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N. Korea says it has nukes

The isolated nation contends it needs nuclear weapons to defend itself from U.S. aggression

BY ANTHONY FAIOLA AND
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WASHINGTON POST

TOKYO — North Korea declared Thursday that it had produced nuclear weapons to defend itself from the United States and had suspended participation in multinational talks to halt its arms program.

The announcement provoked calls by the Bush administration and its partners negotiating with North Korea for the resumption of six-party talks toward a peaceful resolution of the nuclear issue in the communist country.

While U.S. government analysts have said for some time that North Korea has the ability to produce nuclear devices, it is uncertain whether the Pyongyang government possesses such

weapons or the ability to adapt them as warheads for its missile systems.

North Korea has used progressively more specific language, in public and in private, to describe the development of a "nuclear deterrent" since withdrawing from the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty and expelling weapons inspectors in late 2002 in a feud with the United States.

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Burglars steal \$11,000 in equipment from Adler

BY NICK PETERSEN

THE DAILY IOWAN

Burglars stole \$11,326 worth of electronic equipment out of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication's new Adler Building sometime between Feb. 3 and Monday, UI police said Thursday.

Duane Papke, the associate director of the agency, said an ongoing investigation into the theft has yielded no evidence of forced entry or damage.

"Initial reports do not list any damaged property that needs repair — at least at this point," he said.

The stolen property included wireless microphone equipment, valued at \$2,500, a touch-screen, valued at more than \$1,000, and various other electronic equipment.

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CHASING AWAY HANGOVERS

Nutritional supplements have become a mainstay for heavy drinkers looking for a quick fix, says a UI professor



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

Jason Campbell pours a smoothie for a customer Thursday afternoon in the Nutrisport Nutrition Superstore and Tropical Smoothie Café. Campbell, who has been manager of the shop for approximately a year, said he pours around 40 smoothies a day.

BY MEGHAN SIMS

THE DAILY IOWAN

From drinking children's diarrhea medicine to sprinting miles to gobbling supplements, students have all kinds of tricks to beat, or at least combat, the aches and pains of the morning after a night of gulping alcoholic beverages.

But Mike Teague, a UI leisure-studies professor has a warning: Buyer beware.

"I certainly don't validate them," he said. "They're loosely regulated by the Food and Drug Administration, which means they're really not regulated."

Teague, who teaches classes about substance abuse, said new-age nutritional supplements

have become a mainstay for heavy drinkers looking for a quick fix.

Hangover supplements take all forms — pills, powders, and drinks — all loaded with super doses of vitamins and electrolytes.

One local vendor, Nutrisport Nutrition Superstore and Tropical Smoothie Café, 245 S.

Gilbert St., features energy and hydration supplements — some claim to prevent and others to cure symptoms for the all-night partier. Manager Jason Campbell said he often sees the effects of too much booze from his patrons' zombie-like expressions on Fridays and Saturdays.

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Lawmaker wants higher admissions standards

In 2004, the six-year graduation rate at the UI was 66.2 percent

BY SEUNG MIN KIM

THE DAILY IOWAN

Criticizing current undergraduate admission standards as "not very useful," a state lawmaker is pushing for tougher requirements at Iowa's public universities, pointing to graduation rates as a signal that standards should be tightened.

Sen. Maggie Tinsman, R-Davenport, wants the state Board of Regents to study the pros and cons of establishing higher admission standards at the three state universities. In 2004, the six-year graduation rate at the UI was 66.2 percent, 65 percent for all the regents' universities.

"If we're going to be a first-class education system and want to be world-class, we have to do a better job than now," she said.

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ADMISSION STANDARDS

A state Board of Regents study, proposed by Sen. Maggie Tinsman, R-Davenport, would examine:

- accurate predictors of student success in college that may be used in addition to or in place of current admission criteria
- admission requirements for comparable state universities in other Midwestern states
- methods for motivating middle- and high-school students to enroll in challenging courses
- partnerships with other educational institutions to accomplish the goal of increasing the academic achievements of this state's resident university students
- training for faculty and staff to provide innovative forms of academic support

Recalling the heroism of the Little Rock 9

'Our resistance was so powerful. I was living history.' — MINNIEJEAN BROWN TRICKEY

BY JOCELYN JONES

THE DAILY IOWAN

The year was 1957, bigotry was simmering, and bomb threats — and segregation — were a fact of life.

Minniejean Brown Trickey was just 16 the day an angry mob surrounded her school in Little Rock, Ark., one of nine blacks to break the bitter ethnic divide consuming the nation. They feared for their lives, at times — but kept attending classes in the face of violence, anger, and a media frenzy that grabbed the world's attention.

"Our resistance was so powerful," she recalled. "I was living history."

Brown Trickey's dramatic life story left an audience of 200 spellbound on Thursday, as she detailed her experiences as a civil-rights activist. Her speech at the Englert Theatre, an extension of the UI's Martin Luther King Jr. Human Rights Week, was sponsored by the UI Lecture Committee.

As one of the famous "Little Rock Nine" students who helped desegregate the all-white Central High

School, she said, she was proud of her part in reshaping the lives of countless future children.

Her efforts sparked a wave of recognition. In 1999, she received the U.S. Congressional Gold Medal; she has also received the Wolf Award and the Spingarn Medal.

In the Clinton administration, she served as the deputy assistant secretary of the Department of the Interior, and she has continued to push for social equality.

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Minniejean Brown Trickey, one of first blacks to attend Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., speaks to a diverse crowd of university students and Iowa City residents in the Englert Theatre on Thursday evening.

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LAKERS PISTONED AGAIN

The rematch of last year's NBA championship teams turned out to be no match at all. 1B



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NEWS

COGS, state far apart on contract

BY DREW KERR

THE DAILY IOWAN

Months into a bargaining season that has thus far failed to satisfy the interests of either side of the table, the Campaign to Organize Graduate Students attempted to muster support for its final points of contention with a rally Thursday at the IMU.

Roughly 40 graduate students convened on the front steps, carrying signs reading "Respect" and chanting, "We demand a fair contract."

At issue are unresolved negotiations with the state Board of Regents over salaries, tuition scholarships, and prescription-drug coverage. Student representatives and the board's negotiators have reached agreements on noneconomic issues.

Members on both sides will try to find common ground at the next round of negotiations, on Feb. 15, but if no solution is found by March, the matters will be handed to an arbitrator.

COGS members said they have conceded as much as possible, and they are willing to take arbitration to get what they want — a step they have never taken in the union's 10-year history.

"We're optimistic but prepared," said COGS member Chris Burgess.

COGS is requesting full-tuition waivers — a staple at every other Big Ten university — and a salary increase for the



UI grad student Brad Parsons speaks to the crowd supporting COGS. The group is neogotiating with the university with hopes to have full tuition scholarship and no new fees for graduate students.

2,600 teaching and research assistants it represents.

The regents' proposals thus far do not go beyond increases that align with inflation. With a price tag of roughly \$13 million, officials say they're doing all they can with limited resources.

"This is a resource-challenged state, at a resource-challenged time," John Keller, the dean of the Graduate College, said in a recent interview.

Graduate students say they are aware of the tight budget but feel their requests aren't unreasonable.

"In terms of employment, this place is going down the shitter," said COGS President Patrick Oray. "I came here to get out of the shitter."

At present, the university provides a minimum tuition-aid package of 25 percent and pays \$15,330 per academic year to

assistants who work 20 hours a week.

UI President David Skorton has said the university will inevitably be forced to provide full-tuition waivers for graduate assistants because many peer universities offer better tuition packages than the UI.

State law prohibits graduate assistants from striking.

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Under new law, UI to pay more for foreign faculty

BY ALEX LANG

THE DAILY IOWAN

A new federal law that raises fees for visa applications will force the UI to pay an extra \$400 for every foreign faculty member it hires — an average of roughly \$60,000 per year.

Beginning March 8, colleges will also have to pay foreign faculty members who have H1-B visas 100 percent of their actual wages instead of the current 95 percent.

"Actual wages" means

the amount the university pays other faculty members with similar experience.

The UI will also have to pay a new \$500 fee to prevent fraud when trying to obtain a visa for new faculty members.

In December 2004, President Bush signed the law to protect against fraud by foreign workers.

UI Ombudsman Randall Ney said the 5 percent increase will have little effect on the university and its budget because officials already

pay comparable salaries for foreign faculty members.

The \$500 fee is seen as an inconvenience on top of an optional \$1,000 charge that quickens the application process.

"Our feeling is it won't have a large effect on hiring," Ney said. "Five hundred dollars isn't going to tip the scale."

Foreign faculty members the university tries to recruit are often highly qualified and skilled experts who are targeted for a specific

position, he said. The UI files 150 to 200 H1-B visas each year, he said.

Roy Suddaby, a native Canadian and UI assistant professor of management, said he first came to the UI four years ago under a H1-B visa, which he renewed once. The new law, he said, would affect university hiring procedures depending on the size of the increase.

"Higher education circulates around ideas, which require a global community," he said.

Under the new law, the foreign-worker visa applications include several fees that are waived for universities — except the \$500 fee.

Ney said he had hoped this would have been waived, too, because universities are not misapplying the visas.

"I don't think universities are frauding or abusing these H1-B visas," he said. "I was hoping we'd be exempt, but Congress didn't vote that way."

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STATE

Iowa man sues blood center

An Iowa resident is suing the state and a Davenport blood center after he contracted the Hepatitis C virus from a blood transfusion given to him at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Cary Manternach underwent surgery at UIHC in December 2001 but did not realize he had the disease until early 2004. UIHC is not named as a defendant in the suit.

According to court papers, Manternach was "advised and discovered for the first time that the blood he received during this procedure was contaminated with the Hepatitis C virus."

The blood he received was collected and processed by the Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center in Scott County, according to court records.

Both the state of Iowa and the blood center are "liable for failing to adequately screen, test, or otherwise ensure that the blood transfused"

was not contaminated, according to the lawsuit.

Manternach, a resident of Cascade, Jones, and Dubuque Counties, filed a claim with the Iowa State Appeal Board. The claim was not admitted or denied by the board, so he filed a lawsuit.

He is seeking compensation for the "future health-care costs, loss of earnings and earning capacity, physical and mental pain and suffering, loss of function of mind and body, and other injuries and damages" incurred in the transfusion.

Mark Liabo, Manternach's attorney, said they have not determined a specific dollar amount.

— by Traci Finch

Consultant outlines road improvements

A Des Moines consulting firm proposed sweeping changes for two rural roads on Thursday, outlining goals to preserve traffic safety, add pedestrian trails, and better monitor road quality.

If approved by the Johnson County Board of Supervisors, the plans to improve Newport and Prairie Du Chien Roads would encompass some, but not all, of the needed changes, representatives for the Howard R. Green Company told the board.

"No solution is perfect," said Doug Ripley, one of the representatives. "It's a long corridor of road, [and work] should be done in stages."

He suggested improving segments

toward the southern end of Newport Road as soon as possible and then planning improvements for other sections later. Both roads run north of Iowa City.

County-road maintenance has been a growing concern for the supervisors, who found Ripley and Halverson's presentation informative despite its lack of a conclusive plan.

The presentation "highlights how important this is," said Supervisor Mike Lehman. "We spent a lot of money on consultants, and [they've] given us [information] on a very upfront basis."

On Feb. 17, the board will vote to formally accept the proposal and set in motion a more official process for setting a roadwork plan.

— by Matthew Soraparu

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N. Korea joins nuclear club

NORTH KOREA

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But on Thursday, a statement by the government of the reclusive North Korean leader, Kim Jong Il, contained the most explicit wording yet. "In response to the Bush administration's increasingly hostile policy toward North Korea, we... have manufactured nuclear weapons for self-defense," said the statement issued through the official Korean Central News Agency.

North Korea is now the eighth country with declared nuclear weapons. The others are the United States, Britain, France, China, and Russia, all signatories of the 1968 Nonproliferation Treaty, and India and Pakistan, which have not signed the treaty. Israel is considered by analysts to have nuclear weapons, but it does not acknowledge having them. South Africa built a bomb in the 1970s but later renounced its nuclear program.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, returning to the United

States after a visit to Europe, called for a resumption of the six-party talks, which also include China, Japan, Russia, and South Korea. "The North Koreans have been told by the president of the United States that the United States has no intention of attacking or invading North Korea," Rice said at a news conference in Luxembourg.

The White House played down the significance of the North Korean statement. "It's rhetoric we've heard before," spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters traveling

with President Bush in North Carolina. "We remain committed to the six-party talks. We remain committed to a peaceful diplomatic resolution to the nuclear issue with regards to North Korea."

U.S. officials informed Asian allies last week that North Korea had reprocessed 8,000 spent fuel rods into weapons-grade plutonium and appeared to have exported nuclear material to Libya. The United States has estimated in the past that North Korea had produced enough nuclear material for six to eight devices.

Officials ponder higher admissions standards

ADMISSION

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The three regents' universities — the UI, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa — are required to accept any Iowa high-school students who are in the top half of their graduating classes. The UI also uses a combination of high-school rank and ACT scores in determining admissions.

University officials are already toying with the idea of hiking admission standards, and they plan to form a committee this spring to study factors of students' academic stresses, which often lead to withdrawal, said Lola Lopes, UI associate provost for undergraduate education.

The administrator, who said she would favor higher standards, said the university has recently instituted more methods to gauge a student's academic ability, such as a chemistry-placement exam for aspiring pre-med or pharmacy majors.

"When you're in the position of an administrator, you see a group of students who, for whatever reason, have done poorly," she said. "You have to find ways to make sure they have the tools to succeed."

UI Admissions Director Michael Barron said instituting higher admission standards could boost the retention of students. Of the students admitted in 2003, 82.3 percent of them returned for their second year, according to the Registrar's Office.

A "very small" percentage of students admitted to the university don't meet either the class rank or admissions-index requirements, Barron said, and exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis.

"The issue should be about students having the appropriate preparation in order to succeed," he said. "That's really what admission requirements should be about. It's not about keeping people out."

Though UI administrators figure higher standards yield benefits, some local high-school guidance counselors said they object to toughening requirements because many competent students tread the halfway mark.

Eric Peterson, a City High guidance counselor, said many students who don't meet the

numerical requirements are just as likely to succeed at one of the state universities. Institutions such as the university, UI Hospitals and Clinics, and ACT Inc., make Iowa City a more competitive environment, he said.

"In some ways, it's a little discriminatory against our population," he said. "We want opportunities for our students and would probably not be real happy if admission standards were being raised."

The regents last discussed admission policies in December at a committee meeting, and they may continue to discuss the possibility of studying such requirements next month, said board communications specialist Barbara Boose.

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Looking for the elusive hangover cure

HANGOVERS

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"You look at them, and you can tell why they ordered a Morning After," he said.

The Morning After is a smoothie concoction of orange and banana blended with Emergen-C Pack, a supplement packed with 1,000 milligrams of Vitamin C — more than 16 times the FDA's recommended daily dosage — and electrolytes, which are required by cells to regulate the electric charge and flow of water molecules across the cell membranes.

