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Dem official angered by Carpenter endorsement



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BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Retiring Johnson County Sheriff Bob Carpenter's announcement that he would cross party lines to endorse the Republican candidate for sheriff will likely land him a letter of reprimand from the Johnson County Democratic

Central Committee, a party official said.

Sarah Swisher, the central committee chairwoman, said that under the group's bylaws, she can send a letter of disapproval on behalf of the committee with its authorization. She said she also plans to phone and write Carpenter on a personal basis.

The bylaw does not dictate any consequences beyond presenting the opportunity for the committee head to write a letter.

"I'm extremely displeased to see a Democratic elected official turn his back on the party that supported him for so many years," Swisher said.

Carpenter, who automatically landed a spot on the committee when he was elected in 1988, said he preferred to keep the sheriff's race nonpartisan, calling the prospect of a letter from the central committee head "disgusting."

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Local burglaries shoot up 91.5%

Police warn students to lock their doors and not be so trusting

BY JANE SLUSARK
THE DAILY IOWAN

Students who have always known the kindness of strangers are getting a rude awakening — the number of burglaries reported to Iowa City police has nearly doubled since 2002.

Iowa City police Sgt. Brian Krei said students living off-campus are "inviting" intruders into their homes with unlocked doors and by not questioning people who wander into their apartments or houses.

The number of cases reported between July 1 and Sept. 27 has increased 91.5 percent from 2002's figures.

"Students basically trust people," Krei said. "They stereotype burglars as people that bust in doors, dressed in black."

An increase in burglaries can often be attributed to one or two burglars working an area. Krei said police have made no extra attempts to counteract the rise in burglaries over the past two years.

Chuck Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, said students in residence halls often do not take necessary safety precautions to protect their property. Dorm burglaries have fluctuated since 2001.

"Students tend to feel [dorms] are a home environment," he said. "Even when you leave [for just a little bit], always lock the door."

Krei said most burglars will walk around an apartment complex trying door handles until they find an unlocked door. When encountered by a resident, they make up excuses such as, "I was looking for a party." Students often trust the intruder because they don't fit the image of a burglar.

"They don't like attention. They will hardly ever break windows or doors," Krei said.

In one such incident, a person reported finding someone when returning home at 414 S. Lucas St. on Sept. 26. The intruder allegedly claimed to be a friend of one of the roommates. The victim believed the burglar and went upstairs, and the intruder left with laptops and a DVD player, according to police records.

The most common items stolen are alcohol, money, drugs, cell phones, and CD players, officials said.

"[Burglars take anything] small, valuable, and portable," Green said.

Walk-in burglaries occur both during the day and night. Krei said burglars often strike in the morning, just after students leave their residences.

"Just because the sun is up doesn't mean someone's not going to burglarize you," Krei said.

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Cut-rate game players really are a 'steal'

BY JIM BUTTS
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI junior Julie Kelly thought she was getting a steal when she bought the "Power Player," a video-game controller set that plugged directly into her TV and offered such classic games as Super Mario Bros. and Pacman. She wasn't far from the truth, according to industry experts.

The Power Player, currently sold at Coral Ridge Mall, Jordan Creek Town Center in Des Moines, and other shopping centers nationwide, is likely illegal despite its widespread prevalence, video-game piracy experts said.

The colorful toy, and devices similar to it, is stealing intellectual property from the likes of Nintendo, Namco, and Konami without their permission, said Ric Hirsch, a senior vice president of Intellectual Property Enforcement at the Entertainment and Software Association, the trade association for the entertainment-software industry.

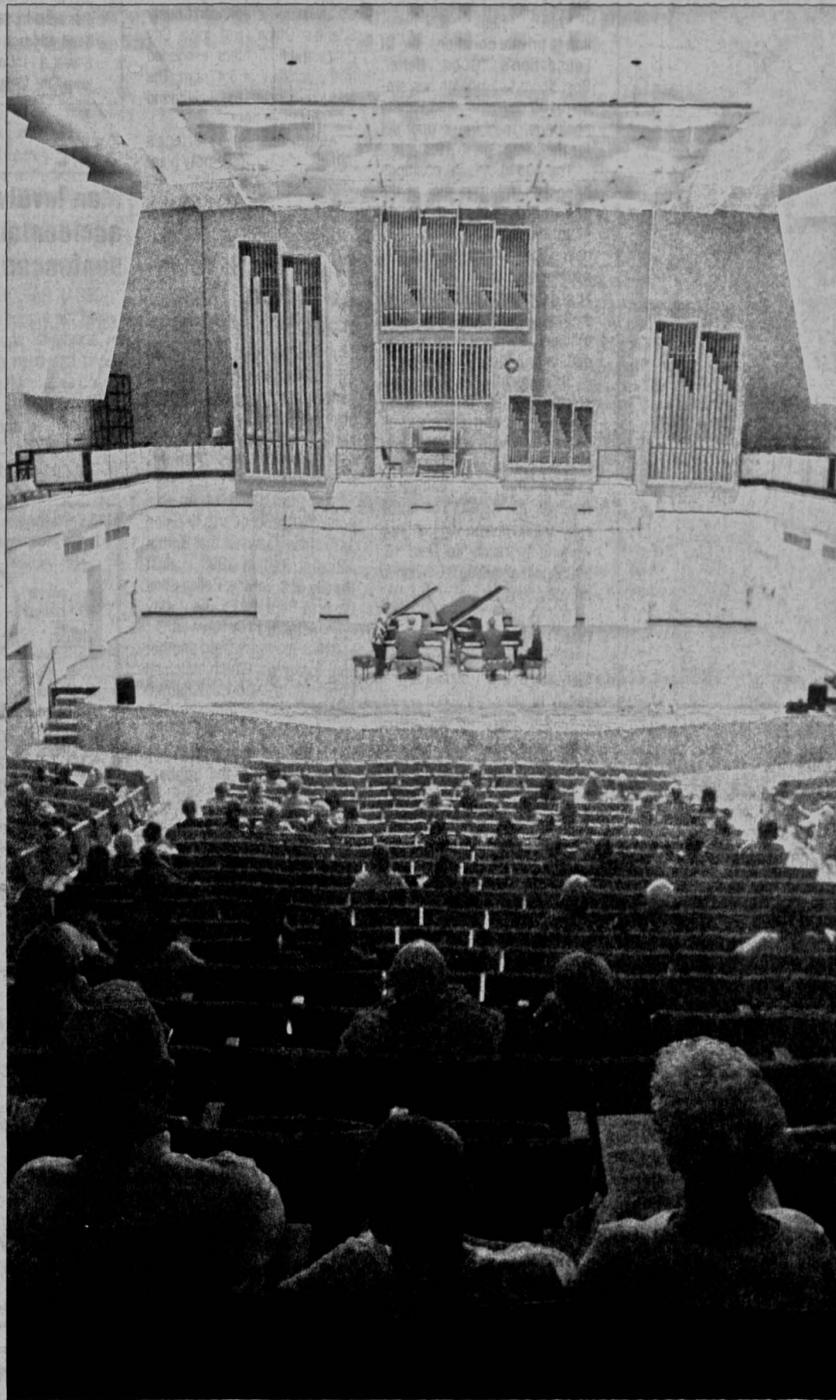
"Those are illegal," he said after hearing a description of the product.

In an apparent countrywide piracy ring, the Power Player is being peddled at kiosks in malls coast-to-coast, with confirmed locations in New Jersey, California, and the Mall of America in Minnesota.

Hirsch said such pirated game devices, usually imported from Eastern Europe, Russia, or Southeast Asia through foreign criminal networks, are a growing problem in the United States.

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PIANO EXTRAVAGANZA



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Audience members listen raptly to pianists Alan Huckleberry and Uriel Tsachor as they perform in Clapp Recital Hall on Wednesday evening. The performance was part of "Piano Extravaganza," which is free and open to the public. The show will continue today at 6:30 p.m., featuring UI faculty and area high-school students.

QAEDA CONVICTIONS

2 face death in Cole bombing

A Saudi and a Yemeni will face firing squads; four other Yemenis get prison sentences

BY AHMED AL-HAJ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANA, Yemen — A Saudi suspected of being an associate of Osama bin Laden and a Yemeni militant were sentenced to death by firing squad Wednesday for the bombing of the USS Cole four years ago, the first convictions in the Qaeda terror attack that killed 17 American sailors.

The judge ordered four other Yemenis jailed for five to 10 years.

With army snipers on nearby rooftops and armored vehicles and soldiers surrounding the courthouse, Judge Najib al-Qaderi handed down guilty verdicts in an often-delayed trial that saw the five defendants in Yemen's custody refuse to enter pleas, claiming U.S. interference in the case.

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These UI hams have utterly nothing to do with pork

BY CLARE PIERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Members of the radio club make up for lack of funds with plenty of ardor

"Woo-hoo! That was Nicaragua!" cried UI senior Andy Cowan after five minutes of patiently listening to the static and gibberish echoing from his radio.

A male voice finally emerged from the static, announced his code name and identified his location as Nicaragua. Cowan replied promptly.

And just like that, on a sunny afternoon

at City Park, a UI student and a man thousands of miles away were connected.

Cowan is the president of the UI Amateur Radio Club, a small group of radio operators, or "hams," who said their demonstration on Tuesday afternoon at City Park showed the appeal of their unique hobby.

"When I click this microphone, and the signals bounce off the Moon, or the Northern lights, or the stratosphere, and connect to someone across the world, I

think that's really cool to a lot of people," Cowan said.

The physics/astronomy major described his coolest conversation as one with a naval officer in a submarine off the coast of France in 2003.

Ham radios don't require telephone lines, and they can operate on batteries, solar cells, or wind power. The practice is useful in emergencies, enthusiasts say.

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↑ 75%
↓ 54%
Mostly sunny, breezy

POND-JUMPING
When Iowa golfer Liz Bennett's parents decide to see her play, it's a simple jaunt involving planes, trains, and automobiles. **1B**

BEAM ME UP. OR MAYBE NOT.
Turns out William Shatner wasn't shooting a sci-fi movie in Riverside after all. **3A**

WHAT'S UP, JACK?
Some sippers are howling because Jack Daniel's Old No. 7 isn't quite Old No. 7. **4A**

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NEWS

Coralville moves on land for center

City officials seek a value for the property they look to acquire for the proposed rain forest and education center

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CORALVILLE — City officials have begun action to acquire land for a proposed rain forest and education center.

The city has asked a judge to appoint a compensation committee to place a value on the property owned by Jere and Ruth Wissink, City Administrator Kelly Hayworth said.

Hayworth said negotiations to purchase the property have been unsuccessful.

"We just felt that we are so far apart, there wasn't any reason to wait any longer," Hayworth said. It is the first time the city has

moved to condemn property in the old industrial park, located near Interstate 80 and First Avenue.

"This is one of the largest ones we've ever done," City Councilor Henry Herwig said. "Generally, it's for an easement, a street or something, just a piece. It's a pretty serious thing."

The Iowa Environmental/Education Project would include a \$60 million hotel and conference center, which local officials say would help spur development in the area.

The city began buying land for the project a couple of years ago. The Wissink's property —

approximately 7 acres — was assessed at nearly \$3.2 million last year.

Ruth Wissink said Wednesday she and her husband have not heard from the city and noted that the couple's business, Holiday Wrecker Service, sits on the property. She declined further comment.

Hayworth said he expects that the city reach agreements with other property owners in the next few weeks.

Wayne Grell, the owner of Hillside Packaging, said he was still in negotiations with the city and declined comment. Angie Zook, the co-owner of

Midwest Frame & Axle, another business in the area, also declined comment.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to revisit when governments may seize people's homes and businesses for economic development projects.

The high court will hear a New London, Conn., case in which city officials want to raze homes to make way for a riverfront hotel, health club and offices. The city argued its plans serve a "public purpose" — such as boosting economic growth — are valid "public use" projects that outweigh the homeowners' property rights.

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Jon Britton, Ames Tribune/Associated Press
Tony Winkler of McCallsburg, Iowa, paints some windows on the Memorial Union on the Iowa State University campus Tuesday.

CITY

Foundation hits endowed-faculty goal

With the help of \$770 million in private donations, the UI Foundation's "Good. Better. Best. Iowa." campaign has created 100 new endowed faculty positions, reaching a goal set for the campaign in 1999.

The 100 additional positions brings the total number of the university's endowed faculty positions to 284, with two deanships, 102 chairs, and 180 professorships. It costs approximately \$500,000 to endow a professorship, \$1.5 million to endow a chair, and \$2 million to endow a deanship.

"It's terrific; we're very pleased," said Michael New, the president of the foundation. "We've achieved our goal, and now we can move beyond it."

Now that the campaign reached its goal 15 months early, the campaign will continue working to reach its Dec. 15, 2005, goal of raising \$1 billion in private gifts.

The "Good. Better. Best. Iowa." campaign was created in 1999 when former UI President Mary Sue Coleman and other university officials saw the need for private funding. The campaign's objectives are to create endowed faculty positions, fund more capital projects, and increase funding for student financial aid.

— by Elaine Fabian

Driver charged in semi crash

A semi-tractor trailer heading eastbound on Interstate 80 flipped over a median and collided with a car early Wednesday morning after the truck driver reportedly fell asleep at the wheel.

Ricardo Ortega, 28, Streator, Ill., was traveling westbound on I-80 when he allegedly fell asleep and lost control of the semi. He awoke, and tried to regain control of the vehicle, but turned the wheel too far, causing the vehicle to hit a cement median and flip into the eastbound lanes.

The semi lay across the eastbound lanes and shoulder when Justin Medinger, 23, North Liberty, struck the truck. Both drivers were brought to UI Hospitals and Clinics, where they were treated and released.

Ortega was charged with failure to maintain control of his vehicle and driving while fatigued.

The Iowa State Patrol, Coralville police, Johnson County Sheriff's Office, and Iowa City police and firefighters responded to the accident at 5:47 a.m. The accident closed the eastbound lanes for three hours.

Authorities said Ortega's vehicle — carrying empty plastic crates — was totaled.

— by Jane Slusark

Court turns down ex-police officer's appeal

A former Coralville police officer who was fired after allegations of misconduct during a criminal investigation lost a battle Wednesday in his efforts to collect damages from his former employers.

The Iowa Court of Appeals upheld a district court's decision to dismiss a lawsuit that Britton Johnson filed in 1998 against the city of Coralville, Police Chief Barry Bedford, and City Administrator Kelly Hayworth.

The suit stems from another civil case in which Michael Constantino, who was charged with first-degree robbery, sued Coralville after his 1996 acquittal, alleging misconduct by Johnson during the robbery investigation.

The case was settled out of court, and Johnson was later fired.

In June 1998, Johnson sued his former employers and sought to collect damages because he was left out of settlement discussions, thus depriving him of a counterclaim, court records show.

The Court of Appeals, in its affirmation, said Johnson had raised his appeal using different legal reasoning than what was used in the district court ruling that dismissed his civil case.

"Johnson's failure to properly preserve that issue for our review requires us to affirm the trial court's judgment dismissing his lawsuit against the city and all named defendants," the ruling read.

Johnson had also challenged his termination to the Iowa Supreme Court; the high court upheld the firing in October 2002.

