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TEXTBOOK CASE

New law would curb texts' cost

BY PATRICK DAVIS
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An Oregon representative wants to cut the high (and often unnecessary) costs of textbooks for students with a measure that would impose rules on universities and publishers.

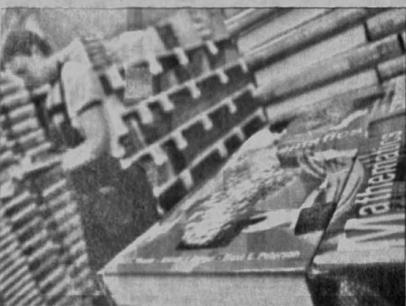
A measure recently proposed by Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., would make universities responsible for letting students know how much textbooks will cost before they register for classes.

Also, book publishers would have to disclose to students and colleges the timeline for new book editions and the differences between new and old editions. The proposed law would also forbid publishers from bundling textbooks with workbooks and computer software.

Richard Shannon, associate manager of the University Book Store, said most of the proposed changes would affect publishers more than the UI, and letting students know how much textbooks will cost is easy.

"We start collecting book orders in May," he said. "If we've received a book order, then we can let the students know."

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Rachel Mumme/The Daily Iowan

As the upcoming school year nears, stacks of new textbooks pile up in the University Book Store on Monday. A proposed law in the U.S. House of Representatives would allow students to know the cost of textbooks before they register for classes.

JOHNSON COUNTY JAIL

Cyber tour shows jail's lack of room

BY NICK PETERSEN
THE DAILY IOWAN

A conference table surrounded by chairs fills most of the Johnson County Jail's exercise room in a photo that is part of the Sheriff's Office's virtual tour of the facility.

The room, which held the jail's library before that service was eliminated because of the lack of space, is part of a slide show of 46 images recently posted online by the Johnson County Sheriff's Office to showcase the facility's inadequacy.

"The sheriff's department is trying to educate the public on what it's like," said Sally Stutsman, the chairwoman of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors. "The tour lets them see inside the jail."

Photo after photo of areas serving numerous uses and captions identifying the building's limitations serve as the most recent permutation of the department's campaign for a larger jail.

Statistics showing the prison population, which regularly exceeds the facility's maximum capacity, and the costs of shipping the inmate overflow out of the county accompany the website tour.

Excluding transportation, the cost of shipping inmates to Linn County totaled \$522,000 in 2004. It has increased more than 20 percent through June this year, compared with the same time period last year.

Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek has implemented jail-alternative programs, including a mental-health diversion program, a county-funded

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TAKE A TOUR

Jail virtual tour web address:
<http://www.johnson-county.com/sheriff/index.shtml>

IC RESIDENTS LOOK FOR WEATHER BREAKS



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Four-year-old Luna Adelt of Iowa City plays in the Pedestrian Mall fountain while her mother, Ursula Adelt (left), father, Ulrich Adelt, and older sister, Maya, sit on a bench on Monday afternoon. The fountain serves as a fun and free way to cool off kids of all ages during the heat wave that hit Iowa City recently.

Soaring temps turn IC into AC

BY MARK BOSWORTH
THE DAILY IOWAN

When asked if she had the air conditioning on, Iowa City resident Kathy Ricklefs laughed and said, "You bet."

But Ricklefs, who has lived in Pheasant Ridge Apartments for 33 years, spoke more soberly when discussing her increasing bills. Her low-income housing neighborhood provides for free utilities except one — electricity.

"The electricity is really expensive," she said. "But I wouldn't be without [air conditioning] now."

Iowa City residents recently endured a 14-day stretch of temperatures that soared to 90 degrees or above, according to National Weather Service meteorologist Mike Bardou. Ricklefs said she waited until the end of June to turn on her central air, and she will likely

keep it burning until the fall, cranking up her bill to approximately \$60. The comfort isn't really something she can afford, but "because it gets mighty hot in here," she'll keep it on.

"I lived out here when we didn't have AC, and for many years, it was very, very hot," she said. "You would sit with the fans, and all it did was move around hot air."

Pheasant Ridge inhabitant Brooks Tappmeyer said he'd like to spend the money on other things, but a disability requires him to stay cool.

"[My bill] is quite a bit higher, but it's necessary for me," he said.

Unlike Ricklefs and Tappmeyer, Pheasant Ridge resident Patricia Clemens said she was not willing to pay extra to keep cool — she does it the old-fashioned way, sitting directly in the flow of a fan. She is hesitant to

run her central air because of her electricity bill, she said.

New and used fans are in high demand in Iowa City — at least evidenced by the empty shelves at the Salvation Army, 1116 Gilbert Court.

"The need is there, and we are trying to serve," said Dan Todd, the Salvation Army social-service director. The Salvation Army has already given away nearly 100 fans to people in need this summer, he said.

Jane Mutinda, who lives in Pheasant Ridge, uses fans whenever possible to avoid turning on the air conditioning.

"My last bill was 70 something, and I don't have the income for it," she said.

Neighbor and UI senior Amy Chung and her two roommates, however, don't hesitate to flip the switch.

"We just turn it on," she said. E-mail/DI reporter Mark Bosworth at mark-bosworth@uiowa.edu

STAY COOL FOR FREE

- Read in the Iowa City Public Library.
- Lounge in the fountain on the Pedestrian Mall.
- Mall walk in the Old Capitol Town Center.
- Hang out in a UI building lounge.

EXPERT ADVICE

Meteorologist Mike Bardou's suggestions to beat the heat:

- Limit exposure to outside temperatures.
- Remain in air-conditioned facilities if possible.
- Keep hydrated with nonalcoholic fluids, such as water and juice.
- If outside activity is unavoidable, complete tasks in morning or evening.
- Check on elderly neighbors and relatives to make sure they are coping with the heat.

Heat wave charbroils Midwest

BY NATHANIEL HERNANDEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Skyrocketing temperatures surpassed the 100-degree mark here for the first time in six years, prompting Chicago officials to implement an emergency-response plan developed after hundreds of people died in a heat wave a decade ago.

Sweat-drenched city workers fanned out across Chicago on Sunday, checking on elderly residents and shuttling people to cooling centers. By late afternoon, the temperature at Midway Airport reached 104 degrees, just one degree lower than the highest temperature on record in Chicago, according to the National Weather Service.

The Fire Department said three people appeared to have died of heat-related causes Sunday, but confirmation could take days.

"If you looked at who died in

1995, it was not triathletes, it wasn't people at ball parks, it wasn't people at outdoor festivals, it was the elderly who were living alone," said Dr. William Paul, the acting commissioner of the city's Public Health Department.

Chicago's discomfort is part of a blazing heat wave that stretches across the upper Midwest and beyond. Sunday's high temperatures included 106 in Osage Beach, Mo., 102 degrees in St. Louis, and 101 in Iowa City. Omaha, Neb., peaked at 105 on July 23.

At least three deaths this summer in Missouri have been blamed on the heat, and authorities were looking at the death of a woman found Sunday in a home without air conditioning.

The hot air moved in from the West, where 21 people, mostly homeless, have died from heat this summer in Arizona's Phoenix metro area.

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At least 200 cities and towns in the West hit daily record highs last week, including Las Vegas at 117 and Death Valley at 129.



SOURCE: National Weather Service

77 °F
59 °F
Partly cloudy, windy, 70% chance of rain

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Patriot Act move draws fire

BY PATRICK DAVIS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Local activists are furious over a recent U.S. House of Representatives decision to renew the Patriot Act, and they vow to fight the bill and its "invasions of privacy."

"We've been lobbying furiously," said Ben Stone, the executive director of the Iowa Civil Liberties Union. "The problem is that they are moving so quickly."

Stone and the ICLU are against many of the provisions contained in the Patriot Act because they believe it diminishes the government's ability to police itself.

"[The Patriot Act] has

removed a lot of the powers of the federal judges, effectively removing the checks and balances of the federal government," Stone said.

The House voted 257-171 to make 14 out of 16 of the provisions in the Patriot Act permanent and to extend the sunset clauses for the remaining two provisions another 10 years. The provisions will expire at the end of this year if they are not renewed.

President Bush issued a statement after the vote saying the Patriot Act was "a key part of our efforts to combat terrorism and protect the American people."

The ICLU is not buying the

president's arguments, saying it tramples on individual freedoms.

In consideration of some Americans' misgivings over a few of the extended provisions, a new possible requirement is that the FBI director must give his personal approval for library records checks.

Barbara Black, the Iowa City Public Library technical services coordinator, said, to her knowledge, the facility has never been contacted by the FBI. Even if it had been, she wouldn't be able to say so.

"Part of the act says we can't tell anyone if there has been a search," she said.

Around the same time the Patriot Act was implemented,

the Public Library obtained new software that can keep track of patrons' checkout records.

"It was a frequently requested feature," she said. "People want to keep a reading history."

Library staff members do not have access to patrons' records because they are password-protected. Patrons who create a library account can choose not to save or to delete their records, Black said.

"People can erase their reading history, but with the techniques the government has, nothing can ever be completely deleted," she said.

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New water plant hums along

BY DANNY VALENTINE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Record low rainfall in eastern Iowa has caused several municipalities, including Davenport and West Branch, to implement emergency water-conservation measures. In Iowa City, however, the taps are flowing, the fountains are shooting water into the air, and the water-treatment plant, which produces 6 million to 7 million gallons of water a day, is pumping nowhere near its full capacity — 16.7 million gallons.

But this was not always the case.

Ed Moreno, the superintendent of the water plant, said during severe droughts, workers struggled at the old plant.

"There are a lot of people who are pushing themselves to capacity," he said. "[But for us], things are very comfortable, both in terms of quantity and quality."



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The Iowa City water-treatment plant opened in 2003. Since then, the facility has proven to be more than adequate at providing water; it produces between 6 million and 7 million gallons of water per day.

