The study, which surveyed 301 adults at least 65 year old, found that those who practice religion regularly are prone to longer lives.

The study's results have grabbed global attention since its September 2006 release in Health Psychology, Media outlets as far away as Delhi, India, have shown interest in the story. Researchers attribute the longer lifespan to a lower level of interleukin-6, a body chemical that has been linked to cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, and cancer.

"We were interested to find these older adults that the amount psychological resilience of 8.6 and of mortality was whether they attended religious services or not," said Susan Longkot, UI associate professor of psychology who conducted the study.

The study conclusions suggest that those who attend religious services, including church, pray or meditate more often, are more likely to vote. For example, those who prayed more than one time a week, were more likely to vote than those who didn't, but researchers are not sure why, according to a UI study.

COLD TEMPS AND LARGEST INCREASE OF ANY AGE IN VOTING

"It's tremendous," Stockett said. "It's going to be a divided country, so you can be assured that they are not going to be able to do it on their own."

Stockett said that the results of the 2004 election showed that those who voted more than one time a week, were more likely to vote in the 2008 presidential election. "We would anticipate that those that voted more than once again, but there will be a whole new crop of 18-24 year olds not voting," he said.

"It depends if there is the same effort there," Todd Vansyver, a co-chairman of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee, said. "The county and the Johnson County Democrats voted like a great deal and were constant in their efforts.

"The way we got out to vote, the way that we get people voted, is that there are a lot of different ways to do it," said Vansyver. "We can't have people re-registering, turning in all the cards and making sure that they are in the right place and keeping everyone in the right place."

The Johnson County Democrats, led by County Auditor Collar Johnson, said that the county had 6,529, 2004 presidential votes, while the Johnson County Republicans had 6,529, 2004 votes. "We've got a divided country," Stockett said. "We can't have people re-registering, turning in all the cards and making sure that they are in the right place and keeping everyone in the right place."
Corvalle passes library plan

Corvalle residents will be educated on the new project and then will be asked to vote on whether a new library is to be built and in what property taxes.

Assembly passes plan for student counselor

This will benefit both organizations in the long run and will make allocating money to these clubs much smoother.

Correction

IN THE JAN. 25 ARTICLE "CORRECTION, the Daily Iowa incorrectly reported that renovations will increase the facility to 55,000 square feet. It was also reported that construction on the parking lot would begin in spring 2006. Construction is set for summer 2006. The change in the error was the square feet.

Police blotter

Nanette DeRoot, 22, 2568 Dylan St., was charged on Nov. 12 with driving while intoxicated. DeRoot, 21, was charged Jan. 20 with driving while intoxicated and operating without a license.

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Advanced Placement exams gaining popularity nationwide

20.9 percent of the public-school class of 2004 took at least one Advanced Placement exam, compared with 15.9 percent four years earlier

BY BEN FELLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More students are passing Advanced Placement exams, a sign of a trend that is spreading across the country, as college-level work in high school continues to become increasingly common — and competitive.

In every state and the District of Columbia, the percentage of students taking at least one AP exam rose at least 1 percent last year compared to the graduating class of 2000. The Bush administration, which has been pushing to increase high school scores, endorsed the news, which followed other reports that have underscored how improved college performance can lower costs for colleges or work.

Significant gains result, even from modest increases in test participation, because AP exams have become nationwide, according to the first state-by-state report in the 50-year history of AP exams.

Many students enter college with credit, having passed an Advanced Placement test. And students have free test participation and test scores to fill a key need behind those three measures.

The Advanced Placement Program, which began in 1953 as an experiment for elite students seeking college course credits, has grown from 18,000 U.S. public schools last year to 38,000 schools this year.

Beyond gaining college credits, students gain an edge; college admissions officials say they look more at grades in college-prep courses such as Advanced Placement than at their scores on other standardized tests.

Across the country, 19.0 percent of students took at least one AP test last year, up from 15.9 percent four years earlier. More significantly, 13.2 percent mastered an Advanced Placement exam last year, up from 10.3 percent in 2000.

The AP tests are given on such subjects as a strong predictor of success in college.

"This new report provides further proof that our children responded when we challenged them academically," said Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, who began her term last fall and she was particularly happy to see more significant gains in the AP English Language and Composition exam.