Campbell said the hangover smoothie is the most popular remedy his establishment features, chiefly because its catchy name attracts buyers looking to flush their system of wooziness. He also carries hangover pills that promise to prevent hangovers, if swallowed while drinking.

He has had friends who drink Pedialyte, a liquid medication used to treat diarrhea-induced dehydration and jammed with electrolytes, to cure a hangover, he said.

While Campbell sells antidotes, he is personally sold on more traditional anti-hangover

measures: His antidote of choice is 40 minutes of heart-pumping exercise.

"I know if I'm out drinking, I'm not going to worry about popping pills," he said.

When asked about the practice of sweating out toxins, Teague balked.

"Sweat what out?" he said. "You can't sweat toxins out." He said exercise could marginally reduce headaches.

Osco pharmacy manager Hal Ensrud stocks Chasers, a capsule that promises to prevent hangovers. Although the drug is popular, he said, he is not a fan of the supplements.

"Mostly, I tell [students], if they want to prevent hangovers, don't drink so much," he said.

The intended effects and side effects are "relatively innocuous. The only side effect is a little shrinkage of the wallet."

In the face of supposed hangover-conquering pills, elixirs, and otherwise bizarre behavior, Teague offers traditional advice: Rest, solid food, rehydration, abstinence from caffeine, and one element that pains the ears of hangover victims.

"As a health professional, what do I tell you? Time. It takes time," he said.

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Civil-rights pioneer recalls fight for justice in '57

TRICKY

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Brown Trickey fears, however, that America is steadily losing sight of its history.

"We've allowed the story of

the Little Rock Nine to collapse" because many citizens have forgotten about desegregating Little Rock, she said. "We've failed to use the story as the true parable that it is.

"Black History Month is American history at its very core."

UI junior Nick Smith, a lecture-committee member who was in charge of organizing the event, spent the day with Brown Trickey.

"She is such a down-to-earth person," he said. "She is interesting and well-

rounded, and it was an honor to meet with someone who historically made an impact on the civil-rights movement."

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BURGLARS

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Papke said he could not reveal what police know about how the burglars entered the rooms for fear of sparking similar incidents. But he acknowledged that burglars could easily enter the secured rooms by leaving a door unlocked, propping it open, or discovering a malfunction in the locking mechanism. The burglars may have had a key or could have been let in. The rooms in which the equipment was located have standard key locks.

If caught, the thieves could face burglary charges, Papke said.

The theft came less than a month after the \$19 million building opened with such frills as new computers, a large resource center, and technologically advanced classrooms. Named after UI alumnus and newspaper publisher Philip

Adler, the facility houses the journalism/mass communications school and the cinema/comparative literature department.

Rod Lehnertz, the director of planning for UI Facilities Management, said responsibility for protecting the building was turned over to the university when faculty and staff moved in.

"At this point, the contractor is either granted access by appointment or could enter just as the general public would," he said.

Professors and staff in the journalism school referred all questions to its director, Pam Creedon, who was out of her office Thursday afternoon.

Reached by e-mail, Creedon said building security has been tightened.

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NEWS

First workshop-director finalist visits UI campus

The Writers' Workshop began in 1936, and it continues to produce distinguished writers

BY CLARE PIERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Students, faculty, and fiction fans crammed into a tiny room in the English-Philosophy Building Thursday night to listen to a reading from Richard Bausch, an accomplished author and one of four hopefuls eyeing the directorship of the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

The chosen candidate will replace Frank Conroy, who announced he would step down last summer. The new director will be only the fifth in the history of the 59-year-old program.

Bausch earned his M.F.A. from the workshop in 1975, and he has since written five volumes of short stories and nine novels, including *Hello to the Cannibals* and *Someone to Watch Over Me*. He won two National Magazine Awards for stories published in the *Atlantic Monthly* and *The New Yorker*, and he has also written for *Esquire* and *Harper's*.

"With his list of accomplishments, you would think he's been living in solitary confinement," said Adam Hayes, who introduced Bausch. "But he has also had a long and distinguished teaching career."

Bausch holds the Heritage Chair of Creative Writing at George Mason

University, a position he has filled since 1995.

"He's just a wonderful writer," said Christopher Merrill, the director of the International Writing Program and a member of the seven-person search committee.

The committee is looking for the candidate who can "combine great writing achievements with demonstrated teaching ability and creative skill and imagination," Merrill said. "The new director will chart a course for the workshop for the 21st century."

The workshop, which began in 1936, stands as the oldest and the most prestigious creative-writing program in the country. It has produced many Pulitzer Prize-winners and successful authors.

Each of the four finalists for the position of director will hold a public reading, undergo a series of interviews with the search committee, and conduct a workshop for students, Merrill said.

The committee will make its decision in March, after the last candidate visits, he said.

The next finalist, Lan Samantha Chang, another workshop graduate, is scheduled to give a reading on Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. in 304 EPB.

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Jessica Green/The Daily Iowan

Richard Bausch reads from a new, unpublished story Thursday night to an audience packed into an English-Philosophy Building room. Bausch is the first of four finalists for the position of Writers' Workshop director to speak on campus.

New animal group to investigate UI

BY ELAINE FABIAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Responding to the Animal Liberation Front's accusations that animals in Spence Laboratories were mistreated, a self-described research watchdog on Thursday announced that it will investigate UI research practices to reveal any alleged abuse.

Stop Animal Exploitation Now — a Cincinnati-based group formed in 1996 — released documents detailing the university's research at a news conference in front of Spence Labs on Thursday.

"Half-truths have been perpetuated by UI in recent media coverage," said Michael Budkie, the executive director of the group in a news release.

He asserted that the school has not been forthcoming in describing its research at Spence Labs.

In November 2004, a group claiming affiliation with the Animal Liberation Front, vandalized the labs, spilling chemicals and removing hundreds of animals used in research.

Budkie contended the UI had ulterior motives in conducting animal research.

"UI animal experiments are not about science but more about attracting federal funding to the UI," he said.

UI President David Skorton rejected that claim, saying that the university doesn't need the money.

"The currency of academia is research, and the product of the university is the dissemination of discovery," he said at his monthly meeting with students. "It isn't consistent that a university of this size would do research for the money."

Although Skorton didn't agree with the accusations of the Cincinnati group, he said he isn't worried about its investigation.

"I welcome the investigation," he said. "I believe there is a very important place for animal and

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human research, and I am proud of the way the UI has organized animal research."

UI law student Leana Stormont, who serves as the Midwest coordinator for the Cincinnati group, questioned the need for some animal research at the university.

The study aims to end animal experiments, which she deemed "wasteful," she said.

"We hope to have an effect on the manner in which animals are used," she said. "My goal is to bring information to light so the public can see what is going on."

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NEWS

Officials discuss grad-school \$

BY SARA GEAKE

THE DAILY IOWAN

Finding and centralizing Graduate College funding was the topic of Thursday evening's P&D.

UI President David Skorton, Provost Michael Hogan, and Phillip Jones, the vice president for Student Services, met with 15 students to address how to make graduate-student funding more accessible.

"I think all [information on available funds] should flow toward the Provost Office," said Skorton, who thought something "hip" such as a website could draw information about

funds into a central location. "Knowing what [funding] is available is a task."

The funding, which graduate students can use for research, conferences, or travel expenses, is primarily available through UI Student Government and the Graduate Student Senate.

Travel to international conferences was thought to be particularly underfunded.

"Often, the way networking is done with exchange rates, even a lot of money doesn't go that far," said graduate student Dauna Kiser.

Graduate students complained about insufficient funds, but the administrators said the

best way to raise money was to increase student fees.

Hogan said because of low tuition, many fees have already been added to fund UI programs.

"There's just not as much money in the system as we would like," he said. He added that increased fees are harder to obtain because of regulations from the state Board of Regents.

Of the money available, Skorton said, "there is a very small amount of money that's totally flexible." Although he said the university has \$2 billion in operations funding, three out of four university dollars go to salary payments.

The administrators agreed that gaining more funding is in the hands of the Graduate College.

"You have the power to come together, and we'll join you to talk about it," Skorton said. The administrators said there is available money in all departments and colleges, it just has to be found.

"There is an enormous amount of money in higher education in this country," Skorton said. But, he said, "do not go into higher education if you don't want to be constantly behind as far as resources go."

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ranging from preschool classes to health and nutrition programs;

- \$56 million effort to increase teacher pay and boost teaching skills, including \$20 million given to local schools to spend as they deem necessary to improve teacher skills;
- \$30 million a year to keep in place a class size reduction effort that's scheduled to end this year.

"I'm very optimistic about taking steps this year to improve student achievement," Connolly said. "Improving student achievement is what it's all about," Connolly said. "Improving student achievement is what it's all about, it's the beginning, the middle and the end of everything we do this year at the Statehouse."

Sen. Keith Krieman, D-Bloomfield, said the focus on early education is crucial because studies show brain development in the first years is crucial to a youngster's success in school.

STATE

Democrats offer \$125 million for education

DES MOINES (AP) — Senate Democrats announced a proposal Thursday that sets aside \$125 million to raise teacher pay, increase early childhood education offerings, and reduce class sizes.

"Improving student achievement is what it's all about," said Sen. Michael Connolly, D-Dubuque, one of the heads of the Senate Education Committee. "That is the No. 1 concern of Iowa parents, students, employers, and educators."

The cost is equal to Gov. Tom Vilsack's proposal, but the money is spent a little differently.

Democrats' plan would spend:

- \$39 million a year on early childhood education programs,

Iowa lost 741 manufacturing jobs

Iowans are still losing jobs to foreign workers, and companies are now being asked to report outsourcing to Iowa Workforce Development

BY RYAN J. FOLEY

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DES MOINES — More than 700 manufacturing jobs left Iowa in 2004 and were sent to Mexico, where wages are much lower, according to the state's first study attempting to track such outsourcing.

Iowa Workforce Development, the state's unemployment agency, last year began asking companies that lay off more than 20 workers to report whether their jobs were being sent to another country. The move came as Iowans were increasingly worried that service jobs, especially in the state's large insurance industry, would be headed to low-wage countries such as India.

The state's final data for 2004, obtained by the Associated Press, did not document a single instance of outsourcing in traditional white-collar jobs.

Instead, it found that four major layoffs in the manufacturing industry resulted in 741 jobs being sent to Mexico.

"People were thinking that all of our call centers were going to go to India, but I don't think that's happening. Not in Iowa," said Yvonne Younes, an unemployment-agency official

HOW IOWA TRACKS OUTSOURCING

How the state attempts to track outsourcing:

- Twenty or more people from one company file for unemployment benefits.
- That triggers a "mass layoff," and Iowa Workforce Development calls the company for more information.
- The company is asked whether the work is being relocated elsewhere.
- If so, the company is asked to say what country.

Associated Press

who compiled the statistics.

State officials declined to identify the companies. They acknowledged that their data were likely incomplete because they did not include companies that laid off fewer than 20 people at a time. Also, some companies may not have disclosed their outsourcing plans.

"They are still very reluctant to talk about it," said Ann Wagner, a labor analyst with the agency. "It's been pretty hard to extract from employers." Some of the job migration has been well documented.

Maytag Corp. in Newton, for instance, sent some work to its plant in Reynosa, Mexico, where workers typically earn less than \$3 per hour compared with \$15 in the United States.

Alexander Technologies, a 38-year-old Iowa company that

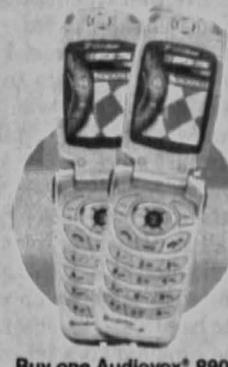
makes electronics in Mason City, announced earlier this month it is eliminating 25 U.S. manufacturing jobs and sending the work to Malaysia.

"We just can't be competitive here utilizing U.S. labor," said Jay Miller, the vice president of the company, which makes battery packs and chargers. "It's sad but true, and I hate to see it. I was born and raised in Iowa."

"In Malaysia, you can get between five and 10 workers for the price of one in Mason City. Typically, it's closer to 10."

Several years of layoffs have shrunk the state's manufacturing base, but overall manufacturing employment in Iowa slightly increased in 2004 to 220,700. At a peak in 1997, the sector reported 240,000 Iowa workers.

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Bush pushes Social Security plan

'What I'm saying to the members of Congress, we're all in this deal together. We're all going to — we're going to be blamed together or we're going to be praised together.' — PRESIDENT BUSH

BY EDWIN CHEN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

RALEIGH, N.C. — President Bush took his campaign to restructure Social Security back on the road Thursday, urging audiences in North Carolina and Pennsylvania to help him persuade Congress to enact fundamental changes to the New Deal retirement program.

But despite his heavy emphasis on the issue in the weeks since his re-election, Bush said the time was not yet ripe to begin debating solutions to the program's projected financing gap.

The president said, "It's going to take me a while to persuade people of the urgency to act ... I need to spend more time convincing people that we're going to — we got the problem."

Bush's trip followed a two-day, five-state tour last week to build public support for his proposal to allow workers to divert a portion of their Social Security taxes into private accounts.

In Raleigh, Bush acknowledged that the "personal accounts alone won't permanently solve the problem" of Social Security's long-term funding shortfall. But he revealed no new details on how he would solve the matter. The president's reluctance to describe how he would restructure Social Security beyond worker-owned investment accounts reflects his conviction that it is strategically unwise to put forth a detailed proposal before he has persuaded the public that the program's underlying financing system requires an immediate and fundamental fix.

A new poll published on Thursday underscored the reali-



President Bush gestures as he speaks at the Montgomery County Community College Physical Education Center on Thursday in Blue Bell, Pa.

ty that Bush has some distance to go in making his case.

A Washington Post-Kaiser Family Foundation-Harvard University survey found that seven out of 10 Americans agreed with the president that Social Security eventually would go bankrupt unless changes are made. And many said they were not willing to either pay higher payroll taxes or reduce their benefits in order to fix the problem.

"While 56 percent said they support a plan for individual investment accounts, more than half of those said they would be less likely to do so after hearing the [cost] estimate. More than four in 10 supporters wavered when they heard that personal accounts would not, by themselves, reduce the financial problems facing Social Security," the Post said.

Bush made a blatant appeal to lawmakers who are worried about taking on the politically sensitive issue.

"I believe that candidates are rewarded — not punished — for taking on tough issues. I say that to give assurance to the members of Congress who may feel somewhat fearful of taking on the issue."

Bush added: "What I'm saying to the members of Congress, we're all in this deal together. We're all going to — we're going to be blamed together or we're going to be praised together."

If the problem goes unsolved, Bush warned, "you're looking at either major tax increases, major cuts in benefits, major cuts in other government programs, or massive debt. And so now is the time to move."

Bush iterated that he would

be willing to consider all options to shore up Social Security, with the exception of raising taxes.

As usual for a Bush appearance, the audiences on Thursday were carefully screened, and all appeared to be Bush supporters.

In Raleigh, when a local politician lauded the president for emphasizing his religious faith, the audience of several thousand broke into applause and leapt to its feet.

Before returning to the White House Thursday night, the president also took his case for changing Social Security to Blue Bell, Pa., near Philadelphia.