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In 1990, city officials planned to build a new water plant with the goal of making the city's water not only safe but aesthetically pleasing — previously, the water was the source of much ridicule among Iowa City residents.

"The old plant had been there from the beginning," Moreno said. "It was built in 1880, had filters from 1909 — it was a conglomeration of historical parts. It was not made for 1989 regulations."

The old plant used water

from the Iowa River, which was "a rough, dynamic, and sometimes pollutant-laden source," water-treatment officials said. They knew it was time for a change of source when a spike in nitrates caused the plant to issue a statement advising parents with children 6 months old and younger not to let them drink the water.

"Your baby could die from this water," Moreno said, recalling the statement. "People freaked."

The new plant, 2551 N. Dubuque St., is on the cusp of

water-treatment excellence. It has four collector wells and six others that tap into the Silurian and Jordan Aquifers. It has a 2-million-gallon storage tank and spans more than 310 acres of land. And, unlike the former plant, the new plant actually takes measures to improve the taste, smell, and appearance of the water.

"We used to have to use 80 pounds of chlorine per day," Moreno said. "Now, the water is so clean that we don't have to."

The new plant, which uses

ground and surface water, allows fewer dissolved solids, reduces the amounts of chlorine and nitrates in the water, and cuts, by more than half, the total hardness of the water.

"It's a significant improvement from the old plant," said Ken Lloyd, a senior engineer at the UI water-treatment plant.

"We threw a dime down a collector well," Moreno said. "It was so clear you could see [Roosevelt's] face. That's good water."

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METRO

Man pleads guilty to child endangerment

A man charged with child stealing for failing to return his girlfriend's son to her home pleaded guilty Monday to a lesser charge of child endangerment, said Assistant Johnson County Attorney Victoria Cole.

Joshua Michael Moore, 29, was sentenced to two years in prison and a suspended \$500 fine for the April incident, Cole said.

According to police: Moore had the permission of then-girlfriend Patricia Flynn to take her 3-year-old son, Colin, to Coral Ridge Mall on April 21. Flynn called the police around 2 a.m. after the two had not come home. Police issued an Amber Alert to help aid in locating the child, leading to an anonymous tip on the boy's whereabouts. Authorities found Colin and Moore on the 900 block of Hollywood Boulevard, records show.

Moore will serve his prison sentence concurrently with time for a parole violation, Cole said. If found guilty of child stealing, he could have faced up to 10 years in prison for the Class C felony.

Calls to Flynn's home were not answered Monday.

— by Danielle Stratton-Coulter

the child's mother, Olga Verdinez.

The suit alleged that Rivera-Fuentes was negligent when he lost control of the Toyota 4Runner he was driving in July 2002. His son, 17-month-old Donald Alexandro Rivera-Verdinez, was killed in the accident.

Frey sought reimbursement for the child's "pre-death physical and mental pain and suffering, pre-death loss of full body, medical expenses, interest on burial expenses, loss of value to the estate, and lost chance of survival."

Verdinez also demanded damages for injuries she suffered as a result of the accident.

According to police: Rivera-Fuentes lost control of the car, which veered into a ditch, rolled over, and ejected Verdinez and Rivera-Verdinez. Police allegedly found a cooler from the car that contained a beer with the seal broken. Rivera-Fuentes allegedly smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot, watery eyes, police said, but he refused to take a sobriety test.

He turned himself in to police in November 2003.

According to online court records, Rivera-Fuentes is scheduled to stand trial Oct. 3 on a charge of vehicular homicide, a Class B felony carrying a maximum prison sentence of 25 years.

Attempts to reach Frey were unsuccessful.

— by Danielle Stratton-Coulter

will officially take the position Aug. 1. He will replace Lon Moeller.

Porter's duties will include serving the UI community by providing a neutral third-party service, being an information resource, and mediating for different parties in the university system. He will work with Cynthia Joyce, the full-time professional staff ombudsperson.

In a press release on Monday, Porter expressed excitement about being able to "serve the university in an important role that really reaches all members of the community — faculty, staff, and students."

— by Meghan V. Malloy

director until the board names a permanent replacement.

— by Nick Petersen

Fired worker sues Mercy Hospital

A man who was fired from an Iowa City hospital after violating a protective order against a co-worker is suing the health-care facility for breach of contract.

James Engle, a contracted worker at Mercy Hospital, 500 E. Market St., and Angela Brinning, a nurse at the facility, had intimate relations during a period between 1998 and 2003, according to the lawsuit. When they broke off the relationship in June 2003, a protective order was issued to prevent Engle from talking to Brinning outside of work, the suit said.

According to the lawsuit: The two met on several occasions after the order was issued, having sexual relations at least once. When Engle tried to discuss the situation with Brinning in June 2004, she petitioned Iowa District Court about Engle's violation. The court found Engle in contempt for violating the order. As a result, Mercy directors asked Engle's employer, Fresenius Medical Care Extracorporeal Alliance, to remove him from the job.

The suit alleges the hospital and Fresenius wrongly interfered with the business relationship between Engle and Brinning and that the hospital breached a contract with Engle.

Engle also contended in the lawsuit that Brinning's allegations against him were "false and defamatory," and he is suing her for slanderous defamation.

— by Danielle Stratton-Coulter

Suit dropped in 2002 fatal accident

An Iowa City attorney who sued the father of a child killed in a 2002 car accident dropped the lawsuit Monday.

Kirsten Frey, the administrator of the child's estate, sued Marvin Rivera-Fuentes and State Farm Fire and Casualty Co. on behalf of

Skorton names 2nd ombudsperson

UI President David Skorton appointed Craig Porter to a three-year term as a faculty ombudsperson. Porter, a clinical professor of pediatrics,

Regent official takes ISU position

Gregory Nichols, the Board of Regents executive director and head of the staff that implements the board's governance strategies, will resign Aug. 5 to take a position at Iowa State University.

"Now, with his Ph.D. in sight, he has an opportunity to broaden his administrative experience and to do teaching and research on educational policy at a major university," said Regents Michael Gartner and Robert Downer in a joint statement.

Nichols will serve as special assistant to the president at Iowa State and a lecturer in the university's education leadership and policy studies department, starting Aug. 22.

Nichols said in a written statement that he looks forward to teaching and conducting research while continuing to work on state and national education policy.

Gary Steinke, the regents' deputy executive director, will serve as acting

POLICE BLOTTER

Daniel Bench, 21, 302 S. Gilbert St. No. 1221, was charged July 23 with operating while intoxicated.

Brian Bonfig, 20, 220 S. Johnson St. No. 5, was charged Sunday with possession of alcohol under the legal age.

Lauren LaPorte, 19, Normal, Ill.,

was charged Sunday with unlawful use of another's driver's license or ID and PAULA.

Erron Mullett, 38, Council Bluffs, was charged July 23 with OWI.

Edward Netsor, 40, address unknown, was charged Monday with

possession of an open alcohol container.

Hernan Ramirez, 32, 2611 Highway 6 E., was charged Sunday with domestic assault.

Travis Randels, 39, address unknown, was charged Monday with

possession of an open alcohol container.

Michael Thur, 21, Medina, Ohio, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Margaret Whitaker, 20, Bloomington, Ill., was charged July 23 with PAULA.

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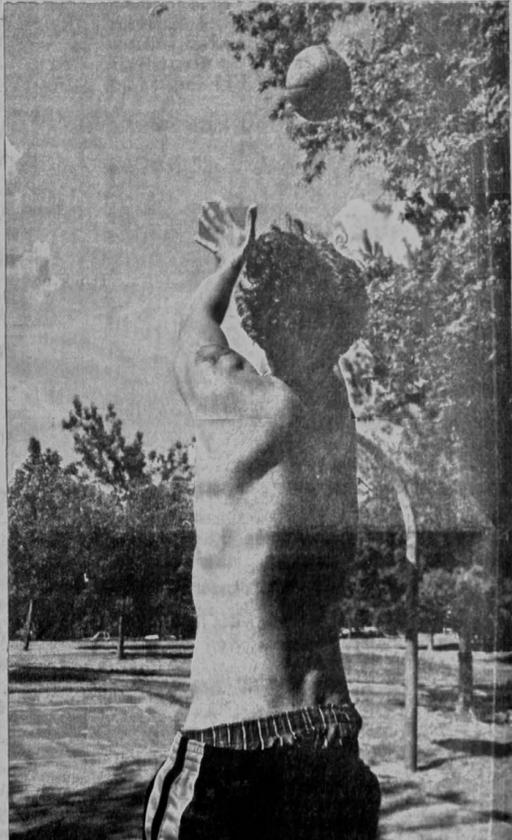
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IRAQ

Sunnis rejoin Constitution panel



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The body of an unidentified Iraqi soldier killed in a suicide bomber's attack lies in a hospital in downtown Baghdad on Monday. A suicide car bomber detonated a minibus early Monday at a checkpoint near the Sadeer Hotel, killing at least 12 and injuring at least 18.

BY SAMEER N. YACOB
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Sunni Arab members of a committee drafting Iraq's new Constitution ended their boycott Monday, six days after jeopardizing the credibility of the nascent political process by walking out in protest over the assassinations of two fellow Sunni Constitution framers.

Their decision to return eased the threat that the country's new Constitution would be a product of only two of three major Iraqi ethnic and religious groups. Leaving out the Sunni Arabs, who form the core of the insurgency, would dim hopes for a political exit from the incessant violence gripping the country.

On Monday, a minibus packed with explosives detonated at a checkpoint outside a hotel once used by American contractors, killing at least 12 people and injuring at least 18, hospital officials and police said.

A U.S. soldier was killed Monday when a roadside bomb exploded under his vehicle near Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad, the U.S. command said. The soldier was assigned to Task Force Liberty, which oversees security in a large area of the infamous Sunni Triangle, the main center of the insurgency.

