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## Oakdale prison cuts 18 staffers

The facility has lost 56 positions in the last three years

BY JANE SLUSARK  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa Medical Classification Center at Oakdale announced Thursday it will cut 18 full-time positions, a budget-induced decision that sparked immediate concern about prison safety.

The state Department of Corrections had projected up to 35 position cuts, but that number was reduced to 18 through "creative staff patterning," said Fred Scaletta, a corrections agency public-information officer.

"They looked at everything they could," Scaletta said. "We gave the worst scenario, hoping to reduce that."

Over the past three years, the prison has lost 56 positions, including at least 25 in the Security Department, said Marty Hathaway, the president of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Local 2985, which represents 200 of the 320 Oakdale employees.

The corrections agency sent final notifications Thursday to employees losing their positions,

but the specific departments affected could not be confirmed. The layoffs will take effect 20 working days after employees are notified.

Hathaway said losing even a single security officer will jeopardize prison security.

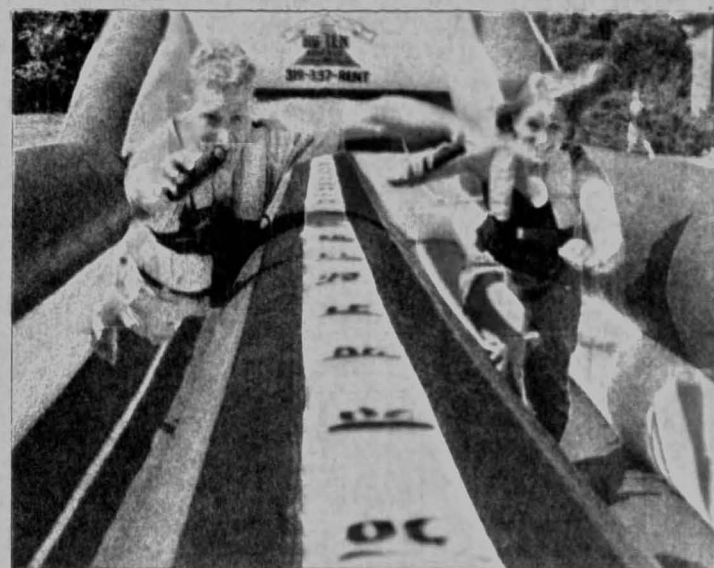
"I am concerned for the safety of the public, the staff, and the inmates," he said.

The prison, located on Highway 965 between Coralville and North Liberty, is equipped to house 530 inmates — 793 inmates were at the prison on Thursday. Every inmate in

Iowa passes through its doors for classification before the corrections agency sends them to one of the state's eight correctional facilities. The center, commonly referred to as the Oakdale prison, also houses a small permanent population.

Concerns about the prison's safety were spotlighted in April 2003, when Omar Wilkins and Jeffrey Hershberger scaled two fences during an exercise period and escaped to Atlanta, where they were later arrested.

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File photo/The Daily Iowan  
Then-UI senior Brad Meyer leaps ahead of then-junior Karol Dymkowski in the WOW bungee run in Hubbard Park in September 2000.

## WOW steps out of welcome box

The annual Week of Welcome 2004 Highlights Aug. 22-29

Some new features this year

BY TRACI FINCH  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Office of Student Life Director Bill Nelson was a little out of breath on Thursday.

Between answering questions about rush week, taking a phone call from a disgruntled parent, and rescheduling meetings with UI Student Government President Lindsay Schutte, the first-year director was busy promoting the UI's annual Week of Welcome, which begins Aug. 22.

WOW, a weeklong series of activities sponsored by the university and the community, has been going on for more than 12 years — but that longevity and tradition did not stop Nelson from stepping outside the box.

While balancing WOW promotion pamphlets and posters proclaiming "Be a Part of the Picture!" in his arms, he explained the biggest change:

downsizing the official WOW from two full weeks to one in an effort to increase visibility and marketing on campus.

Nelson said that although WOW now spans half the time it used to, students can participate in Pre-WOW and Post-WOW days as well — activities sponsored by such organizations as the Association of Campus Ministers and the Fine Arts Council that fall on days outside Aug. 22 through Aug. 29.

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## Group attempts to better relationship between students, city

Neighbor-to-Neighbor is powered by Stepping Up, city funding

BY SEUNG MIN KIM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

City officials hope a new program aimed at improving relationships between college students and Iowa City residents will have people singing, "Won't you be my neighbor?"

By building communication between students and residents, Neighbor-to-Neighbor seeks to eliminate conflicts before they start, officials said while announcing the program, which will begin Aug. 23.

"The thinking is that familiarity and the welcomeness just makes for a more compatible relationship," said Karin Franklin, the city's director of Planning and Community Development.

Inspired by similar programs in such college towns as Madison, Wis., and Burlington, Vt., Neighbor-to-Neighbor marks the city's first major initiative to break down walls between students and residents. The program is mostly funded by the Stepping Up Project and city funds, but the UI Student Government also helped pay for an off-campus renters' guide, a booklet for students living independently for the first time.



Lindsay Schutte  
UIIG president

"I know a lot of people new to Iowa City, myself included, don't feel welcomed by the neighborhoods."

Various neighborhood associations and residents have pitched ideas to the group. Neighbor-to-Neighbor plans to post welcome signs, distribute goody bags filled with brochures, magnets with important community phone numbers, ice scrapers that double as pot-and-pan scrubbers, and neighborhood newsletters.

Mayor Ernie Lehman is also set to star in a public-service announcement illustrating how to act as a respectful neighbor. One skit shows Lehman "playing his music much too loudly," according to a program description.

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Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Top: UI sophomore Melissa Fike leads one of her roommates, UI senior Matt Barger, through the aisles of Target on Thursday evening in Coralville. Along with their two other roommates, Fike and Barger purchased items to furnish their new apartment.

Bottom: UI sophomore Elizabeth Mawhiney (right) pays for the items for her new apartment at Target on Thursday evening.

## Local stores brace for shopping tsunami

The return of UI students means cash registers will be ringing

BY COLIN VAN WESTEN  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Local store managers say they look forward to the return of UI students to campus in late August and the hundreds of dollars they bring with them.

The influx of students into such stores as Target and Wal-Mart translates into continuous shelf stocking and the hiring of

additional staff. The stores see almost twice as many customers during the back-to-school season.

Our preparation "starts pretty far out — we start bringing new staff in early June," said Target team leader Lee Young.

Wal-Mart also expects a rush of students this weekend.

"It's crazy. There are lines that go into the clothing department," said Amanda Burhoop, a customer-service manager at Wal-Mart.

The average daily customer count for the Coral Ridge Mall is 23,000 people, but that figure hovers between 46,000 to 48,000 people on the weekends during late



August and early September, Young said. He added that the Target customer count in this two-week period can be 50 to 100 percent more than on a typical day.

At Stuff Etc. in Coralville, the far

west wall is lined with empty bright green totes that are normally filled with newly received merchandise. The consignment store shut down

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## Dixie Chicks, Taylor to pitch political rock

BY ARNA WILKINSON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Never mind the sex and drugs — the Dixie Chicks and James Taylor are bringing rock 'n' roll mixed with politics to Iowa City this fall.

Tickets will go on sale Saturday at 10 a.m. for the Oct. 5 concert at Hancher Auditorium. The concert is part of the nationwide Vote for Change Tour presented by MoveOn

PAC, a 2.5 million-member online political-action committee that provides financial support to moderate and progressive congressional candidates.

The tour, organized four months ago by participating musicians to raise awareness and financial support for political candidates in upcoming federal, state, and local elections, will include approximately 38 shows in 12 swing states over 12 days.

Dave Matthews Band, Ben Harper and the Innocent Criminals, Jurassic 5, and My Morning Jacket are stopping in Ames as part of the tour on Oct. 6. Bonnie Raitt, Jackson Browne, and Keb' Mo' will play in Des Moines on the same day.

The money made from ticket sales will go to America Coming Together. The goal of the group, founded by political and

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Kyle Williams, one of the Hawkeyes' top football recruits, gets tackled by academics. **1B**



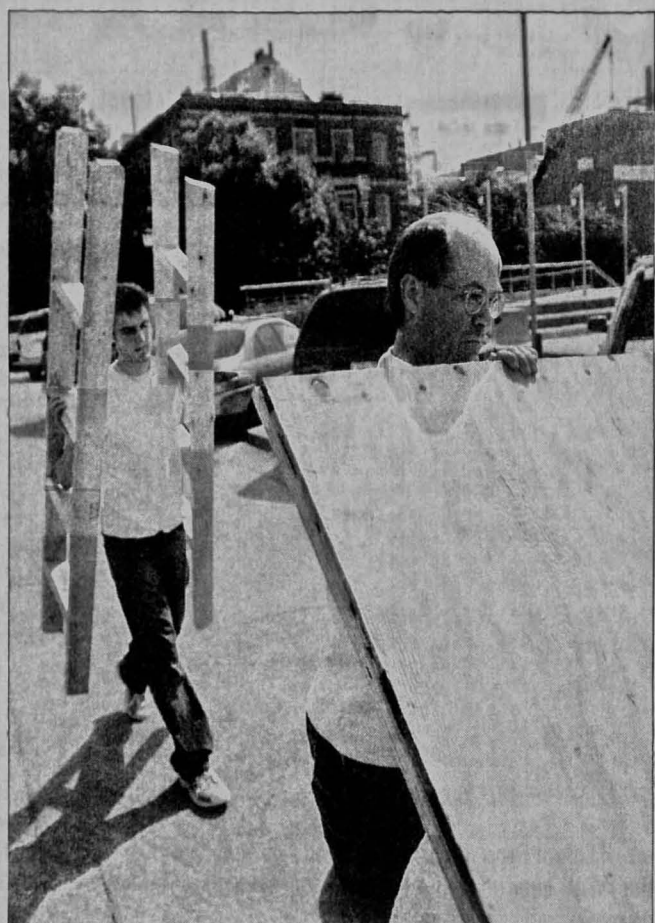
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GOING ALOFT



Aaron Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

UI sophomore Joe Andersen lugs a pair of loft ladders as his father, Roger Andersen, leads the way into Stanley on Thursday afternoon. Joe Andersen supplied his own loft bed for his dorm room.

CITY & STATE

Palo blast tied to pipe bombs

PALO, Iowa (AP) — Pipe bombs were involved in a powerful blast that killed two young men and critically injured a third, according to search warrant released Thursday. Tyler Buelow of rural Palo and Grant Rutherford of Cedar Rapids died late Tuesday at the rural Palo farm of Buelow's grandparents, Raymond and Mae Buelow, after an explosion in a wood-frame barn on the property. Both were 18. Ryan Rezin, 18, of Cedar Rapids, was in critical condition at the UI Hospitals and Clinics. The warrant, filed in Linn County District Court, said emergency crews at the scene saw two pipe bombs and a rifle lying on a bench inside the barn. Investigators from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives were trying to determine what caused the blast and how the material was being used.

Washington Street to be cut to 1 lane

Downtown construction will narrow a one-block stretch of Washington Street to one lane on Monday so workers can repair an electrical vault. From 8:30 a.m. Monday until Aug. 25, the construction between Clinton and Dubuque streets will prevent traffic from turning north onto Dubuque Street, officials announced Thursday. Motorists should expect

delays and find an alternate route if necessary, officials warned. UI classes will begin on Aug. 23, and students commonly use the street en route to classes.

For more information, visit [www.iowa-city.org/works/roadconstruction.asp](http://www.iowa-city.org/works/roadconstruction.asp).

— by Jane Slusark

POLICE BLOTTER

**Daniel Carver**, 26, Springfield, Ill., was charged Thursday with public intoxication.  
**Adam Guarino**, 22, Rockford, Ill., was charged Thursday with public intoxication.  
**Ernest Henry**, 24, address unknown, was charged Thursday with delivery of a schedule II controlled substance and drug tax-stamp violation.  
**Humberto Leal**, 60, 705 Bayridge Drive, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.  
**Jacob Nickel**, 20, 211 Myrtle Ave., was charged Thursday with having a disorderly house.  
**Dani Richter**, 19, Council Bluffs, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.  
**Chad Slovlin**, 20, Skokie, Ill., was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct, interference with official acts, public intoxication, and possession of a canceled driver's license.  
**Ryan Smith**, 20, Council Bluffs, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.  
**Bryon Vega**, 36, Tiffin, was charged Thursday with possession of a schedule I controlled substance.  
**Richard Wilcox**, 49, Davenport, was charged Thursday with operating while intoxicated and possession of marijuana.

Judge rules for accused in rape case

The court says the defense may question the accuser about her sexual history

BY SEUNG MIN KIM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A Dewitt, Iowa, man accused of raping a UI student on her apartment floor can now ask about her sexual history at his trial, mirroring parts of a national debate highlighted by NBA star Kobe Bryant's criminal rape case.

Sixth District Judge Kristin Hibbs ruled Wednesday that James Nieman, speaking through his attorney, can only question the now-22-year-old woman about when she contracted the herpes virus.

Assistant Johnson County Attorney Victoria Dominguez plans to make her case using evidence of the woman's sexually transmitted

disease as proof of the sexual encounter, court records show.

Nieman, 23, now faces two counts of the Class C felony. Court records show he allegedly forced the woman to the floor of her Coralville apartment and performed oral and vaginal sex on her.

Nieman's defense attorney, Kelly Steele, could not be reached Thursday.

Iowa's rape-shield law protects victims of sexual abuse from disclosing details of their sexual past during a trial, with three exceptions: If the evidence is constitutionally required, if the evidence can show that body fluids or medical conditions came from someone else, or if the evidence suggests that the sexual encounter could have been consensual.

Without the woman's sexual history, Hibbs ruled, Nieman cannot properly defend himself against allegations that he infected his accuser.

Dominguez said that while publicity from Bryant's case may have prompted more

motions that seek information about sexual histories, she has not often encountered such requests in Johnson County.

"As long as the alleged victim can testify that, prior to the alleged incident in question, she did not have the disease, that's the end of the inquiry" regarding prior contact, she said.

Steele unsuccessfully fought to admit the accuser's medical records, arguing the documents might contain evidence that could clear Nieman. Hibbs turned down his request because the prosecution did not have such records.

In addition, legal precedents have shown the court can't require a victim to undergo medical evaluations to determine their credibility, Hibbs said in the ruling.

A jury trial is set for Sept. 7. If convicted of third-degree sexual abuse, Nieman can face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

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Iowa all set for November election

Almost all of the state's counties will use high-tech equipment

BY AMY LORENTZEN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Although one county has opted to keep its old-fashioned lever voting equipment, Iowa officials say the state is in good shape for the November general election.

Most of Iowa's 99 counties use high-tech voting equipment, such as a touch-screen system that operates like a bank's ATM or optical scan technology that combines paper ballots with electronic tallying, said Chris Ludlow, a spokesman for the

Iowa secretary of State. "For this election, 2004, absolutely we're ready," he said on Thursday.

He did not know how many of the counties are compliant with the Help America Vote Act of 2002, which aims to make sure that each county in the United States replaces both lever and punch-card voting systems by January 2006. It has specific requirements that optical and touch-screen systems will have to meet.

The legislation comes after the Florida election debacle of 2000 that left many ballots uncounted because of glitches with voting systems.

Ludlow said the \$30 million that vote act has funneled into Iowa has been helpful for at least

six counties — Delaware, Crawford, Ida, Keokuk, Palo Alto, and Van Buren — to make the switch to optical scan equipment.

All but Van Buren, which has hand-counted paper ballots since its first elections in the 1840s,

had been using lever machines.

"If everything works the way it is supposed to ... it will speed up election night," Van Buren County Auditor Jon Finney said of his new equipment, set to arrive in late September.

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Man dies after fall from Colfax water tower

COLFAX, Iowa (AP) — A man working on a water tower was killed when he fell approximately 100 feet on Thursday, police said.

Philo Lindy Frey, 46, of Castalia, died around 10:50 a.m., Police Chief Jon Huggins said.

The fall was "clearly an accident," but

Occupational Safety and Health

Administration officials were expected in Colfax on Friday to investigate, he said.

Huggins said Frey was wearing a safety harness, but he didn't know "if it was a failure of equipment or if it wasn't being used according to policy."

Frey was employed by Water Tower Paint and Repair Company Inc., of Clear Lake.

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# Post-Charley claims move quickly

## Hurricane caused an estimated \$7.4 billion in damage

The insurance industry is better prepared for a major storm aftermath, officials say

**BY BRENDAN FARRINGTON**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. — It took years for many insurance claims to be paid following Hurricane Andrew in 1992. This time, technology is helping speed along the claims process for residents hardest hit by Hurricane Charley.

"I really think the industry can handle this without a lot of problems," Florida Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher said during a tour Thursday of Charlotte County. "The industry now knows what a major storm can be, and it's prepared for it. So is the state."

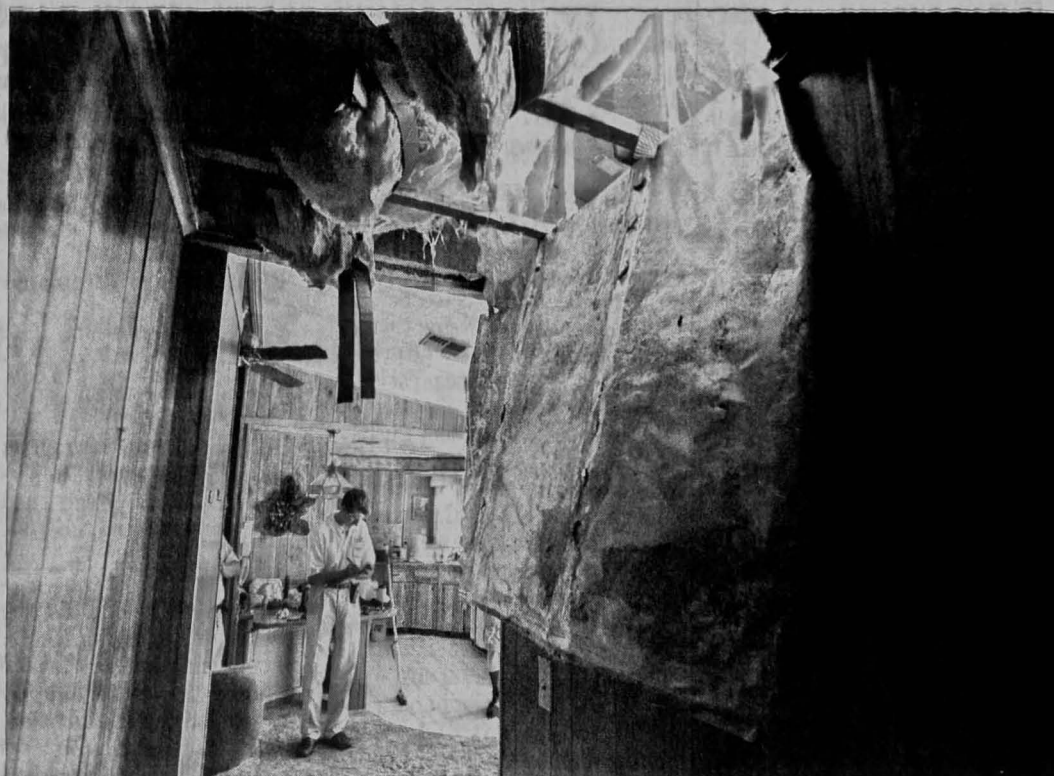
Charley killed 22 people in Florida, and state officials said more than 335,000 customers were without power Thursday. Charlotte County residents were not expected to have their electricity fully restored for another 10 days.

Charley caused an estimated \$7.4 billion in damage to homes, businesses, and personal possessions, more than any other hurricane in Florida since Andrew. Gallagher recalled in the aftermath of Andrew, it took "six to eight months before we got a handle on it."

Still, most owners of property damaged by Charley will have to pay more out of their pockets than Andrew's victims did. Instead of set dollar deductibles, which were the standard before Andrew, policies now have deductibles based on a percentage of the insured property, which generally require the insured to pay a larger portion of the damage.