Vaccinate all fresh in dorms, panel advises

The about-face is the result of the arrival of a new meningitis vaccine, Menactra

BY DANIEL YEE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — All college freshmen who live in dorms should be vaccinated for meningitis, a government panel recommended Thursday for the first time, reversing policy of the past.

The panel is also advising doctors to give the shot to all 11- to 12-year-old children and that it be provided to at least 4 million children eligible under the federal children's vaccines program.

Because each dose is expected to cost approximately \$100 and only 3,000 cases of meningooccal meningitis are reported each year, "it won't save money," said Mark Messer, an economist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who helped develop a cost-effectiveness study of the plan.

"It is a strategy that will save lives," he said.

The new recommendation is an about-face from previous policy; it was sparked largely by a new vaccine, Menactra, made by Sanofi Pasteur. The new vaccine is effective for more than eight years, while the old vaccine lasted for just three to five years. The old vaccine also didn't prevent people from being carriers of the bacteria; the new vaccine does.

The action will be welcome to parents of college students because meningitis can spread rapidly through college dorms. And it will ease the mind of Lynn Bozof of Marietta, Ga., who has been lobbying for such action.

Her 20-year-old son Evan died of bacterial meningitis in 1998 when he was a student at Georgia Southwestern State University.

Hours after complaining of a headache, he was hospitalized. He died weeks later after suffering complications including damage to his brain, lungs, and liver, and amputation of all of his limbs.

Had her family known about the vaccine, "Evan would definitely have been immunized. He would be alive today," Lynn Bozof said.

"If this were a more minor illness, no, I couldn't justify it," said vaccine panel member, Dr. Gregory Poland of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. "But this is such a morbid disease, it causes such disruption. Every time there is a case, communities panic. It closes schools down."

"I don't want that to happen to any child — yet you have to be able to pay for it," he added.

Over the years, many health and school officials were reluctant to recommend vaccinating all children because of cost-effectiveness issues. This time there was no opposition to the action of the panel, which advises the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The new shot will become available to doctors next month.

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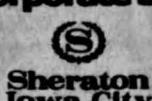
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NEWS

Trade deficit soars to record high

The U.S. trade deficit rises to \$617.7 billion, largely because of high oil prices and Americans' hunger for foreign goods

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER
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WASHINGTON — The U.S. trade deficit ballooned to an all-time high of \$617.7 billion last year, pushed by soaring oil prices and Americans' insatiable appetite for everything foreign, from cars to toys and food.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that the 2004 imbalance rose 24.4 percent from the previous year and marked the third year in a row that the trade deficit had set a record. The imbalance with China swelled by 30.5 percent to \$162 billion, the highest ever with any country.

For December, the deficit actually shrank. But at \$56.4

billion, it still was the second-worst monthly showing ever, down 4.9 percent from \$59.3 billion in November.

Democrats said the figures were evidence that President Bush's policy of seeking trade deals was not working. They said the 2.7 million manufacturing jobs the United States has lost over the past four years reflect in large part unfair trading practices by China and other countries.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said the report was "devastating news for the American economy."

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said the deficits were undermining the U.S. manufacturing base.

Added AFL-CIO President John Sweeney: "America is losing good jobs because of bad trade deals."

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said the imbalance with China showed the need for his legislation that would impose across-the-board tariffs of 27.5 percent on Chinese products unless Beijing stopped tightly linking its currency, the yuan, to the U.S. dollar.

American manufacturers say this policy has undervalued the yuan by as much as 40 percent, giving Chinese companies a huge competitive advantage.

Treasury Secretary John Snow told Congress on Thursday that he believed the administration's efforts to prod China to

develop a more flexible currency system were bearing results.

America's major trading partners, he said, had to grow faster and the United States must work to boost national savings in order to dampen excess demand that is being met by foreign goods.

"It sure would be helpful if Japan and our other trading partners would grow faster," Snow said.

Private economists said the country's low savings rate was worsening because of the government's record budget deficits. They predicted the trade deficit for 2005 would set a record, but that the deterioration would begin to slow and lower deficit would result in 2006.

SWAN LAKE



Bill Lackey,
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A swan at Old Reid Park in Springfield, Ohio, leaves tracks in the new snow that fell on the park's ice-covered pond Thursday. Four of the white water fowl have been staying in the park for the past few weeks.

Marines to reduce size of combat forces in Iraq

The number of Marines in Iraq is expected to drop from 33,000 to 23,000 this spring

BY ROBERT BURNS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Marine Corps will shrink the size of its ground combat force in Iraq this spring, with the Army making a corresponding increase, the Marines' operations chief said Thursday.

Lt. Gen. Jan Huly, the deputy commandant for plans, policies, and operations, said in an Associated Press interview that the Marines will draw down from approximately 33,000 to around 23,000 when a fresh contingent headed by the 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force is fully in place in Iraq in March.

"This has been planned all along," he said. He said it does not suggest the Marines are too taxed

by commitments around the globe, including duty in Afghanistan and training at home.

Overall, the U.S. force is scheduled to drop by March or April from the current 153,000 to the 138,000 level that prevailed before a buildup late last year in advance of the Jan. 30 elections.

Much of that temporary increase was achieved by extending the tours of Army units. The Marines also added several thousand, and they are now getting ready to return home.

Huly said that for planning purposes the Marines expect to maintain their force level in Iraq at around the 23,000 level "for the foreseeable future." He declined to define that more precisely.

A former deputy commander of Marine Corps Recruiting

Command, Huly said he has seen no evidence that the fast pace of deployments since the start of the Iraq war — with Marines spending seven months in Iraq, then returning with only seven months' break at home — is hurting recruiting.

"So far it's not breaking their spirit, their morale, or their will to fight," he said.

In fact he thinks the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts are a plus for attracting and retaining Marines.

"My 35 years in the Marine Corps have shown me that that's why young men and women join the Marines — to go do that kind of stuff," he said.

"Most of them would rather be going back to Iraq than sitting around at Camp Lejeune or

Camp Pendleton shooting blanks. They make more money over there. It's more exciting."

The Marines say they are on track to meeting their recruiting goal for this year, although in January they fell short of their monthly target for the first time in almost 10 years.

More than 450 Marines have died in the Iraq war. Marines bore the brunt of the fighting in Fallujah last November when U.S. forces attacked the city to eliminate a stronghold of the insurgency.

Huly said the Marine Corps is holding up well under the strain, although the Corps is operating its vehicles and aircraft at a faster pace than officials had budgeted for before the war began.

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NEWS

Insurgents kill 50 in Iraq



A policeman fires shots in the air to move bystanders away from the scene of an early morning car bomb that exploded in central Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least four people.

Iraqi officials will close the country's borders for five days this month because of a major Shiite religious holiday

BY MARIAM FAM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A car bomb detonated by remote control exploded Thursday in Baghdad, killing two Iraqis but missing a U.S. military convoy as insurgent violence claimed more than 50 lives. Clashes between Iraqi police and rebels erupted along a major highway southeast of the capital.

With violence on the rise after the Jan. 30 election, Iraqi officials announced they would seal the country's borders for five days this month around a major Shiite religious holiday. Last year during the holiday, around 180 people were killed in suicide attacks at Shiite shrines.

The car bomb detonated on Tahrir Square in the heart of Baghdad, shattering the vehicle and setting several other cars on fire. At least two Iraqis were killed, and two others were wounded, U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. James Hutton said.

An American military patrol had just passed through the area, but there were no U.S. casualties, Hutton said.

Most of the violence Thursday targeted Iraq's security forces, part of an apparent insurgent campaign to undermine public confidence after police and soldiers managed to prevent catastrophic attacks during the elections.

The biggest attack occurred in Salman Pak, 12 miles southeast of Baghdad, when insurgents attacked Iraqi policemen who came to look for weapons, showering them with machine-gun

fire, rocket-propelled grenades and mortar rounds, police said.

Iraq's Interior Ministry said 14 policemen were killed, 65 were wounded and six were missing after the two-hour gun battle. Four insurgents also died in the fighting, the ministry said.

American troops evacuated some of the wounded, the U.S. command said, and residents said American helicopters were prowling the skies.

"We were on patrol to search for weapons," wounded policeman Waad Jassim said from his hospital bed. "When we arrived, they opened heavy fire at us. There were many of them, and some were charging out of houses."

Elsewhere, bodies of 20 Iraqi truck drivers who had been shot were found dumped on a road, their hands bound behind their backs, police Capt. Ahmed Ismail said. Some of the trucks were owned by the government, Ismail said.

Gunmen fired on an Iraqi police patrol Thursday in Baquba, north of Baghdad, triggering a gun battle that killed a civilian and wounded two police officers, officials said. Assassins also killed a police lieutenant in Baquba.

Five bodies in Iraqi National Guard uniforms were found Thursday in the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad. Hospital director Ala al Ani said residents reported that the slain men were among 13 guardsmen who went missing recently. Two insurgents were killed Thursday in clashes with U.S. forces north of Ramadi, residents and

hospital officials said.

A strong explosion shook the Rahmaniya neighborhood of western Baghdad late Thursday, and residents said the blast occurred near a small Shiite mosque. Witnesses said there were casualties but police had no report.

A videotape obtained Thursday by Associated Press Television News showed gunmen killing four blindfolded men who identified themselves as Iraqi policemen. The video showed the four young men sitting cross-legged on the floor of a room. A date stamp on the video indicated it was recorded Feb. 3.

Several gunmen with assault rifles standing just steps away from the captives fired repeatedly at the men one by one, shooting them in the back of their heads.

Elsewhere, a body was found riddled with bullets in Mosul, and in the northern oil center of Kirkuk, a roadside bomb exploded several minutes after a U.S. military patrol passed, killing one Iraqi, police said. In Baghdad, gunmen shot to death a hospital receptionist.

Election officials had expected to release final results Thursday from the vote for a National Assembly, provincial councils and a regional parliament for the autonomous Kurdish north. On Wednesday, however, election commission spokesman Farid Ayar said the deadline would not be met because ballots in about 300 boxes had to be recounted.

WORLD

Rwanda's tormentors to haunt Congo

KIWANJA, Congo (Washington Post) — Julienne Kyakimwa, 34, was picking beans in her family garden when a man emerged suddenly from the jungle with a gun in his hand, a machete on his belt, and a menacing look in his eye. The wild-looking man spoke in Kinyarwanda — the language of terror to many people here — as he roughly demanded she turn over the beans.

According to Kyakimwa's husband, Alfajiri Kaposo, the attacker and an accomplice — most likely ethnic Hutus, originally from neighboring Rwanda — slashed her across the face and arms and left her for dead under a pile of branches before fleeing back into the dense equatorial forest.

"The big problem here is people with guns," Kaposo, 38, said just after visiting his wife in a hospital, where she was recovering from her wounds. "I don't feel safe."

A decade after the genocide in Rwanda, as many as 15,000 Hutu guerrillas are still hiding in the forests of eastern Congo, according to U.N. peacekeepers. Remnants of the militias and security forces that carried out the mass slaughter of Tutsis and moderate Hutus in 1994 and fled across the border live off the fertile land, steal from villages, and wait for the next opportunity to attack Rwanda.

In places such as Kiwanja, a village in North Kivu province 10 miles

west of the border, their presence, along with a volatile mix of Congolese soldiers and local militia groups, has kept the border region embroiled in war or on the verge of it for more than a decade.

As local inhabitants describe it, the people with guns are repeatedly attacking civilians, raping women, and looting supplies. The most feared and mysterious of the groups is the Interahamwe, the Hutu militia from Rwanda whose name means "those who fight together."

"They have two names: Interahamwe and bandits," said Nyota Ndivito, 16, holding her 4-month-old daughter on her hip. She recounted how three uniformed men emerged from the forest in November and stabbed her brother to death. Asked how she knew the attackers were Interahamwe, she clicked her tongue impatiently. "They are the same," she said.

But the Interahamwe are more than just marauding gangs. According to local and foreign analysts, they are the key to a puzzle of tribal and territorial conflicts that nobody has found a way to resolve.

During the Rwandan genocide, the Interahamwe led the killing of 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus. The slaughter ended when a Tutsi-led rebel force took control of the government and the Interahamwe fled into eastern Congo, entrenching themselves mostly in the large border provinces of North and South Kivu.

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Rice pleased with fence-mending trip

BY ANNE GEARAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SHANNON, Ireland — The message was sometimes blunt as Condoleezza Rice made her case for a new start with disgruntled European allies on her first trip abroad as President Bush's chief diplomat.

Europeans seemed willing to listen. But the measure of Rice's success in moving past the ranor over the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq will come later in February when Bush retraces many of her steps on his own fence-mending trip to Europe.

"She has no doubt deepened the friendship ... and made new friends," the European Union's foreign-affairs chief, Javier Solana, said Thursday in Luxembourg, with Rice at his side.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier called Rice "chére Condi." Solana greeted her as "an old friend."

Rice chose Europe for her inaugural tour in a nod to the importance of alliances and sensitivities exposed by the

perceptions of Bush and by a war that is highly unpopular across the continent.

"I do think it was important, particularly just starting out, to go to Europe to see people in their context," Rice told reporters aboard her plane Thursday. The plane stopped in Ireland for refueling on the way home.

The eight-day, nine-country trip took Rice to America's staunchest allies in Iraq and to several countries whose governments refused to back the 2003 invasion and still refuse to commit troops to postwar reconstruction.

Rice also went to the Middle East. In the West Bank town of Ramallah, where no top U.S. official had set foot in years,

Rice extended an olive branch to Palestinians after the death of their longtime leader, Yasser Arafat, and the successful election of a moderate in his

place. In both regions, Rice was polite and low-key in public. She came with few proposals and no announced changes in U.S. policy.

Events and regions beyond Europe intruded on the make-nice mood.

In Britain, Rice made headlines with tough words on Iran, which the United States suspects of hiding a nuclear-weapons program. Rice said a military strike on Iran "is not on the agenda," but she would not rule it out.

On Thursday in Luxembourg, her last stop, Rice held a hard line on nuclear disarmament in North Korea, which Bush has included with Iran and Iraq in an "axis of evil."

But it was Iraq that shadowed Rice through Europe.

The Iraq war divided the United States and longtime allies. U.S. policies there continue to be widely unpopular even among Europeans whose governments, such as Italy and Poland, sent significant numbers of troops to Iraq.

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Saudis hold first vote in 40 years, sans women

BY SCOTT WILSON
WASHINGTON POST

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia began its tentative experiment in democracy Thursday as thousands of men filed into schools, government offices, and street-side tents to cast what for many were the first votes of their lives.

At stake were half the seats on 38 municipal councils throughout greater Riyadh, politically powerless positions responsible for the nuts-and-bolts of city government. But the mix of exuberance and solemnity that marked the atmosphere inside many polling places suggested that the unusual act of voting was more important than the specific results.

Makeshift voting booths filled throughout the day with Saudi men, who bent over small metal desks to scrutinize

lengthy ballots before dropping them in plastic bins. The parade was interrupted only by periodic calls to prayer in the birthplace of Islam, prompting voters and election officials alike to bow down in the corners of polling places before returning to vote.