At least 1,778 members of the U.S. military have died since the Iraq war began in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

On Sunday, a truck bomb blew up outside a Baghdad police station, killing at least 39 people. Many of the victims survived the initial blast but died from their burns in the hospital overnight. That was the deadliest single attack in Iraq in a week.

Sunni Arab participation in the drafting of the Constitution is considered essential in order to win the influential minority's approval for the charter. The draft must be approved by parliament by Aug. 15 and submitted to the voters in an October referendum. If voters in any three of Iraq's 18 provinces reject the charter by a two-thirds majority, the Constitution will be defeated.

The Sunnis said they were suspending participation in the committee to protest the July 19 assassination of Sunni committee member Mijbil Issa and adviser Dhamim Hussein al-Obeidi.

Following the assassinations, the 12 remaining Sunnis demanded an international investigation into the killings, better security, and a greater Sunni role in deliberations. It was not clear whether all their

demands had been accepted.

Six of the 12 Sunnis rejoined their colleagues Monday morning at the closed-door meeting, said Baqir Hammoudi, secretary to Humam Hammoudi, the head of the committee.

Sunni member Ali al-Mishhedani said the others were absent because they lived too far from Baghdad or had other personal commitments. He said the others were expected in Baghdad later in the day.

Saleh al-Mutlaq, another Sunni member, said the Sunnis would meet today to review the charter's preliminary draft.

One of the subcommittees working on constitutional articles involving "rights, freedoms, and responsibilities" announced agreement on several issues. The new language will state that all Iraqis are equal under the law "regardless of sex, ethnicity, origin, color, religion, sect, belief, or opinion" and bans discrimination based on those categories.

The draft articles also affirm the family as "the nucleus of society, and the state should preserve its values and religious and patriotic principles." It also bans child labor, violence within the family, and guarantees "a balance between the role of women in the family and

her work in society."

Most of the victims of Monday's minibus bomb were believed to have been private Iraqi security guards employed by the Sadeer Hotel, which the Al Qaeda in Iraq terrorist group once described as the "hotel of the Jew."

In March, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's group purportedly posted a video on a website showing a huge explosion at the Sadeer that killed four and wounded 40 others, including 30 American contractors.

About three hours after the hotel attack, a second suicide bomber targeted a former Saddam palace being used by the Ministry of Interior police command, killing at least two and injuring 10. The attacker drove into the main entrance of the palace, police said.

That large explosion, around 8:40 a.m., shook downtown Baghdad and sent up black plumes of smoke.

In other violence Monday, gunmen killed a family of four in Samarra as they waited on the street for a ride in the tense city north of Baghdad. Subhi Thamer Hussein al-Badri, his wife, and two sons were gunned down, police Lt. Col. Ayoub Mahmoud said. The reason for the killing was unclear, police said.

Breakaway unions stun convention

BY RON FOURNIER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — The Teamsters and a major service-employees union on Monday bolted from the AFL-CIO, a stunning exodus for an embattled movement already struggling to build its ranks and cope with a rapidly changing work environment.

In a decision that AFL-CIO President John Sweeney labeled a "grievous insult" to working people, the Teamsters union and the Service Employees International Union, two major federation affiliates, said they decided they had to leave.

"In our view, we must have more union members in order to change the political climate that is undermining workers' rights in this country," said Teamsters President James P. Hoffa. "The AFL-CIO has chosen the opposite approach."

The Teamsters joined the SEIU, the largest AFL-CIO affiliate with 1.8 million members, in bolting. Sweeney once headed the SEIU. The

two breakaway unions said they would form a competing labor coalition designed to reverse labor's long decline in union membership.

This was not an easy or happy decision, said SEIU leader Andrew Stern, once a Sweeney protégé.

"Our world has changed," he said. "Our economy has changed. Employers have changed. But the AFL-CIO is not willing to make fundamental changes as well. By contrast, SEIU has changed."

The joint announcement, the largest schism in labor's ranks since the 1930s, came as no surprise, because weeks of publicly aired dissension within the ranks preceded it. But it hit the AFL-CIO convention like a thunder clap, nevertheless.

In Washington, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said President Bush was staying out of the labor dispute. "That's a political matter for them to address," he said.

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NATION

Man arraigned in Penn Station bomb scare

NEW YORK (AP) — A man was arraigned Monday on charges stemming from a bomb scare that emptied busy Pennsylvania Station and disrupted service on Amtrak, commuter trains, and city subways for approximately an hour.

Another bomb scare emptied several buildings in Brooklyn and shut down a subway station, and armed officers halted a sightseeing bus and searched its tourist passengers.

The incidents Sunday and Monday came days after a second bombing attack on London's commuter system prompted New York police to start random inspections of subway riders' bags. Authorities in New Jersey began similar searches Monday.

Raul Claudio, described by prosecutors as having a prior conviction for drug dealing, was arraigned Monday on charges of making terrorist threats and falsely reporting an incident for the bomb scare at Pennsylvania Station. Each count carries a sentence of up to seven years in prison. Bail was set at \$15,000.

Claudio, 43, was arrested in the station Sunday after he allegedly threw a backpack at an Amtrak agent and said it was a bomb, said Marissa Baldeo, a spokeswoman for NYC Transit.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

When entertainment goes political

Entertainment and politics make strange bedfellows. Recently, some people have been making noise in the news about the moral outrages being perpetrated by the entertainment industry, but it's difficult to see what, if anything, we're supposed to be outraged over.

Earlier this month, the Drudge Report castigated Sen. John McCain for appearing in *Wedding Crashers*, a movie it colorfully dubbed a "boob ranch fest." McCain appears as himself in a brief cameo in the Owen Wilson-Vince Vaughn film, along with political consultant James Carville. Reports indicate that no boobs, raunchy or otherwise, are visible in his 10-second scene.

Some accuse McCain of hypocrisy, because he has opposed the marketing of R-rated movies. When his scene was filmed, the movie was planned to be PG-13. Afterwards, it was re-cut as an R-rated movie, which McCain admits he doesn't mind. He held Senate hearings denouncing R-rated movies being advertised to children — he has no problem with R-rated movies existing and being seen by adults. Those who accuse him of moral duplicity are straining hard to find something to be upset over.

In other news, Ben Jones, a former Georgia congressman who played Cooter in the original "Dukes of Hazzard" TV series, is calling for a boycott of the new movie version. He asserts it does not maintain the "wholesome family values" of the original. Apparently Jessica Simpson's short shorts and cleavage are sexually offensive, but those of Catherine Bach, the old Daisy Duke, were good clean fun.

Jones also contends that Bo and Luke Duke were "role models" for kids. It's unclear why people should be concerned about kids copying the

drug use and profanity from the new "Dukes" but not the reckless driving, flaming bow-and-arrow use, and moonshine-running from the old.

Jones told the *Mountain Press* of Tennessee that he approached the movie's producers, offering to "give some input" on the film — and they blew him off. Could his sanctimonious boycott really just be sour grapes? If die-hard "Dukes of Hazzard" fans (and it seems they do, in fact, exist) don't like the movie, they don't have to see it. There's no reason to sound the alarm to protect our children from standard PG-13 fare.

Furthermore, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton has demanded the recall of Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas after the unauthorized release of a modification unlocking a sex scene in the game. Rockstar Games, which produces *GTA*, agreed to change the rating of the game to Adults-Only and take games off the shelves until they could be re-stickered. The game was already rated Mature, meaning it was not intended to be sold to anyone under 17.

The only way children could play *GTA* was if an adult bought it for them. It seems there are parents who felt comfortable letting their children play video games with crime, gun violence, drug use, and hookers — but shun anything with pixelated nudity.

Newsmakers and politicians are trying to manufacture controversy where none exists. Parents are still perfectly capable of making the right decisions for their children, and adults don't need washed-up TV stars or fedora-wearing Internet journalists to tell them what movies to see. These people are trying to keep their name in the news, under the guise of protecting us from moral peril.

COMMENTARY

Fuel economy: going the extra mile

Automotive technology reaches new heights all the time, yet the fuel-economy standard for passenger cars — 27.5 miles per gallon — is the same as it was 30 years ago. Backward as that is, congressional negotiators hammering out the woeful energy bill have killed two amendments that would have required a measly one extra mile per gallon each year over several years.

Existing technology could bring auto fuel economy close to 45 mpg on average. It would add a couple of thousand dollars to the cost of a car, which is why automakers have been resisting it. That's outmoded thinking. When gas was \$1 a gallon, consumers might have looked askance at the higher sticker prices. At upward of \$2.50 a gallon, fuel economy is again a selling point that Detroit hasn't fully recognized.

And the extra cost would decline with time.

At a minimum, negotiators could have agreed on more

humble fuel-economy gains. Even the most modest improvements would make a significant dent in national energy consumption. A few miles extra per gallon would save more oil than is thought to lie beneath the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

At this point, it is up to President Bush to make it happen. The administration is set to announce new fuel standards for SUVs and other light trucks in August. Those vehicles make up slightly more than half of new-car sales to consumers, and under current rules, their average gas mileage must be brought up to only 22.2 mpg by 2007.

Bush administration officials have hinted in recent months that they are ready to reconsider fuel standards for passenger cars as well. Given the failures of Congress, Bush is the last chance for fuel economy sanity.

This editorial appeared in Monday's *Los Angeles Times*.

LETTER

Union a good move

As a local union member, I applaud the brave UI professional and scientific employees working to form their own union. Their success will help all employees of the university.

The UI is one of several large employers of professionals in Iowa City that has earned a reputation for generous benefits and generally positive employee relations. But the benefits and positive attitudes are only as reliable as the next managerial change, dip in government funding, market swing, or any other event that affects employers that are accountable only to themselves.