— by Seung Min Kim

POLICE BLOTTER

Kristen Chilcoat, 20, Des Moines, was charged Tuesday with criminal trespassing.
Kristen Highland, 18, Des Moines, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication and assault causing injury.
Daniel Jeffrey, 29, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with driving while barred.
Jacob McMartin, 23, 5035 Utah Ave. S.E., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.
Zachary Mescher, 23, Winterset, Iowa, was charged Sept. 24 with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.
Tanki Nyane, 19, 2505 Clearwater Court, was charged Sept. 24 with interference with official acts and public intoxication.
Catherine Stack, 20, Des Moines, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication, assault causing injury, and falsifying a driver's license.

Percy Walker, 29, 1960 Broadway Apt. A10, was charged Wednesday with third-degree harassment and driving while barred.
Amanda Walsh, 19, Lone Tree, Iowa, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.
Tyler Watsabaugh, 20, Des Moines, was charged Tuesday with criminal trespassing.
Lynn White, 25, North Liberty, was charged Tuesday with child endangerment and possession of a schedule II substance.
Romaine Williams, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Wednesday with operating while intoxicated.
Jude Wilson, 44, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.
Danny Wright, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

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Surge in oil prices could hurt Bush

BY TOM RAUM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — If fuel prices keep rising or even stay at their present high levels through Election Day, they could serve as a potent reminder to voters that the U.S. economy is not in such great shape.

And that could pose problems for President Bush just as polls show him narrowing the gap with rival John Kerry on his weakest issue, handling the economy.

Political analysts suggest any sustained oil price shock could undercut those gains and work against Bush's fragile lead in polls over the Massachusetts senator. In the extreme, it could trigger a recession.

Crude oil topped the psychological milestone of \$50 per barrel on Tuesday. Instability in Iraq, political unrest in Nigeria, and damage to U.S. production from hurricanes were all blamed.

And while some analysts said the price was not sustainable and should soon fall, others suggested the opposite.

"There have been an awful lot of such events," said David Wyss, the chief economist at Standard and Poor's in New York. "And when you have a new special factor every week, you have to wonder how special the factors are."

"The basic fact is that oil supplies are getting tight, and there's not room for things to go wrong," Wyss said. "And the higher prices are becoming a significant drag on the economy."

Bush and Kerry remained out of sight as they rehearsed for



Ships and barges travel along the Houston Ship Channel near a refinery in La Porte, Texas, on Tuesday as oil prices moved above \$50 per barrel for the first time. Some analysts believe that if oil prices remain high, President Bush might be hurt in the election.

David J. Phillip/Associated Press

today's first presidential debate. But their surrogates were busy spinning the oil price surge.

Treasury Secretary John Snow called it a "short-term phenomenon. ... This \$50 price is the result of an anomalous set of circumstances."

"The uncertainties are feeding speculation and that speculation is driving prices higher than something that is supportable," Snow said, telling an audience of business leaders in Reno, Nev., that oil prices will recede.

The administration last week

agreed to lend 1.7 million barrels of oil from the government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve to two refiners running short because of Hurricane Ivan, and broadly hinted it might be willing to make more crude available from the stockpile.

Such an announcement — with its political overtones less than six weeks before a presidential election — normally could be expected to help ease oil prices. But they rose instead.

While the hurricane season should be over by Election Day,

production in the Gulf of Mexico restored and tankers able to deliver their cargo, "That's not going to have any immediate positive impact on prices," said Robert Ebel, an energy expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington.

Ebel said foreign oil will have to be used to replace drawn-down inventories at U.S. oil companies "for some time." He also said "continued sabotage and looting in Iraq is going to keep oil production and exports down."

Iowa out of step on budget fix, study says

The Legislature cut spending so much the state's ability to deliver services has been hurt

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — State lawmakers weathered the recent recession by cutting taxes and spending so deeply that the state's ability to deliver crucial services has been threatened, a new study said Wednesday.

The study warned that Iowa's handling of the budget crunch was "not in the mainstream" of how other states handled the same troubles and said only two states in the nation cut spending more than Iowa.

"Iowa is not in the mainstream of other states in its response to the fiscal crisis of

the last few years," said Charles Bruner, the head of the Des Moines-based Child and Family Policy Center and one of the authors. "We have eroded our ability to provide public services in ways that will require significant work to repair."

Among the study's conclusions were:

- While states overall increased general fund spending by 7 percent from 2001 to 2004, Iowa reduced that spending by 8 percent. Only Michigan, at 10.6 percent, and South Carolina, at 9.6 percent, cut spending more deeply.

- On the average, states increased taxes by 4.3 percent in that same stretch, while Iowa cut taxes by 2.2 percent.

- State spending on elementary and secondary education grew by an average of 5.1 percent during that stretch, while Iowa's increase was just 4 percent.

Shatner's Riverside movie a hoax, he reveals

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERSIDE — Capt. James T. Kirk has pulled a fast one on his future birthplace.

The small southeast Iowa town won't be in the movies. But it will be in a reality TV show about a small town playing host to a Hollywood film shoot.

William Shatner, who played the commander of the starship USS Enterprise in the '60s "Star Trek" series, let the town in on his secret Tuesday night.

"Everything in front of and behind the cameras was faked," he said. "The only thing that was real is the love we have for Riverside."

Shatner originally said he chose Riverside as the location to shoot a low-budget, sci-fi movie called *Invasion Iowa* that he wrote with "Star Trek" co-star Leonard Nimoy.

The 73-year-old Shatner and more than 100 crew members arrived in Riverside earlier this month to film scenes for the movie.

Now the truth is out. Shatner invited the people of Riverside to a gathering

Tuesday night to view scenes of the film he had been directing in and around town for a week.

He lavished thanks on the roughly 800 people who turned out and then revealed the inside joke of the project — the filming done in Riverside will, in fact, be used for a show to be shown in 2005 on Spike TV, a cable channel.

To soften the blow, Shatner announced that he and his co-producers were donating \$100,000 to the city to be used for community projects. The cast and crew also passed the hat and collected \$12,000 for the Riverside Elementary School Book Fund.

The crowd's applause showed that the folks of Riverside knew how to take a joke as well as a couple of plump checks.

Participants and onlookers had been telling tales about location antics, including Shatner's conflicts with a frosty studio exec, a misbehaving actor who purportedly was Shatner's illegitimate son, and a flaky spiritual adviser.

Mike Hanson, 44, of Kalona, an extra in the film, said he and

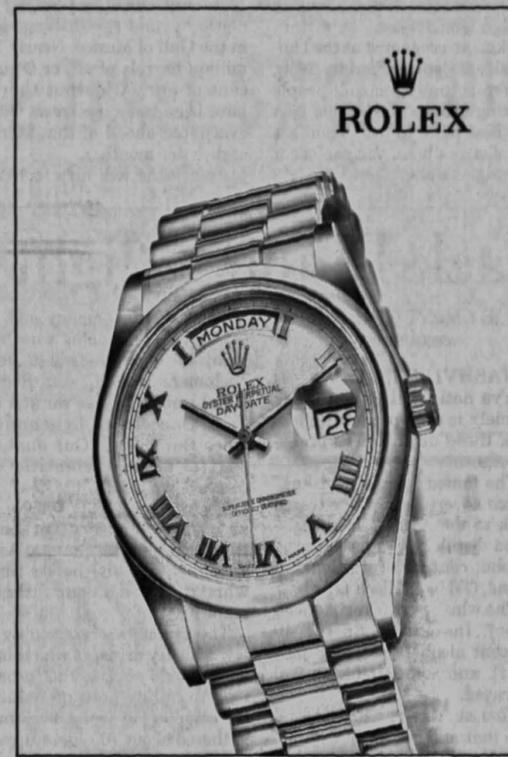
his fellow actors had had their suspicions about the project.

"It was too cheesy to be real," he said after the announcement. "If it were really a movie, we'd be more scared of how bad it was."

Although Kirk's hometown was never mentioned in the TV series, Gene Roddenberry, the show's creator and executive

producer, wrote in "The Making of Star Trek" that Kirk was "born in a small town in the state of Iowa."

The Riverside City Council picked up on the idea in March 1985, declaring a site behind what used to be the town's barbershop the "future birthplace" of Kirk.



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STATE

Developer looking at 5 counties for casino

DES MOINES (AP) — A developer whose proposal to build a casino in Des Moines was rejected by city officials also is looking at sites in at least five other counties.

Gary Kirke said Tuesday he holds options on 400 acres of land east of Earlham in Madison County to build a \$150 million casino and hotel. Kirke said he also is looking at sites in Dallas and Warren Counties.

Residents of all three counties are set to vote Nov. 2 on a referendum to approve gambling.

"We are going to prepare sites for each county," said Curtis Beason, Kirke's lawyer. If the referendums are approved, he said, Kirke could submit proposals for all three or only one.

Kirke also has proposed a casino near Ottumwa in Wapello County and joined with forces in Palo Alto County to put a casino at Emmetsburg. Voters in both those counties already have approved gambling referendums.

Applications for new casino licenses must be filed by Nov. 10 with the Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission. Jack Ketterer, the commission administrator, has said the panel probably will make a decision next spring, probably in May or June.

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NEWS

Storms' effects stretch beyond Fla.

BY JUSTIN POPE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

While Florida's economy will get the biggest jolt from the improbable string of hurricanes this year, consumers around the country may notice the effects in coming weeks and months when they buy a gallon of gas, a carton of orange juice, or a bag of peanuts.

The storms seem likely to affect Americans outside Florida in a variety of ways, most of them subtle, but a few with potentially bigger consequences.

A rebuilding boom could suck construction materials and labor southward, pushing up prices in the rest of the country. While Florida's insurance market has its own disaster fund, damage elsewhere could cause companies to raise premiums. And Florida's tourism woes could further harm already teetering airlines, perhaps forcing them to pull out of even more markets.

On the other hand, vacation destinations outside Florida could benefit from skittishness about visiting the state. So could Northern states hoping to stem the flow of people and businesses who have been moving full-time to Florida.

"We've already heard anecdotal evidence of industrial recruiting in Florida, and the companies say, 'We're going to drop you off our list,'" said Mark Soskin, an economist at the University of Central Florida. "Now, you're actually hearing people talking about, 'Maybe this isn't the best place to live.' There's a lot of stress here, you can see it in people's eyes."



Hilda M. Perez, Orlando Sentinel/Associated Press
Donly Borges, 33, of Oviedo, Fla., uses a canoe to maneuver in her backyard Wednesday. She once had benches, lawn, trees, and a flower garden, all of which are now under 2 feet of water.

For most Americans, the most visible effect of the hurricanes has been their contribution to a surge in oil prices, which broke \$50 per barrel for the first time Tuesday. Florida isn't a major refining center or transportation hub for gasoline, but Hurricane Ivan shut down 39 production platforms and two drilling rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. Nearly 12 million barrels of oil, or 2 percent of annual output there, have been lost since crews were evacuated ahead of that storm earlier this month.

Americans will also feel the

storms' impact at the grocery store. Orange juice prices at the Winn-Dixie supermarket chain are currently no higher than a month ago, the company says, but orange juice futures are up more than one-third on commodities markets since the beginning of August, suggesting prices will rise.

Tomato prices have jumped 50 percent in recent weeks, and squash has nearly doubled, said David Bova, an owner of Produce Source Partners, a wholesaler in Roanoke, Va. The hurricanes hit just as many crops were

coming out of season in the rest of the country — a gap usually filled by Florida suppliers. The problem was compounded by hot weather in the West that shortened the growing season there.

"Chances are, high prices on these products will not really stabilize for at least 30 to 60 days," Bova said.

The storms also are expected to delay the harvesting of peanuts in Georgia, where the pecan crop was hard hit. The sugar harvest in Florida may be delayed, and there was extensive hurricane damage to that crop in Jamaica.

Jack Daniel's 'light' annoys many sippers

BY MATT GOURAS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — If you've noticed that your Jack Daniel's is carrying a little less kick these days, you're probably right.

The famed "sippin' whiskey," which advertises a recipe traced back to the nation's first registered distillery, has lowered the alcohol content of its flagship brand, Old No. 7 Black Label.

The whiskey now registers 80 proof, instead of 86 (or 40 percent alcohol versus 43 percent), and some drinkers feel betrayed.

"You can't screw with a legend like that and get away with it," said Frank Kelly Rich, the editor of *Modern Drunkard* magazine. "I'm sure Jack is spinning in his grave."

The company says the switch was made because most customers prefer the less potent mix, which was marketed first in a few states and some overseas markets. The transition was completed earlier this year.

Those who want a stiffer drink can buy specialty versions like Jack Daniel's Single Barrel

at 94 proof, the company said.

"We were just doing what we think most of our friends and customers wanted," said Roger Brashears, who has worked at Jack Daniel's in Lynchburg since the 1960s. "Our quality control is very scientific. It comes down to how it tastes."

The company touts Old No. 7 as "a simple reminder that some things just never change. And shouldn't. This is the old-time whiskey made as our fathers made it."

The uproar was started by a few whiskey drinkers who think Jack should stick to that promise. An online petition asking the company to switch back has gathered about 700 signatures.

"If that's what the people wanted, they would have announced it in an ad — 'Look we lowered the proof for you,'" said Rich, who calls his magazine "the voice of the recreational drinker."

Rich said the company pushed the change through without any fanfare, and whiskey drinkers are just now picking up on it, saying it tastes sweeter and doesn't pack the same punch.

Jack Daniel's gets to 80 proof by adding a little more water to the raw whiskey that comes out of barrels after four years at roughly 125 proof, Brashears said.

"I can't tell the difference," he said. "We haven't done anything to affect the quality that has made us so many friends over the years."

It is not the first time drinkers have felt burned by Jack. Roughly 17 years ago, the company lowered the proof of its famed whiskey from 90 to 86.

Enough is enough, says Rich. "I've switched to Maker's Mark since," he said. "I used to drink a bottle a week. Some of our board members drink three bottles a week. Once this gets out, it will be like the New Coke thing — they'll have to bring it back."

Competitors also jumped on Jack Daniel's. Kentucky's Jim Beam noted it has no plans to lower the alcohol content of their 210-year-old recipe.

"I think it's interesting that our primary competitor says it's been true to its roots, yet it's lowered its proof and altered its recipe," said Dave Racicot, the

senior director of global marketing for the Kentucky whiskey.

The whiskey recipe is still the same, including four years of aging in wood barrels. Old No. 7, which Jack Daniel's says is the country's most popular whiskey at 7 million cases shipped last year, continues to sell well.

It is closing in on Johnnie Walker Black Label scotch whiskey as the world's No. 1 seller, said Phil Lynch, spokesman for Brown-Forman, the Louisville, Ky.-based company that owns Jack Daniel's.

Lynch said the company uses the same ingredients and time-honored process it always has — including the charcoal filtering that makes Tennessee whiskey different than Kentucky bourbon.

Rich said the company was saving money by adding more water, but Jack Daniel's said any savings were canceled by the expense of having to change its labels.

"We don't think it's appropriate to have a magazine called *Modern Drunkard* dictate how we make our whiskey," Lynch said.

NATION

Man allegedly planned to blow up federal building

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A man in prison on drug offenses was charged Wednesday with threatening to blow up a federal building in downtown Milwaukee with a delivery truck filled with explosives.

Steven J. Parr, 39, was charged the same day he was to be sent to a halfway house in Janesville.

U.S. Attorney Steven Biskupic said Parr expressed hatred for the federal government and spoke about retaliating against law enforcement when he got out of prison.