"We call this a democratic wedding," said Salih Enezi, 49, a language professor at King Saud University who supervised voting at the Al-Arqam School for Boys in north Riyadh. "Everyone is hoping we'll have more and more in fields that are more involved in people's lives. But now everybody is happy."

The voting, which excluded Saudi women and military men, marked the first time in four decades that the kingdom has cast ballots for political office. The elections have been characterized by Saudi officials and the Bush administration, now encouraging democratic

reform throughout the Middle East, as a first step in opening up the autocratic government of this oil-rich kingdom to more public participation.

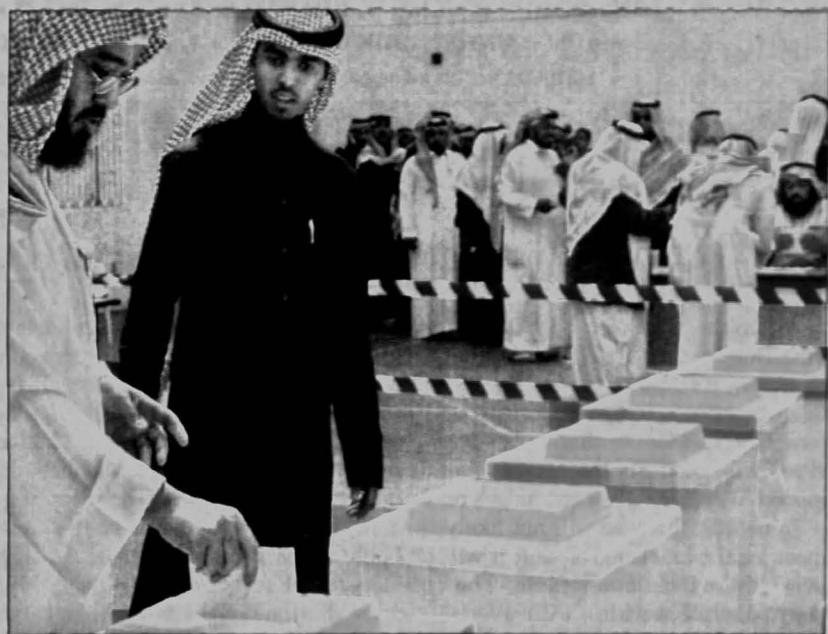
Arab satellite channels made the Saudi elections their lead story as balloting began and continued mostly positive coverage of the event throughout the day. State-owned television channels featured extensive commentary and footage from inside the polling stations.

Saudis last voted in 1963 for regional offices in the western area, although some important Saudi institutions such as chambers of commerce regularly elect their leaders. In the next two months, voting is scheduled to be held in the eastern and western regions of the country, where voter registration has surpassed the relatively low number of eligible Saudis

who signed up here. Approximately a quarter of the Riyadh region's roughly 550,000 eligible voters registered in the month-long period to do so, an electorate made significantly smaller by the exclusion of women.

But there was no shortage of candidates interested in the race, and 1,800 businessmen, academics, Islamic scholars, and others campaigned for 127 council seats. They used the Internet, newspaper advertisements, and evening seminars held in tents across the city, events usually followed by heaping platters of lamb and rice. In Riyadh, a city of some 5 million people, 640 people competed for seven seats.

The sheer number presented many voters Thursday with a daunting challenge as they flipped through ballots running seven pages.



An unidentified Saudi man casts his ballot while others line up to vote at a school in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on Thursday. Municipal elections were the kingdom's first nationwide elections in 40 years; women were barred from running or voting in the election.

Abbas fires security heads, warns militants

The Palestinian Authority will not tolerate any actions that will sabotage the agreement reached with Israelis on a mutual cease-fire.'

—Abu Libdeh

BY MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Reacting forcefully to Hamas rocket and mortar fire in the Gaza Strip in defiance of a cease-fire with Israel, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas dismissed his top security commanders Thursday and sent a message to the militants that he will not tolerate further truce violations.

Among approximately 20 senior officers who lost their jobs were the top two commanders, Brig. Gen. Abdel Razek Majajide, the chief of public security, and Police Chief Saeb al-Ajed, security officials said, a clear sign that Abbas, generally known as Abu Mazen, is serious about enforcing the two-day-old truce.

Hamas claimed responsibility for salvos of rockets and mortars — 30 mortars and 26 rockets, one of the biggest barrages in four years of violence — aimed at two Israeli settlements in southern Gaza, Neve Dekalim and Gidid. The Israeli military said there were no casualties. Israeli TV stations showed video of minor damage to some houses.

Hamas said the barrage was retaliation for the death of two Palestinians Wednesday. One blew himself up with a bomb he was apparently trying to plant, and the other was shot dead by Israeli soldiers as he approached a settlement.

Also Thursday, armed Palestinians stormed the main

Palestinian Authority jail in Gaza and killed three prisoners, part of a clan feud. Abu Mazen also took that as an affront.

"These are very dangerous developments, and they violate the legitimacy of the Palestinian Authority," said Palestinian Cabinet Secretary Hassan Abu Libdeh. "No one can continue with these violations."

In a two-pronged response, Abu Mazen sent a stern warning to the militants after dismissing his security commanders. And he postponed Thursday's trip to Gaza to meet with militant leaders.

Today, Abu Libdeh said, Abu Mazen would meet with the militant leaders in Gaza and "inform them that there is only one Palestinian Authority and one leadership, and [he] will not accept any measures that can subject our national project to dangers."

Abu Libdeh added, "The Palestinian Authority will not tolerate any actions that will sabotage the agreement reached with Israelis on a mutual cease-fire."

Israel, which has linked further progress in peace talks to Abu Mazen's ability to control militants, called for an immediate end to the violence.

The office of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon contacted Egyptian, American, and Palestinian officials Thursday to express concern. "We informed them we expect the Palestinians to act immediately against these attacks," said Asaf Shariv, an aide to Sharon.

At a summit Tuesday in the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheik, in the presence of the president of Egypt and king of Jordan, Sharon and Abu Mazen declared an end to violence and military operations after four years of bloodshed.

Abu Mazen has said all Palestinian groups, including Hamas and Islamic Jihad, have signed on to the truce. But leaders of Hamas and Islamic Jihad, groups responsible for dozens of suicide bombings that have killed hundreds of Israelis, deny that.

Up to now, Abu Mazen has insisted he will not confront the militant groups and disarm them, as Israel and the internationally backed "road map" peace plan demand, preferring negotiations. However, he hinted that his patience has limits.

In a statement accusing Hamas of violating the truce, the central committee of Abu Mazen's Fatah movement declared, "We are still committed to language of dialogue, but at the same time, we warn against continuation of these

irresponsible actions."

Abu Libdeh said Abu Mazen took "punitive measures against officers who did not undertake their responsibilities, which led to the latest developments in Gaza."

Abu Mazen is committed to reforming Palestinian security services. Last month, he ordered retirement for more than 1,000 veteran officers. However, officials said Thursday's dismissals were the direct result of the Hamas mortar and rocket fire and the attack on the jail.

Sharon, meanwhile, signaled in a newspaper interview that he is ready to release large numbers of Palestinian prisoners involved in deadly violence if militants stay on the sidelines during Israel's planned withdrawal from Gaza this summer.

The prime minister said Abu Mazen stressed at the summit that the release of long-serving prisoners is a top priority.

"He [Abu Mazen] told me simply that it is a major problem," Sharon told the *Haaretz* daily. In the past, Israel has refused to release those involved in deadly attacks.

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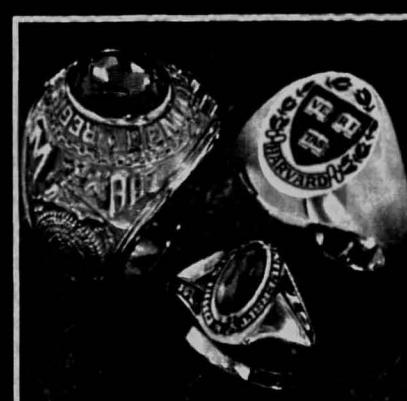
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Embryo status shouldn't be decided by one case

Within the great moral debates of this present era, change comes one ruling at a time. But this time, it isn't a ruling that has created substantial controversy across the country — it's the lack thereof. By refusing to dismiss a case alleging that the accidental destruction of test-tube embryos constitutes wrongful death, an Illinois judge has paved the way for eventual full-fledged bans on abortion, stem-cell research, and in-vitro fertilization. For the sake of scientific and social progress, the case should be dismissed. We cannot allow one judge's refusal to dismantle years of advancement.

To be fair, the case will not likely turn out to be as apocalyptic as it sounds; most legal experts agree that it will probably be overturned in due time. However, its implications remain. The ordeal came about after an Illinois couple learned while working with a fertility clinic that one of their would-be frozen embryos had inadvertently been discarded in June 2000. Understandably upset, they opted to sue the clinic for wrongful death. This is where the case could have influence on a national level.

If a test-tube embryo is indeed legally considered a human being — which is the key question in this case — there is no justification for abortion or stem-cell research because both would logically constitute murder. But this is a nationwide debate that shouldn't be left at the hands of one judge in Cook County, Ill. And one case of human error hardly seems to be the proper situation under which to make a ruling on this controversy. Our main concern is the effect that this one case could have on one of the nation's most hotly contested issues.

Under such a ruling, the process of in-vitro fertilization would simply cease to exist. No doctor would implement the procedure for fear of wrongful-death

lawsuits; the risks involved would simply be too great. Furthermore, in an industry with more than half a million embryos at fertility clinics nationwide, the implications of this decision could render those embryos unusable. *Roe v. Wade*, the 1973 Supreme Court decision still hotly debated more than 30 years later, remains landmark ruling for women. Stem-cell research, limited as it is, has been touted among physicians and scientists as having enormous potential to transform medicine.

And in-vitro fertilization, despite its risks, has the potential to enrich people's lives. Even if the ruling is overturned, this incident may fuel other wrongful-death lawsuits — expensive endeavors that could effectively end the promising science of in-vitro fertilization. Science needs to triumph over ideology.

Couples considering use of in-vitro fertilization need to be fully informed about the risks and possible benefits involved — and this information should be transmitted prior to making a decision on its use. When science is involved in the creation of human life, it's risky. But if couples are willing to take the risk, they can achieve great success. Human error, though, is not enough to justify claims of wrongful death. It's an emotionally laden issue, but one that, by itself, shouldn't determine the outcome of this major debate.

We don't wish to make a statement on the point at which human life begins — indeed, that question has been debated for years. At the same time, however, it is our opinion that one single judge in Illinois isn't justified to make that determination either, particularly when the case has such potentially far-reaching legal implications.

COMMENTARY

The color of beauty

There was an era when pale skin was considered the criterion for beauty. For a disproportionately large part of the world today, pale skin is still considered the ideal. While Europeans and Americans have shifted away from this idea, the overwhelming fascination with white skin in Asia, Latin America, and Africa has persisted. The existence of such parochial ideas of "beauty" in the 21st century is truly distressing.

I recently stumbled across an amusing slang term: "tanorexics." It struck me not because I think it's funny that some people have found a new thing to go overboard with but because the concept of tanning to be attractive contrasts so deeply with millions of women worldwide who would sacrifice anything to achieve a lighter skin color. Although people may chide the West's admiration for glowing tans, I think the obsession with white skin in places where a majority of the people have a dark complexion is tragic. To set the standard of beauty as fair skin in a land of dark-skinned people can be devastating for the psyche of the common population, especially the women, who will go to any lengths to achieve "beauty." In such countries as India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, for a large proportion of women, the ideal profession is still marriage. The ubiquitous institution of arranged marriages in these countries where the fair skin of a potential bride is much sought after puts girls under tremendous pressures to meet these standards.

The American obsession with being skinny is comparable to this "white complex." Free markets exploit the fixations under a guise of providing the people what they want and further perpetuating these complexes. In India, the sizable cosmetic industry earns 52 percent of its revenue from "fairness



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skin creams." "Fair and Lovely" is a brand that can literally be found in every corner of the Earth, including the lone Indian grocery store in Iowa City.

Having spoken with a lot of South Asian women about beauty, some actually believe that fair skin is simply aesthetically alluring. That is an oversimplification. Turning time back to the 19th century, Europeans' idea of beauty was better defined by a pretty pale face than a toasted face. Nimantha Rezera-Rajasingham, an Indian writer, points to class differences. Back then, only the rich could afford to be pale. The poor had to work outside and this was reflected in the tinge of their skin, which came to signify social status — and thus beauty. As Europe industrialized, working classes were shifted from the fields into indoor factories, and only the rich could afford to take sunny vacations. Perhaps at this time, a comparatively browner skin color caused by these vacations became the epitome of beauty.

Similarly, during the days of European colonization, the psychological effect of the ruling class' distinct skin color on the darker people that they dominated cannot be disregarded. Some may believe that it is only human nature to crave what one lacks. But I seriously doubt whether the mindset of a white-skinned person trying to alter her or his skin color is comparable to that of a darker-skinned person's. Taking an extreme example of Michael Jackson, who transformed before our eyes into something unrecognizable, no one can argue that his case is analogous to someone trying to acquire a tan. The crucial difference here must be understood and communicated to allow all the beauty in the world to exist.

LETTERS

What you don't know ...

As contract negotiations continue between the graduate-student collective-bargaining committee and the state Board of Regents, I'm a bit surprised to see the lack of media coverage and community outrage regarding these negotiations.

Although the UI's graduate-student union does everything it can to get the word out, in the past few weeks I've been shocked to learn that most of the community is simply unaware of what exactly is at stake in these proceedings. For example, the other day a rather experienced faculty member turned to me in the elevator and whispered in awe, "My husband read an article saying that the graduate students here [at the UI] have to pay for tuition. Is that true?"

Yes, it's absolutely true. Unless the student is funded by a fellowship (and most are not), he or she is expected to pay back nearly one-third of her or his already-minuscule stipend to the university for tuition. A rarity among graduate schools as a whole, the UI's policy of graduate-student tuition is unparalleled — the university remains the only school in the Big Ten not to grant its graduate students full tuition remission in recompense for their enormous contribution to the areas of research and undergraduate teaching. Perhaps the thing only more shocking than this policy,

however, is that so much of the university community appears completely ignorant about these issues. I find it extremely alarming that my professors and advisers do not have the slightest clue about the amount of debt I am accruing with each passing year of graduate school. In many ways it seems as if university administrators are aware of the absurdity of their position and simply don't want anyone, even faculty members, to know of this anomaly.

Katherine Gubbels
UI graduate student

Time to snuff out indoor smoke

We need to encourage our state representatives and senators to take action to address environmental tobacco smoke.

The issue at hand is that thousands of Iowans daily are exposed to unsafe work conditions. I find it ironic that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration requires surveillance of carcinogenic substances but does not include secondhand smoke despite it being a Group-A carcinogen. In fact, such smoke kills more people than any of the other Group-A carcinogens combined, including OHSA-regulated substances such as asbestos and radon. Furthermore,



a recent study has determined that even 30 minutes of exposure to such smoke increases short-term risk of a heart attack.