Nevertheless, technology is playing to homeowners' advantage, speeding up the pace in which insurance companies can begin addressing claims. That translates into residents getting insurance checks much faster.

"The faster the process gets started, the sooner they'll get back on their feet," said Bill Mellander, who was flown in



Gregory Bull/Associated Press  
Bill Kirby, an Allstate Insurance claims adjuster, surveys the hurricane damage at the mobile home of Marcella Reams in Punta Gorda, Florida, on Thursday. Claims adjusters have fanned out throughout the area, surveying the damage inflicted by Hurricane Charley.

by Allstate from Illinois as part of their disaster-response team.

Satellite-equipped units were quickly set up by Allstate and other companies after Charley hit on Aug. 13 — able to provide all the resources of a regular office.

"These are giant offices on wheels," said Mellander. "It gives us Internet, phone, fax, computers, the whole nine yards. It allows us to physically insert an entire office in the middle of a damaged area."

Previously, he said the company would have to take paper claims, box them up, and then ship them out of state.

"Now, because of the satellite, as these customers are getting their claim number, that claim number is instantaneously being assigned to an adjuster who is here in the

area," Mellander said.

Roy and Jean Serrentino typify just how different the process is this time around. The couple had just driven from Wellfleet, Mass., to begin the claim process on the mobile home where the retired couple has wintered for the last 12 years.

But while driving through downtown, they spotted one of five mobile offices Allstate had set up in the area. They pulled in, an adjuster immediately verified their policy, gave them a claim number, and they were on their way out to the house to do an initial assessment.

"I thought I was going to have to wait two weeks for this guy," said Roy Serrentino, pointing to adjuster Bill Kirby after they maneuvered around a 20-foot boat and over crumpled metal from his roof and

carport to reach his home's front door.

With many victims beginning to file insurance claims, Doug Robinette, the president of Nationwide, who joined Gallagher on his tour of the hard-hit county, said he expected 95 percent of their claims to be paid out within three months.

"We are absolutely prepared for this," Robinette said.

Several tables were set up outside the insurance companies' mobile offices in a parking lot near a local Allstate agent. Many victims have been given checks of \$2,000 to \$3,000 on the spot to help with a food, a place to stay, and other needs while claims are processed.

"They're getting start-up money, or kind of keeping-you-going money," Mellander said.

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# Kerry accuses Bush of relying on front groups

# Bush's softball Q & A

'Ask President Bush' sessions turn into infomercials

BY HANNA ROSIN  
WASHINGTON POST

HUDSON, Wis. — The audience gathered at Lakefront Park is small, intimate, the size of a crowd at a high-school play. They've been instructed before he arrives not to be shy; this is their one chance to ask the president anything, and the president wants them to; after all, he calls this event "Ask President Bush." As they wait, it's raining one minute, sunny the next. In the background, Lake Croix, the pride of western Wisconsin, looks choppy. Hawks are circling overhead. Anything could happen.

"Mr. President, you were a fighter pilot, and you were with the 147th Fighter Wing?"  
"Yes," answers Bush.  
"And flew a very dangerous aircraft, the Delta F102?"  
"Right, and I'm still standing."

"I want to thank you for serving our country."  
"Thank you."  
"Thank you for serving."

Last week he held four "Ask President Bush" events in Virginia, New Mexico, Oregon, and a Florida town named Niceville. Wisconsin marks his 12th, one shy of the number of news conferences he has held in the past 3½ years in the White House. The campaign insists that the audience is not heavily screened and the questions are not planted. And if protesters are weeded out, that's only a question of hospitality.

"We have an obligation that people can come and have a level of comfort that the event won't be disrupted," says campaign spokesman Terry Holt. "A few people can ruin the experience for everyone. This will be the first or only time some of our supporters will have a chance to see the president, and we feel strongly that people should have good manners and not work to disrupt the events."

Here's someone who looks like a protester: young Ashley Grzybowski, sitting just outside the main event entrance on a patio chair holding a huge placard, upset she can't get in, sporting smoky eye shadow and unusual piercings. Only look again: Her sign says, "There are three men in my life I love, my dad, my brother, and GEORGE W. BUSH."

There are protesters, one shaggy youth holding a "Where are the WMD" sign and some

volunteers from the local Kerry-Edwards office, but they are several blocks away, invisible to the crowd at Lakefront Park.

After each "Ask President Bush" event, the Kerry campaign delights in local press accounts of people kept out. A story in an Albuquerque newspaper quoted one John Wade, who was forced to sign a "President Bush endorsement" form before he could see Dick Cheney speak. "This just ain't right," he said. There are endless stories, confirmed and not, of Bush officials or the Secret Service kicking Democratic activists out of events.

But here in this suburban enclave, such strong-arming doesn't seem unnecessary. There were only about 1,500 tickets issued for the Wednesday event. The local paper reported that half were handed out to party leaders.

"I will not confirm that," says Dean Knudson, the chairman of the St. Croix County Republican Party. "We have lots of excited, enthusiastic people. We called our people, and the word spread, and they're just so excited; it's an enthusiastic throng, eager for the chance to see the president."

He adds, "I personally have invited Democrats."

And yet a survey of the crowd shows most to be somehow connected to the GOP or the event. The eight O'Brien siblings got tickets because their father, Thomas, is a lifelong Republican and a judge. Ed and Joanne Holdorf got them because their son provided the golf carts. Jerry Isaacs got them from a neighbor who is a party activist, etc. Not a scientific survey, but the numbers pretty quickly added up to 1,500. And none were likely to be rabble rousers.

Swift Boat ad finally draws reaction from the Democratic candidate

BY RON FOURNIER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — John Kerry fought back Thursday against campaign allegations that he exaggerated his combat record in Vietnam, accusing President Bush of using a Republican front group "to do his dirty work" and challenging Bush to debate their wartime service records.

"Well, if he wants to have a debate about our service in Vietnam, here is my answer: Bring it on," said the Democratic presidential candidate, reviving an old war and campaign slogan amid strong urging from party leaders for him to respond to two-week-old GOP assertions.

As Kerry denounced the criticism as "lies about my record," aides privately acknowledged that they and their boss had been slow to recognize the damage being done to his political standing.

Kerry won three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star, and Silver Star for Vietnam War combat. Bush served stateside in the Texas Air National Guard. Both men say the other served honorably, but their supporters are pouring tens of thousands of dollars into television ads and other tactics to insist otherwise.

MoveOn.org, a liberal group funded by Kerry supporters, is airing an ad accusing Bush of using family connections to



Laura Rauch/Associated Press  
Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry shakes hands with supporters at the International Association of Fire Fighters' 47th Biennial Convention in Boston on Thursday.

avoid the Vietnam War. It also asks the president to denounce an ad that aired early this month by "Swift Boat Veterans for Truth," a GOP-leaning group of Vietnam veterans backed by Republican donors who say Kerry exaggerated his actions to win Vietnam War medals.

Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt said the charge that Bush was in league with the group criticizing Kerry's war record "is absolutely and completely false. The Bush campaign has never and will never question John Kerry's service in Vietnam."

Yet the White House refused to condemn the ad questioning Kerry's war record.

"Let's not be selective here," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said in Crawford,

Texas, where Bush is spending the next week. McClellan said Bush has been on the receiving end of more than \$62 million in negative, false attacks by independent groups and "the president has condemned all of the ads," both those that criticize him and those that go after Kerry.

In a campaign shadowed by the war on terrorism and in Iraq, Kerry's valorous combat experience is a cornerstone of his campaign. After using the Democratic National Convention to improve his poll ratings on national security, Kerry remained silent as the criticism led to growing indications — much of it anecdotal, some in polling, party officials say — that his gains were eroding.

NATION

## Bush begins weeklong stay at Texas ranch

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush and Laura Bush are involved in a little he-said, she-said business here at the presidential ranch.

He's working on the acceptance speech he'll deliver in two weeks at the Republican National Convention. She's working on one she'll deliver earlier at the convention.

"One of the things he'll stay in touch with staff about over the next few days is the convention speech," White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters on Thursday. "While, of course, he'll talk about the clear differences that voters face, it'll very much be a forward-looking speech talking about his agenda for America that builds upon his record of results."

Gordon Johndroe, a spokesman for Laura Bush, said she's working

on a speech to persuade voters to re-elect her husband — probably along the lines of her remarks Wednesday at a campaign stop in Lakewood, Colo., when she said:

"These are times that require a particularly strong and determined leader, and I'm proud that my husband is that kind of leader."

While Bush's rival, Democrat John Kerry, continues to campaign,

the president is scheduled to be at his ranch for about a week, taking a break from re-election appearances. It's his 38th presidential trip to his ranch, where he spends time outdoors fishing, clearing brush, and exploring its rocky terrain, waterfalls, and canyons. On Wednesday, he took a bike ride, and he has been watching some of the Summer Olympics, McClellan said.

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# Oakdale lays off 18 employees

## OAKDALE

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Wilkins, a convicted murderer, and Hershberger, a thief, allegedly knew an alarm connected to the fence was not working.

Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-

Coralville, toured the prison for the second time Wednesday and said the layoffs will be a "hot-button" issue in the Legislature this January.

"If we are going to take dangerous people off the street, we have to pay for them," he said. "Everyone, regardless of party,

will have to take a hard look at this."

The employees who lost jobs will be paid for any remaining vacation time and receive first consideration if their positions are reinstated. They can choose to accept their existing retirement package, forfeiting their rights to return, or freeze

their accounts in the hope that Oakdale restores their jobs.

Scaletta said he does not anticipate any additional cuts, unless unforeseen expenses such as prisoner medical treatment costs arise.

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# WOW cuts its size, but not its enthusiasm

## WOW

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A fresh event, "A Slice of Iowa ... The Other Piece," will replace the downtown street festival. Joining No Shame Theater performances and improv from Paperback Rhino, Dance Marathon will host a battle of the bands Aug. 27 in Hubbard Park. For \$5, students will have access to all-you-can-eat pizza from five different places, with \$3 of the \$5 going toward Dance Marathon.

Nelson said the motivation for that event change was to place more of an emphasis on liberal arts than WOW has in the past.

He also pointed out an Aug. 29 lecture sponsored by WOW. Two-time National Association of Campus Activities' "Lecturer of the Year" award recipient, author Jean Kilbourne, will speak at Hancher Auditorium about the relationship of alcohol and tobacco advertisements.

Aug. 23 through Aug. 26, UI students will have the chance to experience another new activity, "Open Your Eyes." The four different interactive educational programs deal with safety, health, diversity, and getting involved on campus, and they will rotate among

Mayflower, Hillcrest, Currier, and the IMU.

"We felt it was important to provide some basic information to students," Nelson said.

The changes are a result of months of work that began in December 2003, two months after Nelson took the director's position. He put together a group of university leaders and four students to create a forum in hopes of improving the celebration. Throughout early 2004, the group distributed electronic and hard-copy surveys and put together two focus groups to discuss WOW.

Nelson said this "analytical" approach to WOW was an attempt to attract new and returning students in different ways from in the past.

UI freshmen Jenna Woody and Justin Aanrud said that while they had heard about the newer events, they both were mostly interested in Night Games, an event that offers intramurals and other activities at the Field House.

"A bunch of people from my floor are going together," Aanrud said.

Woody said she'd give the other events a try.

"I plan on checking it out," she said.

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# Group tries to improve student-city relations

## NEIGHBOR

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And program coordinators have planned a block party for the area surrounding Longfellow Elementary School, 1130 Seymour Ave., to help students and their neighbors bond over grilled meat and live bands, instead of early morning conflicts.

"It's a lot nicer to embrace something at 2 in the afternoon than 2 in the morning," said Stepping Up co-coordinator

Jim Clayton.

UISG President Lindsay Schutte said once communication increases, students living off-campus will be more respectful of the neighborhood and the property.

"I know a lot of people new to Iowa City, myself included, don't feel welcomed by the neighborhoods," she said. "They think that Iowa City residents don't like the students, when that's not really true."

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# Local stores look for packed weekend as students stock up

## SHOPPING

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its receiving for the week to keep up with business.

Stuff Etc. manager Sara Sunblad said July through September are the busiest months for selling and receiving new clothes and furniture.

"People are cleaning out their closets to get new clothes, and other people are looking, so we get hit hard on both ends," she said.

Home items such as bar stools, mirrors, and futons seem to disappear from the shelves at Target faster now than at any other time of the year, Young said.

"The furniture category just explodes," he said.

It's a need that at least one student who was shopping can relate to.

"One of the first things I got when I moved into the dorms last year was a good chair," said Lucretia Brower, a UI sophomore. "The ones [the UI] provides for you are pretty crappy."

Brower and her mom, both from New Jersey, said they had been shopping all day and still had more to do.

"It takes a couple of days to get your stuff and settle in," Brower said. "I still have to talk to my roommates to see what they have before I can figure out what else I need."

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## NATION

### YWCA chapters adding men to boards

SAN DIEGO (AP) — "Please NO men or boys allowed on elevator," warns one sign at San Diego's downtown YWCA. Informational e-mails are called "hot flashes" and tablecloths come in pink.

But changes are coming to this YWCA and others. Men have joined the San Diego chapter's governing board, making it among the first nationwide to end an almost 150-year-old policy of female-only leadership.

The shift, implemented here last month in violation of the YWCA's national bylaws, is proving neither easy nor uncontested.

Meeting in Massachusetts last weekend, the YWCA's national board said it would wait before deciding how to reconcile its formal policy with the new direction several local chapters have taken.

Members of some YWCAs, mostly on the East Coast, want their boards to remain the domain of women. And the leaders of those branches believe if U.S. chapters change, YWCAs worldwide might feel pressure to follow.

"There is something very powerful about women closing the door and sitting around a board room, identifying their issues and then resolving them," said Mary Reardon Johnson, the executive director of the YWCA of Western Massachusetts.

# Dixie Chicks, Taylor to rock IC vote on Oct. 5

## CONCERT

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grass-roots leaders, is to target voters in 17 swing states to persuade them to vote for John Kerry and other Democratic candidates. Purchasing tickets for the Vote for Change Tour is considered a federal political contribution to the group.

UI communications studies Assistant Professor Kembrew McLeod said that although there

is a long history connecting music and politics, it is doubtful whether concertgoers will change their political leanings after attending the event.

"This kind of concert is another kind of consumption choice, another lifestyle choice. It doesn't have the integration into social and political life like [music in] the 1960s civil-rights movement," he said. "I can guarantee that 98 percent of the people going to the concert will vote for Kerry."

America Coming Together is not authorized by any political candidate, candidate's committee, or party committee. A spokeswoman for the Iowa Kerry campaign said it had no involvement in the concerts and declined to comment on whether the concerts were effective tools in reaching swing-state voters.

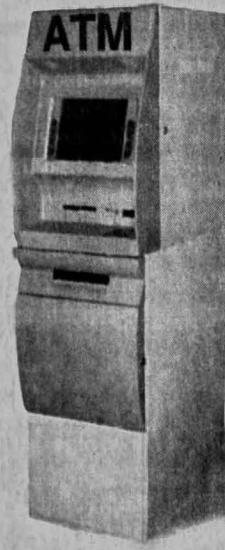
The Republican Party of Iowa is not planning to have a presence at the concert, either, said Kristin Scuderi, the party's communications director.

"I think that Americans are smart enough to vote for whom they want and not whom their favorite band tells them to vote for," she said. "In the grand scheme of things, [the Vote for Change Tour] will not have an effect on the presidential election outcome."

The tickets for the Dixie Chicks and James Taylor concert can be purchased for \$73 at the Ticketmaster website.

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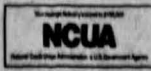
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# Google stock surges 20% in IPO

But much-hyped offering nets less money than had been anticipated

BY MATTHEW FORDAHL  
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SAN JOSE, Calif. — In the most highly anticipated Wall Street debut since the heady days of the dot-com boom, shares of Google surged nearly 20 percent on their first day of public trading Thursday as the quirky Internet company completed its much-hyped initial stock offering.

Despite the first-day jump, the debut generated much less money than the company envisioned after it launched an unorthodox auction designed to open the stock beyond large investors who typically get first crack at new stock issues.

Google shares finished the day at \$100.34, up 18 percent, and the stock offering raised \$1.67 billion. The company originally hoped to open at between \$108 and \$135, generating as much as \$3.6 billion and making the company worth up to \$36 billion.

"If it's not a failure, it clearly didn't work the way Google's management intended it," said Barry Randall, a portfolio manager for the First American Technology Fund.

Still, the IPO makes the company worth \$27.2 billion, on par with General Motors.

And it brought instant riches to hundreds of employees of a company that was dreamed up in a college dorm room in 1998. In true dot-com fashion, a scheduled summer picnic planned for today near Google's Mountain View headquarters is expected to turn into an IPO party.

Approximately 1,000 of Google's nearly 2,300 employees are now millionaires on paper, according to an analysis done by Salary.com, which tracks employee compensation.

"There are going to be some pretty good parties in the Bay area this evening — probably not a lot of work getting done at Google tomorrow," said Bill Coleman, the firm's senior vice president of compensation.

The offering also made co-founders Sergey Brin and Larry Page billionaires — at least on paper. From share sales in the IPO, Page collected \$41.1 million and Brin got \$40.9 million, but that pales in comparison with the more than \$3 billion each still holds in Google shares.

But celebrations are likely to be more muted in the offices of Google's underwriters, who will share just \$46.7 million for handling the stock offering, according to a filing Thursday. That is just a 2.8 percent commission, a fraction of the typical 7 percent they usually receive.

Google's price was set Wednesday after the close of an unusual auction in which would-be investors bid how much they thought the search engine to be worth. All winning bidders paid the same price — one that guaranteed the sale of all 19.6 million shares.

Though the so-called Dutch auction was designed to open the IPO beyond large investors, that is not what actually happened, said David Garrity, a technology analyst in New York with Caris & Co.



Kathy Willens/Associated Press  
A sign welcoming Google to NASDAQ is shown on a video screen inside the Times Square headquarters of the electronic market shortly after shares of the company began trading at midday Thursday in New York.

# No wheat wafer, no sacrament in N.J.

8-year-old denied  
Communion because of  
medical disorder

BY JOHN CURRAN  
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BRIELLE, N.J. — An 8-year-old girl who suffers from a rare digestive disorder and cannot eat wheat has had her first Holy Communion declared invalid because the wafer contained no wheat, violating Roman Catholic doctrine.

Now, Haley Waldman's mother is pushing the Diocese of Trenton and the Vatican to make an exception, saying the girl's condition should not exclude her from the sacrament, which commemorates the Last Supper of Jesus Christ before his crucifixion. The mother believes a rice Communion wafer would suffice.



Haley Waldman

"It's just not a viable option. How does it corrupt the tradition of the Last Supper? It's just rice versus wheat," said Elizabeth Pelly-Waldman.

Church doctrine holds that Communion wafers, like the bread served at the Last Supper, must have at least some unleavened wheat. Church leaders are reluctant to change anything about the sacrament.

"This is not an issue to be determined at the diocesan or parish level but has already been decided for the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world by Vatican authority," Trenton Bishop John Smith said in a statement last week.

Haley was diagnosed with celiac sprue disease when she was 5. The disorder occurs in people with a genetic intolerance of gluten, a food protein contained in wheat and other grains.

When consumed by celiac sufferers, gluten damages the lining of the small intestine, blocking nutrient absorption and leading to vitamin deficiencies, bone-thinning, and sometimes gastrointestinal cancer.

The diocese has told Haley's mother that the girl can receive a low-gluten wafer or

just drink wine at Communion, but that anything without gluten does not qualify. Pelly-Waldman rejected the offer, saying her child could be harmed by even a small amount of the substance.

Haley's Communion controversy isn't the first. In 2001, the family of a 5-year-old Massachusetts girl with the disease left the Catholic church after being denied permission to use a rice wafer.

Some Catholic churches allow no-gluten hosts, while others do not, said Elaine Monarch, the executive director of the Celiac Disease Foundation, a California-based support group for sufferers.

"It is an undue hardship on people who want to practice their religion and need to compromise their health to do so," she said.

