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Council wants stiffer alcohol fines

Councilors will ask state legislators to increase fines for drinking violations

BY JESSICA SEVESKA
THE DAILY IOWAN

In hopes of decreasing the amount of underage and binge drinking in Iowa City, the Iowa City City Council will ask state legislators to raise fines for alcohol-related violations in Iowa City.

"The current fines are not a deterrent," said Iowa City Mayor Ernie Lehman, adding that cities with high fines for alcohol violations have fewer alcohol-related problems with. The council will not propose a specific raise, he said.

The mayor said he hoped councilors would meet with state legislators from Iowa City in early January. If the lawmakers are behind the proposal, it would then be up to them to decide whether to bring the issue to the Legislature's attention.

"It's their call," Lehman said. "They might agree with us; they might not."

He was not sure how the city would use the additional revenues from an increase in ticket prices.

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Regents OK plan for tuition

Tuition will increase about 4 percent for 2005-06 school year

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

AMES — The state Board of Regents early Thursday morning at Iowa State University gave final approval to a four-year, \$160 million supplement it will request in January from the state.

If approved by the Legislature, in-state tuition and fees will rise according to the Higher Price Education Index — which translates

to around 4 percent for the 2005-06 school year.

The regents gave preliminary approval in September to the plan, which asks for an additional \$40 million annually from state. In order for the universities to share the \$40 million, the University of Northern Iowa, Iowa State University, and the UI will combine to match every \$2 with \$1 through internal reallocations.

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IOWA PLAYBOY PLAYMATE

Iowa has the highest readership per capita in the nation, but it has never had an Iowan as a centerfold



Rachel Mumme/The Daily Iowan

Tina Arnold, a 30-year-old from Minden, Iowa, poses for a member of the *Playboy* staff in the Sheraton Hotel on Thursday. *Playboy* will continue to hold auditions today; the winner will win a centerfold shoot and \$25,000.

In IC, *Playboy* is centerfold of attention



Rachel Mumme/The Daily Iowan

A selection of *Playboys* lie on the table in the Sheraton Hotel suite in which auditions for a centerfold shoot were held Thursday. *Playboy* started in the 1950s; it came to Iowa to find its first-ever centerfold from the Hawkeye State.

BY MEGHAN SIMS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Laughing children chase each other through the bars and slides of the Pedestrian Mall playground outside the Sheraton Hotel. Nine floors up, in suite 900, young Iowa women smile, pose, and some bare all for the *Playboy* camera.

The *New York Times* reported recently that the state has the highest readership per capita — 18.6 for every 1,000 residents — but the magazine has never featured an Iowa Playmate in its 50-year history. So photo editors decided to visit the Hawkeye State to "rectify the situation," *Playboy* publicist Theresa Hennessy said.

George Georgiou, a 15-year *Playboy* photographer, was surprised to learn that the magazine had never featured an Iowa centerfold.

"I think an Iowa Playmate would be absolutely great for the magazine and great for Iowa," he said. Speaking of the appeal of Mary Ann over Ginger, he added: "I think people are tired of the LA look."

What failed to surprise Georgiou, though, was the quality of the applicants. On Thursday, two hours and 15 candidates into the first of the two-day try-out, he said, "The women who have shown up already are all hotties." He and the transplanted Chicago *Playboy* staff will interview 150 women by the end of

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Graduating senior Molly Schild puts together her final portfolio from the 2004 presidential campaign for her political-science independent study at the apartment of a friend on Thursday evening. She was the Iowa state chairwoman of Students for Bush, and she will attend the inauguration in Washington on Jan. 20.

Judge decreases award in Et Cetera bar stunt

REVISED MONEY AWARDED TO FORMER UI STUDENT DEANINE BUSCHE:

- Compensation with fault taken into account: \$935,651.50
- Two years' worth of interest awarded: \$105,261.23
- Punitive damages: \$68,750
- Total awarded: \$1,109,662.73

BY JANE SLUSARK
THE DAILY IOWAN

A 6th District judge reduced the compensation to former UI student and Et Cetera burn victim Deanine Busche by 33 percent on Thursday, a "routine" action based on her role in the April 2002 bar stunt, her lawyer said.

Judge Amanda Potterfield decreased the award to \$935,651.50 from nearly \$1.4 million for the

Schaumburg, Ill., woman who accused Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St., and then-bar manager Troy Kline of negligence for igniting Everclear in a crowded bar. The stunt injured seven patrons; three others have sued and settled outside of court.

Busche will actually receive \$1,109,662.73 and punitive damages are added, when two years' interest, said her attorney, Mark McNabola.

Busche, who originally sought \$2.1 million in compensatory and

punitive damages, suffered burns to 13 percent of her body and a broken nose and torn shoulder ligament when bar patrons stomped on her to extinguish the flames.

A jury determined on Wednesday that Busche was 33 percent to blame for her injuries. Defense witness and Maryland-based scientist Michael Klassen said spitting the 190-proof grain alcohol into the blaze would be the only way the

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BREAKING AWAY

The *Daily Iowan* will take a break from publishing after today's issue in honor of the holidays and the swiftly approaching depths of January. The offices will close at noon today. The business office will be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 3-7; all other offices will reopen Jan. 10. The *DI* will resume publishing Jan. 17. Have a happy, warm — and safe — holiday break.

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NEWS

More IC schools land on fed list

The majority of low-scoring students belonged to the special education, minority, and poverty subgroups

BY BRIAN SPANNAGEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City School District will probably find two more schools on the No Child Left Behind federal watch list, a sanction that threatens the district's command of the schools. On Thursday, district officials announced that fewer than 70 percent of students at Twain and Wood elementary schools scored at proficient levels in reading and writing. City and West High Schools will be on the watch list for a second year, and Northwest and Southeast Junior High Schools will stay on for a third. "Generally speaking, students in Iowa City schools do well, but there are some students who need some help," said Pam Ehly, the district's director

of instruction. The results came from September's Iowa Test of Basic Skills and Iowa Test of Educational Development, which were administered to most of the Iowa City's 12,000 public-school students. Ehly expects the state to put the elementary schools on the list this summer. The majority of low-scoring students belonged to the special education, minority, and poverty subgroups. Those students often scored in the 30th percentiles, compared with the general-enrollment students, who regularly scored in the 80th percentile, Ehly said. "It was these subgroups that did not have a high-enough score, and that's what put the school on the anticipated watch list for fall 2005," she said.

She blames the low-scoring subgroups for landing the district's secondary schools on the watch list, a position at which the elementary schools cannot stay. Unlike the secondary schools, the district's elementary schools receive federal funding, meaning the government can impose severe penalties on the district's elementary schools. If the schools are not off the list in seven years, the state will take control of the school. Ehly said that she hopes to remove the schools from the list, but the nature of the No Child Left Behind Act makes it difficult. "You can teach them the best that you can, and that's all you can do," she said. President Bush signed the No Child Left Behind Act into law in 2001. It stipulates gradual

increases in the number of students who must pass reading and writing tests until all students are proficient in 2014. Schools that do not meet the mark are penalized. "I personally think the legislation needs to change, because eventually every public school in America will be shut down," Ehly said. Iowa City School Board member Don Jackson said he wasn't surprised to learn of the results. He said the board will talk about the implications at its next meeting in January. "There are lots of schools in Iowa and in the country that show up on the watch list," he said. "This is not new." E-mail/DI reporter **Brian Spannagel** at: brian-spannagel@uiowa.edu

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UI bypasses student in awarding recycling bid

BY DREW KERR
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Years of "pure effort and passion" resulted in little more than an e-mailed thank-you note for Chuck Jones when the university passed over the UI junior's bid to take over campus recycling. The university instead awarded the one-year contract to City Carton, 3 E. Benton St. The contract had been in Jones' sights for more than two years. However, the Iowa City native, who invested more than \$4,000 in legal fees in pursuit of the contract, lacked experience and resources, said the officials who made the decision. Bid-review committee member Von Stange called City Carton the "clear choice," lauding the firm's large operation and years of experience. "It was really the complete package," said the second-year

director of Residence Services. Officials cited both economic savings and increased service as reasons for outsourcing the contract, but it appears as though City Carton will supplant, but not expand on, the services UI Facilities Management has provided. "We're still putting together the same service. We don't expect to see any changes," said City Carton spokesman Andy Ockenfels. In 2003, the university collected 1,311 tons of commingled paper and cardboard materials from roughly 70 depositories around campus, using three staff members and two pickups. The takeover date remains unknown because the contract is undergoing final revisions. If City Carton were to start today, it would be nearly three months behind the start date specified on the request. When complaints of the delays

first arose, administrators contended that the dates were tenuous and said they didn't feel as if they were behind at all. Jones' plan would have employed one student on each dorm floor who would collect the recyclables before transferring them to an outdoor bin for collection and sale on the open market. "The students wanted it; I wanted it; administrators hypothetically wanted it, but they just didn't think it would work out logistically," Jones said. Stange said on Wednesday that the contract was not an end-all to Jones' aspirations, however. Members of Associated Residence Halls have been called on to examine recycling efforts. If the student governing body of the dormitories decides current efforts aren't enough, Jones' name could surface again. "With his involvement and

know-how, he'd certainly be someone we'd want to talk with," Stange said. Jones was intrigued by the prospect, saying he would consider pressuring the UI to subcontract his services at the dorm level, beginning with a pilot program in Mayflower. The young entrepreneur said the news was "obviously very hard to take," but he is turning the defeat into opportunity. He said he would soon advertise his program at Iowa State University. "First, I need to make sure there is a need and desire," the business major said. "I don't want to push this on [the school]." In 2002, the University of Seattle expressed interest in the program. He said he would consider initiating conversation with school officials there again in the future. E-mail/DI reporter **Drew Kerr** at: drew-kerr@uiowa.edu

POLICE BLOTTER

Nicholas Allen, 19, 2210 Burge, was charged Thursday with a drug tax-stamp violation and possession of marijuana, hydrocodone, drug paraphernalia, and alcohol under the legal age.
Maria Delos Angel Hernandez Rbubio, 33, 2018 Waterfront Drive Apt. 111, was charged Wednesday with possession of a forged document and falsifying vehicle licenses and forms.
Jamie Klein, 21, 924 E. Washington St., was charged Thursday with public intoxication.
Aaron McKillip, 25, Muscatine, was charged Thursday with operating while intoxicated.
Sean McNeela, 20, 433 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3, was charged Thursday with public intoxication and unlawful use of driver's license of another.
Raul Najera, 29, 2018 Waterfront Drive Apt. 111, was charged Wednesday with possession of a forged document and falsifying vehicle licenses and forms.
James Uistad, 18, 2222 Quadrangle, was charged Dec. 15 with PAULA.

CITY

Man guilty of robbery

A 38-year-old Iowa City man was found guilty on Thursday of one count of first-degree robbery in connection with a May 2003 incident. Vincent Allen was found guilty in only one of the four counts against him after witnesses testified that Allen was their attacker in three different robberies in May 2003. Only one of the witnesses, Iowa City resident Ken Heck, saw Allen's entire face. Heck told the 6th District Court on Monday that Allen hit him over the head with a wooden board on the morning of May 28, 2003, and wrestled him for his wallet. He also stated that Allen said he would kill him if he did not give Allen his money. Rockne Cole, Allen's attorney, said that witnesses were all mistaken and that Allen was not their attacker, adding that there was no forensic evidence tying Allen to the crimes. Allen was charged with one count of ongoing criminal conduct, two

IC man faces additional sex-abuse charges

An Iowa City man charged with sexually abusing an 11-year-old girl and exposing her to the HIV virus was charged with additional counts of sex abuse Wednesday, stemming from the initial incidents. Matt Powills, 41, now faces eight counts of second-degree sexual abuse and one count of criminal transmission of HIV. Police said Powills allegedly abused the girl at his 1956 Flanigan Court home from August to Nov. 22 by performing

Franker appointed to N. Liberty council

Dave Franker, who lost to Rep. James Leach, R-Iowa, in the November election, was appointed to the North Liberty City Council this week to fill a vacant seat. The 52-year-old former Iowa City School Board member said he hopes to use his prior experiences in politics

to aid the council.

"I am ready to service in whatever fashion the others on council need me," he said. Franker will finish the final year of exiting Councilor John Soukup's term. A member of the six-member council since 1997, he announced his resignation earlier this month because he wanted a change. The remaining councilors choose Franker from three other applicants. "They needed someone to step in," the Democrat said, "I felt that with my experience and connections, I could serve." While Franker admits he has a lot to learn about the workings of a city governing body, he feels he is in tune with North Liberty's needs. Franker's term will start in January 2005 and end on Jan. 1, 2006. He said it is too soon to decide if he will run for re-election. — by Brian Spannagel

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Nursing move approved

The \$3.7 million Nursing Clinical Education Center will be used for nursing students' practice of physical and psychological assessment techniques.

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

AMES — UI Hospitals and Clinics nursing practitioners and College of Nursing students will share a new facility in spring 2006, consolidating the Learning Resource Center and the Nursing Education Center, the state Board of Regents decided on Thursday.

The move will combine services and eliminate inefficiencies and cost, the regents concluded.

The board approved the final budget and schematic design of the \$3.7 million Nursing Clinical Edu-

cation Center, which will be used for nursing students' practice of physical and psychological assessment techniques. It will also provide space for orientation and in-service programs for all UIHC nursing services and patient-care staff.

"The Nursing Clinical Education Center is going to be a state-of-the-art facility that will serve nursing students in the College of Nursing and the nursing staff at UIHC," said John Staley, the UIHC senior associate director.

Construction will begin next spring on the 20,000-square-foot facility, which will be located on the fourth floor of the hospital. That space is being used at present as temporary offices; it opened up last spring, when the Labor and Delivery Suite, Neonatal Intensive and Intermediate Care Units, and the Newborn Nursery relocated to Pappajohn Pavillion.

Melanie Dreher, the nursing-school dean, said the idea for merging was born years ago.

"The genesis of this program really began more than four years ago, when we realized we were

outgrowing our wonderful College of Nursing building," she said.

The nursing Learning Resource Center is located in the nursing school, while the Nursing Education Center is scattered throughout UIHC.

"The best thing we could do was to perhaps have this clinical-education center in the hospital, where it could be used by practicing nurses as well as nursing students," Dreher said.

The regents, who first were presented with the idea of the move in September 2002, praised the work.

"I think there are a lot of people in Iowa and a lot of students who would really enjoy this facility," said student Regent Jenny Rokes. Regent President John Forsyth said the consolidation would "enhance both the school and the hospitals."

"I think this is a great project, and that combination of being able to do some mixing of nursing with the experience ... is a great opportunity," Regent Mary Ellen Becker said.

