes our fresh water and the fish in it, and then women and children eat the contaminated fish, which causes serious neurological problems.

Even though enforcement of the Clean Air Act would require power plants to reduce mercury by 90 percent, the Bush administration has proposed allowing six to seven times more mercury into the air every year for the next decade. President Bush should protect public health and the environment by setting tough mercury standards and not let his campaign contributors in the coal and power-plant industries rewrite our clean air laws to avoid cleaning up their mercury pollution.

Aaron Lyman
Iowa Public Interest Research Group

ON THE SPOT

Would you rather take a train or drive if Iowa City and Cedar Rapids had rail transit?



"I'd take a train to Chicago but not to Cedar Rapids."

Andy McCoy
UI grad student



"If the train ran on a regular, convenient schedule, I'd always take a train."

Tricia Seifert
UI grad student



"I'd take a train."

Lance Till
UI grad student



"I commute from Cedar Rapids and would take the train if it were fast enough."

Michelle Reyes
UI employee

Stealing back childhood

I'm always up for attending lectures, conferences, and teach-ins offered on campus. In April, taking a friend's suggestion, I attended the screening of *Stolen Childhoods*, a documentary detailing the horrors of child labor around the globe. One applicable part of the film was learning about Rugmark, a child labor-free designation for clothing and a concept that made some of the film's issues more real in my everyday life. The system was developed by a man named Kailash Satyarthi, and while the concept stayed with me more than his name, his work resurfaced in my life this past week.



BRITTANY SHOOT

Continuing to look for ways to educate myself outside of the classroom this summer, I've kept my eye on a group constantly striving to enact social change. The UI Center for Human Rights is tucked away in a little corner up in the Journalism and Mass Communication Building on campus. As a part of the center's Child Labor Research Initiative, the center works to educate people about the harm that arises when children are forced to toil in harsh factory conditions around the globe. Through educational programs, the center inspires change by raising awareness and by garnering participation in its actions to end child labor on a local level. The office may be small, but it has some important informational activities planned for the upcoming months, including a conference, "Teaching About Global Child Labor," to be held the last week of July. And the keynote speaker for the conference? Kailash Satyarthi.

While that name may not mean much to any of us in Iowa City, Satyarthi can offer a glimmer of hope to children working in substandard conditions. Founder of the Global March Against Child Labor and a longtime activist for ending child labor and exploitation, Satyarthi was recently featured as an ABC News Person of the Week by Peter Jennings. In his extensive history fighting for children's rights, when he is not working as the chairman of various committees, he can be found raiding factories to free working children and organizing like-minded others to assist with his work.

He agreed to join the university's human-rights center for the summer conference and speak about his efforts in India and other parts of Asia to end child endangerment in illegal working environments. At the time he was asked, no one had any idea how drastically things would change in such a short time.

Last week, during a raid on an Indian circus exploiting children, he and some of the working children's parents were brutally beaten. Acting on request of many of the parents, local magistrates were assigned to assist in the raid. Once underway, though, the authorities instructed to help Satyarthi's people turned on them and helped circus workers in attacking the group and holding some of the parents hostage. Many of the children and their parents are still being held, while others, including Satyarthi, were rescued and are now recuperating in Lucknow hospitals.

Now in stable condition, Satyarthi will be able to make the trip to the United States and give his keynote lecture on July 26. However, no legal action has been taken in Satyarthi's defense. The Indian government has yet to press charges against its corrupt employees or offer protection for Satyarthi and those working with him.

To demand that the Indian government take action in this case, go to www.globalmarch.org for contact information for various government officials including the president of India and the Indian prime minister.

Satyarthi will present a much-needed perspective on campus and offer insights rarely available to many of us. To offer him support in his visit next month, take action this week not only on his behalf but because child labor is unacceptable. To quote Satyarthi, "Let us come together by committing ourselves not in words but in action to put child slavery in the graveyard forever." ■

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Regents approve UI budget

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Finance, told the regents, adding that they were "multi-million dollar developments that will put us over the top very quickly."

The regents' approval of the fiscal 2005 budget meant

approving Skorton's General Education Fund Task Force's suggestions, which included decreased aid from the general-education fund for several departments, most notably athletics.

Skorton appointed the task force in October 2003 to determine how to cut \$2 million from the UI's general-education fund to be reallocated to

salaries, library acquisitions, and other areas. The administration will make decisions regarding an additional \$10 million reduction from the \$445 million fund in the next several months.

The general-education fund consists primarily of student fees and state appropriations.

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Commission details 9/11 conspiracy

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Some Qaeda leaders had feared U.S. retaliation, and the Taliban was under pressure from the Pakistani government, its ally, to keep Al Qaeda from operating outside Afghanistan. But bin Laden said the attacks would draw new recruits and donations and were necessary to protest the presence of U.S. forces in Saudi Arabia.

In the original stages of the planning, bin Laden scaled back the grand plans envisioned by Mohammed, the chief plotter, who was arrested last year.

In the plan to hijack 10 airplanes, Mohammed said he would have piloted the 10th plane, killed every adult male passenger, contacted the media while airborne, and landed the plane at a U.S. airport to make a speech denouncing U.S. policies in the Middle East. Then he would have released women and children passengers.

But Qaeda leaders found that plan too grand and complex, so Mohammed plotted instead to explode U.S. airliners flying from Southeast Asia at the same time as other planes hit U.S. targets. The planes from Asia would be hijacked by Yemenis, who were unable to get visas allowing them into the United States.

Yet that plan also was deemed too complicated, so in April or May 2000, bin Laden canceled the Southeast Asia portion.

But even in its simplified form, the planning faced obstacles and internal disputes up to the last minute.

"In the end," commission investigators wrote, "the plot proved sufficiently flexible to adapt and evolve as challenges arose."

Al Qaeda had wanted to use 25 or 26 hijackers, as opposed to the 19 who participated, to have up to seven on each flight.

But two potential hijackers apparently withdrew under family pressure; two were removed by Qaeda leadership; two failed to get U.S. visas; two backed out after being questioned by security officials at the airport in Bahrain, a Gulf state; and one was barred from

entering the United States at Orlando International Airport on Aug. 4, 2001.

Bin Laden pressed Mohammed to stage the attacks as early as mid-2000, after Ariel Sharon, then the Israeli opposition leader, offended many Muslims by visiting the Temple Mount in Jerusalem. Bin Laden then requested May 12, 2001, the seven-month anniversary of the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole, in which 17 sailors were killed while it was docked in Yemen, and then tried to accelerate the operation again when he learned Sharon would be visiting the White House in June or July, 2001.

Mohammed resisted bin Laden, arguing that pilots needed to be fully trained. The first week in September was finally chosen because Congress would be in session.

But even then, planners disagreed on the targets. Mohammed said bin Laden wanted to hit the White House instead of the Capitol, though others argued that the Capitol, sitting high on a hill, is a

much easier target than the smaller White House, which is nestled between office buildings in downtown Washington.

The planners "may still have been uncertain about which Washington target they would strike," the commission said. Flight 93, bound for Washington, crashed in a field in Pennsylvania after passengers tried to take back control of the plane.

The commission report gives a new portrayal of Zacarias Moussaoui, arrested four weeks before the attacks when he aroused suspicions at a Minnesota flight school where he had enrolled.