The church has similar rules for Communion wine. For alcoholics, the church allows a substitute for wine under some circumstances; however, the drink must still be fermented from grapes and contain some alcohol. Grape juice is not a valid substitute.

Haley, a shy, brown-haired tomboy who loves surfing and hates wearing dresses, realizes the consequences of taking a wheat wafer.

"I'm on a gluten-free diet because I can't have wheat. I could die," she said last week.

Last year, as the third grader approached Holy Communion age in this Jersey Shore town, her mother told officials at St. Denis Catholic Church in Manasquan that the girl could not have the standard host.

After the church's pastor refused to allow a substitute, a priest at a nearby parish volunteered to offer one, and in May, Haley wore a white Communion dress, and received the sacrament alongside her mother, who had not taken Communion since she herself was diagnosed with the disease.

Last month, the diocese told the priest that the church would not validate Haley's sacrament because of the substitute wafer.

"I struggled with telling her that the sacrament did not happen," said Pelly-Waldman. "She lives in a world of rules. She says 'Mommy, do we want to break a rule? Are we breaking a rule?'"

# Entertainment industry loses file-sharing case

Federal court says software  
suppliers not liable for  
file swapping

BY DAVID KRAVETS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — In a blow to movie studios and record labels, an appeals court ruled Thursday that two suppliers of Internet file-sharing software are not legally responsible for the swapping of music and other files through their programs.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Grokster Ltd. and StreamCast Networks do not have central servers on which computer users can access copyrighted material, making them different from online-music pioneer Napster.

"In the context of this case, the software design is of great import," Judge Sidney Thomas wrote for the unanimous three-judge panel, which upheld a

lower court ruling that dismissed the bulk of the lawsuit brought by movie studios and record labels.

The panel noted the software companies simply provided software for individual users to share information over the Internet — regardless of whether that shared information was copyrighted.

"The technology has numerous other uses, significantly reducing the distribution costs of public domain and permissively shared art and speech, as well as reducing the centralized control of that distribution," Thomas wrote.

Napster was shut down after the 9th Circuit ruled its centralized servers, which contained thousands of copyrighted songs, made it legally liable for contributing to copyright infringement. But in the wake of that ruling, technology developed that avoided the need for a central hub — limiting the liability of the companies involved.

Unless the entertainment industry appeals to the U.S. Supreme Court, Thursday's ruling basically means the software industry won that argument.

"Today's ruling makes it clear that people who build the technology cannot be responsible for the infringing activities of the users — the same principle that people who make crowbars are not responsible for the robberies that may be committed with those crowbars," said Fred von Lohmann, the attorney for Los Angeles-based StreamCast.

Entertainment companies are still free to sue anyone who unlawfully downloads copyrighted movies and music — and approximately 4,000 such cases have been filed so far, added von Lohmann, an attorney for San Francisco's Electronic Frontier Foundation.

A spokeswoman for the entertainment industry's lead attorney in the case said they were not immediately prepared to comment.

Thursday's ruling also may influence the entertainment

companies' case against Sharman Networks, makers of the Kazaa program, which averages more users than any other file-sharing software.

Sites such as StreamCast, Grokster, and Kazaa make money via advertising that pops up on users' screens.

"The biggest thing about this is the court recognized that changing copyright law to whatever new technology comes along is a bad idea," said Michael Page, the attorney for Grokster, based in Nevis in the Caribbean.

NATION

## Iran could make nukes in a few years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iran has informed British, French, and German officials it could produce weapons-grade uranium within a year and a nuclear weapon no more than three years after that, Undersecretary of State John Bolton said Thursday.

"These Iranian assertions give the lie to their public contention that their nuclear program is entirely civil and peaceful in purpose," he said in an interview.

Bolton, who plays a leading role in U.S. efforts to contain the spread of nuclear and other dangerous weapons, said Iran was making veiled threats in an effort to head off U.N. consideration of sanctions or other forms of punishment.

The United States is expected to request U.N. Security Council action if the International Atomic Energy Agency condemns Iraq at a board of governors meeting Sept. 13 in Vienna.

Bolton said the administration was consulting with British, French, and German officials, as well as with Russia, Japan, and other governments, in preparation for the atomic-agency meeting.

Meanwhile, at a news conference, U.S. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, said the Europeans were providing "very good cooperation" on Iran.

However, Rice said there was no agreement yet on how to proceed against Iran in an effort to stop its development of nuclear weapons.

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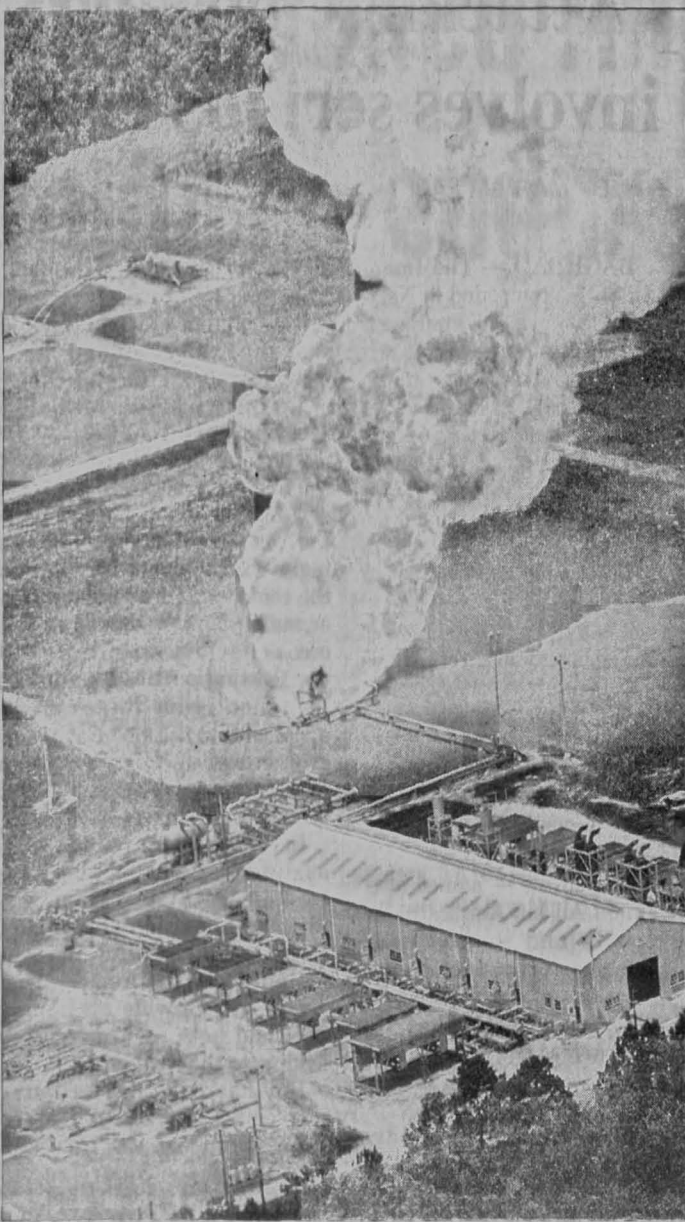
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NATION

Former FBI liaison sues Justice Dept.

NEW YORK (AP) — An FBI agent who served as a liaison to seven countries, including Saudi Arabia, before and after the 9/11 terrorist attacks filed a lawsuit Thursday saying the agency discriminated against him and undermined his work on the investigation into the attacks.

The agent, Wilfred Samuel Rattigan, said the FBI violated his constitutional and civil rights because of his ethnicity, national origin, and religious beliefs. He is seeking unspecified damages.

He accused the FBI of repeatedly undermining his work, "even at the expense of compromising or delaying important investigations, including the 9/11 investigation."

# Harvard and Princeton top rankings

The 2 Ivy League schools share the lead in U.S.

News report

BY JUSTIN POPE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Perhaps a playoff is in order. For the second-straight year, Harvard and Princeton share the top spot in the controversial U.S. News & World Report rankings of "America's Best Colleges."

Princeton earned at least a tie for the No. 1 ranking for the fifth-consecutive year of the rankings, which saw few changes among the highest-rated schools. The latest survey, which hits newsstands Aug. 23, again has Yale at No. 3, followed by the University of Pennsylvania.

The University of California-Berkeley, at No. 21, was the top-rated public university. It was followed at 22 by the University of Virginia and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor in a year that saw public universities generally hold their own despite state budget cuts across higher education.

Williams College was the top-ranked liberal arts college. Caltech was considered the best value among national universities based on ranking and price, including financial aid.

The rankings are generated by a formula that includes variables such as graduation

and retention rates, faculty and financial resources, and the percentage of alumni who donate money to their alma mater.

The rankings are both reviled and breathlessly awaited by college administrators, who insist no formula can capture the value of a college experience but have been forced to acknowledge the enormous role rankings play in the minds of many applicants and parents.

Even the magazine, however, urges students to use the rankings as just one source of information.

"Dig into the data, read the numbers, then use that as a launching point to learn about the nature of the school, the personality," said Executive Editor Brian Kelly. "We say this is a great starting point, but we don't pretend it's anything more than that."

Princeton issued a statement saying administrators there "were pleased to be recognized as one of many outstanding universities" but that formulaic rankings "cannot capture the distinctiveness of any institution or whether one or another university might be an appropriate match for any individual student."

Harvard did not respond to requests for comment.

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NEWS

# Al-Sadr rejects disbanding militia

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi issues last call on the Najaf standoff

'We will categorically not allow armed militias. This is the final call to them to disarm.'

— Ayad Allawi, Iraqi prime minister

BY RAJIV CHANDRASEKARAN  
WASHINGTON POST

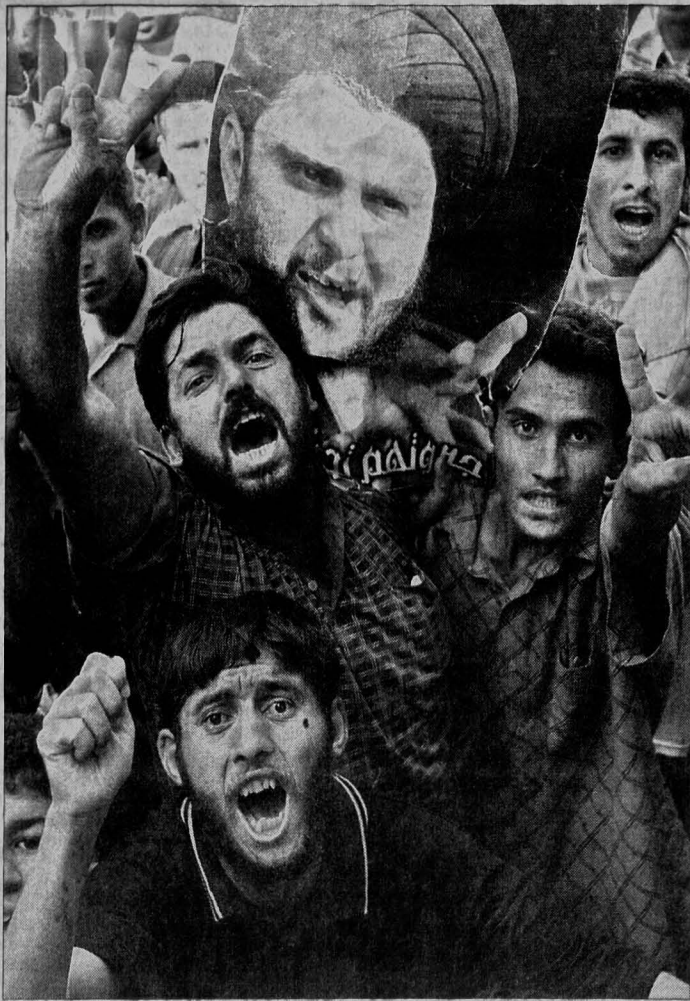
BAGHDAD — Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi issued a "final call" on Thursday for Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to end his rebellion by agreeing to a new set of conditions issued by the government. Al-Sadr responded by rejecting one of the government's two key demands, increasing the prospect of an intensified military attack against his militia.

The dramatic back-and-forth occurred as U.S. forces escalated their military operations in Najaf, dropping bombs and firing artillery to prepare for an assault on a sacred Shiite shrine that has been taken over by al-Sadr's militiamen.

Allawi said "the door is still open" for al-Sadr's compliance, but he warned that very little time remained for the cleric to abide by the government's demands that he dissolve his militia and vacate the shrine.

The interim prime minister's statements were the latest chapter in a tense, arms-length exchange aimed at avoiding a violent showdown at the gold-domed Imam Ali shrine, one of the holiest sites for Shiite Muslims.

Al-Sadr's office issued an unsigned letter on Thursday night that aides said was written by the cleric and bore his seal. The letter called on his followers "to hand over the keys of the shrine to [Shiite religious leaders] as fast as possible so we will prevent infidels from entering this holy place."



Khalid Mohammed/Associated Press  
Followers of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr hoist his portrait at the Imam Ali shrine as clashes between Mahdi Army and U.S. soldiers and Iraqi forces take place near the shrine in the besieged city of Najaf, Iraq, on Thursday.

But the letter rejected the other central demand of the Iraqi government, the dissolution of al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia, saying it is a volunteer organization that belongs to Imam Mahdi, the Shiite messiah.

"Let everyone know that this army is the Imam Mahdi's base, and I have no right to ever disband it," the letter said.

Al-Sadr's refusal to disband his militia could trigger an all-out assault by U.S. and Iraqi forces against the Mahdi Army. Military officials have said such an operation would include efforts to flush militiamen out of the mosque.

"We will categorically not allow armed militias," Allawi said at a news conference in Baghdad. "This is the final call to them to disarm."

Although al-Sadr's office sent a letter to a conference of Iraqi leaders Wednesday indicating that he would disband his militia and leave the shrine, al-Sadr and his aides took a far more bellicose tack on Thursday. One aide said al-Sadr, a mercurial 30-year-old, had instructed his deputies not to pursue talks with the government and prepare instead for "martyrdom or victory."

The actions of al-Sadr's militiamen Thursday also prompted new concern among government officials about the cleric's sincerity in reaching a peaceful resolution. In Najaf, members of his Mahdi Army militia bombarded a police station with mortar rounds, killing seven policemen and injuring 31 others.

In the port city of Basra, news services reported that militants loyal to al-Sadr broke into the headquarters of Iraq's state-run southern oil company and set warehouses and offices on fire after driving away security guards in a gun battle.

The Republican Palace in Baghdad's Green Zone, which now houses most of the U.S. Embassy's staff, was struck by a mortar Thursday afternoon, wounding two Americans working for the embassy, an embassy spokesman said. The mortar hit the roof of the building, which includes the office of U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte. It was not known who fired the mortars. Although mortars and rockets are routinely launched into the Green Zone, it is rare for them to be accurate enough to hit such a prominent target.

With a raid on the shrine and the surrounding neighborhood appearing increasingly likely, U.S. forces in Najaf stepped up efforts on Thursday to combat militiamen in other parts of the city. There were intense exchanges of fire as U.S. troops pushed into areas controlled by the militia. Bradley Fighting Vehicles advanced down streets firing bursts from M242 Bushmaster chain guns at 200 rounds per minute into buildings sheltering militiamen. After dark, an AC-130 Spectre gunship circled over the city, unleashing its 105-mm howitzer with a repetitive gong that reverberated across the city.

# Attacking mosque involves serious risk

BY MARIAM FAM  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — The Imam Ali Shrine compound in Najaf — an Islamic art landmark ornamented with elegant calligraphy and religious patterns — reputedly holds priceless ancient manuscripts and houses the silver-covered tomb of the Shiite saint Ali. While Iraqi forces might easily overpower the Shiite insurgents hiding inside, any raid there carries considerable risk.

A botched job that damages the shrine could enrage Iraqis and Muslims worldwide, fuel resentment of the occupation and interim government, and possibly strengthen local support for rebel cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, to whom the insurgent militia is loyal.

The shrine — named after Imam Ali bin Abi Talib, the cousin and son-in-law of Islam's prophet Muhammad — is one of the most sacred sites for Shiite Muslims. For centuries, the world's 120 million Shiites have revered it as a place of pilgrimage.

The resplendent golden dome stands in the center of the square-shaped compound. Inside, ceramic tiles are inlaid with ornate patterns. Koranic verses and poems are inscribed around the shrine. The compound also houses treasures, including gold, jewels, and ancient manuscripts.

On Thursday, the government asked al-Sadr to

immediately disarm his militia and pull out of the shrine. One minister threatened a massive onslaught by Iraqi forces.

Government officials have said they've exhausted all peaceful means to end the standoff with the Mahdi Army, arguing that destroying the militia would be a lesson to other rebels.

During previous fighting, the Americans have painstakingly tried to avoid harming the compound. It has, however, suffered minor damage on occasion, often with each of the fighting parties blaming the other. Some Shiites are appalled that the violence has even brought a foreign, non-Muslim army within sight of their revered shrine.

In an apparent attempt to assuage such concern, Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan has said only Iraqi forces would enter the shrine in an attack. The Americans would only provide air support and help secure roads leading to the shrine.

But that could offer its own problems.

An Iraqi force, less experienced than the Americans, might be more likely to damage the compound. At the same time, it could be psychologically difficult for an Iraqi soldier to fire at a holy site that is as special to him as it is to other Shiites and Muslims. Some Iraqi police in Najaf say they wouldn't like to find themselves in such a position.

## WORLD

### Fighting in Sadr City kills 50

BAGHDAD (AP) — Fighting between U.S. forces and Shiite insurgents in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City killed more than 50 militants and civilians Thursday, according to Na'eem al-Kaabi, a spokesman for the Mahdi Army militant group.

U.S. troops have been fighting with militants loyal to radical

Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr for much of the past two weeks. In recent days, however, the U.S. offensive appeared to have intensified.

U.S. tanks moved throughout the streets of the slum on Thursday, and helicopter gunships shot at militants from the skies.

The U.S. military had no immediate comment on the operation.

# Under fire: Sharon dismisses Likud vote, Arafat won't sign reforms

BY MARK LAVIE  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Embattled leaders Ariel Sharon and Yasser Arafat rebuffed demands from their backers Thursday, holding steadfast to positions posing great political risk: Sharon insisted he will press on with efforts to pull out of Gaza despite a stinging rebuke from his party, while Arafat refused to sign reform legislation.

The internal power struggles foreshadowed difficulties for Sharon's plan to evacuate all 21 Jewish settlements in Gaza and four in the West Bank, as well as hopes for meaningful reform of the corruption-plagued Palestinian administration and its security forces.

The political struggles played out against a backdrop of violence.

Israeli soldiers shot and killed an 18-year-old Palestinian in the southern Gaza town of Rafah, witnesses and hospital officials said.

Two others were wounded, including a 13-year-old boy. Witnesses said the shooting was unprovoked. The army said soldiers fired at two Palestinians in an off-limits zone, hitting one.

Also, Palestinian militants fired five homemade rockets

from the Gaza Strip at the Israeli town of Sderot, slightly wounding a 10-year-old boy, Israeli rescue workers said. More than 30 others were treated for shock, they said.

A defiant Sharon shrugged off a vote at a convention of his Likud Party central committee late Wednesday banning him from bringing the moderate Labor Party into his ruling coalition to cement a Cabinet majority in favor of his Gaza plan.

Likud opponents of the plan, trying to tie Sharon's hands,

voted against the plan 60 percent to 40 percent — the same margin by which Likud members opposed the Gaza pullout in a May 2 party referendum.

Sharon ignored the referendum results and rammed the plan through his Cabinet by firing ministers from a pro-settler party and watching two others resign, losing his parliamentary majority.

On Thursday, after the convention slap, Sharon remained defiant. His office, in a statement, said: "The prime minister is determined to continue with

the disengagement plan and the diplomatic process, and he will try to build a stable coalition."

Labor, which favors extensive withdrawals in the West Bank and Gaza, is the main backer of Sharon's "unilateral disengagement" plan, though Labor is in the parliamentary opposition. Most of the resistance to the pullout comes from Sharon's own Likud, which has traditionally represented Jewish settlers and their backers.

Sharon's Likud opponents insisted that after the convention vote, Sharon would be

unable to approach Labor. "Sharon cannot ignore the wishes of his party," said Likud lawmaker Michael Ratzon.

