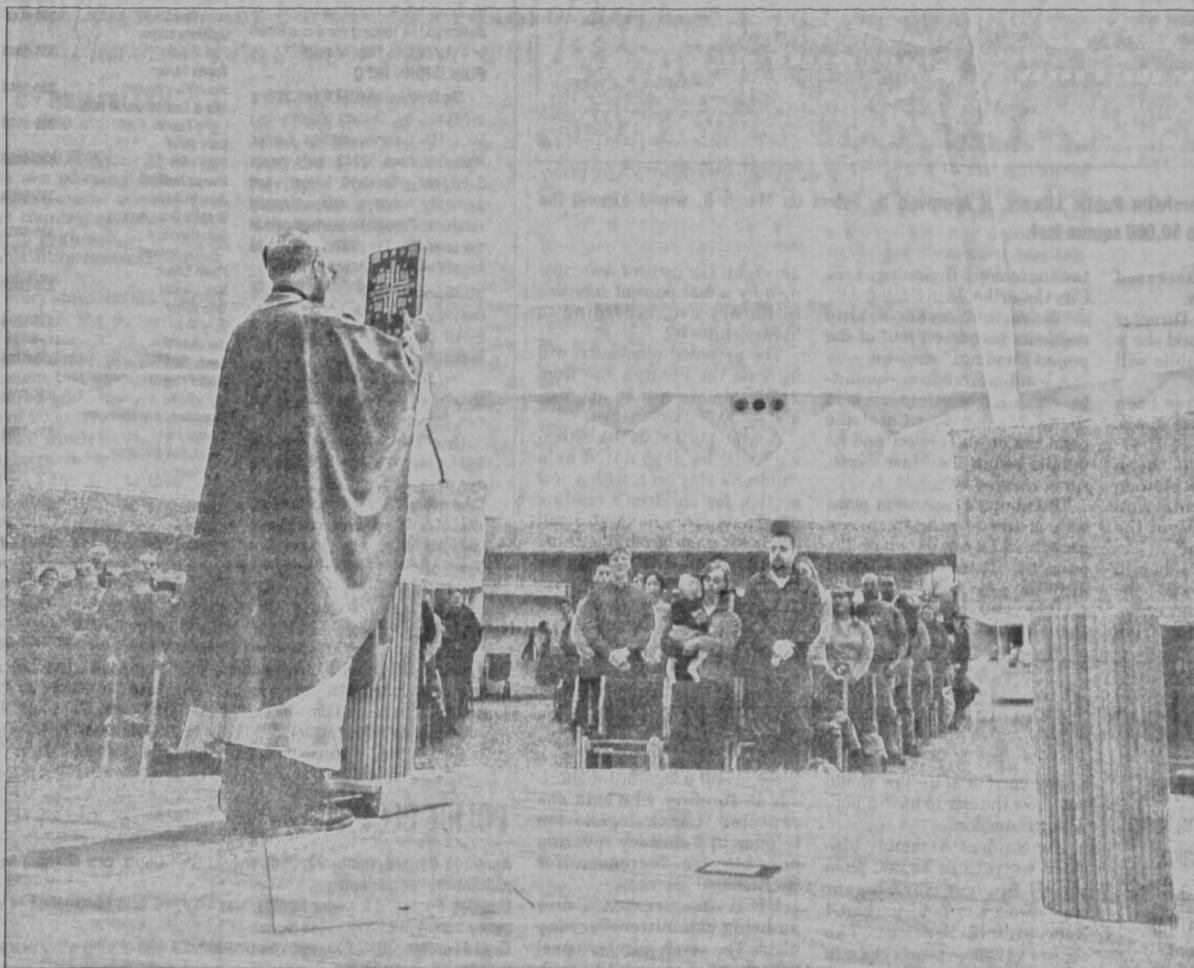


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Father Edward Fitzpatrick conducts an evening mass on Sunday at the Newman Catholic Student Center. A UI study recently found a correlation between attending religious services and living longer.

LABOR STATISTICS

Wages in Iowa City going up

BY ELAINE FABIAN AND MEGHAN SIMS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City workers earned an average of \$19.06 per hour in July 2004, an increase of 22 cents since August 2003, according to a survey released on Tuesday by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The survey evaluated 107 firms each employing 50 or more workers in private industries and state and local governments. Iowa City white-collar workers earned approximately \$21.83 per hour last July, a 13-cent increase over August 2003, while blue-collar workers increased their earnings from \$15.37 per hour in August 2003 to \$15.41 last July.

In July 2003, the national average wage was \$17.75 per hour. The 2004 national averages are not yet available.

Yet Iowa City's average wages this year are considerably higher than those of Lincoln, Neb., a city similar to Iowa City in size and demographics, said Norma Malcolm, an economist for the Chicago regional office of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The average Lincoln worker makes \$16.60 per hour, \$2.46 less than the average Iowa City worker. Also, the average Lincoln worker in the service industry makes \$3.04 less than the average Iowa City worker in the same industry.

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Study connects religion, longer life

UI researchers finds that those practicing religion regularly have lower levels of a body chemical linked to cancer

BY SARA GEAKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

People who kneel in church, pray in synagogue, or attend other religious services weekly are likely to gain more years of life than those who don't, but researchers are not sure why, according to a UI study.

The study, which surveyed 557 Iowans at least 65 years old, found that those who practice religion regularly are prone to longer lives.

The study's results have grabbed global attention since its September 2004 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 in these older adults that the strongest psychological predictor of IL-6 and of mortality was whether they attended religious services or not," said Susan Lutgendorf, UI associate professor of psychology who conducted the study.

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AVERAGE IOWA CITY HOURLY WAGES

Occupation:	July 2004	August 2003
All	\$19.06	\$18.84
White Collar	\$21.83	\$21.70
Blue Collar	\$15.41	\$15.37
Service	\$13.73	\$12.89

BUDGET

Cost of war fuels record deficit

BY JONATHAN WEISMAN
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Additional war spending this year will push the federal deficit to a record \$427 billion for fiscal 2005, effectively thwarting President Bush's pledge to begin stanching the flow of government red ink, according to new administration budget forecasts unveiled Tuesday.

Administration officials rolled out an \$80 billion emergency spending request, mainly for Iraq and Afghanistan, conceding that the extra funds would likely send the federal deficit above the record \$412 billion deficit recorded in fiscal 2004, which ended Sept. 30. Bush has pledged to cut the budget deficit in half by 2009, a promise the administration insists it can keep. But at least for now, the government's fiscal health is actually getting worse.

"We must get serious about putting our financial house in order, beginning with short-term deficit reduction and then long-term control of entitlement spending," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Judd Gregg, R-N.H. "If we do nothing, our kids and grandkids will be overwhelmed by the cost of our inaction."

In separate briefings, administration officials detailed the rising cost of war, while the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office released its deficit forecast for the coming decade. Taken together, the briefings painted a sobering picture of the government's financial strength, even in the face of a growing economy and rising tax receipts. The figures suggest the Bush administration will continue to have difficulty reining in federal deficits as long as war is draining the government's coffers.

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Cold temps and high natural-gas prices are keeping some UI students feeling the chill

Arctic breezes, hefty bills

BY KATE MCCARTER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Extremely cold temperatures and higher natural-gas prices have stoked the ire of UI students and property owners who are paying beefier heating bills.

For UI junior Ryan Turesson, sudden drops in temperature have translated into \$600 bills to heat their three-story house.

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'04 youth vote surged dramatically

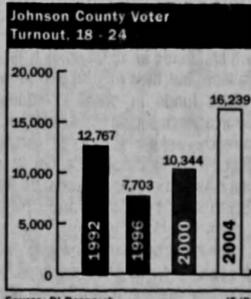
BY JANE SLUSARK
THE DAILY IOWAN

The swarms of get-out-the-vote organizations that descended upon the UI campus and preached political activism led to a 57 percent surge in young voters in Johnson County, said County Auditor Tom Slockett on Tuesday.

"Clearly, there was a direct effort by a number of get-out-the-vote groups to target college students in particular," said David Redlawsk, a UI assistant professor of political science. "If you're targeted, then you are more likely to vote."

Johnson County had 6,529 more 18-24 year olds mark their ballots than in the 2000 presidential election, the largest increase of any age group. The surge made them the second most-influential group in the county, accounting for 24.5 percent of the total vote, the first time the group has ranked second since the 1992 presidential election.

"It's tremendous," Slockett said. "It's showing that 18-24 year-olds are taking their



responsibility and voting seriously."

The 2004 presidential election set a record for the number of voters in Johnson County — a 25 percent increase in total voter turnout — which, Slockett said, was at least partially due to a dramatic increase in early voting.

Redlawsk said that the results of the 2004 election should not sway voter turnout in the 2008 presidential election.

"We would anticipate that those that voted once will also vote again, but there will be a whole new crop of 18-24 year-olds next election," he

said. "It depends if there is the same effort there."

Todd Versteegh, a co-chairman of the Johnson County Republicans Central Committee, said the College Republicans and Students for Bush performed the majority of the grunt work and were constant in their efforts.

"They sought out Republicans and new Republicans and then ensured that they got to the polls on election day," he said.

Sarah Swisher, the chairwoman of the Johnson County Democrats, gave most of the credit to the University Democrats, who devised a precinct-style system for the campus, assigning captains to each area.

Slockett said he expects a large crowd again in the 2008 election because of the enthusiasm and participation demonstrated during the past election.

"We've got a divided country, and in 2008, there will be no incumbent, so you can be sure there will be spirited contests," he said.

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Slockett
Johnson County auditor

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'The plans have been well-received, and we plan on continuing to educate and inform the community of the need for this expansion.'

— Alison Ames Galstad, Coralville library director

Coralville passes library plan

Coralville residents will be educated on the new project and then will be asked to vote on whether a new library is worth an increase in property taxes

BY EMILY DERRICO
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Coralville City Council on Tuesday unanimously passed a resolution for a March 8 referendum to expand the town's library.

The referendum will allow Coralville voters to decide whether \$3 million in funding will be drawn from an increase in property taxes. The increase would amount to about \$13.38



Photo courtesy of the Coralville Public Library.

Renovations to the Coralville Public Library, if approved by voters on March 8, would expand the facilities from 21,000 to 50,000 square feet.

per \$100,000 of assessed property value per year.

Coralville Library Director Alison Ames Galstad said she is confident that the public will back the referendum.

"The community has been behind the library since it was founded," she said.

"The plans have been well-received, and we plan on continuing to educate and inform the community of the need for this expansion."

The remaining \$5 million in library funding will be drawn from private and corporate donations and from

tax-increment financing, said City Councilor Jean Schnake.

"We're not even asking residents to vote on half of the project [funding]," she said.

A bond-referendum committee organized by volunteers is in charge of educating Coralville residents on the project and its details before the March vote, Ames Galstad said.

The library's expansion plans were sparked by the significant growth in Coralville since the current library was built in 1987.

Over the last 18 years, the town's population has

grown by 110 percent accompanied by a 400 percent increase in library use, according to library statistics.

The proposed renovation will increase the library's size from 21,000 square feet to approximately 50,000 square feet.

A large portion of the expansion will be designated as a children's play area, with a new section for children's reading programs. The plans also call for a new underground parking facility that will have more than 350 parking spaces.

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Assembly passes plan for student councilor

BY TARA FLOCKHART
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI Student Assembly passed a resolution Tuesday night that authorizes Vice President Jason Shore to lobby the Iowa City City Council for a student seat on the council.

Although the student representative would not have a vote, Shore said, the goal is to "unite the student body with the city of Iowa City and create consistently better lines of communication."

Under the proposal, the student representative would earn three semester hours of credit, equivalent to 150 hours of work, and would be accompanied by an assistant representative. The

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

— Harry Ostrander, Recreational Services Director

assistant, who would earn one semester hour of credit, equal to 50 hours of work, would sit in on the meetings for one year. The following year, he or she would become the student representative.

City Manager Steve Atkins said reservations about the proposal,

saying current state law would not allow the city to have a non-voting councilor.

The Student Assembly also voted to transfer \$4,000 from the UI Student Government student activity fund to the UI Recreational Services. The change will force sports clubs to request funds from Recreational Services instead of UISG.

"This will benefit both organizations in the long run and will make allocating money to these clubs much smoother," said Harry Ostrander, the Recreational Services director.

Despite the relocation of the funds, student organization liaison Natalie Wicklund said

there is still a significant shortage in funding. She said she expected UISG legislation to pass in February covering possible fee increases for Recreational Services.

UISG also created a new auditing committee Tuesday night. The seven-member panel will share responsibility with the Student Assembly Budgeting and Allocation Committee, providing biannual financial reports on UISG expenses, compiling historical funding trends, and performing annual end-of-year reviews on the UISG.

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CITY

Woman charged with assault

Police charged an Iowa City woman with assault with a dangerous weapon after she allegedly drove toward and swerved around a car containing a court witness who spoke against her son.

Geri Garvey, 51, 5 Heather Drive, allegedly pulled a U-turn in front of the Johnson County Courthouse on Jan. 21, drove down the wrong lane, and jerked the steering wheel to the side in time to miss the car, according to police records. The incident immediately followed her son's conviction on a traffic offense.

Her alleged actions, records show, put the vehicles occupants "in fear of immediate physical danger."

Prior to the incident, Garvey also allegedly made "inflammatory statements and gestures" toward the primary witness against her son.

Garvey, who was released from the Johnson County Jail on Tuesday, could face up to two years in prison and a \$5,000 maximum fine if she is convicted of the

aggravated misdemeanor.