Though authorities originally called Moussaoui the 20th hijacker, Mohammad said Moussaoui was "never intended to be part of the 9/11 operation," the commission said. Rather, he was slated to join a "second wave" of attacks on the West Coast after 9/11, though Mohammad acknowledged that by the summer of 2001 he was "too busy with the 9/11 plot to plan the second wave attacks," the commission said.

New provost becoming a Hawkeye

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of Regents as the major challenges she expects Hogan to see. "Those seem to eat up all your time," said Cain, who is now the special assistant to the provost.

But from what she has seen so far, she thinks Hogan will be successful as provost.

"He's done a terrific job — already speaking up at the regents meetings," she said. "He's comfortable with the issues; he just needs to learn the Iowa specifics."

In his time thus far, Hogan has been working to acclimate himself to the UI through meetings

with President David Skorton, the various vice presidents, faculty, students, and his staff.

"With all the meetings, my biggest challenge now is getting time to sit down to answer the 100 to 150 e-mails I get a day," Hogan said.

Part of the appeal of coming back to the UI was the strong leadership he saw in the university administration, he said, in addition to the opportunity to work with a likable president such as Skorton.

"Everything they told me about [Skorton] turned out to be true, especially his great sense of humor," Hogan said. "This was one of the best provost jobs in the country."

Skorton, who called Hogan a "quick study," said that he was excited to have Hogan at the UI.

"He and his wife, Virginia, have really been taken in well here."

UI Student Government President Lindsay Schutte also had a favorable impression of Hogan after her first meeting with him.

"He wants to immerse himself in the whole student experience — everything from student services to academia," she said. "I am excited about his service-learning ideas and really just exhilarated to work with him."

Thus far, Hogan has not pinpointed any negatives at the UI, but, he said, "I'm sure as time goes by I will uncover things I don't like. I might be naive, but I am happy as a lark so far."

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UI staffer discovers joys of biodiesel

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Society petroleum manager Gary Wrede said the most popular grade is a mix of 98 percent premium diesel petroleum and 2 percent soy biodiesel, which goes for \$3 a gallon.

"The 2 percent blend increases the lubricity of the diesel 66 percent," he said. Customers have reported a 6 to 13 percent increase in fuel efficiency, he said.

Wrede has eight or nine regular customers who buy the pure soy diesel product, and he says

most are — like Tbal-Rossi — Volkswagen drivers with models produced after 1992. Before that year, he said, the cars had more rubber parts, which react poorly to the pure blend.

For its part, Volkswagen encourages the use of biodiesel, but as the company's service department at Carousel Motors, 809 Highway 1, points out, using fuel that doesn't fit the Environmental Protection Agency's standards voids the car's warranty.

Tbal-Rossi said his mix is less polluting than conventional diesel because it contains no sulfur and reduces the number of unburned hydrocarbons.

"The carbon dioxide that's released is in the same life-cycle as the plants that go into the fuel through the oil," he added.

A 2002 EPA study backs him up, showing that a pure biodiesel fuel cuts down emissions of unburned hydrocarbons by 67 percent and carbon monoxide by 48 percent.

And Tbal-Rossi offered words of reassurance to power buffs, noting that he estimates he only loses about five to 10 potential BTUs per gallon.

"There's never been a time when I've pushed it for more, and it didn't work," he said.

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- Al Rose, John Hasbrouck, Mill, 120 E. Burlington, 9 p.m., \$5
- The Great Fire of 1666, Thistle, Ampline, Coach Mahler & the Athletes, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, 9 p.m., \$5
- Awareness DJ's Ladies Night, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, 10 p.m., \$4
- The Hackensaw Boys, Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert, time and price TBA

Words

- Ingrid Hill, fiction, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, 8 p.m., free

Theater

- Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival, *Much Ado About Nothing*, Riverside Festival Stage, Lower City Park, 8 p.m., \$12-\$33

FRIDAY

Music

- All-State Music Camp recital, final jazz-band camp concert, Clapp Recital Hall, 8 p.m., free
- Guided by Voices, the Waxwings, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$17
- Kristie Stremel, Brutus, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
- David Zollo and the Body Electric, Eric Noden, Mill, 9 p.m., \$8
- Saul Lubaroff Trio, Sanctuary, 9:30 p.m., 405 S. Gilbert

Words

- Seth Kanter, fiction, Prairie Lights, 8 p.m., free

Theater

- Avow, Iowa City Community Theatre, Wesley Center, 120 S. Dubuque, 8 p.m., \$15
- Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival, *Much Ado About Nothing*, Riverside Festival Stage, 8 p.m., \$12-\$33

Misc.

- Video Showcase, shorts by Jason Nebergall, Public Space One, 6 1/2 S. Dubuque, 8 p.m., price TBA

SATURDAY

Music

- River City High, Feable Weiner, Karmella's Game, Prom Night Tornado, Gabe's, 5:30 p.m., \$6
- Lucy Kaplansky, Sam Knutsen, Mill, 8 p.m., \$10
- Alastair Moock, Farewell to Iowa City concert, 9:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Broken Grass, Green Room, time and price TBA

Theater

- Avow, Community Theatre, 8 p.m., \$15
- Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival, *Much Ado About Nothing*, Riverside Festival Stage, 8 p.m., \$12-\$33

Misc.

- Video Showcase, shorts by Jason Nebergall, Public Space One, 8 p.m., price TBA

SUNDAY

Theater

- Avow, Community Theatre, 1 p.m., \$15

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- Video Showcase, shorts by Jason Nebergall, Public Space One, 8 p.m., price TBA

No holds
Bard'The course of true love
never did run smooth.'
— ShakespeareA summer tradition returns to Lower City Park this weekend as the fifth-annual Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival takes the stage to present two of the bard's classics: *Much Ado About Nothing* and *Measure for Measure*

Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Benedick (Dennis Fox) taunts Beatrice (Saffron Henke) during a dress rehearsal Tuesday night for the Riverside Theatre production of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Riverside Festival Stage in Lower City Park.BY KATHRYN ANDERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

It's definitely summer in Iowa City — school's out, and so are the mosquitoes; the swimming pool in City Park is packed with kids, while the park's drier territory is populated by bikers and Little Leaguers, bawds and constables, and dukes and nuns. While the season is unmistakable, the time period may seem less certain as Riverside Theatre brings timeless 16th-century stories to life in the fifth-annual Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival.

This year's month-long outdoor festival, which opens today at the Riverside Festival Stage in Lower City Park, will showcase William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*, a romantic, lighthearted comedy about love

and gossip, and *Measure for Measure*, a darker comedy that broaches questions of morality, law, and identity. This year's festival, which reflects the diversity of Shakespeare's work, will feature many actors who have participated in previous years.

"A lot of these actors have become well-loved in the community because they've returned to the festival," said Ron Clark, a Riverside artistic director and the director of *Much Ado About Nothing*. "It's sort of a reunion in some ways for the audience and the actors."

Jody Hovland, also a Riverside artistic director, said the two-show repertory, in which actors often play very contrasting roles, is something that draws actors to the festival.

"It's an opportunity to call on your range of skills," said Hovland,

who also plays Dogberry in *Much Ado About Nothing* and Francisca/Friar Peter in *Measure for Measure*. "Rather than being a negative challenge, it really is one that attracts actors to the process. For audiences, it's an opportunity to see the breadth of an actor's abilities that one role does not present."