The expansion is the AP physics exam. AP scores have been used to influence those numbers, as 53 percent of the participants are in the upper three AP English Language and Composition exams, a significant increase from 44 percent in 2000.

Black students remain under-represented in the Advanced Placement Program. They account for 32.3 percent of the students but only 30.5 percent of Advanced Placement test-takers, up from 5.3 percent four years ago.

Approximately two in three Advanced Placement test-takers are white.

To avoid inflating state performance, the College Board monitors students once required of how many Advanced Placement subject tests they pass. But that doesn't measure the point that students in wealthy areas often have access to numerous Advanced Placement course while other students do not, said Bill Biddulph, the policy director.

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Getting children connected with school at a young age can significantly improve their performance and make them more successful.

— assistant editor Gaye Knotts

School Board stresses security, connectedness

BY KELLY REMAN
The Des Moines Register

As part of a continued effort to strengthen students' involvement with their schools, the Iowa City School Board passed a policy Thursday to ensure that all district schools stay secure and connected to their students.

Costing such a school atmosphere will encourage students to stay connected to their school, according to the district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan.

"The board has been responding to the indication that the district has at-risk children, those not meeting their potential academically," said Gayle Klouda, the board's student relations coordinator.

"We're not saying our schools aren't safe," Klouda said. "We're not trying to change policies. They are working well. We're just making our schools safer." Klouda said.

In addition to maintaining school safety, the policy promotes a strong affiliation between students and schools by encouraging students to get involved at school even after the final bell rings.

"The goal is to make sure kids have a connection to the school," said Jerry Arguehnardt, Iowa City High School principal.

"We know actively involved students (in extracurricular activities) get to have a better high-school experience. Despite an agreement among the board members of the importance of student-school relations, some members questioned if the methods for accurately measuring each component were completely complete.

"Ultimately, it's the individual students who say what degree they feel safe and connected," said Superintendent Lani Cooper.

Members also discussed such measurements as attendance, graduation rates, number of suspensions, and student participation as key factors in determining the success of the policy.

Any Arthur completion was made on how to measure connectedness among students, board members recommended that school officials be notified of the board to help focus plans and even offer suggestions for measuring connectedness.

"That became it's difficult to measure doesn't mean we just ignore it," said board member Tonia Cilek. "The most important things are difficult to measure."

Ellwood Park — Gayle Knotts

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Regulators approve Prairie Meadows expansion

JULIETTE R. BOWERS, Des Moines Register

Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission Chairman John Morgan on Tuesday approved a $100 million expansion for Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino.

The commission approved an expansion that would increase the Prairie to 1,500 the casino has now and a new entree to the track.

The expansion to the Iowa gaming facility will also double the number of hotel rooms to 500 and add a jockey's quarters and other improvements to its horse-racing operations.

"I will put the largest casino in central Iowa in a stronger position, as gambling regulators approve new casinos throughout the state," said State Auditor Robert Faiella, the general manager of the Iowa casino, said the expansion should be completed by April 2007, and it should boost the game revenue from $180 million to $250 million a year.

He said Prairie Meadows Wednesday plans to have a hotel connected to the casino, a parking garage for 1,200 cars, and several national chain restaurants on its 230-acre complex.

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HENDERSON V. BLACKSTOCK

Justice for Henderson vs. Blackstock

When a man or woman is entitled to alimony... a woman is entitled to alimony... a woman is entitled to alimony...
Republican leaders want to cut state income tax for those under 30.

BY DAVID PITTMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES— Sen. Mike Mauro of Des Moines, Iowa, has introduced a bill that would eliminate the state income tax for everyone under the age of 30 and phase in the tax cut over three years. The proposal would cause a "huge cut," the senator said.

"Every job applicant, for the tax credit must pay at least $1,000 per hour. The cut would be offered over a five-year period and would equal the annual wage of the job created. Sen. Republican Jim Lethe of Ankeny said the tax credit would benefit businesses, big and small. "If you create a job in Iowa under this plan, you get a benefit." he said.

Sen. Senate Republican Leader Mike molds, D-Council Bluffs, said Democrats support borrowing money to finance the tax cut and loan from Iowa Value Fund program, but he would not discuss the tax cut approach. "I appreciate the Republicans concerns about bonding, but if they come up with a significant mechanism to deliver real dollars to economic growth, whether that's through tax credit real dollars or economic growth, we're certainly willing to take a look at that," he said.