— by Nick Petersen

Area woman nets 5 charges

A North Liberty woman was charged with an assortment of criminal charges Monday after an argument with her sister in Coralville.

Monika McCambry, 28, and her sister allegedly had a fight that began in the Coralville U-Haul parking lot and continued near Coral Ridge Mall, resulting in five charges: child endangerment, assault while using a dangerous weapon, fifth-degree criminal mischief, assault causing injury, and disorderly conduct.

According to police records: When an argument became heated, McCambry allegedly punched her sister in the mouth in the parking lot of U-Haul.

In separate vehicles, McCambry and her sister left the scene. McCambry then followed her sister, eventually running her vehicle into the back of her sister's car, which also held McCambry's 6-month-old

niece. McCambry had her 2-year-old son in the vehicle with her.

Once the vehicles stopped, McCambry exited her vehicle and damaged her sister's left outside mirror. McCambry also almost "tore the victim's gas door completely off with her bare hands" in an attempt to "lure her [sister] out of the car to provoke another confrontation." After her sister got out of her vehicle, McCambry bit her forehead and pulled two clumps of hair out of her head.

McCambry was being held Tuesday evening in the Johnson County on a \$12,500 cash-only bond.

— by Traci Finch

County may revamp Human Services

Reorganization of Johnson County's Human Services Department and shifting grant money to focus on youth programs were the focus of discussion at the county's second budget meeting Tuesday morning.

Budget coordinator Jeff Horne

said a key point of emphasis for fiscal 2006 will be the proposed addition of a Human Services director to the department.

"We really want someone to coordinate community planning," he said. "Appointing a Human Services director would be a good way to ensure that would happen."

Horne and the county supervisors also discussed some proposed changes to the county human-services block grants, which provide funding for several community-service functions and agencies.

The supervisors will not increase the fiscal 2006 block-grant budget, which stands at approximately \$1.1 million, but they might push to prioritize funds in order to support such agencies as MECCA, which has already asked for a 5 percent increase in funding. The supervisors may also increase funding for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and United Action for Youth.

Tuesday's budget work session was the second in a series of county budget talks that are scheduled to take place over the next couple of weeks.

CORRECTION

In the Jan. 25 article "Coralville library looks to expand," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported that renovations will increase the facility to 22,991 square feet. The renovations will expand the library to 50,000 square feet. It was also reported that construction on the parking lot would begin in spring 2006. Construction is slated for summer 2005. *The DI* regrets the errors.

POLICE BLOTTER

Nanthida Deuanephenh, 22, 2568 Sylvan Glen Court, was charged Nov. 12 with fourth-degree theft.
Douglas Eggers, 41, Cedar Rapids, was charged with obstruction of emergency communication.
Chad Fountain, 30, Solon, was charged Jan. 24 with driving while barred and possession of marijuana.
Christopher Kim, 21, 2715 E. Washington St., was charged Jan. 20 with driving with a suspended or canceled 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 in every part of the country, as college-level work in high school becomes increasingly common — and competitive.

In every state and the District of Columbia, the percentage of public school students who passed at least one Advanced Placement test was up in 2004, compared with the graduating class of 2000. The Bush administration, which has been pushing to increase high-school rigor, embraced the news, which followed other reports that have underscored how unprepared many graduates are for college or work.

Significant gaps remain, even as Advanced Placement participation booms nationwide, according to the first state-by-state

report in the 50-year history of the college-level testing program. Many students enter college without having passed an Advanced Placement test. And black students have low test participation and test scores a full level behind those of whites.

The Advanced Placement Program, which began as an experiment for elite students seeking college courses and credit, has now become a fixture in more than 14,000 U.S. public schools. Beyond gaining experience, a student gains an edge; college admission officers say they place more importance on grades in college-prep courses such as Advanced Placement than they do on any other factor.

Across the country, 20.9 percent of the public-school class of 2004 — one in five students — took at least one Advanced Placement exam, compared with 15.9 percent four years earlier. More significantly, 13.2

percent mastered an Advanced Placement exam last year, up from 10.2 percent in 2000.

Research shows that success on such exams is a strong predictor of success in college.

"This new report provides further proof that our children respond when we challenge them academically," said Education Secretary Margaret Spellings, who began her term this week. She said she was particularly happy to see more minorities taking Advanced Placement courses. That has been a long-standing challenge for the College Board, the non-profit that runs the Advanced Placement Program.

Latinos made up 13.1 percent of Advanced Placement test-takers last year, up from 10.9 percent. Their participation slightly exceeds their share of the public-school population. Advanced Placement Spanish appears to be influencing those numbers, as

53 percent of its participants are Latino.

Black students remain under-represented in the Advanced Placement Program. They account for 13.2 percent of the students but only 6 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 counted students once regardless of how many Advanced Placement subject tests they passed. But that obscures the point that students in wealthy areas often have access to numerous Advanced Placement courses while other students do not, said Bob Schaeffer, the public-education director of FairTest, which monitors standardized testing.

School Board stresses security, connectedness

BY KELLY REHAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

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

Providing such a school atmosphere will encourage students' learning and performance, 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 board member Gayle Klouda. "Getting children connected with school helps their academic situation and makes them more successful."

Although school security has

been a significant part of the ongoing discussion, board members said the schools have upheld high safety standards.

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

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 Arganbright, Iowa City West High School principal. "We know kids actively involved [in extracurricular activities] are apt to have a better high-school experience."

Despite an agreement among

the board members of the importance of student-school relations, some members questioned the methods for accurately measuring exactly how students feel connected.

"Ultimately, it's the individual students who say to what degree they're safe and connected," said Superintendent Lane Plugge.

Members also discussed such measurements as attendance, graduation rates, number of suspensions, and student surveys to determine the success of the policy.

Although no conclusion was made on how to measure connectedness among students, board members recommended that school officials be notified of the policy to help focus plans and even offer suggestions for measurement.

"Just because it's difficult to

'The board has been responding to the indication that the district has at-risk children, those not meeting their potential academically. Getting children connected with school helps their academic situation and makes them more successful.'

— board member Gayle Klouda

measure doesn't mean we just drop it," said board member Toni Cilek. "The most important things are difficult to measure."

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STATE

Regulators approve Prairie Meadows expansion

JOHNSTON, Iowa (AP) — The Iowa Racing and Gaming Commission on Tuesday approved a \$60 million expansion at Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, which will add 500 slot machines to the 1,500 the casino has now and a new entertainment room to the complex.

The expansion to the Altoona gaming facility will also double the number of table games to 65 and add a jockey's quarters and other improvements to its horse-racing

operations.

It will put the largest casino in central Iowa in a stronger position, as gambling regulators approve new casinos throughout the state, as early as May.

Robert Farinella, the general manager of the Altoona casino, said the expansion should be completed by April 2007, and it should help boost gaming revenue from \$160 million annually to \$200 million.

He said Prairie Meadows eventually plans to have a hotel connected to the casino, a parking garage for 1,200 cars, and several national chain restaurants on its 233-acre complex.

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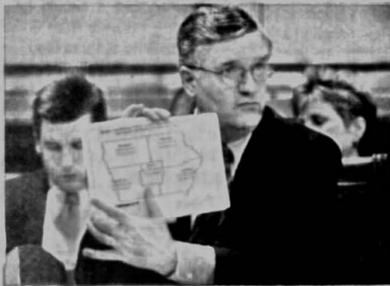
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NEWS

Republicans want to cut state income tax for those under 30



Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press
Mike Blouin, the director of the Iowa Department of Economic Development, speaks during an Economic Development Appropriations Subcommittee meeting on Tuesday at the Statehouse.

BY DAVID PITT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Senate Republicans on Tuesday proposed

eliminating state income tax for everyone under the age of 30 and giving tax credits to businesses that create new jobs.

Any job qualifying for the tax credit must pay at least \$10 an hour. The credit would be offered over a five-year period and would equal the annual wage of the job created.

Senate Republican President Jeff Lamberti of Ankeny said the tax credit would benefit businesses, big and small.

"If you create a job in Iowa under this plan, you'll get a

benefit," he said.

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, said Democrats support borrowing money to continue business grants and loans through Iowa Values Fund program, but he would not discount the tax credit 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 grant real dollars, 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 incentive," said Senate Republican leader Stewart Iverson of Dows.

Gronstal questioned whether such a plan would be legal.

"I think there's probably a constitutional problem with two guys working the same line at the same factory and one of them is tax free, the other has to pay state income tax," he said. "There's probably an equal protection constitutional problem with that."

STATE

Iowa native Kelly to pilot shuttle mission

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa native Jim Kelly has been chosen to pilot the first U.S. space shuttle mission since the Columbia shuttle broke apart in February 2003, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

This spring, Kelly, a Burlington native and NASA astronaut since 1996, will pilot the shuttle Discovery on its "Return to Flight" mission. The shuttle will ferry supplies to the International Space Station, and at least three space walks are planned.

"It takes a real determination to turn around from a disaster the magnitude of Columbia and go fly into space again," he told the *Des Moines Register*. "There are people who put their whole professional life into Columbia, and the emotional damage done to these folks was very high, as well, for them, even though

there was a lot of attention on us.

"That's where the determination comes in. It's about picking yourself up, dusting yourself off, marching back down, and saying we are going to fly in space again and do everything in our power to make sure this one is safer than the last one."

Kelly, 40, a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force, said he and his family have lived through their share of danger during the 20 years he spent as a fighter pilot.

"The difference between being a fighter pilot and a shuttle pilot is when you're flying fighters, it's more dangerous on a day-to-day basis," he told the *Register*. "When you fly in space, all that danger is concentrated into one thing you do every four years."

Kelly, a 1982 graduate of Burlington High School, and his wife Dawn, also from Burlington, live in Houston with their four children, ages 8 to 15.

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 \$99.5 million boost in spending for the 2006-07 school year approved earlier this week.

"I have no doubt in my mind whether Iowa is lower," said Eric Witherspoon, the superintendent of the Des Moines schools. "We are really, really going into a hole here."

More than 60 school officials

and school board members from around the state descended on the Statehouse to warn lawmakers they mustn't 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 for money mean the Legislature can't afford more spending on schools, but it was clear Tuesday the pressure is going to continue.

"You believe you've pre-empted our lobbying effort," said John Burgart, the superintendent 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, Davenport, Dubuque, Des Moines, Iowa City, Sioux City, and Waterloo, they teach more than 25 percent of the youngsters in the public-school system.

The \$99.5 million approved this week is basic aid to schools. The advocates are pushing for at least \$90 million additionally to improve teacher salaries and strengthen early education programs.

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Democrats question Rice's truthfulness on Iraq as the Senate prepares to confirm her nomination to be secretary of State

Dems rip Rice over Iraq claims

BY CHARLES BABINGTON
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats delivered one of the sharpest critiques yet of the Bush administration's credibility and handling of the Iraq war on Tuesday, as the Senate prepared to confirm Condoleezza Rice's nomination to be secretary of State today.

Seizing on a nine-hour debate that Republicans had hoped to avoid, several Democrats excoriated the administration's pre-war claims about Iraqi weapons and its handling of the ongoing war and transition. Both parties agreed that Rice, 50, will be confirmed, but that didn't stop a cross-section of Democrats from questioning her truthfulness in terms that until Tuesday were used only by liberal Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

Some of the most critical Democrats were centrists from states that President Bush won or nearly won in November. Their comments came as recent polls have shown growing public

disenchantment with the situation in Iraq.

Too many Republican senators allow Bush's top aides "to get away with lying," said Sen. Mark Dayton, a Democrat who opposed the war and faces re-election next year in the swing state of Minnesota. "Lying to Congress, lying to our committees, and lying to the American people. It's wrong, it's immoral." The only way to stop it, he said, is to keep the administration from promoting officials "who have been instrumental in deceiving Congress and the American people, and regrettably that includes Dr. Rice."

Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., a possible presidential candidate in 2008 who voted to authorize the war, said Rice "has been a principal architect of policy errors that have tragically



Condoleezza Rice
nominee

undermined our prospects for success" in Iraq. "The list of errors is lengthy and profound, and unfortunately many could have been avoided if Dr. Rice and others had only listened to the counsel" of lawmakers from both parties. "This is no ordinary incompetence," Bayh said. "Men and women are dying as a result of these mistakes."

Republicans defended the administration and Rice, saying she has the right experience, drive, and philosophy to be an outstanding secretary of state. "I really don't see any value in attacking Dr. Rice personally," Sen. George Allen, R-Va., told his colleagues.

A few Democrats also spoke in favor of Rice, including Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., Diane Feinstein, D-Calif., and freshman Sen. Kenneth Salazar, D-Colo. Salazar used his first Senate floor speech to praise the nominee but also to register concern "about what can only be called a lack of candor" — that contributed to "the massive intelligence failures that preceded" the 9/11 terrorist

attacks. Nonetheless, Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters that Rice "should get a fairly big vote" for confirmation.

Rice, Bush's national security adviser, will replace the retiring Colin Powell as secretary of State after the Senate confirms her in a vote that may seem anticlimactic following Tuesday's speeches. The criticisms dealt mainly with her role in 2002 and 2003 in arguing that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction despite uncertainties in the intelligence community. Several Democrats recalled Rice's 2002 warning that "we don't want the smoking gun to be a mushroom cloud."

"We now know that Saddam had no nuclear weapons program and no weapons of mass destruction of any kind," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., the most vocal opponent of war in the Senate. Instead of making America safer, he said, "the war has made Iraq a breeding ground for terrorism that previously did not exist."