New York-based actor Dennis Fox is one performer who must travel to the extreme ends of the personality spectrum in his roles as the witty, flirtatious, and "smart-ass" bachelor Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing* and the very strict, sexually repressed Angelo in *Measure for Measure*.

"There's the same challenges as doing one role at a time," he said. "But when you have to do them back to back, it presents even more of a

challenge to differentiate the characters and to switch from one world to the other cleanly."

For those doubtful about their ability to understand Shakespeare, the Green Show, which features local acting interns, provides a humorous synopsis of each play, outlining all of the major plot points so there will be no confusion during the actual performance. During the Green Show, audiences can picnic on the grass outside of the theater, which resembles the famous Globe Theatre.

Even without the Green Show, which Hovland calls a sort of CliffsNotes version of the plays, those involved in the festival said modern audiences unfamiliar with Shakespeare will be able to identify with the plays' characters and understand their situations.

"It's a great way to be introduced

Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival

Performances:

Much Ado About Nothing:
Today through June 20, 29;
July 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11
Measure for Measure:
June 25-27, 30;
July 1, 6, 9

Performance Times:

Sunday and Tuesday: Green show at 6 p.m., performance at 7
Wednesday-Saturday: Green show at 7 p.m., performance at 8

Location:

Riverside Festival Stage in Lower City Park

Prices:

Adults: \$20-\$33
Senior (60 and older): \$18-\$28
Student (with ID): \$18-\$28
Youth (18 and under): \$12-\$15

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— Dennis Fox,

New-York based actor, Benedick (*Much Ado*) and Angelo (*Measure*)

to Shakespeare or to see some of your favorite plays if you know Shakespeare," Fox said. "It always takes the first five to 10 minutes to get accustomed to the language, but what's being said is so accessible that people really sink into the stories quickly."

Shakespeare's linguistic genius, an original score composed by Dan Knight, and costumes by Lindsay Stang all contribute to the enchanting nature of the festival, but Clark said one of the most magical things, beyond all human control, is what happens in the sky each night. In four years, there have been 64 performances and no rainouts, but he recalled that one night during a performance of *Romeo and Juliet*, it began drizzling during the scene in which Romeo drinks poison, thinking Juliet is dead. When Juliet, waking to find Romeo poisoned, stabs herself, it rained harder.

"It was like the sky opened up and started to weep over these lost children," Clark said. "It was quite moving."

During the Shakespeare Festival, it doesn't matter if it's 2004 or 1604. The night becomes a combination of the wonders of summer and the wonders of Shakespeare: timeless and magical.

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Burrowing deep down to the connections

BY BETH HERZINGER
THE DAILY IOWAN

While most people would consider writing a 476-page novel that spans thousands of years and a globe of space a daunting task, Iowa City author Ingrid Hill speaks with a warm enthusiasm about the process of creating her first novel, *Ursula, Under*.

Set in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, the novel opens with the disappearance of 3-year-old Ursula Wong, a child of a Chinese father and Finnish mother, down a long-abandoned mine shaft. The surrounding towns quickly come together in a media-hyped rescue effort, prompting an alcoholic woman whom Hill imagined could "take ugly to new heights" to question "why anyone would waste all that money and energy on a half-breed trailer-trash child." The novel careens down its own underground tunnel as Hill spins the tales of Ursula's many ancestors throughout history. When the story returns to Ursula's plight in the final chapter, Hill has uncovered the precarious circumstances under

which any of us come into existence and the many connections, visible and not, that tie us to each other.

"These stories were like a snow globe," Hill told *The Daily Iowan*. "When I sat down to write this or that story, it was very snowy — I had to wait for it all to settle, get out my telescope lens, and look closely."

In the creation of her character's backstory, Hill weaves eight chapters, each centered on a relative implicit in Ursula's existence, ranging from an ancient Chinese alchemist searching for immortality to a young woman in Finland who was spared from sacrifice by the fever that left her deaf. Hill drew inspiration and information from instances in her own life — Ursula is an imagined superimposition of Hill's youngest daughter, Maria, and her Chinese godchild Tian-tian — and as she described the decade-spanning moments she added to the "little Crock-Pot in my head," it is obvious that even a novel composed of so much backstory has its own submerged tales connecting it into being.

Hill's prose is as vivid and engaging as the imagination that could envision such an intricate web of

existence. When Ursula falls, "the only sound is an astonishing tiny intake of breath from Ursula as she goes down, like a penny into the slot of a bank, disappeared, gone." The readers can immediately relate, for this is the same sound they have just uttered at the sudden tragedy of a character Hill has bewitched us with in only nine pages. While some readers may be put off as they are repeatedly pulled away from characters whose rich worlds have engaged their imagination, Hill's story is ultimately one of all of us, and it presents a complicated barrage of moral and existential questions. Hill's training as a Ph.D. student provided effective training for the research required.

"It was very research-intensive," she said. "If it was something I could know, I would look it up. I had to be perfectly accurate in my earthly details so when the story became magical, readers would believe it."

Having just completed a week-long Midwest reading tour, Hill's already upbeat and thoughtful demeanor seems cheered by readers' positive reactions. A review of *Ursula, Under* also appears in the June 21 issue of

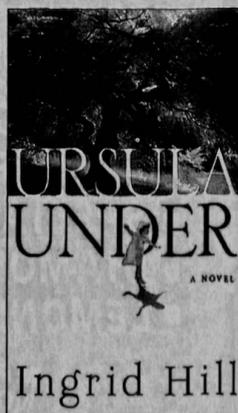
People magazine.

"People are really responding to the story with all their energy, not just as readers, but as if they believed it, as if they had suspended their disbelief," she said.

Hill will read from the novel at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., at 8 p.m. today. Admission is free and open to the public, whom Hill hopes will see an additional connection of the novel to themselves.

"The story is about our own lives in my mind," she said. "I hope people begin to see magic and miracles in their own lives and are grateful to have an existence and inspired to have grace towards others. We're all extremely special, induplicable."

When Hill stopped by my house after the interview to drop off some review materials, the power of unseen connections was manifest in the moment. She pointed to the house across the street and explained that she met her husband there at a writers' function. It is this same ability to find wonder in the most simple of connections that makes *Ursula, Under* a compelling experiment in the means of



READING
Ingrid Hill
When: 8 p.m. today
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15 S. Dubuque St.
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telling the transcendent story of existence.

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BY ROBB
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BAGHDAD struck at the economic livelihood, blasting a major vital oil export top security checkpoint, ern oilfields.

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Insurgents hit Iraqi pipeline again

BY ROBERT H. REID
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Insurgents struck at the heart of Iraq's economic livelihood Wednesday, blasting a major pipeline to halt vital oil exports and killing the top security chief for the northern oilfields.

A rocket slammed into a U.S. logistics base near Balad, 50 miles north of Baghdad, killing three U.S. soldiers and wounding 25 other people, including two civilian workers, the military said.

A mortar exploded in central Baghdad after midnight, setting off sirens in the U.S.-controlled Green Zone headquarters. The coalition said there were no casualties or damage. A rocket or rocket-propelled grenade also landed in the walled garden of the Palestine Hotel, the headquarters of numerous Western news organizations, but it failed to explode.

Elsewhere, radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered his militiamen to leave the holy cities of Najaf and Kufa unless they live there, fulfilling a key aspect of an accord meant to end fighting between his fighters and U.S. troops.