The Republican plan to eliminate state income tax for people under 30 is aimed at keeping young workers in Iowa. Historically, young people have left the state for higher paying jobs, and Republicans hope eliminating state income tax for those workers will reverse that trend. "That's a huge concern," said Senate Republican leader Stew-

Iowa schools falling into hole, education officials tell lawmakers

BY MIKE GLOVER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Education advocates from around the state warned lawmakers Tuesday that the state's school system is continuing to fall behind the rest of the nation, despite a $9.5 billion boost in spending for the 2006-07 school year approved earlier this week.

"I have no doubt in my mind whether Iowa is losers," said Eric Wissupruck, the superinten
dent of the Des Moines school system. "We're really going into a hole here.

More than 10 school officials and school board members from around the state descended on the Statehouse to warn lawmak
ers they might not be satisfied with the increase in basic state aid to elementary and secondary schools approved this week.

Some lawmakers have argued that a tight state budget and competing demands from other areas mean the Legislature can't afford more spending in schools, but it was clear Tuesday the pressure is mounting.

"You believe you're getting more dollars, but it doesn't feel like it," said John Bright, the principal of the Dubuque schools. "The work is not yet done. We have miles to go before we sleep.

The school officials represent the Urban Education Network, a coalition of the eight largest school districts in the state. Made up of schools in Cedar Rapids, Council Bluffs, Daven-

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In the Michigan Room, IMU

Candidates can run as an executive branch ticket or for a senate seat.
Dems rip Rice over Iraq claims

BY CHARLES BABBINGTON  
WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats delivered one of the toughest critiques yet of the Bush administration's handling of the Iraq war Thursday, by forceful and successful efforts according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to wipe out their communities, a relative of the acknowledgment was that the administration from promoting officials who have a record in AIDS conspiracy theory.

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Cold snap, gas prices equate muscular heat bills

HEAT BILLS CONTINUED FROM 1A

"I'm sick of paying as much for a cold as I do for a heat bill," said Janet Smith, a resident of the basement.

Natural gas prices are approximately 15 percent higher than they were last year's heat season, raising the average bill from $100 to $119, said MidAmerican Energy's spokesman Allen Urb.

Urba and MidAmerican do not intentionally raise gas prices in winter months to make prices hard to control. He added a few tips, as experience earlier this month, can frequently reduce gas prices.

According to the National Weather Service, Janus's average temperature would be comparable to that of the average January, except for the extreme cold suggested by MidAmerican.

Recent cold bills made bulbs and home economics:

"We made sure there was a good heat source," said Smith. "Now, we kept it at about 65 degrees, but we just wore some extra clothes."

Tips for saving money include:

- Seal gaps around doors, windows, and electrical outlets.
- Insulate: Make sure your home is insulated.
- Locate: Close heating vents and exterior vents of unoccupied areas.
- Storm CP: Put clear plastic over inside or outside of your windows to reduce heat loss.
- Let sunshine in: On sunny days, keep south-facing windows open to reduce heat loss.
- Manage: Make sure heating systems are correctly blocked by fluctuation, drafts, or other factors.

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Deficit to hit record

DEFICIT CONTINUED FROM 1A

"There is no question that the expenses, with relatively small increases in spending, are forcing themselves to be able to form into much larger ones," one source administration official said.

Douglas Holtz-Eakin said, and will show the government on above, the problem.

In total, the government cuts and director of the Office of Management and Budget, will unveil Feb. 7 deficit projection for 2004. Bush said for the war this year, pushing the total costs to $604 billion, up from $865 billion in 2003. "Our troops will have whatever they need to protect themselves and complete their mission," Bush said in a statement. The latest war request would push the total cost of military operations to Iraq, Afghanistan, and other efforts since the Sept. 11 attacks to $277 billion, according to the CBO. That figure well exceeds the inflation-adjusted, $80 billion out of World War II and is more than the total cost of the Korean war, according to CBO.