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— Sandra Pecina, a media consultant for Nutraceutics

B6 lollipop uses 1991 UI research

BY SARA GEAKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

A Missouri company has used UI research to create a type of candy that helps pregnant women combat morning sickness.

Last week, Nutraceutics released cherry-flavored B-natal TheraPops onto the market, a lollipop containing vitamin B6, which studies have shown helps fight nausea in pregnant women.

Sandra Pecina, a media consultant for Nutraceutics, said the company used a 1991 UI study to determine the recommended dosage for the product.

Jennifer Niebyl, a UI professor of gynecology and obstetrics who contributed to the study, said the use of B6 is not a new practice, but combining it with a lollipop is "a clever idea."

"It's tasty. It's got sugar in it to calm your stomach," Pecina said. "The combination of B6 and sugar seemed like a no-brainer."

Nutraceutics offers the lollipops only through its website, where a pack of 12 B-natal TheraPops retails for \$9.95.

Pecina said Mother's Work Inc. has already bought out the

entire supply to sell in its maternity stores, but customers will still be able to purchase lollipops online.



Jennifer Niebyl
UI professor of gynecology and obstetrics

An older, less-expensive alternative to the lollipops are B6 tablets, Niebyl said.

Another alternative is Pre-nesis, a prescription product that extends the release of B6 in the body. The product was also derived from Niebyl's research and contains folic acid — a vitamin that prevents brain and spinal birth defects.

But Niebyl said the lollipop would be a good product to use if a patient can't swallow the tablets, and "the sugar might have some soothing effect." Also,

it may help awareness of the B6 vitamin. Since 1990, several studies have proven B6 to be safe and effective, Niebyl said.

"A surprising number of women don't know about [B6]," she said.

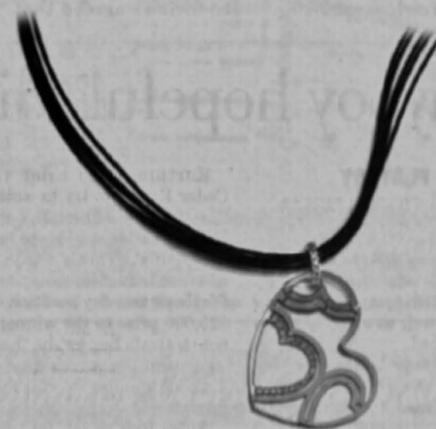
Besides taking doses of B6, pregnant women can combat nausea by changing their diet to frequent, small meals and staying away from odors that might trigger sickness.

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State's public-radio stations to join forces

The decision came as the universities agreed to cut \$300,000 from the stations over the next five years

BY TRACI FINCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

AMES — KSUI and WSUI, the university-run public-radio outlets, will combine with stations from Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa to form a comprehensive network focusing on statewide news and public affairs, the state Board of Regents decided Thursday.

The stations, which report to the regents separately, will join forces as a cost-saving measure that expands their service into portions of Western Iowa. No single university will control the new structure, but each station will remain in its existing location with its same call letters. Collectively,

the network will be called "Iowa Public Radio."

The decision to combine the stations came as the universities agreed to cut \$300,000 from the stations over the next five years, a 6 percent decrease from their collective budget. At present, the universities fund 35 percent of the stations' budgets.

"This is setting Iowa Public Radio up for a very strong service," said Jack Mitchell, a member of the Bornstein & Associates of Tucson, Ariz., which the regents hired to study the network. The plan "sets it up for certain in the future" with more listeners than before, Mitchell said.

The plan met some skepticism, however, as regents challenged its longevity — considering an expected rise in satellites and commercial networks — and questioned whether the expansion would hurt existing stations in Western Iowa.

"I hope you will include these people in the plans, because they do a whole lot with a skeleton of a staff," said Regent Sue Nieland.

UI President David Skorton

assured the board that the new service would not overtake the smaller stations. "We absolutely need to be complementary in the sense of doing what's right for the whole community," he said.

With the regents' approval, the university presidents can now begin a nationwide search for an executive director for Iowa Public Radio, said Regent President John Forsyth.

The merger, he said, will take

place sometime in the next year.

KSUI, which features UI President David Skorton's jazz program in addition to Western classical music programming, and WSUI, an NPR and BBC news outlet as well as the source of local news programs and the "Live from Prairie Lights" readings, employ a full-time staff of 17.

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CITY

Judge tosses out parental-leave suit against UI

A federal judge dismissed a lawsuit Thursday that claimed the UI's parental-leave policy discriminated against biological fathers, said Marc Mills, the university's senior associate counsel.

Ronald Langstaff, the chief judge of the Southern District of Iowa, ruled that the university's policy did not violate Title VII or the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

David Johnson, 39, a former clerk in the Registrar's Office, filed the suit in June 2003, alleging that he was denied leave upon the birth of his daughter the previous fall. The current UI policy provides paid leave for biological mothers and adoptive parents of both sexes but does not give biological fathers the same.

"The judge said that the policy didn't discriminate on the basis of sex or violate the equal-protection clause of either the state or federal Constitution," Mills said.

The judge ruled that the appropriate body in which to protest the policy would have been the university, state Board of Regents, or the state Legislature, he said.

"I couldn't tell you if the university will change its policy, but it wouldn't surprise me if it would look into it," he said.

James Larew, Johnson's attorney, said previously that taking the case to federal court would give better protection to employees than a decision in the state court.

"It's a disappointment for sure," Johnson said. "But I can go to bed at night knowing I did everything I could do to change it."

— by Danielle Stratton-Coulter



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Tuition plan approved

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If the state does not approve the plan, the regents will likely resort to supplemental tuition — hikes based on such variables as class year, major program, and need. However, regents didn't seem too nervous about the request. "I've talked with the governor. There is enthusiasm [in the

state Legislature] about the partnership — there's not a commitment to the absolute dollar amounts at this time because it's really too early to do that," said Regent President John Forsyth. He added that the plan "has been well-received." Regents were satisfied with public response to their plan. "This is the first time in four years that we give approval to tuition that we don't have a

roomful of students," Regent David Neil said, chuckling. Forsyth agreed, commenting that usually "discussion of tuition has more motion around it than this one does." Regent Mary Ellen Becker commended student leaders at Iowa State University, University of Northern Iowa, and the UI. "I really liked the collaboration. I thought it was helpful," she said. Student Regent Jenny Rokes

said she had received several e-mails from fellow students commending the regents for the proposal. "To have it be more predictable is definitely what students wanted," said the UNI senior, who told the other regents she was "really, really excited about this." E-mail *DI* reporter **Traci Finch** at traci-finch@uiowa.edu

Council to push for larger alcohol fines

COUNCIL

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"The city could spend it as it chooses," he said. Councilor Connie Champion said she thought a fine increase would help reduce underage binge drinking in the bars but would not decrease the total amount of underage drinking.

For the past few years the council has battled underage and binge drinking in Iowa City, attempting to raise the bar entry age to 21 but later settling on a compromise — a 19-ordinance that admits 18-year-olds into bars only before 10 p.m. During the vote on a possible ordinance change in October, all councilors agreed that "the

drinking problem" was something that needed to be changed. Many said they were not happy with the 19-ordinance and thought moving to a 21-ordinance would solve the drinking problems. The majority of council decided to keep the 19-ordinance until May, when the council will review the issue again.

UI freshman Ellen Gogerty, who received a violation for underage drinking this fall, said she thinks the fines are already high, adding that she hasn't been downtown much since her violation. Regarding the increase in fines, she said, "I would probably still go out, though." E-mail *DI* reporter **Jessica Seveska** at jessica-seveska@uiowa.edu

Playboy hopefuls discover bare necessities

PLAYBOY

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today, snapping three to four Polaroids per auditioner — head, sitting, and standing shots, as well as some lying on the hotel bed. "I've already seen women who look like the girls next door," Georgiou said. "Which is what Playboy is all about." He found that the "strongest girls" come from Wisconsin and other Midwestern states because of the girl-next-door characteristic that exudes a natural beauty, reminiscent of "the girl you grew up next to and just thought was stunning."

Kortnie Ames came from Cedar Rapids to try to wow the *Playboy* staff. The 23-year-old Keokuk native aspires to model and figured, "This is a good way to start" after learning about *Playboy's* two-day audition. The \$25,000 prize to the winner did not motivate her, as she "had no clue about the money" and only a phone number to call for an interview. Ames first posed for photos two weeks ago, when a friend offered to shoot some portraits. During her second shoot, the topless Ames found that the experience of slipping off her black thong for the *Playboy* camera "wasn't that bad at all."

All the aspiring centerfolds Georgiou met late Thursday morning willingly posed topless, and "a few" agreed to drop trou. He said no one suffers for refusing nudity, but he recommended losing bras and bathing-suit tops to boost their chances. "It makes sense," he said. "It's not rocket science — it's *Playboy* magazine." Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, South Dakota, and Vermont remain underrepresented in the tasteful nude publication, but Hennessy said *Playboy* made Iowa a priority because of the magazine's [local] popularity.

"Maybe this will spur women from other states to audition," she added. Beyond a manicure, Ames had virtually no preparation for the shoot. She said hostessing at Woody's strip club in Cedar Rapids prepared her for the tryout. "[Woody's] is basically a fantasy land for guys," she said. "That's basically what I'm doing here." Ames considered the possibility of her parents' disappointment or outrage at her audition. Shrugging and smirking, she said, "This is more my choice than theirs." E-mail *DI* reporter **Meghan Sims** at meghan-sims@uiowa.edu

Republican activist heads for D.C.'s bright lights

REPUBLICAN

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"There's no question that she's going to get a job out there — the only thing is what specifically," said Tim Hagle, an associate political-science professor who has worked closely with her over the last two years when she served in leadership roles with College Republicans and Students for George W. Bush. Hagle said Schild, a political-science major, stood out this summer when she proved to be one of the top recruiters for Bush by handing out buttons, making phone calls, and knocking on doors. Even at Belle Plaine High School, she was known as a hard worker, her mother said. "She actually changed a couple rules there," Joan Schild

said. "She knew more about what was going on there than the teachers and the principal." Hagle said the younger Schild's work ethic carried over to her college years. "You take the occasional day off, although it didn't seem like she did," he said. Schild's résumé reveals how busy the 21-year-old has been. During her three-and-a-half-year UI career, in addition to volunteering at UIHC's Center for Disabilities and Development for a semester and doing research for the Law Health Policy Center, she spent a year as a caregiver to a wheelchair-bound Iowa City youth, with whom she still keeps in touch. "I would never have expected to be doing that, but it really opened up my eyes," she said. When she did have time off, she didn't stray far from work,

spending most of her free time with fellow College Republicans. "It was good, because I got to meet a lot of neat people in that aspect, and we got to make really tight social ties," she said. "But not a lot of time to branch out other than that — which is OK." Schild won't have a lot of time for branching out if she finds the kind of entry-level political job she's seeking — though she refers to the next few years before she attends law school as "taking a few years off." "I'm still sending my résumé out, but I'd love to keep working for the administration or work in a congressman's office or for a committee," she said. "She's well-known to a lot of other people who are going out to D.C.," said Hagle, who is using his contacts to help Schild find a job.

Schild, who will move to Washington with Sarah Schneider, is most apprehensive about her preliminary living arrangements. "They call it the virgin hall," she said of her and Schneider's temporary dorm-like residence situation. "There's no smoking, drinking, or boys past the lobby — but hopefully, that will only last about two weeks while we're looking for an apartment." Once she is settled, however, Schild is ready for whatever comes her way. "I've gotten a taste of all the different issues," she said. "It's one thing to read about them, and it's one thing to actually go out there, and live, and to figure out what you want to do." E-mail *DI* reporter **Traci Finch** at traci-finch@uiowa.edu

Judge reduces award in fiery-bar-stunt lawsuit

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fireball could have bounced back in her face during the fire. "I assume the judge applied the jury's finding of the plaintiff's own fault," said Cedar Rapids defense lawyer Terry Abernathy. McNabola, an attorney from Chicago, said the decrease was routine and the judge did "exactly what the jury wanted her to do." In addition to the compensation, Busche will receive 25 percent of the punitive damages Et Cetera and Kline are required to pay. Et Cetera will pay \$250,000 and Kline \$25,000. The remaining 75 percent will go to the state, specifically to a reparations trust fund.

Juror Stanley Giudici did not understand why the amount was lowered because he did not understand the process when going into deliberations. "We were confident with the fixed percentage of blame, but we're not confident with the dollar sign," Giudici said. Kline was charged in August 2003 with reckless use of fire and later filed an Alford plea, netting him probation and 100 hours of community service. The plea is not an admission of guilt but means there may be sufficient evidence to convict him. The bar was charged and fined \$500 after it was found guilty of violating city fire codes. Et Cetera is now under new ownership. E-mail *DI* reporter **Jane Slusark** at jane-slusark@uiowa.edu

Canadian report says its security is full of holes

BY BETH DUFF-BROWN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Canada's security net is full of holes, with most border crossings guarded by a lone staffer and airport security so lax that missing security badges and uniforms recently turned up for sale on eBay. A new Senate security report calls for reform, a boost in defense spending, and improved cooperation with the United States. Canadians have relied too long on luck to avoid a terrorist attack, it says, scolding: "Unfortunately, luck is notoriously untrustworthy." The 315-page report by the Senate Standing Committee on National Security and Defense, the first released under the year-old government of Prime Minister Paul Martin, said most of Canada's 160 land and maritime border crossings have only one person at the posts.

"All it would take is a serious terrorist incident, caused by someone slipping through Canada, to shut down the border, and that would be an absolute disaster," said Robert Bothwell, a professor at the University of Toronto who specializes in U.S.-Canadian relations. The report, which some are calling alarmist and ineffectual — as it comes from the politically appointed upper house of Parliament — noted that Canadian forces have been hit with budget cuts of about 30 percent between 1988 and 2000. "Despite NATO's recent expansions, Canada remains mired third-last among the 26 member countries, ahead of only Luxembourg and Iceland," the report said. Iceland has no armed forces. Canada promised to spend \$6.2 billion over five years to improve border security after the 9/11 attacks in the United States. The measures include better screening at the 89 federal airports, but critics say little has improved. More than 1,000 airport security uniforms and badges disappeared in the first nine months of the year — some turning up later on the eBay online auction site. Transport Minister Jean Lapierre ordered an investigation into the disappearance of the uniforms and badges, which are required to gain access to restricted areas.

"The potential damage to the Canadian economy and other consequences that would come with allowing a terrorist to infiltrate the U.S. through Canada are massive," the report said. Securing the 4,000-mile border is paramount to prevent terrorist attacks and protect some \$1.4 billion in trade each day between the North American neighbors.