'It was just so blatant. They didn't even try to make up names.'

— Tom Willis, a Boy Scout volunteer

FBI probes Alabama Scouts after allegations of padded membership

BY JAY REEVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Boy Scout volunteer Tom Willis knew something was wrong when he saw that 20 youngsters on the list for a scouting program all had the same last name: Doe.

Willis said it appeared someone was listing fake members to boost enrollment, perhaps to bring in more funding from such agencies as the United Way or to make paid Boy Scout recruiters look better.

"It was just so blatant. They didn't even try to make up names," said Willis, a dentist from Decatur and a former Eagle Scout who serves on the board of the Greater Alabama Boy Scout Council, which runs scouting programs in north-eastern Alabama.

Now the FBI is investigating whether the council

padded its membership rolls. It is just the latest investigation around the country into whether the Boy Scouts have inflated their numbers.

The FBI refused to comment. The council said on its website early this month that Scout officials were cooperating with investigators and conducting an internal audit.

"Let me assure you that your executive committee considers these allegations to be very serious and is taking necessary and appropriate action," said council board chairman Randy Haines, a banking executive.

Greg Shields, a spokesman at the Boy Scouts' national office in Irving, Texas, said the organization has numerous policies meant to ensure the accuracy of its membership rolls and is "dedicated to the accurate reporting of membership."

Report: Many blacks believe in AIDS conspiracy theory

BY DARRYL FEARS
WASHINGTON POST

More than 20 years after the AIDS epidemic arrived in the United States, a significant proportion of blacks embrace the theory that government scientists created the disease to control or wipe out their communities, according to a study released Tuesday by Rand Corp. and Oregon State University.

That belief markedly hurts efforts to prevent the spread of the disease among black Americans, the study's authors and activists said. Blacks represent 13 percent of the U.S. population, according to Census Bureau figures, yet they account for 50 percent of new HIV infections in the nation, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Nearly half of the 500 blacks

surveyed said that HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, is man-made. The study, which was supported by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, appears in the Feb. 1 edition of the *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*.

More than one-quarter said they believed that AIDS was produced in a government laboratory, and 12 percent believed it was created and spread by the CIA.

A slight majority said they believe that a cure for AIDS is being withheld from the poor. Forty-four percent said people who take the new medicines for HIV are government guinea pigs, and 15 percent said AIDS is a form of genocide against black people.

At the same time, 75 percent said they believe medical and public-health agencies are

working to stop the spread of AIDS in black communities. But the responses, which varied only slightly by age, sex, education, and income level, alarmed the researchers.

"As a researcher knowing that these beliefs were out there, I wasn't as surprised as people I share the study with," said Laura Bogart, a behavioral scientist for the Rand Corp., who led the study with Sheryl Thorburn, an associate professor in the College of Health and Human Sciences at Oregon State.

"But the findings are striking and a wake-up call to the prevention community," Bogart said. "The prevention community has not addressed conspiracy beliefs in the context of prevention. I think that a lot of people involved in prevention may not be from the community where they are trying to prevent HIV."

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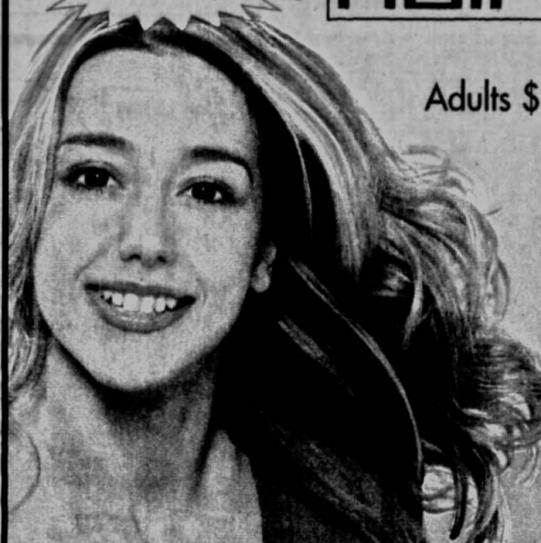
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'It could have to do with people having a greater sense of meaning.'

— Susan Lutgendorf, UI associate professor of psychology

Study links religion and living longer

RELIGION STUDY
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Lutgendorf, UI epidemiology Professor Robert Wallace, and Iowa State University Professor Daniel Russell followed participants from 1982 until 1994. The researchers controlled for depression, social support, co-morbid diseases, age, sex, body mass, illness, and disability — all factors that can contribute to mortality.

UI sophomore Larissa Pray disagreed with the study's general findings. Although she was confirmed in the Catholic Church, she now considers herself an agnostic because of questions she had after taking science classes.

"There are probably other things people do in their daily lives that causes them to live longer," she said.

Researchers said they have scientific findings that suggest some sort of a correlation exists but cannot explain whether prayer or the mere activity of attending services is at the root

of the study's results. "It could have to do with people having a greater sense of meaning, [or] it may be that going to religious services enabled people to engage in some kind of activity out of the house," Lutgendorf said.

She said that as interest in her study grows, she is concerned that people are distorting the findings to fit nonscientific agendas.

"There's nothing in the article that indicates the religious affiliations of the people that were studied," she said.

Father Ed Fitzpatrick of the Newman Catholic Student Center, 104 E. Jefferson St., didn't find the results surprising. The size of his largely student congregation has stayed steady over many years. Usually he sees people join as life presents them with challenges.

"Prayer is very helpful to people," he said. "People who get ill, with prayer, tend to get better."

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Cold snap, gas prices equal muscular heat bills

HEAT BILLS
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"I'm sick of paying so much for heat," he said. "I thought the bills were high last year, but it looks like they will just keep getting worse."

Natural-gas prices are approximately 15 percent higher than they were during last year's heating season, raising the average December energy bill from \$103.49 to \$119, said MidAmerican Energy spokesman Allan Urlis.

Urlis said MidAmerican does not intentionally raise gas prices, but market forces make prices hard to control. He added a cold spell, as experienced earlier this month, can force prices up.

According to the National Weather Service, January's average temperature would be comparable with last year's except for the extreme cold snaps. Mike Bardou, an NWS meteorologist in Davenport, said the most recent extreme cold came between Jan. 14 and 17, with highs reaching only 14 degrees.

Recent costly bills made Tures and his roommates change their heating habits.

"We made sure there was a chill in the air after that," he said. "Now, we keep it at about 60 degrees and just wear some extra clothes."

To take some of the chill out of their house, the roommates also placed plastic storm wrap over the windows, sealed up the basement door, and added more blankets on the beds.

Stiffer gas bills are also affecting businesses. Kayla Cress, the property manager for Rentals by Ivette, said she always expects bigger bills in January, but this year's prices are unusually high and may cause higher rent for future tenants.

"The bills are typical in terms of heat use, but the higher prices have cost each of our apartment buildings about \$100 more than

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STORM WRAP: Put clear plastic over the inside or outside of your windows to reduce heat loss

LET SUNSHINE IN: On sunny days, keep shades open on the south side of the house. Close them at dusk.

CLEAR SPACE: Make sure heating registers or radiators are not blocked by furniture, drapes, or other objects.

Source: MidAmerican.com

last January," she said. Many of Cress' units share a heating boiler, which forces the company to include heating costs with rent.

Jonathan Mauk, a UI student who rents from Cress, said he benefits from having his heating included.

"It makes things a whole lot easier, because you know what you will be paying every month," he said.

For homeowners and renters who want a regular bill, Mid-American offers a monthly plan that charges a flat rate based on an average of bills from the past two years.

But for students who want more control over their bill, like Tures, bundling up is the solution.

"Those extra blankets are money in the bank," he said.

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IC wages rise

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Charles Whiteman, the director for the Institute of Economic Research in the UI Tippie College of Business, said the relatively high wages in Iowa City are not surprising.

"It's certainly consistent with what we see with statewide and national data," he said.

He predicted that statewide employment would grow moderately, adding that Iowa City would likely reflect moderate or better growth. He said he'd be surprised if the city didn't exhibit economic improvement in a time of economic growth nationally.

"As that occurs, economically vibrant areas such as Iowa City tend to ride the wave," he said.

Some union officials, however, feel that wages in some sectors are still not high enough. Kim Miller, the executive director of the local Service Employees International Union No. 199 chapter, said a survey released early this year by the firm Watson Wyatt found that top-end nursing staff at UI Hospitals and Clinics made 11 percent less than the national average last year.

"Despite negotiating wages at UIHC, we have made a wage increase of only 4 to 9 percent in the last several years," he said, adding he wants to see UIHC employees' wages reach the national average of health-care workers.

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Youth vote increased in presidential election

'We would anticipate that those who voted once will vote again, but there will be a whole new crop of 18-24 year-olds next election.'

— David Redlawsk, UI associate professor of political science

VOTER TURNOUT
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The auditor's office was overwhelmed in the last presidential election, and Slockett plans on drastic changes to prepare for the onslaught of voters in the next one. He wants to upgrade the auditor's website to a secure site, so voters can track their registration online by entering a Social Security number or driver's license number. This would

help lessen the number of conflicts experienced at the polls, which caused longer lines and unnecessary confusion, he said.

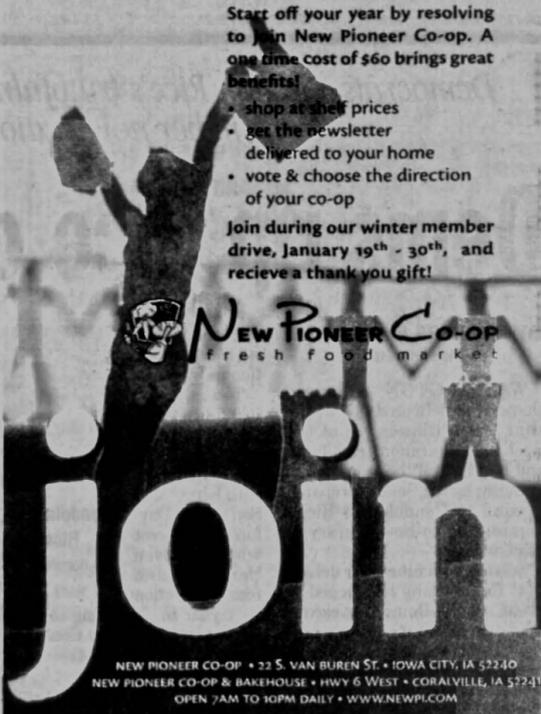
Slockett also plans to combat the challenges his office faced with absentee ballots by allowing the voter to track their ballots to ensure that their requests for ballots were met and then that they were also successfully returned.

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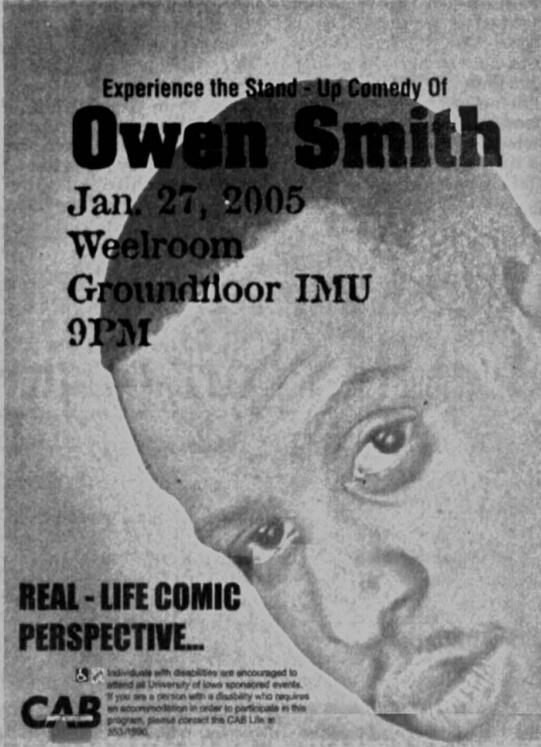


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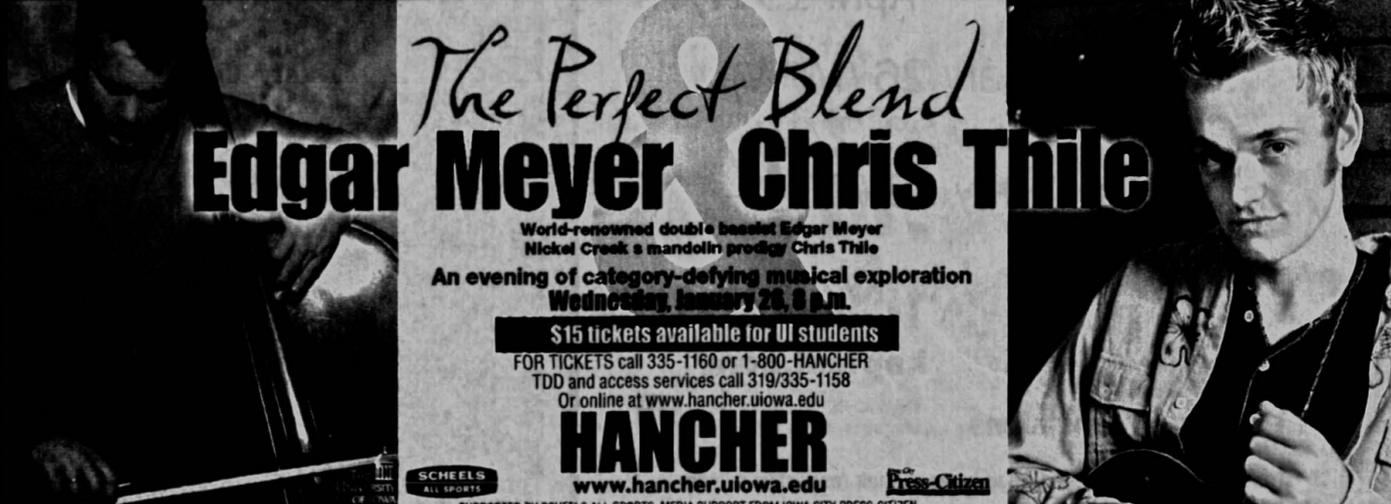
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"There is no question that [the insurgents], with relatively small expenditures, are proving themselves to be able to force us into much larger ones," one senior administration official said.