Sharon opened negotiations with Labor leader Shimon Peres last month, but talks stalled over domestic issues. Sharon needs Labor for parliamentary and Cabinet approval of the plan's stages.

After consultations Thursday, Labor leaders were divided over whether to continue talks with Likud if asked or to put their efforts into toppling Sharon and forcing early elections. Labor

denounced the Likud vote, saying the party was rejecting any attempt to end Mideast violence.

Peres called for elections but pledged that Labor would back Sharon's pullout plan. "We are the opposition to the government, not the opposition to peace talks or to evacuation of Gaza," he said Thursday.

Arafat, the veteran Palestinian leader, also tangled with his followers over growing complaints about his inability to effect reform.

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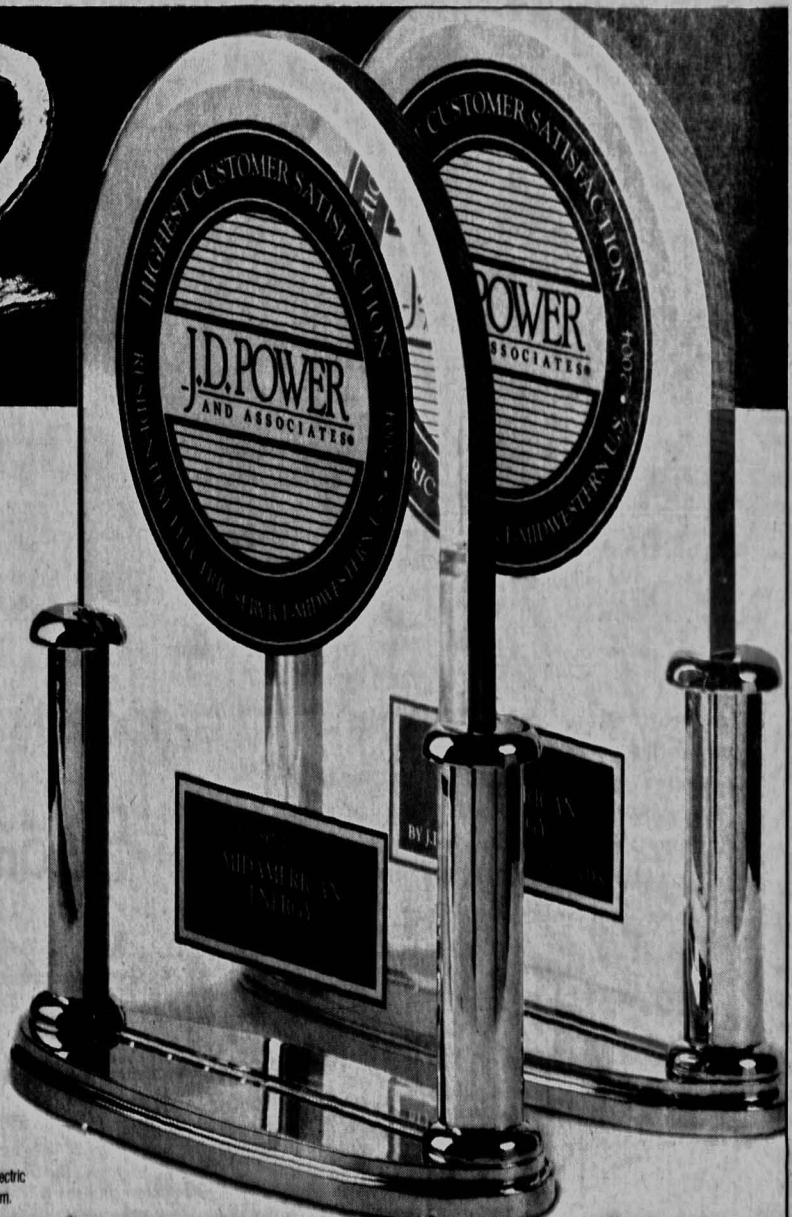
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# Abandoned American children endure ordeal

BY DANIEL BALINT-KURTI  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

IBADAN, Nigeria — Allegedly abandoned by their American mother in Africa, seven children from Texas begged small change to buy food and shuttled from a neglectful stranger's care to a concrete-block orphanage, Nigerians said Thursday.

Eventually, the children proved their American citizenship to a passing missionary from Texas by singing "The Star-Spangled Banner." He notified U.S. authorities, who got the youngsters home last week as Texas welfare officials investigated the mother.

Ages 8 to 16, the three boys and four girls, all of whom had been adopted by the woman, apparently spent 10 months in this market city of millions bustling with traders and crippled, leprous beggars.

A Nigerian welfare official said local authorities first learned about the children only a few weeks ago and immediately took them into custody and turned them over to the government orphanage.

By then, they were skinny, mosquito-bitten, and suffering from malnutrition, malaria, and typhoid, officials and other people said. "Three of them were sick. They could not walk," said a 23-year-old who gave his name as Alex and is a former ward of the orphanage now living there as a student. "They looked tired. They'd been sick for long, without food."

The young Americans found themselves living not only with other orphans but juvenile criminals, including young thieves and rapists.

Officials at the orphanage declined to comment and would not let an Associated Press reporter talk with any of the orphans Thursday, but children in



Mona Reeder, Dallas Morning News/Associated Press  
LaQuinta Teague, the birth mother of three of the American children found recently in a Nigerian orphanage, sits on her porch Tuesday in Dallas. The Texas Child Protective Services took her children while she was in a Texas prison and put them up for adoption.

dirty and ripped clothes could be seen shuffling about doing chores.

One 13-year-old girl washed dishes in an aluminum pail while younger children put the dishes away. Other children carried buckets of cassava on their heads, a starchy root that is the children's principal food along with rice and beans.

U.S. authorities believe the seven American children arrived in Nigeria last October with their mother, whose fiancé has a relative here. The mother, Mercury Liggins, 47, left within weeks. She later took a job as a food-service worker in U.S. military mess halls in Iraq but quit in July, U.S. officials said. She is believed to be back in Houston; she couldn't be located for comment.

Government workers and others who knew the children said she left them in the care of a businessman, Obiora Nwankwo, who has a well-tended, two-story house in an affluent neighborhood of Ibadan. The nature of the relationship between Liggins

and Nwankwo wasn't known. Nwankwo couldn't be found when an AP reporter visited the home.

Nwankwo drove up to the gates of an Ibadan Montessori School on Oct. 16, school officials said. He enrolled the children in classes with what officials here said was benefit money from the children's mother.

"He claimed he was their guardian," Principal Johnson Akintayo said. "They were put up in the boarding school."

Their new school was clean, fronted by a row of tall palm trees, and the children seemed happy at first.

But when the children returned from Nwankwo's home after Christmas break, they appeared underfed and neglected, said Victoria Mustafa, matron of the girls' boarding quarters. "They were very pale and had lost weight," she said.

The children began begging classmates and staff for money, using it to buy food.

# Report: Doctors helped in Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse

A Minnesota prof says medical staff falsified death certificates, hid evidence

BY EMMA ROSS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Doctors working for the U.S. military in Iraq collaborated with interrogators in the abuse of detainees at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, profoundly breaching medical ethics and human rights, a bioethicist charges in the *Lancet* medical journal.

In a scathing analysis of the behavior of military doctors, nurses, and medics, University of Minnesota Professor Steven Miles calls for a reform of military medicine and an official investigation into the role played by physicians and other medical staff in the torture scandal.

He cites evidence that doctors or medics falsified death certificates to cover up homicides, hid evidence of beatings, and revived a prisoner so he could be further tortured. No reports of abuses were initiated by medical personnel until the official investigation into Abu Ghraib began, he found.

"The medical system collaborated with designing and implementing psychologically and physically coercive interrogations," Miles said in this week's edition of *Lancet*. "Army officials stated that a physician and a psychiatrist helped design, approve, and monitor interrogations at Abu Ghraib."

The analysis does not shed light on how many doctors were

involved or how widespread the problem of medical complicity was, aspects that Miles said he is now investigating.

A U.S. military spokesman said the incidents recounted by Miles came primarily from the Pentagon's own investigation of the abuses.

"Many of these cases remain under investigation, and charges will be brought against any individual where there is evidence of abuse," said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, the U.S. Army spokesman for detainee operations in Iraq.

In a related matter, two military officials in Washington said on Thursday that a high-level Army inquiry will cite medical personnel who knew of abuse at Abu Ghraib but did not report it up the chain of command. The inquiry also will criticize senior U.S. commanders for a lack of leadership that allowed abuses to occur, but finds no evidence they ordered the abuse, said the sources, who spoke the condition of anonymity.

Photographs of prisoners being abused and humiliated by U.S. troops in Iraq have sparked worldwide condemnation. Although the conduct of soldiers has been scrutinized, the role of medical staff in the scandal has received relatively little attention.

"The detaining power's health personnel are the first and often

the last line of defense against human-rights abuses. Their failure to assume that role emphasizes to the prisoner how utterly beyond humane appeal they are," Miles said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

He said military medicine reform needs to be enshrined in international law and include more clout for military medical staff in the defense of human rights.

Miles gathered evidence from U.S. congressional hearings, sworn statements of detainees and soldiers, medical-journal accounts, and press reports to build a picture of physician complicity, and in isolated cases active participation by medical personnel in abuse at the Baghdad prison, as well as in Afghanistan and at the Guantánamo Bay detention center in Cuba.

In one example, cited in a sworn statement from an Abu Ghraib detainee, a prisoner collapsed and was apparently unconscious after a beating. Medical staff revived the detainee and left, allowing the abuse to continue, Miles reported.

Depositions from two detainees at Abu Ghraib described an incident in which a doctor allowed a medically untrained guard to sew up a prisoner's wound.

# U.N. remembers tragedy in Iraq

One year after suicide bombing kills 22 staffers in Baghdad, the U.N. pays tribute

BY MAGGIE FARLEY  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

UNITED NATIONS — A year after the suicide bombing of the U.N. Baghdad headquarters killed 22 people in Iraq, U.N. staffers around the world paid tribute Thursday to their fallen colleagues. They also complained that the United Nations had yet to adequately protect its workers in dangerous areas.

In solemn ceremonies in New York, Geneva, Amman, Jordan, and Baghdad, U.N. staffers and relatives of the 22 victims lighted candles and shared a moment of silence.

"We are no strangers to violence and intimidation," Secretary-General Kofi Annan told the audience in Geneva. The attack was a "unique blow" that traumatized the organization and Annan himself, the secretary-general said in an unusual personal aside.

"You can imagine my agony, discouragement, and deep sense of loss — not only as a friend, but also as the individual who is ultimately responsible for the welfare and security of United Nations staff," he said. The events "touched me to the core."

The United Nations withdrew its international staff from Iraq after a second fatal attack last autumn. A small group of permanent employees returned to Baghdad last week.

Senior officials agree that the bombing changed them — and their attitude about how deeply the organization should become involved in Iraq. They didn't want to be seen as supporting the war by staying in the country nor as abandoning Iraqis by staying out. But the growing security threat has added another dimension of difficulty.

"There is a whole new psychology of concern," said Danilo Turk, an undersecretary for political affairs. The United Nations agreed to take a "leading role" in rebuilding Iraq on the optimistic assumption that the situation would improve, he said. But security has continued to deteriorate, and the degree of the body's engagement is still a matter of debate. "It is a different U.N. now," Turk said.

Annan commissioned two security reports after the Baghdad bombing, one of which concluded that the United Nations' "dysfunctional" security system led to greater casualties. He hasn't released the findings of the follow-up report that led to the forced resignation of the top security official, Tun Myat, and the transfer of another.

The U.N. Staff Council, a union, said Annan had failed to keep his promise to do his "utmost" to ensure that security failures were not repeated in Iraq or in other risky missions. An additional 17 U.N. peacekeepers and civilian staff members have died in attacks since the Baghdad bombing.

"The best way to honor these people is to make sure these failures don't happen again," said Guy Candusso, the staff union's vice president. "We can't guarantee that nobody will be killed, but we have to do our utmost to prevent these tragedies." The Staff Council called on Annan to appoint a full-time security coordinator — a post that has been unfilled since last November — to implement security management reforms and to explain to the staff what has been done.

"Filling the security post is a high priority," said Catherine Bertini, the management chief charged with security oversight until the job is permanently filled. "We're looking carefully for the right person."

Bertini said that security training was mandatory for all

staff going overseas and that the organization had beefed up standards and precautions at its facilities worldwide. Annan hired an expert on diplomatic security from the U.S. State Department to prepare a plan for a strengthened and unified security system to be presented next month.



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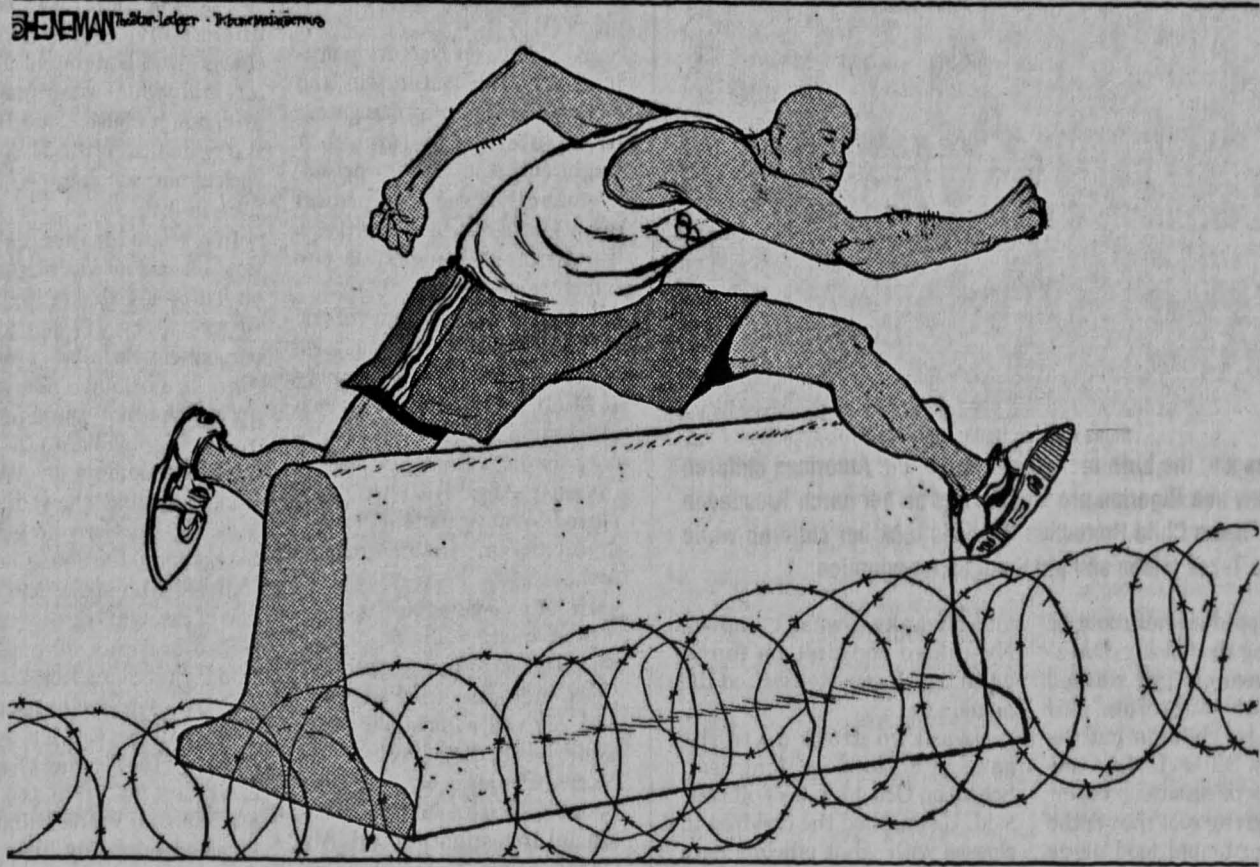
## Finding the true Olympic spirit

Pampered NBA superstars, doped-up sprinters, fears about bombs and death — is this the new Olympic era? Nonsense.

With a grand opening ceremony that was inspiring despite its length, the 2004 Summer Olympics began with much pomp and circumstance in Greece this past weekend. The parade of teams across the Athens stadium included the Iraqi delegation, a scene that was touching regardless of the politics of the Iraq war. The Americans boast a stream of medal hopefuls, led by the outstanding swimming teams and men's star Michael Phelps, who had brought home four gold medals as of press time.

Of course, the Olympics this year are anything but idyllic. The fear of terrorism has cast a shadow over the games, resulting in U.S. Special Forces patrolling Athens, NATO ships cruising the Mediterranean Sea, and NATO planes flying missions over the Greek landscape. Then we come to the recent drug scandals that have, over the past 20 years, become virtually synonymous with any mention of Olympic competition. Torri Edwards, the 2003 world champion in the 100-meter dash, is the most recent U.S. casualty, testing positive for a banned substance that she "inadvertently" took. In a sad twist of irony, Edwards inherited that 100-meter world championship when Kelli White, another American sprinter, forfeited the crown because she failed a drug test.

Then we have the U.S. basketball team. Unable to recruit Tracy McGrady, Shaquille O'Neal, Kobe Bryant, or Kevin Garnett (arguably



NEW HURDLES DESIGNED FOR THE ATHENS OLYMPICS

the game's four best players) to this year's Olympic team, USA basketball was left to fill its roster with B-list NBA stars. Of course, these stars were still the early favorite for the gold, but after a humiliating loss to Puerto Rico, suddenly the mighty United States doesn't look so intimidating. With the weaknesses in its perimeter shooting painfully exposed by the rules of international basketball and zone defenses suffocating Tim Duncan beneath the basket, it will be no small Olympic miracle if the United States brings home the gold.

Pampered NBA superstars, doped-up sprinters, fears about bombs and death — is this the new Olympic era? Nonsense. Look beneath the depressing network news lead-ins, dig deeper than the sensationalist headlines, and you'll find the touching story of the Dumais brothers, who failed to medal in the synchronized diving competition but overcame personal differences in these Olympics to become best friends. Or another set of brothers, Paul and Morgan Hamm, who will not go on to post-Olympic careers of lucrative endorsement contracts but will end up doing what so many of us will

do after college: get a real job. These brothers, like so many other Olympic athletes hidden beneath the surface, are competing not because of financial inducements; rather, they love their sport and they want to win. This is what the Olympics are about; this is the true Olympic spirit. So in the remaining days of the 2004 Olympics, let's put aside our weary cynicism and ignore the attention-grabbing headlines. Let's celebrate the remarkable stories of our lesser-known athletes and the incredible and often moving sacrifices they make for a small shot at glory.

## Vietnam may yet get Kerry

John Kerry, for those of you who have been living in a remote Arctic outpost for the past year, served in Vietnam. And he sure does want you to know about it.

His campaign, having yet to present any specific policy directives (though his intention to run a "more sensitive war on terror" makes us feel warm and fuzzy inside), is betting all of its chips on the Vietnam War hero card. Which is why Kerry, when addressing the swooning masses at the Democratic National Convention, entered to a video montage of him in the Vietnam jungle, executed a crisp salute, and introduced himself as "John Kerry, reporting for duty." Conveniently missing from this display of ostentation was any mention of what Kerry has been up to for the last 30 years; namely, waffling around as a U.S. senator and serving as Michael Dukakis' lieutenant governor.



ROBERT SCHNEIDER

But so be it. It's Kerry's campaign, and he's welcome to define himself, as he is attempting to do solely as a veteran, hoping that the marriage of this image and the liberal media's animus toward President Bush will be enough to deliver the White House come November.

Which brings us to John O'Neill's book, *Unfit for Command* and the Swift Boat Vets for Truth ads, both of which raise serious and pointed questions about Kerry's record as a veteran. Perhaps most damning was the allegation by O'Neill that Kerry was not in Cambodia on Christmas Eve in 1968, despite numerous insistences by Kerry to the contrary. Indeed, in a March 1986 speech on the Senate floor discussing, coincidentally, governmental integrity in the Iran-Contra scandal, Kerry told fellow senators of his own experience with a dishonest government: "I remember Christmas of 1968 sitting on a gunboat in Cambodia. I remember what it was like to be shot at by Vietnamese and Khmer Rouge and Cambodians and having the president of the United States telling the American people that I was not there; the troops were not in Cambodia. I have that memory which is seared, seared in me."