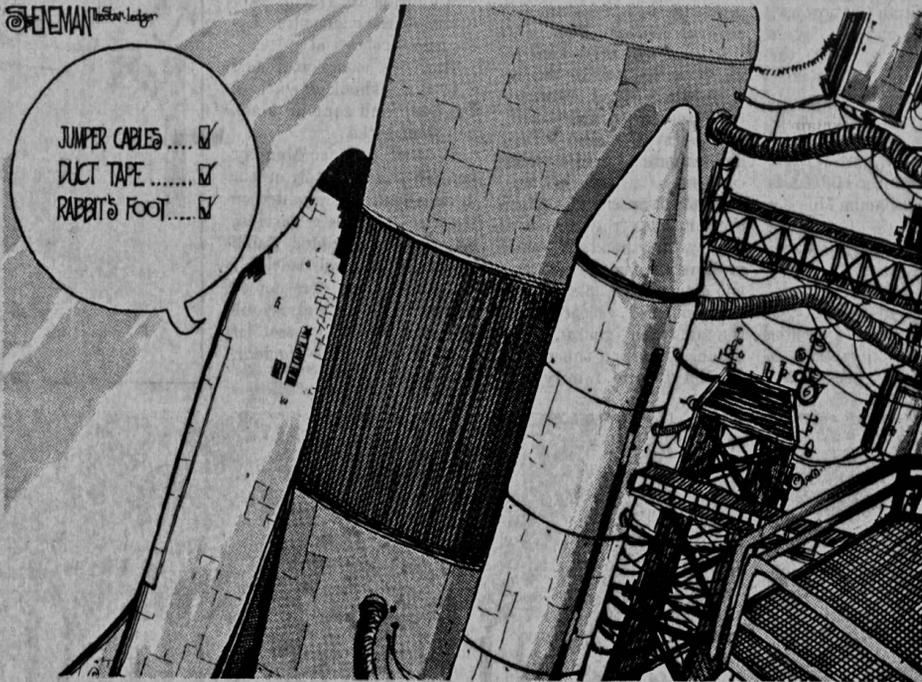
Even the best area employers have recently reduced job security and career training, lengthened working days, decreased flextime, and reduced retirement benefits for new hires.

Remember, these are the best employers.

The only way to secure good benefits and a partnership in making policy is to form a permanent, legally recognized, independent employee organization that expresses the workers' voice with equal standing to the employer — a union. Real partners have to be equals.

The Staff Council does not offer the accountability employees need. For instance, only a union will give employees equal access to budget information when salaries, benefits, and staffing are negotiated.

Ask the professional employees at the Veterans Administration Medical Center how valuable their union contract was in the



1990s, when VA funding was slashed — they had a guaranteed voice in the reorganization that followed. Ask the UI hospital nurses. Ask public-school

employees. Ask social workers. Ask state, county, and city professional employees. Ask them all — thousands of professionals in labor unions who live in the Iowa City

area — and they will tell you that employees of even the best employers need a union.
Tom Carsner
Iowa City resident

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ON THE SPOT

Should celebrities get involved in politics?



"If they're educated enough and their motives are in the right place."

Dan Murray
UI freshman



"I don't see why not. They're people."

Heather Allaman
UI senior



"If they have important stuff to say and aren't doing it for personal gain."

Ryan Lee
UI senior



"They don't seem like an authority on politics, so they're irrelevant."

Abbie Ferguson
UI junior

Twisted

For a good chunk of the summer, the common wisdom inside the Beltway has gone something like this:

Once the Cowboy in Chief nominates someone to replace Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the whole Plame-game CIA leak scandal will melt away in the summer sun like an ice-cream cone accidentally plopped on an Iowa City sidewalk.

Of course, you could argue that "common wisdom" in "Washington, D.C." exists in the same parallel universe as oceanfront property in Iowa or good Red Sox pitching, and you wouldn't get much of an argument from me.

Especially the bit about the BoSox pitching.

The Plame-game fade away was prompted by the notion that the Washington press corps is filled with a bunch of pushover ninnies with the attention span of a couple of nanoseconds.

But something happened to the Washington reporters once the Valerie Plame affair bubbled back onto the radar screen: The press corps grew a spine (or perhaps another piece of anatomy).

Or, as Jon Stewart of "The Daily Show" said recently, "We've secretly replaced the White House press corps with actual reporters."

And so a funny thing happened on the way to the Supreme Court nomination — a mere 36 hours after President Bush nominated John Roberts for the high-court vacancy, as Frank Rich of the *New York Times* notes, Plame-game was back front and center.

First, the *Washington Post* reported the pesky (and classified) State Department memo on the alleged Saddam/Niger uranium connection contained a paragraph on Valerie Plame and her status as a CIA agent. According to the *Post*, the paragraph was clearly marked [S], meaning the information was secret.

The memo came from the State Department's Bureau of Intelligence and Research and was given to then-Secretary of State Colin Powell, who brought it with him on a trip to Africa with Bush and other administration officials on Air Force One.

The day of the trip was July 7, 2003, which — just coincidentally, of course — was the day after Plame's husband, former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, famously disclosed in a *New York Times* op-ed piece (and in a *Post* interview the same day) that he had traveled to Niger at the behest of the CIA, investigated the alleged uranium deal, and concluded it was hokum. The administration, he charged, had twisted the intelligence in the run-up to the invasion of Iraq.

Anyone reading that memo would have known — or should have known, had he or she any working brain cells — that Plame's identity was considered to be classified information.

The State Department memo, according to several reports, was passed around Air Force One on that trip to Africa. (Note: Karl Rove and Dick Cheney Chief of Staff Lewis "Scooter" Libby, who figure so prominently in the Plame affair, were reportedly not on the trip.)

Then, on July 22, Bloomberg's Richard Kell reported that there appear to be some discrepancies in what Libby and Rove told special counsel Patrick Fitzgerald and what reporters told him.

Libby reportedly told Fitzgerald that he first learned of Plame's identity from NBC reporter Tim Russert. Russert reportedly told the grand jury he didn't tell Libby that. And Rove reportedly told the special prosecutor that he learned about Plame from conservative columnist Robert Novak (who outed Plame on July 14, 2003). According to the Bloomberg, Novak "has given a somewhat different version to the special prosecutor."

Aren't scandals fun? But there's more. According to the *Los Angeles Times* on July 23, citing "people briefed in recent days on the inquiry's status," Fitzgerald has shifted from the law against exposing the identity of covert intelligence agents (difficult to prove) to seeing whether there is evidence of obstruction of justice or perjury.

This comes along with the disclosure (Rich, *New York Times*) that then-White House counsel Alberto Gonzales got a 12-hour delay on Sept. 29, 2003, before having to inform the White House staff that a probe into the Plame affair had begun and they had to save all relevant material.

He did, however, immediately inform White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card about the probe.

Hmm. Twelve hours, huh? Not much can happen in 12 hours. Only suspicious minds would think so.

So what started out as a simple smear campaign against Plame and Wilson has evolved into possible obstruction of justice. Obstruction of justice? Wasn't that what Watergate was all about? ■

Beau Elliot, when he's not bronco-bustin' the wild mango, spends a great deal of his time wishing the Red Sox would pitch better and leaving cryptic messages to that effect on Karl Rove's voice-mail.



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BY MARGARET THE DAILY IOWAN

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No, this is not a rendition of the Group, but the session of member Iowa City Friends Time Music.

Employing guitar dolins, string bass concertinas, and other instruments lively group met Tuesday at the local Iowa Ave., from approx 9 p.m. to midnight everything from Irish to American tunes.

Equipped with instrument of choice dark ale, each adds something to the improvisation performance. U. Abram Doval played while his wife, research assistant Waseen, is a well-fiddler and violinist musically inclined attends the jam Professor Dennis and his wife, Roseman, who teach UI math department somewhat of a special group; he involved in the scene since he arrived in 1970.

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Not so old & in the way

BY MARGARET NIXON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Outside of the 808 Restaurant & Nightclub on a recent Tuesday night, two young men peered through the window, expecting to get a glimpse of college women drinking to the latest of R. Kelly's "Trapped In The Closet, Chapter Five." However, their expressions were clouded with confusion as they glanced at a group of mostly male adults playing unfamiliar instruments in a circle.

No, this is not another local rendition of the Blue Man Group, but the weekly jam session of members from the Iowa City Friends of Old Time Music.

Employing guitars, mandolins, string basses, flutes, concertinas, and various other instruments, the lively group meets each Tuesday at the local bar, 121 Iowa Ave., from approximately 9 p.m. to midnight, playing everything from Irish classics to American tunes.

Equipped with the instrument of choice and a dark ale, each musician adds something unique to the improvisational performance. UI student Abram Doval plays the flute while his wife, graduate research assistant Arianne Waseen, is a well-respected fiddler and violinist. Another musically inclined couple who attends the jam sessions is Professor Dennis Roseman and his wife, Robin. Dennis Roseman, who teaches in the UI math department, is somewhat of a spokesman for the group; he has been involved in the folk-music scene since he arrived in Iowa City in 1970.

"I was sort of the instigator of this many years ago," he said. "At the time, there were a lot of musicians at a party saying, 'You know, this is great. We should do this more often.' That generated this idea of having a regular get-together, and that was held at the Mill."

The folk-music group performed there while it was under the ownership of Keith and Pamela Dempster and then was forced to find a new bar in 2003, when the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., was sold, and the musicians moved to the



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

The Iowa City Friends of Old Time Music performs at 808 on July 19. The group plays every Tuesday at 9 p.m.

Dublin Underground, 5 S. Dubuque St. A few Iowa City pubs later, members from the Iowa City Friends of Old Time Music now call 808 their home ... on Tuesday nights, anyway. Sounding much like Bill Whelan's *Riverdance* soundtrack, the group ebbs and flows, the members taking turns starting each new song. There is rarely a moment of rest between tunes, but the musicians move freely, switching instruments, grabbing a fresh beer, or speaking with friends in the crowd as though they were only playing for themselves. And really, that's the point, Dennis Roseman said.

"It's not about you; it's for us," he said, which explains the group's circular formation, hardly conducive to the crowd's view. Roseman said that while the members enjoy playing for an

audience, the main purpose is to have a good time and play fun music.