Of the \$80 billion request, at least \$75 billion would fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan this year. An additional \$5 billion would go toward building an embassy in Baghdad, continuing reconstruction in Afghanistan, offering assistance to the Palestinians, and sending relief to the Darfur region of Sudan. That \$80 billion would come on top of \$25 billion already appropriated for the war this year, pushing the total cost of fighting to \$105 billion, up from \$88 billion in 2004 and \$78.6 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 in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other efforts since the 9/11 attacks to \$277 billion, according to the CBO. That figure well exceeds the inflation-adjusted, \$200 billion cost of World War I, and is approaching the \$350 billion cost of the Korean war, according to Commerce Department figures.

In a separate briefing, the director of the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said tax cuts and spending enacted last year by Congress will contribute an additional \$504 billion to the government's overall anticipated debt between 2005 and 2014. Additional debt over that decade should total \$1.36 trillion, well above the \$861 billion figure the CBO projected in September.

"We're doing a little bit worse over the long term," CBO director Douglas Holtz-Eakin said, "and it's largely due to policy" changes.

A senior administration official told reporters that Bush's budget — to be unveiled Feb. 7 — will show the government on track to cut the budget deficit in half from the White House's initial deficit projection for 2004.

But the CBO projections cast significant doubt on that claim. In total, the CBO projected that the government will rack up another \$855 billion in debt between 2006 and 2015, but Holtz-Eakin cautioned that figure almost certainly understates the problem.

Homeland Security undersecretary announces testing will begin midsummer to weed out potential terrorists and others who regularly pass through border crossings

Borders to test radio-ID

BY LESLIE MILLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NOGALES, Ariz. — U.S. officials want to see if the same technology that speeds cars through highway tolls and identifies lost pets can unplug border crossings without compromising security.

Homeland Security Undersecretary Asa Hutchinson announced Tuesday that the government will begin testing radio frequency identification technology at this crossing and four others by midsummer.

Weeding out potential terrorists, drug dealers, and other criminals from shoppers, truckers, and tourists who regularly pass through border crossings takes time. The radio-ID technology is designed to reduce the wait while giving authorities more information on who's coming into the country and who's leaving.

"We do not keep track of who enters this country," Hutchinson said while standing in an inspection booth at a crossing that is used each year by 5.4 million pedestrians and 3.9 million vehicles. "We need to have a comprehensive system, and that that's what our pilot [test] will do."

At present, foreign visitors at the 50 busiest land border crossings in 10 states are fingerprinted as part of the government's new screening system. The system, called US-VISIT, scans photographs of the visitor's face and index fingers into a computer, which are matched with federal agencies' criminal databases.

With the radio-ID technology, people or objects are identified



Tom Hood/Associated Press

U.S. Border Patrol officers inspect vehicles entering the United States at the U.S.-Mexico border in Nogales, Ariz., on Tuesday. Asa 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 US-VISIT system is continuing to improve the border-management system by planning tests of radio frequency identification technology at the U.S. borders.

automatically and swiftly. That allows vehicles outfitted with the technology to zip through toll plazas without stopping but won't at the border. People and vehicles still will have to stop, but if their identifying data produce no red flags, they will get just a cursory check rather than lengthy questioning.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Free expression important, but so is abiding by policy

Heading to class one morning last week, many UI students were perplexed by the hundreds of red and white balloons adorning fences and posts on campus. Rather than an early expression of Valentine's Day cheer, as it perhaps appeared, the group behind the display — the UI Students Against Sweatshops — intended to protest the university's highly controversial contract with Coca-Cola. It wasn't long before the Office of Student Life demanded that the balloons be removed, contending that the group had violated university policy prohibiting "solicitation without consent" of officials.

Some have asserted that this move stifled the organization's right to free speech. But the fact remains that the group did not follow predetermined university guidelines and policies that govern the type of event the anti-sweatshop group had organized — specifically, the group did not notify the Office of Student Life in advance, which is required. By insisting that the balloons be taken down, the university wasn't attempting to silence an organization protesting its corporate affiliations, or, by extension, infringing upon rights to free speech. Instead, the university was simply enforcing the same policy that applies to everyone, not just organizations that protest sweatshop labor. The move by the Student Life Office was justified.

Students Against Sweatshops bombarded campus with the balloons in hopes of garnering support for its initiative against the actions of Coca-Cola, which has



Wait a sec — you mean you guys aren't anti-drug?

allegedly committed human-rights violations around the world. The UI signed a five-year contract with the bottling company in May 2003, making Coke the beverage provider on campus. The anti-sweatshop group has pursued this issue for several years, holding protests, distributing information, and meeting with university officials. As a result, the UI Human Rights Commission has established a task force to examine the issue.

In a Jan. 20 article in *The Daily Iowan*, Ned Bertz, a member of the anti-sweatshop group, said that "to shut down discussion in the middle of Human Rights Week is the peak of hypocrisy." This, however, was not the university's intent. Officials were not seeking to "shut down" anything; rather, they meant to encourage compliance with rules. Neglecting to do this would effectively make the rules meaningless.

We trust that it is legitimately in the spirit of this university to welcome lively discussion and debate over contentious issues. But in order to maintain civil discourse and preserve an academic environment, some guidelines need to be in place. We also fully support and applaud the efforts of Students Against Sweatshops to promote accountability and justice among the corporations with which the UI conducts business. Free speech and alternative viewpoints must always be preserved and welcomed, provided that the authors of this speech abide by established policy when disseminating it. There isn't anything unreasonable about that.

LETTERS

Criticizing Israel not anti-Semitic

James Eaves-Johnson, who used to write columns for the *DI*, stated in his recent letter to the editor (*DI*, Jan. 24) that criticizing the policies of Israel was anti-Semitic. I liked some of his old columns, but this recent letter is, of course, nonsense.

When you don't want to deal with the evidence, just play the race card — this was the strategy that was used in the O.J. Simpson defense by his lawyer, Johnny Cochran. Yes, it can work, but it is not an admirable tactic, and it muddies the debate. I end with a quote from U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell: "It is not anti-Semitic to criticize the policies of Israel."

Chris Turner
UI professor

Real cost of Bush inauguration

I wondered while watching George W. Bush's \$40-million inauguration gala just what our president's scorecard was. I was shocked.

- The poverty rate went up from 31.6 million Americans in 2000 (11.3 percent) to 35.9 million Americans in 2003 (12.5 percent).
- The Dow Jones Industrial Average is down from 10,587.59 on Jan. 19, 2001, to 10,539.97 on Jan. 19, 2005.
- The NASDAQ went down severely, from 2,770.38 to 2,073.59 between those same dates.
- The S&P 500 is also down drastically, from 1,342.54 to 1,184.63 on those same dates.
- The value of the American dollar is down. In January 2001, \$1 was worth 1.06 euros. This month, \$1 is worth only 0.77 euros.
- The budget: The 2000 budget surplus was \$236.4 billion. The 2004 budget deficit was \$412.6 billion. That's a shift of \$649 billion into the red and does not include the cost of the Iraq war.
- The cost of the Iraq war so far: \$150.8 billion.
- American casualties in Iraq so far: 1,369; injuries: 10,252.

Andy Cowan
UI student

• Our national debt at the end of 2000 was \$5.7 trillion. Today, it's \$7.6 trillion. That's a four-year increase of 33 percent. The numbers speak for themselves. Bush has been a disaster for this country.

William Stosine
Iowa City resident

Constitution applies to aliens, too

I agree with *The Daily Iowan's* statement in its Jan. 24 staff editorial that "to grant driver's licenses to illegal immigrants is tantamount to legitimizing their residence..." But I am appalled to see it written in the same editorial that states, "it is extremely difficult to argue that state or federal constitutional rights are extended to [illegal aliens]."

In a nation founded on the doctrine that "all men are created equal," the Constitution uses the word "citizen" in exactly five places, three of them related to qualifications for public office. Nowhere in the Bill of Rights does it say that these rights apply only to citizens or legal residents, but the phrases "any person" and "no person" are used liberally. The 14th Amendment includes the phrase, "nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Would the *DI* prefer to see a society in which illegal aliens (and perhaps travelers and others who cannot immediately prove their immigration status) do not have the right to freedom of speech or a fair trial when accused of a crime? Should cruel and unusual punishments be permitted, so long as the offender is an undocumented immigrant? Perhaps illegal aliens should not be permitted lawyers or jury trials? Come to think of it, if the Constitution does not apply to these people, why not enslave them? Our economy could use their help, especially if we don't need to pay them!

Fortunately, the Constitution does apply to illegal aliens, as it does to every other person in the country. Unfortunately, for a speedy resolution to the driving debate, the right to operate a motor vehicle is not in the Constitution.

Harris belittles liberal values

I was disgusted and saddened by the condescending and undeniably ignorant outlook of Anthony Harris in his latest column, "Why students are liberal" (*DI*, Jan. 24).

While I have no issues with those who oppose my views, I do take offense when an individual employs sarcastic patronization and veiled assaults on my most prized values. Harris ignores the real issues in his article by using generalizations in an attempt to reduce liberalism to nothing more than a series of morals meant to generate emotional satisfaction. Somehow, he manages to disregard any reasonable explanation for why a college student would value liberal principles. Perhaps my reason for being liberal is the simple fact that I place great value on liberal ideals and tend to associate myself with people of similar outlooks (Democrats). Why must my ability to think and make decisions be attacked because I disagree with the political ideals of somebody such as Harris?

Jacob Gales
UI student



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ON THE SPOT

Should demonstrators be required to receive consent from UI officials before they hold an event on campus?



"I see they are expressing their right to free speech and assembly, but I don't see anything wrong with having to get a permit."
Tuomas Manninen
UI graduate student



"I think they should have to get the permit."
Megan Thole
UI junior



"No, that's unfair."
Griffin Pocock
UI freshman



"Not really. I think if you want to protest something, you should be able to without a permit."
Vanessa Meyer
UI senior

The latest smoking trend

THESE DAYS, IT'S FASHIONABLE for the government to bully smokers. First, states started taxing cigarettes. Whenever these states refuse to tax and spend responsibly and end up running a deficit, they never hesitate to force their irresponsibility onto working men and women who enjoy a smoke.

Then, the states decided to sue the tobacco companies for billions. They claimed the money would go toward government-funded health-care programs. But as political satirist P.J. O'Rourke said, "Giving money and power to government is like giving whisky and car keys to teenage boys." Some of these states took the money and wasted it away on non-health-care-related spending. Of course, the tobacco companies do not have to factor in the costs of these lawsuits into the price of a pack of cigarettes, further shifting the burden onto working men and women who smoke.



KEVIN WHITE

The antimoking mob wasn't finished, however. Such places as New York City joined the horde and kicked this oppressed group of people by prohibiting smoking even in their bars and nightclubs. And if Sen. Matt McCoy, D-Des Moines, who has proposed a ban on smoking in restaurants here, has his way, our state of Iowa will join the crowd.

McCoy and supporters of the ban will point to the "health perspective" of the ban. Should the bill pass, people will be able to go to their favorite restaurant and order their appetizer of onion rings, move on to a bacon double cheeseburger with fries on the side, and wash it all down with a tall glass of beer. But now, they'll stay healthy because there won't be some guy on the other side of the restaurant smoking a cigarette. Makes sense? It shouldn't!

And if the supporters of the ban are truly concerned about the "health perspective" — and not something else, such as their selfish desire not to smell smoke — then they can aim their focus on other more pertinent topics. For example, they can address the health implications of drinking water that comes out of your faucet (certainly an issue here in Iowa City). But for people such as McCoy and the supporters of his proposal, improving chemical-filled tap water isn't quite as sexy as kicking around tobacco users.

What is troubling here is the idea that whenever there's something unpleasant around us, people cry to the government to solve it, failing to recognize that the solution to the problem lies within each of us. After all, no one forces a person to dine out at restaurants. If a person is truly concerned about secondhand smoke, he or she can refuse to eat at any restaurant that allows smoking. If a restaurant sees a drop in customers, it may simply decide to ban smoking on its own accord. We would solve the problem without needing McCoy to hold our hand in the process.

Such an incident happened recently in Bettendorf. In the middle of town, there was only one bar-and-grill restaurant. However, it was so smoky that my friends and I avoided eating there at times. We weren't the only ones, apparently, because someone with good business sense built a similar restaurant down the road. It has the same quality and selection of food, and the atmosphere is the same; the only difference between the two places is that the new place voluntarily banned smoking. Now people have a choice. The problem solved itself. We didn't need McCoy to come to the rescue.