In a separate briefing, the undersecretary of the Treasury Department's Office of Management and Budget said tax cuts and increased spending by Congress will contribute to a $417 billion deficit for fiscal 2003. The deficit for fiscal year 2002, however, was expected to be about $865 billion. Holtz-Eakin cautioned that the CBO projection for 2004, the latest war request does not include $417 billion in defense spending, which he said will likely push the deficit to $865 billion. Bush's budget will include $200 billion for fighting in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other efforts since the Sept. 11 attacks.

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With 50-60 border-crossing clerks, the Moiseyev Dance Company is in identifying combinations of eyelash, hair, nails and physical features. Just during the past year, they have identified 30 people or objects are identified.

Homeland Security undersecretary Ann Hutchinson announced Tuesday that the government will begin testing radio frequency identification technology at this crossing and four others by midsummer. Walking out potential terrorists, drug dealers, and other criminals through heavily traveled border crossings has taken time. The radio-ID technology is designed to reduce the wait while giving authorities more information on who's coming in and who's leaving.

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U.S. Border Patrol officers inspect vehicles entering the United States at the U.S.-Mexico border in Nogales, Ariz., on Tuesday. Ann Hutchinson, the undersecretary for border and transportation security for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, visited the border on Tuesday and announced that the U VISIT system is continuing to improve the border-management system by planning tests of radio frequency identification technology at the U.S. border.

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"There are still will have to stop, but if their identifying data proven to be false, they will get just a cursory check rather than lengthy questioning."

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Free expression important, but so is abiding by policy

Holding to class. A morning last week, US students were seen outside the classroom windows, some frowning, others smiling. It was Valentine’s Day, and it appeared that the students had received a note from their teacher: love the-ala Students Against Sweatshops (SAS). It wasn’t long before the office of Student Life had demanded that the balloons be removed, insisting that the gesture violated university policy prohibiting “sexual and suggestive behavior.”

Some have asserted that this move was an overreaction to a form of free speech. But the fact remains that the gesture was not protected by the university’s sexual harassment policies, which prohibit such behavior. The fact is that even if the gesture was protected by the university’s policy, the gesture would still be inappropriate. The university should not be responsible for the student’s actions.

Inauguration down from 1.06 to 1.184 million Americans.

President George Bush’s Inauguration ceremony was down from 1.06 to 1.184 million Americans in 2001. The NASDAQ was also down from 10,587.59 to 10,252. The 2000 Industrial Average on Jan. 19, 2001, was 63.02 higher than the 1999 average. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down from 11,391 to 11,381. The S&P 500 is also down from 1,184 to 1,184. The budget deficit of the US is 1.184 trillion. The 2000 budget was 1.06 trillion. The solution to the budget deficit is the equal protection of the law. It is not anti-analytics, it is anti-statistics.

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**Aviator, Baby top Oscars**

**BY DAVID GERMAIN**

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Martin Scorsese may finally be rewarded for Academy Award glory, but his Howard Hughes flick "Aviator" will have to take a back seat to Clint Eastwood's "Mystic River" at this weekend's Oscars.

"Aviator" and "Mystic River" are shaping up as the two biggest showdowns between Scorsese and Eastwood, with the Aviator having the inside track as best-runner by leading the pack with 10 nominations Tuesday. The other hot-picture contenders were finding "Finding Neverland," a whimsical portrait of the creator of J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan; the story of Royale of Clay County, a quirky tale about two buddies on a winning road trip.

Scorsese could be the story of the night Oscar night Feb. 27, the filmmaker behind such modern classics as "Raging Bull," "Taxi Driver," and "GoodFellas" has never admired a best-picture winner, and Scorsese has never won a directing Oscar despite four nominations.

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His acting nomination was the first of his career, and when he accepted it, he thanked his wife, Helen, and her mother,70-year-old Helen Scorsese. "I have been very lucky to have my wife," he said.

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Israel no longer targeting militants for death

BY MARK LAVIE

JERUSALEM — Israel has stopped targeting Palestinians suspected of being militants for death, Israeli security officials said, amid signs of a policy shift after years of violence.

The change, which comes after the American military announced it is planning to close its post in November, is expected to end at least a dozen troops deployed in the Old City and to allow the people the days before the 65,000 agreed to for a new National Assembly.

On a day in which the U.S. military announced that 11 American soldiers were killed in an Israeli air strike, Yossi Chenko, the Israeli defense minister, said he had received a call from the Israeli prime minister.