An explosion before dawn Wednesday damaged a pipeline carrying crude oil from Iraq's southern fields to the Basra oil terminal in the Persian Gulf. Iraqi engineers had diverted crude shipments to that pipeline after another was bombed two days ago.

"Due to the damage inflicted on the two pipelines, the pumping of oil to the Basra oil terminal has completely stopped," said Samir Jassim, spokesman of the state-owned Southern Oil Co. "Exports have come to halt."

Exports were halted last month through Iraq's other export avenue — the northern pipeline from Kirkuk to Ceyhan, Turkey — after a May 25 bombing, Turkish officials said.

Gunmen killed Ghazi Talabani, the official in charge of protecting the northern oilfields, in an ambush in Kirkuk. Gen. Anwar Amin of the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps said three



Nabeel al-Jurani/Associated Press

Iraqi police patrol along oil pipelines outside of the town of Faw, Iraq, on Wednesday. Saboteurs blasted a key pipeline Wednesday for the second time in as many days, halting Iraq's oil exports, officials said.

gunmen attacked Talabani's car after his bodyguard briefly left the vehicle in a crowded market. The bodyguard was wounded. Talabani was the third Iraqi official slain since June 12.

"What you are seeing here is effectively a terrorist war against Iraq's critical infrastructure, including the oil infrastructure," coalition spokesman Dan Senor told CNN. "It is an effort to basically, economically, impoverish the Iraqi people."

President Bush, in a speech beamed live to U.S. forces worldwide, said democracy was being born in Iraq despite the killings and pipeline attacks.

"We have come not to conquer but to liberate people, and we will stand with them until their freedom is secure," Bush told several thousand troops at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., home of the U.S. Central Command. "By helping the rise of democracy in Iraq and Afghanistan and throughout the world, you are giving people an alternative to bitterness and

hatred, and that is essential to the peace of the world."

Al-Sadr's order to his fighters does not remove the militia presence from Najaf and Kufa, because most of his followers in the twin cities live there and are not affected.

However, the order is a major step toward ending the uprising al-Sadr launched in April after the coalition closed his newspaper, arrested a top aide and issued an arrest warrant for him in the 2003 murder of a rival cleric. Hundreds died in the uprising. Skirmishes continue between U.S. troops and the al-Sadr's followers in Baghdad's Sadr City.

In Sadr City, an al-Sadr lieutenant and cleric, Abdul-Rahman al-Shuaili, told mourners at Wednesday's funeral of a militiamen killed

by U.S. soldiers that the militia "will continue fighting the occupation" because "we want them out of our city and out of the other Iraqi cities."

However, after nearly eight weeks of fighting, officials of the U.S.-led coalition have tacitly agreed to let the new government and the Shiite leadership deal with al-Sadr, whom the Americans had once threatened to "capture or kill."

Iraqi officials said they hoped to repair the southern pipelines in a few days, and the disruptions were not expected to have a substantial effect on world petroleum supplies. Although Iraq has the world's second-largest petroleum reserves after Saudi Arabia, sabotage and decrepit facilities have prevented it from taking a leading role in global oil markets.

WORLD

Protesters cut power to Eiffel Tower, palace

PARIS (AP) — French power workers cut electricity to the Eiffel Tower and President Jacques Chirac's residence in western Paris on Wednesday to protest the government's plans to partially privatize state utilities in an effort to raise money.

Electricity was shut down at the presidential Elysée Palace, several government ministries, and the Champs-Élysées for approximately 15 minutes Wednesday afternoon. Some stores evacuated shoppers.

At the Eiffel Tower, tourists did not notice the outage because a backup electric plan kicked in, officials at the monument said.

The outages affected homes and offices in western Paris, including the Associated Press bureau. Power authorities said 52,000 clients were hit.

The CGT trade union said the outages were part of attempts to force the conservative government to drop plans to transform Électricité de France and Gaz de France — known by their acronyms EDF and GDF — from state agencies into limited companies.

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- "Live from Prairie Lights," Ingrid Hill, **Dates**, 9 p.m., IMU Riverbank (rain fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUL).
- All-State Music Camp jazz faculty combos, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.
- Summer Outdoor Film Series, 50 First

Little University

- 1 What's the plural of "y'all," according to a 2001 *Guide to Texas Etiquette*?
- 2 What's added to water to crank out Krank20?
- 3 What highbrow magazine welcomed Robert Gottlieb in 1987, its first new editor in 35 years?
- 4 What's the most expensive real estate on the U.S. National Parks edition of the Monopoly game?
- 5 What was Eric Weihenmayer the first blind man in history to stand atop and take a sniff around on May 25, 2001?

5. Mount Everest
4. Yellowstone
3. The New Yorker
2. Caffeine
1. "All y'all"

quote of the day

Certain elements may try to stretch this beyond what it is. It was a third-rate burglary.

— Ron Ziegler, Richard Nixon's press secretary, responding to a question on June 19, 1972, about a break-in two days before at the Democratic Party headquarters in the Watergate complex. Today is the 32nd anniversary of the break-in.

happy birthday

- June 17 — Christine Dreihobl, 21
- June 17 — Mike Mulder, 50
- June 18 — Clinton Forsythe, 21
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- June 29 — Helen Louise Wilson, 50

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news you need to know

Friday (8-week session) Graduate students: Last day to late register or add courses, add or change S-U status
Friday (8-week session) Undergraduates: Last day to late register, add or drop courses without a W, add or change P-N or audit status
Friday (8-week session): Withdrawal of entire registration through 6/18 — student pays 50 percent of tuition; withdrawal after Friday — student pays 100 percent of tuition

horoscopes

Thursday, June 17, 2004

by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Try to do something special for friends or relatives. Your kind gestures will bring you so much in return. Travel will lead to information that will help you resolve some difficult issues.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your professional attitude will be under scrutiny, and if you aren't precise, you may be viewed as inconsistent or incapable. Put in extra hours if it will help you finish what needs to be done.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let your emotions lead you down an unsavory path. Your response will make a difference to how others view you.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): You may not be feeling your best, but you still need to get things done. If you look around, someone will be there to lend you a hand. Don't give in to depression.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spend more time with people you don't know that well. They will have information to share that will slant your way of thinking in a positive direction.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Watch what you say today. Someone will overreact or twist your words around. You could lose or jeopardize your position if you aren't careful.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you have been confused and moving from one thing to the next, talk to someone with experience in the field who interests you. The people closest to you should be supportive.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Family obligations and added responsibilities will leave you feeling like you are being taken advantage of. Re-evaluate your position, and focus on your tasks.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Tread carefully because someone may be positioning herself or himself to corner you today. Make yourself scarce, but remember that eventually, you will have to address the situation.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have a unique approach to work today. You will make headway that will lead to financial gains. This is a perfect day to make a professional move.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The more creative you allow yourself to be, the better. Start having some fun again; make plans with people who stimulate you mentally and physically.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Someone will call you on something you are trying to avoid or hide. Have your explanations ready so that you don't cause suspicion. Be prepared to compromise.