I don't smoke. It's an expensive habit that is obviously unhealthy. But that does not mean I should support a society in which politicians, Democrats and Republicans alike, repeatedly bully a group of people because it is politically chic to do so. Every person who visits a restaurant — from the smoker who lights up at dinner, to the nonsmoker who gorges on pizza and nachos but thinks secondhand smoke is ruining his health, to the employee who voluntarily works at the restaurant despite concerns about the effects of secondhand smoke — has the freedom to choose. If we respect that, the problem will work out itself. And the Iowa Legislature can turn to more pressing issues. ■

ARTS

CALENDAR-WORTHY

EDGAR MEYER AND CHRIS THILE perform today at Hancher at 8 p.m. Ticket prices vary.

Aviator, Baby top Oscars

BY DAVID GERMAIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Martin Scorsese may finally be positioned for Academy Awards glory, but his Howard Hughes epic *The Aviator* will have to duke it out with Clint Eastwood's boxing drama.

The best-picture and director honors are shaping up as a two-film race between Scorsese's and Eastwood's flicks, with *The Aviator* having the inside track as front-runner by leading the pack with 11 nominations Tuesday.

The other best-picture contenders were *Finding Neverland*, a whimsical portrait of the creation of J.M. Barrie's *Peter Pan*; *Ray*, a fiery film biography of Ray Charles; and *Sideways*, a quirky romance about the misadventures of two buddies on a wine-tasting road trip.

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

"We don't want to jinx anything, but ultimately there is no one more deserving, absolutely," said Leonardo DiCaprio, a best-actor nominee as Hughes in *The Aviator* and the star of Scorsese's 2002 film *Gangs of New York* which had 10 Oscar nominations but lost in every category.

"I have the ultimate respect for him as a director and as a person. What he has contributed to the world of cinema is phenomenal and unprecedented. All I can say is, I'm voting for him."

Along with his directing slot, Eastwood was nominated for best actor as a cantankerous boxing trainer in *Million Dollar Baby*. He previously had acting and directing nominations with 1992's



Miramax Films/Associated Press

Martin Scorsese directs actor Leonardo DiCaprio in the film *The Aviator*. On Tuesday, Scorsese was nominated for best director, and DiCaprio for best actor.

Unforgiven, which won the best-picture and directing Oscars.

His acting nomination this time was a slight surprise given that most previous Hollywood honors had singled out Eastwood for his direction on *Million Dollar Baby*, not his performance.

"I heard his name, and I screamed. I'm so happy," said Hilary Swank, a best-actress nominee for *Million Dollar Baby*, in which she plays a fearless boxer struck by tragedy. "In my humble opinion, it's his best work to date."

Jamie Foxx landed dual nominations. He is considered the favorite in the best-actor race for his dazzling emulation of Charles in *Ray*, and he also was picked in the supporting category for *Collateral*, in which he plays a cabdriver forced to drive a hitman on a killing spree.

"It's mind-blowing. It's a celebration right now. It is happiness

right now," he said. "If we win, it's going to be more happiness, but right now, it's simply time to be happy and reflect on what a fantastic year it's been for me."

Joining DiCaprio, Eastwood, and Foxx in the best-actor race were Johnny Depp as playwright Barrie in *Finding Neverland* and Don Cheadle in *Hotel Rwanda*, starring as hotel manager Paul Rusesabagina, who sheltered refugees during the Rwandan genocide.

The best-actress category presents a rematch of the 1999 showdown, when underdog Swank won the Oscar for *Boys Don't Cry* over Annette Bening, who had been the front-runner for *American Beauty*.

Along with Swank in *Million Dollar Baby*, Bening was nominated for *Being Julia*, in which she plays an aging 1930s stage diva.

Pulsing and mind-bending



Publicity photo

Known for its constant touring, prolific output, and esteemed roster, Tristeza will play tonight at Gabe's for the first time in six years.

BY JASON BRIZZI
THE DAILY IOWAN

CONCERT Tristeza with Humans, Lazer Mountain, Amsterband

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Tristeza is an pulsing instrumental group in perpetual motion.

Formed in 1996, it is known for its constant touring, prolific output, and esteemed (if ever-changing) roster. Members have spent time in the Locust, Crimson Curse, Swing Kids, and Gogogo Airheart, to name a few. Guitarist Jimmy LaValle left the band to pursue his like-minded solo project, the Album Leaf, and to work with Sigur Rós full time.

After LaValle left, the group nearly fell off the map, releasing a remix album of its most recent LP, 2002's *Dream Signals in Full Circles* but ceasing to tour or perform live. The band helped to define the post-rock genre, producing some of the most hypnotic, rhythmic instrumental music to surface from the independent scene.

With two new members, the group has restored the organic approach to music it explored on its beloved debut, *Spine and Sensory*. It also has more than two months of touring booked and a full month of studio time scheduled for recording a new double album.

The San Diego group has been holed up in Tijuana, refining its new songs, but guitarist Christopher Sprague took a break to fill *The Daily Iowan* in on the latest details: "Tijuana isn't glamorous, but it's an escape from our little world here. We like the isolation because there are no distractions — there's nothing else to do besides drink a beer or have a fish taco."

While the group's remix record veered toward more atmospheric electronic music, Tristeza stays true to its guitar-driven sound.

"We don't use any computers or electronic elements," Sprague said. "You can hear elements of electronic music in our songs, but we are a traditional live band. We want to keep things as organic as possible."

Probing any of the Tristeza members about their influences

is difficult — while their music sounds instantly familiar, it's impossible to place. Sprague said, "I feel most inspired by world music, old Ethiopian music with lots of time signatures, but lately I've just been listening to the Band."

The group is constantly asked why it shies away from vocals, but it's not difficult to understand.

"I want to leave as much open to interpretation as possible," Sprague said. "There isn't room for vocals; we try to instill lyrics through our instrumentation."

Regarding the group's new songs, he said, "It's a bit more eclectic, but still more cohesive. We'll have more diverse instrumentation." With keys, clarinet, and other sounds on the group's limited-tour CD, the group is interested in expanding its sound while not leaving any possibility out of reach and keeping intricate instrumental work and mind-bending time signatures center stage.

Tristeza's return comes as a wonderful surprise to anyone who was a fan of its stunningly beautiful music. The group disappeared to have returned in what appears to be a stronger, more focused formation.

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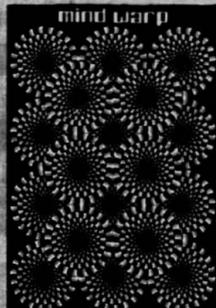
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NEWS

Israel no longer targeting militants for death

BY MARK LAVIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Israel has stopped targeting Palestinian militants for death, Israeli security officials said early today, fulfilling a key Palestinian demand for a truce to end four years of violence.

The officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Israel has informed the Palestinians of their decision. It came after generals from the two sides met Tuesday to plan

deployment of Palestinian police in central and southern Gaza to prevent militants from attacking Israelis.

Since he took office earlier this month, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas has been negotiating with militant groups about a truce declaration. In return, the militants are demanding that Israel stop its military operations and halt its killing of militant leaders.

The groups agreed to a one-month halt in attacks to test Israel's response.

On Tuesday, the Damascus-based leader of the violent Islamic Hamas, Khaled Mashaal, described during a telephone interview with the Associated Press his group's conditions for a truce.

"If the Zionist enemy [Israel] abides by certain conditions, such as releasing all prisoners and detainees and halting all acts of killing, assassination, and aggression against our people inside and outside [the Palestinian territories], the general national position of all

Palestinian factions has become that they are ready to positively deal with the idea of a temporary truce," Mashaal said.

Israel is holding approximately 7,000 Palestinian prisoners, including some responsible for bloody attacks, but it has not agreed to free them.

The security officials said Israel would not act on its current target list of militants, but they warned that if Palestinians resume hostile activity, they will target those responsible.

Speaking from an undisclosed location in Beirut, Lebanon, Mashaal told the AP that the success of the truce effort depended on Israel.

"This is a moment of test," he said. "It puts the responsibility on the international community and the United States to force Israel to recognize the Palestinian rights."

Israel has killed dozens of suspected Palestinian militants in targeted raids during four years of conflict, many in helicopter

missile strikes as well as bombings and ambushes.

Israel defended the practice by saying that it was preventing further attacks, but human-rights groups have criticized it. Many bystanders have also died in the attacks.

The most prominent Palestinians killed in the targeted attacks were the founder of the violent Islamic Hamas, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, and his successor, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, killed in helicopter missile strikes a few weeks apart last year.

WORLD

Video shows American hostage with gun to head

BAGHDAD (AP) — An American kidnapped in November pleaded for his life in a video aired Tuesday, and at least a dozen Iraqis died in Baghdad as political violence continued to plague the country five days before the Jan. 30 crucial elections for a new National Assembly.

On a day in which the U.S. military announced that six American soldiers died, Iraqi police engaged in fierce shootouts with insurgents, including gunmen who were handing out leaflets warning Iraqis not to vote or risk seeing their families' blood "wash the streets of Baghdad."

In the hostage video, a bearded Roy Hallums, 56, speaking with a rifle pointed at his head, said he had been taken by a "resistance group" because "I have worked with American forces." He appealed to Arab leaders, including Libya's Moammar Qaddafi, to save his life.

Hallums was seized by gunmen Nov. 1 along with Robert Tarongoy of the Philippines at their compound in Baghdad's Mansour district. The two worked for a Saudi company that does catering for the Iraqi army. The Filipino was not shown in the video, and it was not known when the video was made.

Yushchenko pushes EU on membership

STRASBOURG, France (AP) — Viktor Yushchenko made his first trip to the West as Ukraine's president Tuesday, seeking recognition of the former Soviet republic's right to join the European Union and other Western institutions.

Yushchenko called on the EU to commit by 2007 to membership talks and said he would push through democratic reforms to aid Ukraine's bid to join the 25-nation bloc.

Coming after the dramatic "people power" showdown that put the Western-leaning reformer in office, his appearance increased pressure on EU officials to embrace Ukraine at a time of little appetite among members for further expansion into poorer parts of Europe. It also could raise concerns in the Kremlin about the weakening of Russian influence over another former Soviet republic.

"We have a three-year action plan. We would like it to end in-2007 with a concrete commitment," Yushchenko told the Associated Press and two European newspapers shortly before leaving for Kiev after a speech at the Council of Europe, the continent's top human-rights body.

"At the end of the plan we would start accession negotiations. It would give us a prospect, a vision for Ukraine."

Indonesia changes tsunami toll

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — With workers still finding bodies under mud-caked rubble a month after a tsunami, Indonesia's Health Ministry revised its casualty count Tuesday, lowering confirmed deaths to 96,000 but raising the number of missing, and presumed dead, to 132,000.

Officials conceded a precise total would never be known, and the ministry said its death count now included only buried bodies and excluded any missing. People still missing after a year will be declared dead, it said.

The Health Ministry's new procedure brought its numbers in line with another government agency tallying the dead, the National Disaster Relief Coordinating Board.

"The minister ordered us to do this to avoid confusion," said Dr. Doti Indrasanto, the Health Ministry official in charge of the death count. "People have been complaining."

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Pacers Brawl

NBA BRAWL

Basketball brawl hearing set in Mich.

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — Members of the Indiana Pacers who clashed with Detroit Pistons fans in one of the most violent melees in NBA history might be reunited — in a courtroom.

Nine people charged in the brawl at the Palace of Auburn Hills were scheduled for a pre-trial conference Tuesday afternoon in 52nd District Court in Rochester Hills. A 10th was to appear earlier in the day.

It was not immediately clear whether District Judge Lisa Asadoorian planned to gather the nine defendants in the same room at the same time. It also was not known whether each planned to attend the hearing.

A warrant was expected to be issued for any defendant who failed to appear. A pre-trial conference is held to discuss matters such as evidence and witnesses and to establish a timetable.

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UI BASEBALL

Iowa baseball team hosts auction Feb. 10

The Iowa baseball team will kick off the 2005 season with its Leadoff Dinner on Feb. 10 at the Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque St. A special VIP reception will begin at 6 p.m., with the dinner and program beginning at 7 p.m.

The program will feature talks from Iowa head coach Jack Dahm and Chicago Cubs general manager Jim Hendry, and the team will honor former Hawkeye Jim Cox and the 2004 senior class. There will be silent and live auctions for great sports memorabilia, including autographed items from Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Mark Prior, Paul Molitor, Robert Galley, and Magic Johnson. Suites for Cedar Rapids Kernels and Des Moines I-Cubs games, along with airfare, accommodations, and the honor of throwing out the first pitch at a Cubs vs. Rockies game Aug. 19-20, will also be on the auction block.

Tickets for the dinner and program are \$25 for adults, \$15 for children 13 and under. Reserved seats are available for \$50, which also includes the VIP reception. Whole tables of up to nine people can be reserved for \$375, which also includes the reception.

Fans interested in attending should contact the Iowa baseball office at (319) 335-9329.

— by Ryan Long

ISU FOOTBALL

2 ISU football players suspended

AMES (AP) — Two Iowa State football players were suspended indefinitely Tuesday after university police charged them with attempted burglary.

ISU police said Jerry Gair, 20, and Tyease Thompson, 19, were found in another student's dormitory room on Monday. Gair is a junior defensive back from LaPlace, La. Thompson is a freshman running back from Lakeland, Fla.

They were the second and third Iowa State football players suspended this week by coach Dan McCarney. McCarney suspended defensive end Cephus Johnson indefinitely on Monday after he was charged with assault.

No. 1 Illinois too strong; Wisconsin streak ends

Wisconsin's 38-game home winning streak was broken by Undefeated Illinois



Morry Gash/Associated Press

Illinois' Roger Powell drives to the basket as Wisconsin's Michael Flowers (22) and Zach Morley try to defend in the first half on Tuesday in Madison, Wis.