Smoke-free policies work — employees are healthier, suffer less absenteeism, and file fewer workers' compensation claims. Insurance companies even discount fire, property, and health-policy premiums for smoke-free workplaces.

Iowa needs clean indoor air regulation. I urge you to contact your legislature to restore local control to the cities and communities of Iowa that are ready to protect their citizens from environmental tobacco smoke. Smoke-free environments just make dollars and sense.

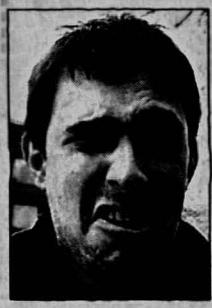
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ON THE SPOT

What moment in history would you visit if you could go back in time?



"I would like to have been there when the West was won."



"I would have watched the Egyptians build the pyramids."



"I would visit the dinosaurs."



"I would go back to last Saturday. That was a fun night."

Academic freedom?

Here are the thoughts of Ward Churchill on the 9/11 tragedy:

"As to those in the World Trade Center: Well, really. Let's get a grip here, shall we? True enough, they were civilians of a sort. But innocent? Gimme a break ... If there was a better, more effective, or in fact any other way of visiting some penalty befitting their participation upon the little Eichmanns inhabiting the sterile sanctuary of the twin towers, I'd really be interested in hearing about it."

Now, who exactly is Ward Churchill?

If you guessed, using his writing as a barometer, that he is an editor of *The Nation*, try again. Churchill was the chairman of the ethnic-studies department at the University of Colorado, a position he was forced to resign after the news of his bizarre screed — excerpted from a published paper titled "Some People Push Back" — drew the public's attention. In fairness to liberals, the conservative camp draws its share of radicals. In fairness to conservatives, we choose to shun and muzzle our loose cannons, instead of placing them in Jimmy Carter's presidential box at national conventions.

The question arises: Does Churchill have the right, as an employee of the University of Colorado and thus paid by the taxpayers of that state, to write such inflammatory rhetoric? Defenders of Churchill, including those at Hamilton College, N.Y., where he was slated to speak before the public outcry prompted his disinvited, generally cite the protections of "academic freedom" and contend that his remarks, which appear to implicitly condone mass murder, fall under such an umbrella. Such a rationale spawns yet another question: At what point does academic freedom descend into radical incoherence?

I submit that Churchill's remarks, which at the least demonstrate intellectual poverty and at most can be interpreted as a call for genocide, would earn a swift pink slip at any job other than his (for the moment, anyway) current one. The competency of such an educator appears suspect in light of his remarks; would you trust your child's education to the rough and perhaps moral equivalent of a Holocaust-denier?

Churchill, for his part, seems blissfully unaware of the irony his situation projects to the dispassionate observer: A rabidly anti-American professor gnashes his teeth at the injustice perpetrated by this country. But this is a professor whose salary is provided by the taxpayer he presumes to loathe for their ignorance; whose tranquil comfort is secured, at great cost, by the men and women in uniform he openly admits to rooting against; whose scholastic opportunities and indeed his job are made possible by the federal tax dollars that flow annually from Washington, D.C., to college campuses everywhere. One only has to apprehend Churchill's hypocrisy to wonder how it is that so many of those privileged elites, who have reaped the biggest rewards from America's freedom and luxury, can then exhibit such venomous disdain for the policies that foster such a lifestyle, not to mention the soldiers dying to preserve it.

Ruminations on Churchill's motives are beside the point and extend too much intellectual generosity to a man whose juvenile deconstructionist tendencies, the product of too many years inside the sheltered oasis of academia, deserve much less. Academic freedom, which should extend protections to those who disagree with government policies, has increasingly been perverted into a slippery slope where condoning the deaths of innocents can be interpreted as a legitimate, if not scholarly, opinion. It is a mystery to tuition-funding parents how crackpot conspiracy theorists manage to ascend the professorial ladder, where, thanks to the legacy of postmodernism, the loose strictures of moral relativity allows for parallels between corporate accountants and Adolf Eichmann.

And therein lies the real academic problem with Churchill's statements: The equation of a Jew-slaughtering Nazi with a World Trade Center employee, when taken at face value, ultimately serves to erase the stigma rightfully attached to Hitler's deeds. Slipshod comparisons, which shoulder the emotional gravity that the invocation of the Nazis evokes, do a gross disservice to those 6 million who died at the hands of Eichmann. This is the natural destination that "intellectual diversity" has meandered toward since the counterculture birthed the first hippie nearly 40 years ago; a counterculture that, after its ideals were rejected by the mainstream, successfully found refuge in ivory towers. Churchill is merely the progeny of such an environment.

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Maia Quartet concert to be an audition, too**BY AUDRA BEALS**

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Maia Quartet's performance tonight will not be a typical one for the group.

The concert marks the finale of a 10-day audition process for Tricia Park, a violinist attempting to secure the chair vacated in October by one of the ensemble's founding members, first violinist Amy Appold.

As the UI's "Quartet-in-Residence," the group has been looking to fill the seat since Appold's departure for a position at the University of Missouri.

Park is one of two finalists selected by the quartet's second violinist Margaret Soper Gutierrez, violist Elizabeth Oakes, and cellist Hannah Holman.

The second candidate, French-Vietnamese violinist Stephane Tran Ngoc, will perform with the quartet March 4.

Of the 30 or so résumés the quartet members have received, these two candidates stood head and shoulders above the rest, Holman said.

Park holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the Juilliard School and has extensive experience as a soloist, but she feels there is more to music than playing showy concertos, Holman said.

As a part of the nearly two-week residency, Park coached chamber groups, rehearsed with the quartet, and performed with it in Dubuque and Cedar Rapids.

This is far different from previous searches, including those for a cellist in 2002 and a second

CONCERT**Maia Quartet**

When: 8 p.m. today

Where: Clapp Recital Hall

Admission: Free

violinist in 2003, because the audition period has been extended from two days to 10.

As a result, both sides will get to know each other well, and should one of them be offered the position, he or she will have full knowledge of what to expect in accepting it, Holman said.

The decision will be announced sometime after spring break.

Tonight's performance features the "String Quartet in G major," Op. 77 No. 1, by Joseph Haydn, and the "String Quartet No. 1 in A minor," Op. 41, by Robert Schumann.

UI Professor Mark Weiger will join the ensemble for the "Quintet for Oboe and Strings," by Arnold Bax, a piece with orchestration not often seen in chamber music.

Usually, if another instrument is added to a string quartet, it's a piano, not an oboe, Holman said.

The ensemble occasionally performs with guest artists but, because the concert is part of an audition process, the members wanted to involve another member of the music-school faculty and get an outside opinion of the candidates, Holman said.

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ARTS
The American Dream's underside**BY AUDRA BEALS**

THE DAILY IOWAN

The university's production of *Nickel and Dimed* is an eye-opening look at the struggles of millions of minimum-wage workers — workers who put in long hours at physically demanding jobs for shockingly low pay, workers whose very existence goes unacknowledged, workers who labor away every single day of the week, often holding two jobs, but still cannot scrape together enough to simply feed themselves and their families.

The play is an adaptation of Barbara Ehrenreich's 2001 *New York Times* best-selling book, *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*.

Ehrenreich, an author and journalist, sets out to do some "old-fashioned journalism," burning not only shoe leather but also a lot of elbow grease in her attempt to experience the life of a minimum-wage worker and determine whether it's even possible to survive on an income of \$6 or \$7 an hour.

She spent a month in three different cities working as a waitress, a hotel maid, a house cleaner, a nursing-home aide, and a Wal-Mart employee. Even with two jobs, she could hardly afford to keep food in her stomach and a roof over her head.

For her co-workers, this was not just a month-long experiment but their actual lives. They were struggling for even basic necessities, sustaining themselves through long hours of scrubbing floors by eating

maybe a few chips or some hot dog buns.

The book conveys the grit and emotion of this situation and awakens in the reader an unbelievable sense of social awareness.

The play takes a slightly different route. The brutal truth and serious tone of the book is replaced by a humorous portrayal of Ehrenreich's experience, interspersed with a series of dramatic monologues that tackle some of the statistics and the harsh, unpleasant reality of it all.

While this approach is different from the book's, it is also more conducive to the stage, and the basic message is unaltered.

Graduate student Christina Frank plays Barbara, and as she travels from one city to the

THEATER**Nickel and Dimed**

When: 8 p.m. today and Saturday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m.

Where: E.C. Mabie Theatre, Theatre Building

Admission: \$17, \$8 for UI students, senior citizens, and youth. Fifty tickets from each performance will be available for a minimum price of a nickel and a dime starting one hour before the show.

Graduate student Christina Frank plays Barbara, a writer posing as a working-class woman, in the UI theater department's production of *Nickel and Dimed*. The production runs through Feb. 13.

Rachel Mumney/The Daily Iowan

next, the other actors take on numerous roles. Impressively, each captures the different accents and the distinctive personalities in each of their many characters.

They depict the physical and emotional toll grueling work has produced after, probably, years of such a life, and they also bring the people's stories to life, showing the situations that exist for each of them.

The play will leave audience members wanting to tip more, give food and cold drinks to hotel maids and house cleaners, and go out of their way to help the people working these jobs. Spending \$7 on lunch will seem like an extravagance, and shopping at chain stores will never be the same.

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NEWS

Images show seabed hammered by quake

BY CHRISTOPHER
BODEEN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BANDA ACEH, Indonesia — The first images Thursday of the seabed battered by the earthquake that triggered Asia's catastrophic tsunami revealed huge ruptures spanning several miles.

A British naval ship collecting data off the coast of Indonesia's Sumatra Island produced the digital images using sonar, and they could be used to help develop a tsunami early-warning system for the Indian Ocean region.

The vibrantly colored seabed maps show the 9.0-magnitude

quake caused the tectonic plates to clash "like the rumpling up of a carpet," according to Steve Malcolm, the commanding officer of the HMS Scott.

The images show "scars" more than six miles wide resulting from the Dec. 26 quake.

They depict the line where the Indian tectonic plate suddenly collided with, and was pushed underneath, the Burma plate.

The maps, created with multi-beam sonar, show ridges as tall as 4,950 feet that were created over thousands of years by the slow collision of the deep, flat Indian plate and the ragged edge of the Burma plate.

That collision has resulted in the Indian plate being gradually

shoved under the edge of the Burma plate in a process known as subduction, said Russell Wynn, a marine geologist at the Southampton Oceanography Center, which took part in the survey.

The Dec. 26 quake was caused by a sudden movement of the two plates, which in turn caused the ridge of the Burma plate to spring up approximately 30 to 60 feet, Wynn said. That sent water surging up and out, creating the devastating waves that menaced the region. The main collision zone was some 12,000 feet below the ocean surface.

Wynn said scars seen on the digital images were likely landslides

created by sediment being loosened by the earthquake.

The epicenter of the earthquake was 24 miles below the seafloor, Wynn said.

Scientists from the Southampton Oceanography Center in southern England and the British Geological Survey have been working with the crew on the HMS Scott since Jan. 26. It was the first time the seafloor has been observed so soon after an earthquake of such a scale, the team said.

The images show deep areas in dark purple and blue and the high ridges caused by the slow plate collision in green, yellow and red. The images were on display at the U.K. Hydrographic

Office in Taunton, southwest England, and on the body's official website.

President Bush, meanwhile,

said Thursday he would ask Congress for \$950 million for tsunami relief efforts — up from \$350 million committed so far. The pledge would put the United States at the top of the list of donors for the disaster.

"We will use these resources to provide assistance and to work with the affected nations on rebuilding vital infrastructure that re-energizes economies and strengthens societies," Bush said in a statement.

The difficult task of recovering the dead in Indonesia is unlikely to be finished by June

as corpses continue to be found in the rubble, said Yrsa Grune from the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Volunteers have been helping a government-led effort to collect and bury victims in Aceh.

Indonesian officials have said they expect the death toll to rise for weeks by an average of 500 a day, but Grune said the search could stretch on for months.

"The plan was to continue until June. Now, it might be that plan will have to be revised," she said. "It's inevitable. Every time you lift a stone you might find something under it because there's still lots of rubble."

WORLD

2004 deadliest year for earthquakes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The death toll from the earthquake-generated tsunami in Asia made 2004 the deadliest year for earthquakes in five centuries, the U.S. Geological Survey said on Thursday.

The agency estimated the toll from the Dec. 26 tsunami at 275,950. Waverly Person, the director of the agency's earthquake information center in Golden, Colo., said he expects the final count to be even higher.

Other sources have estimated the number of dead at more than 160,000, with thousands more listed as missing.

"It's a complicated thing, to figure out just how many people have been killed," Person said.

Based on the agency's estimate, 2004 would have counted an earthquake death toll of 276,856, the second highest in recorded history.

The deadliest quake on record occurred Jan. 23, 1556, when a magnitude 8 earthquake killed an estimated 830,000 people in Shansi, China.

The magnitude 9.0 tremor that hit Banda Aceh, Indonesia, causing the tsunami, was not the only "great" earthquake that occurred during 2004. Great quakes are those with a magnitude of 8 or higher and an 8.1 earthquake hit north of Macquarie Island, southwest of New Zealand, three days before the Indian Ocean quake and tsunami. No deaths were reported in that event.

Pope returns to Vatican after hospital stay

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Waving to crowds from his brightly lit papemobile, Pope John Paul II returned to the Vatican Thursday after a 10-day hospital stay, declared cured of breathing spasms that fueled concerns about the frail pontiff's ability to remain in charge of the Roman Catholic Church.

The pope's return — a hastily arranged procession with a touch of pageantry designed to show the world he has recovered — was broadcast live on Italian television.

Hundreds of well-wishers, including doctors and nurses, applauded as the pope, in his usual white robes, was driven slowly out of the hospital grounds. John Paul looked weary as he sat in the back, accompanied by two aides, and raised his arms to bless the throngs along the 2½-mile route to the Vatican.

Faithful lined the streets around the Vatican as the papal motorcade drove through floodlit St. Peter's Square, through the Arch of the Bells and into the Vatican. Shouts of "Viva il Papa!" — "Long Live the Pope!" — rang out from the crowd.

Charles & Camilla to marry at last

LONDON (AP) — Thirty years after their first romance, Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles, both now graying, will finally wed in a civil ceremony and put the official seal on a relationship Princess Diana blamed for the breakdown of her marriage to the man who would be king.

In a nod to those who have not warmed to Parker Bowles, the royal family said on Thursday she will never hold the title of queen but eventually will be called Her Royal Highness Princess Consort instead. But the usually reserved Charles seemed overjoyed simply to be able to take her as his wife.

"I'm very excited," the prince said as he entered London's storied Goldsmith's Hall and looked at wedding rings.

In their first public appearance together since the announcement, Charles, 56, and Parker Bowles, 57, smiled broadly as they walked into a Windsor Castle reception Thursday night, and the guests applauded.