808 manager Matt Schalk said he loves working Tuesday nights because he gets a chance to listen to music other than the top-40 hits that play on other nights.

"It's a nice breath of fresh air," he said.

The crowd of approximately 20 people might be meager, but they appreciate the toe-tapping tunes.

"I think they're lots of fun, actually," said UI student Jake Lawler, an 808 regular. "To tell the truth, they're casual."

While no one knows how long the Tuesday-night performances will continue, Dennis Roseman said the group plans on remaining at 808 "until they kick us out."

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Gypsy mostly rollicks



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

Louise, the daughter of an overbearing stage mother, has a quiet moment to herself with her animals in the musical *Gypsy*.

BY AUDRA BEALS
THE DAILY IOWAN

Marcia Hughes entered from the back of the theater, walked through the audience yelling, "Sing out, Louise," and, from that moment, captured the show.

The Cedar Rapids actress is one of the leads in the City Circle Acting Company production of *Gypsy*, running this weekend at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St.

The musical tells the story of Rose, a stage mom determined to make big stars of her daughters, June and Louise, in the 1920s. They tour the country with their act, but vaudeville is on its way out, and things don't go according to Rose's uncompromising dreams. The stage-shy Louise eventually does make it big, but it's not in vaudeville or on Broadway. Instead, after filling in one night at the burlesque theater where their act had been booked, she becomes the famous stripper Gypsy Rose Lee.

Directed by Mike Carroll, *Gypsy* is an ambitious choice for

City Circle. The musical requires a big cast, in part because the kids grow up and have to be replaced by a set of college-age actors, and the troupe performs with a live orchestra.

The actors are actually very consistent for a community-theater musical.

The youngest ones capture all of the onstage cheesiness required for their vaudeville appearances, and they do a great job with the acting and singing.

The performances of UI junior Christina Gulick as Louise/Gypsy and Cary Beatty as the manager don't leave much to complain about, but they aren't on the same level as Hughes. She is outstanding as Rose, with a full voice perfect for musicals.

But while the actors do a solid job with the music, the orchestra could still use some work. There are balance issues throughout, some parts were shaky, and other passages really needed to be cleaned up.

MUSICAL MAYHEM

Gypsy will run Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m. and July 31 at 2:30 p.m. Performances are at the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington. Tickets are \$18, \$15 for students and seniors.

The role of Mr. Goldstone, a small nonspeaking cameo, will be played by:

UI President David Skorton on Friday, Athletics Director Bob Bowlsby on Saturday, and Scott Schulte of KZIA on July 31.

The most entertaining part of the show isn't until the second half, when the stripper-act of the story unfolds. The focus shifts from kids performing cute acts in vaudeville to women at the burlesque theater decked out in bizarre costumes — one with strategically placed lit-up stars and a moon, another with a huge butterfly on her head.

This is such a change from the first act that it almost feels like two different shows.

And although there are six "mystery guests" in the production, each in the small role of Mr. Goldstone on different nights, it is a very minor part of the show.

On opening night, Coralville Mayor Jim Fausetz filled the nonspeaking role. He was only onstage for a few minutes and really didn't have to do any acting, as they sat him down in a chair then sang to him.

Later, he looked bewildered as he walked across the stage for the curtain call. For some reason, seeing him followed by the three strippers in their bizarre costumes made quite a sight.

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- **Emergency Improv Comedy Group**, 9 p.m., Mill Restaurant, 120 E. Burlington St.
- **Palindromes**, 7 p.m., Bijou.
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Rustin Larson, poetry**, 8 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., and WSUI.
- **The Wild Parrots of Telegraph Hill**, 9 p.m., Bijou.

quote of the day

“It’s not like being a member of the Communist Party.”

— Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, on whether Supreme Court nominee John Roberts is a member of the Federalist Society, a conservative legal group. Roberts did not list membership in the group in a questionnaire he submitted to the Senate when he was nominated for his Court of Appeals seat in 2001; the group’s 1997-98 leadership directory lists him a steering committee member.

horoscopes

Tuesday, July 26, 2005
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Travel, or get involved in an exciting project. Everything is looking good, so prepare to start something you’ve wanted to work on. Success is in the stars.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will face all sorts of problems if you don’t follow rules and regulations. Someone may try to involve you in something underhanded. Don’t expect the people around you to tell the truth. Rely on your own knowledge and discoveries.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a chance on someone who wants to do something with you. If you are on your toes, you can turn what you do into a financial gain. A change of heart may confirm what you must do regarding a relationship.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don’t get angry, regardless of what happens or what is said. If you remain composed, you will get more done. Changes at home will cost more than you anticipate.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your outlook is changing, and you will want to delve into subjects that can help you further your career. A change of lifestyle will help you turn your life around.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You can make some positive financial moves today. Consider what you have to do to improve your personal life and proceed, even if it means controversy with someone you are close to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You may feel a little stressed if someone you are close to starts asking too many questions. Don’t overreact. Instead, throw yourself into your work, and avoid people who are overindulgent.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Unexpected events will develop, leaving you up in the air and feeling helpless. Don’t despair; get things done that you haven’t had time for in the past.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Gear up for a little adventure. An action-packed, well-organized day will raise your profile and bring you popularity. You can change the dynamics of a relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be your own worst enemy if you demand everyone do things your way. Your intent will be to make improvements, but the people who are affected by your plans will rebel. Reverse psychology may be the answer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Relationships will be in need of reform. You have to look at the situation you are in with different people and decide which ones are healthy for you and which aren’t. A change will give you the confidence to move forward with your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Just when you think you have everything figured out, the tables will turn, and you will be faced with a whole new set of issues. Ask pertinent questions, and don’t back down until you get solid answers.

news you need to know

Wednesday — Winter 2005-06 course offerings proof copy due
Friday — Close of 8- and 6-week summer sessions, 5 p.m.
— Summer-session degree-conferral date
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Aug. 3 — Summer-session grades must be submitted to the Registrar’s Office, 5 p.m.

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3 Country Time Country
4 Gospel Explosion Ministry
5 Demolishing Hope

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7 Break Dancing 1
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7:30 The Zendik Perspective
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9 Medium
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10:30 RBO TV
11 Radio
Midnight Mummy Music

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3 p.m. “Know the Score,” June 11, 2004
5 “Know the Score,” Aug. 27, 2004
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11 “Know the Score,” Dec. 10, 2004

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the ledge

PROPOSALS FOR GOVERNMENT AFTER THE “EMINENT DOMAIN” EXPANSION

— by Matthew A. Bricker

• Start by tearing down Supreme Court Justice David Souter’s New Hampshire bachelor pad. Replace with Fifth Amendment Memorial Center.

• Condemn entire eastern half of Goosetown neighborhood. Construct giant water-filled ditch, and build floating casino. Collect increased taxes. Thumb nose at Riverside.

• Seize and destroy the Scott Boulevard Fareway and the ACT campus. Build Wal-Mart Supercenters in their place so that all four corners of the metro area are adequately covered.

• Take ailing Old Capitol mall. Turn lower floor into one gigantic freshman bar. Lease upper floor to county for use as drunk tank.

• Confiscate non-profit public library; sell for use as Midwest Pro Wrestling Hall of Fame.

• Improve tax base by forcing shut-down of UI’s English, journalism, and social-work programs. Devote the buildings and resources to higher-wage majors.

• Choose house at random. Seize family’s pet mongrel, offering the required compensation, of course (market value: \$20). Sell to Spence Laboratories for \$30. Work on diabolical laugh. Repeat process.

• Appropriate five unprofitable Cambuses. Sell to Hippie Cab/Brothers partnership for use as bars-on-wheels.

Little University

- 1 What slacker inspired a generation by singing, “I’m a loser, baby, so why doncha kill me?”
- 2 What rapper was fined \$10,000 for torching the mansion of her NFL-star boyfriend Andre Rison?
- 3 What computer company was 10 years old before opting to license clones from such companies as Radius and Power computing?
- 4 What epic drama did Ted Turner pick to launch his Turner Classic Movies channel?
- 5 Whom did Rosie Daley cook for before *In the Kitchen with Rosie* became the fastest-selling cookbook ever?

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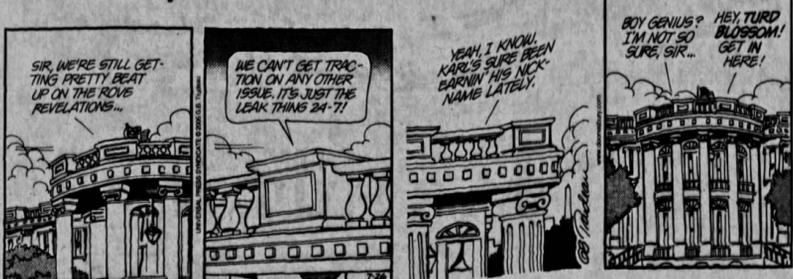
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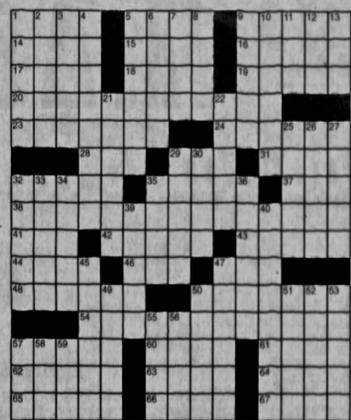
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 - 19 Bruins’ sch.
 - 20 After 29-Down, a movie starring Diane Lane
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 - 35 South American range
 - 37 ___-Mex cuisine
 - 38 After 29-Down, a James Grippando thriller
 - 41 Prefix with sac or duct
 - 42 Some Art Deco works
 - 43 Life line
 - 44 Cry for attention
 - 46 Swiss river
 - 47 Call letters?
 - 48 Storyteller Hemingway
 - 50 Thinks
 - 54 After 29-Down, a Drifters hit
 - 57 Like whitecaps
 - 60 Shot, for short
 - 61 Song that may include some high notes
 - 62 Swashbuckler Flynn
 - 63 Actress Osterwald
 - 64 Brand of smokes
 - 65 Teary-eyed opera
 - 66 Keep ___ (persevere)
 - 67 Roughly computed: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- 1 Boneheads
 - 2 Salt Lake City native
 - 3 Monteverdi opera
 - 4 Computer programs
 - 5 Deep disgust
 - 6 State flower of New Mexico
 - 7 Ward of “Once and Again”
 - 8 Varve
 - 9 Love in Lyon
 - 10 Wasn’t quite a ringer
 - 11 Police rank: Abbr.
 - 12 Had a bite
 - 13 Lith., once
 - 21 “Pst! In the balcony!”
 - 22 More clear-headed
 - 25 Warmer and sunnier
 - 26 Sailor’s “halt”
 - 27 Latin dance
 - 29 See 20-, 38- and 54-Across
 - 39 Pontificate
 - 40 Asleep
 - 45 Floor cleaner’s implement
 - 47 Skillful
 - 49 In a bashful manner
 - 50 Metrical feet
 - 51 Tropical roots
 - 52 Writer George or T. S.
 - 53 Bard of old
 - 55 ___ Wawa, role for Gilda Radner
 - 56 Leave out
 - 57 Not very many
 - 58 Assayer’s stuff
 - 59 “___ we there yet?”