"We consider him extremely dangerous," he said.

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Martha Stewart assigned to W.V. prison

NEW YORK (AP) — Martha Stewart will do her time farther from home than she had hoped, at a remote West Virginia prison where inmates sleep in bunk beds and rise at 6 a.m. to do menial labor for penies an hour.

The millionaire celebrity home-maker said Wednesday that she has been assigned to the minimum-security women's prison at Alderson.

Stewart, convicted in March of lying about a stock sale, had asked

to serve her five-month prison term in Danbury, Conn., close to her 90-year-old mother and her own home in nearby Westport.

But a source familiar with the government's decision, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told the Associated Press that Alderson was selected because it was more remote and less accessible to the media than Danbury or Stewart's second choice of Coleman, Fla.

Those prisons are also more overcrowded, the source said. The Coleman prison, for example, is crowded with inmates moved from other Florida prisons because of the recent hurricanes.

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NEWS

Bush tours area hit by hurricane

BY SCOTT LINDLAW
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LAKE WALES, Fla. — President Bush toured hurricane-battered Florida for the fifth time in six weeks on Wednesday, delivering sympathy and promises of aid to hard-hit citrus growers in a crucial part of the politically vital state.

"These have been trying weeks for Americans across the Southeast, especially in this state," he said after surveying damage to a Central Florida farm that has had about a quarter of its business washed away by damage from three of the four storms. "Our nation is praying for the victims of these storms."

The president pressed Congress to quickly approve his latest request for emergency funding. On Monday, Bush had asked for more than \$7.1 billion to help Florida and other Southeastern states recover from the storms. It was his third request for supplemental storm aid, which all together would total more than \$12 billion if lawmakers approve.

Bush also pledged to keep an eye on the global market on behalf of the region's farmers to ensure "no country takes advantage of citrus growers during this time of disaster."

"The federal government is committed to helping people here get back on their feet," he said, speaking from a lectern that White House aides placed in front of the one downed tree that could be seen.

Bush's stop, en route to Miami and tonight's debate against Democratic presidential rival John Kerry, put him in a fast-growing swing area in the center of the state, which ranks fourth in the nation in electoral votes with 27. Today, before the debate, Bush was to visit another site of hurricane damage, heading for the town of Stuart on Florida's east coast where Hurricane Jeanne made landfall on Saturday night and where Hurricane Frances blew through three weeks before.

Bush spent about 25 minutes walking through part of a 4,000-acre farm owned by Marty and Pat McKenna, Republican donors and Bush supporters. Three layers of oranges lying on the ground

told a story: The darkest fruit, shriveled and black, had been left by Hurricane Charley, the first storm; yellow fruit was left by Frances, and green fruit had been stripped from the trees just days ago by Jeanne.

Barns whose corrugated metal facades and roofs had been ripped off by the storms could be seen from the presidential motorcade.

Karen McKenna, the wife of owner Marty McKenna, said the storms have been "crushing to business," estimating the company would ship just 180 million boxes of citrus, mostly oranges and grapefruits, down from 240 million boxes last year.

But, she said, "we will definitely bounce back."

GOP Rep. Adam Putnam, the area's congressman, predicted at least 40 percent of the state's citrus crop would be lost.



Gerald Herbert/Associated Press

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry waves while being filmed by daughter Alexandra Kerry as he departs the airport in Madison, Wis., on Wednesday. Kerry was heading to Florida for the first presidential debate, scheduled for tonight.

Kerry attacks Bush on oil cost

BY NEDRA PICKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRING GREEN, Wis. — Democratic Sen. John Kerry said Wednesday the \$50 per barrel price of oil reflects a broken promise of President Bush that will hurt average Americans.

Bush said that Iraqi oil "would pay for the war, but we know that those oil pipes are being blown up," Kerry said. "We know that \$50 a barrel isn't as bad as it might get because analysts are now telling us that the price may go up to \$60."

Crude oil surpassed \$50 a barrel for the first time this week, and analysts said prices could keep rising because of a rise in global demand, tight supplies, and threats to output in petroleum-producing nations such as Iraq and Nigeria.

Homeowners and energy-intensive industries could feel the sting from high oil prices as seasonal demand picks up this winter, and there is already evidence that supply disruptions caused by hurricane damage are making it more costly to drive.

"Halliburton's not feeling the pain," Kerry said. "The people in Saudi Arabia and [the] Middle East who get the money aren't feeling the pain. But the average American is going to feel the pain of the fact that President Bush has broken his promise, doesn't have an energy policy for this country, and doesn't know how he's going to solve the problem of Iraq."

Kerry was speaking to supporters in Madison, Wis., just before boarding a flight to Miami, where the first presidential

debate is scheduled for tonight. Kerry said among the supporters he met at the airport were two U.S. soldiers who fought in Iraq and are worried about the tough job of getting the troops out.

"They came here today to support me because they believe as do others who served our military that I can be a stronger commander in chief who solves the problems of Iraq and gets our troops home," Kerry said. "I'm looking forward to tomorrow night for an opportunity to share with Americans the truth, not the sound bite, not the advertisements, but the truth."

In an interview broadcast earlier Wednesday, Kerry said his much-ridiculed explanation of why he voted in favor of additional funding for the war in Iraq before voting against it was "one of those inarticulate moments" in the campaign.

Kerry ultimately voted against providing \$87 billion for military operations and aid in Iraq and Afghanistan. He said he initially supported the appropriation, when it was to be funded at least in part by rolling back tax cuts for those with the highest incomes, but he ended up voting against the final version in the Senate as a protest over its funding, which included no-bid contracts.

"It just was a very inarticulate way of saying something," Kerry said in an interview broadcast Wednesday on "Good Morning America" on ABC. "And I had one of those inarticulate moments late in the evening when I was dead tired in the primaries, and I didn't say something very clearly."

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Hiding the info

At Bush and Kerry's first televised debate tonight, they'll get questions from an audience of "soft supporters," those who have nearly made up their minds. But will these soft supporters ask hard questions? Someone needs to, because elsewhere this phenomenon of skimming over the issues or even blatantly blocking them is out of control.

I attended a lecture on Sept. 24 about the war and how misled we have been. At the end of the talk, a professor spoke out. "How are the polls so close when the information is there and this seems so obvious? How is this race contentious?"

I often wonder the same thing. But the media's purposeful distortion and hiding of the truth could have something to do with it. Disturbingly, everyone's favorite screw-up

"news provider" CBS has uncovered substantial proof that the Bush administration lied to the American public in order to make a case for going to war. Manipulation and deceit are apparently not only tools in the White House — CBS is now refusing to air its television special on the matter until after the election. It "now believes it would be inappropriate to air the report so close to the presidential election" because it might affect the outcome. Interestingly, the CEO of parent company Viacom has gone on the record numerous times explaining that a "Republican administration is better for our company." If you're going to work so deliberately to sway the election, wouldn't you try to be a little more discreet about it? Do they assume we don't care or won't find out?

Media outlets are not the only ones unconcerned with full disclosure and a wide range of informed participants to ensure a balanced election. Donald Rumsfeld ironically said this week that he's not too concerned about fair elections when discussing Iraq's instability and whether or not its January election should take place. Iraq, if you haven't noticed, is a total wreck, hardly capable of holding a national election in a few months. But Rumsfeld argues this doesn't matter.

"Let's say you tried to have an election, and you could have it in three-quarters or four-fifths of the country. But in some places you couldn't because the violence was too great. Well, so be it. Nothing's perfect in life, so you have an election that's not quite perfect. Is it better than not having an election? You bet."

So Iraq should hold an election without the full participation of the country because it's too damn dangerous? And we should go ahead with our election without all of the information? Do you see a pattern? But let's get further into this.

Reports keep coming out explaining that electronic voting machines (installed in more than one-third of the states) don't leave a paper trail and have significant probability for error. Huge margins of error are not acceptable, but that probably isn't a concern for people who would once again like to see G-Dub take over the White House without actually winning. And in the midst of all of this idiotic, avoidable chaos, I'm part of the youth voting bloc supposedly disillusioned and uninterested in politics. But how many times has the following happened to you?

Person in New Voter's Project shirt: "Are you registered to vote?" Me: "Yep, thanks!" Maybe not verbatim, but I'm asked at least twice a day by these awe-some volunteers.

In fact, kids apparently care more than some people think they should. Grossly underreported, college students are being harassed for and even disallowed from registering to vote when attending an out-of-state institution, though this practice is perfectly legal. No local stories of this nature have surfaced so far, but Fox News, for example, is still harping on a weeks-old story about University of Arizona students wanting a vote drive, suggesting that registering where you go to school is a felony. It is not.

So maybe kids are disillusioned. Maybe that's because they are being misled, and more and more, it seems like everyone is in on it. But aren't adults sick of this too? Watch the debate, and then check to see if the national media let Bush's lies slide by them. If they do, the problem is so much bigger than we can possibly imagine.



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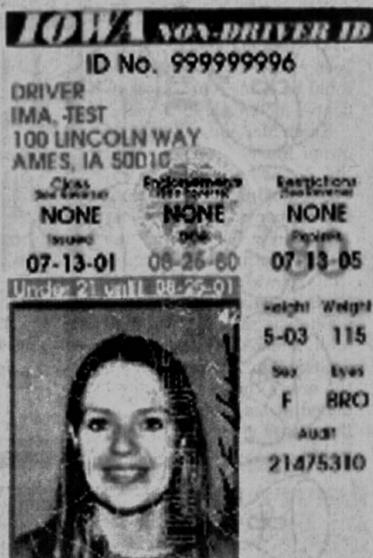
21-only: A lousy idea revisited

A little over a year ago, the City Council enacted an ordinance stipulating that only patrons age 19 and older would be permitted to enter bars after 10 p.m. It was a compromise in which the council agreed on 19 rather than 21 as the legal age, provided that the ordinance be revisited a year later to determine its effectiveness in reducing underage and binge drinking.

Well, that year has passed, and little has changed about the arguments of either side, including the *DI*'s stance on this matter: 21-only is a bad idea.

This issue is not about preventing underage students from drinking in defiance of state law, contrary to popular belief. It's about controlling where that drinking takes place. To contend that illegal alcohol use and associated problems will be stopped or even reduced by banning minors from the bars is a fantasy. (Were this the case, other college towns of comparable size with 21-ordinances would logically have lower rates of alcohol abuse; they don't.) The activity will simply relocate to other places in which no control or supervision can be effectively implemented. Rather than concentrating alcohol consumption in a centralized area that is well-lit and well-patrolled, the 21-only rule would move the underage crowd into outlying neighborhoods, where small children and families may reside, or to the residence halls, where students live, study, and sleep in close quarters and where alcohol is already a problem.

It's naive to argue that the downtown bar scene is no safer than unsupervised house parties. The Pedestrian Mall is closely watched by bar employees and police officers, who are there to intervene if trouble occurs and prevent other illegal activity, such as drug use. And this location is close enough to campus to quell most urges to drive drunk. Neither is true of house parties.



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Iowa City police simply will not be capable of controlling parties that would take place in such a widespread area if the entire under-21 crowd were banned from the bars. After all, officers would still need to patrol downtown even if the bars were restricted to legal-age drinkers. Iowa City's streets and neighborhoods would be less safe if underage drinkers were forced to relocate.

Proponents of 21-only assert that Iowa City needs this policy to be consistent with state law. However, there is no state law that requires bar patrons to be 21. If underage drinking is going to take place (and it is, whether we like it or not), it's far more sensible to keep it concentrated in a single area that is easier to patrol and where illegal activity and destructive behavior is easier to detect. Police officers should continue their rigorous enforcement of the law and make underage drinking less attractive in ways that don't simply encourage students to conceal their misdeeds in a house, apartment, or dorm room. Stiffer fines are but one example of how this can be accomplished.

Iowa City has an undeniable problem with alcohol abuse. But we shouldn't deceive ourselves into thinking that it will be dealt with successfully by this ordinance. Some have argued that not enough has been done to address alcohol problems in this town and that its abuse is subtly condoned. Not true. Local police write tickets every single weekend and take intoxicated people to jail as a matter of routine. They are doing something about those who break the law, which is exactly what should continue. Breaking the law is never acceptable, but neither is passing an ordinance that scapegoats the under-21 population when people over that age can be equally guilty of alcohol-related mayhem. The adverse effects of this ordinance cannot be played down in favor of trumpeting its dubious benefits, which at best are superficial and uncertain. Twenty-one is not the answer.

GUEST OPINION

Teach responsibility, not prohibition

As the Iowa City City Council yet again considers banning minors from local bars, opponents offer the predictable responses. Bar owners object to losing the opportunity to make money from an illegal activity, and students fight for their right to party. It's time for some thinking outside the box.

I start from the proposition that I am not opposed to drinking. Those who know me are aware that I actually enjoy a few beers or glasses of wine. I do object, however, to the damage that irresponsible and excessive drinking leaves in its wake. I see no reason why the taxpayers of Iowa City should have to put up with the public urination, vomiting, litter, noise, fights, and other chaos that accompany a typical weekend (or these days, even Thursday) night downtown. Students and other young people argue with some justification that they are adults, old enough to vote, drive, and fight for their country, and thus they ought to be able to drink like adults as well. Memo to students: When someone asks your mom or dad at work on Monday how their weekend was, they don't say, "Dude, I was soooo wasted!" If you want to be treated like an adult, how about acting like one?

The problem, as I see it, is that young people in this country are rarely given the opportunity to learn how to drink responsibly. According to the law, drinking is strictly forbidden until age 21, and then anything goes. We take a different approach with cars; we give young drivers permission to drive with restrictions in the hope that they will learn through experience to handle a car. As they demonstrate increased proficiency, the restrictions are eased until eventually adult privileges are granted. In that spirit, I offer the following modest suggestion: drinking permits.

To obtain a drinking permit, a person between the ages of 18 and 20 would have to take an appropriate short course — Drinker's Education — and pass

a written test. The course would explain the effects of drinking on mental and physical performance, teach how much is reasonable to drink within a given time period, show scary movies about the horrible consequences of excessive drinking, and so on. Think of the jobs this would provide for recent graduates of the School of Public Health. People under 21 would be allowed to drink in bars, restaurants, and elsewhere if they have a valid drinking permit. If all they want to do is listen to live music, dance, and have a few drinks, this should keep both them and the bar owners happy.

The permit would be revoked, however, if its possessor were convicted of an alcohol-related offense such as public intoxication or driving while under the influence. Perhaps one warning could be allowed. The penalty for underage drinking without a permit would be severe, considerably more so than the current penalties for PAULA offenses, as would the penalty for serving alcohol to an underage person without a permit. This would reduce the amount of damage caused by irresponsible drinkers, to the benefit of citizens and taxpayers.

The system would give young people the right to drink but an incentive to do so responsibly. Hopefully, by the time they reached 21, young people would have learned how to drink more responsibly and would have outgrown the desire to drink themselves silly. After all, to be old and wise, you must first be young and stupid. No doubt this isn't a perfect solution. There are plenty over age 21 who drink irresponsibly, too. But given the mess we are in, with bar owners turning a blind eye to underage drinking, the City Council proposing to exclude young people from bars entirely, and Iowa City the binge-drinking capital of America, how could it make things worse?