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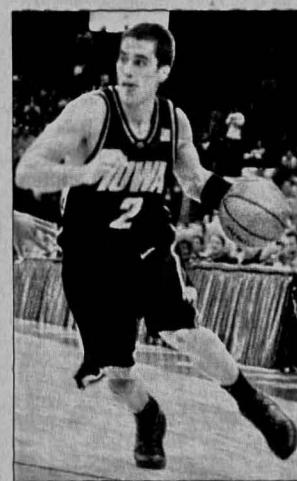
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2005



SECOND CHANCE

Iowa men take on Northwestern

The Iowa men's basketball team will get a second chance against Northwestern Saturday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena after falling to the Wildcats in Evanston, Ill., on Jan. 26.

The Hawkeyes (15-7, 3-6) have lost two straight without Pierre Pierce in the lineup, and they haven't been ranked since losing to Northwestern two weeks ago. Forward Verdan Vukusic scored 32 against Iowa last time around, leading a rally late in the second half when Iowa had a double-digit lead.

Northwestern (11-11, 4-6) has won two consecutive games, including a 55-53 win at Minnesota on a T.J. Parker jumper with less than 20 seconds left.

With seven games remaining before the Big Ten Tournament on March 10, Saturday's game is essentially a must-win if Steve Alford's team wants to salvage its NCAA Tournament chances. The Hawkeyes currently sit in eighth place in the Big Ten.

The game is scheduled to tip off at 7:05 p.m.; it will be televised by KGAN.

— by Jason Brummond

TICKETS

Big Ten wrestling tickets on sale

The UI athletics ticket office will begin selling single-session tickets for the 2005 Big Ten wrestling championship, starting today.

Coach Jim Zalesky's nationally ranked Hawkeyes are the defending conference champions, and they will host this year's meet in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on March 5-6. There are two sessions scheduled for March 5 — 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. On March 6, the championship session will begin at noon.

Single-session tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for students for the first session on March 5, \$15 for adults and \$8 for students for the second session, and \$20 for adults and \$10 for students for the session on March 6.

All-session tickets are still available for purchase. The cost is \$35 for an adult, \$20 for students.

Tickets can be purchased at the UI athletic's ticket office in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, online at hawkeyesports.com, and over the telephone by calling 1-800-IA-HAWKS.

— by Jason Brummond

RECRUIT

Telfair, Hewitt dispute book's claim

ATLANTA (AP) — Portland Trail Blazers rookie Sebastian Telfair and Georgia Tech coach Paul Hewitt on Wednesday denied claims made in a book that Telfair was offered \$250,000 by a tech supporter to sign with the Yellow Jackets.

Ian O'Connor's book *The Jump: Sebastian Telfair and the High Stakes Business of High School Ball*, says Telfair claimed he was offered the money to attend a specific school.

In the book, Telfair was quoted as saying he was told by an unidentified man: "If you come to this school, you'll get paid. I'm talking hundreds of thousands of dollars, \$250,000." And I was like, 'Oh yeah?'

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Cavey leads Iowa to victory

EVANSTON, Ill. (AP) — Jamie Cavey scored 15 points to lead Iowa to a 60-40 victory over Northwestern on Thursday.



Cavey top scorer

Johanna Solverson added 14 points for the Hawkeyes (16-6, 5-6 Big Ten), while Crystal Smith scored nine points. Jenna Armstrong and Jenée Graham each grabbed seven rebounds.

The victory for Iowa follows an 88-78 loss to Wisconsin on Sunday and an 81-50 loss to Minnesota on Feb. 4.

"It feels good after two difficult losses to come out with the defensive intensity we had tonight," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "I'm happy with our play tonight."

Sara Stutz led Northwestern (5-19, 2-9) with 10 points, while Ifeoma Okonkwo scored nine.

The Wildcats shot just 33.3 percent from the floor, compared to Iowa's 41.8 percent.

"We knew we had to come in here and come away with a win," said Iowa freshman Krista VandeVenter.

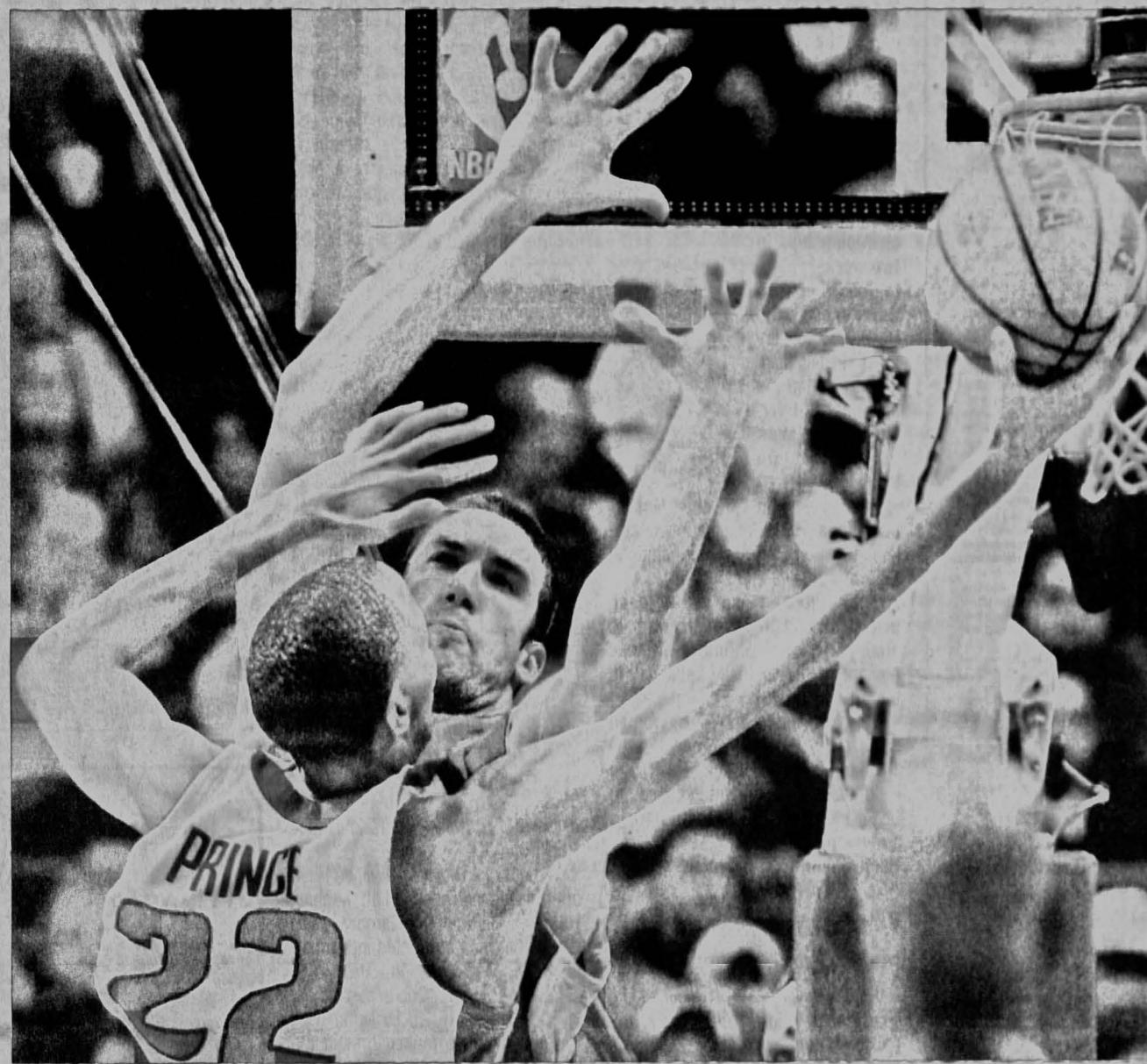
"We played with a sense of urgency tonight."

The Iowa women's basketball team (16-6, 5-6) will take on No. 2 Ohio State (23-2, 9-1) on Feb. 13.

The Hawkeyes, who fell to the Buckeyes, 80-57, on Jan. 13 in Columbus, will look for their second-straight victory. Ohio State will try for its 13th win in a row.

PISTONS 103, LAKERS 81

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Duane Burleson/Associated Press

Los Angeles Laker Chris Mihm tries to defend the basket against Detroit Piston Tayshaun Prince in the first half of their NBA game Thursday in Auburn Hills, Mich. The Pistons won in a walk.

Pistons prove victor again in rematch of last year's NBA finals

BY LARRY LAGE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — In a rematch of the NBA Finals, the result was the same — a thorough thrashing of the Los Angeles Lakers by the Detroit Pistons.

Rasheed Wallace had 23 points and a season-high 15 rebounds, and Tayshaun Prince scored 25 points as Detroit got off to a strong start and routed the Lakers, 103-81, Thursday

night in their first meeting since last June.

The Pistons looked a lot like the team that disposed of Los Angeles in five games while winning by an average margin of 13 points, while the Lakers bear almost no resemblance to their predecessors from last season.

The Pistons moved a half-game ahead of Cleveland in the Central Division standings with their sixth win in seven games.

They led by 14 points less than five

minutes into a game that was never in doubt.

Los Angeles is 1-4 under interim coach Frank Hamblen, who replaced Rudy Tomjanovich when he suddenly resigned, and is 6-8 since Kobe Bryant went down with a sprained ankle. Lamar Odom led the Lakers with 17 points, and Caron Butler had 12.

In his first game against his former team, Lakers guard Chucky Atkins

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IOWA (8-4, 3-2) VS. MINNESOTA (8-6, 2-2)

TODAY, AT CARVER-HAWKEYE ARENA, 7 P.M.

Iowa wrestling hosts Minnesota, Michigan

BY BRIAN TRIPPLETT

THE DAILY IOWAN

It's a rare occasion, but the Iowa wrestling team will face a pair of opponents this weekend that have both gotten the best of the Hawkeyes in their last meeting.

Iowa (8-4, 3-2) will face Minnesota (8-6, 2-2) in Carver-Hawkeye Arena at 7 p.m. today, then take on Michigan (11-3-1, 3-0-1) in Carver at 6 p.m. Feb. 13.

The competition at home will provide a good warm-up for the Hawkeyes, who will host this year's Big Ten championships on March 5-6. Iowa will also host Indiana Feb. 20 in its final meet of the regular season.

"It's also good that we're home, because we've been on the road four out of the last five weekends, which sometimes takes a toll on you," said Iowa coach Jim Zalesky.

Minnesota defeated the Hawkeyes, 18-15, in Minneapolis last year. However, Iowa holds a 29-11 advantage in the series

when competing in Iowa City.

Michigan took down the Hawkeyes, 20-16, in Ann Arbor last season.

While it would be nice to get revenge against both squads, Zalesky is more concerned about momentum.

"You want momentum going into the Big Ten Tournament, as much as possible," he said. "Sometimes that happens, sometimes it doesn't. But I think with this team it's important to have that momentum going into the Big Ten Tournament."

With one of the youngest teams he's ever coached, another goal of Zalesky's is to see continuing progress among the six freshmen in the lineup.

"Some of my young guys, they're giving the effort, and I think they're getting better and better as the year has gone on, but you want to see them getting better still," he said. "You don't want to see them taking a step back."

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Q&A

CUBS VICE PRESIDENT: TEAM HAS BUSINESS YET TO FINISH



JIM HENDRY was in Iowa City Thursday night for the Iowa Baseball Leadoff Dinner, held at the Sheraton Hotel. Daily Iowan reporter Ryan Long had the opportunity to talk with Hendry about the Cubs' upcoming season.

Jim Hendry

Chicago Cubs Vice President

Jim Hendry is in

his 11th year with the organization. He joined

the Cubs in 1994 as director of player development and took over as the organization's scouting director in 1995. He

served as director of player development and scouting from 1998 until his promotion to

assistant general manager in

August 2000.

DI: How do you think the players will respond to last year's late-season slump?

Hendry: I think our guys feel that we've got some unfinished business. We really were devastated early in the year by injuries, but excuses in this game don't matter. Everybody has them — we've certainly had more than our share.

We hung in there real well through that and still had a chance, and we just failed at the end. So, I think our guys know that our '04 club was better than our '03 club; we just didn't get the job done. So, I think they're looking at it like they've got some work to do.

DI: What type of an effect will the Sammy Sosa deal have on this team?

Hendry: Well, it's hard to say. He's done a great job for a long time. It didn't end the way we probably all would have liked it to have ended.

Obviously, when he's healthy and performing well, he puts up numbers, and I think he'll do that in Baltimore. But I think it's no different from any other walk of life in any other sport.

Sometimes, change is good. Sometimes, change is needed. I think it was done in the best interest of everyone. So, we'll be fine. We've got a good ball club. I like the five guys that we have in the outfield. Going into camp, we have a real good balance of left- and right-handed hitters.

We've added some speed. We're better defensively than we were a few years ago. We've got a good young core, not only of our young pitchers, but we have a real good young core of position players now with Lee and Ramirez on the corners. Barrett, Patterson, Nomar's real healthy, who is obviously a great, great player when he's right. So we feel good about it.

We like Hairston, we like Burritt, we like our young kid Dubois, we like Hollandsworth. He did wonderful things last year until he got hurt. So our biggest goal is just to stay healthy.

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BIG TEN WOMEN

	Conf	All
Ohio St.	10-1	23-2
Michigan St.	10-2	21-3
Penn St.	10-2	15-8
Minnesota	8-3	18-5
Wisconsin	6-5	19-9
Iowa	5-6	16-6
Illinois	5-7	13-9
Wisconsin	4-7	10-11
Northwestern	2-9	5-19
Indiana	2-10	9-12
Michigan	1-11	5-18

Thursday's Games

Iowa	60	Northwestern	40
Ohio State	72	Michigan	39
Michigan State	79	Minnesota	48
Wisconsin	65	Indiana	45
Wisconsin	65	Illinois	60

Sunday's Games

Ohio State at Iowa	2:05 p.m.
Michigan State at Wisconsin	5 p.m.
Penn State at Illinois	5 p.m.
Indiana at Northwestern	5 p.m.
Purdue at Minnesota	5 p.m.

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#21 Cincinnati 65, Xavier 54
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#2 Ohio State 72, Michigan 39
#9 Michigan State 79, #12 Minnesota 48
#18 Georgia 67, South Carolina 51
#19 Maryland 77, Wake Forest 67
#20 Temple 68, St. Joseph's (Pa.) 49
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IOWA SPORTS

Today

- Women's gymnastics at Sweetheart Invitational, 6 p.m., Raleigh, N.C.
- Wrestling hosts Minnesota, 7 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye Arena
- Women's track at Cyclone Invitational, TBA, Ames
- Men's track at Cyclone Invitational, TBA, Ames
- Men's track at Cyclone Classic, TBA, Ames
- Softball at Stetson Invitational, Friday, 10 p.m., De Land, Fla.

Saturday

- Men's tennis hosts Marquette, 10 a.m., Rec Building
- Men's gymnastics hosts Illinois-Chicago, 2 p.m., Field House North Gym

- Men's basketball hosts Northwestern, 7:05 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
- Women's track at Cyclone Invitational, TBA, Ames
- Men's track at Cyclone Classic, TBA, Ames
- Softball at Stetson Invitational, TBA, De Land
- Men's tennis hosts Toledo, 10 a.m., Rec Building
- Women's basketball hosts Ohio State, 2:05 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
- Wrestling hosts Michigan, 6 p.m., Carver-Hawkeye
- Softball at Stetson Invitational, 3 p.m., De Land

- Tonight, the Hawkeyes will compete against

NFL COMMENTARY | NORM CHOW

High marks for NFL in minority hiring

BY STEVE WILSTEIN

ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFL's gain is college football's loss and further evidence that the two are going in different directions on minority hiring.