Not surprisingly, by utilizing tactics honed to perfection under the Clinton administration (think James Carville's "this is what happens when you drag \$100 through a trailer park" smear of Paula Jones), liberals elected not to address the Swift Boat Vets' claims but rather threatened libel lawsuits against any television station that ran the ads. A bemused observer might be forgiven for considering the irony of the Democrats claiming libel after a primary season of Democratic candidates falling over each other to see who could shout "Bush lied!" the loudest.

The remarkable result of this political chess game is that Kerry's campaign has now retracted his Christmas Eve-in-Cambodia claim. The same incident that was "seared" in Kerry's memory actually never occurred at all, as his boat was stationed at Sa Dec that night, 50 miles from the Cambodian border. Caught in such a bald-faced lie, Kerry has managed to avoid a very public humiliation simply by the graces of the liberal media, which is apparently too exhausted from clamoring for Bush's National Guard records to pay attention to this new development.

Of course, there is the argument that whatever happened in a candidate's life 30 years ago is no longer salient; that a president should be elected based upon what he plans to do in 2004, not what he was doing in 1968. Which is fine, except for the fact that publicizing his military service was John Kerry's decision. He chose to run as a Vietnam vet, he chose to make his service the central issue in his platform, and he chose to paint Bush's National Guard service as inferior to his time in Vietnam. Most importantly, he chose to make the issue of military service a matter of character, and not only that, but he chose to make it the foundation upon which his entire campaign is built.

Having made his proverbial bed, it is now time for him to lie in it. And since Kerry has used his four months in Vietnam as political capital throughout his career, it is time the media began asking serious questions about what kind of character is suggested by a man who would audaciously conjure up events that didn't occur during this service. ■

### LETTERS

#### God not a political tool

God is not a political football to be kicked around by Democrats and Republicans. Neither party is more God-like than the other, and God does not favor one over the other. God is not pulling for either George W. Bush or John Kerry to be America's next president. Our Creator gives us the freedom to make right and wrong choices. We reap the consequences, good or bad, for our choices.

But what God does require of us is that we do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly, not arrogantly, with our God. We must love God with all our heart, soul, and mind and love our neighbors as well as we love ourselves. God wants all of us to walk the walk, not just talk the religious talk. If we do what God requires of us, it will help us to make the right choices in the voting booth. We dishonor and displease God when we deliberately use God for political gain. I am a person of faith who doesn't need Jerry Falwell to tell me who to vote for.

Paul L. Whiteley Sr.  
Louisville, Ky., resident

#### Kerry is full of bull

John Kerry is about as much a hero as Charles Manson. He plainly admitted to committing war crimes, and in a big spewing of bull, said he didn't realize they were wrong until he got home. He won one of those "heroic" medals for shooting a fleeing teenage soldier in the back. The doctor that treated him for one of the wounds that earned him a Purple Heart said it was treated by putting a Band Aid on it.

Where is the hero here? Just because he has medals? Some of the Swift Boat Vets

for Truth are decorated with medals. Why don't people listen to them?

Michael DePew  
UI student

#### IC gas prices unfair

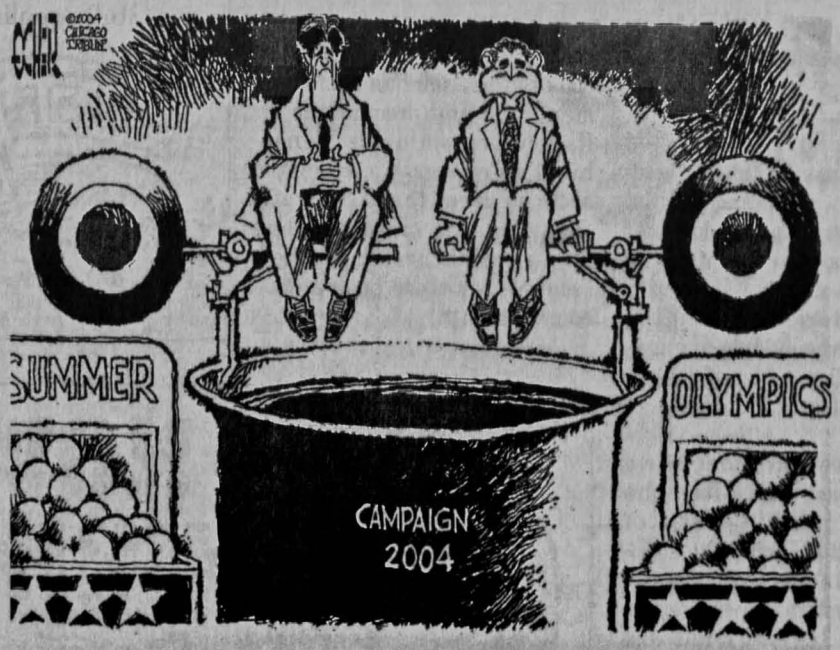
The *DI* polls students and residents about how high prices need to rise before they will begin curtailing their fuel consumption. Why is it that, while students accept federal tax dollars and scholarship aid, they give it back to the gas station? How is it that our prices are so much higher than surrounding areas? At gas stations near downtown or Coral Ridge, fuel costs about \$1.80. Yet in Des Moines (our state capital, for those who slept through high school), gas can be found for as cheap as \$1.54, even during the State Fair.

What makes Iowa City so special, with a population a bit under 64,000, according to recent counts? It isn't because of the remote location, because stations along I-80 near the Amana Colonies have cheaper gasoline. The Montezuma exit, halfway between Iowa City and Des Moines, also peddles the precious liquid at a slightly discounted price (usually around 10 cents cheaper). It's pathetic that students and residents have to pay for the owners of these stations around here to buy their Hawkeye tickets.

Kendra Brigham  
UI student

#### Bush anti-environment, pro-profit

Cleaning up the environment makes good economic sense. Studies by the U.S. government show that every dollar spent reducing air and water pollution would



save this country \$5 to \$7 in health-care costs and lost wages due to sick time alone. Pollution also damages property, reduces farm crops, harms the fishing industry, and hurts the tourism industry. Preventing pollution saves far more money than it costs.

Despite this, President Bush is actually working to reduce or block environmental regulation. He has revised laws to make them weaker and even ordered the Environmental Protection Agency not to enforce existing laws. Why? The answer is campaign dollars. The cost of cleaning up the environment would mostly be borne by big industries, which contribute heavily to the Bush campaign.

The expenses caused by pollution are paid by the general public, which does not contribute as heavily to politics. More importantly, industry sees the direct effect

of environmental regulation on their wallets. Most people do not so clearly see their expenses as related to pollution, much less blame Bush for it. For Bush, saving big industry one dollar makes more sense than saving you \$5.

Hailey Leithausser  
Takoma Park, Md., resident

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### ON THE SPOT

Are you paying attention to the Olympics this year?



"I've watched Ping-Pong and that's it."

Molly Camerer  
UI freshman



"Yes, more so than past years."

Megan Hulsenga  
UI junior



"I'm following swimming and gymnastics and watching the Dream Team suck."

Holly Madorin  
UI senior



"Kind of. I'm a lifeguard, so I mostly follow swimming."

Kara Bantz  
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### CALENDAR-WORTHY

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## 'Glitterati Days' now playing in a courtroom near you

### Celebrities packing the docket

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The King of Pop, complete with golden armband, returned to court in the child-molestation case against him as supporters cheered. Courtney Love received a date for her trial on drug charges. Prosecutors lost a key appeal in the rape case against NBA star Kobe Bryant.

That wasn't all. A woman accused of stalking Catherine Zeta-Jones was ruled fit to stand trial. And Alexis Hornbuckle, 18, the Women's Basketball Association national Player of the Year, agreed to 50 hours of community service in West Virginia after being cited for shoplifting.

It all happened Monday in America on a national court docket brimming with star wattage even more than usual — cases against, and involving, the famous.

A burst of celebrities gone bad? Probably not. More likely, entertainment-industry watchers and legal experts say, it's a media-age sign of the times — and not surprising for a land where millions sit riveted to a show called "Celebrity Justice."

"The fact that ... a half-hour show could be derived from this single subject not only tells you the state of things but the level of interest," said film critic Leonard Maltin.

Americans watching celebrities rise and fall isn't new. We follow vaunted marriages that end in nasty divorces, high-paying careers that crash and burn, and the trudge of celebrities in and out of court for sundry infractions — from Glen Campbell (drunken driving) to Winona Ryder (shoplifting).

"There is a real delight to seeing celebrities falter," said psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers. "There is a really warm, embarrassing side that you're thankful it's not you."

Part of it, she said, is simply the natural extension of celebrity-watching.

"They are all going through our worst nightmares, the worst things you can think of," she said Monday. "There's a part of us that says 'See, they have money, and look at them.'"

Brothers says the days of the American glitterati getting away with things — or having their more questionable doings swept under the rug by police and a complicit press — are gone: "Being a celebrity doesn't excuse you."

Decades ago, people were fascinated with a paternity suit against Charlie Chaplin and the murder trial of Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle, one of Hollywood's highest-paid actors until he was charged in 1921 with killing actress Virginia Rappe. Though Arbuckle was unanimously acquitted, his acting career was ruined — but not before an appetite for the legal peccadilloes of celebrities took root.

The public appetite for "the sordid details ... gave rise to an entire industry of celebrity-obsessed, and celeb-baiting, journalism that persists to this day," author Jerry Stahl



Mark Mainz/Associated Press

Michael Jackson (top center) and sister Janet (right) leave court at the end of a pretrial hearing in Jackson's molestation case in Santa Maria, Calif., on Monday.

'It's the Shakespearean soap opera. Americans are overly involved in their lives of quiet desperation and wanting to take their minds off what's going on in the world.'

— Micaela Levine, head of Los Angeles PR firm

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wrote in the foreword to his 2004 novel, *I, Fatty*, which retells the story from Arbuckle's perspective.

Today, the Chaplin and Arbuckle cases would be two ripples in a vast ocean of star-watching. Americans have more ways to find out — and, says one media expert, more stressful things to forget about as well.

### Upcoming celebrity court cases

- **Rapper Lil' Kim**, accused of lying to a grand jury investigation into a 2001 shooting allegedly involving members of her entourage. She maintains her innocence. "This case is a witch hunt against the hip-hop industry," she said in a statement Monday.
- **Robert Blake**, former star of the "Baretta" television series and a one-time child-acting sensation, charged with murdering his wife, Bonny Bakley, in 2001. She was shot to death in their car outside a restaurant where they had dined. Blake denies killing her.
- **Music legend Phil Spector**, charged with killing actress Lana Clarkson, found shot in his mansion on Feb. 2, 2003. He also denies the charges.
- **Anthony Anderson**, the rotund comedic co-star of *Kangaroo Jack* and the original *Barbershop*, charged with aggravated rape — an accusation he denies.
- **Saving Private Ryan actor Tom Sizemore**, arrested this month when probation officers conducting random visits discovered drugs at his home, authorities said. Sizemore was sentenced in October to six months in jail for physically abusing former Hollywood madam Heidi Fleiss during their two-year relationship.

"It's the Shakespearean soap opera," said Michael Levine, who heads a Los Angeles firm that has handled PR campaigns for Michael Jackson, Barbra Streisand, and Charlton Heston. "Americans are overly involved in their lives of quiet desperation and wanting to take their minds off what's going on in the world."

### For Oprah, jury a reality check

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Oprah Winfrey plans to bring her experience as a juror on a murder trial to her TV show next week, saying her three days in the jury box were a "reality check."

Winfrey was one of 12 jurors who convicted a Chicago man of murder Wednesday after a routine trial that turned into a media magnet because of the billionaire.

"I think it was an eye-opener for all of us," Winfrey said in the Cook County Criminal Courts Building lobby, flanked by other jurors. "It's a huge reality check; there's a whole other world going on out there. ... When your life intersects with others in this way, it is forever changed."

Jurors deliberated for more than two hours before convicting 27-year-old Dion Coleman of first-degree murder in the February 2002 shooting death of Walter Holley, 23.

"It was not any easy decision to make," Winfrey said. "All of us have taken to heart this decision."

Coleman is scheduled to be sentenced next month; he could face 45 years to life in prison.

Winfrey, who was paid \$17.20 a day, said she plans to do a show next week with other jurors.

One of them, Suzanne Goodman, said having a big star on the jury wasn't a distraction.

"It was a lot of fun; it was like being on her show," said Goodman.

More than a dozen reporters and sketch artists filled the seats in the cramped courtroom. Winfrey called all the attention distracting.

"This is not good for the victim's family. ... This is not about Oprah Winfrey. The fact is, a man has been murdered," she said.

Before she was chosen for the jury Monday, Winfrey said she thought she was too opinionated to be picked. But afterward she said she was fair.



Nam Y. Huh/Associated Press

Talk show host Oprah Winfrey arrives for jury duty at the Cook County Criminal Court Building in Chicago on Monday.

## Film composer Bernstein dead at 82

BY CLAUDIA LUTHER  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Elmer Bernstein, the Academy Award-winning composer who created some of the most recognizable music in American films, died Wednesday at his home in Ojai, Calif., after a lengthy illness, his publicist, Kathy Moulton, said. He was 82.

"He was the consummate composer. He was classically trained and could do it all," said Marilyn Bergman, the president of the American Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers.

Bernstein, whose career spanned more than 50 years and included more than 200 films, was nominated for Oscars 14 times, winning in 1967 for *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Among his other nominated scores were *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *The Magnificent Seven*, *The Man With the Golden Arm*, *True Grit*, *The Age of Innocence*, and, most recently, *Far From Heaven*.

He also wrote for television, including "The Big Valley" in the 1960s and "Owen Marshall, Counselor at Law" in the 1970s, as well as many miniseries and TV documentaries. In 1963, he won an Emmy for "The Making of the President: 1960."

Bergman, the ASCAP president, said Wednesday that Bernstein "was among a group of composers who stood in the pantheon of film composing." His scores for *The Man With the Golden Arm* and *The Magnificent Seven* are considered classics, she said, and his credit sequence work for *Mockingbird* "stands as one of the best main titles, visually and musically."

Bergman, a songwriter, said Bernstein composed much of his work in the 1960s, '70s, and '80s, when motion-picture scores were written to complement a specific film, not with an eye to album sales outside the theater.

"The art of really scoring a film dramatically, where the composer is almost an extension

of the screenplay — that's very rare today, and it makes it all the sadder," Bergman said. She said she particularly missed Bernstein's death because it comes close on the heels of the deaths of two other well-known composers of his age: David Rakksin and Jerry Goldsmith.

"It's been a bad year," Bergman said.

Lukas Kendall, the publisher of *Film Score Monthly* magazine, told the *Hartford Courant* last year that each time Bernstein got typecast, he transcended it. "First he was the jazz composer, then he became the Western composer, which took him almost into the mid-'70s," Kendall said.

In the 1970s, Bernstein gave his career another dimension when he scored such comedies as *National Lampoon's Animal House*, *Airplane!*, *Stripes*, *Meatballs*, *Ghostbusters*, and *Trading Places*.

More recently, his 2002 score for *Far From Heaven* garnered praise for its lush, swooning quality that added a 1950s sensibility to the period movie directed by Todd Haynes and starring Julianne Moore and Dennis Quaid.

Bernstein was highly respected by others who practiced his art. Composer James Newton Howard, who wrote the score for *The Sixth Sense*, *The Fugitive*, and other films, told the *Los Angeles Times* in 2001 that he regarded Bernstein among the most influential of composers.

"With his scores, one never has the feeling that the music is working too hard," Howard said. "Somehow, he has always been able to achieve gigantic effect with the most gentle and graceful gestures."



Bernstein

For *Mockingbird*, Bernstein said in a 2001 interview for an article in the *Los Angeles Times*, he began to see that the basic sound of the score should be childlike, because the film portrayed adult problems seen through the eyes of children.

And for *The Grifters*, the 1990 film noir directed by Stephen Frears, Bernstein created what he called a "playfully unsettling" score, "because that's what the film is like."

Bernstein was born April 4, 1922, in New York City, the son of a high-school teacher who loved jazz. He studied piano and composition and auditioned for composer Aaron Copland at the age of 12. Bernstein gave his first piano performance at age 15 in New York's Steinway Hall. He also attended the Juilliard School of Music on a scholarship and New York University.

His first film score was for *Saturday's Hero*, a 1951 college-football film starring John Derek and Donna Reed. Others soon followed, including *Sudden Fear* with Joan Crawford and *Never Wave at a WAC* with Rosalind Russell.

In the 1950s, Bernstein's career was stymied when he was "gray-listed" during the McCarthy era for his sympathies to left-wing causes.

Bernstein was valued in the industry for his youthful optimism and energy. At age 79, still with no plans to retire, he told the *Times*:

"I can't think of anything else that I'd have rather done with my life. I think I made a difference. It is an amazing human privilege to look back at your life and simply be able to say that you had some part in making millions and millions of people feel better, two hours at a time."

Bernstein is survived by his wife, Eve, sons Peter and Gregory, daughters Emilie and Elizabeth, and five grandchildren.

*Times* staff writer Monte Morin contributed to this story.

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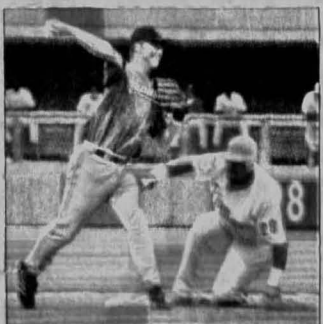
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**Houston second baseman Jeff Kent forces out Philadelphia's Marlon Byrd before completing a triple play in the fifth inning Thursday in Philadelphia. Before Byrd was forced out, Placido Polanco was out at third base.**

MLB

**Astros pull triple play, beat Phillies**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Eric Bruntlett, Craig Biggio, and Lance Berkman homered during a seven-run rally in the seventh inning, and the Houston Astros turned a game-changing triple play to beat Philadelphia Thursday, sending the Phillies to their seventh-straight loss.

The Phillies led, 7-2, in the fifth when Todd Pratt grounded into a bases-loaded triple play, the first turned by Houston in 13 years.

The Astros, hoping to hang on in NL wild-card race, swept the three-game series and won their fourth in a row.

Philadelphia finished a 1-9 homestand and gave manager Larry Bowe another reason to worry about his job a day after general manager Ed Wade declined to give him an endorsement.

UI FOOTBALL

**Iowa approaching season sellout**

IOWA CITY (AP) — Iowa is approaching sellouts for all its home football games this year.

A four-game season ticket package is no longer available, said David Sandstrum, the university ticket manager. When home games against Iowa State and Ohio State became sellouts, the university went to the four-game season ticket package for games against Kent State, Michigan State, Purdue, and Wisconsin.

Those tickets have been sold as well.

Single-game tickets for the Kent State opener on Sept. 4 were suspended earlier this week. Michigan State and Purdue are near sellouts too.

Single-game tickets for the home finale against Wisconsin on Nov. 20 are still on sale.

The athletics ticket office is accepting season-ticket orders from Iowa students. Single-game sales for Kent State could resume Aug. 25 if tickets are still available after the sale of student tickets.

Single-game ticket sales for the Oct. 2 game against Michigan State and the Nov. 6 game vs. Purdue will resume Sept. 7, if tickets remain after the sale to students.

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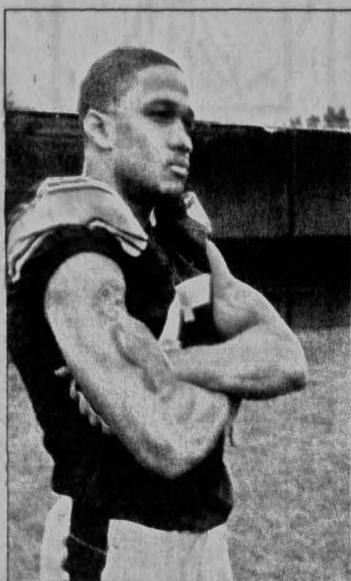
**Boxer Bowe to launch comeback**

SHAWNEE, Okla. (AP) — Former heavyweight champion Riddick Bowe is coming out of retirement after a 17-month prison stint, with a scheduled return to the ring Sept. 25. His opponent has not yet been named for the bout at Fire Lake Casino, the casino said Thursday.