BY ARNIE STAPLETON
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADISON, Wis. — Top-ranked Illinois ended 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 (20-0, 6-0 Big Ten) snapped a five-game losing streak in Madison and became the first team to beat the Badgers at the Kohl Center since Wake Forest did it on Dec. 4, 2002.

The 18th-ranked Badgers (13-4, 4-2), who led by eight points midway

through the second half, fell to 53-3 at home under coach Bo Ryan, including 26-1 in the Big Ten.

The Badgers' most recent home win came when they scored the final 11 points of the game to beat Michigan State 62-59.

Wisconsin took a 64-61 lead on Alando Tucker's drive to the basket with 4:31 left. But dreams of Wisconsin's first win over a top-ranked opponent since beating Ohio State in 1962 soon faded.

James Augustine, who was limited by foul trouble to four minutes in the first half, made two free throws with 4:11 left, and Jack Ingram did the same at 3:39, putting the Illini ahead for good, 65-64.

Augustine, who scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half, added consecutive dunks to make it 69-64.

The only break in Illinois' run came when Kammron Taylor made one free throw with 1:07 left to make it 71-65.

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

Tucker had 16 points for Wisconsin, and Sharif Chambliss added 14 and Mike Wilkinson 13.

The Badgers, who trailed 35-33 at halftime, were just 5-of-12 from the free-throw line. Illinois was 17-of-20.

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Northwestern's top two scorers are questionable

Injured **VERDAN VUKUSIC** and suspended **MICHAEL THOMPSON** are the biggest threat to Iowa; they have yet to be declared available for tonight's game

BY JASON BRUMMOND
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Tonight begins a critical stretch for the Iowa men's basketball team.

Luckily for the 23rd-ranked Hawkeyes, the status of Northwestern's top two scorers is unknown for the game in Welsh-Ryan Arena in Evanston, Ill., scheduled for tip-off at 7:05 p.m.

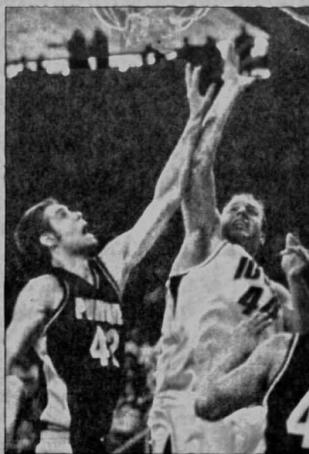
Neither injured Wildcat forward Verdán Vukusic or suspended center Michael Thompson have been declared available for tonight's

game by Northwestern coach Bill Carmody.

Vukusic left the Wildcats' 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 16.9 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, Iowa coach Steve Alford said.

The 6-8 junior from Croatia torched Iowa last year, hitting the



Rachel Mumme/The Daily Iowan

Greg Brunner goes up for a basket against a Purdue defender on Jan. 22. The Hawkeyes will play Northwestern today in Evanston, Ill.

game-winning 3-pointer in the second matchup and pouring in 22 points against the Hawkeyes in the earlier game.

"He has a great shot, and he makes shots," Alford said. "I think we're going to have to be versatile with who we try to match him up with."

SEE MEN'S HOOPS, PAGE 4B



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Lindsay Richards dribbles around a Minnesota defender on Feb. 19, 2004. The Hawkeye junior has torn her ACL twice during her Iowa basketball career, but she is looking forward to rejoining the team next season.

POINT GUARD CAUGHT OFF-GUARD

Junior **LINDSAY RICHARDS** suffered a knee injury in her freshman year at the UI, then re-injured it in June; she still finds a way to stay positive and to help female high-school athletes keep their spirits up

BY TED MCCARTAN
 THE DAILY IOWAN

ANTERIOR CRUCIATE LIGAMENT

Lindsay Richards was sitting in an examination room of the UI Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa when her doctor, John Albright, told her the news.

Her only reaction was no reaction at all. "You are just caught in such a state of disbelief," she said. "Shocked, caught off-guard. I didn't even cry then, just stared at him."

Albright had looked at an MRI he had taken following Richards' trip to Australia on the 2004 Big Ten international tour. He used new 3-D computer technology, and his conclusion was that the knee needed to be reconstructed in an operation that would be followed by months of rehabilitation.

"This can't be happening again," Richards thought.

Unfortunately, it was.

All of it was about to happen again. The rehabilitation, the disappointment, the knee sleeves, the frustration, the ice, the anger, the questions from reporters, the anti-inflammatory pills, the guilt, the pain, the swelling, the waiting, and the rest of it.

Only 19 months earlier, as a freshman, Richards tore the anterior cruciate ligament of that same right knee in a game against Denver.

As a result, she sat out the remainder of her freshman year.

Last season, as a sophomore, she started every game for the Hawkeyes at point guard. After surgery again on that right knee following that meeting with Albright in June, she decided to take a redshirt for this her junior year, on Jan. 11.

"It is very unusual for it to happen again — when the surgical success rate is 90 to 95 percent to get back to the same sport, same level, and having a stable knee," Albright said. "It's more common for it happen to the other knee."

Richards said she didn't actually tear her ACL again, but she had a condition referred to as "meniscus lock."

"They went in and cleaned up the bone spurs, repaired the meniscus, took out the ACL, and put in a new one," she said.

And following the surgery, after her first full season of college ball, after her confidence on the court was getting as high as it had ever been, she was back to square one. Back to rehab.

"She's a very goal-oriented person, a pleasure to work with because she wants to get better and is very upbeat about it," Albright said. "It's an easier thing than working with somebody who doesn't like her job and has no motivation and go back. She's typical of a high-performance athlete or a young person who's motivated."

And she has a way to find the positives amid the horrible events that have postponed her career. She still finds ways to contribute to her team.

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Richards junior

SPORTS

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TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men's Scores
 #1 Illinois 75, #18 Wisconsin 65
 #6 Kansas 86, Baylor 66
 #7 Kentucky 84, Tennessee 62
 #18 Texas 60, Texas Tech 73
 #19 Connecticut 68, West Virginia 58

Women's Scores
 #16 Kansas State 74, #18 Iowa State 52

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Illinois	6-0 20-0
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Iowa	2-3 14-4
Ohio St.	1-4 12-7
Northwestern	1-4 8-9
Penn St.	1-4 7-11
Purdue	0-6 4-12

Saturday's Games

Iowa 71, Purdue 57
 Wisconsin 72, Michigan 61
 Michigan State 69, Minnesota 55
 Penn State 65, Northwestern 62
 Indiana 67, Ohio State 60

Tuesday's Game
 Illinois 75, Wisconsin 65

Today's Games
 Iowa at Northwestern, 7:05 p.m.
 Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Purdue
 Penn State at Ohio State
 Indiana at Minnesota

Saturday's Games
 Ohio State at Northwestern
 Minnesota at Illinois
 Indiana at Iowa, 4:05 p.m.
 Wisconsin at Penn State

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New Jersey	15	26	.366	4 1/2

Southeast

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Miami	30	13	.698	—
Washington	25	15	.625	3 1/2
Orlando	22	19	.537	7
Charlotte	8	30	.211	19 1/2
Atlanta	8	31	.205	20

Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
Cleveland	24	16	.600	—
Detroit	23	18	.561	1 1/2
Chicago	21	19	.525	3
Indiana	20	19	.513	3 1/2
Milwaukee	15	24	.385	8 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	34	10	.773	—
Dallas	27	13	.675	5
Memphis	24	19	.558	9 1/2
Houston	23	19	.546	10
New Orleans	7	33	.175	25

Northwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	29	11	.725	—

IOWA SPORTS

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 • Men's basketball at Northwestern, 7:05 p.m.

Thursday
 • Women's basketball hosts Michigan, 7:05 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Friday
 • Women's tennis hosts Drake, 6 p.m., Rec Building
 • Men's gymnastics at West Point Open, West Point, N.Y., 7 p.m.
 • Women's gymnastics at Iowa State, 7 p.m.
 • Wrestling at Illinois, 7 p.m.
 • Women's track at Panther Classic, Cedar Falls
 • Men's swimming hosts Penn State and Missouri, Field House pool

Saturday
 • Men's track at Carle/Health Alliance Invite, Champaign, Ill., noon
 • Women's swimming hosts Northwestern and Ohio State, 1 p.m., Field House pool
 • Men's basketball hosts Indiana, 4:05 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
 • Wrestling at Northwestern, 7 p.m.
 • Men's gymnastics at West Point Open, 7 p.m.
 • Men's swimming hosts Penn State and Missouri, Field House pool
 • Women's track at Panther Classic Jan. 30
 • Women's tennis hosts Denver, 10 a.m., Rec Building
 • Men's tennis hosts Northern Illinois, 1:30 p.m., Rec Building

HOCKEY LOCKOUT

NHL talks to resume in hopes of saving season

The league and the union will meet today in Toronto, but no formal proposal will be presented

BY IRA PODELL
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The NHL and the players' association are taking another shot at saving the hockey season, which has been on the brink of cancellation for weeks.

A two-day meeting last week produced no tangible progress toward a labor agreement. The league and the union will meet again today in Toronto, but no formal proposal will be presented by the league.

Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, said Tuesday his negotiating team met this past weekend to discuss new ideas and address some issues raised by NHL Players' Association President Trevor Linden, the Vancouver Canucks center who initiated last week's meeting.

"Both parties agreed at last week's meeting that the time for formal proposals, at least during this process, may be behind us and we should try to sit at the table and discuss through the issues and maybe jointly craft something that might work," Daly told the Canadian Press. "And that's what we're going to continue to do."

The same group of negotiators that met in Chicago and Toronto will gather again: Linden, union Senior Director Ted Saskin, and outside counsel John McCambridge as well as Daly, Board of Governors Chairman Harley Hotchkiss, and outside counsel Bob Battersman. Again, NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman and union Executive Director Bob Goodenow will sit this one out. The lockout, which reached

its 132nd day Tuesday, already has forced the cancellation of 699 of 1,230 regular-season games, plus the All-Star game.

No proposals have been made since early December, when the players offered a 24 percent rollback on all existing contracts as part of a luxury-tax and revenue-sharing system. The NHL turned that down and made a counterproposal five days later that was rejected in a matter of hours.

If the season is wiped out, the Stanley Cup wouldn't be awarded for the first time since 1919, when a flu epidemic canceled the final series between Seattle and Montreal. The NHL would then become the first major North American sports league to lose an entire season because of a labor dispute.

Optimism was expressed last Wednesday after the first day of meetings when Linden and Hotchkiss had a chance to talk one-on-one. The good feeling didn't carry over to the next day, though, and Linden reportedly told players in a recorded message on the players' website that the NHL was still insisting on a salary cap and that the season would likely be canceled.

Daly said he was surprised that Linden came away from the meetings with that opinion because the NHL felt that some progress was made. Both sides admitted that they were still far apart on the key issue.

The NHL wants the new deal to give clubs cost certainty — a link between revenues and player costs. The union says that amounts to an unacceptable salary cap.

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Both sides believe Neuheisel trial will set the record straight

'I'm eager for it to begin and for the facts to come out.' — Rick Neuheisel

BY TIM KORTE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Rick Neuheisel finally gets his day in court.

The former Washington football coach has waited 17 months for his trial against the NCAA and his ex-employer, firmly believing he will be vindicated after the facts are presented.

"Rick Neuheisel was wrongly fired by the university as a pretext amid an effort to appease the NCAA," plaintiff's attorney Bob Sulkin said, summarizing his approach to the expected 4-week trial.

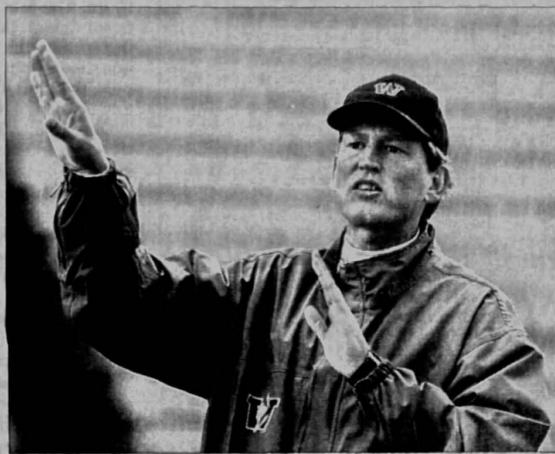
University officials are equally confident, saying it was "sad and painful" to dismiss Neuheisel but warranted because the coach wasn't fully honest with NCAA investigators when asked about his high-stakes gambling.

"The university's position has been consistent from the start," university lawyer Lou Peterson said. "Rick Neuheisel agreed to a contract where he could be discharged for acts of dishonesty."

Proceedings began Monday in King County Superior Court, though opening arguments aren't scheduled until Jan. 31.

"I'm eager for it to begin and for the facts to come out," Neuheisel told the Associated Press last month.

Neuheisel also claims the NCAA improperly meddled in his employment by pressuring Washington administrators to



John Froeschauer/Associated Press

Then-Washington coach Rick Neuheisel directs his team during the spring intrasquad scrimmage in Seattle on April 22, 2000. The former Washington football coach has waited 17 months for his trial against the NCAA.

fire him. An NCAA investigation ultimately imposed no sanctions against the coach.

"We look forward to explaining our side in court, as well," said NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson.

The lawsuit involves big money, gambling on college sports, lies, and accusations of mismanagement. After 18 messy months of bickering, all the dirty laundry should come out in court.