John L. Solow

UI associate professor of economics

LETTERS

U.S. enslaved by fast food

In its editorial, "Mickey-D's could stand to lose the fat" (*DI*, Sept. 28), the *DI* Editorial Board rightly points out, to no one's surprise, that the fast-food industry's fare is overly laden with saturated and trans fats. It missed the opportunity, however, to note the real failings behind McDonald's and all other fast-food chains.

The fast-food industry and most chain restaurants all fail to recognize that the enjoyment of wholesome food is essential to the pursuit of happiness. They fail to recognize that stewardship of the land and ecologically sound food production are essential to the future of the nation and the world. They ignore the fact that our society is in dire need of the revival of the kitchen and the table as centers of pleasure, culture,

and community. We all need the invigoration and proliferation of regional, seasonal culinary traditions to live a slower and more harmonious rhythm of life.

America has been tricked. Hornswaggled. Hoodwinked. Flimflammed. We have been carefully taught to believe that cooking is a chore, like washing windows or the laundry, and that food is merely fuel that should be consumed with as much regard as filling our gas tanks. We are enslaved by speed and have all succumbed to the same insidious virus: Fast Life.

May suitable doses of guaranteed sensual pleasure and slow, long-lasting enjoyment preserve us from the contagion of the multitude who mistake frenzy for efficiency.

Chef Kurt Michael Friese
director, Slow Food Iowa

Franker right for the job

Congressional candidate Dave Franker concludes his service to the Iowa City School Board this week. His term on the board has been characterized by a remarkable energy that has resulted in substantial action. Franker's understanding of the community and its needs, developed over many years as an active parent, teacher, neighbor, coach, and chaplain, allowed him to develop and help implement a well-tailored progressive vision for our School District.

Franker took the lead in promoting ecologically sustainable design and alternative energy for our expanding infrastructure, for improving student nutrition in the schools, for promoting community

partnerships, and for initiating conversations with legislators and neighboring educators about issues critical to the future of families and education in our region. He worked thoughtfully and diligently from his first day on the board to his last. Now, he needs your support to bring that energy and vision to a wider stage and serve as your voice in the U.S. House of Representatives.

It is time for Iowa's 2nd Congressional District, which is overwhelmingly Democratic in numbers, to be led by a Democrat with a track record of progressive ideas and action. Please join me in supporting Dave Franker for Congress.

Lauren Reece

Iowa City School Board member

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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ON THE SPOT

What should be the legal age for bar entry in Iowa City?



"I think it's fine where it's at right now — 19"

Elyse Sable
UI freshman



"Keep it the same, because people are going to drink anyway."

Celia Christensen
UI senior



"Why not 18?"

Alex Alger
UI senior



"Now that I'm 21, I think it should be 21."

Megan Evans
UI senior

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Game controller sold locally may be illegal

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"A lot of gangs have turned to selling games instead of drugs or guns because of the low level of enforcement and high profit," Hirsch said.

Although the idea of mobsters manufacturing and distributing pirated video-game systems might seem unusual, he said, many criminal organizations have the resources needed for such a large-scale operation.

"Groups that have access to significant amounts of capital and the ability to move products across borders ... these are usually characteristics of criminal networks," he said.

Christina Bohannon, an associate UI law professor and copyright-law expert, said any device that copies games without copyright permission is illegal.

"If these devices have the game stored, and it indeed is a copy of the game, then the question is, do they have permission?" she said.

The Power Player doesn't have permission to use many of its featured classics, including Donkey Kong and Duck Hunt, said Jodi Daugherty, the director of anti-piracy for Nintendo of America.

The manager of "The Playground," which sells the Power

Player at a kiosk between Sun-glass Hut and Pearle Vision in the Coral Ridge Mall, declined to give his name or discuss the Power Player. Representatives for the Coral Ridge Mall were unavailable for comment Wednesday.

The original supplier of the Power Player is difficult to decipher, with no identification on the box except for a small "Made in China" sticker. Some retailers advertise the Power Player on websites, but two that were contacted refused to reveal any company information or the manufacturer's identity.

Coralville police Sgt. Tim Vest said he couldn't recall his

department charging anyone for this type of piracy, and he was unsure if federal or local jurisdiction would apply if the Power Player was deemed illegal.

Kelly, whose favorite game on the device was Arkanoïd, said she was surprised to learn the device might be illegal. She had bought the toy after a salesman lowered the price from \$50 to \$40, and she had been pretty satisfied with her purchase.

"Then again, it's not very high quality," she said. "It probably would be just as smart to buy an old Nintendo."

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Burglaries skyrocket in Iowa City

BURGLARIES

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The typical burglars are younger males, in their late teens or early 20s. They usually aren't students and can commute from such area cities as Cedar Rapids and Davenport.

Students are also more likely to be assaulted when they leave doors unlocked. Krei said students should lock doors when they are in the residence and when they leave even if people are still home.

"The burglars may be there for property, but when they enter, you leave a roommate

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vulnerable to assault," Krei said, adding that victims should call 911 if ever confronted with a stranger in their homes.

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— Matt Staab, UI senior who uses ham radios

Radio-club members passionate about connecting

RADIOS

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Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

UI Amateur Radio Club enthusiast Robert Hansen tunes in other "hams" as club President Andy Cowan calls them Tuesday evening in City Park. During their time searching the band, they tuned in people from as far away as Nicaragua.

because hams can keep in contact with citizens whose phone lines are down because of a hurricane or tornado.

Yet the radio club, composed of roughly eight members, focuses mainly on making contacts and exploring technical aspects.

A technician's license is required by the federal government to use ham radios, but members said it is easy to obtain.

The club died in 1984 but started back up again in 1997. When Cowan took it over in 2000, there was one member.

Cowan and UI senior Matt Staab, also a physics/astronomy

major, have been the backbone of the organization for four years, and both are concerned about the future of the club after they graduate this year.

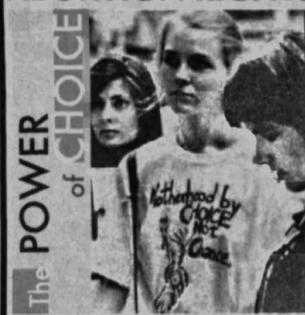
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Fallout over endorsement continues

ENDORSEMENT

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"She can send all the letters she wants, but she's not going to change my mind," he said. "Is she trying to tell me whom I can vote for? I don't think anyone in the country has that right."

The long-time Democrat officially endorsed Republican Steve Snyder over Democrat Lonny Pulkrabek after Snyder approached the sheriff on Sept. 26.

He had originally endorsed Pulkrabek's opponent in the Democratic primary, Keith Slaughter.

Carpenter chose Snyder on the basis of his management experience, according to a Sept. 28 letter addressed to voters. He added in a phone interview Wednesday that interactions with both men made it easy for him to favor Snyder as a potential replacement.

"After 18 years of having an employee working for you, you get to know the individual pret-

ty well," Carpenter said in reference to Pulkrabek.

The Democratic candidate assailed Carpenter's endorsement letter and subsequent comments.

"I'm sorry to see he believes someone who was a police officer in Coralville for six years is more qualified than someone who has been working in the sheriff's department for 18 years," Pulkrabek said.

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2 to be executed for Cole-bombing ties

CONVICTIONS

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The judge ordered Jamal al-Badawi, a 35-year-old Yemeni, and Saudi-born Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, who is in U.S. custody at an undisclosed location, executed for plotting the attack by two suicide bombers who blew up an explosives-laden boat next to the Cole as it refueled in the Yemeni port of Aden on Oct. 12, 2000.

In reading the verdict, the judge pointed to the prosecution's statement that Badawi and al-Nashiri bought the speedboat the bombers rammed into the Cole.

"This verdict is an American one and unjust," al-Badawi yelled from behind the bars of a courtroom cell after al-Qaderi sentenced him to death. "There are no human rights in the world, except for the Americans. All the Muslims in the world are being used to serve American interests."

Al-Nashiri, who is believed to have masterminded the Cole attack and also thought to have directed the 1998 bombings at the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, was the only defendant not present during the trial.

Al-Nashiri is one of a number of senior Qaeda figures who have been held in U.S. custody at undisclosed locations for interrogations since their captures. It is not believed the suspects are being held at the U.S. terror jail at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, but instead are held in another country overseas.

U.S. officials have not said whether they will hand Al-

Nashiri over to Yemeni authorities, and it not clear how the verdict would affect his detention. Four American officials attended the sentencing, but refused to comment on the trial. U.S. Embassy officials in Yemen, reached by The Associated Press, also declined immediate comment.

The United States announced al-Nashiri's arrest in 2002. He was detained in the United Arab Emirates and transferred to American custody. U.S. officials believe he is a close associate of Saudi-born bin Laden.

Al-Nashiri's lawyer, Mohammed al-Ezzani, accused the court of not using any of the evidence he presented to argue his client's innocence. "There are no documents by which the court can justify its death sentence," al-Ezzani told AP.

Mohammed al-Badawi, the brother of the Yemeni condemned to death, denounced the verdict and told AP his brother and the four other Yemenis convicted Wednesday would appeal their sentences.

Al-Badawi's father, also named Mohammed, urged Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh to overturn the decision, which he claimed was made "under heavy American pressure."

"It is a ready-made verdict and we will appeal," the father said.

The six men were all charged with belonging to Al Qaeda and playing various roles in the suicide attack on the Cole, which was carried out by two Yemenis, Ibrahim al-Thawr and Hasaan al-Khamri.

"The evidence obtained by the court affirms the collaboration of the defendants in the case ... which harmed the country, its reputation and threatened its social stability and security," the judge said before issuing his sentences.

Al-Qaderi sentenced Fahd al-Qasa to 10 years in prison for filming the bombing, which ripped a huge hole in the destroyer. Evidence was given that al-Qasa traveled to Afghanistan in 1997 to train at a Qaeda terrorist camp, but it was unclear how long he spent there before returning to Yemen, a tribal-dominated country at the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula.

Maamoun Msouh received an eight-year term for delivering money used in preparations for the attack and for assisting al-Badawi. Ali Mohammed Saleh and Murad al-Sirouri were each sentenced to five years for forging identification documents used by one of the suicide bombers.

A Yemeni political analyst, Mohammed al-Sabri, said the verdicts did not mean the case was over.

"This is not a criminal case, but one of a political and strategic nature," al-Sabri said, noting that al-Nashiri is held by the Americans and perhaps could face a U.S. trial.

But he suggested other people suspected of involvement in the Cole attack, including some under arrest, were not being tried because Yemeni leaders hoped to quiet talk about the case. "Authorities want to get rid of a psychological and media burden," he said.

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British captive in Iraq pleads for life

The Briton is being held by the group that executed his American companions

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A weeping British hostage was shown pleading for help between the bars of a makeshift cage in a video that surfaced Wednesday, a sobering reminder of the grim reality for at least 18 foreign

captives still held by Iraqi militants.

There is wide speculation that ransoms were paid for the freedom of a dozen hostages, including two Italian aid workers.

The new footage, first broadcast on the Arab news network Al-Jazeera and then posted on the Internet, showed Kenneth Bigley begging British Prime Minister Tony Blair to meet his captors' demands.

"Tony Blair, I am begging you for my life," the 62-year-old Bigley said between sobs. "Have some compassion. Only you can help me now."

He accused Blair of lying about efforts to secure his release, saying no negotiations were taking place.

"My life is cheap. He doesn't care about me. I am just one person," the civil engineer said. "I want to go home. Please, Mr. Blair, don't leave me here."

It was the second tape in a week to surface showing Bigley appealing for help. Iraq's most feared terror group, Tawhid and Jihad, beheaded two American hostages seized with Bigley and warned he will be the next to die unless Iraqi women prisoners are freed.

Gruesome videotapes of the

killings were posted on the Internet, and the men's decapitated bodies were found in Baghdad — not far from the upscale neighborhood where they were seized from their house Sept. 16.

In the latest tape, Bigley sat hunched on the floor of a cage, his hands and legs in chains. He was dressed in an orange jumpsuit, similar to those worn by Americans Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley when they were slain. The leader of Tawhid and Jihad, Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, personally beheaded Armstrong.



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Lil Bigley, 86, the mother of Baghdad hostage Kenneth Bigley, is carried to an ambulance by two paramedics at her home in Liverpool, England, on Sept. 25. She was taken to hospital for a second time after paramedics spent half an hour with her in the house.

WORLD

Palestinian rocket hits town, killing 2

SDEROT, Israel (AP) — A Palestinian rocket slammed into a street in this southern Israeli town Wednesday, killing two preschool children playing in a yard as Israelis ushered in the fall harvest festival of Sukkot.

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon phoned Sderot Mayor Eli Moyal and told him that "Israel will respond" to the attack, a government official said.

The rocket attack came in defiance of a major Israeli raid into the nearby Gaza Strip aimed at rooting out militants behind an unending wave of rocket attacks in recent weeks. The raid, which began late Tuesday, killed four Palestinians and wounded 46 others, Palestinian hospital officials said.

In response to the Sderot attack, Israeli security officials said they would broaden the operation in northern Gaza; an Israeli helicopter strike near a Gaza refugee camp killed one Palestinian militant and wounded another.

Elsewhere in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, seven Palestinians, including a 14-year-old boy, were killed by Israeli army fire.

The government official said Sharon promised Moyal that the military would make it more difficult for Palestinians to launch missiles at the border town. The official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, did not give details.

43 North Koreans clamber into embassy in Beijing

BEIJING (AP) — Forty-three men, women, and children using ladders clambered over a spiked fence around the Canadian Embassy on Wednesday in what appeared to be the biggest recent bid for asylum by North Koreans. One other man was stopped by police.

The group, which reportedly included two former political prisoners, was an embarrassing reminder of the dismal conditions in North Korea, whose isolationist, Stalinist dictatorship is officially China's ally.

There was no immediate indication whether the incident might hinder Chinese diplomatic efforts to persuade North Korea to attend a new round of six-nation talks on Washington's demand that the North give up its nuclear-weapons program. China is obligated by treaty to send home fleeing North Koreans, but it hasn't done so in cases that become public.

Tens of thousands of North Koreans fleeing famine and repression at home live in hiding in China's northeast. Hundreds have been allowed to leave for South Korea over the past three years after gaining refuge by dashing into embassies and other foreign offices in China.

Canadian officials said they couldn't provide any details on the embassy invaders.

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MONTREAL EXPOS MOVE TO WASHINGTON D.C. 2B

INJURY

North Texas' Cobbs done for the year

DENTON, Texas (AP) — North Texas running back Patrick Cobbs, the NCAA's leading rusher and scorer last season, will sit out the rest of this season because of a knee injury. Cobbs sprained ligaments in his left knee against Florida Atlantic on Sept. 11, the second game for the Mean Green (0-4). He missed the last two games. Coach Darrell Dickey said there was too much of a risk of permanent damage if Cobbs tried to rush his recovery. The school will seek a medical red-shirt for Cobbs to return next season as a fifth-year senior.



Cobbs

NFL

Browns expect better Winslow after return

BEREA, Ohio (AP) — Browns rookie tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. will need at least four months to make a full recovery after a second operation on his right leg. Winslow, whose season ended abruptly when he broke his leg trying to recover an inside kick on Sept. 19, had a sprained ligament in his ankle surgically repaired on Tuesday. Browns coach Butch Davis expects the No. 6 overall pick in this year's NFL draft to have a huge impact once he returns to the field. "I have absolute total confidence that he'll be back and be everything we thought he could be," Davis said. Only time will tell, but the Browns expect Winslow to be 100 percent for the start of training camp next year. Two days after breaking his fibula, Winslow had a metal plate and screws inserted to fix the bone and the Browns were hopeful the former Miami star would play again this season.