In his message, Chenko said that Chenko would be raising the possibility of ending the violence, including a possible deal to hand over some of the humanitarian aid.

Yossi Chenko, the Israeli prime minister, said the call had been taken by the government, but would not disclose the details of the call.

The Israeli prime minister, who has been leading the debate on the policy of targeting, said Chenko had told him that the decision was taking into account the concerns of the Palestinian leadership.

Speaking from an undisclosed location in Ramallah, Mahmud said the decision was taken in consultation with the Palestinian leadership and the United States.

"This is a moment of transition," he said. "It puts the responsibility on the international community for it to save Israel and recognize the Palestinian state.

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Basketball brawl

No. 1 Illinois too strong; Wisconsin streak ends

Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak was broken by Undecided Illini

by ARNIE STAPLETON

MADISON, Wis. - Top-ranked Illinois routed Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak, the nation's longest, beating the Badgers, 75-65, Tuesday night by scoring 14 of the game's final 15 points.

Led by Luther Head's 18 points, Illinois (20-4, 6-0 Big Ten) stopped a five-game losing streak in Madison and became the first team to beat the Badgers at the Kohl Center since Wisconsin defeated Illinois on Jan. 4, 2002. The Badgers' most recent home win came when they scored the final 11 points of the game to beat Michigan State 60-59.

The only break in Illinois' run came when Kansas State round one free throw at 1:07 left to make it 71-65.

Dean Williams added 13 points for Illinois, and Roger Powell Jr. had 11.

Tucker added 13 points for Wisconsin, and Sharif Chambliss had 14 and Mike Wilkinson 13.

The Badgers, who trailed 35-33 at halftime, were just 6-of-12 from the free-throw line. Illinois was 17-of-20.

ILS 0, UW 1, 67-63

Northwestern’s top two scorers are questionable

No. 23 IOWN (14-4, 2-3) VS. NORTHWESTERN (8-9, 1-4)

TOMTOURISTIC, 7:05 P.M., CST, ESPN

Northwestern coach Jim Walden has corresponded with a number of major college programs to try to get his senior's services, but it is not clear if the Wildcats will be able to getback in the mix.

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by JASON BRUMMOND

IOWA CITY, Iowa - Northwest- ern's top two scorers are uncertain for the game in Wal-Mall Arena in Evanston, Ill., scheduled for tip-off at 7:05 p.m.

Neither injured Wildcat forward Verdan Vukusic and suspended center Michael Thompson have been declared available for tonight's game by Northwestern coach Bill Cosnerly.

Vukusic left the Wildcat's game against Penn State on Jan. 22 early because of a shoulder injury. His status will be a game-time decision. The 2004 All-Big Ten performer is averaging 10.5 points a game - fourth best in the conference.

Because of his inside-outside ability, the Hawkeyes will try a number of different defensive combinations on him, coach Bryan Allen said.

The 6-8 junior from Creatau battled Illinois last year, hitting the
Both sides believe Neuheisel trial will set the record straight

BY TIM KORTE

SEATTLE — Rick Neuheisel remains poised and confident in his employment as Washington State's coach. The trial, which begins Monday, will test that faith.

Washington State has hired a Miami-based law firm to represent coach Neuheisel in the lawsuit against the university for his termination.

The suit was filed last fall by Neuheisel, who coached the Cougars to a 43-28 record in five seasons. He alleges that former athletic director Don James fired him wrongfully on Aug. 23, 2003.

Neuheisel was, in fact, fired for gambling on college sports.

Washington State's decision to hire Miami's Weisberg, Fox, Anderson & Korey, a firm with a specialty in sports law, came because of the university's conflict of interest with its former athletic director, who hired Neuheisel.

While James has recused himself from the case, as required by law, the university is still party to the lawsuit and could potentially become a witness.

The university is in a bind, says John Parola, the head of the law firm.

"Washington State fired the coach, it's very clear," Parola said. "But it seems to have an interest in the case. It's a conflict of interest and it's a reason why the university should have recused itself from the case."
The tight end is headed to the Super Bowl after being out of the NFL for two seasons

EAGLES SIGN THOMASON TO REPLACE LEWIS

BY ROB MAADDI

PHILADELPHIA — Jeff Thomason put down his hard hat, grabbed aNature, and joined the NFC champions. The veteran tight end is going to the Super Bowl with the Philadelphia Eagles after being out of the NFL, the last two seasons.