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NEWS

Saddam meets with attorney

Violence continues in Baghdad as unidentified gunmen kill the deputy head of the Communications Ministry on his way to work

BY SAMEER N. YACOB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein met with a defense lawyer Thursday for the first time since his capture a year ago, days before several of his top aides are due to appear in court for hearings on alleged war crimes. Insurgents, meanwhile, killed three paramilitary police and a government official in Baghdad. The unidentified attorney spent four hours with the 67-year-old former dictator at Saddam's undisclosed detention site, said his chief lawyer, Ziad al-Khasawneh.



Mohammed Uraibi/Associated Press

A son (left) and a brother of assassinated Iraqi Deputy Minister of Communications Qassim Mehawi cry over his coffin in Baghdad on Thursday. Mehawi was assassinated in a drive-by shooting as he was heading to work; eight of his bodyguards were wounded in the attack.

"He was in good health, and his morale was high and very strong," al-Khasawneh said. "He looked much better than his earlier public appearance, when he was arraigned a few months ago." Meanwhile, unidentified gun-

men shot and killed Qassim Mehawi, deputy head of the Communications Ministry, as he was heading to work, police said. Eight of Mehawi's bodyguards were injured and hospitalized. Government officials are frequent

targets of the insurgents, who accuse them of collaborating with the Americans.

In western Baghdad, a roadside bomb exploded near a passing SUV, badly damaging the vehicle, police said. After the blast, gunmen opened up on the survivors with automatic fire, killing a foreigner and wounding two others, Al-Khadra police commissioner Ali Hussein Al-Hamadani said.

There was no immediate information on their nationality.

The Iraqi interim government's push to get the trials for Saddam's former lieutenants under way before the Jan. 30 national elections has led to dissent even within the Iraqi Cabinet.

"Trials as symbolic as those against the dignitaries of the former regime should only start after the establishment of an Iraqi government with ballot-box legitimacy," Iraqi Justice Minister Malik Dohan al-Hassan told the Geneva daily newspaper *Le Temps* in an interview published Thursday.

Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Tuesday that procedures could begin as early as next week before the Iraqi Special Tribunal.

Study: 50,000-plus Iowa children uninsured

BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Even though Iowa has the fifth-fewest number of uninsured children in the nation, there are still 50,000 to 100,000 people under the age of 18 without health insurance or at a "significant risk" of losing insurance, according to a UI study released Thursday.

"The good news is that, relative to other states, we're doing pretty well," said Peter Damiano, the director of Health Policy Research Program at the Public Policy Center and one of the report's co-authors. "But if you're one of those 90,000 children without, it will affect your ability to get health care."

A telephone survey conducted in 2000 by the Public Policy Center, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and the Child

Health Specialty Clinic found that the number of uninsured children could be shrunk to one-fifth its current size with more advertising for public insurance programs, such as Medicaid and HAWK-I.

"While the reasons these children remain uninsured varies, the importance of education and outreach is clear ... at the time of the survey, only about half of the parents had heard of the HAWK-I program," the study found.

Damiano said it would also be essential to remove the stigma attached to the public-insurance programs to increase their use.

Six percent of Iowa children were uninsured, which is half the national average of 12 percent, according to the survey of 3,241 randomly selected Iowa families. Another 6 percent of Iowa children had been uninsured at some point in the year

prior to the study.

The survey found that such programs as Medicaid and HAWK-I serve as transitional coverage because more than half of uninsured children in the state had used Medicaid as backup insurance at some point in their lives.

Encouraging families to take advantage of Medicaid might not be enough, however. According to the survey, children were four times more likely to be without dental insurance than medical insurance, and other studies have found low dentist participation in Medicaid.

The study suggested correcting the lack of access to dental care for Medicaid enrollees by either increasing reimbursement to dentists or forming a separate Medicaid for dental care.

The survey was part of a broader study of health care in the state funded by a federal grant from the

Maternal and Child Health Bureau. Damiano said organizers hope to repeat the study to keep information up to date.

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OF 3,241 RANDOMLY SELECTED IOWA FAMILIES SURVEYED:

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NATION & WORLD

Bush: Social Security accounts will be secure

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Thursday the Social Security investment accounts he is proposing would have rules to prevent workers from gambling away their retirement money. He appealed for congressional action to shore up the system and said lawmakers supporting him wouldn't be risking their seats.

"This is an issue on which I campaigned, and I'm still standing," Bush said at an economic conference promoting his domestic proposals, including Social Security, his leading legislative issue for next year.

"The crisis is now," he said, pressing for an overhaul of the system, which will be under increasing financial pressure as the baby-boom generation retires and claims benefits.

He is proposing that workers be allowed to take part of the Social Security taxes they now pay into the system and instead invest in private accounts. But he said there would be restrictions on the money.

"You can't take it to the race track and hope to really increase the returns. It's not there for the lottery," Bush said.

Tape attributed to bin Laden lauds U.S. consulate attack

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A man identified as Osama bin Laden, speaking on an audiotape posted on an Islamic website Thursday, praised an attack earlier this month on a U.S. consulate in Saudi Arabia and criticized the Saudi regime as weak and controlled by the United States.

The voice sounded like the Qaeda terror chief's, and the tape, which was more than an hour, was posted on a site known as a clearinghouse for militant Islamic comment. The identity of the voice could not be independently confirmed.

The tape appeared the same day another dissident had called for anti-monarchy protests in the kingdom.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell said U.S. intelligence officials were analyzing the tape, and "it appears to be" the voice of bin Laden. An intelligence official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said his colleagues had "high confidence" that the voice on the tape was that of bin Laden.

When asked whether he thought bin Laden was trying to taunt the United States and Saudi Arabia, Powell replied, "He's a terrorist. That's what terrorists do. He's a criminal. He's a terrorist. He's a murderer, and we're going to continue to hunt for him. ... He will be brought to justice."

Annan: U.N. will help in Iraqi elections

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, fending off Republican demands for his resignation over alleged corruption, said on Thursday he will expand U.N. support for Iraqi elections if need be. He said he was not offended that President Bush did not ask to see him during this visit to Washington.

The allegations of abuse in a U.N. oil and aid program hung over Annan as he made his rounds visiting outgoing Secretary of State Colin Powell and Powell's nominated replacement, White House National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice.

Both U.S. diplomats, along with Iraq's interim government, have lobbied the United Nations to do more to help carry off the elections scheduled for Jan. 30.

Annan addressed the subject at the start of a speech on reforming the world body.

"Let me deal with something that I'm sure is on the minds of all of you: the disturbing allegations over the oil-for-food program," he said at the Council on Foreign Relations. "We must get to the bottom of these allegations."

He pledged full cooperation with the numerous investigations into the allegations. U.N. employees can be fired if they do not comply, he said.

Yushchenko: Security service cooked up a 'political murder'

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko starkly accused the government Thursday of poisoning him in a "political murder" to knock him out of the presidential race, saying his massive dioxin dose probably came from a dinner three months ago with Ukraine's security chief.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Yushchenko laid the blame unequivocally on the government of President Leonid Kuchma and Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, his opponent in the contest to be decided in a Dec. 26 repeat of their fraud-marred runoff.

For the first time, he also pinpointed the time and place the poisoning likely took place: a Sept. 5 dinner with the head of the Ukrainian Security Service, Ihor Smeshko, and his deputy, Volodimir Satsyuk.

"That was the only place where no one from my team was present and no precautions were taken concerning the food," Yushchenko told the AP. "It was a project of political murder, prepared by the authorities."



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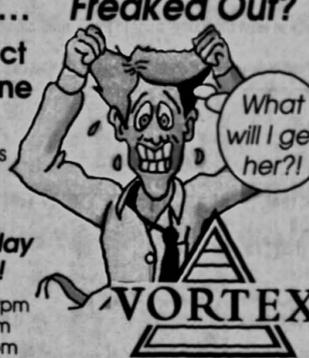
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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Is Santa Claus real?

DI editorial writers present opposing views — one last time

OF COURSE

Every year the question is floated before every parent with a child under age 10: Is Santa Claus real? The answer to this question is a resounding "Duh." After all, boys and girls, who do you think *brings* those presents under the tree? Let's examine the other suspects:

- Mom. Get real. Between her job, cooking dinner for the family, balancing the checkbook, daydreaming of an all-day trip to the spa, and making sure you don't smack yourself in the head with a baseball bat, do you think she has time to make the trip to the North Pole and fill up the SUV with X-Box games? Unless her lunch hour is now five days long, I don't think so.

- Dad. What time of year is it, children? No, not Christmas time. It's football time! And that amorphous lump of flesh who collapses on your couch every weekend, who bequeathed his Y-chromosome to you — he's too caught up in the Packers-Vikings playoff race to know if the house is burning down, much less where your presents are coming from.

- The dog. In the interests of conducting a thorough investigation, it would be an gross error to leave him out. But between licking his nether regions and digging up Mom's prized azaleas, this guy's got too much on his mind to attend to your wishes. Unless your wishes involve feeding him.

So, I ask, who does this leave? By process of elimination, it's gotta be Santa. Toys, unlike missing files in the Clinton White House, don't materialize out of thin air.

But what is little known is the true nature of Santa. He was being groomed by Karl Rove to run against Hillary in 2008, but because of a little problem with nanny hirings, that plan has been scuttled.

Then there's the question of how Santa affords the whole business. I know, I know, Santa gets a huge tax write-off for his efforts, but when you tally up the reindeer food, the mileage on that sled, and the hush-hush money to the elf-union boss (to cover up Santa's outsourcing jobs to Third World countries), there isn't much of a profit left. Fortunately, he got out of the market before the dot-com bubble burst, although word filtering out of the North Pole is that the IRS has been sniffing around a little too close for comfort.

At any rate, we can all look forward to finding something in our stocking in a few days, thanks to the big jolly guy. Merry Christmas, everyone.

P.S. — If you can somehow finagle the keys to Dad's liquor cabinet, Santa tells me that he's tired of the milk and cookies that everyone leaves out for him.

— Robert Schneider



NOT A CHANCE

'Tis the season for Santa Claus, and all that other meaningless Christmas-cheer garbage associated with the jolly red fat man. I'm sick and tired of everyone talking about how excited they are about Santa coming. That is why I'm here to set the record straight: Santa Claus is a big phony.

I stopped believing in Santa Claus when a little thing called common sense hit me. When I was 2 years old, my parents sat me down and explained to me the logistical impossibilities of Santa. They made it apparent that it was mathematically impossible for Santa to travel across the country, going house-to-house delivering presents to all "good" children in a single night.

Following our discussion, I turned off my "Sesame Street" episode and started doing some reflecting. My parents were right — people can't live at the North Pole, reindeers don't know how to fly, I didn't even have a chimney, and I knew Santa couldn't fit through my central-air conditioner, especially with all that water weight he carries around.

I wish every child could have had the same epiphany as I had, but unfortunately, the myth of Santa Claus continues to be perpetrated on children all across the country. Toddlers wait in hour-long lines at the neighborhood mall to sit on "Santa's" lap. For \$10, kids get two minutes and a shoddy photo with the charlatan while they breathe in whatever concoction of brandy-and-soda "Santa" was guzzling in the parking lot during his first coffee break. Thousands of these imitators, mysteriously dissimilar in their physical features but all dressed in their cherry-plush suits, infiltrate our streets creating a massive Christmas hysteria based on lies and deception.

Speaking of the infamous red suits, why has Santa gotten away with wearing so much red all this time without anyone asking any questions? Hasn't the thought of Santa being a communist crossed anyone's mind? Where's Joe McCarthy when we really need him? Come on, the whole idea behind the guy is that he goes around giving presents practically to everyone. Yeah, everyone should get a present. Good idea, Santa, or should I say Karl Marx?

The whole system behind the idea of Santa Claus is just another way to keep children in line so they do their chores and go to bed before 9. Parents love to tell their kids that Santa won't be coming this year unless they act like perfect angels. I heard my uncle tell his 6-year-old boy that if he struck out during his time in Little League, Santa would not come.

Kids, don't buy into the lies this Christmas season, and start asking your parents the hard questions. And next time you hear that "Santa Claus is Comin' to Town," don't get your hopes up. Santa Claus is nothing but a commie-fraud liar.

— Brendan Fitzgibbons

A Christmas list

Ahh, well, it's that time of year again, folks. The eggnog is flowing (especially when certain columnists have bad cases of writer's block), the diamond-ring commercials are flooding the airwaves (don't guys have enough pressure around the holidays as it is?), and as usual in Iowa, it is impossible to walk outside without wearing enough layers to make an Arctic expedition not entirely unfeasible. Christmas is finally, mercifully, upon us.

Contrary to public belief, conservatives are not all selfish, money-grubbing Scrooges. And instead of the putrid bile of capitalism pumping through our hearts, there are indeed



ROBERT SCHNEIDER

Republicans who have values such as generosity and humanity as part of their essential core of being. Of course, I don't actually know any Republicans with these traits, and even though I suspect it's an old-wives' tale, I have heard some third-person anecdotal evidence that does indeed lend credence to the presence of a soul and heart in a Bush voter.

Well, dear reader, I'm here to prove it isn't that farfetched after all. So, without further ado, here is my Christmas list for 2004:

- For Democrats everywhere: Harold Ickes as the Democratic National Committee chairman. Trust me on this one, people. A while back, the issue of whether the Dems should move to the left was discussed here on this page; for my part, I provided a comprehensive list of reasons why such a shift would be a disaster. Let me just say that the left end of the political spectrum, which would not have been more energized if the real JFK had been running, didn't deliver for the Democrats. Period. Forget about mining votes at that end of the continuum; if you didn't get the votes this year, then they simply don't exist.

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- For Bernard Kerik: A ticket to a remote outpost of humanity (like western Nebraska). Undoubtedly, Bernie probably wants to get away worse than we'd like to see him leave. I'm having trouble keeping up with all the allegations being leveled at him, but by my rough count, I'm up to two affairs, an illegal immigrant for a nanny, a city contractor buddy with mob ties, and violations of New York's political rules on accepting gifts. Impressive stuff. Let's hope (or at least, let us Republicans hope) that the rest of Bush's four final years go more smoothly than this. The most interesting question is: How did Kerik rise so far in New York politics, with a local media ravenous for scandal, without these liabilities ever becoming public?