At times, it could strike with sensational force.

NCAA President Myles Brand and NCAA gambling director Bill Saum are among those expected to testify, along with former Washington Athletics Director Barbara Hedges, former university President Lee Huntsman, and Neuheisel himself.

There's a lot of money at stake, too.

Jurors will decide if the coach should receive the approximately \$6 million remaining on his contract when he was fired, and he'll have to repay a \$1.5 million university loan if jurors determine

his firing was justified.

The trial's first week will include jury selection and pre-trial motions. Judge Michael Spearman will consider such matters as the scope of evidence admitted and the length of the witness list.

Through his attorney, Neuheisel declined an interview request. As a witness, he's not likely to say much publicly during the proceedings.

A key piece of evidence is a tape recording of Neuheisel's meeting with NCAA investigators on June 4, 2003.

On the tape, which the university released to reporters on the same day Neuheisel filed suit in August 2003, the coach denied involvement with a high-stakes gambling pool in his wealthy Seattle-area neighborhood.

"I never placed a bet on anything," Neuheisel said early in the tape.

Later that day, he acknowledged taking part in an auction-style NCAA basketball pool but said he didn't consider it illegal gambling. Sulkin has said Neuheisel cooperated with investigators after speaking to an attorney.

The NCAA bans all gambling by coaches, players, and athletics department staff at member institutions. Neuheisel admitted winning more than \$12,000 in two years of pools on NCAA basketball.

In the Super Bowl?

Owens' status remains uncertain, but he will test his injured ankle on the field this week

BY ROB MAADDI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Terrell Owens saw his doctor Tuesday and is expected to test his injured ankle on the field this week.

Is he any closer to returning for the Super Bowl? No one knows just yet.

The All-Pro wide receiver plans to be in uniform for the Philadelphia Eagles when they meet the New England Patriots in Jacksonville, Fla., on Feb. 6. The doctors and training staff should have the final say on Owens' status.

"Spiritually I've been healed, and I believe that I'll be out there on that field Sunday, regardless of what anybody says," Owens said Monday night, before going to Baltimore for his weekly checkup with Dr. Mark Myerson.

Myerson inserted two screws in Owens' right ankle and a plate on the outside of the ankle three days after he was injured against Dallas on Dec. 19.

Owens was told after surgery that he had only an outside chance of returning for the Super Bowl, which was 6½ weeks away at the time. Myerson said under normal circumstances it takes between eight to 10 weeks for a person to fully recover. But Owens has rehabbed vigorously, and he insists that he's going to play.

"You can't deny the man the ball," Owens said while sitting courtside at a 76ers game against Miami on Monday. Quarterback Donovan McNabb

and other Eagles have said they don't need Owens to beat the defending champion Patriots, who are 7-point favorites.

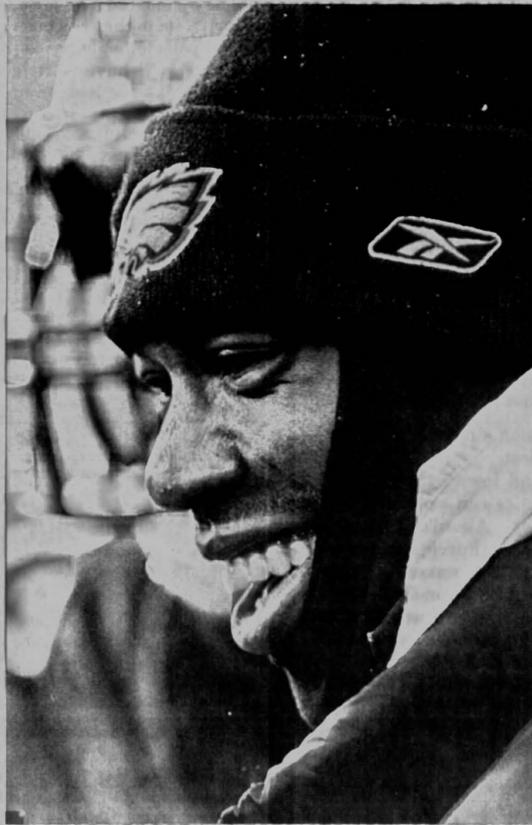
"We can win it without T.O. But, if he is there, we can win it with him, and we are definitely going to try to win it without him," McNabb said one day after leading the Eagles to a 27-10 victory over Atlanta in the NFC championship game. "I think he will be back. But, if he can't be back, we have to continue this ship home."

The Eagles are 2-0 without Owens in games that matter. They lost the last two regular-season games in which most starters hardly played and others were rested.

While the offense hasn't been dominant, they've scored 27 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 he's not able to play at 100 percent.

"I am getting tired of that question," wideout Greg Lewis said when asked if the Eagles proved they can win without Owens. "We won last week, we won the previous week — it doesn't matter. T.O. is part of the team, but he's not here right now. We're trying to go on and not proving to anyone we can win without T.O. We're trying to win the Super Bowl."

Owens was back on the sideline against the Falcons, only this time he served as head cheerleader, flapping his arms, waving a towel, and encouraging the crowd to make more noise.



Miles Kennedy/Associated Press
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. It is still uncertain whether Owens will be able to play in the Super Bowl on Feb. 6 against the Patriots.

He jogged onto the field and pumped up the crowd during pregame introductions and jumped around on the bench during the game.

Eagles sign Thomason to replace Lewis

The tight end is headed to the Super Bowl after being out of the NFL for two seasons

BY ROB MAADDI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Jeff Thomason put down his hard hat, grabbed a helmet, 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 three-time Pro Bowl selection.

Lewis, who hurt his foot on the second of his two touchdown catches in Philadelphia's 27-10 victory over Atlanta in the NFC title game, was put on injured reserve to make roster space.

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

"That just shows how unselfish Chad is to be thinking about me at that time," said Thomason, who kept in shape by competing in triathlons.

Eight-time Pro Bowl tight end Shannon Sharpe, who retired last year after 14 seasons in the NFL, said on his radio show that he would've considered playing for the Eagles in the Super Bowl.

"What would happen if I went out there, played, and was the Super Bowl MVP? That wouldn't

be fair, I didn't go through training camp," said Sharpe, who won Super Bowls with Denver and Baltimore.

This will be Thomason's third trip to the Super Bowl. He went twice with the Packers when Eagles coach Andy Reid was an assistant under Mike Holmgren.

Thomason said he's using his two weeks' vacation to moonlight as a football player.

"When I get back, I'll have to work a year straight without vacation," he said. "I'll probably make more during vacation than my annual salary. Now I know how hard it is to earn a buck in the real world. I worked a lot of hours."

Thomason spent three seasons with the Eagles but hasn't played since 2002. Seven of his 25 catches with Philadelphia were touchdowns.

Second-year pro L.J. Smith will take Lewis' starting spot against the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl on Feb. 6. Seldom-used Mike Bartrum is the Eagles' other tight end, though he'll likely remain third-string because he's most valuable as a long snapper, and Reid doesn't want to risk him getting injured in the game.

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SPORTS

Illinois defeats Wisconsin

ILLINOIS

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With the score tied at 44 in the opening minutes of the second half, the Badgers committed two loose-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.

Powell missed a jumper, and Tucker hit an open 3-pointer at the other end. After Brown stole Tucker's inbounds pass, Ray Nixon made an acrobatic block of Brown on a fast break, and Tucker scored again to make it 49-44. Williams turned it over, and Taylor's basket made it 51-44.

Tucker's 3-pointer made it 56-48, and the Badgers had a chance to go up by double digits — the most the Illini had

trailed this season was by nine at Purdue on Jan. 8 — but Andreas Helmigk traveled. The Badgers unraveled.

Rich McBride's 3-pointer was followed by two free throws from Williams and two more from Head. After Taylor's basket gave the Badgers a 58-55 lead, Ingram hit consecutive 3s to cap Illinois' 13-2 run and give the Illini a 61-58 lead.

Illinois coach Bruce Weber proclaimed his team the

underdog for once, saying until Wisconsin lost at home, nobody, no matter how good, could be considered a favorite, not even a team that has been atop the polls for eight weeks.

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

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

SPORTS

Piazza willing to put ill will with Pedro behind

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Piazza is looking forward to catching Pedro Martinez and putting ill will behind them.

Martinez hit the New York Mets catcher on the left hand on June 5, 1998, causing Piazza to miss most of a three-game series against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park.

"It shows you that all that money can't buy you class. Maybe he should invest in some lessons on etiquette," Piazza said then.

Martinez responded: "He wants to talk about class, well, he was a millionaire since he was a kid. He's not a better person than me."

Piazza, Martinez's former teammate in Los Angeles, said during a conference call Monday that he is willing to move on now that the three-time Cy Young Award winner left the Red Sox to sign a \$53 million, four-year contract with the Mets.

"I think Pedro's a man of integrity, and I'm a man of integrity," Piazza said. "What we've had in the past is in the past. ... We're teammates now. And I know that I'm going to go out

there and do the best possible job I can do for him, and I hope he feels the same for me. So, that's it. I mean, I'm going to be his No. 1 supporter."

Piazza is skipping the Mets' promotional events this week because he is getting married, so the team scheduled Monday's conference call. He was asked whether New York Yankees first baseman Jason Giambi should apologize to get back into fans' "good graces."

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Hawkeyes take on Northwestern

MEN'S HOOPS

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Thompson, a Duke transfer from the Chicago area, leads the Wildcats with a 5.3 rebounding average and is second in scoring at nearly 12 points a contest. The 6-10, 245-pound junior became eligible on Dec. 14 and has played in 10 games.

Northwestern, which runs the Princeton offense, typically

brings its post players away from the basket. When Thompson is in the game, the Wildcats look for him in the low post, presenting different challenges defensively.

"Everybody talks about discipline on offense, but we've got to be disciplined on defense," junior guard Jeff Horner said.

The Hawkeyes have held opponents to 40 percent accuracy from the floor in each of the last three games, while

causing almost 20 turnovers a contest.

And Iowa's already had a practice run against a motion offense. Alford's team played the Air Force Academy — which uses screens and backdoor cuts — on Dec. 28 with success. The Hawkeyes held Air Force to 30 percent shooting in the first half.

Like the Falcons, Northwestern isn't afraid to put up shots from downtown. Vukusic has already fired away 100 3-point-

ers through 17 games, and the Wildcats average almost 18 attempts a game from beyond the arc.

"I think [Northwestern] is a little bit bigger and more athletic [than Air Force]," sophomore Adam Haluska.

"But I think just being familiar with that style of play is the biggest thing, and I think we did that with the Air Force game."

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Point guard recovers 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," coach Lisa Bluder said. "But Lindsay has made herself a part of this basketball team by how much she gives. By how much she works in practice and how vocal she is on the bench 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 the

surgery and how hard it is to stay positive. She also shares tips on how to have a successful rehab.

"Some good things have come out of it at the same time; from my first one to my second one, I've had a number of people write or call me to talk or write to an individual or girl in high school," she said. "I feel like that overshadows and beats out all the negatives."

Laura Hollaway, a senior volleyball player for Barrington High School in Illinois — Richards' alma mater — landed awkwardly on her knee in her team's conference championships. At the time, her team was ranked No. 1 in the state. Understandably, she was upset.

"I called Lindsay, and she gave me advice: You need to not rush it, rehab one day at a time," said Hollaway, who had reconstructive surgery Nov. 15, 2004.

"It was really hard for me at first," she said. "I was going through a tough time when I called her. She just really talked me through what she did and told me things that would help. She said if I ever needed anyone to talk to, just call her."

And there are other stories just like it. They look up to her as a role model.

After all, who better to encourage a young athlete in fear that her career has been snapped short because of a ligament tear?

"I get those all the time. If I can help out somebody else, I think that is awesome," she said.

"It's hard to sit and watch. It's so hard to sit and watch," said Richards, who used stories of ex-U-Conn great Sue Bird as motivation during her first rehab.

And now Richards is just concerning herself with the basketball career that lies ahead. She's back to practicing at full speed. Bluder is excited about the confidence she's building.

She's still the same humble person she was when she got here. Only now she can be considered a knee expert.

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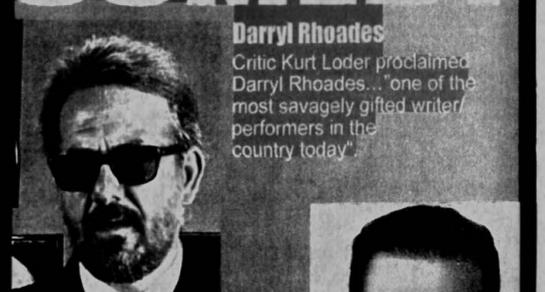
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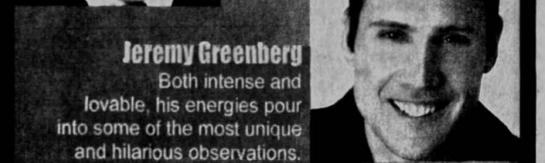
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DELGADO OK'S \$52M DEAL WITH MARLINS

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

BY STEVEN WINE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 they've been lacking.

The agreement, which contains an option year that makes it potentially worth \$64 million over five seasons, is contingent on Delgado passing a physical Wednesday, the Marlins said. A news conference 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 support for a new ballpark.

Delgado's deal calls for him to get just \$4 million this year, a baseball official told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

Delgado will receive \$13.5 million in 2006, \$14.5 million in 2007, and \$16 million in 2008; the agreement includes a \$16 million option for 2009 that would become guaranteed based on how Delgado does in MVP voting and whether he earns postseason MVP awards.