Bowe (40-1, 32 KOs), who turned 37 on Aug. 10, was released from federal prison in mid-May for kidnapping his first wife, Judy Bowe, and their five children in 1998. While in prison, Bowe reportedly lost 50 to 100 pounds on a regimen that included daily 3-mile runs.

During his trial, the judge barred Bowe from boxing because of possible brain damage, but according to Bowe's attorney, the order was withdrawn when he was released from prison. His attorney added that he is fit to box after undergoing neurological testing.

## Williams not eligible for Hawks



BY JASON BRUMMOND  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The Hawkeyes' top football recruit is leaving Iowa because of academic ineligibility, Coach Kirk Ferentz said Thursday.

Kyle Williams, a 6-2, 220-pound linebacker from Bolingbrook, Ill., told athletics officials he has "fallen short of the required test score" to join the team and will instead attend a prep school, Ferentz said in a statement.

"We are hopeful that things work out well for Kyle, and we can welcome him back into our program in the near future," Ferentz said.

Williams does, indeed, plan to return to Iowa in January after a brief stay at Milford Academy,

according to Joe Chaplick, the school's football coach.

"He's going to come here and get his academics straight," Chaplick said.

Williams did not pass through the NCAA Clearinghouse, the division of college athletics that examines test scores and high-school curriculum for prospective student-athletes. He could not be reached Thursday.

Ferentz said at the Big Ten kickoff luncheon in Chicago that one incoming recruit could have academic problems. Later that week, Ferentz released a press release stating Shonn Green was not coming to Iowa.

Greene, a would-be freshman running back, is also attending Milford Academy, located in

New Berlin, N.Y., Chaplick said.

On Iowa football's media day on Aug. 10, neither Williams nor Ferentz hinted that he could have difficulty being approved. He set a goal to play this season and hoped to compete for the third starting linebacker spot.

"I am against the redshirt," Williams said last week. "I want to play."

Williams, nicknamed "Bonecrusher," was named a Parade, Rivals.com, and Insiders.com first-team All-American as a high-school senior. He finished his prep career with 257 tackles and nine sacks, while also playing running back on offense.

This isn't the first time Milford Academy has hosted

Hawkeyes-to-be. Running back Fred Russell played football for the school before beginning his Iowa career.

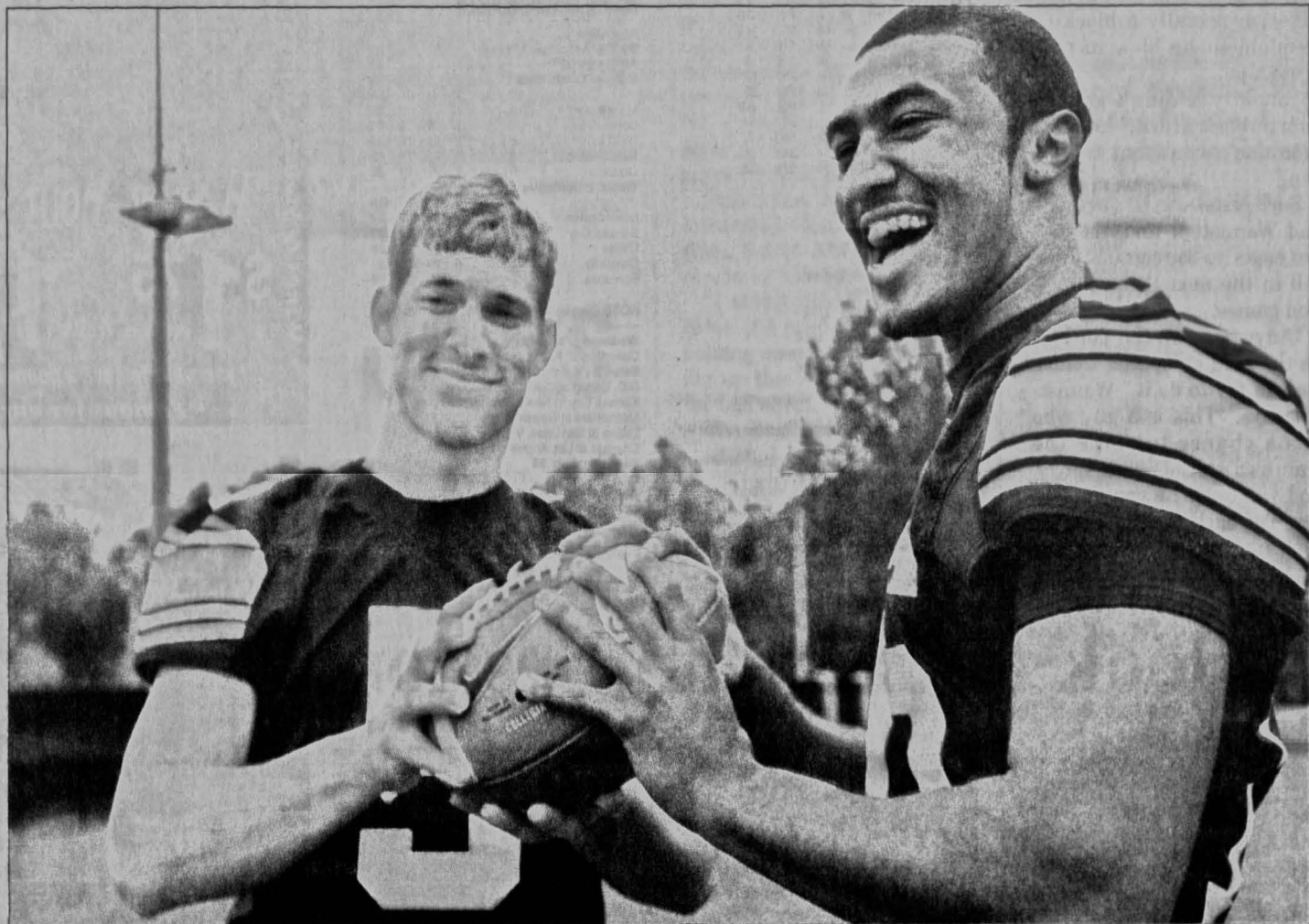
Greene has already worked his way up to the first-team position, and Chaplick is excited to have a player such as Williams on the team, calling the pair "top I-A players."

While both players could test recruiting waters after their stint at Milford, Chaplick said both players have told them they plan to rejoin the Hawkeyes.

"[Williams] is coming here to clear it up, play football, and get out of here so he can go to Iowa in January," Chaplick said.

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## Young arms rule Big Ten



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Sophomore quarterbacks Drew Tate (left) and Jason Manson fight over rights to the ball during Iowa football media day on Aug. 10 at the practice fields. Tate is scheduled to start the Hawkeyes' opener against Kent State University on Sept. 4 at Kinnick Stadium.

BY JASON BRUMMOND  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye coach Kirk Ferentz isn't alone in the Big Ten with the sometimes daunting task of breaking in a new, young quarterback. Six teams in the conference are replacing departed signal-callers this fall and the coaches say the transition can have its ups and downs.

Iowa sophomores Drew Tate and Jason Manson continue to compete for the starting spot in

camp, with the 6-0, 185-pound Tate having the early edge, Ferentz said. The sixth-year coach will start a non-senior for the first time in five years.

"These guys aren't seniors, and they may not have quite the maturity or the worldliness, if you will, that maybe Nathan [Chandler] or Brad [Banks] had," Ferentz said.

Michigan, Michigan State, Minnesota, Ohio State, and Wisconsin have young arms taking over for a senior, too — and

every team except the Wolverines will likely use a sophomore.

Ferentz has said that efficient play to limit the chances for mistakes is critical when grooming a new quarterback. But when the player steps into the starting spot with little to no experience, costly errors can be more abundant at the stressful position.

"It's the most important position on the field because ... they're the ones you can put a lot of pressure on because they

are at the position that has to move the chains," Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez said. "You need somebody who's not going to lose games."

Efficiency, however, is usually an attribute carried by veteran players. The half dozen schools that had senior quarterbacks in 2003 finished first through sixth in the Big Ten in team red-zone offense.

Ferentz points out that there are benefits of having a young

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## Attention is Deion's prime reason for possible comeback

BY JOHN EISENBERG  
 BALTIMORE SUN

It might be true that Deion Sanders is considering ending his retirement and coming back to play for the Ravens partly because he wants to win another Super Bowl ring and play alongside Ray Lewis.

But what he really wants, let's face it, is attention.

Deion, um, tends to like attention. And for the first time in years, since he was a toddler in Florida, he wasn't going to get any attention this fall during the football season.

His playing days were over. His television career had abruptly ended. And amazingly, no team had picked him up as a head coach, even though he generously offered his services last fall on, imagine this, national television.

The guy had nothing going this season except co-hosting some new sports-themed talk show called 'The Players' Lounge' with comedian Paul Rodriguez.

It was almost time to give "Prime Time" a new nickname: "Cable Access."

Coming back to play for the Ravens means he will certainly get more attention than he was going to get, which was, basically, none.

Football must have sounded better than his other emergency face-time options such as running for political office (too many meetings), playing minor-league basketball (yawn), or talking some network into using him in a reality show.

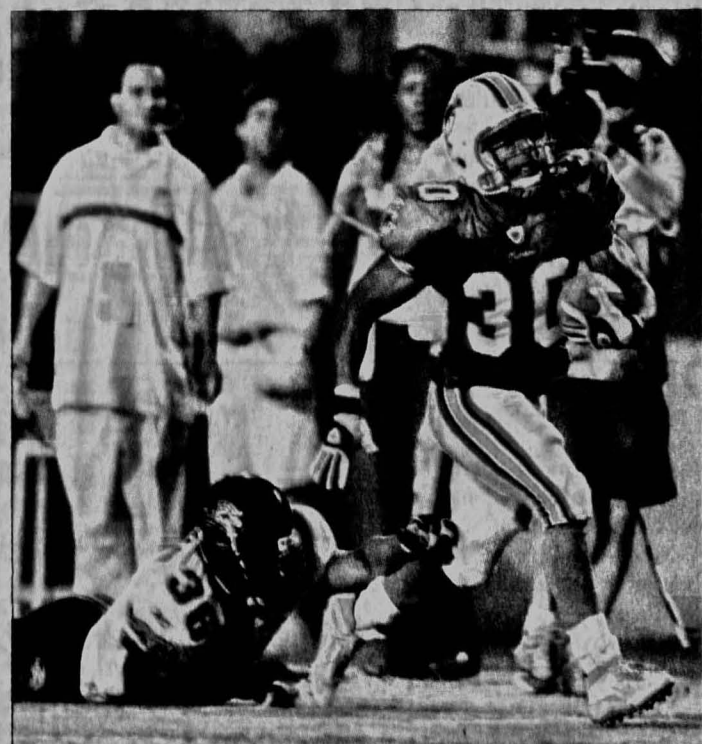
Actually, the last option probably would have ranked ahead of a football comeback on Sanders' list of priorities, but it didn't happen because it is now more likely that he will join the Ravens before their season opener.

That he would be coming sooner rather than later is a positive development, as it was rumored that he might not want to report until October or November because, well, it wasn't convenient. That alone could have killed the experiment; no team with any self-respect should permit a player to dictate such terms.

Had he started that late, Sanders, ever the innovator, would have effectively created a new secondary position, the executive nickel back.

But the rumor apparently was false and the Ravens are

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Wilfredo Lee/Associated Press

Miami running back Fred Russell (30) goes for an 88-yard run as Jacksonville's David Richardson (36) attempts to tackle him during the fourth quarter of a preseason game on Aug. 14 in Miami. The Dolphins won, 16-5.

## Ex-Hawk Russell impresses Dolphins

BY STEVEN WINE  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

DAVIE, Fla. — The boxes upon boxes of fan mail at Ricky Williams' old locker are gone, along with the artwork, the piles of shoes, the University of Texas brochures, the self-help books, and No. 34 himself.

With Williams retired, the stall near the middle of the Miami Dolphins' locker room is much more tidy.

"I heard he kept it real junky," Fred Russell says.

Russell took Williams' locker, and he would love to have his starting job, too. That's a long shot, because Russell is an undersized, undrafted rookie who began training camp fifth and last on the depth chart at running back.

But he's gaining ground. An 88-yard run helped.

Russell busted the longest gain of his life — "even Peewee ball," he says — in the final minute of the Dolphins' first exhibition game last week. He also broke loose for a 31-yard kickoff return.

On a team desperate for an offensive spark following Williams' departure last month, the performance by the 5-foot-7 Russell caught coach Dave Wannstedt's attention.

"Freddie Russell is a guy we have to take a look at," Wannstedt says. "He has a chance to be a kickoff returner. As a running back, he doesn't have the size you want ... but he is explosive."

Now third on the depth chart

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Russell makes waves for Dolphins

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at running back behind Travis Minor and Sammy Morris, Russell will likely get some carries Saturday against the Washington Redskins.

But he knows his best shot at making the roster is on special teams. That means he must excel at rushing the punter and covering kicks as well as running them back.

"It's good to have big goals, but you've got to be realistic about your goals and take it step by step," he says. "Some day I want to be a starter, but right now I've got to break the ice on special teams. I want to be the best at it. I would love to be a special-teams Pro Bowler."

Less than three weeks into his professional career, Russell has already won the affection of teammates. They call him "Ricky" because of his locker location, or "Scooter Boy" because of the way he squirts through holes.

"He can hide behind his line," defensive tackle Larry Chester says. "When you're 6-foot-5 and you're facing a 6-5 lineman, you can't really get down low to tackle a 5-7 back. Cats go right over his head, and he's gone."

Big Ten linemen already knew that. Russell rushed for more than 1,200 yards in

each of his final two seasons at Iowa, then capped his career with a 150-yard effort against Florida in the Outback Bowl.

The Michigan native grew up a fan of former Detroit Lions star Barry Sanders, a recent Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee who is 5-foot-8.

"I see my size as an advantage," Russell says. "Being a running back, there is a lot of pounding. But it's hard for guys to get a clean shot on me, so I don't really take too many big hits on the upper body."

Russell was happy to show his breakaway ability in the first game, but he was dismayed by several mental mistakes, especially a blocking assignment he blew in pass protection.

"Luckily, I didn't get the quarterback killed," he says. "You don't want that to happen."

Such errors can be corrected, and Wannstedt and his staff are eager to see more of Russell in the next three exhibition games.

"Anywhere we can get him on the field on special teams, we will try to do it," Wannstedt says. "This is a guy who has a chance to make the team as a special teams player, and whatever he can do as a running back is a bonus. He's exciting."

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with columns for Division (East, Central, West), Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes standings for Thursday's, Friday's, Saturday's, and Sunday's games.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with columns for Division (East, Central, West), Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes standings for Wednesday's, Thursday's, Friday's, and Saturday's games.

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2004 OLYMPIC MEDALS TABLE

Table showing medal counts (Gold, Silver, Bronze, Total) for various countries including USA, China, Russia, etc.

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Table showing league standings for Eastern and Western Conferences, including teams like MetroStars, Columbus, D.C. United, etc.

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Young guns look to make impression

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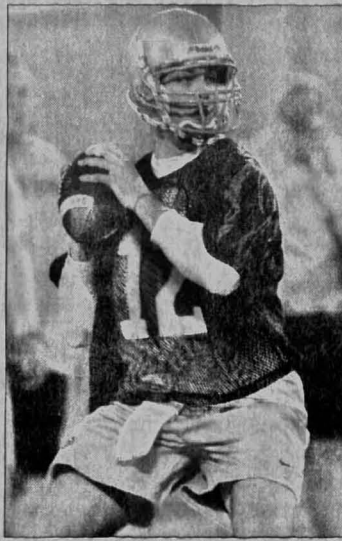
quarterback, but they just may not be immediate. If one is forced to play as an underclassman, his experience can enhance his leadership and playing abilities when he is a senior, just like Purdue's Kyle Orton and Penn State's Zack Mills.

Even though they are sophomores, Ferentz said Tate and Manson have a good understanding of the Iowa offense.

"They both enter this part of the season with a good knowledge of what we're doing and what we expect from them," he said. "And probably the positive is that we have three more years to work with these guys." Playing 100,000-plus capacity stadiums in Ann Arbor, Columbus, and University Park is another issue, not to mention the aggressive defenses lining up on the other side of the ball.

If the quarterback shows signs of confusion or lacking confidence, the secondary knows how to rattle him even more.

"You're going to try to task advantage of this guy," said Ohio State cornerback Dustin Fox, who had three interceptions last



Terry Gilliam/Associated Press Ohio State's Justin Swick steps into the pocket during practice on April 1 in Columbus, Ohio. Swick and Troy Smith, also a sophomore, are two quarterbacks Buckeyes' coach Jim Tressel is considering to replace last year's starting senior, Craig Krenzel.

season. "He's going to try to read your defense and you're going to try to mix it up and show him something else, and get him to throw you something."

Purdue senior signal-caller Kyle Orton said younger quarterbacks



Al Goldis/Associated Press Michigan State quarterback Draw Stanton (right) is interviewed on Aug. 13 during the team's media day in East Lansing, Mich.

will also see more pressure from linebackers and other forms of blitzes. Orton, the Big Ten's pre-season offensive player of the year, threw for 2,885 yards last season and has played in 33 games during his career, starting 25 of them.

"I think they're scared to blitz on a veteran guy rather than a younger guy," the Altoona, Iowa, native said.

Penn State coach Joe Paterno said using an inexperienced quarterback isn't a problem at

all. He says that simplified offenses and coaching will help overcome experience.

"I think it's being overplayed," the 77-year-old Paterno said. "I think when you look at the pattern of some of the schools that are lacking a so-called experienced quarterback, the way they have developed their quarterback is very effective — to execute well and understand the game."

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Attention isn't everything, it's the only thing

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now close to making an addition deemed critical to their playoff chances.

They're certainly the only contender to make such an addition based on who is sitting next to Jim Nantz on the NFL Today set.

Not that it's a bad idea. Bringing in Sanders, 37, is a fan-friendly move. And even at his age, he might well be the solution to the Ravens' nickel back woes.

He doesn't have to be the star he was to give the Ravens a solid performer at a second-tier position. He just needs to hang in there for, oh, 25 plays a game. Don't mess up. Make a play or two.

No one should expect the second coming of "Prime Time," who turned in brilliant, game-changing plays almost every week, especially when the game was televised nationally.

The Ravens insist they have no such expectations. But you know they're secretly hoping to get lucky and rediscover a star. How clever they would look.

You know Sanders is secretly thinking the same thing, too. He didn't get to be "Prime Time" by thinking small.

But the reality is there is no guarantee Sanders can handle even a limited role, much less a major one. He hasn't played in 44 months, since December 2000, at the end of a season in which his performance declined perceptibly with the Redskins.

It seemed then that he was on his way down, though such appearances can be misleading.

But either way, he hasn't just taken a year off to clear his head and recharge his batteries. His

time away from the game is now almost the average length of an NFL career, four years.

No athlete can come back after being away a certain time. Otherwise, the Ravens could consider bringing Art Donovan back while they're at it.

Whatever that too-long layoff limit is, four years is getting close to it.

The Ravens had better have another option ready.

Sanders loves hearing that, no doubt. He apparently sought counsel from Michael Jordan in this situation, and like Jordan, he is one of those elite athletes who thrives on being doubted.

# Illini searching for some D

BY JASON BRUMMOND  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Illinois coach Ron Turner didn't have to look too hard at his 2003 team to determine what area to focus on in the off-season — the Fighting Illini's defense gave up 425.8 yards per game and a conference-worst 33.2 points a contest. It's his prescription, however, that is unorthodox.