- For Barry Bonds: a better excuse. When baseball's best active slugger recently told a grand jury that he probably used a certain steroid cream but didn't know for sure what the cream was, the nation rolled its collective eyes. It's no secret that superstars, of the athletic or entertainment variety, have little touch with reality, but is Bonds so far removed that he expected a grand jury to swallow this canard? The idea of a multimillionaire athlete — whose body is the reason those paychecks keep rolling in — not knowing what he's putting into that body is laughable. Barry, you're ridiculously wealthy. Go retain a lawyer for a couple hours to come up with an excuse for you. The public might be willfully naive, but we're not willfully stupid.

My toy bag is empty, and I had better make way for the real Santa Claus (yes, he exists; look over at the left side of this page if you don't believe me), but Merry Christmas to everyone out there ... even you, Michael Moore. ■

LETTERS

A place for everyone

Allow me to preface by saying that I was incredibly shocked and appalled by Ryan McPartland's letter to the editor (*DI*, Dec. 15). Not so much by the incidents that were described by him as having taken place at Studio 13, but rather by the lack of candor in his redress. Not only were his comments brash, but the assertions he made were purported to be on behalf of the entire gay community. This is utterly ridiculous.

As a gay male, I am able to sympathize with the author and his boyfriend, and I find it tasteless that people would behave in such an offensive manner. However, it is necessary to remind him that sexual harassment is not unique to any bar — certainly not to the Studio 13 he is lamenting, as lascivious behavior of this nature was indeed present before heterosexuals managed to "outrun" it.

Personally, I welcome the new faces to "our" bar. Affording heterosexuals the opportunity to experience and enjoy an aspect of the gay lifestyle can only be beneficial in promoting mutual respect and eliminating mindless prejudice. The writer is no martyr for the gay cause, and I resent the fact that he has attempted to speak out on my behalf.

In conclusion, let me beseech McPartland to take his ill-thought rhetoric elsewhere. It is not so much the "compulsive heterosexuality" that poses a problem to the "safe spaces" as it is the author's hyperactive expression of masculine aggression — both in the bar and now in the pages of *The Daily Iowan*. I pity the fact that he has chosen to express his angst and resentment toward the entire heterosexual population, but matters are not made any better by perpetuating the

hatred and discrimination that only continue to divide our community.

Shane Beckmann
UI student

Don't generalize on one incident

As a heterosexual woman responding to Ryan McPartland's letter regarding "ownership" of the local gay bar, I must say I was disappointed in his judgmental arguments. First of all, how can one person generalize an entire population's place in society, gay or straight? Furthermore, he cannot be sure that the owners of this bar share his opinions and wish to either welcome or push away an entire sector of paying customers, despite positive or negative influences on their bar and its customers.

When it comes down to it, sadly, there are all kinds of ignorant people in the world who do some inexcusable things and make mistakes, but why further encourage barriers between groups of different people based on one person's actions?

One positive way to look at the situation would be to think that perhaps it's a good thing that, more and more, people feel comfortable enough to enter a foreign environment around those who are different from them. My boyfriend has worked in a gay bar for almost three years — would you not accept a drink he made because he is straight and possibly said something stupid to you one night? Perhaps instead you should open up your own gay bar, hang a big sign outside that says, "No heterosexuals allowed," and see how long you can afford to stay open.

Christine Johnston
Iowa City resident

Student senators not at fault

The accusations against the UI Student Senate by Nathan Jones and George Pappas deserve a serious response (*DI*, Dec. 10 and Dec. 16 respectively). As the executive officer of the Collegiate Senate (which failed to pass the resolution), I take greatest offense to their insinuations.

The Undergraduate Collegiate Senate had all senators in attendance (or by proxy) in December for the first time in years. In three years of student government, I've yet to meet more people dedicated to the organization and its mission of representing students. Moreover, one of the senators was Students for Sensible Drug Policy's sponsor for the legislation, and I personally helped that organization structure the legislation. I know several other senators tried to contact members of the group to help restate the legislation, but their suggestions were declined.

I didn't reply to the vague, form-letter e-mail "lobbying" me about the legislation because the legislation would need to be completely rewritten; it was so "purposely vague" as to put UISG in an untenable position. I disagree with the drug group's statement that drug users should be in a "monitored environment" in the dorms, because the only people to provide that environment are resident assistants. Not only is that responsibility an added burden on RAs, but it's an irresponsible treatment mechanism. Finally, I disagree with the group's statement that allowing known drug users to stay in the dorms "poses little or no recognizable threat" to the well-being of other residents. If that statement wasn't so dangerous, it would be laughable.

Barry Pump
Undergraduate Collegiate Senate executive officer

The drug group's views do not represent the mainstream of student opinion, and its extremist approach is not likely to win allies. If it wants Student Assembly support for this initiative, it should spend less time trying to "lobby" senators and more time paying attention to the meanings of its words.

There are several reasons the legislation failed, but student-senator apathy is not one of them.

Accepting responsibility

As I read about the update concerning the Et Cetera trial in the Dec. 15 edition of the *DI*, I noticed something missing.

Lost in all of the drama concerning the ridiculous amount of money Deanine Busche is demanding for what apparently has become a loss of appetite (she apparently had to resort to eating a bologna sandwich on Thanksgiving because cooking had just become "too painful"), is the fact that she is primarily responsible for this accident. Long before Troy Kline re-lit the infamous "fireball," Busche had been spending the evening drinking at the bar. Is the fact that she was underage not a factor because she was injured?

I am a firm believer that if you are in an establishment doing something you know personally to be illegal and are injured as a result of your own recklessness, you have no legitimate argument. I know we live in a society where you can sue someone else for pouring hot coffee on your own lap, but \$1.6 million is a lot of money to pay someone for knowingly breaking the law.

Kevin Harter
UI graduate

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ON THE SPOT

Do you believe in Santa Claus?



"Currently, no."

Sarah Hinds
UI employee



"Yes, he's real. Why are you asking me that?"

Margaret Slaton
UI senior



"Yes."

Sarisa Jensen
UI freshman



"Yes."

Ryan Stadok
UI sophomore

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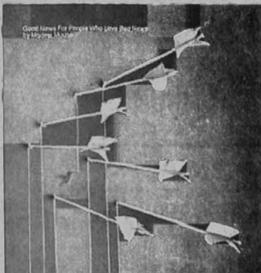
CALENDAR-WORTHY

Whether your finals week was brutal or breezy, check out **BOB DORR'S BLUE BAND**, featuring Sam Slamone and Steve "the Chief" Hayes, at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington. The show will start at 9 p.m.; cover is \$6.

The 10 best things of 2004

BY LAYNE GABRIEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

1. Modest Mouse's *Good News for People Who Love Bad News* —



I know I like a record when I buy it on CD and vinyl. In the case of *Good News*, I bought them both in the same week. I wasn't a stranger to the band completely — we had a few flirtations with songs from old albums — but this record made me fall in love. Months later, I still can't take the damn thing out of my CD player.

2. The End of "Friends" —



This isn't really a "best," but it sure is notable. After 10 years, Ross, Rachel, Monica, Chandler, Joey, and Phoebe will live on only through reruns and DVDs. Ross and Rachel end up together, Monica and Chandler adopt twins, Phoebe and husband Mike decide to have children, and Joey gets a new chick and duck. I laughed, I cried — just the way it should be.

3. *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind* —



Kate Winslet plays Clementine, "just a fucked-up girl" with such hair colors as Blue Ruin and Agent Orange, opposite Jim Carrey's excellent Joel. Their relationship goes awry, and Joel finds out that Clementine has had him erased from her memory. He decides to go through the procedure, and the film chronicles his desperate attempts to hold on to his Tangerine.

4. "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" —

Frylock, Master Shake, and Meatwad live in New Jersey next to their crazy, wifebeater-clad neighbor Carl Brutananadilewski

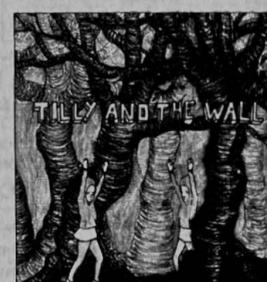
(but you can call him Carl Smith). Oh, and did I mention they're a box of fries, a shake, and a wad of meat? The 15-minute animated show on Cartoon Network is also full of such bizarre foes as the Cybernetic Ghost of Christmas Past from the Future and the Love Mummy.

5. The Beastie Boys' *To the 5 Boroughs* — Solid beats, political undertones, and the three



best MCs around make the Beasties' newest record irresistible. Ad Rock, MCA, and Mike D are keepin' it real despite being in the rap scene for 15 years, and this album is just as great as its predecessors. The boys from New York really know how to bring "The Brouhaha."

6. Rilo Kiley, *Now It's Overhead*, and Tilly and the Wall, Sept. 29,



Sokol Underground, Omaha —
This show was easily the best concert I've been to this year. Every band was on that night. Tilly and the Wall got the crowd dancing and clapping along with tap dancer Jamie Williams. Now It's Overhead brought tears to my eyes, and Rilo Kiley blew everyone away. I couldn't have asked for a better lineup.

7. "Degrassi: The Next Generation" —

That's right. Degrassi. I admit it. It's straight-up addictive. In junior-high sex ed, we watched the original "Degrassi Junior High," a tragic '80s attempt at discussing sex, drugs, crime, and teenage life. The new "Degrassi" isn't any different, except those kids from the '80s happen to be the moms, dads, and teachers of Degrassi's current students.

8. "Dr. Phil" and "Jerry Springer" back to back —

The doctor is in at 3 p.m. on weekdays on KWVL, and straight from there, the "worst show on television" airs at 4 p.m. on KWVF. Watch suburban housewives cheat on their husbands, get addicted to diet pills, and go through messy



divorces. Change the channel and watch white-trash housewives cheat on their husbands, prostitute themselves, and beat the crap out of each other.

9. eBay —

It took me a while to jump on the bandwagon, but eBay has been good to me — funky dresses for dirt cheap, shoes that look like they could be curtains, and impossible-to-find DVDs made their way to my mailbox.



10. *Saved!* —

Mandy Moore playing the most hard-core Christian I've ever seen and Macaulay Culkin as her handicapped, smart-ass brother truly make *Saved!* a hilarious film. Mary (Jena Malone) tries to save her gay boyfriend by having sex with him. He stays gay, she gets pregnant, and hilarity ensues.

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ARTS

Lisa Marie Presley selling Elvis estate

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Lisa Marie Presley is keeping Graceland but selling the bulk of the Elvis estate, including rights to her father's name and image, in a deal worth approximately \$100 million. Elvis Presley Enterprises Inc. announced an agreement Thursday to sell 85 percent of its assets to businessman Robert FX Sillerman, founder of music

and sports promoter SFX Entertainment.

The Presley estate brought in almost \$45 million last year. Sillerman said more aggressive marketing, supported by capital raised through a new publicly traded company, can make Elvis an even bigger earner.

Presley occupies a unique place in American pop culture, and "I don't think there's much likelihood his influence is going to wane anytime in my

lifetime," Sillerman said by telephone from New York, where he runs the Sillerman Companies.

As Presley's only child, Lisa Marie is the sole heir to the estate, most of which is now to become part of a publicly traded company that will be called CXC Inc.

The agreement will pay her \$53 million in cash and absolve her of \$25 million in debts owed by the estate. She also is to get shares in the new company expected to be worth more than \$20 million.

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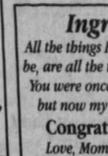
Congratulations

DECEMBER, 2004 GRADUATES

 <p>Jeremy, Congratulations! Graduation and a new job! Now it's your turn to treat. We are so proud of you. Best luck with that new job! Love & Prayers Dad & Mom, Jennifer, Charles, Thomas, Becky, William, Christina & Elizabeth</p>	 <p>Jane- Congratulations on your graduation. We love you and we think you are the greatest! Love, Mom, Dad and Becky</p>	 <p>Kristen, We are so proud of you. You are a beautiful person and you will go far in life. Now it is on to Law School!!! Good Luck-Love Your Family</p>	 <p>Scott- Congratulations! Love, Mom, Dad & Jordan</p>
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<p>Linnea Polgreen PhD. Congratulations We're so proud and happy for you. Love, Mom and Dad</p>	<p>Hey Toots, You did it! You're the best. We're so proud of you. All our love, Dad, Mom, Steve & Rachel</p>	 <p>Look at our baby now- You have worked so hard and we are very proud of you. Love, Mom & Dad</p>	<p>Cynthia- Congratulations! We are very proud of you! We know you'll have a great future.</p>	 <p>Jim- Congratulations on your Degree and Graduation from the University of Iowa. Ever since you were 6 years old you were a true Hawkeye fan and still are. Love, Mom & Dad & Family</p>	<p>CG, Congratulations! Your strong will and determination always comes Shining through. I am proud having a son like you. Love, Mom</p>
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 <p>Hilaree- We are very proud of your hard work and accomplishments. Always remember: We love you Lots! Love, Mom, Dad, Jared, Meagan, Grandpa Merrill, Grandma Shirley & Grandpa Fremi</p>	 <p>Esti, Congratulations on graduation and Phi Beta Kappa. You did it! You are an amazing woman. Love, Mom, Dad, Micah, Jason, Chad, Julie</p>	 <p>Mike- Congratulations! We knew you could do it! You did it your way! Love Ya, Ma, Pa, Jen, Scott & Gabby</p>	 <p>Jeremy Hooray - a degree and in fine fashion too. You are a wonderful son and we are proud of you. We hope life is good to you - enjoy it. Love, Mom, Dad, Aaron and Jade</p>
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 <p>Dear Amerson, Congratulations. We are so very, very proud of you! You did it, especially during the roughest time in all of our lives. Thanks to all of your friends and our family for supporting us. Now it's time for your big party!! Love, Mom, Dad, Mary, Pat, & Rigazzi</p>	<p>Ingrid- All the things I prayed you'd be, are all the things you are. You were once my little girl but now my shining star. Congratulations! Love, Mommy & Emily</p>	 <p>Adam - Congratulations! We are very proud of you! Good luck at your new job! Welcome to the Business world! Love, Therese, Terry & Dad</p>	<p>Katie- Congratulations! We are all so proud of you! You will make a great teacher! Love, Mom, Dad, Tammy, Stephen, Kerri, and family</p>
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<p>Varun- We are so proud of you! Well done!!! Good luck with your new job. Love Mom and Karan</p>	 <p>Congratulations Tricia on a job well done and well deserved. You totally rock. I hope you dance! Love You, Mom, Holly & Jenny</p>	<p>Abel- Congratulations! Graduation from The University of Iowa! We are proud of you! Love, Mom & Dad</p>	 <p>To Sarah, Congratulations, much love & many hugs on this your Graduation. May your path be strewn with flowers, memories, friends and happy hours. May blessings come from heaven above to fill your life with peace and love. Love, Nanny, Roscoe, Mollie & Timmie</p>	 <p>Megan Kline - We couldn't be prouder of how much you've accomplished and of the person you've become. Congratulations!</p>
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 <p>Dear Keith, We are so very proud of your accomplishments and the young man you have become. We hope all your dreams come true. Your family will be with you forever. Love, Mom, Dad, Kevin, Chris, Kim & Jeff</p>	 <p>Heidi Van Aukeu, Congratulations! We are so proud of you for all your hard work you have done. Congratulations! Graduation and new job. Now it's your turn to treat. Please always keep in your mind Josue 1-9. Love your parents, husband and brothers.</p>	 <p>Way to go, Em! Love, Mom, Dad & Matt</p>	 <p>We are all proud of you. You accomplished your dream of being a teacher. Now on to big things in life - a JOB! Now you can take care of us. Grandpa & Grandma Yuska</p>
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 <p>Charlie- You'll never know just how much we love you. You've made us proud for 23 years. The best years are yet to come. Enjoy your moment! Love, Mom, Dad and Lena</p>	 <p>Amanda Jane- You've accomplished another milestone in your life's journey. Who knows what is next, but whatever it is, there is no doubt you will not only succeed, but enjoy the trip along the way. Congratulations! Love, Mom & Dad</p>	 <p>Lisa - Our pride is only eclipsed by our love for you! Congratulations! Mom, Dad, Lori, Jay & Ashleigh Our Ce Cer!</p>	 <p>Patricio - Congratulations on graduating! Que Dios te bendiga. Con mucho amor, Mom, Dad, Martita y Francisco</p>
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 <p>Mike- Congratulations! We are very proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom, Amy, Harold, and Courtney</p>	 <p>Amanda- We are so proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom & Jason</p>	 <p>Emily: Our hearts are full of love, pride, and joy at your graduation! We love you always and forever! God bless you! Love, Mom & Dad</p>	 <p>Alindsey- Good job! We knew you could do it! Keep up the great work- Love Dad & Mom</p>
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<p>Brandon, Congratulations 2004 graduate. You did it your way! Love, Mom, Carly and Nanna</p>	 <p>Tricia We were very proud the day you were born. We were proud watching you grow to the wonderful young woman you have become today. Getting this diploma, we are sure you will achieve whatever you want. Love, Grampa & Grama</p>	 <p>Congratulations, Rebecca Toenjes! On your graduation from U of I. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Joni & Mary</p>	 <p>Congrats Big Guy! May the bumps in life's road be small & few. May your smiles outnumber your frowns. Love, Dad, Mom, Jamie, Jen & Grandma Mary</p>	<p>Randi- You make us so proud! Good luck in the real world. With all of your talents you will make the world a better place. Love, Your Family</p>
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<p>Congratulations Daily Iowan Graduates! JK Perry • Zach Boyden-Holmes Anne Webbeking • Sarah Franklin</p>	 <p>Blair- Congratulations on your achievements while at the U of I: academic success, achieving a double major, fraternity success with a Phi Gamma Delta Presidency, and of course, the numerous life long friendships you've made. Mom, Dad, Heather and Derrick</p>	<p>Adam Herrig, Congratulations from your family and friends! We love you and are proud of your accomplishments.</p>
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KINNICK