"It's incredible. I'm probably the luckiest guy in the world," he said on Tuesday after he signed with the Eagles to replace injured tight end Chad Lewis, a starter for the past two seasons.

Lewis, who hurt his foot on the second of this two-touchdown catcher in Philadelphia 27-10 victory over Atlanta in the NFC title game, was put on injured reserve to make room.

Thomason was working on a project manager for a construction company in New Jersey when the Eagles called. Lewis actually made the first call, telling Thomason he was recommending him as a replacement.

"That just shows how much Chad I used to be thinking about me at that time," said Thomason, who was playing football in the spring of 2009 when he was cut by the Eagles. "All of a sudden, he was like, 'Hey, you should be playing.'"

Thomason, who played nine seasons with the Falcons, declined offers from the Eagles and other NFL teams before he signed with the Philadelphia Eagles. He's looking forward to catching balls from quarterback Donovan McNabb.

"I'm excited," Thomason said.

Injured Philadelphia receiver Terrell Owens is all smiles as he watches from the sidelines in the second quarter of the NFC championship game against the Atlanta Falcons in Philadelphia on Sunday. He is still uncertain whether Owens will be able to play in the Super Bowl on Feb. 6 against the Patriots.

The wide receiver has been cleared to return for the Super Bowl after being out with an injured ankle for more than a month. But it's uncertain whether Owens will be able to play in the game.

Owens was back on the field Sunday, going through full practices.

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"We are getting tired of that question," admitted Greg Lewis, who scored 17 points in each of the playoff games. Though none of the players will admit it, it's possible Owens return could be more of a distraction than a benefit, especially if heOffset winning the Super Bowl."

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ILLINOIS defeats Wisconsin

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With the score tied at 44 in the opening minutes of the second half, the Badgers committed two foul-ball fouls on one possession and appeared to be cracking under the pressure.

Instead, they were about to take control—at least for a while.

Pawlowski missed a jumper, and Tucker hit an open 3-pointer at the other end. After Brown stole Tucker's inbound pass, Ray Nixon made an aesthetic block of Brown on a fast break, and Tucker scored again to make it 44-44. Williams turned it over, and Taylor's basket made it 51-44.

In the first half, Illinois controlled play—until.

while the Illini coach Bruce Weber proclaimed his team the underdog for once, saying "until Wisconsin bounces at home. Nobody no matter how good, could be the center of attention, not even a team that has been Amy the hero for eight weeks.

"Maybe we have a little bit of a fear factor instead of having to target our opponent," he said. "It'll be a different mind-set for us.

They were the underdog tag as well as they've handled the targets on their chests all season.

Point guard rescue from second knee injury

RICHARDS

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"It's hard not to play, and it's almost worse when you're winning a lot, and you want to be a part of that," said Lou Boudreau.

"But Lindsey has made herself a part of this basketball team by how much she gives. By how much she works in practice and how she Öl in the backcourt as well.

Since her injury, she's been in contact with female high-school athletes who have encountered knee and ACL problems of their own. Whether it's via phone or e-mail, she communicates with them about the difficulty of surgery and how hard it is to come back from the injury. She also shares tips on how to have a successful rehab.

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DELGADO OK’S $52M DEAL WITH MARLINS

The free-agent first baseman signs a four-year agreement

BY STEVEN WINE

MIAMI — Free-agent first baseman Carlos Delgado agreed Tuesday to a $52 million, four-year contract with the Florida Marlins, who added the left-handed power hitter they’ve been lacking.

The agreement, which contains an option year that could bring the deal to $96 million over five seasons, capped the Marlins’ pursuit of Delgado passing on physical Wednesday, the Marlins said. A new conference call tentatively is set for Thursday.

Team officials declined further comment.

Delgado makes the Marlins perhaps the team to beat in the NL East. They won the World Series in 1997 and 2003 but are still seeking their first division title and trying to win a pennant for a new ballpark.

Delgado’s deal calls for him to make $12 million guaranteed, Florida would have the right to exercise a $12 million buyout.

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Associated Press

If the option doesn’t come Delgado, 32, who hit at least .300 with 32 home runs and 97 RBIs.