Turner met with his defensive coaches and told them they could "draft" any four of the team's offensive players — with the exception of running back E.B. Halsey — and convert them to the other side of the ball. The end result has four Illini — including Illinois' leading receiver from last season, Kelvin Hayden — going for a tackle instead of trying to avoid one.

"You're not going to win if you can't stop people, and you have to become more athletic," Turner said on Aug. 5 at the Big Ten kickoff luncheon. "I think those guys can help us."

Leading Illinois on offense is former Hawkeye quarterback Jon Beutjer, who was granted a sixth year of eligibility by the NCAA during the off-season. The Wheaton, Ill., native led the Big Ten in passing yardage in 2002, but last season he was sidelined with a back injury and missed the Illini's last four contests.

"Jon had a tremendous spring and has a lot of unfinished business he's anxious to take care of this year," Turner said.

Halsey, the quick, 5-10, 200-pound sophomore back, racked up 1,285 all-purpose yards as a true freshman. He was on pace to break the school record for rushing yards by a freshman, but a knee injury caused the New Jersey native to miss three games.

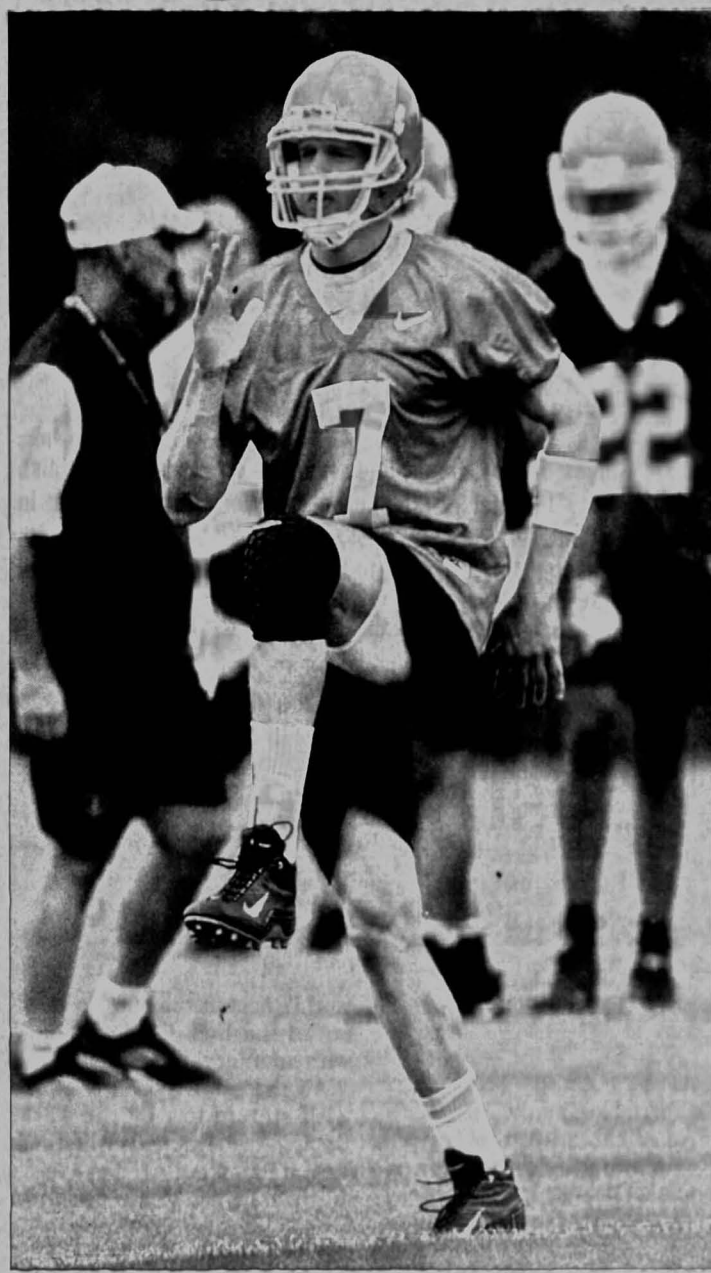
Halsey has been mentioned in a number of preseason magazines, but he doesn't want to get caught up in individual accolades.

"I think all that stuff will come if I just concentrate on holding on to the ball and picking up the blitzes and running the ball effectively," Halsey said.

The Illini defense returns six starters, but two of the replacements haven't played defense since high school. Hayden is penciled in at starting cornerback, while ex-running back Morris Virgil will likely get the nod at strong safety.

Turner said technique, basic fundamentals, and tackling will be a significant part of the transition for the newly converted defensive starters.

Mike Mallory, who enters his fourth year with the program, was promoted to defensive coordinator



Heather Coit, Champaign News-Gazette/Associated Press

Illinois quarterback Jon Beutjer exercises during warm-ups at the University of Illinois football practice in Champaign, Ill., Tuesday. Beutjer, who is 24 years old, is back for a second senior season after the NCAA granted him a sixth year of eligibility because of injuries.

## Big Ten predictions

1. Michigan
2. Ohio State
3. Iowa
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after coaching the team's linebackers and secondary during the past three seasons.

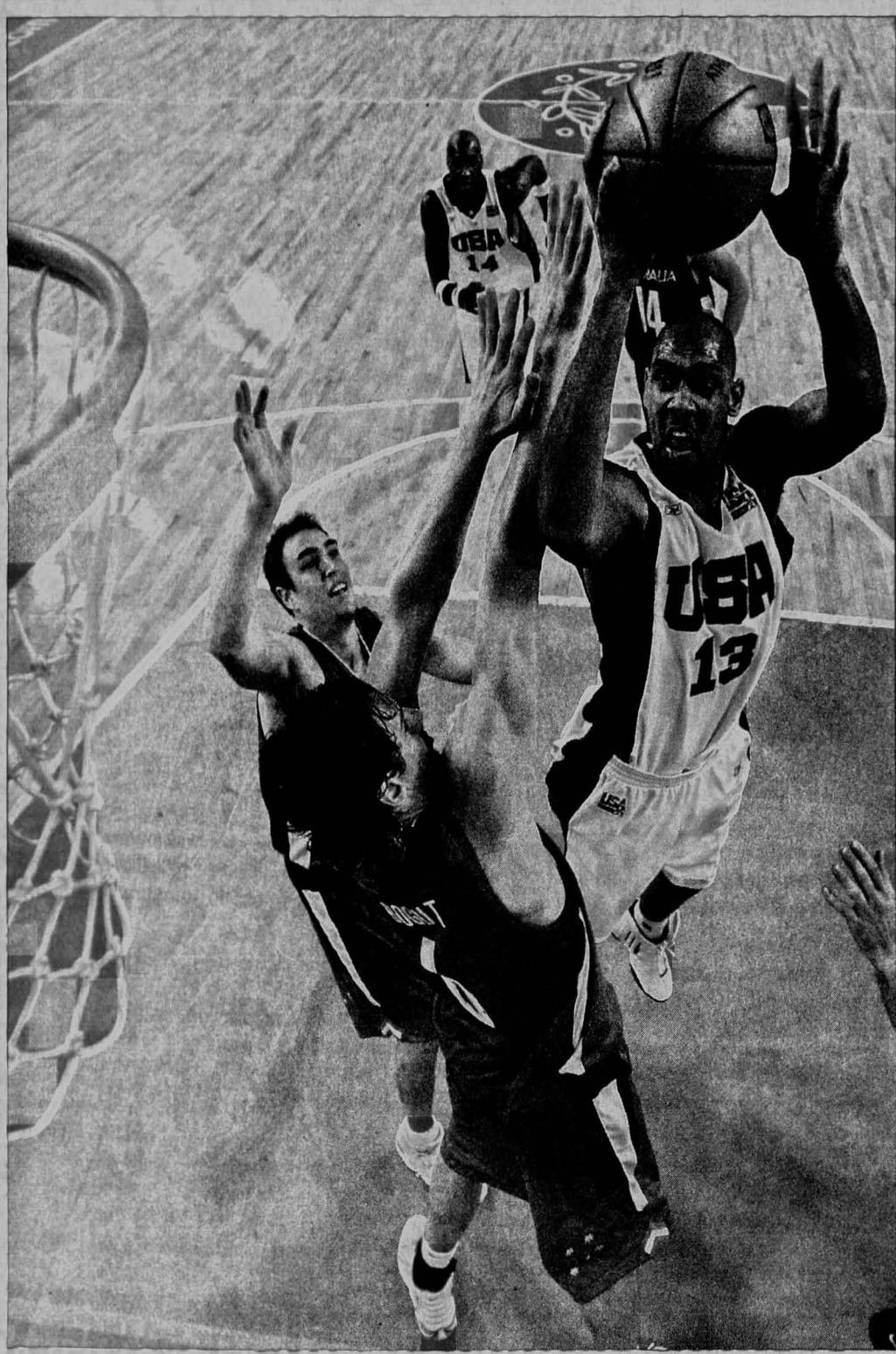
Turner, who has been the head coach in Champaign since 1997, may have the most pressure to win this season than any other Big Ten coach. The 50-year-old and former Chicago Bears' defensive coordinator has a 32-49 mark at Illinois while recording just two bowl trips.

Turner's squad went winless in the conference last season, and he

was rumored to be in the hot seat. Illinois players said they don't give too much attention to the situation and use some of Turner's philosophy to concentrate on the things in their hands.

"It's motivating," said Illini senior center Duke Preston. "[But] it's something that we don't focus at all on. Something that he's always preached and taught us is, focus on what you can control."

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Tim Duncan leaps to shoot under pressure from Australia's Andrew Bogut (below left) and Jason Smith during their basketball game in the Olympic Games on Thursday.

# 'Dream Team' beats Australia, 89-79

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece — Larry Brown believes his team is finally starting to get it.

In a game the Americans were waltzing through and losing for the better part of three quarters, something clicked when the fourth quarter began.

One flashy and selfless play typified the turnaround: LeBron James eyed Shawn Marion's pass coming toward him and made a split-second decision to redirect the ball with a touch pass to Dwyane Wade for a lay-up.

The basket broke the last tie during a game-changing 10-point run at the start of the quarter, leading the United States to victory over Australia on Thursday at the Athens Games.

The victory — and the way the Americans turned the game around — might be a big step toward reversing their fortunes after they struggled to beat Greece and were embarrassed by Puerto Rico in a 19-point loss.

Brown said the players are beginning to realize what it takes to win at the Olympics.

"We don't have them all, but they're starting to care about each other and understand the importance of representing our country the right way," he said.

"The biggest challenge coaches have today on all levels is for guys to think of coaching as coaching and not criticism."

After a defensively inept first half and a so-so third quarter, the Americans increased their defensive intensity, moved the ball with aplomb, and put together a few of the showtime moments their Dream Team predecessors took for granted.

Next up is a matchup against Lithuania, the toughest team in their group. But at least the Americans will go into

it knowing they're capable of playing the type of basketball the folks back home expect.

"Everything's not clicking yet, but we're heading that way," Tim Duncan said. "It was a great learning experience today, being able to fight back and staying with each other."

Duncan scored 18 points, Allen Iverson and Marion each added 16, and Wade scored 12 for the U.S. team, which shot 57 percent from the field — 71 percent from 2-point range but only 3-for-17 on 3's.

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Chryste Gaines of the United States reacts after crossing the finish line to win the 100 meters race during the World Athletics Final in Monaco on Sept. 14, 2003. In 2004, Gaines has been charged with steroid use by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency; she faces a lifetime ban if found guilty.

Missing stars a ghostly presence as track begins

BY ROB GLOSTER ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece — No Marion. No Torri. No Chryste.

American sprinters Marion Jones, Torri Edwards, and Chryste Gaines are just three of the big names that will be missing — many of them because of doping — when the Olympic track competition begins today. The biggest effect will be in the six sprints. In the men's and women's 100, 200, and 400, only one Olympic champion, Maurice Greene in the 100, will defend a title. And with three of their top sprinters missing, American women may have a rough time trying to extend a 20-year streak of 100-meter gold.

Jones, who is being investigated by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, did not qualify in the 100 or 200 after winning both titles at the 2000 Games. Cathy Freeman, who won the 400 in Sydney, has retired.

Kostas Kenteris was the 200 champion at Sydney. He and training partner Katerina Thanou, who took silver in the 100 in Sydney, withdrew from the 100 in Sydney, withdrew this week amid missed drug tests and a suspicious motorcycle accident. In the 400, champion Michael Johnson has retired.

Several other no-shows are involved in doping cases, leaving fans wondering about the state of the Olympics' showcase sport.

"I think the faster you run, the less they're going to think you're a clean athlete," said U.S. sprinter Lauryn Williams, 20, a member of track's new generation. "I don't think it's fair."

Tim Montgomery, world record holder in the 100, failed to qualify. So did Gaines, who would have been a medal contender in the women's sprints. And Michelle Collins, one of the

world's best at the 400, dropped out of the U.S. Olympic trials with an injury.

All three have been charged with steroid use by the Anti-Doping Agency and face lifetime bans if found guilty. Like Jones, all have denied using performance-enhancing substances.

Edwards was kicked out of the Olympics and suspended for two years for taking pills without checking to make sure they didn't contain banned stimulants. She is the world champion, ranked No. 1 this year in the 100 and would have been a 200 medal contender as well.

And Kelli White, who won the 100 and 200 at last year's world championships but later forfeited her titles when she admitted using several different banned drugs, is suspended for two years.

That leaves 37-year-old Gail Devers as the top-ranked American in the 100. She has won Olympic gold twice before in the 100 but is considered a long shot this time. She is seventh in the world rankings, while countrywomen Lauryn Williams and LaTasha Colander are tied for 19th.

The first two rounds of the women's 100 are set for today, with the semifinals and final on Saturday.

Some athletes will compete despite serious injuries.

Australia's Jana Pittman, the world champion, will try to compete in the 400-meter hurdles less than two weeks after having knee surgery. And Haile Gebrselassie knows his chances of a third-straight Olympic title in the 10,000 are slim because of an Achilles tendon injury and the presence of Ethiopian compatriot Kenenisa Bekele, 22, who shattered the 31-year-old Gebrselassie's world records in the 5,000 and 10,000 within a nine-day span this spring.

Coach elevates team through 'suffering'

BY JOHN PYE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece — Coach Ratko Rudic describes the U.S. Olympic team's preparation for Athens as much-needed "suffering" years. Rudic, who guided Yugoslavia to Olympic final victories over the United States in 1984 and '88 and then took the Italians to gold in 1992, thought American men's water polo was in crisis when he was hired three years ago.

"I came to the United States and I found a 'tragical' situation," he said. "I came from a different background, Europe. The Americans were way behind. Everybody was prepared better."

"I had to go to work to build a team of the same level."

What the Americans lacked in skill, he decided, they'd make up for with conditioning. So he imposed "suffering" — one of the most grueling training programs in sports.

He had the squad swimming, lifting weights, doing drills, or watching video for 10 hours a day, all the time with Athens as the target.

After wins over Croatia and Kazakhstan, Rudic's method faced its first major test against Hungary, the world and Olympic champion.

The Americans lost 7-5 on Thursday, missing a shot to pull even while trailing 6-5 in the last period. The close finish bolstered Rudic's belief in his team.

"I am confident," he said. "I was confident before the tournament. I knew what the team could do. We'll see. The Olympic tournament, you can grow up from game to game. This is one of the games that will help us."

Hungary is 3-0 and a favorite to win its eighth gold medal.

"They're very close to the podium, so I know now we can compete for the medal," Rudic said.



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U.S. water-polo head coach Ratko Rudic (left), assistant coaches Dan Leyson and Richard Azevedo, and Genai Kerr (12) watch from the side late in a 7-5 preliminary-match loss to Hungary at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens on Thursday.

Wolf Wigo, a three-time Olympian, said Rudic was making a difference.

"In 2001 and 2002, we got blown out pretty badly against Hungary, by eight or 10 goals, so how we've accomplished getting so close to these guys is really good," he said.

Wigo and Tony Azevedo played in the Sydney Olympics, where the Americans placed sixth. Ryan Bailey was on the roster, but didn't get much game time.

The other 10 U.S. players are participating in their first Olympics. Hungary has nine returning Olympians. Still, it was close until the closing minutes.

Azevedo scored twice and hit the post with a shot with 3:02 remaining and the United States trailing 6-5.

"I missed from far out, but it was really close," said Azevedo.

"That's good ... because later on, when it's more important, we'll be putting those shots away."

Wigo said the Americans, 2-1 after wins over Croatia and Kazakhstan, are still medal contenders.

"These are the best teams in the world in our bracket and we're playing right with them," he said.

The United States needs to beat either Olympic semifinalist Russia or No. 3-ranked Serbia-Montenegro in its next matches to advance to the quarterfinals.

They won't be short of inspiration.

"As hard as it's been, Ratko taught us a lot about — ahem — he calls it the suffering," said goalkeeper Brandon Brooks, who made three impressive saves in the second half. "He's

made us lift a whole level. He's also taught us that it takes a lot of hard work and suffering."

Hungary's Gergeley Kiss sees the Americans as water polo's most improved team.

"They've grown much with Rudic," Kiss said. "He made good teams in Yugoslavia and Italy. He has possibilities to make good teams wherever he wants. He and the U.S. team are at this level."

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Six more weightlifters suspended for drug use

BY ALAN ROBINSON ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece — Weightlifting's governing body isn't about to give up its aggressive pursuit of drug cheaters, even if it jeopardizes the sport's future in the Olympics, the group's top official said Thursday after six more positive drug tests. Five weightlifters were suspended for flunking drug tests taken before the Olympics, including two disqualified as they were about to walk to the lifting stand. All were caught using steroids.

Another, identified by India Olympic officials as Sanamacha Chalu, became the second to be caught by International Olympic Committee testing. She finished fourth Sunday at 117 pounds (53kg).

The International Weightlifting Federation apparently chose to announce the suspensions at the Olympics, rather than afterward, in an effort to convince the IOC it is adequately policing a sport with a reputation as the games' dirtiest.

Twenty-one world-class weightlifters have been caught or suspended this year alone, the equivalent of one out of every 13 Olympic qualifiers.

"I am sure you are asking, 'Why are you doing these controls?' You are digging your own grave," said weightlifting federation President Tamas Ajan. "Yes, this is true. But I tell you we are doing everything against the drugs and we are going to continue the fight against the drugs because we are for fair play."

The weightlifting group said the suspended lifters were Wafa Ammouri of Morocco, Zoltan Kecskes of Hungary, Viktor Chislean of Moldova, Pratima Kumari Na of India, and Sule Sahbaz of Turkey.

Ammouri and Kecskes were scheduled to lift Wednesday but were suspended just before their competitions. Kecskes was on the start list distributed to the media less than an hour before the competition.

Sahbaz is the most accomplished of the latest group, winning a European championship in 2002 and finishing third in the world championships at 165 pounds (75kg) in 2003. She was second in the European championships in April and was to have competed Saturday in Athens. Kecskes had an eighth-place finish at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

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# Phelps wins gold in 200 IM

## Phelps wins fourth gold

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — American Michael Phelps won his fourth gold medal of the Olympics in the 200-meter individual medley Thursday night, leading the entire race. Phelps finished in an Olympic-record time of 1 minute, 57.14 seconds, lowering his own mark of 1:58.52 set in the semifinals one night earlier.

Ryan Lochte of Daytona Beach, Fla., earned silver in 1:58.78. George Bovell of Trinidad took bronze in 1:58.80.

Phelps, the world record-holder and current world champion, earned his third individual gold medal in Athens. Mark Spitz is the only other swimmer to win more than two in a single Olympics. Spitz won four — and Phelps still has one individual event remaining, the 100-meter butterfly on Friday.

The 19-year-old from Baltimore was unsuccessful in his bid to break Spitz's record of seven golds in the 1972 Munich Games, but still could end up with eight medals.

He also has two bronze medals, giving him the largest personal haul so far of any athlete in Athens. His other golds were in the 200 butterfly, 400 individual medley, and 800 freestyle relay.

Russian gymnast Aleksandr Dityatin is the only person to win eight medals at a single Olympics, earning three gold, four silver, and one bronze in the boycotted 1980 Moscow Games. Eight athletes have won seven, including Spitz and U.S. swimmer Matt Biondi in 1988.