THE LEDGE

SURE-FIRE WAYS TO RUIN YOUR CAREER

by Josh Bald

- **Writer/Director:** Write a story in which a rapidly approaching Ice Age traps Donnie Darko in snowbound New York City. Make a movie about it.
- **Baseball player:** Sign with the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.
- **Ex-football player:** Go for a drive in a white Bronco.
- **UI dropout:** Show up late at McDonald's, lose out on assistant manager promotion. Go on three-state murder spree.
- **Accountant:** Leave behind damning evidence suggesting you're the one that's always breaking the toilet in the only restroom in the office.
- **Oil-tanker captain:** Bring a flask to work, blame crash and catastrophic biological damage on the Moon's gravitational pull.
- **Chef:** Save time by treating your itchy scalp while cooking.
- **Rock band:** Cut your signature long hair, release two subpar albums, then sue Napster for spreading your bad music for free.
- **Suicide bomber:** Show up for work.
- **Comedy writer:** Make off-color jokes about presidents and devastating diseases.

public access schedule

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 May Newscast No. 1
- 11:30 May Newscast No. 2
- Noon The Phantom of the Opera
- 1:30 p.m. On Main St.
- 2 Glory 2 Glory
- 2:30 Give Me An Answer
- 3 Partners to History
- 4 The Unity Center
- 5 Tabernacle Baptist Church
- 6 QM
- 7 Grace Community Church
- 8 Revival in Oxford
- 9 The Cutters Live
- 10 Power of Victory
- 11 David Mows Yards

UITV schedule

- 6:30 p.m. Explaining Medicare Drug Cards
- 8 Ueye #4
- 8 Ueye #5
- 9 Live from Prairie Lights featuring Amy Hassingier
- 10 Intellectual Property and Patent Law

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by Scott Adams

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

I WANT TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT-OUT TO MY DAD AND HIS UNIT, WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE COMING HOME IN JULY...

... BUT WHO THANKS TO ANOTHER TOUR-OF-DUTY EXTENSION...

... ARE STUCK OVER IN THE SAND-BOX FOR SIX MORE LONG, HOT MONTHS!

WHAT? YOU GOTTA START GOING TO MEETINGS, MAN.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0506

- ACROSS**
- 1 Where people move
 - 31-Acrosses back and forth
 - 6 "Qué ___?"
 - 10 1969 movie with an exclamation point in its name
 - 13 Rich alumnus, perhaps
 - 14 What a folder doesn't say
 - 15 Portuguese king, 1861-89
 - 17 Hemingway novel, with "The"
 - 20 Bully
 - 21 Place for a drink
 - 22 Unconvincing
 - 25 "Congratulations!"
 - 27 They're in
 - 29 Beehive State native
 - 30 ___ Nast
 - 31 See 1-Across
 - 34 ___ purpose
 - 38 Org. in old spy novels
 - 39 Hit sitcom of 1994-2004 whose name can follow the first word of 17-, 25-, 51- or 61-Across
 - 42 Support provider
 - 43 Detective's need
 - 45 Unfair?
 - 46 Only sch. to win both the men's and women's N.C.A.A. basketball titles in the same year
 - 48 Crimson rival
 - 50 Charlotte ___ (Caribbean city)
 - 51 2000 "mockumentary" about dogs
 - 57 Fr. holy women
 - 58 Stomach woe
 - 59 Drive-in worker
 - 61 "Not quite"
 - 66 Sediment
 - 67 Prefix with logical
 - 68 Modern workout system
 - 69 Harris and Asner
 - 70 Fence's utterance
 - 71 A wee hour
- DOWN**
- 1 Stir
 - 2 S. Amer. land
 - 3 Further
 - 4 Speak highly of
 - 5 "Dies ___"
 - 6 Bench site
 - 7 Obstetric test, for short
 - 8 Allied (with)
 - 9 Hill dweller
 - 10 Dropped charges against
 - 11 Impudent girl
 - 12 Children's song refrain
 - 16 Actress Pitts
 - 18 Others
 - 19 Knee-slapper
 - 22 Silver maple leaf wearer: Abbr.
 - 23 Stood
 - 24 Smart set
 - 26 Warner Bros. cartoon name
 - 28 Cool, in 80's slang
 - 31 Famous
 - 32 Electric ___
 - 47 Volga's outlet
 - 49 Pre-euro money
 - 50 Seuss's "Horton Hears ___"
 - 51 Tampa Bay players, for short
 - 52 "Dallas" Miss that?"
 - 53 Upbraid
 - 54 Mideast missiles
 - 55 Has no love for or follow "to be"
 - 56 Numerical prefix
 - 58 Heart monitor sound
 - 59 "How about that?"
 - 60 Numerical prefix
 - 62 Heart monitor sound
 - 63 "How about that?"
 - 64 Advocates' org.
 - 65 CD-___

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Will Tiger Woods win the U.S. Open?

Tiger Woods is familiar with the conditions and links layout that have led analysts to compare Shinnecock Hills with the British Open.

Nine years ago, as a skinny-framed kid fresh off complete dominance of the amateur circuit, Tiger was forced to withdraw from the tournament after taking a furious rip at a ball and spraining his wrist.

Woods returns to Shinnecock as a two-time Open champion and the No. 1 player in the world.

However, lately Woods' inaccuracy with his driver has left him on the outside looking in on recent major tournaments.

No one questions Tiger's ability — many have publicly stated that when Woods is on top of his game, he is still unbeatable. But his inauspicious starts at recent tournaments have left him well behind, and even Woods has been unable to overcome such deficits.

Any suggestions that Woods is in a "slump" is solely an outcome of his unprecedented run from 1999 to 2002, when he captured majors as fast as the Yankees capture high salaries.

Many have toyed with the idea that Tiger's swing needs retooling and that his time in the gym has hampered with his once-flawless approach to the game.

Despite all of this, Tiger still remains an enigma — the face of golf. He is responsible for changing the game and lately has showed signs of returning to his previous form, as he has twice missed a playoff by one stroke.

The criticism that has plagued Woods in recent events will surface once again as soon as he knocks a drive into some foreign country. But we all know Tiger will recover with a shot that will soar above the tall grass that outlines the fairways and fall in the middle of the green as if placed there by hand.

The opinion of most is that if Woods can find the fairway, he will win the Open. Expect Tiger to do so this weekend and walk off the final hole as a three-time Open champion.

— by Bryan Bamonte

If Tiger Woods is in a slump, it's only a "It-Hasn't-Been-Your-Day-Your-Month-or-Even-Your-Year" (but I still live-in-a \$2,000-a-month apartment-in-New York City) type the Rembrandts sing about during the opening credits on "Friends."

The guy has 39 career PGA wins, lives in the Magic Kingdom, and comes home every night to a woman so gorgeous she looks like she must have been created in a lab — Swedish model Elin Nordegren.

Not exactly worthy of a walk to the ledge.

Nevertheless, Eldrick has yet to bring his "A" game along with him to the first tee box thus far in '04.

Most golf pundits, such as the always-candid Johnny Miller, believe the 28-year-old's game has gone south because of his lack of mental focus.

Woods says he's simply trying to get balance in his life after a childhood spent on the driving range. With that comes an adjustment period.

We're looking at it.

Despite the fact last year's Open champ, Jim Furyk, may be outside the ropes this week with a wrist injury, Woods won't claim his first major of the year this week.

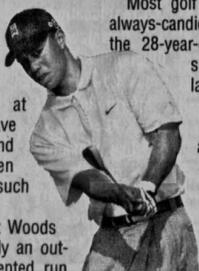
The gap between Woods and the rest of the PGA simply isn't as vast as it used to be. His lead in the world rankings has shrunk to 41.36 points over the sweet-swinging Ernie Els.