Regents seeking alternate funding for new scoreboard

AMES — The state Board of Regents and university officials decided Thursday to seek alternate ways to finance a new \$2 million scoreboard and videoboard at Kinnick stadium.

Both the school officials and regents decided the planned funding — which would come mostly from a taxable loan with Wells Fargo Bank — would be inefficient.

"We can do this less expensively," said Doug True, the vice president for Finance.

Kinnick's old JumboTron was sold on eBay for \$10,000 after Iowa's final home football game. To replace the 7-year-old structure, the university must buy out its current contract with Action Sports Media — a \$2.25 million expense.

The contract with the South Dakota-based electronics company Daktronics to acquire a new scoreboard in addition to the buyout will cost just over \$4 million.

— by Traci Finch

UI TENNIS

Tennis facilities construction receives final approval

AMES — Iowa received final approval from the state Board of Regents Thursday to begin construction on a \$12 million west-campus tennis-recreation center.

The new facility will have eight indoor and 12 outdoor tennis courts. The space will also house indoor recreation activity space for field activities and classes, locker rooms and offices, and room for Touch the Earth, an outdoor recreation and education program for Recreational Services.

The 105,000-square-foot facility will be located west of Mormon Trek Boulevard and directly west of the Hall of Fame; its construction will not affect the nearby Housing Service Building.

Construction will begin in spring 2005; outdoor fields will be completed in the summer and the indoor facility will be finished in summer 2006. Funding for the project will come from Recreation Building fees, athletics department gifts and earnings, and parking revenues.

— by Traci Finch

MLB

Carolina punter arrested on DWI charge

Carolina Panthers punter Todd Sauerbrun was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and released on \$1,700 bond.

Sauerbrun also was charged with speeding and driving while his license was revoked, Julia Rush, a spokeswoman for the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Department, said on Thursday.

The All-Pro and Pro Bowl player attended practice but declined to comment. Afterward, coach John Fox said Sauerbrun will play Saturday night at Atlanta in a game critical to the Panthers' playoff hopes.

"We're a microcosm of society," Fox said. "It happens to every other NFL team. It's something we take very seriously, but it's reality."

TRIVIA

Do you know the answer?

Q. Which city has hosted the most Super Bowls?

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Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Chad Greenway celebrates after Wisconsin kicker Kenneth DeBauché is taken down by a swarm of Hawkeyes following a botched Wisconsin field-goal attempt on Nov. 20 in Kinnick Stadium.

The Hawkeyes will take on the LSU Tigers in the Capital One Bowl in Orlando on Jan. 1.

'It's a very prestigious opponent and, unfortunately, a very tough opponent.'

— IOWA COACH KIRK FERENTZ

*Both suffered midway losses.
Both have come back.
Both teams have something to prove.
But on Jan. 1, only one team will come away as champions of the CAPITAL ONE BOWL GAME*

'This is a very challenging game for us.'

— LSU COACH NICK SABAN

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

Sometimes it takes a tough loss for a team to realize what it needs to do.

Both Iowa and LSU suffered big-time losses midway through the season.

Neither has lost since.

One of them has to lose in Orlando.

The 11th-ranked Hawkeyes and No. 12 Tigers meet in the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 1 in the Florida Citrus Bowl Stadium (noon on ABC) having won 13-straight games collectively. LSU hasn't lost since its trip to Georgia on Oct. 1, 45-16, tallying six-consecutive victories. Iowa has won seven in a row, sporting a different attitude after a loss at Arizona State on Sept. 18, 44-7.

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz is excited to play the co-national champions from last season.

"They have excellent personnel, excellent coaching staff, excellent tradition, and they are the defending national champs," he said. "I think it's a very prestigious opponent and, unfortunately, a very tough opponent."

Iowa finished with the nation's worst rushing attack but flourished under quarterback Drew Tate and Ferentz's best defense in his six-year tenure. The Hawkeyes led the conference in turnover margin and held opponents to a 62 percent scoring rate in the red zone.

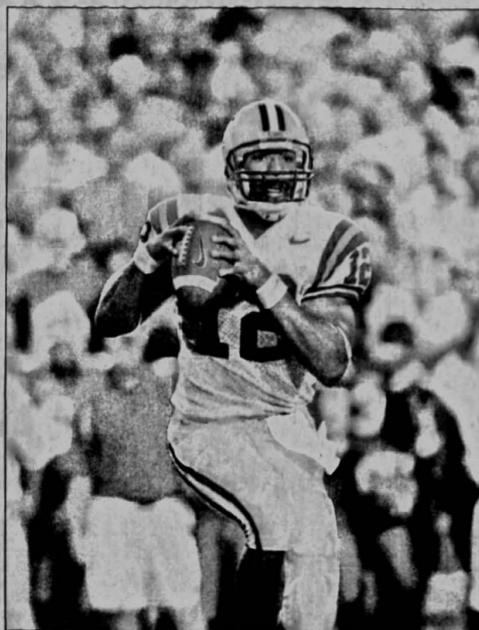
"They've got a very resourceful quarterback who makes a lot of plays," LSU coach Nick Saban said. "They play extremely well on defense, and this is a very challenging game for us."

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A CLOSER LOOK AT THE COMPETITION

LSU OFFENSE: MARCUS RANDALL

Marcus Randall has been through highs and lows during his senior campaign, splitting time with freshman JaMarcus Russell and failing to establish consistent play. But the athletic senior with throwing and running ability could cause Iowa problems.



Steve Franz/LSU sports information

Proving his consistency

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

LSU senior Marcus Randall had a season of ups and downs.

He's battled with a freshman for playing time, losing the race for fan popularity.

He's been off-and-on — can't miss one game, can't hit the next.

And the terrific athlete with a strong right arm has

shown confidence problems during his Tiger career.

"It sounds like the biggest variable for them this season has been their quarterback play," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "Their running game has been excellent; their defense has been very good. Special teams good, but the quarterback play has been inconsistent."



Randall
quarterback

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LSU DEFENSE: MARCUS SPEARS



Steve Franz/LSU sports information

Defensive end Marcus Spears is one of the country's best, tallying eight sacks and 14 tackles for losses in the last five games. The senior has anchored LSU's defense, which ranks third in the nation in total yards.

Defending his decision

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

LSU defensive end Marcus Spears is a national champion. He's an All-American defensive end.

But it almost happened at another school.

Before Nick Saban became LSU's coach, the program struggled to bring in top-tier recruits. Spears envisioned himself at Florida State or Miami, but Saban changed him.

The hometown kid chose to stay home when he could have played anywhere in the country.

Former LSU wide receiver Michael Clayton and defensive end Marquise Hill joined forces to sign at LSU — another factor in Spears' decision.

"They recruited me hard and made a great impression on me," the senior said last month. "[Saban] told me he was going to play his best players, and that really told me something. He didn't promise me a starting job."

Spears, a converted tight end, finished second in the Southeastern Conference with nine sacks and had 48

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Spears
'[Saban] told me he was going to play his best players, and that really told me something. He didn't promise me a starting job.'

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 At Shreveport, La.
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 At Phoenix
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 Silicon Valley Classic
 At San Jose, Calif.
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 Friday, Dec. 31
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 Alabama (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
 Sun Bowl
 At El Paso, Texas
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 Purdue (7-4) vs. Arizona State (8-3), 1 p.m. (CBS)
 Liberty Bowl
 At Memphis, Tenn.
 Payout: \$1.35 million
 Boise State (11-0) vs. Louisville (10-1), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
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 At Atlanta
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 At Dallas
 Payout: \$3 million
 Tennessee (9-3) vs. Texas A&M (7-4), 10 a.m. (FOX)
 Outback Bowl
 At Tampa, Fla.
 Payout: \$2.75 million
 Wisconsin (9-2) vs. Georgia (9-2), 10 a.m. (ESPN)
 Gator Bowl
 At Jacksonville, Fla.
 Payout: \$1.5 million
 Florida State (8-3) vs. West Virginia (8-3), 11:30 a.m. (NBC)
 Capital One Bowl
 At Orlando, Fla.
 Payout: \$5.187 million
 Iowa (9-2) vs. LSU (9-2), Noon, (ABC)
 Sugar Bowl
 At Pasadena, Calif.
 Payout: \$14.5 million
 Michigan (9-2) vs. Texas (10-1), 4 p.m. (ABC)
 Fiesta Bowl
 At Tempe, Ariz.
 Payout: \$11-14 million
 Utah (11-0) vs. Pittsburgh (8-3), 7:30 p.m. (ABC)
 Monday, Jan. 3
 Sugar Bowl
 At New Orleans
 Payout: \$11-14 million
 Auburn (12-0) vs. Virginia Tech (10-2), 7 p.m. (ABC)
 Tuesday, Jan. 4
 Orange Bowl
 At Miami
 Payout: \$11-14 million
 Southern Cal (12-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-0), 7 p.m. (ABC)

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
BLUDER WILL TAKE ON FORMER TEAM

BY TED MCCARTAN
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Coaching at Drake University is in Hawk women's basketball coach Lisa Bluder's rearview mirror.

But her former team lies before her Saturday, as Bluder and the Hawkeyes head west on Interstate 80 to take on Drake (5-2), the final in-state foe for Iowa this year.

And this one is a little bit more than a standard nonconference matchup.

Bluder coached Drake for 10 years. Assistant coaches Jan Jensen and Jenni Fitzgerald were assistants for eight years. The four years prior to that, they were players at Drake.

"It's emotional; it really is," Bluder said.

"There are all the people you see: administrators, the friends you have from Des Moines."

In their stint with the Bulldogs, Bluder and her staff turned around the program. The first two years (1990-92) Drake's combined record was 24-32. The last two years,

their combined record was 44-17. Drake won the Missouri Valley Conference three of the last four years under Bluder. She won MVC Coach of the Year three times. She led the team to the NCAA Tournament four times, including her last year, when Drake posted a 23-7 record.

Then she moved to Iowa City.

In her first year at the helm of the Hawkeyes, she turned the 9-18 team she inherited into a 20-game winner — good enough to earn accolades as Big Ten Coach of the Year and Women's Basketball News Service national coach of the year.

While the trophies gather dust and she builds her résumé in the Big Ten, Bluder remembers the days in Des Moines with a smile.

"You still walk into the Knapp Center and remember the 10 years that you had there as a coach," she said. "It's a lot of memories that come up more than anything."

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EXPOS

Baseball deal 'close to dying'

BY DAVID NAKAMURA AND THOMAS HEATH
 WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Washington D.C. Council Chairwoman Linda Cropp challenged Major League Baseball officials Thursday to extend the deadline for the city to approve a stadium-financing package for a few months so the city can find private money to add to the deal.

The council and baseball have been engaged in a standoff over the future of the Washington Nationals since late Tuesday night, when Cropp, a Democrat, attached an amendment to the stadium legislation that requires half the cost of a ballpark to be paid through private funds.

"Give us a few months to complete private financing," Cropp said at an afternoon news conference at the John A. Wilson Building. "If not, the legislation stands."

Baseball President Robert DuPuy, who was informed of Cropp's statement by a reporter, rejected her request.

"We are expecting the Dec. 31 commitment date to be fulfilled," he said in an interview. He added: "We are not negotiating. We made our concessions in the course of negotiations with the mayor and made some clarifications we thought would satisfy the mayor and the council."

Two days after the council altered the agreement, neither the city nor Major League Baseball had moved closer to forging a solution that could secure the baseball team for the city. Although Democratic Mayor Anthony Williams had promised to talk with Cropp, the two did not meet. Baseball officials declined to say whether they had contacted any city officials.