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CAPS CEDAR BABA
ALOE ORATE EDAM
SPILT WORLDPEACE
HON PEST HANGON
TSAR BOT END
SELTZERWATER
OREO DAHL NEPAL
LISPS TET STALE
ENSUE IRIS AREA
PERFECTPITCH
MIC SHY ABLY
ADAGIO MAYS LAB
SECONDWIND PIPE
TATA EASER ONES
SLIT SHOWY TEXT



Puzzle by Sarah Keller

30 Suggestions on food labels: Abbr.

32 Carol starter

33 What helicopters do

34 Par ___ (by air)

35 Popular shaving lotion

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NASA may launch shuttle despite rules

BY MARCIA DUNN
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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — With the countdown entering its final hours and a fuel-gauge problem still unexplained, NASA said it is prepared to bend its long-standing safety rules to launch the shuttle today on the first flight since Columbia's doomed mission 2½ years ago.

Discovery and a crew of seven were set to blast off for the international space station at 10:39 a.m. EDT, after a two-week delay caused by a malfunctioning hydrogen fuel gauge in the spaceship's giant external tank.

Nature, rather than the fuel gauge, could ultimately decide whether Discovery takes off. Forecasters put the odds of good launch weather at 60 percent, with rain and storm clouds both posing threats.

NASA had the paperwork ready to go in case the equipment trouble reappeared and the space agency's managers decided to press ahead with the launch with just three of the four fuel gauges working. That would mean deviating from a rule instituted after the 1986 Challenger explosion.

"It's an acceptable risk and actually it's quite a low one," NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said in an interview with the Associated Press late Monday afternoon. If the same fuel-gauge problem occurs, "We would be good to go," he said. "If we see some other signature than what we saw before, then we're not going. We're absolutely not going."

The fuel gauges are designed to prevent the main engines from running too long or not long enough, in case the fuel tank is leaking or some other major breakdown occurs. An engine shutdown at the wrong time could prove catastrophic, forcing the astronauts to attempt a risky emergency landing overseas or leading to a

ruptured engine. Griffin noted that numerous failures would have to occur in numerous systems for the worst-case scenario to come true.

Only two gauges, or sensors, are needed to do the job. But since NASA's return to space in 1988, the space agency has decreed that all four have to work to proceed with launch.

NASA test director Pete Nickolenko said he did not remember the last time one of these launch rules was waived. But he expressed confidence in NASA's game plan and said the space agency had done everything to understand the fuel gauge problem, which first cropped up during a test in April and resurfaced during the launch attempt July 13.

Over the past few days, NASA rewired two of the sensors to try to diagnose the trouble and repaired faulty electrical grounding aboard Discovery in hopes that would solve it.

"We have addressed everything we know on the shuttle that can go wrong that we have the technology to fix," Griffin told the AP.

But a retired agent in NASA's inspector general office, Joseph Gutheinz, said the space agency does not appear to have learned its lesson with Columbia.

"It is clear to me that NASA continues to put mission over safety," Gutheinz said. "I fear that if NASA is wrong this time, as they were for Apollo 1, Challenger and Columbia, manned space missions may be halted for a very long time in the United States."

Randy Avera, a former NASA engineer who helped develop the shuttle's inspection program, also questioned the space agency's willingness to bend the launch rule. He said it reminds him of the thinking that led to the Challenger accident, which was blamed on a cold-stiffened O-ring seal in a booster rocket and NASA's inattention to safety.

TEXTBOOK LAW



UI senior Will Rote carries a box of textbooks in the University Book Store on Monday. Rote has been busy helping the staff put out textbooks since early July.

Lawmaker eyes texts law

TEXTBOOKS

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The problem with getting the information to students, said Pete Vanderhoef, the general manager of Iowa Book, is that often the university does not know all the classes it will offer or what professors will teach which class.

"Last fall, we got more than 110 book orders after classes began," he said.

"Usually, we get orders in May and throughout the summer as departments figure out

who will teach what."

He said bundling books with software and many new book editions are publishers' ways to "screw over students."

"If a book is coupled with a workbook or a CD, we don't have time to check if the CD is actually what it's supposed to be when students want to sell back," Vanderhoef said. "The books are still good, but they're destined for a landfill."

Subjects such as economics and biology need new editions every couple of years, as new information comes out, but subjects such as calculus and Eng-

lish don't change much over time, he said. Publishers come out with new editions for the sole purpose of making money from students, he added.

"Textbooks are a publisher's greatest source of revenue," he said. "For all intents and purposes, many new editions are identical to previous works. If you want to get lower textbook prices, you could have the department adopt [a rule] to use the same book year to year."

Most departments at the UI allow professors to choose their own texts. Giving individual professors discretion helps

"Textbooks are a publisher's greatest source of revenue."

— Pete Vanderhoef, the general manager of Iowa Book

students by allowing instructors to teach what they think is best, but students pay the price, Vanderhoef said.

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Jail tour shows overcrowding

JAIL

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substance-abuse assessment, and work release in hopes of reducing the number of inmate shipments out of the county.

The programs are designed to help reduce recidivism. For example, the mental-health diversion expedites the release of inmates suffering from mental illness by placing them on necessary medications and then freeing them.

Efforts to create or expand these programs came after a bond issue to build a new jail failed in 2002.

"We wanted to make sure we

had looked at alternatives to putting people in the county jail," Stutsman said. "But the jail is simply not adequate for a county of this size."

She said supervisors will discuss the next steps to take at a joint meeting with the jail alternatives committee on Aug. 19.

Supervisor Mike Lehman said that there was no time table for another vote on a bond issue.

The virtual tour is available online at <http://www.johnson-county.com/sheriff/index.shtml> along with a link to sign-up for e-mail announcements concerning jail overcrowding.

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METRO

Man guilty in sword incident

A man who police said threatened his neighbor with a sword pleaded guilty Monday to assault while displaying a dangerous weapon in connection with the March incident, said Assistant Johnson County Attorney Anne Lahey.

Curtis Donald Rarick, 45, was allegedly standing in his yard naked when a neighbor asked him "put some clothes on." Rarick reportedly became angry with the neighbor and retreated inside his house.

A clothed Rarick returned wielding a 2-foot, 6-inch bladed sword and began chasing and threatening the neighbor, according to records.

Police arrived at the scene to find Rarick standing on the street "waving" the sword. His balance was unsteady, and he smelled of alcohol, they said. A Breathalyzer found Rarick's alcohol level to be one and a half times the legal limit, records show. Rarick was charged with public intoxication.

No one was injured in the incident. Rarick pleaded guilty in 2005 to a felony charge for distribution of ephedrine, according to online court records. This was his first assault charge, records show.

Assault with the use or display of a dangerous weapon is an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$5,000.

— by Danielle Stratton-Coulter

HEAT WAVE

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Some 200 cities and towns in the West hit daily record highs last week, including Las Vegas, Nev., at 117, and Death Valley soared to 129, the weather service said.

Demand for electricity to run air conditioners has hit near-record peaks from Southern California to the region served by the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Excessive heat warnings and

advisories were in effect through Monday for states from Illinois to Louisiana and from Nebraska to the District of Columbia, the weather service said.

In the Florida Panhandle, meteorologists said a high of 94 combined with high humidity could make the heat index 114 Monday afternoon.

"It's makes-you-wanna-cry hot," Angela Wood said as she walked with her husband and 15-month-old daughter Sunday in Fayetteville, N.C., where

Sunday's high was 90 and Monday's was expected to hit 98.

Sunday was the 71st anniversary of the highest temperature ever recorded in Chicago.

The mercury hit 105 at the University of Chicago on July 24, 1934, said Bob Somrek, a weather-service meteorologist.

Chicago officials on Sunday put into effect an emergency-response plan that was written after 700 people died during a July 1995 heat wave,

using an automated calling system to warn 40,000 elderly residents about the heat.

"On a day like today, let's just say every single senior who doesn't have air conditioning is at risk," said Joyce Gallagher, commissioner of the city's Department on Aging.

The sweltering temperatures, however, did not stop tens of thousands of people from attending Lollapalooza, a two-day music festival held in Chicago this weekend.