Phil Mickelson, fresh off his first-ever major win in the Masters, is closing on Tiger as well.

A couple factors in Shinnecock's makeup will also cast an ominous cloud over Tiger this weekend. First, the 6,996-yard layout is a par 70 — a disadvantage for a big-hitter who could've bashed his way to birdies on the two extra par fives on a traditional par 72.

Wind is also expected to wreak havoc on the competitors this weekend, thanks to Shinnecock's links-like layout. Gail-force gusts always favor those players striking the ball the best, and judging by Tiger's numerous offline tee shots this season, he's hardly puring his Pro-V1's.

— by Kelly Beaton



AMERICAN LEAGUE

All Times CDT				
East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	42	21	.667	—
Boston	37	27	.578	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tampa Bay	28	34	.452	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
Baltimore	27	34	.443	14
Toronto	28	37	.431	15
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	36	28	.563	—
Chicago	34	27	.557	$\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland	31	32	.492	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Detroit	30	33	.476	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas City	24	38	.387	11
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	34	28	.548	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Anaheim	36	28	.563	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Texas	34	28	.548	2 $\frac{1}{2}$
Seattle	25	38	.397	12

Wednesday's Interleague Games

Pittsburgh 5, Anaheim 3
Minnesota 5, Montreal 4, 11 innings
Kansas City 10, Atlanta 4
Detroit at Philadelphia, p.p.d., Rain
Florida 4, Chicago White Sox 0
Cleveland 9, N.Y. Mets 1
Cincinnati 7, Texas 4
Milwaukee 4, Seattle 1
St. Louis 6, Oakland 2
Colorado 7, Boston 6
Tampa Bay 9, San Diego 6
N.Y. Yankees 9, Arizona 4
Los Angeles 6, Baltimore 3
San Francisco 10, Toronto 2

Today's Interleague Games

Texas (Drese 3-3) at Cincinnati (Van Poppel 2-2), 11:35 a.m.
Kansas City (Mey 3-8) at Atlanta (Thomson 5-4), 12:05 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 5-3) at Philadelphia (Myers 4-3), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Seattle (R. Franklin 3-4) at Milwaukee (Capusano 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Boston (Lowe 5-5) at Colorado (Cook 1-1), 2:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 6-4) at San Francisco (Hermanson 2-2), 2:35 p.m.
Anaheim (Colon 4-5) at Pittsburgh (Benson 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Guanier 0-0) at Montreal (L. Hernandez 3-6), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Loaiza 7-3) at Florida (Beckett 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
Detroit (Knotts 4-1) at Philadelphia (Millwood 4-5), 6:35 p.m., 2nd game
Cleveland (Elarton 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Seo 3-5), 6:10 p.m.
Oakland (Hudson 7-2) at St. Louis (Suppan 6-5), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Lieber 5-3) at Arizona (Sparks 2-4), 8:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gaudin 0-1) at San Diego (Eaton 3-6), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Lopez 5-2) at Los Angeles (Ishii 8-3), 9:10 p.m.
Friday's Interleague Games

Oakland at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.

Seattle at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Montreal, 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
Texas at Florida, 6:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m.
Anaheim at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.
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Toronto at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Los Angeles, 9:10 p.m.
Boston at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	36	29	.554	—
Philadelphia	33	29	.532	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Atlanta	31	33	.484	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
New York	30	34	.469	5 $\frac{1}{2}$
Montreal	20	43	.317	15
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	38	27	.585	—
Chicago	36	29	.554	2
Cincinnati	36	29	.554	2
Milwaukee	33	29	.532	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Houston	33	31	.516	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Pittsburgh	25	36	.410	11
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	34	28	.548	—
San Diego	33	30	.524	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
San Francisco	34	31	.523	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arizona	28	39	.420	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Colorado	23	41	.359	12

Today's Game

Chicago Cubs 4, Houston 2
Wednesday's Game
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Friday's Game

Chicago Cubs (Rusch 3-1) at Houston (Oswalt 4-5), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at St. Louis, 7:10 p.m.

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Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	5	3	.625	—
New York	6	4	.600	—
Indiana	5	4	.556	$\frac{1}{2}$
Charlotte	4	5	.444	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Connecticut	4	6	.400	2
Washington	3	5	.375	2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	6	2	.750	—
Houston	6	4	.600	1
Los Angeles	6	4	.600	1
Minnesota	4	4	.500	2
Phoenix	4	4	.500	2
San Antonio	3	7	.300	4
Sacramento	2	6	.250	4

Wednesday's Game

Indiana 63, Sacramento 50

Tiger is human, while others show skills

BAMONTE

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It is no fault of his own that the sport expects so much from him. When Tiger was running away with tournaments and captivating crowds with fist-pumps, he set extremely high standards. He made the game look so easy and changed the demographics of the sport so thoroughly that now, when he doesn't win, we immediately assume something is wrong.

I have been a huge fan of Woods since he took hold of the sport with his run in 2002, and I continue to enjoy following him as he windmills a drive down a fairway or miraculously recovers from a horrendous lie deep in the woods with a shot that falls magically from the sky.

However, I am beginning to believe the once-invincible Woods is human after all. And at the same time, I am learning that there are other players that have jaw-dropping abilities on the course — some with swings so sweet that Tiger's almost looks forced at times.

There is no question that Woods is still one of the best players in the world, but to suggest that he is still a dominating presence is as inaccurate as his driver at times. The smooth stroke of Els, the magnificent touch around the green of Lefty, and the annoying consistency of Vijay Singh make these players no longer mere contenders but favorites.

As the players head into this week's 104th U.S. Open, there is no one who will be watched more than Woods. However, when Sunday rolls around, and it is time for someone to conquer the links at Shinnecock Hills, don't be surprised if Woods' name is not atop the leaderboard.

There is no better time for the golf world to start marketing these other superstars. As Woods continues to retool his swing and decide whether he cares more about winning or launching long drives that — while they inspire awe because of their distance, end up in thick rough and take birdie out of the picture — it's time to take notice of the others.

Els is a two-time U.S. Open champion, as is Woods, and unlike Woods, he does not struggle with putting the

ball in the middle of the fairway. Lefty finally has a major under his belt, and there is no reason not to believe the dream has an encore. As for Singh, whose words might be distasteful, he has more top-10 finishes than any other player on tour.

When Woods pushes his first ball into the weather-beaten rough this week, everyone will be quick to locate the flaws in his swing. However, it is time to realize that golf is not easy and that there may be no problem with his swing.

Instead of questioning his game, laugh with Tiger when he is scrambling for par, applaud when Mickleson holes out a bunker shot, and see how simple Els' swing makes the game look. Relish the fact that this Open is an open field.

The golf world may be turned upside down this weekend if one of the top players is able to win at Shinnecock because it could mark the first time in years Woods is toppled as the best player in the world. However unlikely, a bump from the top would give evidence of Tiger's vulnerability.

On the other hand, Woods may recapture the golf world and locate the swing that once left the rest behind.