If the option doesn't become guaranteed, Florida would have the right to exercise a \$12 million option. If the option is declined, Delgado would get a \$4 million buyout.

Delgado chose the Marlins over offers from the New York Mets, Texas, and Baltimore.

The Marlins made an initial offer of \$35 million for three years, the richest per-season deal in franchise history, then



Aaron Harris/Associated Press
Toronto Blue Jay Carlos Delgado hits a two-run homer against the Boston Red Sox during fourth inning AL action in Toronto on May 16, 2004. The first baseman agreed to a \$52 million, four-year contract with the Florida Marlins on Tuesday.

went even higher to win the bidding. The contract will push their payroll above \$56 million for the first time.

They landed the most formidable left-handed power hitter in their 12-year history. Delgado, 32, hit at least 30 homers each of the past eight seasons in Toronto. Last season he batted .269 for Toronto with 32 homers and 99 RBIs.

The Marlins were 11th in the NL in runs and 12th in homers

last year. Their top left-handed hitter, Juan Pierre, totaled three home runs.

Even so, Florida was in the race for a wild-card berth until mid-September, finishing 83-79, 13 games behind division winner Atlanta.

The deal with Delgado was sealed 10 days after he flew from his native Puerto Rico to Miami and spent 5½ hours with Marlins officials, including owner Jeffrey Loria.

Jackson says he needs to control emotions

"Sometimes, I get too fired up. I don't want to hold my emotions back, but I want to be smart out there on the court."

— Indiana Pacer Stephen Jackson, who will play in his first game today after a 30-game suspension

BY JON KRAWCZYNSKI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Stephen Jackson always has been an emotional player, known as much for his competitive fire as he is for knocking down clutch 3-pointers.

But as he prepares to return from a 30-game suspension for his role in one of the most violent fights between players and fans in U.S. sports history, he said he needs to rein in those emotions to keep history from repeating.

"I have to watch it," said Jackson, who will play in his first game since the Nov. 19 brawl today in Boston.

"Sometimes, I get too fired up. I don't want to hold my emotions back, but I want to be smart out there on the court. That's what I have to do for my team to succeed is to be smarter on and off the court and try not to get sidetracked by all the other stuff that happens, and just try to play basketball, and help the team."

The last time Jackson got sidetracked, he was racing to the aid of teammate Ron Artest, who went into the stands to fight with Detroit fans after getting hit in the face with a cup.

Rather than trying to pull Artest from the melee, Jackson went in swinging wildly, connecting on a few punches.

NBA Commissioner David Stern responded swiftly, suspend-



Carlos Osorio/Associated Press
Indiana Pacer Stephen Jackson stands with his attorney in Judge Lisa Asadoorian's courtroom in Rochester Hills, Mich., on Tuesday.

ing Artest for the rest of the season, Jackson for 30 games, and Jermaine O'Neal for 25, a penalty that was reduced by an arbitrator to 15.

All the time away gave Jackson a chance to reflect on his actions, and he promised to be more composed in the future.

"I wouldn't just go into it thinking I have to swing blows," Jackson said when asked what he would do differently. "If I'm out, that puts our team in a deeper hole. I just have to think. I didn't think last time. I just went up there to protect my teammate."

"But I doubt if we'll be in a situation like that again. I just have to try to stay focused. It's going to be hard with somebody screaming at you not to retaliate, but I'm just going to try to stay away from confrontation and play basketball."

It will be a fine line that Jackson has to walk, because he knows the Pacers count on his energy to fuel them as much as his offense or defense.

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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 SCHOFFNER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — Three weeks into the Big 12 season, only one team is still winless in conference play.

That would be Iowa State, which will get a chance to change that at Kansas State tonight. History, though, weighs heavily against the Cyclones.

Iowa State (8-7, 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 finds itself dead last.

"I think there are moments in the season for a lot of teams [when] you've got your backs up against the wall, and you've got to come out fighting to do everything you can from an emotional standpoint to win the game," Kansas State coach Jim Woodriddle said.

"I'm not sure we don't find two teams on Wednesday night that are in the same situation."

Thanks to a favorable schedule

loaded with home games, Kansas State (11-4) started fast before losing three of its first four Big 12 games. The latest was a 65-51 loss at Texas A&M.

But the Wildcats have lost only once at home, 79-76 to Texas Tech, and they have one of the league's top big men in 6-7 Jeremiah Massey, who's averaging 16.5 points and 5.9 rebounds. Massey chose Kansas State over Iowa State coming out of Oxnard Community College in California two years ago.

"We liked him a lot," said Iowa State coach Wayne Morgan, who was a Cyclone assistant at the time. "He's 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 where you can tell he enjoys playing the game."

"It's infectious. He smiles a lot, he laughs, he's enthusiastic. He's a good teammate."

There were no smiles around Iowa State after the Cyclones' last game, a 54-52 overtime loss at home to Colorado. Iowa State shot poorly, rebounded even worse, and lost a

game it had been expected to win.

Fans frustrated by the Cyclones' poor play booed, and some threw debris on the floor when the game ended.

"Hopefully, our players understand that when you're playing well and winning, a lot of people are patting you on your back and telling you how wonderful you are," Morgan said. "And if you lose, there are people not patting you on the back and telling you how bad you are."

"I guess that's part of it. Hopefully, we've got to be mature enough to handle that and keep working hard to be successful."

Iowa State played its worst game of the season at Kansas State a year ago, losing 90-59. Massey had 20 points and 12 rebounds in that game. The good news for Iowa State is that Jarrett Hart, who scored 21 points for the Wildcats that night, is no longer around.

"I think the approach we've got to take is that was last year. This is this year," Morgan said. "We have to go there and play as hard as we can and do the best we can."

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- "Linking Cultural Competence, Health Disparity, and Research," Melanie Dreher and Tess Judge-Ellis, noon, Nursing Building Heritage Room.
- DeGowin Blood Center Blood Drive, 3-7 p.m., Hillcrest Riverview Lounge.
- Aikido Spring 2005 Demonstration, 7 p.m., S511 Field House.
- Crisis Center Info Night, 7 p.m., Crisis Center, 1121 Gilbert Court.
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Curtis White, fiction, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
- Dance Marathon, Third Dancer Meeting, 9 p.m., IMU 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

horoscopes

Wednesday, January 26, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Lots can happen. Romance is highlighted. You'll have plenty of energy, so dig in and do your best to get things done. Don't slow down because someone disagrees with you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Problems you least expect will develop. Someone may try to force you to make a snap decision. If you aren't ready to make your move, decline whatever is being offered.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your curiosity will lead you into some extraordinary conversations. Find out as much as you can about something you are interested in trying. Change is beckoning you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Give your attention to doing the best you can. Someone will recognize your talent and want to help you or form a partnership with you. Don't give up too much because you are flattered.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Do you really want to get into a battle over something that is trivial? Stop and think about what you can do to make your relationships work better. A little compromising may be the key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone you work with or for may not be giving you the credit you deserve. Protect your interests. Explain your position and your plan. Talks can help you out substantially today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get with it, and have a little fun. You can turn an ordinary day into one of love, romance, creativity, and getting down to business. Avoid disputes and pushy people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't pay attention to negative people who are trying to deflate your ego. You have good friends who will help you get on with your life and find your way. Get back to basics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Blow your own horn, and exaggerate a little if you want. Someone will take interest in what you have to say and help you get what you want. Sell your ideas, and you will prosper.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have a good handle on what you need to do in order to make things fall into place. Money invested in concrete plans will turn out to be more profitable than you imagined.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The more you can do to meet new people, share ideas, and make plans to move forward with your life, the better. This is a day for change and positive action. Take the initiative.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money, work, and doing what you can to get ahead should be on your mind. The more you can learn about a topic that will help you convince others of your abilities, the better.

news you need to know

This week — Withdrawal of entire spring-semester registration through Friday — students held to 25 percent of tuition and mandatory fees

Jan. 30 — Withdrawal of entire spring-semester registration — through Feb. 4 — students held to 50 percent of tuition and mandatory fees

Jan. 31 — Last day for graduate students to add or change S-U status, 4:30 p.m.

- Last day for graduate students to late register or add courses, 4:30 p.m.
- Last day for undergraduates to add courses, drop courses without a W, 4:30 p.m.
- Last day for undergraduates to add or change P-N or audit status and late register, 4:30 p.m.
- Last day to add or drop a course without a \$10 charge, 4:30 p.m.
- Last day to drop individual courses or reduce hours in order to affect tuition and fee assessments, 4:30 p.m.

happy birthday to ...

Jan. 26 - Christina Lexa, 20; Lisa DuBrava, 29; LeeAnne Singletary, 23

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

PATV schedule

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| 7 a.m. Democracy Now | 4 Our Redeemer Church |
| 11 White Privilege Conference '03 | 5 Perspectives |
| 12:15 p.m. Jamming on a Starry Night | 6 Ripitup Sports! Live |
| 12:30 Target Iraq | 7 Sports Opinion |
| 1 2004 Big Ten Cross-Country Championships | 8 PATV Reserved: Premieres |
| 1:40 Tai Wai Hua | 9 The Cousin Arnold Show Live |
| 2 First United Methodist Church | 10 Nation's Worship Center |
| 3 Radio | 11 Medium |
| | 11:30 Cold & Grey |

UITV schedule

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| 3 p.m. "Live from Prairie Lights," Robert Molesberry | 7 "Live from Prairie Lights," Robert Molesberry |
| 4 "This American Life," with Ira Glass | 8 "This American Life," with Ira Glass |
| 6:05 Student Video Productions presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 1 | 10:05 "Live from Prairie Lights," Robert Molesberry |
| 6:30 Engaging the Community — Art Education | 11:05 Engaging the Community — Art Education |
| | 11:35 Coach Lisa Bluder News Conference |

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the ledge

SIGNS THAT YOUR ACCOUNTANT MAY BE SHADY

— by Nick Narigon

- He interned at Enron.
- He only takes payments in cash.
- Your taxes owed are more than you actually earned this year.
- You saw her at the pawn shop pawning her cubic zirconium wedding ring.

• He modeled his retirement plan after Andy Dufresne's in *The Shawshank Redemption*.

• She believes Martha Stewart is innocent.

• He is using your bar tab as a deductible.

• He thought that W2 ended in 1945.

• She is claiming herself as your dependent.

• He is on a first-name basis with the Repo Man.

• She believes that the Coralville rain forest is a superb idea.

Little University

- 1 What kind of simian did a human get a new liver from, only to contract herpes from the organ?
- 2 What Capcom arcade game pioneered hand-to-hand combat with such martial artists as Chun-Li, Ryu, and Balrog?
- 3 What movie got Queen's 1976 hit "Bohemian Rhapsody" back on the charts in 1992?
- 4 What grunge god was credited in *People* magazine for pioneering the ripped-jean, sloppy-top look?
- 5 What Paris music hall kicked up its heels for the last time after a 123-year-run?

1. A baboon
2. Street Fighter
3. Wayne's World
4. Kurt Cobain
5. The Folies Bergere

DILBERT ®

by Scott Adams

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BY WLEY

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 1215

ACROSS

- 1 To the rear
- 4 Cold war winner
- 6 Raff wood
- 13 For
- 14 "You kiddin'?"
- 15 Attach, in a way
- 16 With 38-Across, a punny riddle
- 19 Points in a lofty speech
- 20 Long tale
- 21 Simpson exclamation
- 22 Dummy
- 23 Short-shooting and others
- 25 Slightly open
- 28 SeaWorld attraction
- 32 Things that are burned nowadays
- 35 Cousin of a bassoon
- 37 Moon of Mars
- 38 See 16-Across
- 41 Partner of above
- 42 Set straight
- 43 Dummy
- 44 Tobaccoist's offering
- 45 "Baseball Tonight" channel
- 47 Fake
- 51 Like ripe cheeses
- 55 Each
- 58 Bush's alma mater
- 59 Designer Pucci
- 61 Answer to the riddle
- 64 Cajoles
- 65 PBS matters
- 66 Word with rolling or bowling
- 67 City whose daily newspaper is the Beacon Journal
- 68 Come together
- 69 Today, in Tijuana

DOWN

- 1 Ladybug's prey
- 2 Tolkien ring bearer
- 3 Sauna attire
- 4 Get exactly right
- 5 Pitches in
- 6 Explosive stuff
- 7 None of the above
- 8 Family pariah
- 9 Diving bird
- 10 Extraction from galena ore
- 11 Hardly thrilling
- 12 Pharaoh's symbol
- 34 Eye problem
- 36 "Dig in!"
- 37 And
- 39 Muscle
- 40 White House resident, informally
- 46 Depilatory brand
- 48 Con artists' prey
- 49 Will Smith title role
- 50 Coffee break time, maybe
- 52 Informational symbol
- 53 Children's song refrain
- 54 Soft, like cotton
- 55 Typewriter type
- 56 "Star Wars" critter
- 57 Not just chuckle
- 59 Young news
- 60 Fail to make
- 62 Useless tic-tac-toe row
- 63 Big time

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

JAB IMLATE WINE
AER SUISSE ALEX
NIA AUTHORMILNE
DOWD MAYS OKIES
JUNEAU BRIG
BLUESMANKING
SEPTA PHIL ITER
OUR RESEALS LIE
URIS DORM SLYLY
POETCUMMINGS
DARC ETALIII
WHOME USFL YENK
RAPPERCOOLJ ANN
ALEE ELIXIR RIO
POND MARXES NEW

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