Top UI golfer looks to parents for support

Senior golfer LIZ BENNETT calls Iowa home for her fourth and final year

BY TED MCCARTAN
 THE DAILY IOWAN

It took Liz Bennett's parents 28 hours to travel to and from Iowa City last weekend. The 54-hole tournament they watched at Finkbine Golf Course lasted 12. Michael and Susie Bennett have already made the trek from England to the United States twice this season to watch their daughter Liz, who is competing in her final season on the Iowa women's golf team, and they plan on making the trip at least one more time this year. The journey starts for the Bennetts when they walk to the train station in their hometown of Sway, England, pulling their "cases" behind. From there they ride nearly 90 minutes to Waterloo, a major train station in London. Next they get on the Underground, which takes them to Heathrow Airport — a ride that takes another hour. By air, they travel with United Airlines, accumulating frequent flier miles, 8½ hours to O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. After passing through customs and security, which can take up to two hours, they rent a car and are off. With Susie usually behind the wheel and Michael doing the navigating, they make their way (I-88 to I-80) through the plains and fields to the land of the Hawkeyes. The Bennetts take advantage of Michael Bennett's job in the travel industry to hop the pond and support their daughter, as they did last weekend for the Hawkeye Intercollegiate in Iowa City. "We look at Elizabeth's schedule for the semester, then we look at cities that may be nearby where she's playing," Susie Bennett said with an accent that would make Queen Elizabeth sound like a truck driver. Last weekend, they found themselves in Texas on business. Out of the Lone Star State, they flew up to Chicago and drove to stay with the parents of Liz Bennett's Iowa teammate Lauren Cole in Eldridge, Iowa. On Sunday,



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Lauren Cole looks on while Liz Bennett takes a long putt shot during practice at Finkbine on Wednesday afternoon. Bennett's parents attended some of her meets, traveling from Britain to see her play.

after Iowa won the tournament, they made their flight out of Chicago at 9:25 p.m. CST and made it back to Heathrow at 11 a.m. London time on Monday. From there, Michael Bennett went directly to work. "Crazy, isn't it?" Susie Bennett said. "It's about as crazy as her daughter's decision to come to Iowa from Britain in the first place. She used an online recruiting service called College Prospects of America. "I came over to America in November on a trip with a golf team and played with some Americans. I decided I didn't want to come to America after that — too much emphasis on golf less emphasis on studying," Liz remembered. "Then I came over again in March and played with some Americans, and they were like, 'No, you're going to love it, just SEE GOLF, PAGE 4B



Liz Bennett, who is originally from Britain, watches her teammate take a shot at the Iowa women's golf practice Wednesday afternoon at Finkbine.

Tennis duo still strong

Doubles partners KYLE MARKHAM AND BRETT TAYLOR have played together since the age of 15; during the 2004 season they posted a record of 20-3

BY RYAN LONG
 THE DAILY IOWAN

The story began with an axed athletics program. Now, a new chapter begins in Iowa City for tennis standouts Kyle Markham and Brett Taylor. University of West Virginia freshman tennis player Markham needed a place to play after the Mountaineers squad was cut with three weeks left in the 2002 school year. "I didn't know what to think," he said. "I could've stayed there and gotten my scholarship, but I wanted to still play tennis." Markham was unsure of what he was going to do until help came ringing. Markham received a phone call from Taylor — his friend and old doubles partner when the two had played in summer circuits at the age of 15. Taylor, a native of Salina, Kan., was enrolled at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kan. He invited Markham, who hails from Goddard, Kan., to rejoin his



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Hawkeye junior Kyle Markham hits the ball during a drill on Tuesday in City Park. Markham came to Iowa, along with junior Brett Taylor, from Johnson County Community College in Kansas.

side and compete at the junior-college level. "Brett out of the blue just called me because we talked during the year, and I told him about what happened, and he was like, 'Come here', and I was like, 'All right.'" What did this translate to? Domination. SEE TENNIS, PAGE 4B

Freshman soccer players dominate the team and field

BY BRYAN BAMONTE
 THE DAILY IOWAN

It's like an unripe banana. The predicament facing Iowa soccer coach Carla Baker as she looks at her current depth chart is one that at times frustrates her but more importantly excites her. The team has 27 women, nearly half of whom are fresh off their Senior Proms. "We're excited with the young players involved in our program," Baker said. "They are great people, great students, and great student-athletes for us going forward. "We knew that the freshman class would contribute quite a bit to our program. I just didn't realize how special they were as a group until they actually came in." The tough thing for Baker, who is in her third year at Iowa, is keeping in mind whom she is coaching, remembering that the team is not made up of seniors and that the little things might

not be realized yet. However, knowing what the group is capable of, she is not going to complain. "It's just a matter of them understanding what the Big Ten way is," she said. "You always say you think you know what you're getting into until you get there, but their eyes were a little bigger when they faced their first Big Ten opponent." Without senior Kitty Montgomery, the anchor to a defensive unit in charge of protecting Iowa goaltender Britta Vogele, and last season's leading scorer Katelyn Quinn, Baker has had to make some adjustments, and some players have seen more time than expected. "You never want to be without two key players, and as unfortunate as it is because you lose that experience and leadership, it clears the way for other student-athletes to get playing time," Baker said. SEE SOCCER, PAGE 4B

SPORTS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
All Times CDT

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	84	65	.561	—
Philadelphia	83	75	.523	10 1/2
Florida	82	76	.519	11 1/2
New York	70	89	.440	24
Montreal	65	94	.409	29
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	103	55	.652	—
Houston	89	70	.560	14 1/2
Chicago	86	70	.557	15
Cincinnati	74	84	.468	29
Pittsburgh	70	88	.443	33
Milwaukee	65	92	.414	37 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	91	67	.578	—
San Francisco	88	70	.557	3
San Diego	86	72	.544	5
Colorado	68	90	.430	23
Arizona	49	110	.308	42 1/2

x-clinched division
Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 6, N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 4, Chicago Cubs 3, 12 innings
Philadelphia 8, Pittsburgh 4, 1st game
Philadelphia 8, Pittsburgh 3, 2nd game
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 1
Florida 9, Montreal 1
Houston 6, St. Louis 4
San Diego 4, San Francisco 3, 10 innings
Colorado 4, Los Angeles 1
Today's Games
Cincinnati (Harang 10-9) at Chicago Cubs (Prior 6-4), 1:20 p.m.
Florida (Willis 10-11) at Philadelphia (Floyd 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (D.Davis 11-12) at St. Louis (Morris 15-9), 7:10 p.m.

San Francisco (J.Williams 9-7) at San Diego (Eaton 11-13), 9:05 p.m.
Colorado (Lariviere 11-12) at Los Angeles (Lima 13-5), 9:10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.
Montreal at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:10 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Los Angeles, 9:10 p.m.

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Houston	89	70	3
Chi Cubs	88	70	4
San Francisco	88	70	4
San Diego	86	72	4

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	99	59	.627	—
Boston	95	63	.601	4
Baltimore	76	81	.484	22 1/2
Tampa Bay	67	89	.429	31
Toronto	66	92	.414	33 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	90	68	.570	—
Chicago	80	78	.506	10
Cleveland	79	80	.497	11 1/2
Detroit	70	87	.446	19 1/2
Kansas City	57	101	.361	33
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Anaheim	90	68	.570	—
Oakland	89	69	.563	1
Texas	86	72	.544	4
Seattle	62	96	.392	28

Friday
• Soccer at Northwestern, 4 p.m.
• Volleyball at Penn State, 6 p.m.

Saturday
• Football hosts Michigan State (Homecoming), 11:05 a.m. (Televise by ESPN-plus)
• Volleyball at Ohio State, 6 p.m.
• Women's cross-country at Murray Keating Invitational, all day in Orono, Maine

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Chicago White Sox 11, Detroit 2
Baltimore 7, Toronto 6, 1st game
Baltimore 4, Toronto 0, 2nd game
N.Y. Yankees 5, Minnesota 3, 1st game
Tampa Bay 9, Boston 4
Cleveland 5, Kansas City 2
Anaheim 8, Texas 7, 11 innings
Seattle 4, Oakland 2
Today's Games
Detroit (Bordenman 10-13) at Tampa Bay (Brazelton 6-7), 12:15 p.m., 1st game
Detroit (Ledezma 4-3) at Tampa Bay (Hendrickson 10-15), 2nd game

Anaheim (Lackey 14-12) at Texas (C.Young 2-2), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (R.Franklin 4-16) at Oakland (Redman 11-12), 2:35 p.m.
Toronto (Towers 9-7) at Baltimore (Riley 2-4), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 11-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 14-10), 6:05 p.m.
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Oct. 3
• Soccer at Illinois, 2 p.m.
• Softball hosts Fall Classic vs. Indian Hills, 2 p.m., Kirkwood, 4 p.m.
• Men's golf at Memphis Intercollegiate, all day

Finally — baseball re-Districts

The long-awaited move is official — the Expos are heading for D.C.

BY JOSEPH WHITE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The last time the nation's capital was home to the national pastime, the game was literally a riot.

Fans stormed the field with two outs in the ninth inning of the Washington Senators' farewell appearance at RFK Stadium on Sept. 30, 1971, a culmination of anger over owner Bob Short's decision to move the team to Texas. The Senators were leading the New York Yankees, 7-5, but the game was not finished and declared a forfeit.

"The kids just went wild," said Charlie Brotman, the long-time Senators public-address announcer. "They were tearing up the turf with their hands and putting it in their pockets, going into the dugout. Anything that wasn't nailed down, they were picking up. There was not dissatisfaction. There was hate."

There was also the expectation back then that, in a few years or so, Major League Baseball would find a way to put a team back in Washington. Instead, the last three decades became an unending parade of frustration as one close call after another failed to materialize. A hopeful city turned into a jilted, jaded city. Baseball in D.C.? Ha! That'll be the day.

The day arrived Wednesday, when Major League Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig issued a statement saying the Montreal Expos will move to Washington.

"After 30 years of waiting and waiting and waiting, and lots of hard work, and more than a few prayers, there will be baseball in Washington in 2005," Mayor Anthony Williams, donning a Washington Senators cap, told a jubilant news conference at the City Museum.

In Montreal, Expos President Tony Tavares told a news conference at Olympic Stadium, "It's a day when the sun is setting in Montreal, but it's rising in Washington."

Baseball is proud that its franchises rarely move — the Senators were the last team to relocate — so it took an extremely unusual set of circumstances and a willingness to pay a steep price tag to give Washington its long awaited reward.

The money-losing Expos were bought by the other 29 major-league owners in 2002, and the search began for a new home for the team. Las Vegas; Norfolk, Va.; Monterrey, Mexico; and Portland, Ore., all made bids, but none of those locations could match the Washington area's combination of a wealthy population base and a ready-made stadium that can be used while a state-of-the-art ballpark is built.

"The stark, staring fact is, 'Where else?'" said baseball author and political columnist



Montréal Expos fans show their feelings before the team's final home game on Wednesday. The Expos, Canada's first major-league team, will move to Washington, D.C., next season after 35 years in Montréal.

"I think it's great. I've lived here all my life, I was a Washington Senators fan in the old days; it's good to have it back." — Bob Ryan, retired D.C. resident

"I think it's really good ... I think it's been 30 years; it's been way too long without a team down here. It's a national pastime, and this is the nation's capital ... I think it will really get everyone in the District interested in baseball, and then they'll go up to Baltimore to see games there, as well, so I don't think the Orioles really should think it's a huge competition ... I'm really excited about the announcement today." — Erin Dieterich, Silver Spring, Md. resident

"They want to say the taxpayers are going to pay for the stadium but what about the educational system here in D.C.; our schools are dilapidated ... If tax money is going to be used, first of all, let's clean up the water, water is the first issue ... I'm very opposed to it; it upsets me to even think that they would do this." — Oliver Murdock, D.C. resident

George Will. "You can't do something with nothing. Someday Norfolk-Hampton Roads, maybe. Someday Las Vegas, maybe. Not now. Who can say with a straight face those are better for Major League Baseball than the Washington, D.C., area?"

Even so, deadline after deadline was missed as baseball sought the perfect financial deal. Washington came through with a \$440 million package that includes a new ballpark on the Anacostia River, giving the city a clear advantage over a rival bid from Northern Virginia.

Much of the upfront money would come from a tax on the city's biggest businesses, which the City Council would have to approve. For some, the deal is too generous for a city that struggles to fund schools and city services.

"I think everybody is excited about baseball coming to the District," City Councilor Adrian Fenty said even as he sounded a caution: "Very few District residents are excited about a full subsidy to pay for this stadium. ... At the end of the day, you're not going to have [enough] councilors support it."

Another hurdle has been

Baltimore Orioles owner Peter Angelos, who feels his team would be damaged financially by a competitor just 40 miles down the road. Baseball officials spent the last few days negotiating a compensation deal for Angelos.

While getting baseball back to Washington has been a struggle, the reality of having baseball in the capital wasn't always a source of joy. The original Senators, as the saying goes, were "first in war, first in peace, and last in the American League." Owner Calvin Griffith, unhappy with attendance at the old Griffith Stadium, moved the team to Minnesota after the 1960 season as part of a deal that gave Washington an expansion team.

The new Senators weren't much better. Attendance sagged at RFK Stadium, which opened for baseball in 1962.

"Keep in mind there were only about 1 million people in the area at the time," Brotman said. "Transportation was not good. It was inconvenient. And we had, I have to say, a bad product."

Short moved the team to Texas, where it became the Rangers, and the District has been teased regularly ever since. The San Diego Padres were so close to moving here in 1973 that baseball cards were printed with "Washington" in the team name.

Expansion franchises were awarded in 1976, 1991, and 1995, but the Washington-Northern Virginia area was spurned each time. In 1976, Northern Virginia businessman William Collins had an agreement to buy and move the Houston Astros, but Houston voters narrowly approved a referendum for a new stadium to keep their team.

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SPORTS

Senior golfer in top spot

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try one year. If you don't like it, you can go back."

After the trip, her decision was made "spur of the moment." She told her parents about it, arranged to take SATs in England in addition to processing various applications, her visa, and immigration forms.

The hardest part after all the red tape was finally choosing a school, because she had no idea or frame of reference regarding a program that best suited her. She decided against schools in Southern states such as Alabama and the Carolinas because of the heat — and she was turned on to Iowa by former European Hawkeye, Laura Holmes.

"I was really worried," Susie Bennett said.

"I didn't know what the university was like or anything, and when she flew out at the age of 18 to an unknown university I was really concerned."

But since she's been in Iowa City, Liz Bennett has been the Tiger Woods of a mediocre Iowa golf team, the top player since her freshman year.

"Certainly, she's been our low-stroke average, and obviously, that's invaluable," coach Bobbe Carney said.

"This year, she's taken on a leadership role, which is good for the team, good for her, and good for me. She's done a lot of good things to help build a team concept."

A team is something that Liz Bennett has thrived in with American golf, different from golf overseas where practicing is done in solitude. She described

how golf teams in England are limited to only four or five schools, are co-ed, lack practice facilities, and are restricted to only two meets a year.