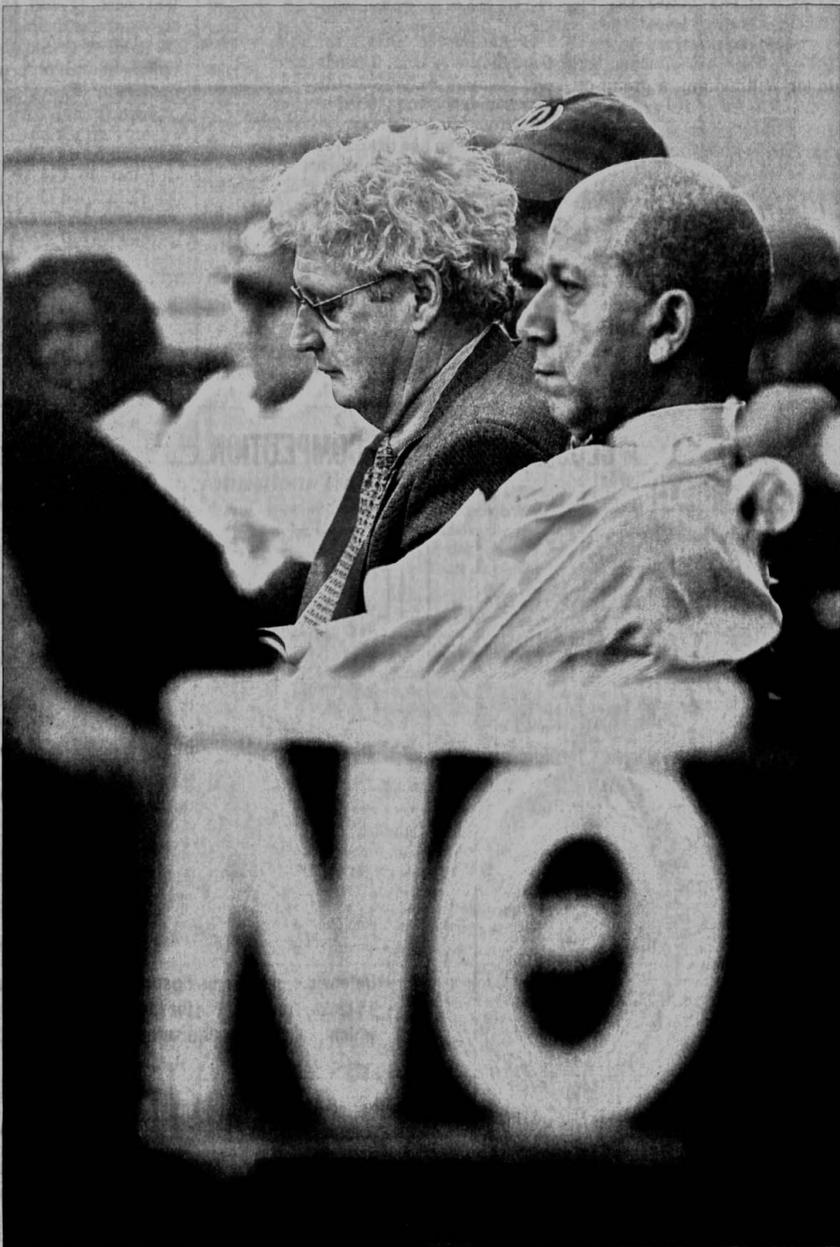
Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., said on Thursday that a top major-league official called him on Wednesday to discuss options facing baseball, the city, and other regions interested in landing the franchise — including Northern Virginia — should the Washington deal unravel. Davis, who said that Congress should not get directly involved, said he thinks the chances are "better than 50-50" that the Washington deal will survive.

Davis said baseball was not locked into a "take it or leave it" mode and ventured that the parties could probably sit down "and find 20 ways to make it work."

Washington should make the first move, the congress man

'We, the city, broke a commitment. Because of that, we can't be in the position of making demands.'

— Chris Bender, Mayoral spokesman



Susan Walsh/Associated Press

With a "NO" banner in the foreground, Washington Mayor Anthony Williams (right) and D.C. Sports Commission Chairman Mark Tuohey observe as the D.C. City Council debates stadium finance legislation on Tuesday.

said, and D.C. councilors would damage Washington's national business image for "this mayor, the next mayor, and the next" if they did not reach an agreement.

Mayoral spokesman Chris Bender said Williams will not ask baseball to push back the deadline.

"We are not in the position to

be asking that," he said. "We, the city, broke a commitment. Because of that, we can't be in the position of making demands. Obviously, it would be great if we had more time, but it's not up to us."

DuPuy rejected the council's plan Wednesday, calling it "wholly unacceptable," and shut

down business and promotional activities related to the Nationals. Baseball officials said they might choose not to have the team play at Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium next season if the council does not stand by Williams's original agreement, which relies on public funds for the new stadium.

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Irish image a bit more tarnished



Kevin P. Casey/Associated Press

The new University of Washington head football coach, Tyrone Willingham, pauses for a portrait after answering questions from the media at Husky Stadium in Seattle on Monday.

Starting with the firing of former coach Tyrone Willingham, Notre Dame football faces a litany of obstacles to climb back into national prominence

BY NANCY ARMOUR
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — The goals are as lofty as they were in Knute Rockne and Frank Leahy's day, the demand as unforgiving. Winning is, and always will be, everything at Notre Dame. But the gulf has been flaking for years now, and the furor over Tyrone Willingham's firing only exposed the extent of the flaws. For all its rich history and tradition, Notre Dame's football program is now like so many others in need of a rehab.

"I think right now, when you're 6-5, you can't call yourself an elite program," Athletics Director Kevin White said. "I think historically we are, traditionally we are. But coming out of the 2004 season, we certainly are not. We have to find our way back to the pinnacle position, and that's what we're going to do."

But how? The harsh criticism and inside squabbling that accompanied Willingham's dismissal are only the latest problems for Notre Dame. In truth, the program has been in decline for nearly a decade.

"You are what you are, folks, and right now, you're a 6-5 football team," new coach Charlie Weis said. "And guess what? That's not good enough."

The Irish haven't won a national title since 1988, and it's been

11 years since they even contended for one. Their records have been mediocre at best, and any progress has been short-lived.

Lou Holtz lost 11 games in his last three seasons, two more than he'd lost in the previous six. Bob Davie was the first coach in 34 years to lose four straight, and his two losing seasons in five years matched Gerry Faust. Willingham went 13-15 after winning his first eight games, losing five games by 31 points or more.

The Irish have been unranked for long stretches at a time and have been in a top-tier bowl game only once since 1995 — a 41-9 loss to Oregon State in the 2001 Fiesta Bowl. They've had one first-round draft pick in the last five years.

The off-the-field woes were equally galling. There have been scandals more suited for a football factory, including an age-discrimination lawsuit and rape accusations against four former players. The school suffered its first major NCAA violation after a booster lavished more than a dozen players with gifts, trips, and money — paid for with the \$1.4 million she'd embezzled from her employer.

Perhaps worst of all was the ever-so-brief tenure of George O'Leary, who resigned in December 2001 — five days after he was hired — after admitting he lied on his résumé about his academic and athletics background.

O'Leary looked like the perfect person to revive the Irish. Already

reeling from the Davie years, Notre Dame had been snubbed by Jon Gruden and Oregon coach Mike Bellotti. In came O'Leary, an Irish Catholic who had long dreamed of coaching at Notre Dame and promised to wake up the echoes, as the school's fight song says. Later, White would say O'Leary was like "something out of central casting."

But O'Leary wasn't quite what he seemed. He didn't have the master's degree in education that he claimed, nor had he played college football for three years. O'Leary quickly resigned, but it was humiliating nonetheless for Notre Dame.

So when the Irish struggled under Willingham, a group of alumni sent a letter to the Board of Trustees, expressing concern about the direction of the football program.

"We weren't talking about two years of Tyrone Willingham, we were talking about 10 years," said Tim Kelley, a 1964 graduate and co-author of the letter, sent last January.

"Football is the emotional engine that drives Notre Dame. We absolutely believe that," Kelley said. "It was going down the drain, and people weren't doing anything about it."

The alums got their wish — but at what price? In firing Willingham, the first black head coach at Notre Dame, the Irish essentially put a won-loss record ahead of integrity.

White didn't agree with the

decision and had nothing but high praise for Willingham, but he wasn't prepared to "break ranks" with university leaders.

The Rev. Edward Malloy, Notre Dame's president, was prepared, saying he was "embarrassed" by the firing and hadn't supported it.

It didn't end there.

Malloy's assistant shaved her head in protest, and T-shirts supporting Willingham were soon spotted around town. Dave Duerson, a former player and Board of Trustees member, said the school had badly mishandled the dismissal, causing a "major PR nightmare."

Wannstedt will not coach at Pitt

BY ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Former Miami Dolphins and Chicago Bears coach Dave Wannstedt decided Thursday not to seek the coaching job at Pitt, the school where he played and once was an assistant coach.

Wannstedt, who resigned as the Dolphins' coach Nov. 9 after a 1-8 start, was believed to be the front-runner to succeed Walt Harris at Pitt. But Wannstedt called Pittsburgh Athletics Director Jeff Long on Thursday morning and pulled his name out of consideration.

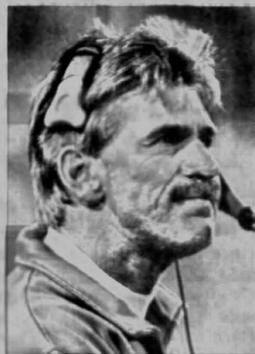
"As much as I appreciate everything that Jeff and Mark [Nordenberg, Pitt's chancellor] are doing and the opportunity there — everybody knows how I believe in Pitt and love the city — the timing just wasn't right," Wannstedt told the Associated Press in a telephone interview.

Pitt wants to hire a coach as soon as possible to replace Harris, and Wannstedt wasn't prepared to make a decision so quickly. The key weeks of the recruiting season follow the holidays, and Pitt wants a coach in place by then.

Wannstedt said that despite reports he wants to take a year off from football, he has not decided against coaching next fall, but he isn't ready to accept a job right now.

"I'm not ruling anything out, and my mindset has not changed; it's the timing," said Wannstedt, who will work at least two games as a Fox NFL analyst. "I'm going to keep my football options open. NFL or college, I'm really not closing the door on anything."

Asked if he would assist Pitt in its search, Wannstedt said he planned to talk to Long again Thursday to make some suggestions. Wannstedt is a longtime friend of Nordenberg, and their relationship was believed to be one of the



Bill Kostroun/Associated Press
Then-Dolphin coach Dave Wannstedt looks on during the fourth quarter as the New York Jets beat the Dolphins, 41-14, in East Rutherford, N.J., on Nov. 1.

reasons Wannstedt was such a strong candidate at Pitt.

"The program is heading in the right direction, but they need to get moving forward, and capitalize on the year they've had, and take advantage of that, and I just couldn't make it fit right now," he said.

Long is serving as a one-member search committee as Pitt seeks to replace Harris, who was allowed to leave for Stanford with two years left on his contract despite a 25-12 record the last three seasons.

The No. 19 Panthers (8-3) will play No. 5 Utah (11-0) in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1 after unexpectedly earning the Big East Conference's guaranteed BCS bowl slot by winning six of their final seven games.

Even with Wannstedt out of the mix, Long is still expected to interview at least three candidates.

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PROJECT: METS

PEDRO MARTINEZ opted for the money — and the challenge — by signing with the underdog New York Mets for \$53 million over four years. The Mets hope that he will help rebuild a once-proud franchise.

Mets challenge intrigues Martinez

BY HAL BOCK
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Pedro Martinez considered the choices: stay with the World Series champion Boston Red Sox, sign with the NL champion St. Louis Cardinals, or become the cornerstone of a reconstruction project with the New York Mets.

In the end, he chose the challenge.

Martinez formalized a \$53 million, four-year contract with New York on Thursday and embraced the idea of helping rebuild a team that has fallen on hard times.

"This is a team that needs a little help. I can supply some of that help," he told a jammed Shea Stadium press conference.

"Boston didn't win for 86 years. That seemed like forever. I was proud to be part of that, and I hope to do the same here and pull one out," he said.

It will be no simple matter. The Mets followed two last-place finishes by finishing next-to-last in the NL East in 2004. They are starting over with new general manager Omar Minaya, and Martinez became the first marquee move in his effort to make the franchise competitive again.

If Martinez has his way, he won't be the last.

Minaya said other high-profile free agents have contacted him, attracted by the Mets' signing of Martinez, and the pitcher wants to help recruit them.

"If you expect me to do it alone, it's not going to happen. Without a doubt, I will talk to other players," he said.



Frank Franklin II/Associated Press

Boston remained on Martinez's mind as the Mets celebrated the signing.

"When you talk about Boston, it's important that everybody know I have all the love and respect for the people and the fans," he said. "I have a lot of people who were good to me. In my heart, I will always hold the city of Boston."

Martinez, who turned 33 on Oct. 25, won two of his three Cy Young awards in seven years with the Red Sox and became one

of baseball's top pitchers. He brings a career 2.71 ERA, lowest among active major-league pitchers, and he was 16-9 last season.

There have been some questions raised about his right shoulder, and that apparently was a problem for Boston, which would only offer a three-year contract. Minaya's offer of a guaranteed fourth year was decisive.

Martinez said he is ready to convert the sometimes hostile New York fans, who often

targeted him in the heat of the Red Sox-Yankees rivalry.

"I have an opportunity to win the fans over," he said. "I don't know if I can, but I will try. I never got a ticket. I never was in jail. Why would I be in bad shape with the city?"

There was, however, the matter of wrestling 72-year-old Yankees coach Don Zimmer to the ground during a playoff melée two years ago and a few hit batsmen along the way. New Mets manager Willie Randolph,

then with the Yankees, remembers Martinez's competitive edge and their occasional clashes.

"He's passionate, and I'm passionate," the manager said. "Things were said, but after the game, we were cool."

Martinez's take-no-prisoners reputation made him a top priority for Minaya, who went after the pitcher hard and proudly introduced him as a kind of early Christmas present to New York, who might draw future players from the Dominican.

"It took a lot of hard work, a lot of belief in staff and ownership to sign what we believe is the best free-agent pitcher in the marketplace," Minaya said. "If you want to win, I'll go to war with Pedro Martinez on my team."

If that kind of sweet talk that lured Martinez to the Mets. The money, he said, was entirely secondary.