## Coughlin settles for bronze in 100 free

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Jodie Henry of Australia followed a world-record swim in the semifinals by winning an Olympic gold medal in the 100-meter freestyle Thursday night, holding off defending champion Inge de Bruijn and American Natalie Coughlin.

Henry finished strong and touched first in 53.84 seconds, just one day after setting that world record of 53.52 in the semis.

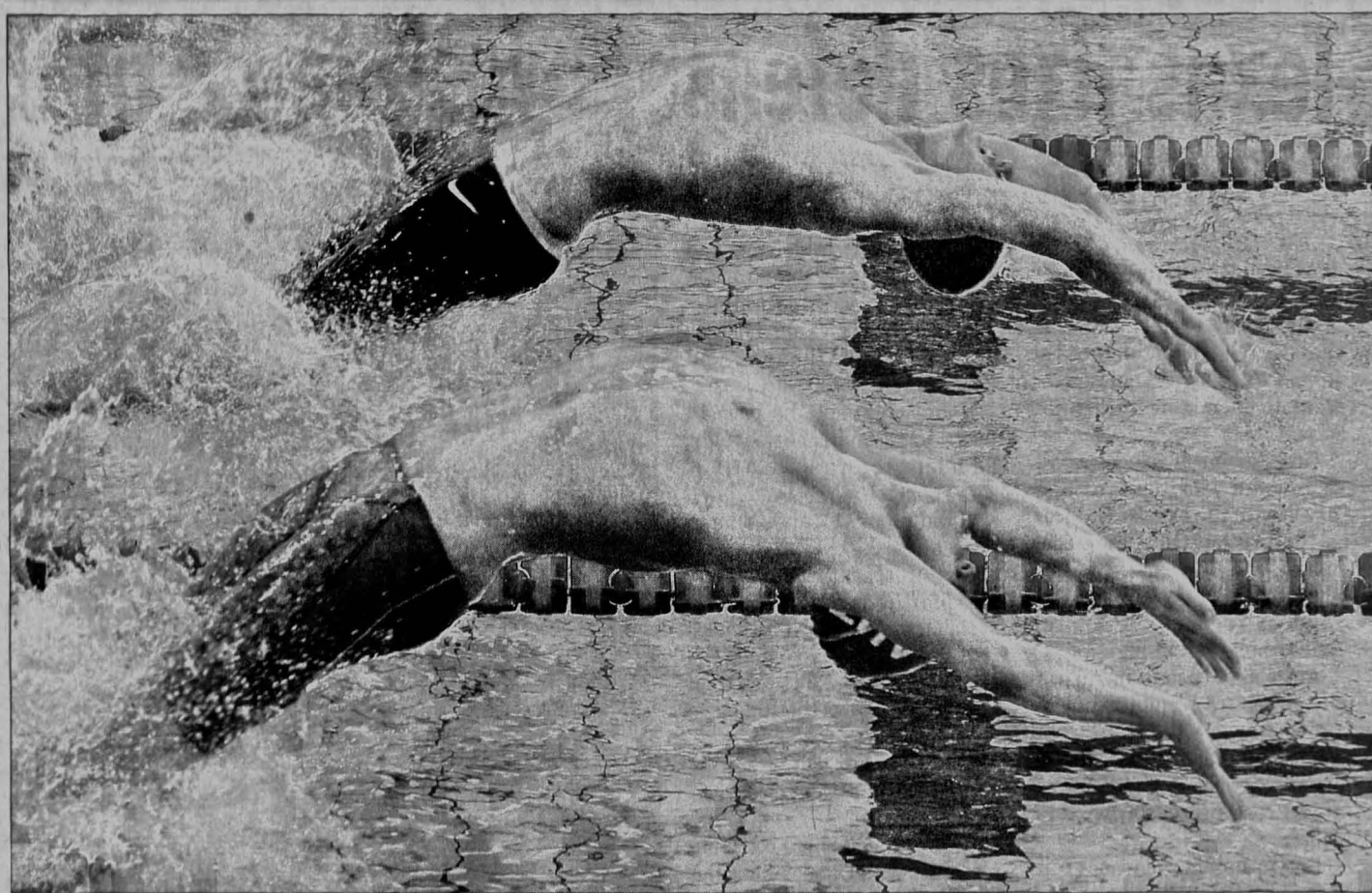
Gold medal-winner Irina Korzhanenko of Russia throws the shot at Olympia, where 7,000 spectators watched from the hillside. [Kieran Doherty — Reuters]

The 30-year-old de Bruijn, who won gold for the Netherlands four years ago, took silver this time in 54.16. Coughlin, of Concord, Calif., settled for bronze at 54.40.

Henry has emerged as one of the top female swimmers of the Athens Games. On Saturday, she passed American Jenny Thompson in the final leg of the 400 freestyle relay Saturday to give Australia the gold in world-record time. Henry swam her 100 split in 52.95.

Coughlin's first Olympics also has been a medal bonanza. She picked up her fourth of these games, following golds in the 100 backstroke and 800 freestyle relay, in which she swam the leadoff leg on the way to breaking a 17-year-old world record. Coughlin also helped the 400 free relay team to a silver medal.

In addition, Coughlin will swim on the women's 400 medley relay, giving her another strong chance for a medal.



David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Aaron Peirsol (top) of the United States swims to an Olympic gold medal in the 200-meter backstroke on Thursday in Athens. Markus Rogan (bottom) of Austria won the silver.

# Peirsol reclaims gold after initial DSQ in 200 backstroke

BY BETH HARRIS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece — Aaron Peirsol's emotions whipsawed between joy and confusion, sadness and finally relief.

The American swimmer, after initially being disqualified for an illegal turn, reclaimed the gold medal in the Olympic 200-meter backstroke Thursday night.

The United States filed a protest and the ruling was overturned by FINA, the sport's governing body, about 30 minutes after the race — just before the medals ceremony.

Austria and Britain filed protests after Peirsol was reinstated. FINA's Jury of Appeal heard from the referee and FINA's Technical Swimming Commission, then unanimously rejected the other nations' protests. The jury said the referee's report didn't show any rules violation by Peirsol.

"I knew I didn't do anything wrong," Peirsol said.

FINA said the medal was restored because the judge in Peirsol's lane provided inadequate details about the turn that were "not in the working language of FINA." Other details were not immediately available.

"It was a roller coaster," Peirsol said. "I am sad for those who thought they were on the podium and were then thrown out of it after my race was made valid."

Peirsol, the world record-holder and current world champion, led most of the race and easily beat the field, touching first in 1 minute, 54.95 seconds. He was more than two seconds ahead of the next swimmer, Austria's Marcus Rogan, a close friend.

Peirsol clutched a lane rope and held up his right index finger, thinking he had become the fifth man to sweep both backstroke events at the Olympics, after already winning gold in the 100.

But there was a delay in putting up the official results. After several minutes, the scoreboard flashed "DSQ"

beside Peirsol's name—a disqualification. The crowd gasped and then began to boo. Still standing on deck, the 21-year-old from Irvine, Calif., shrugged his shoulders in disbelief.

"It sounds pretty bogus to me," he said. "I think I got disqualified for crossing the lane line before people had finished, but I'm not sure."

Coincidentally, Peirsol stirred controversy earlier in the meet when he accused Japan's Kosuke Kitajima of doing an illegal dolphin kick while winning the 100 breaststroke. Swimming officials found nothing wrong with Kitajima's technique, and he completed a sweep of the breaststroke events in the 200 Wednesday night.

Peirsol wasn't upset with Olympic officials.

"It's just an unfortunate mistake," he said. "It was just weird. One of those things that makes for a good story."

Rogan wound up with silver in 1:57.35, while Romania's Razvan Florea settled for bronze

(1:57.56). Britain's James Goddard, who initially had a bronze, dropped back to fourth in 1:57.76.

"Aaron is a very honest person. I am sure he swam fairly," Rogan said. "For a moment, I thought about gold and the idea was just beautiful, but after all, it's fair like this. No medal is as beautiful as a friendship."

Goddard was second much of the race, only to get passed by Rogan and Florea on the final leg. He said he didn't know what happened in Peirsol's lane.

"You can hear the crowd and they are not happy," he said. "There should be a way on the scoreboard so people know why there is a disqualification."

Peirsol won the 100 back Monday and duplicated teammate Lenny Krayzelburg's sweep of the backstroke events in 2000. At the Sydney Games, Peirsol gave a glimpse of his potential by winning silver in the 200.

"Both these medals mean so much to me, man," he said. "The 200 is my baby. I feel fulfilled."

# U.S. softball rolls over Greece, 7-0

BY TOM WITHERS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece — As kids, they began idolizing Lisa Fernandez, wanting to make a ball spin like she can, rip line drives like she does, win an Olympic medal like she has. So these 13 Americans with ponytails, big dreams, and Greek lineage came to a far-away land to play softball. On a sun-splashed afternoon below the Imitos Mountains, they faced Fernandez and lost to a U.S. softball team that has been destroying the field on its run toward a third-straight gold medal.

But for Ginny Georgantas, who got Greece's only hit off Fernandez, a single felt as good as gold.

"Highlight of my life," she said, beaming.

Fernandez allowed just one hit as the Americans made quick work of Greece's red, white, and blue-flavored squad Thursday, posting their sixth-straight shutout and fourth shortened by the "run-ahead rule" enforced to save teams from embarrassment.

In softball circles, it's called the "mercy rule." In this tournament, it's becoming standard practice for the United States.

Four of the U.S. team's six wins have lasted just five innings as the Americans extended their winning streak to 76. Teams are batting just .070 against the U.S. four-woman rotation, and with a matchup against Taiwan left in the preliminary round today, the Americans have outscored opponents 38-0.

"We can never score enough," said third baseman Crystl Bustos. "We're never going to stop fighting even if where we're up by 12, 15, or 20 runs. We know anything can happen."

U.S. tennis star Andy Roddick, sightseeing after losing Wednesday, watched from the stadium's

top row as the American softballers improved to a tennis-like 6-love against the field.

Game, set, gold medal to go. They've already clinched either the No. 1 or 2 seed in the medal round and therefore at least a bronze medal. It's not why they're here.

"We don't want to get lulled to sleep," outfielder Laura Berg said. "None of this matters if we don't win gold."

Fernandez hit a run-scoring single in the third and Leah O'Brien-Amico and Jessica Mendoza added two RBIs apiece as the Americans again demonstrated their superiority in every aspect of the game.

Although the U.S. team led only 1-0 after three, the rout seemed inevitable. It became reality on Mendoza's RBI single in the fifth.

Greece (2-4) never really had a chance.

"Everywhere you hit it, they get it," said Georgantas, an Illinois native who played at South Florida. "They're so good. We would have had to bring our A-plus game to stay with them, and we brought our B-minus game."

"I'm a little disappointed. But not too much. The Americans are the dominant team in the world."

Mendoza was also involved in the game's most exciting play — and one highlighting the U.S. team's gold-or-nothing mentality — as she flattened catcher Stacey Farnworth at the plate in the fourth.

When the infield dust settled, Mendoza was out as Farnworth bravely hung onto the ball before limping away while choking back tears.

"My dad's a football coach," Mendoza explained with a shrug. "The genes kicked in right there."

Genes, too, helped Greece



Al Behrman/Associated Press

U.S. softball pitcher Jennie Finch throws against Canada in the first inning Wednesday at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens. The United States won, 7-0.

field a softball team. As host nation, it was given an automatic spot in the tourney. But there was a problem — the sport is Greek to the Greeks.

So the International Softball Federation asked Arizona State coach Linda Wells to help, and she was able to use American-born players of at least 25 percent Greek heritage.

"Our goal is to leave a legacy," said Farnworth, an assistant coach under Wells at ASU whose cousins also play for Greece. "We want respect for Greece."

The Farnworths, the Bashors (Lindsey and Jessica), and four

teammates are from California, cradle of softball and home to Fernandez, the world's best all-around player and undisputed leader of the U.S. team.

"Lisa is USA softball," first-time Olympian Jennie Finch said. "She's our inspiration."

The 33-year-old Fernandez, who can turn on a fastball as well as any player on the planet, has trouble handling the adoration.

"I truly feel like I'm just another ballplayer," she said. "When people come up to me and tell me that I've motivated them or inspired them, I get embarrassed. I'm like, 'Geez, thanks.'"

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- 1 What South American nation's most powerful guerrilla army goes by the acronym FARC?
- 2 What gastronome is celebrated in a biography fittingly titled *Appetite for Life*?
- 3 What kind of crabs compete in the Miss Crustacean USA Beauty Pageant — blue crabs, fiddler crabs, or hermit tree crabs?
- 4 What Asian legislator brought her own color mug shots to an arraignment for laundering \$352 million in 2001?
- 5 How many of every 10 dogs suffer from arthritis, according to a 1996 study?

1. Columbus  
2. Mrs. Chubb  
3. Hermit crabs  
4. Linda Meeks  
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## quote of the day

**It's a huge reality check; there's a whole other world going on out there.**  
— Oprah Winfrey, after serving on a jury in a murder trial. The jury convicted the defendant.

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- **Aug. 23** — Deadline for withdrawal of entire fall semester registration Aug. 23-27 student held to 10% of tuition and mandatory fees
- **Aug. 23** — \$20 late registration fee effective through Aug. 27
- **Aug. 23** — Opening of classes, 7:30 a.m.
- **Aug. 23** — Preliminary class rosters available
- **Aug. 23** — Residence hall dining contracts begin, breakfast

## horoscopes

Friday, August 20, 2004

by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Pay closer attention to partnerships in which you are involved. If you aren't sensitive to the needs of others, you may find yourself being left out of a deal you are interested in.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Take a step in a direction that will guarantee you can make more money. Promoting your ideas will bring you the returns you are looking for.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Start to have some fun. Get out socially, and put any troubles you have at the back of your mind. This is a day for love.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Don't count on anything or anyone. Take care of business regardless of what anyone else tells you. You will face some problems or opposition.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Everyone will be on your side today. No matter how you look at things, you will drum up support and be given the green light to follow your chosen path.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): If you haven't made a decision that has been hanging over your head, do so before it's too late. Feeling pressured will only result in more anxiety.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are a little anxious today, but that's OK — maybe you will be able to make a move without too much trepidation. Consider the advice of someone you are close to.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be living in the past and wondering what happened to your plans. Pick yourself up, and move forward with what you know in your heart is right.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Speak up and let the world know what you are thinking. You'll be surprised how many people agree with you. The time to get other people involved in your plans is now.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't believe everything you are told. Be prepared to defend yourself and your ideals. If you are strong in your convictions, you will not lose ground.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Your mind will be in overdrive today, and there will be nothing to stop you from gaining ground. Love and romance are knocking at your door, so don't miss out.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): As long as you are well-informed today, you should be OK. Rewards will come if you are patient. Financial gains are possible.

## THE LEDGE

### HOW TO SPOT A FRESHMAN

by Josh Bald

- They actually wait for the little man to appear before crossing the street.
- You see a kid walking around, looking confused, and your first instinct is to go up to him and say, "It's OK, little boy, let's find your parents."
- Their hushed murmurs of admiration over the Old Capitol dome, whereas you glance up, get annoyed by the glare, spit, and move on.
- Can't rightfully justify bringing their teddy bears to class with them.
- You quote from Adam Sandler's "Tollbooth Willy" routine, and they look at you like you're from the Moon.
- You say something funny, and they actually say "LOL."
- Tries to pay fare to ride Cambus.
- Can't get into the bars downtown ... hahahahaha suckers!
- Everything they wear for the first three weeks of school says Iowa on it.
- Just like all other undergrads, cannot form a sentence that does not end with a preposition.
- They just ooze giddiness and optimism, and it makes you want to throw up.

## public access schedule

- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 Accessing Your Opportunities
- 11:50 Broogin Breenim (Special Meschel)
- Noon Out Faxed
- 1:50 waking up 2get-her
- 2 Move-On Awards
- 3:40 Packing the Courts
- 3:55 Curves
- 4 Conversations

- 5 U.N. Report
- 5:30 Ed Fallon for Governor
- 6 Gospel Explosion Ministry
- 7 Country Time Country
- 8 Eden
- 8:30 Professor Noodle
- 9 Breaking the Mold
- 9:30 In Christ's Image
- 10 Fellowship Temple
- 11 Tom's Guitar Show (Replay)

## UITV schedule

- 3 p.m. Dealing with Manipulative and Destructive Behaviors in the Workplace
- 5:04 The Intrusion and Consequences of Litigation in the Clinical Research Environment
- 6:30 Intellectual Property, Patent Law, Professionalism, and Ethics
- 7:30 Dealing with Manipulative and Destructive Behaviors in the Workplace

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## DILBERT ®

by Scott Adams

PRODUCT DESIGNER: THE NEW PRODUCT IS SELLING LIKE CRAZY, THANKS TO ITS GREAT DESIGN.

SALES: IT'S SO ATTRACTIVE THAT PEOPLE OVERLOOK ITS MINOR FLAWS IN FUNCTIONALITY.

AND IT'S CUTE!

FOR EXAMPLE, IT ACCUSES THE USER OF SEX CRIMES WHENEVER COMPANY COMES OVER.

AND IT'S CUTE!

## 'NON SEQUITUR

BY WILEY

I MISS THE STRINGS...

PINOCCHIO, THE LATER YEARS...

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Go Ralph! Really? You're a fellow Nader-head?

YES, BUT I'M STRUGGLING WITH IT...

I'M QUESTIONING WHETHER I WANT TO BE DIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR RE-INSTALLING THE MOST RECKLESS AND INCOMPETENT PRESIDENT IN U.S. HISTORY!

TAPE! TAPE! TAPE!

GONE. THIS IS LIKE TROUT FISHING.

YEAH, ONLY WITH DYNAMITE.

## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0709

**ACROSS**

- 1 Popular Bravo series, informally
- 9 Quaint hairstyle
- 15 Outraged
- 16 Insight
- 17 "Servant of the Bones" writer
- 18 "This I gotta hear"
- 19 It's flaky
- 20 Like a certain complex
- 21 Per
- 24 March sound
- 25 Weeklong holiday
- 26 "The Wizard of Oz" co-star
- 27 Of the bicuspid valve
- 29 Annual contributions may be made to them
- 30 One of 51 in Atlantic City
- 34 First name in horror
- 35 Dries up
- 36 Maupassant's "Vie"
- 37 Where a specialist has expertise
- 39 Develop
- 40 Develop
- 41 Develop
- 42 Way off
- 44 Like Brahms's Symphony No. 3
- 45 Workers' incentives
- 46 Things included in a count
- 48 Bristol locale, Abbr.
- 49 Join forces?
- 50 It may raise the roof
- 54 Hebrew title of respect for God
- 55 Rosary bead representation

**DOWN**

- 1 In the capacity of
- 2 Broadcaster since Jan. 1995
- 3 Article of Cologne
- 4 They may be sworn
- 5 Hole-in-one, e.g.
- 6 Pine Valley soap siren
- 7 Place to work out
- 8 A storm heading; Abbr.
- 9 Caused to swell up
- 10 Snake or eel, e.g.
- 11 Assign an alias
- 12 Delicate breakfast item
- 13 Bravura
- 14 Break
- 20 Performed better than, in a way
- 21 Kind of powder
- 22 R.B.I. recordholder
- 23 Annual, e.g.
- 24 Dialectal pronoun
- 27 Bidding does
- 28 Oils and such
- 30 Baking holder
- 31 Masters

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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**ACROSS**

- 32 side (askew)
- 33 Axolotl look-alikes
- 35 Bug-eyed cartoon character
- 38 Irish game resembling field hockey
- 39 Charging
- 41 They come from Mars
- 42 "9 to 5" co-star
- 43 Fusion
- 45 Title girl in a Left Banke hit
- 46 Kind of nectar
- 47 Levi's uncle
- 50 Monetary unit?
- 51 The Rams of the Atlantic 10; Abbr.
- 52 Yes, in São Paulo
- 53 Martial arts word meaning "trample" in Korean

Puzzle by David Liben-Nowell

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