But the golf is only part of what the entire Bennett family enjoys about Iowa.

"Living in America ... People are so friendly and so outgoing, compared with people back at England, who're probably drinking away in the pubs," Liz Bennett said. "And my parents love Iowa City."

"I think it's delightful," Susie Bennett said.

"The people are very kind. As soon as I open my mouth, they want to know where I come from. There's beautiful scenery, lovely cornfields, clean air, — oh it's just wonderful."

"I think she's a very fortunate girl," Susie Bennett said. "One,

she was picked. And two, that the American people have offered her this wonderful opportunity. There's no other country that would do that."

It's the same country that refers to Liz Bennett's trousers as pants, her jumpers as sweaters, and her biscuits as cookies.

The same country that has taught her a lot.

"I finally decided I wanted to come over to America because I realized the opportunity over here," she said.

"I play golf as well as get my academics done, whereas in England you can't really do that."

And for Michael, Susie, and Liz Bennett, it's been worth the trip.

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SPORTS

Olympian's suicide note blames failures

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — In a suicide note made public Wednesday, a former Olympian wrote of being haunted by perceived failures and blamed at least some of them on his wife, whom he is believed to have stabbed to death before killing himself.

"I have worked so hard in this lifetime, and to fall short on many occasions has been hard," the note written by Robert Howard begins.

Howard, a medical student and 10-time NCAA champion in the long jump and triple jump at the University of Arkansas, was a two-time Olympian who had never won a medal. He failed in his third attempt to make the U.S. Olympic team for this year's games.

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Doubles partners dominate

TENNIS

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The duo turned in one of the best performances in school history during the 2004 season. The No. 1 doubles team posted a 20-3 record, the most wins by any doubles team in school history. Their .870 winning percentage also ranked third all-time at Johnson County JC. Prior to that spring, Taylor and Markham earned a national ranking of seventh in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association/National Junior College Athletic Association poll for the fall 2003 season.

The two drew the attention of Iowa men's tennis head coach Steve Houghton, who had already had some contact with Markham.

"After West Virginia, I had talked to Coach Houghton. I wanted to come [to Iowa], but he didn't have any scholarship money," Markham said.

On May 6, that all changed, when Markham and Taylor signed an Iowa letter of intent.

The two juniors are looking forward to add some leadership to a youthful team that went 0-10 in the Big Ten last season.

"It's a real young team. Both of us are the two oldest guys on the team coming in," Taylor said. "We've had college experience, but not at this level, so we've gotta pick it up and get everyone else on the right track, too."

Markham and Taylor have a style of play that they consider to be unique when being compared with other doubles teams across the country. They both play an attacking style of singles play that involves getting to the net to put the point away. The two bring the same type of game to their doubles. This is where the junior college experience together plays to their advantage.

"We do a lot of different things in doubles that most teams don't do," Markham said. "Just like formations and the way we play, you don't see it very often."

Houghton noticed their style this past weekend at the Husker Invitational, where



Hawkeye junior Brett Taylor sends the ball back to a teammate during tennis practice on Tuesday afternoon in City Park.

the tandem went 3-1, defeating Drake, Minnesota, Denver, and losing (8-6) to Wisconsin.

"These guys are abnormally good in terms of team attitude, inspiring other guys, working hard," Houghton said. "Actually, I'd consider them good leaders on the team even though they've only been here for about a month."

Markham and Taylor have been a pleasant surprise for Houghton.

"When I recruited these guys, one thing I thought about was that I knew I'd be bringing in a team that would be at least a No. 2 type team for us, if not a No. 1," he said. "They've certainly shown they can be a No. 1 team so far."

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Youthful team looks promising

SOCCER

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Obviously, she would love to have Montgomery and Quinn on the field. However, having a young core of talent to choose from when looking for replacements suits her just fine.

One thing that has plagued the team this season has been its lack of consistent pressure, something Baker attributes to youthfulness. But each game seems to display flashes of brilliance in the way some of the younger players contribute on the field. Whether it be toying with defenders or ripping shots from awkward angles that are just off target, the future for the team seems to be in good hands.

As for this season, the Iowa coach knows she can't expect flawless play, and she is thus less concerned about winning than she is about progress and the time off the field. She continues to lay the foundation for a program that is undoubtedly on the rise, looking for small steps as opposed to giant leaps.

"The team has risen to the challenges this season, and it continues to play well in game

situations," Baker said. "Some players have contributed a bit more than others, but that class is just an exceptional one."

And you can bet that the coach is not the only one salivating at the team's outlook; the players know what lies ahead.

"We know what we have," said freshman mid-forward Kelsie Full. "I think it's pretty cool that we have all these freshmen, and we have some really good returning seniors, so we know we have something to build on."

Teammate Lindsey Boldt, who has yet to see game action — understandably, considering Iowa has senior leader Voegle in the net — believes in the team and the coaching staff. She didn't hesitate when asking why she chose Iowa City as her destination.

"The coaching staff," she said. "It's going to get better from here; it can only get better."

Many of the freshmen have already been instrumental in the Hawkeyes' games, playing vital roles for Baker. Freshman Jamie Maltman leads the team in shots taken, while three of Iowa's four starting defenders are freshman.



Iowa freshman Susan Yagla battles Michigan for possession of the ball during Sunday's game at the Iowa Soccer Complex. Yagla is one of 13 freshmen on the Hawkeye roster.

"The opportunity to start for a Big Ten program as a freshman is pretty rare," Baker said. "And when you look at our team, we have numerous freshmen in that position."

Boldt, who knows her time will come, summed up the team's prospectus in one sentence.

"We're going to be a force in the Big Ten."

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Reds deal Cubs key loss in 12th

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CHICAGO — Austin Kearns tied the game with a two-out double in the ninth inning, then hit a two-run homer in the 12th and the Cincinnati Reds dealt the Chicago Cubs a key loss, 4-3, on Wednesday.

The Cubs began the day tied for the NL wild-card lead with the Giants and one-half game ahead of Houston. San Francisco played at San Diego later, and St. Louis was at Houston.

Chicago, which has lost four of its last five, has four games remaining — one more with the Reds today before concluding the regular season with a three-game series at Wrigley Field against NL East champion Atlanta.

Kearns, who also made a great catch in right to rob Sammy Sosa of extra bases, hit a two-run homer off Jon Leicester (5-1) after a walk to D'Angelo Jimenez.

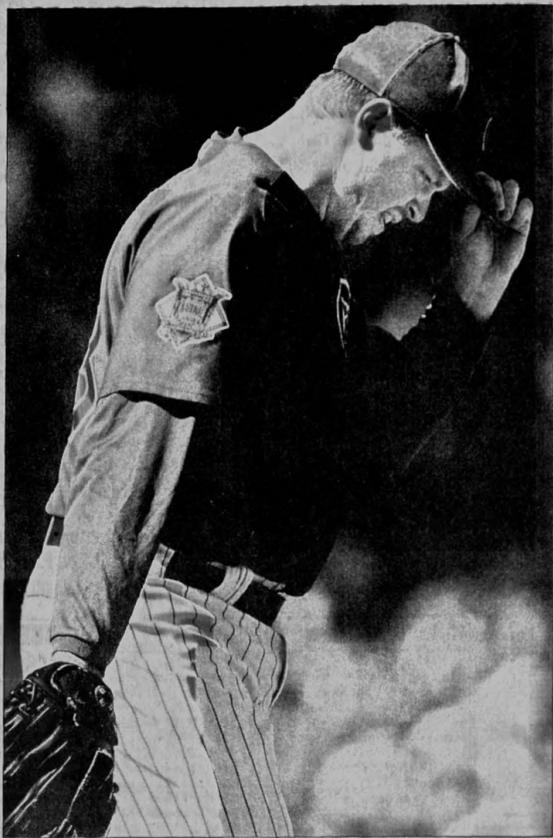
John Riedling (5-3), who retired Ben Grieve on a comebacker with Sosa at third in the 11th, got the win.

The Cubs tried to rally in the 12th against Joe Valentine, who got his fourth save.

After a leadoff walk, Valentine threw away Nomar Garciaparra's comebacker, putting runners on the corners with no outs. But Moises Alou grounded into a double play as a run scored, and after Aram Ramirez singled, Derrek Lee struck out.

With Chicago leading 2-1 and one out away from a victory in the ninth, Cubs closer LaTroy Hawkins blew his ninth save. After retiring Sean Casey and Adam Dunn, he gave up a two-out triple to Jimenez and Kearns' double off the wall in left-center field.

Hawkins struck out pinch-hitter Jacob Cruz to end the inning, but he was showered with boos as he walked off the field. He'd given up a game-tying, three-run homer in the ninth Sept. 25 at New York in a game the Cubs eventually lost in 11 innings.



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Chicago Cub pitcher Glendon Rusch reacts after Cincinnati Red Adam Dunn's solo home run in the second inning Wednesday in Chicago. The Reds won, 4-3, in 12 innings.

The Cubs had taken a 2-1 lead in the seventh on Alou's bases-loaded sacrifice fly.

Cubs starter Glendon Rusch pitched 6½ innings, allowing four hits and a run before leaving with the bases loaded in the seventh.

Rusch also hit his second major-league homer to start the bottom of the third and tie it at 1.

Hudson gave up just four hits and a run in six innings, escaping a bases-loaded jam in the third when Kearns made a great catch of Sosa's drive.

With two outs, Hudson walked Alou and Ramirez before

hitting Lee. On a 3-2 pitch, Sosa sent a long drive to right-center and did his home run hop out of the box, but Kearns leaped into the ivy and made the catch to end the inning.

Dunn's 45th homer gave the Reds a 1-0 lead in the second.

The Reds loaded the bases in the seventh but were turned away.

Casey singled to lead off, Jimenez singled, and Kearns walked. Ryan Dempster relieved Rusch and struck out Jason LaRue before Mike Remlinger came on to get a third strike past Darren Bragg.

Bradley Won't Appeal Suspension

BY JOHN NADEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Dodgers outfielder Milton Bradley was suspended for the rest of the regular season by Major League Baseball on Wednesday, a day after a bottle-throwing tantrum during a win over Colorado.

A contrite Bradley said he will seek help to deal with his anger and wouldn't appeal the suspension.

"From the bottom of my heart, I apologize for my outburst," the 26-year-old Bradley said shortly after learning of the suspension. "Getting upset has caused me to hurt family, hurt friends, hurt my team, hurt fans."

"I need to talk to somebody

about anger, get treated, find a way to correct that situation. It's not even about baseball. This is about what I need to do for my life. I let anger get the best of me."

The Dodgers entered Wednesday night's game against the Rockies leading the NL West by three games over San Francisco with five remaining.

Bradley also was fined an undisclosed amount by Bob Watson, baseball's vice president of on-field operations. Earlier this season, Bradley was suspended for four games after throwing a bag of balls onto the field following an ejection. He has been ejected from four games this year.

"You can't condone an action like that," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "I'm not standing

here trying to convince you guys that I condone what I saw last night. It was wrong. He embarrassed himself, he embarrassed the organization. He realizes that. He admits as much to that. And now you've got to move forward, you've got to help the guy and keep trying to help the guy."

Dodgers owner Frank McCourt said that while the team didn't condone Bradley's actions, it supports him.

"I think Milton Bradley has made a huge step today, accepting the fact that he can reach his potential as a human being by seeking help," McCourt said. "Milton came to the conclusion on his own. It's a courageous decision and I support it wholeheartedly."

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Carson Palmer going through growing pains

BY JOE KAY
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CINCINNATI — Carson Palmer saw Chad Johnson running deep down the field with man-to-man coverage. Sure, the safety was lurking somewhere, but this was too tempting.

Palmer reared back and let it fly. He immediately regretted it. Again.

Twice during the Bengals' 23-9 loss to the Ravens on Sunday, Palmer got a little greedy and threw interceptions near the end zone, extending the Bengals' streak without an offensive touchdown. It's now at 30 possessions and eight quarters, a reflection on their banged-up offensive line and their growing pains under a first-year quarterback who leads the NFL in pass attempts.

Coach Marvin Lewis knew there would be such days when he elevated Palmer in the off-season, putting the inexperienced Heisman Trophy winner in charge. Under pressure from the Ravens' blitzing defense, Palmer had three interceptions and a fumble.

"When you're a young quarterback, you get greedy, and I have to fight that temptation," he said.

The futility is growing and so is Lewis' urge to protect his quarterback. On Wednesday, he suggested that everyone should ease up.

"Our object is to win the game, not see how many times we can throw it into the end zone and get intercepted," Lewis said. "What we don't want to have is the interception we had last week. To Carson's credit, he hasn't done that often."

Palmer expected some rough times, and he is handling them very well. So is the rest of the offense, which knew he would need time to shine.

The fans are another matter. Encouraged by the 8-8 finish in Lewis' first season, fans bought

tickets and expected playoffs. The first two home games drew the two largest crowds in the stadium's five-year history.

Their patience has run out already. The Bengals (1-2) got booed in their own stadium Sunday. Some fans started calling for backup Jon Kitna — last year's NFL comeback player of the year — to make another comeback.

It won't happen. "I share their disappointment, but we're not going to share their panic," Lewis said. "We're going to stay our course and do fine. Carson made a number of fine plays. There are a couple of plays he'll learn from and never do again, I'm sure."

For the most part, he's looked good. Palmer got a lot of attention for his impressive debut, a 31-24 loss to the Jets. He went 18-of-27 for 248 yards with two touchdowns and one interception, which translated into a gaudy 105.2 passer rating.

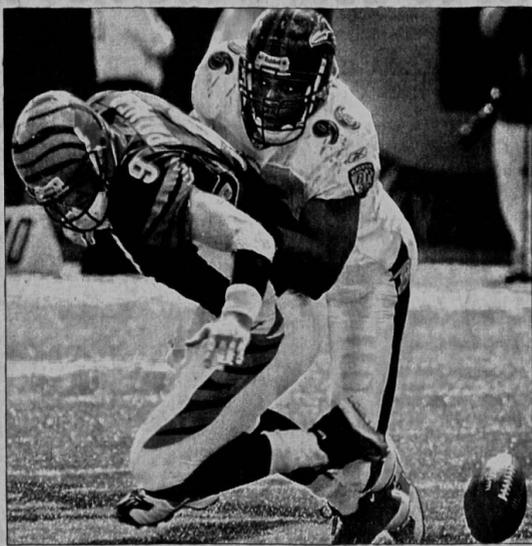
The Dolphins and Ravens took a different approach, blitzing him often and forcing quick decisions that led to occasional mistakes. He threw for only 147 yards against Miami.

The four turnovers against Baltimore undercut his first 300-yard passing game. Palmer was 25-of-52 for 316 yards.

Heading into a game Oct. 3 at Pittsburgh, Palmer leads the NFL with 117 passes thrown.

"That's definitely not our intention," Palmer said. "We're a running team. We want to run the ball more. When you're down, we have to start throwing. We definitely want to get up quick in this game and run the ball and really grind it down."

Lewis is worried that his team is starting to get worn down by criticism. The defense is giving up 5.7 yards per carry, worst in the league, and the offense hasn't scored a touchdown in two games.



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Cincinnati Bengal quarterback Carson Palmer (9) fumbles the ball as he is sacked by Baltimore Ravens linebacker Adalius Thomas in the first half Sunday in Cincinnati. Baltimore recovered the ball.