The deal with Delgado was sealed 10 days after he flew from his native Puerto Rico to Miami and spent 5 1/2 hours with Marlins officials, including owner Jeffrey Loria.

Some time after signing, Delgado will report to a Florida camp that will include a $35 million option year.

With the option year that happens, and just try to play by you, and the team.

The last time Delgado was a side-tender, he was racing to the aid of teammate Lou Whitaker, who went into the stands to fight Detroit fans charging in the stands with a cup.

Rather than try to pull Arturo from the melee, Jackson went in swinging wildly, connect with a punch. NPB Commissioner Katsuhiko "I wouldn’t just go into a thinking, ‘I have to stop these guys.’ Jackson said when asked what he would do differently. ‘If I’m out, that put our team in a deeper hole. I just have to think I don’t think last time. I just went up there to protect my teammates.’

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It will be a fun line that Jackson has in walk, because he knows the Pirates count on him to get them as much as his offense or defense.

Jackson says he needs to control emotions

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IOWA STATE LOOKS FOR FIRST BIG 12 WIN

Iowa State has lost 27-straight conference road games since Feb. 21, 2001, a trend it hopes to change in tonight’s game at Kansas State.

BY CHUCK SCHOFNER

DES MOINES — Three weeks into the Big 12 season, only one team is still winning in conference play. That would be Iowa State, which will play a game at Kansas State at 7 p.m. tonight. The Cyclones usually win, though hardly against the Cyclones.

Iowa State (8-5, 0-4 Big 12) has lost 27-straight conference road games since winning at Kansas State on Feb. 21, 2001. This season’s team looked to be good enough to finish at least in the middle of the league but instead found itself dead last.

“I think there are reasons in the season for a lot of teams (when) you’re just not coming back against the Big 12,” junior guard Kyle Joerger said. “I think we’re doing to everything perfectly from an execution standpoint to win at home games.”

Kansas State coach Bill Self was hard pressed to find two teams on Wednesday night that are in the same situation.

Thanks to its favorable schedule loaded with home games, Kansas State’s (11-1) start has helped bring three of its first four Big 12 games. The latest was a 60-51 loss at Texas AM.

But the Wildcats have lost only once at home, 70-76 to Texas Tech, and they have one of the longest top-two streaks in the Big 12.

With that said, when averaging 16.5 points and 5.9 rebounds, Mason County Kansas State over Iowa State coming out of Oncor Community College in California two years ago.

“I think he knew he had to,” said Iowa State coach Wayne Morgan, who was a Cyclone many years back. “He was good around the basket, he can make 15-foot jump shots, and he’s very strong. He’s also very unselfish. He’s got a personality when you can tell the shots he’s making. He’s a steal, a big, bright, tall, talented kid.

There were no surprises with Iowa State after the Cyclones’ last game, a 64-50 overtime loss at home to Kansas State. Iowa State shot poorly, rebounded even worse, and last game it had been expected to win.

“Partly frustrated by the Cyclones’ poor play, and some those errors on the floor when the game ended.

“Hopefully, our players understand that when you’re playing well and winning, a lot of people are going to say how wonderful you are,” Morgan said. “If you lose, there are people not putting you on the back and saying you lost bad like you.

“I guess that’s part of it. Hopefully, we’ll get to be mature enough to handle that and keep working hard to win the next game.”

Iowa State played its worst game of the season at Kansas State a year ago, losing 96-59. Money had 30 points and 13 rebounds in that game, according to Jet Hall, who scored 21 points and led Iowa State to a 74-69 win.

“We had a good approach up to that point,” he said. “If we get to take that up to that last one. This is our team. Morgan said. "We have to put them there and push as hard as we can and do the best we can."
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- *Crisis Center Info Night,* 7 p.m., Crisis Center, 1121 Gilbert Court.
- *Live from Prairie Lights,* Curtis White, *Fact!* 9 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WIVE.
- *Dance Marathon,* Third Dance Meeting, 9 p.m., DMU ballroom.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"[Johnny Carson] was hip, but he was smart enough not to be so hip that next year he was out of style."

—Jay Leno

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Jan. 26 — Christian Lax, 20; Lisa Dubreva, 29; Leslie Nightly, 22

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