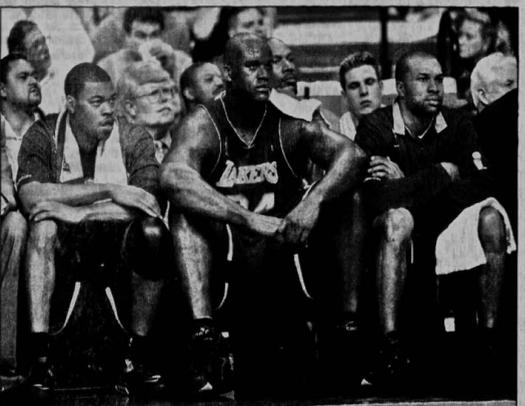
He will be there this weekend, as will the aura that has surrounded him since he walked off the Open course nine years ago as a skinny kid who hurt his wrist with a furious stab at a ball. Cameras will focus on Tiger as he rips a 3-wood on a par 5 to reach it in two, or when he knocks a 2-iron past his playing partner's drive.

Just don't forget that many other players will be there, too.

Mickleson recently thanked Woods on media day for letting the other guys win a few. The truth is, there is no slump, there is no problem with Tiger, and he even says he feels good out there. Tiger's run was something special. The real problem for him is that everyone else has gotten better, and there is a lot full of competition facing him at each tournament.

Aside from his million-dollar mansion and Norwegian supermodel fiancée, Woods has something else — company.

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The Lakers' Devean George, Shaquille O'Neal, and Derek Fisher watch the clinching game of the NBA Finals from the bench.

Kobe's the 'biggest prize on the market'

NBA

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"I'm going to bask in the glory for the moment. I probably won't have a decision for a couple of weeks," he said following the Pistons' decisive Game 5 victory. "I have to talk that over with my wife and kids and get their input. If it's a situation or something here that they don't like or they see shaky, I have to take all that into consideration."

Free agents can begin signing with teams beginning in the middle of July, and Bryant will be the biggest prize on the market if he decides to start anew elsewhere.

Other top unrestricted free agents include Wallace, Steve

Nash, Marcus Camby, Mehmet Okur, Vlade Divac, Stephen Jackson, Hedo Turkoglu, Bob Sura, and Brent Barry. The list of restricted free agents includes Kenyon Martin, Quentin Richardson, Manu Ginobili, Darius Miles, Morris Peterson, and Jamal Crawford.

Players who can opt out of their contracts include Antoine Walker, Latrell Sprewell, Nick Van Exel, Payton, Malone, Derek Fisher, and Bruce Bowen.

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Top QB recruit commits to Hawkeyes

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa received oral commitments this past weekend from two wide receivers, and now the pair has a touted quarterback from the 2005 class to throw the ball to them.

Lockport, Ill., native Jake Christensen — who is left-handed — called Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz on Tuesday to alert him of his decision to become a Hawkeye.

"Jake's one of the top quarterbacks in the country," said Jeremy Crabtree, a national recruiting

analyst for Rivals. "He has a good, strong arm, but he also has some really good athletic ability that allows him to be a true dual-threat kid."

The 6-0, 200-pounder threw for 3,681 yards and 33 touchdowns as a junior last season. He led Lockport High School to its second-consecutive Class 8A state title in 2003 and earned all-conference, all-area, and all-state



Christensen
quarterback



Calloway
offensive lineman

accolades. Christensen — one of the most "complete packages" in the nation, according to Crabtree — chose the Hawkeyes over offers from Kansas State, Arkansas, Michigan State, and Illinois, among others.

He will likely be a four-star recruit when Rivals releases its 2005 position rankings, and he is almost a lock as a top-10

nationally ranked signal caller, Crabtree said.

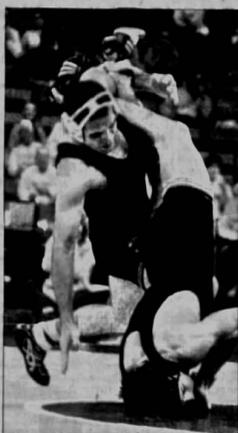
Iowa will also gain an oral commitment from offensive lineman Kyle Calloway later this week when the scholarship offer arrives at his Bellville, Ill., residence.

The 6-7, 275-pound tackle selected Iowa over an offer from Kansas and interest from Wisconsin, Notre Dame, Missouri, and Illinois, among others. Calloway is one of the top 20-25 players in Illinois, Crabtree said, and should be a three-star prospect.

"He might not end up being highly ranked, but he's going to be a good pick for what Iowa does," Crabtree said.

The addition of the two Illinois prospects gives the Hawkeyes five oral commitments for the class of 2005. Wide receivers Trey Stross from Avon Lake, Ohio, and Marcus Wilson from Cherry Hill, N.J., selected Iowa last weekend, while West High defensive lineman Alex Kanellis committed last spring.

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Tyler Nix

SMART MOVE

Nix named academic All-American

Iowa senior wrestler Tyler Nix has been named to the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-America at-large first team. Nix, who earned All-America honors at 174 pounds for the Hawkeye wrestling team, is one of 15 student-athletes from across the nation to earn first-team honors.

The Greene, Iowa, native posted a 3.85 grade-point average in accounting to help gain the honor. The CoSIDA Academic All-America program honors 816 male and female student-athletes annually who have succeeded at the highest level on the playing field and in the classroom.

To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a scale of 4.0.

— by Jason Brummond

CLOSED CAREER?

Reiner's Iowa return not likely

The likelihood of Jared Reiner suiting up for the Hawkeyes next season took a turn for the worse when the NCAA denied his request for a medical redshirt.

Reiner, who led the Big Ten in rebounding as a junior, had appealed for an extra year of eligibility, but on Tuesday, he discovered his Hawkeye career is seemingly over.



Reiner

A review committee could consider his application as early as Thursday.

The committee's refusal to grant Reiner's request was based on an NCAA rule that prohibits a student-athlete from receiving medical hardships if they participate in more than 20 percent of their teams' contests. Reiner appeared in 13 of 29 games — 45 percent, or more than twice as much as the rule allows.

Team officials have pointed out that Reiner's injury was misdiagnosed causing him to miss the final 16 games of the season.

Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby and representatives of the basketball team could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

— by Bryan Bamonte

GIDDY UP

Smarty Jones may run sooner and later

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The plan is not set, but the owners of Smarty Jones want their Kentucky Derby and Preakness winner to retire from racing "in a blaze of glory." To that end, owners Pat and Roy Chapman said on Wednesday that Smarty Jones could keep racing next year and return as early as the Haskell Invitational on Aug. 8.

"An awful lot of fans love Smarty, and some may have doubts about his ability," Pat Chapman said, referring to Smarty Jones' loss in the Belmont Stakes that ended his Triple Crown bid.

"We don't want him to go out that way. We want him to go out the hero that he is. And if it takes racing when he's a 4-year-old, I hope he will be able to do it."

Looking for a first major

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTHAMPTON, N.Y. — First-time major winners are on quite a roll.

From Rich Beem to Phil Mickelson, the last six majors have been used to induct new members into the exclusive club. So, is there room for one more at the U.S. Open?

Certainly, it's not out of the question that another neophyte will hoist the trophy Sunday as the sun sets on Shinnecock Hills Golf Club.

The list of non-major-winning contenders starts with Sergio Garcia, the consensus choice to inherit Mickelson's former title of Best Player Never to Win a Major.