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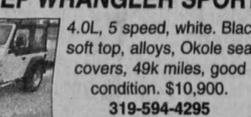
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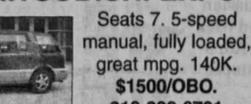
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DAILY BREAK

calendar

- **Biochemistry Seminar, Ron Wetzel, University of Tennessee**, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility.
- **Faculty Seminar, "Regulation of Presynaptic Ca²⁺ Signaling and Glutamate Release in Primary Nociceptors: The Role of Mitochondria," Yuriy Usachev**, 12:30 p.m., 2-501 Bowen Science Building.
- **Career Center Programs Fall 2004, "Ready, Set, Search,"** 2:30 p.m., 317 Phillips Hall.
- **Industrial Engineering Graduate Seminar, Lawrence Fritts**, 4:30 p.m., 4030 Seamans Center.

- **Alec Scranton, chemical and biochemical engineering**, 4:30 p.m., 3505 Seamans Center.
- **Mechanical Engineering Professional Seminar, Phil Jordan**, 4:30 p.m., 1505 Seamans Center.
- **World Series of Intramural Poker, No-Limit Texas Hold 'Em, check in begins at 5 p.m.**, University ID required, Field House North Gym.
- **Piano Extravaganza Master Class**, 6:30 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall.
- **Black Graduate and Professional Students**

- **General Meeting**, 7 p.m., Afro American Cultural Center.
- **Korean Cinema Proseminar, Sympathy for Mr. Vengeance**, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building.
- **"Peace, Propaganda, and the Promised Land," People for Justice in Palestine**, 7 p.m., 346 IMU.
- **Homecoming Event, "Iowa Shout,"** 7-10 p.m., IMU Ballroom.
- **Time in Space, Leighton Pierce**, 7:30 p.m., Museum of Art.
- **Journeys in Faith discussion series**,

- **Father John Stecher and Kathleen Staley**, 7:30 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson St.
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Curtis Bauer, poetry**, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
- **Political Film and Discussion, Outfoxed**, 8 p.m., Afro American Cultural Center.
- **Nicholas Meyer Film Festival, The Human Stain**, 8 p.m., 348 IMU.
- **Piano Extravaganza Student Recital**, 8 p.m., Clapp.

quote of the day

“Men stumble over the truth from time to time, but most pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing happened.”

— Sir Winston Churchill

horoscopes

Thursday, September 30, 2004
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A lot will be up in the air today, making it important to be precise and detailed in all you do. Do not let personal problems interfere with what needs to be done. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Put your efforts into a job well-done, and you will avoid feeling anxious about matters that you have no control over. Your suggestions will help you make improvements. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Not everything will be out in the open, but if you rely on your own steam and knowledge, you will do what's right and best for you. Make personal or physical changes today. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Put your efforts into partnerships, group endeavors, or travel. Someone you know through work may cause you grief. Keep your professional and personal life separate. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You may have to rely on friends, relatives, or neighbors to help you out of a sticky situation today. Don't trust someone you know through work. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Business trips or gathering information that can help you get ahead will result in financial gains. You may discover a new hobby through one of the people you meet today. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Protect your health and your finances. Someone may try to persuade you to spend too much on something that you don't really need. Offer suggestions, not cash. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be emotional about personal matters. Don't leave yourself in a vulnerable position. Secrets must not be revealed at this time. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The way you interact with peers, colleagues, or clients will make a difference to the outcome of a deal you are involved with. Don't take sides; diplomacy will count. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Nothing will be too much trouble for you. However, if you do put yourself out on a limb, the backlash may be severe. Physical or mental changes will turn out well. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may feel uneasy about your personal life. Don't start a discussion that could end up fueling a fire. Play it safe, and say as little as possible. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Travel will bring about new friendships or business connections. You should be able to present and promote whatever you are working on.

news you need to know

Oct. 5 — University Convocation, 7:30 p.m., Macbride Auditorium. Reception following in Iowa Hall.

happy birthday to ...

Sept. 30 — Gillian "G-Unit" "G squared" Grady, 18; Louise Klingelutz, 19; Nora Tran, 19; Ryan Dudgeon aka "Dudge"; Mallory Griffin, 21

Wish your friends a happy birthday. E-mail their names, ages, and dates of birth to daily-iowan@uiowa.edu at least two days in advance.

PATV schedule

7 a.m. Democracy Now
11 Janet Long Dancers: Get On Your Feet
12:55 p.m. ADA 2004
1:20 Shelter House Concerts
3 Evert Conner Center Summer Review
3:30 Music da Camera
4 The U.S. Congress & You
4:30 Arts Fest '96: Chinese Culture School
5:30 Islam: Dispelling the Myth

6:30 SCTV Calendar
7 Education Exchange
7:30 Live & Local
8 Access Update
8:30 Nancy Cree Keyboard Highlights
9 30 Minutes
9:30 Spotlight: Goods to Cuba
10:30 The Cutters (replay)
11:30 Whatever No. 2
12:30 p.m. Summer Hip-Hop Extravaganza

UITV schedule

3 p.m. Iowa Football Replay Show
3:50 Iowa Football with Kirk Ferentz
4:12 Ida Beam Lecture, Eliot Weinberger
6 Closing the Gender Gap, Helping Boys Succeed in School
6:30 Ida Beam Lecture - Eliot Weinberger
8:15 "Live from Prairie Lights," Yiyun Li

9:15 College of Public Health Distinguished Faculty Lecture, "Obesity: The Way We Eat Now"
10 Iowa Football Replay Show
10:50 Iowa Football with Kirk Ferentz
11:10 Coach Kirk Ferentz News Conference Replay
11:40 The Best of "Know the Score"

For complete TV listings and program guides, check out Arts and Entertainment at www.dailyiowan.com.

Little University

- 1 What Kentucky city draws fans to a museum dwarfed by the world's tallest baseball bat?
- 2 Who surfed Microsoft's website for Bill Gates' old speeches while prepping for his role as the tycoon in a 1999 TNT movie?
- 3 What radio pundit blamed the rash of shark attacks in 2001 on excessive government fishing restrictions?
- 4 What Frank McCourt book mentions his mom in the title?
- 5 What NHL "Russian Rocket" crashed back to Earth when Anna Kournikova dumped him?

1. Louisville
2. Anthony Michael Hall
3. Rush Limbaugh
4. Angela's Ashes
5. Pavel Bure

the ledge

SIGNS YOUR CLASSES AREN'T GOING WELL

— by Josh Bald

- You just yesterday found the lecture hall for your chemistry class.
- You don't call it Friday After Class; it's Every Day During Class
- Every time you raise your hand, the prof sighs and says, "What is it, Mr. F?"
- On your first essay test, you wrote a beautiful thesis about the ponytail on the girl who sits in front of you.

- All the night classes were full when you registered. And you're a vampire.

- You go to register a complaint because you can't understand a damn word your math TA is saying, and they tell you he's a TA in the Chinese-language department.

- You can spout off Moises Alou's career stats but thought the Declaration of Independence started with "Call me Ish-mael."

- Professor: For each hour inside the classroom, you should be studying three outside. You: Are you @#%ing serious? I'm out of here. Professor: Hahahaha, it's too late to get a drop slip, sucker.

- Missed 13 classes with Hawkeye Football Fever.

- Be like my friend Rob. Four years ago, he went to take a final but arrived at the wrong room. So he went home.

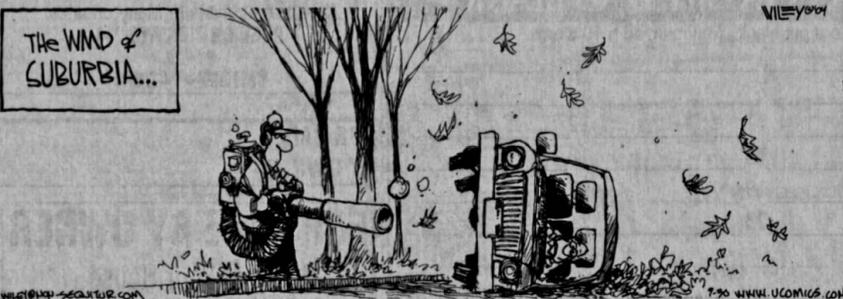
- You've been too busy picketing the Emma Goldman Clinic to get all that homework done.

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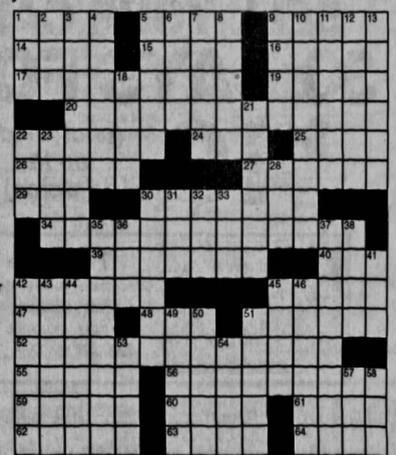
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- 16 Carrying out the garbage, e.g.
- 17 Impugn
- 19 "My Friend" of 1950's TV and others
- 20 What Satan gets from poison ivy?
- 22 With 45-Across, book title with a hint to this puzzle's theme
- 24 Chinese dynasty of 2,000 years ago
- 25 Underground facility
- 26 Foreshadowed
- 27 Like some lines
- 29 G.I.'s address
- 30 Orderly phrase that can follow one, two or three
- 34 Money earned by a hospital worker?
- 39 When there may be censorship
- 40 New Deal agcy.
- 42 Corps member
- 45 See 22-Across
- 47 Spray target
- 48 Big name in ISP's
- 51 "Aieeeeeel," e.g.
- 52 Donation for crackpots?
- 55 Film director Kanton and others
- 56 Pertaining to the lower skull bone
- 59 Hardy' accepting
- 60 Truckful
- 61 Architect Saarinen
- 62 Clipped
- 63 Alternatively
- 64 Vitamin amts.

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- 1 Word on a dipstick
- 2 Year in Trajan's reign
- 3 Used as a chair
- 4 Cheat, slangily
- 5 They may be Irish
- 6 Prefix with cab
- 7 "Spenser: For Hire" star
- 8 Bears Hall-of-Famer Mike
- 9 It has a low pH
- 10 Name
- 11 Wren, for one
- 12 Answer provider
- 13 Like work horses, often
- 18 Matting material
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- 23 Kachina doll maker
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- 30 State of lateness
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Puzzle by Ed Early

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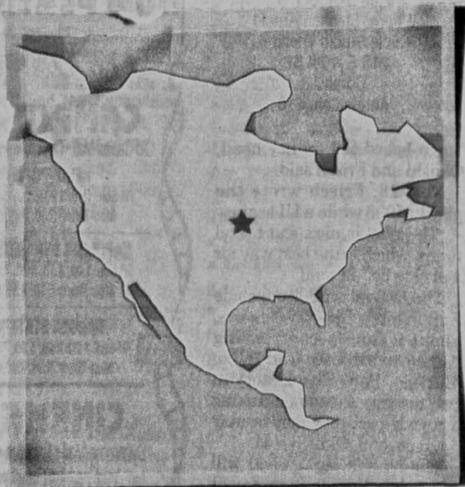
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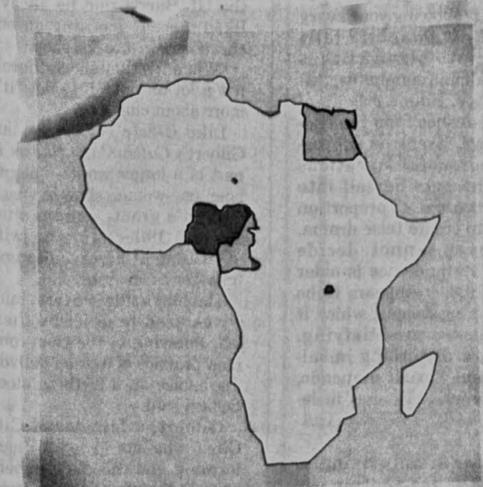
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The world writes back

At a time when global opinion is divided, a forum for the world's writers is more important than ever. Writers find that forum at the UI's International Writing Program. Twenty-eight countries are represented in what's been called a United Nations of writers. **STORY BY BETH HERZINGER**

THIS YEAR, CHRISTOPHER MERRILL, the director of the International Writing Program, expected an angry group of authors. Instead, 39 open-minded participants from 28 countries arrived in Iowa eager to learn about America and willing to distinguish between the country's governmental policy and the people.

They arrived on the night of the Republican National Convention, and they will leave in mid-November. Their three-month stint in Iowa, unlike previous years, comes

at a politically charged time for America and a time of uncertainty for world.

The IWP has brought the world's writers together for 37 years, offering a safe place to meet and discuss ideas freely. During the Cold War, writers from the Eastern Bloc participated. Now, during the so-called War on Terror, writers from Islamic countries can give a firsthand perspective, and Russian authors can provide analysis of the country's current political situation, Merrill said.

"Being able to listen to what these writers talk about and what their situation means is invaluable," he said. "It provides context to the news reports we see on TV or in the newspaper."

This year's writers have the unique opportunity to witness the American presidential-election process and learn to navigate the complexities of media biases, Merrill said. Many writers are researching or completing pieces for newspapers in their own countries.

SEE IWP, PAGE 4C

Yo! Yo La Tengo mixes it up at the IMU tonight

music politics comedy

BY ALISSA VAN WINKLE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Yo La Tengo has meshed unconventional pop melodies with humor since its start in 1984. But when it performs in Iowa City tonight, the New Jersey group will throw something else into the mix — politics.

The musical, comedic, political vaudeville act will take the band's members — husband/wife duo Ira Kaplan and Georgia Hubley and James McNew — on a tour of hotly contested areas as they do their part to swing the

election in Democratic presidential-candidate Sen. John Kerry's favor.

"Politics are a part of our daily life. We express our politics in everything we do, without trying," Kaplan said in an interview with *The Daily Iowan*. "This tour is more explicitly political than others, because there's an important election coming up."

The proceeds from Yo La Tengo's tour will be given to Kerry's campaign. While many musicians and celebrities have been vocal on the importance of voting, especially in the

SEE YO LA TENGO, PAGE 3C

YO LA TENGO

Will perform tonight along with David Kilgour, Rick Rizzo, Damon and Naomi, Doug McCombs and Eugene Mirman
Where: IMU Wheelroom
Time: Doors at 7 p.m.
Ticket price: \$15



From left to right: Ira Kaplan, Georgia Hubley, and James McNew

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Katie Holmes takes her turn at playing the president's daughter. SEE PAGE 2C



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First Daughter

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First Daughter feels as hokey as *The Princess Diaries*, only without the regal charm of Julie Andrews ... or even the bumbling charm of Anne Hathaway. This poorly acted, painfully contrived film will be a dull waste of time for anyone over the age of 7.

Samantha Mackenzie (Katie Holmes, TV's "Dawson's Creek") is a Chelsea Clinton wannabe heading off to college in California during her father's bid for re-election to the White House. As she tells us over and over and over again, she dreams only of being "normal" and driving off to college in an old Volkswagen. Unfortunately, the press, the president, and the Secret Service have other ideas.