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Philadelphia	52	48	.520	3½
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Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	62	36	.633	—
Houston	52	47	.525	10½
Chicago	51	48	.515	11½
Milwaukee	49	51	.490	14
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San Diego	48	53	.475	3
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Los Angeles	45	54	.455	5
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Colorado	35	63	.357	14½

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Chicago	65	33	.663	—
Minnesota	53	45	.541	12
Cleveland	51	49	.510	15
Detroit	49	50	.495	16½
Kansas City	36	63	.364	29½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
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Oakland	54	45	.545	5
Texas	49	49	.500	9½
Seattle	43	55	.438	15½

Detroit (L. Johnson 6-8) at Seattle (Pineiro 3-6), 9:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Webb 7-12) at Oakland (Blanton 5-8), 9:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE GIANTS—Activated C Javy Lopez from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Eli Whiteside to Ottawa of the IL.
BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with RHP Craig Hansen on a four-year contract. Transferred RHP Matt Mantel from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Optioned RHP Mike Wood to Omaha of the PCL. Purchased the contract of RHP Shawn Camp from Omaha. Transferred RHP Denny Bautista from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Released RHP Hideo Nomo. Activated RHP Doug Waechter from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Fernando Cortez from Durham of the IL.
National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Placed RHP Kerry Wood on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 21. Recalled LHP Rich Hill from Iowa of the PCL.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Optioned RHP Zach Day to Colorado Springs of the PCL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Placed 1B-OF Will Cordero on waivers for the purpose of granting him an unconditional release.
National Basketball Association
INDIANA PACERS—Agreed to terms with G Sarunas Jasikevicius on a three-year contract.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Named Lester Conner assistant coach.
Football
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed DE Chauncey Davis and LB Michael Beale.
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed FB Justin Green and QB Derek Anderson to three-year contracts.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Waived RB Joey Harris, DT Cleveland Pinkney and S Scott Farley. Signed DT Ben Johnson.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed DB Brodney Pool to a five-year contract and DL David McMillan to a four-year contract.
DENVER BRONCOS—Waived K Jeff Crowell, K Tyler Fredrickson and G Reese Hicks.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed CB Stanley Wilson and QB Dan Orlovsky.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed S Marviel Underwood and LB Brady Poppinga.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Signed S Matt Giordano and DE Jonathan Welsh. Agreed to terms with G Dylan Gandy.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed RB Alvin Peepman.
MIAMI DOLPHINS—Reinstated RB Ricky Williams from the reserve-retired list. Claimed P Donnie Jones off waivers from the Seattle Seahawks.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Signed OL Logan Mankins and WR Brandon "Bam" Childress. Released RB Earl Charles and DT Demarco McNeil.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed DE Mike Patterson to a five-year contract and OL Calvin Armstrong and LB David Bergeron to four-year contracts.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Agreed to terms with QB Alex Smith on a six-year contract.
TENNESSEE TITANS—Signed WR Roydell Williams.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed LB Robert McCune.
Hockey
National Hockey League
NHL BOARD OF GOVERNORS—Re-elected Harley Hotchkiss chairman.
DETROIT RED WINGS—Placed D Derian Hatcher, F Darren McCarty and F Ray Whitney on waivers.
LOS ANGELES KINGS—Agreed to terms with LW Luc Robitaille on a one-year contract.

NFL top pick Smith signs

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Alex Smith, the first pick in April's draft, agreed to terms Monday on a six-year, \$57 million deal with the San Francisco 49ers.

Smith will receive a guaranteed \$24 million, a lawyer familiar with terms of the deal told the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity.

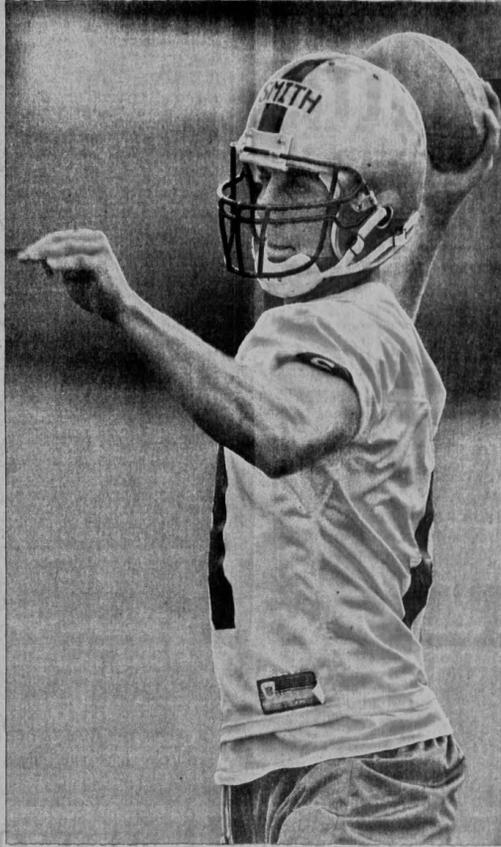
The agreement is expected to set off a run of signings of first-round draft picks.

The only other first-rounders to agree to terms are defensive tackle Mike Patterson with Philadelphia and offensive lineman Logan Mankins, taken by New England with the 32nd and last pick of the first round. Both signed deals Monday.

Smith is expected to compete immediately with Tim Rattay for the starting quarterback job with the 49ers, who finished 2-14 in 2004 and have gone consecutive seasons without making the playoffs for just the second time since 1980.

The 49ers are counting on Smith to grasp their new version of the West Coast offense quickly, after playing mostly out of the shotgun for two years at Utah. They are hoping he can be the key piece as the franchise tries to regain the level of dominance it had with Joe Montana and Steve Young under center.

After winning five Super Bowls and playing in nine NFC championship games in 14 years with those Hall of Fame quarterbacks, the 49ers have made it to the NFC title game only once in the last 10 seasons, losing to Green Bay at the end of the 1997 season.



D. Ross Cameron/Associated Press

San Francisco 49er rookie quarterback Alex Smith looks for a receiver during passing drills in Santa Clara, Calif., on May 6. Smith agreed to terms Monday on a six-year, \$57 million deal with the 49ers.

Smith and new coach Mike Nolan have their work cut out. The 49ers have little proven talent at receiver: San Francisco

Rashaun Woods. Morton and tight end Eric Johnson are the only Niners receivers with more than 60 career receptions.

Smith, who left Utah after his junior season, led the Utes to their first BCS bowl win, a victory over Pittsburgh in the Fiesta Bowl. They finished 12-0 and were ranked fourth in The Associated Press poll.

This past season, he completed 185 of 280 passes for 2,624 yards with 28 touchdowns and just four interceptions. He also rushed for 563 yards and 10 touchdowns in the regular season. He finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting.

Smith, who is represented by Tom Condon, will get \$4 million more guaranteed money than Eli Manning, last year's first pick overall, who received \$20 million from the New York Giants. Manning also is represented by Condon.

Smith's deal, according to the lawyer, is expected to average \$8.25 million compared to about \$7.5 million for Manning.

Miami had been waiting for Smith to sign before completing its deal with running back Ronnie Brown, taken second overall. Brown is expected to start for the Dolphins, then could alternate with Ricky Williams, who sat out last season, when Williams returns from a drug suspension after the first four games of the season.

Williams reported to the Dolphins on Monday.

Hours before Smith agreed to terms with the 49ers, Dolphins defensive end Jason Taylor said the team was anxious for Brown to arrive in camp.

Commentary
Adieu Lance, with a Gallic snarl

BY JIM LITKE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Life after Lance began in France with a thud.

"Never to such an extent, probably, has the departure of a champion been welcomed with such widespread relief," huffed *L'Equipe*, the nation's leading sports daily.

So much for the notion that you don't know what you've got till it's gone.

No sooner had Armstrong lighted out of Paris for the beaches in the south — swapping champagne for cold beer — than French media outlets published a laundry list of complaints.

According to their tastes, he was too aloof, too controlling, too corporate, too good, and, despite a lack of proof to support doping allegations against Armstrong, too good to be true.

"It's not only the end of an era but also of a doubt," *L'Equipe* added. "That's so true that he felt the need to express himself, yesterday on the Champs-Élysées, a microphone in his hand, to ask skeptics to believe in miracles."

At least the feeling wasn't mutual.

"I have a special place in my heart for this race," Armstrong said. "I dream about coming back to France, telling stories to my children. I really care about it."

Never mind that what he did for cycling actually bordered on the miraculous.

Almost single-handedly, he turned what was a recreational, niche sport in America into must-see TV for nearly three weeks each summer and made millions for the Outdoor Life Network. More Americans are riding bicycles than ever before, and sales of the Trek brand, which Armstrong rides, have tripled since he won the first of seven-straight tours in 1999. Some 300 customers already shelled out \$10,000 each for the limited-edition, 24-karat, gold-leaf-adorned model Armstrong rode to his record-setting sixth win, and they're still rolling out of the showrooms.

John Burke, the CEO of the Waterloo, Wis.-based bike manufacturer, has several ways to measure what his company has dubbed the "Lance factor." His personal favorite involves riding around his neighborhood and counting how many bikes are



Michel Spingier/Associated Press

Lance Armstrong holds the Tour de France winner's trophy during ceremonies on the Champs-Élysées in Paris on Sunday.

parked in the corners of garages where golf clubs used to sit.

"He inspired a lot of guys who quit running because of bad backs or bad knees to try to become athletes again," Burke said.

But like a handful of other business owners churning out steady profits while Armstrong cranked the pedals, he knows finding a replacement will be difficult, if not impossible.

Over the last week, USA Cycling boss Jim Ochowicz, Outdoor Life Network President Gavin Harvey, the editors of cycling magazines, and hundreds of cancer survivors inspired to climb on a bike have talked about what made Armstrong so compelling. It wasn't just arriving first at the finish line in Paris year after year. It was how Armstrong got there, what USA Cycling spokesman Andy Lee called "the incredible human-interest component to his story."

Diagnosed with testicular cancer in October 1996, Armstrong's doctors gave him a 40 percent chance of survival, and they never expected he'd compete at anything more strenuous than gin rummy. Winning

the world's most grueling sporting event fewer than three years later made Armstrong a hero, and his stature has only grown with his insistence that this element of the story not slip all the way off the page.

Armstrong did that again Monday during an interview on CBS News' "The Early Show."