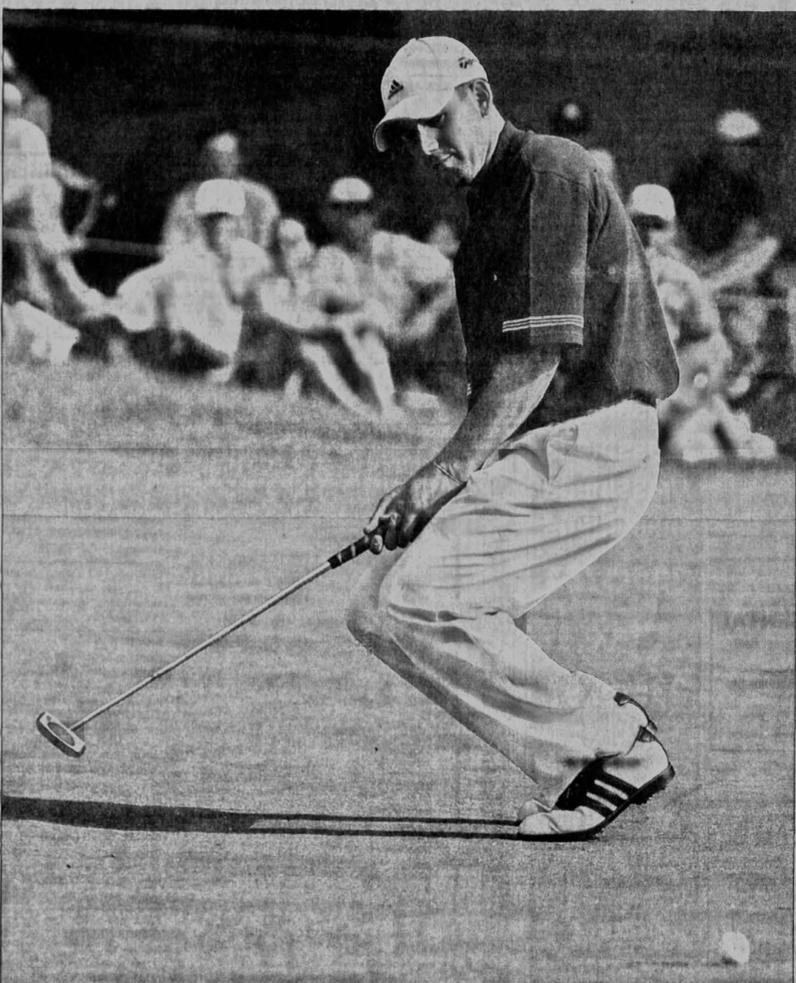
But also keep an eye on players such as Chad Campbell and Padraig Harrington, who seem poised for a major breakthrough.

"Chad Campbell could easily win this week," said Lee Janzen, a two-time Open winner. "He swings fearlessly, and he plays fearlessly. Those are two good things to have at this tournament."

These days, it doesn't hurt to be a guy who's never won a major. It's happened six times in a row, an unprecedented streak in golf history.

The list can be divided into two very distinct groups. There's Mickelson (2004 Masters), Jim Furyk ('03 U.S. Open), and Mike Weir ('03 Masters) — top players who figured to win a major at some point in their careers. Then there's Shaun Micheal ('03 PGA Championship), Ben Curtis ('03 British Open), and Beem ('02 PGA Championship) — largely unknown players who pulled off fluky upsets and haven't done much since.

Maybe that latter group didn't feel the intense pressure that accompanies players such as Tiger Woods and Ernie Els at every major. Maybe that will help another upstart who's gone through three days of practice



Gregory Bull/Associated Press

Sergio Garcia will be one of the top contenders at the U.S. Open shooting for his first career major victory. The last six majors have been won by first-timers.

without drawing much attention.

"I always feel that when I play a major, I really need to be in contention over the weekend," Els said. "Maybe other players just like to come in and not really have any expectations and just

enjoy the week for what it is."

Garcia is hardly unknown, already making a couple of strong runs at his first major. He finished second to Woods at the 1999 PGA Championship and was fourth at the U.S. Open two years ago.

Only 24, the Spaniard has enough ability and experience to win a major, but he is still young enough that he's not burdened the way Mickelson was before he captured the green jacket in April.

Tiger's roar softens



BRYAN BAMONTE

AS ERNIE ELS strolled toward the 18th green at the Memorial a few weeks back with a roaring gallery in the backdrop, it seemed more apparent than ever that the rest of the golf world had caught up to Tiger Woods.

The pinpoint accuracy with which Els was firing balls at the flags, as well as his quiet swagger on the back nine as he made a charging Woods an afterthought, proved that the world of golf does have parity after all.

A few years back, Woods was coming off his Tiger slam and the world was his.

Two years later, after struggling at times to find his swing and enduring criticism from analysts that he has spent too much time in the weight room, questions loom on whether Tiger still deserves his No. 1 ranking.

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Jackson bids farewell, sort of, to begin summer of change

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Phil Jackson stood at the podium in the interview room with four of his five grown children and said there was a "pretty slim chance" he'll coach the Los Angeles Lakers next season.

Then he said it again. "I've had a lot of persuasion given to me by these kids. They were hoping I could win the 10th and retire, but maybe losing this one, this opportunity is enough for me to say that it's time to give it up," he said. "But right now, I'm not ready to make that decision or give that statement."

So while Jackson wouldn't commit, it certainly appeared to be a farewell — at least for the time being — from a 58-year-old coach whose perfect record in the finals was spoiled by the Detroit Pistons, leaving him tied with Red Auerbach for most titles by an NBA head coach (nine).

Jackson said he planned to meet with members of the Lakers' organization

in the days ahead to discuss a future that promises to be filled with changes.

Question No. 1 will be whether the franchise still believes Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant can coexist. Bryant plans to opt out of his contract and become a free agent, although he has said he wants to be "a Laker for life."

Team owner Jerry Buss has given every indication he wants to keep Bryant, whose fractured relationship with Jackson and O'Neal could be one of the driving forces behind an off-season of change around the league.

Not only will Bryant be a free agent, but Gary Payton and Karl Malone also can opt out of their contracts. O'Neal — already angry that the Lakers wouldn't give him a contract extension — could demand a trade if he decides the time has come to end his association with a team that failed in its quest for a fourth title in five years.

"This summer is going to be a different summer for a lot of people.

Everyone is going to take care of his own business and do what's best for him, including me," O'Neal said. "I'm not sure really where the organization wants to go from here."

Change will come to other NBA franchises, too, beginning next June 22, when the Charlotte Bobcats select 14 players from other teams' rosters in the expansion draft.

The regular draft comes two days later, with the Orlando Magic holding the first overall pick.

In addition to deciding among Emeka Okafor, Dwight Howard, and other potential No. 1 picks, Orlando must figure out what it plans to do with Tracy McGrady, who will be a free agent a year from now and does not plan to stay with the Magic through a rebuilding process.

The champion Detroit Pistons also have some uncertainty to deal with, beginning with the question of whether Rasheed Wallace plans to re-sign.

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Paul Sancya/Associated Press

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant watches the closing minutes from the bench in Game 5 of the NBA Finals on Tuesday. The Detroit Pistons defeated the Lakers, 100-87, to win the championship.

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BY EDW WASH

BAGHDAD car bomb kills 10, 15 wounded

WASH. — U.S. military officials said Tuesday that they had added to a list of names of Iraqis against whom the U.S. military has targeted for assassination.

Another car bomb killed 10 people and wounded 15 others in Baghdad Tuesday, U.S. officials said.

Seeking to end the violence in Iraq, the U.S. military has targeted for assassination several high-ranking Iraqi officials.

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