She moves in with a reluctant roommate, Mia (newcomer Amerie Rogers), who befriends her despite misgivings about ceding the spotlight to her. Samantha gets a loud welcome from the band blaring "Hail to the Chief" and is the victim of constant stares and pointing. However, one guy treats her as an actual person — her classmate James (Marc Blucas, *The Alamo*). Under the media's constant scrutiny, Samantha begins to crack under the pressure,



Publicity photo

The prim and proper Samantha Mackenzie, played by Katie Holmes, makes a connection with classmate James, Marc Blucas. Unfortunately, neither character connects with the audience.

especially when she finds out James's secret — one not particularly surprising to viewers of this spring's first "first daughter" film, *Chasing Liberty*.

Holmes looks perfect for the role of the prim, proper sweetheart, but she never connects with the role. She showed more range in the overwritten teen drama "Dawson's Creek" than she ever does grinning and pouting through this sap. Blucas emotes a vague charm in that generic teen chick-flick way for the first half of the film, but he desperately lacks the acting chops to make the angst-filled third act anything more than a bad soap opera.

Veterans Michael Keaton (best known as Batman) and Margaret Colin (*Independence Day*) plod through their constricted roles of president and first lady with little effort or enthusiasm. The first parents become peripheral characters who never quite gel. Poor Rogers gets stuck in the unenviable (and stereotypical) role of sassy black friend, and she makes matters worse by acting over the top. To be fair, the character offers nothing, allowing only for her to be an oversexed, attitude-filled caricature who flirts with Samantha's bodyguards.

There would seem to be several ways to play with the idea of growing up and going to college as the daughter of the most powerful man in the world with hordes of paparazzi following your every move. *First Daughter* falls instead into bland clichés about jealous roommates, off-limits boys, liquor rebellion, and mad dashes from the photographers. Even the supposedly disgraceful situations Samantha gets herself into seem blown out of proportion in order to create false drama. The movie cannot decide whether its audience is older teens, which it appears to be aiming at, or tweens, which it comes closer to satisfying. There is a disturbing imbalance among sexual innuendo, lame beer jokes, Holmes' little-girl naïveté, and a mind-numbing plot.

If you're simply dying to explore the fascinating life behind the scenes of America's first children, rent *Chasing Liberty* instead — it might not be any better (in fact, the flick follows mostly the same story) but at least the video's cheaper, and you can turn it off.

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NEW MOVIES OPENING THIS WEEKEND

Shark Tale

Cinema 6
Will Smith and Robert De Niro lend their voices to a group of animated fish with big dreams. Oscar (Smith) finds success but learns some valuable lessons about life in the big time in this comedic action film for kids and family.



Will Smith's character, Oscar

Ladder 49

Coral Ridge 10
Joaquin Phoenix plays a firefighter who gets the opportunity to look back over his life while trapped in a potentially fatal fire. Also starring John Travolta, Jacinda Barrett, and Billy Burke.

'Six plays for the price of one'

BY AUDRA BEALS
THE DAILY IOWAN

The New Play Festival is an opportunity for six writers from Johnson County ties to see their works produced on the stage of City Circle Acting Company.

This is the first opportunity for City Circle to hold the event and the first time for several of these writers to see their plays performed, coordinator Chris Okiishi said.

The works were chosen from more than 35 submissions the company got in response to its call for plays.

Running tonight through Oct. 3, the six plays will be performed each night, each lasting no longer than 15 minutes.

"Each play is fully formed, a play in itself, so you get six plays for the price of one," Okiishi said.

Jake Burris took a scene from a screenplay he had been writing and made it into a play over the summer. *Circle Game* is the 32-year-old recent UI graduate's first staged play, but he has made several short films. Now teaching rhetoric at the UI, Burris said he always liked a scene focusing on six characters in a coffee shop.

"When it's that short, there's not a lot of plot," he said. "It's more about character."

Like *Circle Game*, Susan Gilbert's *Catchin' the Babies* is part of a larger work — a one-hour, one-woman show in which Gilbert's great-grandmother Annie, a 19th-century midwife of Irish and Cherokee descent, tells stories about her life.

The play's title is a term midwives used to describe their job, referring to the then-common practice of women delivering babies on a birthing stool, Gilbert said.

Gilbert, a founder of City Circle who has 30 years of performing and directing experience, is directing her play twice and performing it twice.

Scrubbed White, by Frank Miller, is a semiautobiographical play about a American Indian struggling with his identity as he straddles the spirituality of his heritage and the pressure to conform in the corporate world.

Not just for Americans Indians, the title refers to corporate entities and people's puppet-like performance in the workplace that encompasses all ethnicities, the Iowa City playwright said.

"The play is meant to educate, not point fingers," Miller said.

Rob Frisch lives in Chicago, a food critic for *Gay Chicago* magazine, but got his undergraduate degrees in theater and German at the UI.

And Bingo Was Her Gay-mo is based on the true story of a Milwaukee woman suing her church after the electronic

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bingo board fell on her head, Okiishi and Frisch said.

Now 28, Frisch wrote the play in 1998 while a UI senior.

"The play is nice, short, and funny, which is the best way for a play to be," he said.

The festival will also include Amy White's *The Way it Starts*, about a family confronting Alzheimer's disease, and *Yellow Marrow*, Paul Rust's story of two teenage friends discussing a suicide pact they may or may not have had, Okiishi said.

The New Play Festival will run today through Saturday at 8 p.m. and at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 3 at the Stephen Arnold Circle Studio Theatre, 213 E. 10th St., Coralville. Tickets are \$10.

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- **Piano Extravaganza**, Clapp Recital Hall, 6:30 p.m., free
- **Seven Story Cory**, Habitat for Humanity Benefit, Mill, 120 E. Burlington, 7:15 p.m., \$3
- **Yo La Tengo**, IMU Wheelroom, 8 p.m., \$15
- **Mer with Dave Tamkin**, Scottie Long, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn, 9 p.m., \$4
- **Mike Watt and the Secondmen**, Bottom Feeder, Kiriko, Gabe's, 330 E. Washington, time TBA, \$12
- **Funkmaster Cracker**, Rebel's Advocate, Green Room, 509 S. Gilbert, time and price TBA
- **Evan Mazunik Trio**, Siren, 124 S. Dubuque, time and price TBA

Words

- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Curtis Bauer, poetry, Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSUI, 8 p.m., free

Theater

- **Boy Gets Girl**, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert, 7 p.m., price varies
- **Time in Space**, Museum of Art, 7:30 p.m., free
- **Father Bob**, University Theatres Gallery production, Theatre B, Theatre Building, 8 p.m., \$6
- **New Play Festival**, Circle Acting Company, Stephen Arnold Circle Studio Theatre, 213 E. 10th St., Coralville, 8 p.m., \$10

FRIDAY

Music

- **Dan Knight**, piano, Museum of Art, 5 p.m., \$10

- **David Carter**, cello, Esther Wang, piano, Harper Hall, Voxman Music Building, 8 p.m., free
- **William Elliott Whitmore**, Tight Phantomz, Zzzz, the Vine and the Archer, International Waters, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$5
- **Catfish Keith**, Mill, 9 p.m., \$6
- **Euforquestra**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
- **Clean Livin'**, Firewood Revival, Green Room, time and price TBA

Words

- **Edward Carey and D.A. Powell**, fiction and poetry, 101 Becker Communication Studies Building, 8 p.m., free

Theater

- **Father Bob**, Theatre B, 8 p.m., \$6
- **Boy Gets Girl**, Riverside Theatre, 8 p.m., price varies
- **New Play Festival**, City Circle, 8 p.m., \$10
- **Little Shop of Horrors**, Iowa City Community Theatre, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 8 p.m., \$12

SATURDAY

Music

- **Volkan Orhon**, double bass, chamber concert with UI faculty artists, Clapp, 8 p.m., free
- **Stuart Davis**, Mill, 9 p.m., \$10
- **Dennis McMurrin and the Demolition Band**, Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$5
- **Kita, Breech Loader, Breakdance**, Among the Blessed, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$5
- **Starrunner**, Cornmeal, Green Room, time TBA, \$5
- **BF Burt and the Instigators**, Siren, time and price TBA

Theater

- **Father Bob**, Theatre B, 8 p.m., \$6
- **Boy Gets Girl**, Riverside Theatre, 8 p.m., price varies
- **New Play Festival**, City Circle, 8 p.m., \$10
- **Little Shop of Horrors**, Community Theatre, 8 p.m., \$12

SUNDAY

Music

- **OddBar Quartet**, Clapp, 1 p.m., free
- **Julia Harlow**, organ and harpsichord, Krapf Organ Studio, Voxman Music Building, 2 and 4 p.m., free
- **Matt Sharp**, Goldenboy, Gabe's, 6 p.m., \$8
- **Damon Bosby and Friends**, Winegarden, Stop at Line, the Sound and the Fury, Gabe's, time (late show) and price TBA
- **Tony Nickle**, classical piano, Siren, time and place TBA

Theater

- **Boy Gets Girl**, Riverside Theatre, 2 p.m., price varies
- **Little Shop of Horrors**, Community Theatre, 2:30 p.m., \$11
- **Father Bob**, Theatre B, 3 p.m., \$6

Misc.

- **Gallery Tour**, Museum of Art, 2 p.m., free

MONDAY

Music

- **Katharine Goeldner**, mezzo-soprano, Clapp, 8 p.m., \$10
- **The Mendoza Line**, Charles Bissell, Marah Mar, Gabe's, 9 p.m., \$7

- **Blues Jam**, Green Room, 9:30 p.m., \$2
- **Kill Bosby**, Dillweed, Yacht Club, 6 p.m., price TBA
- **Jacqueline Krain**, the Ringers, Siren, time and price TBA

Words

- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Tim Liu and Bruce Beasley, poetry, Prairie Lights and WSUI, 8 p.m., free

TUESDAY

Music

- **Octoberfest** with Nate Basinger Polka Master, Mill, 8 p.m., price TBA
- **Malady**, Hugs, Prom Night Tornado, Gabe's, time (early show) and price TBA
- **The Like Young**, Viva Voce, Gabe's, time (late show) and price TBA

Words

- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Stephen Elliott, memoir, Prairie Lights and WSUI, 8 p.m., free

Misc.

- **Salsa Break**, Arts à La Carte, 20 E. Market, 8:30 p.m., price TBA

WEDNESDAY

Music

- **Burlington St. Bluegrass Band**, Mill, 7 p.m., \$3
- **Symphony Band**, Myron Welch, Benjamin Coelho, Clapp, 8 p.m., free
- **Funkin' Jazz Jam**, Green Room, 9:30 p.m., \$2
- **Lucero**, The F-Ups, the Western Front, Gabe's, time and price TBA
- **Doug Langehn**, Siren, time and price TBA

Words

- **"Writing in Dialogue: Criticism, Translation, Literature,"** poetry, International Writing Program panel discussion, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn, 3:30 p.m., free
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** David Means, fiction, Prairie Lights and WSUI, 8 p.m., free
- **Talk Art Cabaret**, Writers' Workshop readings, Mill, 10 p.m., price TBA

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upcoming election, the members of Yo La Tengo have taken a clear political stance.

"There is nothing about George Bush that I like," Kaplan said. "To name a few: his attempts to dismantle the separation between church and state, his rich-get-richer economic plan, his withdrawal from the world community and its implications for our safety."

Kaplan would never be bold enough to say that his tour will sway the election, but he hopes he can show potential voters that the outcome of the election does affect their lives.

"The popular complaint that the two parties are exactly the same, and therefore, there's no point in voting, strikes me as dangerously inaccurate," he said.

Influenced by legends the Velvet Underground and Neil Young, Yo La Tengo's debut album *Ride the Tiger* (1986) helped pave the way for today's mainstream-alternative rock.

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Ira Kaplan,
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Special guests David Kilgour, Rick Rizzo, Damon and Naomi, Doug McCombs, and Eugene Mirman will join Yo La Tengo to perform the band's songs as well as some covers. And when it seems appropriate, Kaplan said, he will offer up a few thoughts.

"I can understand why people would want to do whatever

they're capable of to help their candidate win," Kaplan said. "And that goes for both sides."
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A U.N. of writers out on the prairie

IWP

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such as Egyptian writer Ahmed Alaidy, who writes for *Donia El Ghad*, an Arabic-language newspaper in Canada.

'Where the writer's come'

Although the Writers' Workshop is the best-known writing program in the country, the IWP is the reason Iowa remains "the place where writers come" from around the world.

"We offer them a rich program of opportunities," Merrill said. "The participants will probably meet more writers here than they would in New York City."

Founded in 1967 by Paul Engle and Hualing Nieh Engle, the IWP offers writers from around the world the chance to visit America, while providing time and space to concentrate on their writing and share ideas with the other authors and the Iowa City community. The program requires each writer to perform a reading of her or his work (in English) and participate in one of the weekly panel discussions. Merrill strives to offer a plethora of daily activities, but he feels it is most important that the participants concentrate on their writing.

Merrill took over as director in 2000; in his four years at the helm, there has been a constant push to improve upon and continue the program's legendary status.

"For a program to thrive, you have to feel it at every moment and be willing to take account of what is working and what isn't," he said. "If there's a sense that it is a static entity, it's over."

Part of Merrill's focus has been to share what he deems "a United Nations of writers" with the Iowa City community and to forge as many contacts with programs



Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

Chinese playwright Zhang Xian (third from right) discusses drama at a forum for the International Writing Program on Wednesday. Other writers on the panel (from right to left) were Vivienne Plumb of New Zealand, Maxim Kurochkin of Russia, and Zdenka Becker of Slovakia.

around the country as possible. This weekend, the writers will travel to St. Louis to participate in the United Arts Festival, a four-day long festival of collaboration between authors and musicians.

"I want to introduce these writers as widely as possible because they are a great resource," Merrill said.

An outside perspective

Alaidy is working on a novel set against the backdrop of 9/11, and he is conducting research while in the United States. His first novel, *To Be Abbas Al Abd*, was published in 2003 and is now in its second printing.

The Department of State provided the funding to have Alaidy and many other writers participate. Alaidy said he was impressed that he could disagree with the war in Iraq and still be a guest of the U.S. government.

The experience has contributed to his changed attitude

about America. He had always thought of it as a place with talented writers, but now he understands why the United States is a world leader, although he still thinks the leaders have a lot to learn about power.

"When I saw 'mission accomplished,' it made me laugh in a sick way," he said. "A great leader must have power and the wisdom to use that power, to win a battle without killing anyone. What I see in America is power but no wisdom of how to use that power."

The freedom people have to disagree with government policy and how often that is exercised, though, has impressed him. He has seen people, young and old, try to make changes on a community level that could have a worldwide effect, he said.

"My friends think that it is only cornfields in Iowa, and I tell them, 'No, it's not like that.' It's very sophisticated and very friendly," he said. "Here I feel the warmth of my country. People are very happy to help you and give you their time."

A haven in Iowa City

Alaidy writes for his people, and he said he needs to be in Egypt to do so. But if he could spend several months each year in the United States, he said he would choose Iowa.

Merrill knows well the attraction of Iowa City and the impression it leaves on the writers who

travel here. He tells the story of a writer from Austria who walked around town to find a house to describe for a story. When she saw a house for rent, she sat on the porch and began her work, thinking no one lived there. The house was actually rented by a group of students. When they approached her, she thought they'd be angry, but

instead they invited her to stay and welcomed her back any time.

"Iowa City is a great place to get writing done — it's taken seriously, and it's quiet enough," Merrill said. "This is not something you could do in most places around the country."

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