Norm Chow, the architect of the offense that propelled Southern California to two-straight national titles, hoped to become college football's first Asian-American head coach.

He waited 32 years, mentoring Heisman Trophy and Hall of Fame quarterbacks, going from BYU to North Carolina State to USC, designing high-scoring offenses everywhere he went.

He earned a national reputation. His phone number wasn't a secret. But precious few calls for head coaching jobs ever came.

On Wednesday, he stopped waiting, got out of the college ranks for at least a while, and signed on as offensive coordinator for the Tennessee Titans.

The dream to be a head coach hasn't faded. Chow called the Titans job "an opportunity for me and my family to get to the highest level of football."

He played down reports of friction with USC coach Pete Carroll and spoke of his excitement of being in the NFL.

You'd think athletics directors would have been knocking each other over to hire a man such as Chow. He worked with Heisman winner Ty Detmer, recently elected Hall of Famer Steve Young, Jim McMahon, Marc Wilson, and Robbie Bosco during 27 years at Brigham Young. He guided standout quarterback Philip Rivers for a year at North Carolina State, then Heisman winners Carson Palmer and Matt Leinart at USC.

You'd think a man with that kind of record of success would have had his pick of schools to be a head coach.

You'd be wrong.

College football is still largely run the



Reed Saxon/Associated Press
University of Southern California head coach Pete Carroll (left) and offensive coordinator Norm Chow react during practice on Nov. 4, 2003, in Los Angeles. Chow was hired as the offensive coordinator with the Tennessee Titans on Wednesday.

way it's always been run, hiring through the good-old-boy network. There aren't many minorities among athletics directors and presidents, and they don't hire many minority coaches.

"College football is going in the exact opposite direction as the NFL," said sports

sociologist Richard Lapchick, who monitors ethnicity and sex issues at Central Florida's Institute of Diversity and Ethics in Sports.

In the NFL, the number of minority head coaches has tripled to six since the "Rooney Rule" was adopted two years ago. During the same span, the number of minority head football coaches at the 117 NCAA Division I-A schools dropped from five to three.

"It was absolutely shocking to me that at the end of this year, after two consecutive national championships and everybody saying how great a coach he was, that Norm Chow didn't get offered a college head-coaching job," Lapchick said.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue, responding to pressures inside and outside the game to hire more minorities, appointed a committee headed by Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney. The panel recommended a policy requiring all teams with coaching vacancies to interview at least one minority candidate.

Marvin Lewis was hired by the Bengals after that season. Last year, the Bears hired Lovie Smith. Dennis Green, who spent 10 seasons coaching the Vikings, returned to the league with the Cardinals.

Now with New England defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel in Cleveland and more than a dozen minorities holding offensive or defensive coordinator positions, the NFL is showing college sports the path to diversity.

Unlike Tagliabue, NCAA President Myles Brand cannot impose a hiring rule on all the schools. College presidents have to be willing to exhibit the same commitment to diversity as NFL owners.

"It just shows that if you open up the process and if the owners themselves are involved, there will be change," NFL players' union President Gene Upshaw said. "Over the past few years, the change in the NFL has been very substantial."

Saturday in De Land, Fla.

It's the first competition of the spring for the team, and coach Gayle Blevins considers it an opportunity to answer some questions about the lineup and to get reacquainted with competitive play.

"It's your first time to be outside," she said. "So it's acclimating back to the elements ... the surfaces, the wind, and the sun in your face."

"We're kind of trying to fill up some lineups right now more from an offensive standpoint. I think there will be some shifting in our offensive lineup."

Changes thus far have included moving juniors Emily Gerlick and Kylie Murray to the outfield. The infield will include freshmen Summer Downs at second and Emily Nichols and Stephanie Ackerson, along with junior-college transfer Brandi Sargent, competing for time at first.

"I want to give the kids opportunities," Blevins said. "Each of them has different kinds of strengths."

Iowa will take on Virginia Tech and Stetson at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday and Feb. 13 respectively.

— by Ted McCartan

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Iowa wrestler earns Big Ten honor

JOHNSON CITY (AP) — Freshman Mark Perry of Iowa has been named the Big Ten's Wrestler of the Week after pinning his two most recent opponents.

Perry, the Hawkeyes' 165-pounder, pinned Penn State's Jarrad Turner in 2:02 and pinned Ohio State's Zach Craiglow in 3:42 the following night.

The nephew of Oklahoma State coach John Smith, Perry is 18-2 this season and leads Iowa with 44 team points in dual meets.

It's the first weekly Big Ten honor for Perry. Iowa's Mario Galanakis earned the weekly award on Jan. 12.

Womens track head to Iowa State Classic

This weekend, the Iowa women's track team will look to improve upon last weekend's performances and continue to prepare for the Big Ten championships in two weeks.

Coach James Grant expects the Hawkeyes to perform at their peak at this point in the season. So far, the team appears to be right on track.

Last weekend at the Husker Invitational, Iowa qualified two athletes for the NCAA championships in March.

Sophomore Peaches Roach placed second in the high jump to qualify, and sophomore Kineke Alexander provisionally qualified in the 400 meters.

This weekend, the Iowa women's team will travel to Ames to compete in the 14th-annual Iowa State Track and Field Classic. Competition is set to begin today at 3:30 p.m. and 10:15 a.m. on Saturday in the Lied Recreation Athletics Center.

— by Kristi Pooler

Women's gymnastics go to East Coast meet

After winning its first meet of the season last weekend in Illinois, the Iowa women's gymnastics team is looking to continue its success tonight.

"We still made mistakes," head coach Larissa Libby said. "But the mistakes that we made were minimal, and the team was incredibly consistent."

Tonight, the Hawkeyes will compete against



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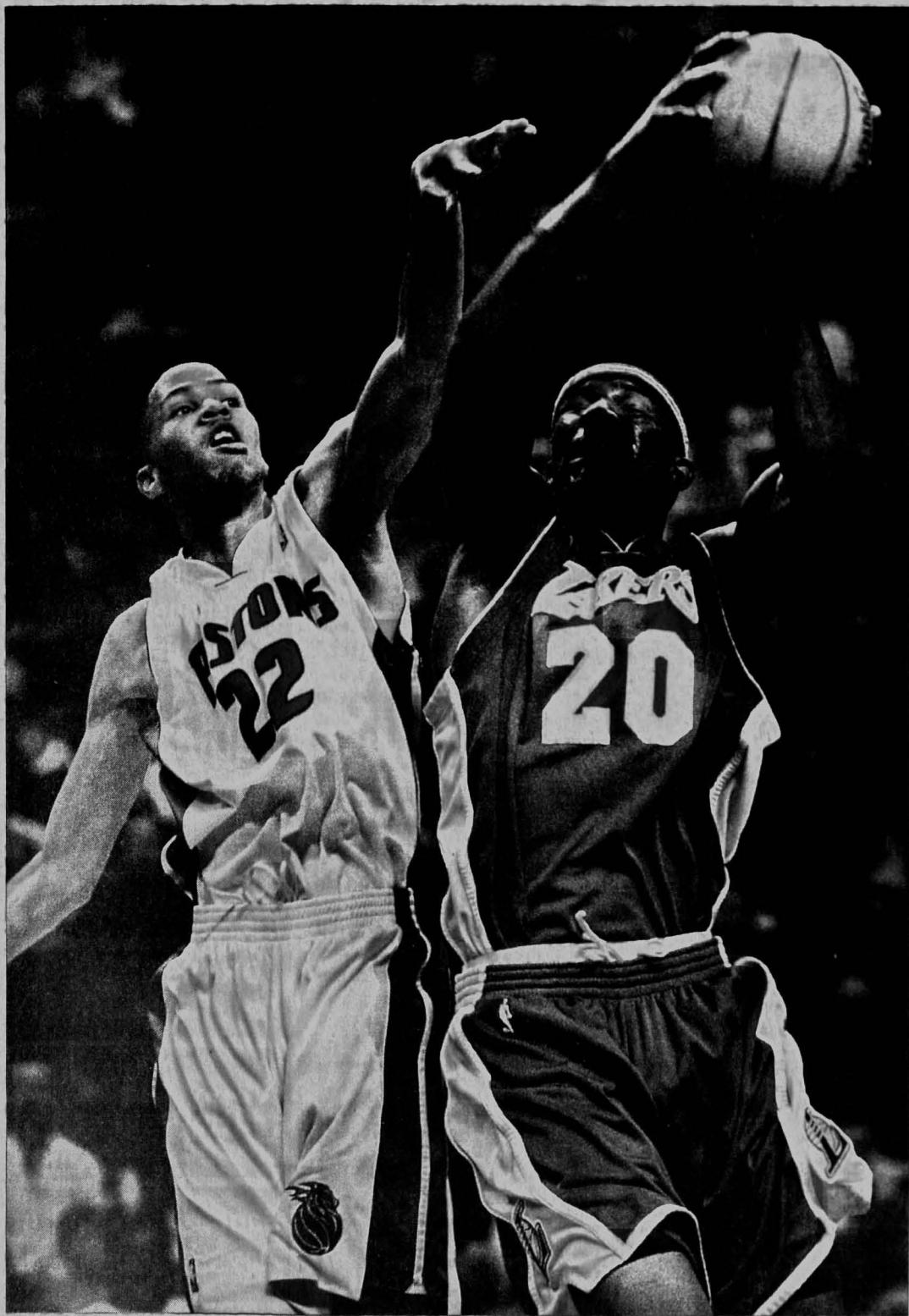
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Los Angeles Laker Jumaine Jones (left) and Detroit Piston Tayshaun Prince battle for a rebound in the first period in Auburn Hills, Mich., on Thursday.

DEJA VU: Pistons win again

PISTONS

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scored just three points — 10 below his average — on 1-of-7 shooting.

Bryant wouldn't guess when he'll return, but said he plans on running during Saturday's practice after resting his ankle for a few days. Bryant was booed each time he was shown on the videoboard above the court.

Detroit's Chauncey Billups had 15 points and a season-high 11 assists, Ben Wallace grabbed 15 rebounds, Richard Hamilton scored 11 and the Pistons had a season-high 30 assists.

Not only are the Pistons clearly a better team than the Lakers, they were also much more rested. Detroit had a game for just the second time in eight days while the Lakers

played their fourth in five nights.

Detroit jumped out to an 18-2 lead as the Lakers had more turnovers (two) than field goals (one) and led 30-12 after the first quarter, outrebounding them 22-11.

The Pistons were ahead by as much as 26 in the second quarter and 27 in the third before coasting with reserves in the final quarter.

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NFL

Vick aims to impress people during Pro Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — Michael Vick and Donovan McNabb huddled in front of their lockers at Aloha Stadium on Thursday, goofing on any NFC teammate crossing their paths and making plans for a night out on Waikiki Beach.

Sure, the Pro Bowl week isn't exactly the toughest stretch of the NFL season, but Vick is taking it seriously enough that his fellow All-Stars and the Atlanta coaching staff have teased him about it.

In between spending time with his family and his closest friends

from around the league, Vick also is hoping to make an impression on anybody who still doesn't know what the Falcons star can do.

"Definitely, I'm focused on this game a whole lot," Vick said.

"I've been thinking about it since our season ended in Atlanta. This is the first chance."

"I'm going to have to line up against the best of the best, so if you can't end the season with a championship, this is one of the next-best ways."

Vick has become one of the NFL's most popular, versatile and electrifying players in his four seasons, but he hasn't made a Pro Bowl appearance yet.

He was selected for the NFC squad after his breakout season

two years ago, joining Dan Marino, Brett Favre, Kurt Warner, Daunte Culpepper, and Tom Brady as the only second-year quarterbacks to earn a spot in the game in their first full year as starters.

But Vick skipped the Pro Bowl to get a bunion removed from his right foot.

He figured he would have plenty of chances to get to Hawaii if he kept playing well — but then he broke his leg in the 2003 preseason, and the resulting disaster in Atlanta eventually led to coach Dan Reeves' firing.

"I wasn't thinking about the Pro Bowl at the end of last year," Vick said.

"That was the last thing on my mind."

Q&A

Hendry: Rusch 'a tremendous guy'

HENDRY

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DI: How do you plan on replacing Kyle Farnsworth?

Hendry: I'm not trying to replace him. I feel good about the people we have and the people in house. If we find we have a need, whether it's in the bullpen or somewhere else, we'll always be on the lookout to improve.

DI: Do you believe this could be the year that Corey Patterson displays his All-Star potential for an entire season?

Hendry: Well, Corey's 25, and until the last three weeks of the season last year, he played very well. Coming off the ACL, he's going to get nothing but better because he doesn't have any chinks in his arm or as far as what it takes to be good. He's a great athlete, he's a great kid, he's got aptitude, there are no off-the-field issues. If you look back at the history of the game, guys from 25 to 30 like him usually really sprout, and I think

he's just knocking on the door of being what you said, an All-Star player.

DI: Is Glendon Rusch capable of displaying success as a starter that mirrors last season?

Hendry: Yeah, I hope so. I gave him a chance to because No. 1, not only did he pitch well and he's left-handed, but he really is a tremendous guy. I think he's just maturing into the type of pitcher that he was last year and could stay that way. He's at that age where

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MLB STEROID USE

Giambi apologizes — but won't say for what

BY RONALD BLUM

ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Jason Giambi twiddled his thumbs, crossed his legs, and fidgeted in his chair.

He said he was sorry five times. He apologized three times.

To the New York Yankees. To his teammates. To the fans.

But he never said why. And he never talked about using steroids, never mentioned the word.

Giambi came to Yankee Stadium on Thursday to make his first public comments since it was reported in December that he'd told a federal grand jury in 2003 that he took steroids for at least three seasons.

"When I went into that grand jury, I told the truth," he said.