"I was a millionaire at 24," Martinez said. "When I got to Boston, I made millions. You didn't pick up a bum from the street. It was more of a commitment for a team than it was for money. I gave Boston every opportunity for three years to keep me. Boston wouldn't pull the trigger."

Martinez said the best Red Sox effort to retain him simply came too late in the free-agent process.

"Why did they have to wait until the last minute?" he asked. "Omar showed me respect and commitment."

Minaya traveled to Santo Domingo at Thanksgiving and dined with Martinez. It was a defining experience for the pitcher.

"He showed up by himself," Martinez said. "He said, 'If I can get you, will you play for me?' I told him I was trying to work it out with Boston but if not, I will play for you."

"It was a three-horse race with Boston, St. Louis, and the Mets," agent Fernando Cuza said. "Omar said, 'We really want you.' He made Pedro feel very welcome. He went after him with passion and sincerity."

BASEBALL

A's trade pitcher Hudson to Braves

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Tim Hudson was traded from the Oakland Athletics to Atlanta, a major deal Thursday that further bolstered the Braves' revamped rotation.

With Los Angeles, Boston, and the New York Yankees rumored to be pursuing Hudson, the Braves swooped in and got the Oakland ace for outfielder Charles Thomas and pitchers Juan Cruz and Dan Meyer.

It was Atlanta's second big trade in a week. On Dec. 11, the Braves acquired All-Star closer Dan Kolb from Milwaukee — a move that allowed them to move John Smoltz back into the rotation.

"One of our goals going into the off-season was to strengthen our pitching staff," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said. "We have certainly made a major improvement."

Hudson joins a team that has won 13-straight division titles.

The 29-year-old Hudson posted 81 wins from 2000-04, tied for the most in the AL over that span. He is 92-39 with a 3.30 ERA lifetime.

Hudson was 12-6 with a 3.53 ERA in 27 starts this season. He made the All-Star team for the second time, but he did not pitch because of a strained left side that put him on the disabled list for a month.

Thomas made his major-league debut last season and batted .288 with seven homers and 31 RBIs. Cruz was 6-2 with a 2.75 ERA in 50 relief outings. Meyer was 0-0 in two games with Braves after going 9-6 with a 2.49 ERA at Double-A Greenville and Triple-A Richmond.

Big Unit on verge of joining Yanks, Beltre to Seattle

On a day of big movement in baseball, the New York Yankees are on the verge of claiming the biggest prize of all.

The Yankees closed in on completing a blockbuster three-team trade that would send Randy Johnson to New York, Javier Vazquez to the Los Angeles Dodgers, and Shawn Green to the Arizona Diamondbacks, a source told the Associated Press.

"It is going to happen," a source familiar with the negotiations said on the condition of anonymity.

After blowing a 3-0 lead in the AL championship series to Boston last season, the Yankees set out in the off-season to upgrade their starting

pitching. They are close to completing contracts with free-agent pitchers Carl Pavano and Jaret Wright, but the Big Unit is the player they coveted most to match up against the Red Sox and his former teammate, Curt Schilling.

The five-time Cy Young Award winner is in the final year of a contract that will pay him \$16 million next season. He has a no-trade clause and it was unclear if the Yankees had to agree to extend his deal to make the deal go through.

Johnson, 41, wanted out of Arizona so he could pitch with a contender. He went 16-14 with a 2.60 ERA and 290 strikeouts last season for the Diamondbacks, who finished 51-111. Johnson has 246 career wins and is third all-time with 4,161 career strikeouts.

Fox Sports and *Newsday* reported on their websites that the other players involved in the deal are Yankees prospects catcher Dioner Navarro and third baseman Eric Duncan, who are going to Los Angeles, and Dodgers pitchers Brad Penny and Ynency Brazoban, who would be sent to Arizona.

None of the teams would confirm the deal.

"We're still in conversations with a lot of different clubs about a lot of different possibilities," Dodgers general manager Paul DePodesta said. "We have talked about some three-way deals and some four-way deals. I don't know if it's going to happen or not."

Green, who is also owed \$16 million in the final year of his contract, his 91 homers in 2001-02 but dropped to just 47 over the last two seasons. He batted .266 with 28 homers and 86 RBIs in 2004.

Vazquez, 28, struggled in his one season in New York, going 14-10 with a 4.91 ERA. He is owed \$35.5 million over the next three years.

Penny, acquired in the middle of last season from Florida, was shut down with a shoulder injury down the stretch for the Dodgers. The 26-year-old right-hander has a 49-44 career record. Brazoban, 24, went 6-2 with a 2.48 ERA in 31 games for Los Angeles last season.

Earlier Thursday, the Braves swooped in and acquired Hudson for outfielder Charles Thomas and pitchers Juan Cruz and Dan Meyer.

The Braves have won 13-straight division titles. On Dec. 11, they got All-Star closer Dan Kolb from Milwaukee — a move that allowed them to move John Smoltz back into the rotation.

"This winter, we have set our sights on going back to sort of the old-fashioned Braves' way of building

championship teams with dominant pitching," Atlanta general manager John Schuerholz said. "That's what we think we have done."

After finishing at the bottom of the AL West and winding up last in the league in runs and homers, the Mariners reached agreement with Beltre on a \$64 million, five-year deal Thursday, the AP learned.

Beltre's contract was subject to him passing a physical, a person close to the third baseman said, speaking on the condition of anonymity. The deal could be announced as early as today. Seattle did not comment on the agreement.

A day earlier, the Mariners finalized a \$50 million, four-year contract with free-agent first baseman Richie Sexson.

Also, Kansas City traded catcher Benito Santiago to Pittsburgh for right-handed prospect Leo Nunez. The Royals also must pay about \$1 million of Santiago's \$2.15 million salary.

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Overcoming the lows to get to the highs

LSU Quarterback Marcus Randall saved his best game for the end of the season

RANDALL

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Randall saved one of his best performance for LSU's final regular-season game against Arkansas — a 43-14 road win. The 6-2, 225-pounder completed 10-of-14 passes for 173 yards and a pair of touchdowns in his first start in a month.

The senior also ran for 79 yards and two touchdowns, showing off a quick first step and impressive agility.

"Going into my last regular-season game, Coach [Nick Saban] gave me the nod," he said. "And the way I played, I think that was a big thing for me, confidence-wise and all around. It capped off my career here great."

LSU's passing game has benefited from the nation's 19th-ranked rushing offense, which racks up 200 yards a game. The SEC is dominated by spread offenses with talented stars under center and at receiver, but the Tigers are a rare squad in its league that looks to first establish a running game.

Ferentz said LSU's attack with three talented running backs and a mobile quarterback could cause problems for his defense. But the Hawkeyes have faced dual-threat quarterbacks in Big Ten play, led by Drew Stanton of Michigan State, and have generally contained the fleet-footed passers.

"He looks like a very strong player," Ferentz said. "A quarterback like that — in combination with the strong running game, which they have — it's going to provide a challenge."

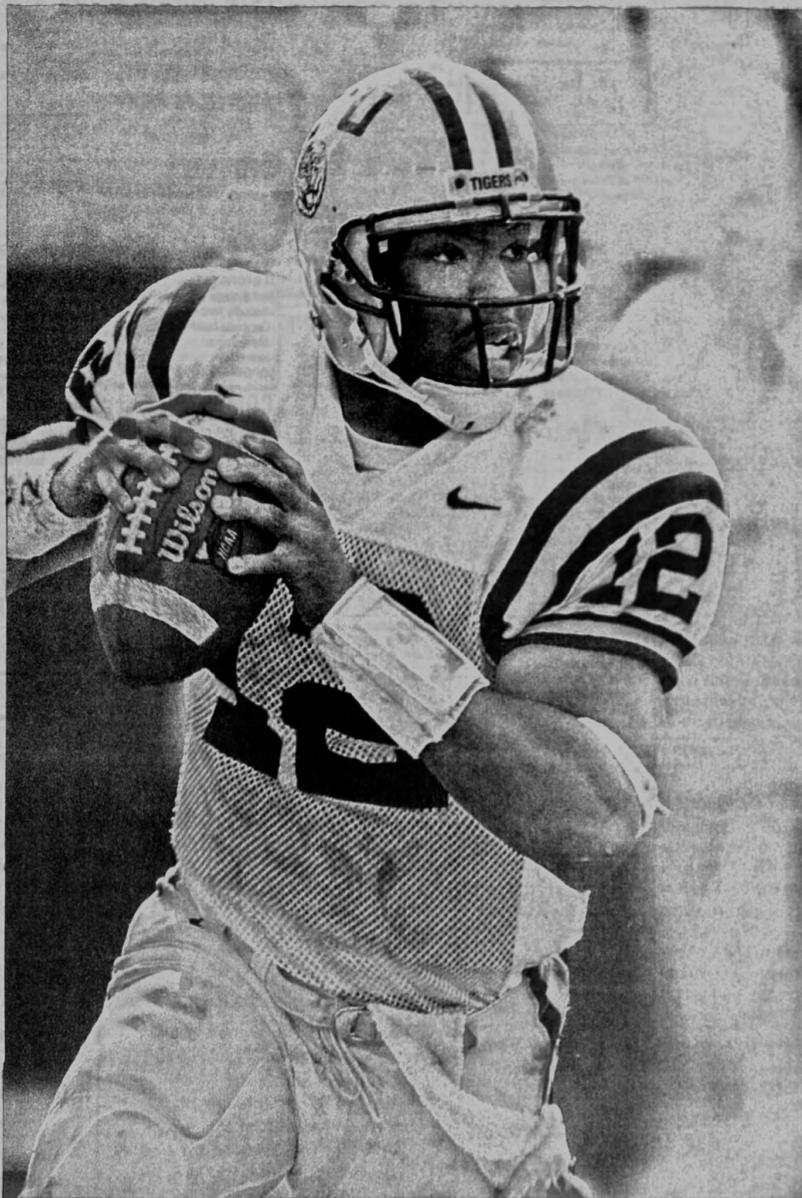
Randall has had to fight with freshman JaMarcus Russell for playtime in Saban's quarterback rotation, coming off the bench in four of the last six contests. Randall's tossed 18 more passes than his younger teammate, hitting targets with a 15 percent higher accuracy rate.

Randall has nine touchdowns and five interceptions on the season; Russell has seven and four.

But whether he starts or not, the veteran is Saban's man.

"I feel like Marcus Randall is our starting quarterback, whether he starts the game or not," he said last month.

Inconsistency has been Randall's biggest issue this season with varying play from Saturday



Steve Franz/LSU sports information

Senior quarterback Marcus Randall is coming off his best game of the year against Arkansas, and he looks for two-straight strong outings when LSU and Iowa meet in the Capital One Bowl on Jan. 1.

to Saturday. The hometown kid from Baton Rouge, La., hit only 39 percent of his passes in the first week against Oregon State, then connected with 71 percent the following week against Arkansas State.

Against Georgia on Oct. 2, Randall was pulled when the Tigers got down, 24-0, in the second quarter. The next week

at Florida, the signal-caller came off the bench to earn SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors by tossing for 198 yards and two touchdowns.

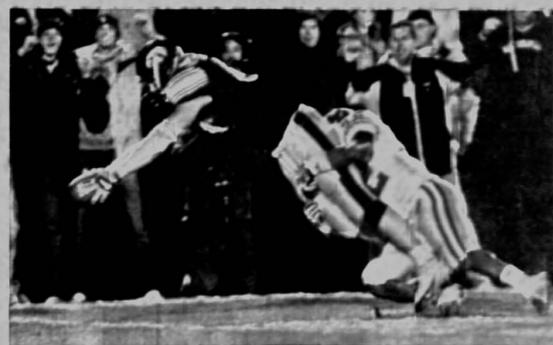
Randall has one more collegiate game left, and he's coming off a strong performance against the Razorbacks.

One last chance to demonstrate consistency.

"I had my highs, and I had the lows," he said. "But I jumped back on, and just the way I was able to finish — it's not the way you start; it's the way you finish."

"I'm just proud of the way I finished, and I'm proud of the way this team finished."

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Wide receiver Scott Chandler dives into the end zone after catching a 12-yard pass from Drew Tate on Nov. 20.

LSU TIGERS, HAWKS HOPE FOR A WIN ON NEW YEARS DAY

Both teams came back from midseason losses to make it this far

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Tate, the 6-0, 185-pound signal-caller, was selected to the Big Ten's first team by the media and second team by the coaches, becoming only the second sophomore quarterback in school history (after Chuck Long in 1983) to earn first-team honors.

The Baytown, Texas, native racked up 2,499 yards this year, hitting 62 percent of his passes with 18 touchdowns and 12 turnovers. The first-year starter owns the Big Ten's second best efficiency rating with 133.6 in all games, which escalated to a league-high 137.1 in conference play.

"I had the confidence in him to do that because I've seen what he could do, and I knew he had it in him to be that good," Iowa linebacker Chad Greenway said.

"Once he got the ball and got some experience, he just took off. I think as far as getting so good so fast, he probably snuck up on some people."

Tate and the Hawkeye offense may have their biggest test of the season against LSU's defense.

The Tigers have the nation's third-ranked pass defense and the SEC's best rushing defense, but it hasn't created turnovers. LSU has its conference's worst turnover margin — no thanks to only 15 takeaways.

Ferentz said Saban, who coached with Ferentz in Cleveland for two seasons, is very clever at mixing and blending defensive schemes and packages, which has led to 34 sacks on the year. The Hawkeye coach said LSU's defense uses blitzes more than Iowa's unit and is diverse with its nickel-and-dime coverage.

"He's very creative, but they're also very fundamentally sound, and that's easier to talk about than master," Ferentz said. "He's not afraid to come at you with some things. They're very good in their base package, but they're also creative with the matchups, so they're a little tough to prepare for."

LSU's offense has been up-and-down during the season with the play of its two quarterbacks. Senior Marcus Randall and freshman JaMarcus Russell have split time and starts this season, but the veteran is

coming off his best game of the year against Arkansas.

The Tigers have been moving the chains with their running game, led by sophomore Alley Broussard. He's rushed for 80 yards in each of the last four games, including a 250-yard, three touchdown outburst against Mississippi on Nov. 20.

"Compared with other SEC teams, they try to run the ball first before they pass," Iowa linebacker Chad Greenway said. "If we can stop the run and obviously shut that down, it's going to be a big key for us."

With a victory in Orlando, the Hawkeyes would accumulate 30 wins during the last three seasons and finish in the top-10 of the national polls in each year. Despite posting seven-consecutive wins and thumping Wisconsin in the regular-season finale, Iowa opened up a seven-point underdog to LSU.