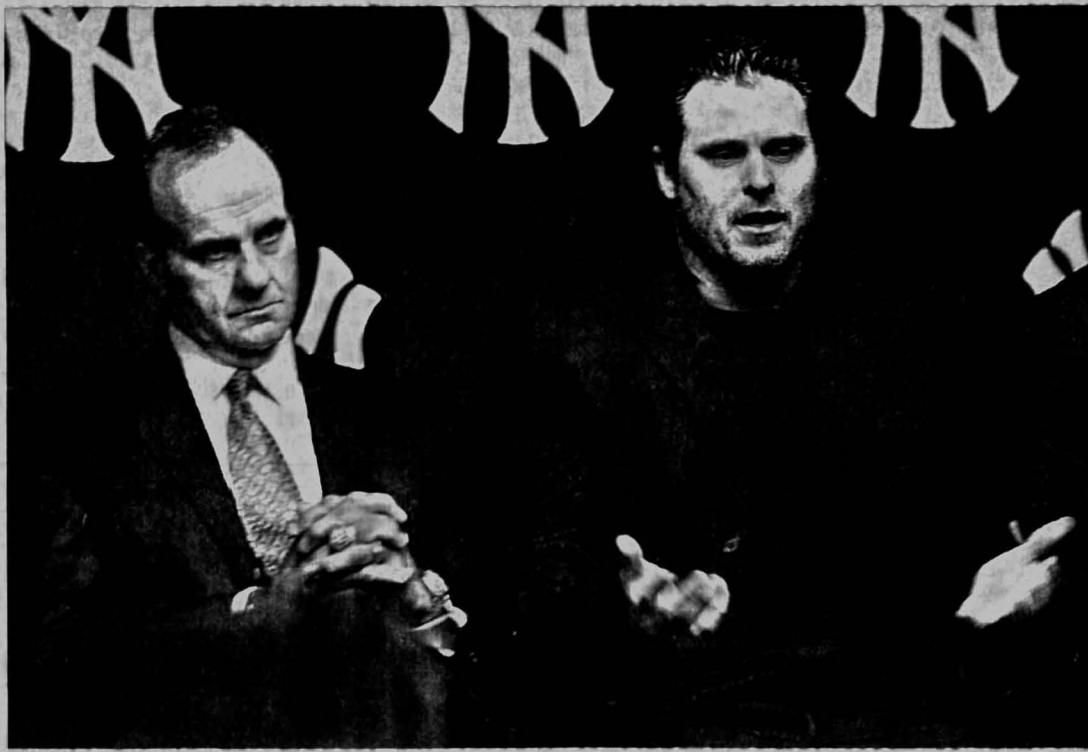
But that's about as far as he went, despite repeated prodding.

"I know the fans might want more, but at this present time, because of all the legal matters, I can't get into specifics," he said. "Someday, hopefully, I will be able to."

Said his agent, Arn Tellem: "The answers are there, if you look for them."

On this day, though, Giambi wasn't telling all.

"There's been a lot of distraction, definitely, over the last year, and I'm sorry for that. I really am," he said. "I feel I let down the fans. I feel I let down



New York Yankee first baseman Jason Giambi (right) gestures as he talks to the media on Thursday in New York. At left is Yankee manager Joe Torre.

Ray Stubblebine/Associated Press

the media. I feel I let down the Yankees, not only the Yankees, but my teammates.

"I accept full responsibility for that," he went on. "I'm sorry, but I'm trying to go forward now. Most of all, to the fans, I'm sorry. I know it's going to be hard, and

I understand how they feel."

Only 10 days before he's scheduled to report to spring training, Giambi met with print reporters for 43 minutes with general manager Brian Cashman, manager Joe Torre, and Tellem at his side. He later did

another interview session for television and radio.

"If it was up to Jason, he would tell you everything," Tellem said.

Wearing a dark striped suit and black shirt, his face stubbly with several days of beard,

COMMENTARY | JASON GIAMBI

Dancing around specifics doesn't help Giambi, fans, or others implicated

BY JIM LITKE

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jason Giambi is sorry.

Sorry.

Sorry.

So sorry, that he'd already apologized five times in five minutes to TV reporters before somebody had the good sense to ask him exactly what he was apologizing for.

"I'm sorry," Giambi began, "that I can't get into bigger specifics for you guys and hopefully, someday I will. Because of the legal issues that are going on, you know, it would be a lot easier. But I hope everybody understands this is the position I'm in."

"I'm trying to do the best I can and say I'm sorry. That's the best I can do and," he added, probably sensing that he was close to a personal best, "I apologize for that."

Rarely has so much contrition yielded so little information — and even less responsibility. But that's the sorry state Major League Baseball finds itself in a week before pitchers and catchers report. Nobody still knows nothin'. Everybody is still sorry. You'd hear the same story eavesdropping at Tony Soprano's "Bada-Bing" club any afternoon.

So go ahead, throw all those spring-training previews back in a drawer. The real suspense this season won't be whether the Red Sox or Yankees added enough pricey new pieces to win the World Series. It will be whether anybody inside baseball can muster the courage to answer the question that is shredding the game's credibility. And the only place people are even working on it is the federal prosecutor's office in San Francisco.

That office is just down the road from the now-infamous BALCO Lab, where a raid by investigators in September 2003 lifted the lid on the worst-kept secret in baseball. It's even closer to the grand-jury room that Giambi strolled into one morning last winter and unburdened himself of most of what he knew about steroids. There were plenty of sordid details, according to testimony leaked to newspapers, but who knows? He might be holding back the best stuff for a



Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

New York Yankee Jason Giambi reacts after getting a two-ball, two strike call against Texas Ranger pitcher Colby Lewis on April 25, 2003, in Arlington, Texas. Giambi spoke publicly on Thursday for the first time since a report said he had testified before a grand jury in 2003 that he had used steroids.

tell-all book of his own. Either way, Giambi wasn't about to share any of it with the media summoned to Yankee Stadium on Thursday afternoon for his performance.

A few minutes into it, somebody asked whether Giambi, like former Oakland A's teammate Mark McGwire, would claim to have been truthful when discussing his steroid use in the past.

"I can't get into specifics," he said for the umpteenth time. "But one thing I'll tell you is when I went in front of the grand jury, I told the truth."

Smart man.

But lying to the public has consequences, too, as baseball may yet find out. The rest of us are already resigned to the fact that the last 15 years of baseball have been juiced; what we need to know now is how juiced? We can make our own decisions from there.

Everyone inside the game is always

boasting about its continuity and about how the chance to compare ballplayers and their numbers from different eras links one generation to the next. But the dizzying number of home-run totals lately is about to turn the century-plus traditions into a joke.

Just imagine Barry Bonds, the poster boy for this supersized era, blowing by Babe Ruth, and then Hank Aaron, and then turning back over a muscular shoulder on his way to home plate and whispering, "See you later, suckers."

Whether the fans in the ballpark on that fatal day cheer or boo, or simply sit on their hands, will depend in large part on whether Bonds, Giambi, McGwire, and all those other ballplayers who know the real story come clean. Right now, they've chosen silence, or else statements carefully parsed by high-priced legal help, leaving the confessional to disreputable stoolies like Jose Canseco.

But say this much for the former Bash Brother: At least Canseco tried to put the problem in perspective. Until further notice from prosecutors, or until somebody with credibility inside the game steps up and does the same, Canseco's estimate — and a few others' — that 50 percent of major leaguers were juiced doesn't sound so far-fetched. Especially not at the top of the game.

It needs to be said that Giambi is far from the first, or even the worst offender in the game, and at least he knew better than to trot out the "I thought it was flaxseed oil — whatever, dude" defense.

He has plenty to lose, apparently, by telling the truth. No sooner did news of his testimony break in December than the Yankees began exploring ways to break off the remaining four years and \$82 million on Giambi's contract. Admitting his steroid use now would be like handing the ballclub a crow bar.

So don't expect anything different from anybody else caught up in this widening mess. They're all in the same boat, and you know what they say about loose lips.

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SPORTS**NCAA FOOTBALL**

National champion Trojans undergo staff turnover

USC will rebuild a different team — its coaching staff — after the NFL snags its assistants

BY KEN PETERS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — USC coach Pete Carroll faces a rebuilding job with the two-time defending national champion Trojans — not the team, the coaching staff.

Offensive coordinator Norm Chow joined the Tennessee Titans in the same role Wednesday, the fifth Trojans assistant to leave since they ended their season with a 55-19 rout of Oklahoma in the BCS championship game.

The Trojans' success this past season and the previous year, when they shared the national title with LSU, predictably boosted their assistant coaches' stock in the job market.

Three of them — quarterbacks coach Carl Smith, offensive line coach Tim Davis, and Chow — moved on to the NFL.

Defensive line coach Ed Orgeron took the head coaching job at Mississippi, then hired Trojans' graduate assistant Dennis Slutak.

Smith moved to the Jacksonville Jaguars as offensive coordinator. Davis left to coach the Miami Dolphins' line.

So, although Heisman winner Matt Leinart will be back for his final season at USC along with Reggie Bush, LenDale White, and a host of other outstanding players, Carroll will shuffle his staff and hire some new assistants.

Steve Sarkisian, a quarterback at BYU when Chow was an assistant there, is returning to USC after a year with the Oakland Raiders' staff. Sarkisian was USC's quarterback coach in 2002 and '03. Carroll also is promoting graduate assistant Ken Norton Jr. to a full-time job.

Carroll spoke earlier Wednesday with a head coach who also has to retool his staff — Bill Belichick of the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.

"Bill's in town for some TV shows, and we sat down and talked. They are in the same situation," said Carroll, who formerly coached the Patriots and the New York Jets. "Bill and I talked during the year, and he mentioned that he



Mark J. Terrill/Associated Press
Southern California football coach Pete Carroll looks up as he speaks to reporters in Los Angeles on Wednesday about the departure of offensive coordinator Norm Chow.

might lose both of his coordinators. He lost both of them.

"I think there's a real parallel there. You get on top, and people come after your guys. It's natural."

Miami-bound Davis believes the Trojans won't miss a beat and will repeat as national champions.

Chow tutored Heisman winners Carson Palmer and Leinart during his four years under Carroll, after working as an assistant at BYU with such outstanding passers as Jim McMahon, Steve Young, and Heisman Trophy winner Ty Detmer.

Chow was considered the Trojans' offensive guru, complementing Carroll's defensive wizardry.

"We're losing a great coach

and a great leader in Norm Chow," Carroll said. "He will bring his history of success and winning to the league,

and I'm certain he will enhance the Titans' chances of getting to the Super Bowl."

Leinart, who last month decided to return to school rather than enter the NFL draft, was especially close to Chow.

"Of course, I'm disappointed that Coach Chow is leaving. I was really looking forward to him being here for my senior year," Leinart said.

"But we all have to recognize that with the success we've had, coaches are going to get opportunities to better themselves."

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Committee recommends video replay for all games

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — An NCAA committee recommended Wednesday that all schools and conferences be allowed to use a video-replay system tested last season in the Big Ten.

The recommendation by the Football Rules Committee will be considered by an oversight panel Feb. 24 and, if approved, will be put in place for the regular season this fall.

"The response to video replay nationally and in the Big Ten was overwhelmingly positive," said Chuck Broyles, the coach at Pittsburgh State and chairman of the rules committee. "When we have the ability to correct a potentially game-changing error, and we have the

technology to do so, we feel this improves the fairness of the game and directly improves the student-athlete experience."

He said many conferences have asked permission to try the replay system for the 2005 season.

The Big Ten in December said replay was used in 28 of 57 conference games last season. Of the 43 calls questioned, 21 were overturned. Games in which replay was used averaged three minutes longer than games without replay.

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SPORTS**Bettman: Deal by the weekend or no hockey this season**

BY IRA PODELL

ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The long-awaited deadline is set. If the league and the union can't hammer out a new collective-bargaining agreement in this last round of talks that started secretly in Toronto on Wednesday,

Commissioner Gary Bettman will pull the plug.

The NHL would then have the distinction of being the first North American sports league to lose an entire season to a labor dispute.

Bettman would rather not have that mark on his record but cautioned that the right deal is necessary for the NHL to survive.

"This has just been a very difficult, frustrating process, and, again, we're

sorry we have to go through it," he said. "But we had no choice."

Bettman and Bill Daly, the NHL's chief legal officer, had dinner late Wednesday night with players' association Executive Director Bob Goode now and Senior Director Ted Saskin, but there were no formal discussions, a source close to the negotiations told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

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— by Nick Narigon

• Gas pumps. They're not really giving you the amount they register. I swear.

• The pope is really dead. He's just being dragged around by two schlubs trying to protect themselves from Mafia hitmen. Just like in *Weekend at Bernie's*.

• Arnold Schwarzenegger is really from the planet Sirius B, and he is here to save us from the apocalypse.

• Deodorant. Who persuaded Americans our armpits have to smell good?

• Martha Stewart is really a spy for the North Koreans.

• Lisa "Left-Eye" Lopez is still alive and living at the Super 8 in Topeka, Kan.

• In those online war games such as *Counterstrike*, you really are killing people.

• Prostate exams. Just like Bigfoot and the Loch Ness Monster, the prostate does not exist.

• Tanning beds are really government devices to control our minds.

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quote of the day

"My 35 years in the Marine Corps have shown me that that's why young men and women join the Marines — to go do that kind of stuff. Most of them would rather be going back to Iraq than sitting around at Camp Lejeune or Camp Pendleton shooting blanks."

— Marine Lt. Gen. Jan Huly, on whether the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have hurt recruiting.

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Friday, February 11, 2005

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may feel uncertain about your home and the conditions you are living under. Discipline and focusing on what needs to be done in order to make things right will be required. Change will be good in the end.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't make promises you can't keep, and everything will turn out fine. As long as you steer clear of opposition and focus on what you can do to help others, you will feel good at the end of the day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make sure that when you say you can do something, you truly are a master when asked to perform. Someone with a critical eye is likely to call your bluff. Direct and precise actions will pay off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be ready to take action, especially to your home or family. Money matters will be easily cleared up. Getting involved in something different will lead to meeting someone special.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Much will depend on how you handle the people around you today. If you are humble, gracious, and kind, you will get your way. A change in your financial situation is looking favorable. Luck is with you today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is plenty of excitement going today. You can make progress through the people you influence today. A partnership may be on unstable ground. Taking precise action will help you smooth things over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Share your knowledge with people who are just as intuitively creative as you are, and it will make a difference to the outcome of anything that you are working on. This is the perfect day to make positive changes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Not everyone will get what you are trying to do, but the ones who do will be in your corner to help you every step of the way. Love is apparent, so don't miss out on an opportunity to spend time with that special someone.

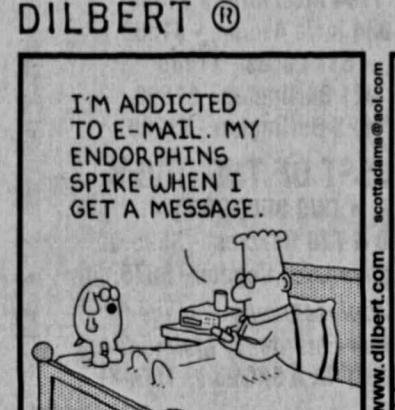
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You know what you have to do, but don't expect it to be smooth sailing. Someone who cares about you will be worried and will probably try to stand in your way. Communication will clear the air, so don't skirt the questions being asked.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will have a lot to contend with today, but the end result will bring you exactly what you want. Talk about your dreams, and you will get the help you need to turn them into a reality.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are the only one who can change your life. Begin with an honest look at your lifestyle, and consider what you can and should do to help you strive for a better future. It's up to you to make changes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotional matters may get to you; don't let them cost you money or make you feel ill. Letting things linger on will be your biggest mistake today.

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UITV schedule

The PATV schedule was not available on the organization's website at press time.

3 p.m. "Know the Score," Dec. 10
5 Van Allen Day Series, Keynote Lecture
6 A Conversation with William Kristol
7 "Talk of Iowa, Live from the Java House," Marvin Bell & Rachel Davis
8 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 1
8:26 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 2

9:03 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 3
9:47 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 4
10:21 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 5
10:52 Student Video Productions Presents Iowa Desk & Couch No. 6

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