But it's a role embraced by Ferentz's self-deprecating humor and a role his team has grown accustomed to. Iowa has captured two Big Ten championships in three seasons but still struggles to earn national respect.

"I think it takes a little more time than that for people to start realizing that you're for real," junior linebacker Abdul Hodge said. "It's to the point where we're just used to it. We don't get mad; we take it as it is."

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A phenomenal leader and versatile player

Like the Hawkeyes' Matt Roth, LSU defensive end Marcus Spears excelled at a position he was not recruited for

SPEARS

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tackles, including 17 for loss. The Tigers' team MVP showed off his past's receiving skills with a 35-yard interception return for a touchdown against Mississippi State.

Phenomenally, Spears recorded eight sacks and 14 tackles for loss over LSU's last five games.

Saban credited the defensive end for keeping the team together as much as he drove quarterbacks into the turf. They lost by a point to undefeated Auburn, then got thumped by Georgia, and like the Hawkeyes, needed to regain focus.

"Marcus Spears' leadership was phenomenal," Saban said last month. "On a team that lacked leadership, he was the one guy who tried to take the bull by the horns and make an impact with other people. As the season went on, he did."

The New Year's Day matchup between LSU and Iowa will feature two of the nation's best defensive ends. Spears and Hawkeye defensive end Matt Roth both earned All-American honors and are projected to be high first-round picks in this year's NFL draft. Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz threw those names, along with Georgia's David Pollack and Wisconsin's Erasmus James as special players in their conferences.

The funny thing for Spears and Roth, neither of them were recruited at the position they've thrived at.

"You're looking at excellent players in their own rights," Ferentz said. "[Spears] is a big, physical guy."

The 6-4, 300-pound three-year starter on the line has 19 sacks in his collegiate career, ranking fifth in school history. With last year's seduction to leave for the NFL's big bucks, the first-team All-American couldn't imagine

himself in another place.

And similar to giving up his offensive endeavors, it was the right decision.

"I think that decision was totally based on getting closer to graduating and really coming back to kind of lead this team," Spears said. "And kind of leave a legacy here. Do some things that I've always dreamed of doing that I was able to do this year."

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Then-Nebraska head coach Frank Solich gives instructions from the sidelines during the game against Kansas State on Nov. 15, 2003, in Lincoln, Neb. The former Nebraska coach has been hired by Ohio University, the Associated Press learned Wednesday.



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Ohio hires Solich

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Former Nebraska coach Frank Solich was introduced as Ohio's new football coach Thursday, returning to the state where he grew up and promising to rebuild a program that has gone 11-35 over the past four seasons. "It's great to be back in the game, and it's great to be back in the game at Ohio University," said Solich, who has been out of football since being fired at Nebraska a year ago after going 58-19 over six seasons. He signed a multiyear deal with a base salary of \$240,000. He had replaced Tom

Osborne, who retired from Nebraska in 1997 after winning three national championships in four seasons. Osborne, now a U.S. congressman, was 49-2 in those final four seasons, leaving Solich with an almost impossible task of trying to maintain that success. Solich, an assistant under Osborne from 1979-97, led the Cornhuskers to the national championship game in the 2002 Rose Bowl, where they lost, 37-14, to Miami. Nebraska was only 7-7 the next year, the school's first non-winning season since

1961. Solich was dismissed the next season despite going 9-3. Assistant Bo Pelini then coached the Cornhuskers to a 17-3 win over Michigan State in the Alamo Bowl. Solich's name has been mentioned for openings at more well-known schools, but he cited the enthusiasm by university officials, his familiarity with Ohio, and the success of the Mid-American Conference as reasons why he accepted the job. "It's obvious to me ... that the MAC conference produces some great football teams and great football players," he said.

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FIRST month 1/2 off. Downtown apartment. Available January 1. Call Amanda. (563)380-5759.

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MOVING?? SELL UNWANTED FURNITURE IN THE DAILY IOWAN CLASSIFIEDS 335-5784

ONE bedroom \$560. Historic building. Utilities included. Wireless available. Walking distance. Quiet. Parking. (319)621-6310.

ONE bedroom apartment for quiet grad student. \$400 plus heat. Iowa City. (319)339-8862.

ONE bedroom apartment. Available December 1. Close-in, pets negotiable. (319)338-7047.

ONE bedroom available mid-December at Seville Apartments. \$550 includes heat, A/C and water. Laundry, off-street parking and 24 hour maintenance. Call Becky at (319)338-1175.

ONE bedroom in restored historic building. Wood floors, parking, close-in, quiet. (319)341-7812.

ONE bedroom sublet available January. First month free. Pentacrest Apartments. Furniture included if wanted. Water paid, laundry. \$499. (708)707-7228.

ONE bedroom sublet available January. \$535 includes heat, water, parking. W/D on-site. January rent free. (319)325-1730.

ONE bedroom with studio. \$400. New carpet, water paid, garage. (319)430-3218, (319)679-2572.

ONE bedroom, 400 block S. Linn. Available January. A/C, secure building, one parking space included. No pets. \$495 plus utilities. (319)400-3235.

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DAILY BREAK

calendar

• **International Student Graduation Reception, Dau-shen Ju, keynote speaker, 10 a.m.-noon, International Center Lounge.**

• **"Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," Festive Food, Drink, and Melodies, 10 a.m., Java House, 211 E. Washington St., and WSUI.**

• **Graduate College commencement, 2 p.m., Hancher Auditorium.**

• **Intervarsity Graduate Christian Fellowship Christmas Coffeehouse, 7 p.m., Wild Bill's Coffee Shop (321), North Hall.**

• **Tippie College of Business commencement, 9 a.m. Saturday, Hancher.**

• **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences commencement, 10 a.m. Saturday, Carver-Hawkeye Arena.**

• **College of Nursing commencement, 10 a.m. Saturday, Carver.**

• **College of Law commencement, 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Boyd Law Building.**

• **College of Engineering commencement, noon Saturday, Clapp Recital Hall.**

quote of the day

"If you're 18 or older, that's your business. But I don't believe that my 8-year-old daughter has a constitutional right to cut somebody's head off in a game that she plays."

— Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who proposed making it a misdemeanor for businesses to sell violent and sexually explicit video games to minors. The governor was inspired to do so by the new video game JFK Reloaded, which puts the player in the role of President Kennedy's assassin(s).

horoscopes

Friday, December 17, 2004
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): An opportunity will arise to turn one of your ideas into a money machine. Don't take a break now — when you should be wheeling and dealing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on partnerships and what you can do to make them better. Your hard work and loyalty will prove you mean business. Talk about future plans.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Not everyone will be on the same page, but don't let that stifle what you are trying to do. As long as you give everyone the option to make her or his choice, you'll do just fine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Nothing should stop you from spending a little extra time and money on yourself. This is the perfect time to make a physical change. Love is in a high cycle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Spend time decorating or preparing your home for an event you are sponsoring. You can make money if you get involved in an unusual investment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone very unusual will spark your interest. The more you do to help others, the more you will get in return. Let someone know how much you care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can tie up loose ends, get ahead, and be well prepared for the new year. Focus on your accomplishments, and use unusual methods to obtain your goals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Prepare to have some fun. Your mysterious ways and your unique approach to whatever you do will draw a crowd. Love and romance will play an important role today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't be fooled into buying something because you can't find anything else. Last-minute gifts will cost you far more than you planned to spend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): This is the perfect time to get together with friends and family. Your positive attitude will draw the attention of someone who is interested in a partnership.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will have an unusual idea that may turn out to be profitable. A professional change will lead to bigger and better things. A short trip may be necessary.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Past memories will occupy your mind. Thoughts of old friends and lovers will prompt you to make a few calls. The information you are given will lead to anticipation and emotion.

news you need to know

Today — Residence Halls dining contract ends, dinner

Today — Close of final-exams week, 9 p.m.

Dec. 22 — First-semester grades, guided independent-study grades, and all reports to remove I and O grades due to Registrar, 4:30 p.m.

happy birthday to ...

Dec. 18 — Ian Holland, 22

Dec. 19 — Ben Lyons, 20

Dec. 20 — Kayla Piehl, 19; Jessica Adam, 22

Dec. 22 — Dora Kouangothongh, 22; Phone Sayabath, 23

Dec. 25 — Leah Von Ahn, 19; Charissa Skinner, 21; Mandy Assman, 22

Dec. 26 — Erin Richardson, 19; Nick Rouse, 19

Dec. 29 — Yeya Diop, 25

Dec. 30 — Ashley "Genius" Sullivan, 21

Dec. 31 — Tracy Tirevold, 19

Jan. 1 — Aaron Schneider, 22

Jan. 2 — Sara Hopper, 19

Jan. 3 — Doug Johnson, 19

Jan. 5 — Kelli Oseguera, 21

Jan. 6 — Rachel Regan, 21; Carrie Napolilli, 22; Scott Schulte, 22; Calvin "Malaysian Invasion" Symons, 23; Sharon "Super Canuck" Kwan, 24

Jan. 9 — Sara Maaske, 21; Linda Kouangothongh, 21

Jan. 10 — Jessica "VS" MacLaren, 24

Jan. 12 — Peter Enyart, 19; Robert Hubbard, 21; Linda Szeto, 23

Jan. 14 — Hyeyoung Moon, 28

Jan. 16 — Chuc Huynh, 19; Arin "Cookie" Crum, 21; Regina "ATS 3.0" Topf, 22

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

UITV schedule

2 p.m. Graduate College Commencement, live from Hancher Auditorium

3:30 "Know the Score," Dec. 10

5:30 "Live from Prairie Lights," Sandy Boyd

6:30 Graduate College Commencement, from Hancher Auditorium

8 Student Video Productions presents Iowa Desk & Couch

9 Student Video Productions presents KRUI-TV Music Videos

10 Student Video Productions presents Iowa Desk & Couch Classic Episode

10:30 Student Video Productions presents KRUI-TV Music Videos Classic Episode

11:30 Ueye No. 6.1

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DILBERT

by Scott Adams



'NON SEQUITUR

BY VIEV



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Little University

1. What seldom-visited Asian nation felt the need to open the 105-story Yu Kyong hotel in 1991?

2. What 1991 hit was widely described as the first female "buddy movie"?

3. What British "new lad" mag did computer-magazine magnate Felix Dennis launch in 1995?

4. What controversial stimulant packs the punch in popular weightlifters' favorites such as Ripped Fuel, Ultra Ripped, and BetaLean?

5. What occupied the plane seat next to Dennis Conner on his trip home from Australia in 1987?

1. North Korea
2. Thelma & Louise
3. Maxim
4. Ephedra, or ephedrine
5. The America's Cup

the ledge

WHAT TO DO OVER WINTER BREAK

— by Nick Narigon

• Go to Miami for the Capital One Bowl only to realize the game is in Orlando.

• Absolutely Nothing.

• Repeatedly watch *It's a Wonderful Life* until you start seeing your own angel.

• Watch every bowl game including the Quaker Oats Bowl in Cedar Rapids, featuring Luther College vs. Regina High School.

• Spend enough money on shopping to support a small revolution in Haiti.

• Learn Grandma's fruitcake recipe so you, too, can torment relatives for decades to come.

• Figure out how to explain to your parents your 0.67 GPA.

• Bake cookies for your friends, neighbors, and parole officer.

• On Christmas Eve, go to the one bar in your hometown that is open and run into every loser you graduated from high school with and begin every conversation, "So, what have you been up to?"

• Wake up and realize you missed finals week.

• Explain to your father that based on the principles of Nietzsche and the properties of physics, it is pointless to shovel the driveway.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

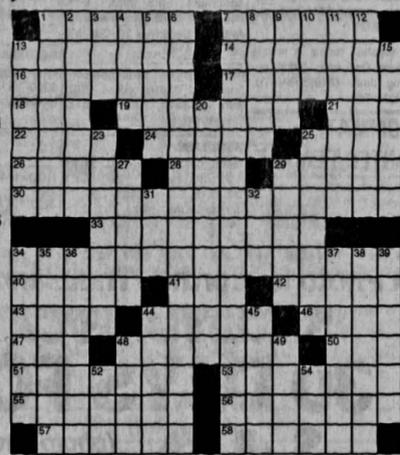
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ACROSS

- 1 Remove plumbic traces from
- 7 "So what ___?"
- 13 Language from which "lute" comes
- 14 Causes of modern shutdowns
- 16 Phillips, for one
- 17 Strange imports
- 18 See 31-Down
- 19 Subject of a license
- 21 First-rate, slangily
- 22 Come about
- 24 Sharpener
- 25 Ore store
- 26 Green on the outside?
- 28 Rummy
- 29 Saddle
- 30 Tony New York City address
- 33 Out to scout
- 34 Western news source
- 40 "What's in ___?"
- 41 Carrier to Karachi
- 42 It may be blessed
- 43 Prefix with pictures
- 44 "Not a problem"
- 46 First name in courtroom fiction
- 47 German 101 verb
- 48 Fix, as a rug
- 50 "Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo..." (lullaby)
- 51 Spurs
- 53 Back up
- 55 Perseveres

DOWN

- 1 Actress once featured in ads for Chanel No. 5
- 2 Type, redundantly
- 3 N.Y.C. airport
- 4 Not altogether
- 5 Chevalier de Seingalt, for Casanova
- 6 Tossed all night
- 7 "Not now ..."
- 8 Arrange a date for
- 9 Flatten, in a way
- 10 Bit of reproach
- 11 St. ___ of Seville, author of the encyclopedia Etymologiae
- 12 Pulls out
- 13 Cheap rental in Monopoly
- 15 Least vulnerable
- 20 Write ... or go fishing?
- 23 Challenging tennis play
- 25 Beginner's pool feat
- 27 Hum, e.g.



Puzzle by Manny Moskowsky

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SALEM AGAR OPED
OCALA DELA BALLI
BEMAD OTOSCOPES
ENOW OUTREACH
AVE NOONDAY
REX NODE SPIRIT
FGC ADDS TRUTH
ATUB ABRA
ROSEN SISI BIN
FREEOF INON EEK
BRINGUP RDS
AGUILERA PRES
BARTERERS IVORY
ELSA ENOS NELLE
DEAL SEWN TRESS

- 29 Skim the surface?
- 31 With 18-Across, "Sense and Sensibility" director
- 32 Hi-___
- 34 Not exactly on time
- 35 Kind of general
- 36 Chowder go-with
- 37 Charles who co-founded a brokerage
- 38 Double or triple, say
- 39 Protector of sailors, by tradition
- 44 "The Color Purple" woman
- 45 Roundish
- 48 Subterfuge
- 49 Frankfurt finale
- 52 Classic sports cars
- 54 Extreme

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