"If you consider the size and the scope of the illness, not just the people diagnosed, not just the people who have survived, but the people whom it has touched ... you have basically 250 million people realizing what's going on and realizing that your story somewhat reflects theirs.

"That's powerful stuff," Armstrong added. "You know, nobody else — none of the other 180 guys who started three weeks ago had that advantage. So perhaps that's part of the secret."

Whatever it was, we won't see his like anytime again soon, if ever.

Only nine Americans started in the tour, but four began as team leaders, and excluding Armstrong, four still placed among the top 33 overall.

Unfortunately, none looks like a potential successor. Even with Armstrong playing a consulting role for his Discovery Channel team, it's unlikely next year's champion will emerge from there, either.

On the winner's podium Sunday, he suggested either second-place finisher Ivan Basso of Italy or German Jan Ullrich, who was third and has been Armstrong's principal rival, would own his spot next year. For all their popularity in Europe — Ullrich won the tour in 1997 and has finished second five times — neither is likely to pull in nearly as many eyeballs as Armstrong did during his reign.

The rest of Armstrong's parting words on the Champs-Élysées might have ruffled some feathers, but speaking his mind was part of his appeal.

"I can't hold a press conference in a month and say, 'Hey, you guys, you bad guys, shame on you for not dreaming.' So that was my chance," he said during his appearance on CBS. "I just said take a good look at this face because you're never going to see it again."

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Brunner looks for 3

PRIME TIME

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With five minutes left in the game and Ambrisco leading by four, Hansen and Brunner started going right at one another. On consecutive possessions, Hansen hit 10-foot bank

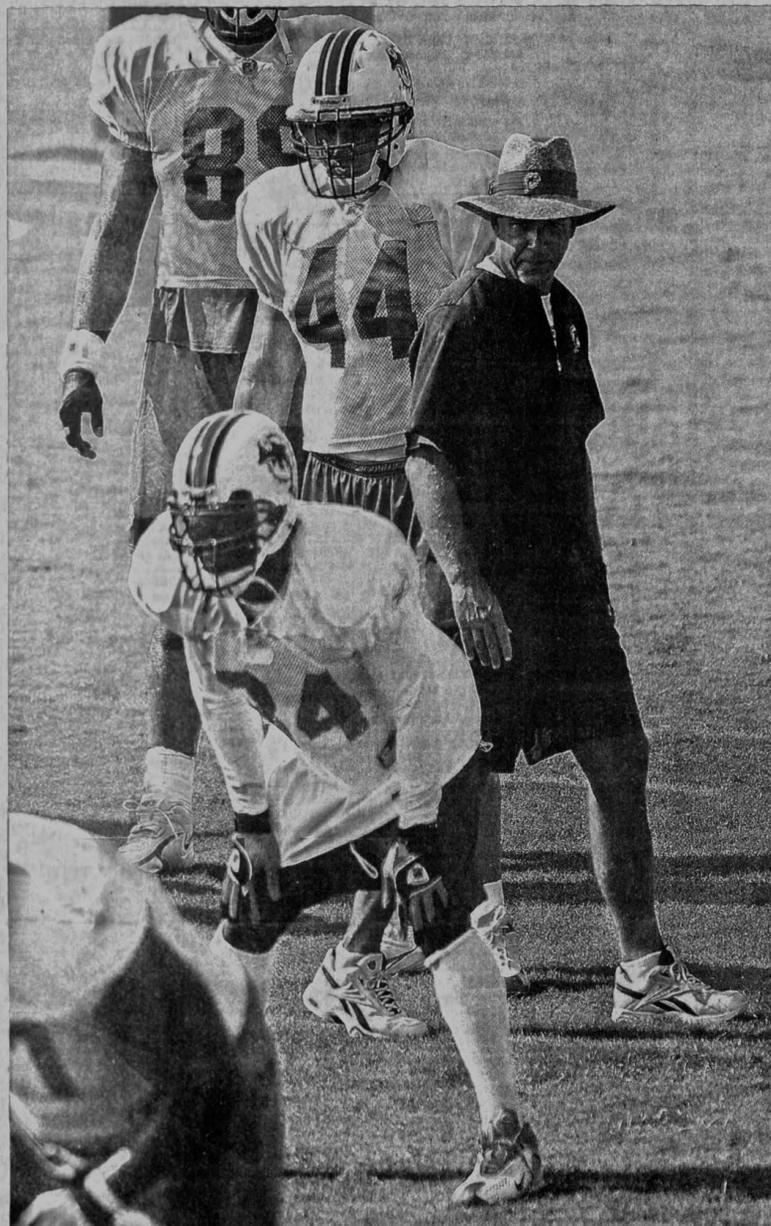
shots over Brunner, only to have Brunner repay the favor at the opposite end.

The victory for Brunner represents a third-straight trip to the finals of the Prime Time playoffs, with his team having won the previous two. And the three-peat is definitely

on his mind. "It's kind of like every game," he said. "Whoever is shooting the ball well Wednesday will have to carry us. Hopefully, I will play better, though, because I definitely want to win."

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Ricky appears in camp



Steve Mitchell/Associated Press

Miami Dolphins coach Nick Saban watches running back Ricky Williams during the first day of practice Monday in Davie, Fla.

WILLIAMS

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practice. "I realize by making that decision, I affected the team in a negative way and upset a lot of fans."

"I'm very regretful that people were hurt in the process of my doing that. I do realize that to a lot of people it comes off as being very selfish. So I do offer an apology to all the people who were negatively affected."

His words of contrition seemed to satisfy teammates, including center Seth McKinney, who a year ago called Williams a quitter.

"In the team meeting, he did what he had to do," McKinney said. "He's a man about it. We're all being men about it. Nobody is holding any grudges. We all want him back. He's a great player."

Locker-room teasing helped lighten the mood, players said. Defensive tackle Larry Chester noted Williams' long, scraggly beard and multidirectional hairdo.

"Guys were saying he looked like a little homeless guy," Chester said. "It was all in fun."

Williams said he found the warm reception from teammates surprising.

"It's awkward, you know?" he said. "So many things have been floating around, you just never know what to expect."

His return overshadowed Saban on the new coach's first day of camp. Saban had reached out to Williams in January, laying the groundwork for the running back's comeback.

When Williams returned to

the field, nearly 1,000 fans were on hand in humid, 85-degree sunshine. His name and number 34 were still missing from a roster handout — an oversight, a team official said. But a dozen fans wore No. 34 jerseys, the same ones sold for half price in South Florida last fall.

When a pass pattern sent him sprinting toward the stands, the crowd cheered, prompting him to grin. He smiled again later when he stepped to a lectern to answer questions from a cluster of reporters, never his favorite activity and something he hadn't done in 19 months.

When the topic turned to his admitted use of marijuana, Williams said he no longer smokes it. He faces a four-game suspension at the start of the season for violating the NFL substance abuse policy.

"Being an NFL player, I had a problem with some of the rules. I wasn't very comfortable with it, and I decided to walk away from it," Williams said.

"Being away and having a chance to learn a lot about myself, I realized that freedom is having the strength to be in any situation and be content with that situation."

Defensive end Jason Taylor, critical of Williams when the drug issue surfaced last year, said he considers the matter closed.

"I don't think he needs to talk to us about it," Taylor said. "It's none of our business. He can deal with things however he wants. Just don't leave again."

After Williams vanished last July, he lived in a tent in Australia, studied holistic medicine

at a California school, and spent a month at a yoga center in India, becoming certified as an instructor.

Does he regret the decision to sit out last season?

"It's hard to regret it myself, just because I had an incredible year," he said. "I got to do pretty much all the things in my life that I never thought I would do or I had a chance to do. So for me it was very fulfilling."

Fulfilling but less filling: He lost 30 pounds on a vegetarian diet and took the field Monday at 213, well below his listed weight of 226 on the 2004 pre-season roster.

He's no longer big enough for the workhorse role he assumed in 2002-03, and he's not even assured of starting. As a hedge, Saban took Auburn's Ronnie Brown with the No. 2 overall pick in the April draft.

Brown, oddly, was the running back absent Monday. He has yet to sign.

Williams said he missed football and his teammates last year, but money also motivated him to return. A court found the 1998 Heisman Trophy winner in breach of contract by retiring and ordered him to repay the team \$8.6 million.

"It's like the sword of Damocles hanging over someone's head," said Williams' agent, Leigh Steinberg.

Because Williams sat out last season, he's due only the NFL minimum \$540,000 this year, compared with the \$3.7 million he passed up in 2004.

Haluska out for final



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Mike Henderson and the Delimart team watch an opponent take a technical foul shot with two minutes left in overtime. Asoyia tied the game at 96 at the end of regulation and seized the win after Delimart led for most of the game.

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After two very close halves, Asoyia came out in overtime ready to win. Stout started it out with a basket, and Asoyia kept the lead.

Asoyia's win over Delimart puts it in the championship game against the winner of the Accident Fund Insurance/AW Welt Ambrisco Insurance, which will be played Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Wessel's and his teammates know that the championship

game will be tough, especially because Haluska will not join them.

"Both teams are really good," he said. "We are going to have to get out and really play."

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Life after Lance

TOUR DE FRANCE

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Italian rider Ivan Basso, who finished third in 2004 and second this year, is another potential champion.

"With Ivan, we have a rider who can win," said Basso's Team CSC director Bjarne Riis.

"He is the one to become Armstrong's successor." Also in contention should be Alexandre Vinokourov of Kazakhstan, the third-place finisher in 2003 and winner of Sunday's final stage.

He has left Ullrich's T-Mobile team because he wants a team built around him next year.

And there's Alejandro Valverde, a talented young Spaniard who beat Armstrong in a sprint finish on an Alpine climb to the ski resort of Courchevel on stage 10.

"A guy such as him — I'm not blowing smoke — could be the future of cycling," Armstrong said.

Italian rider Damiano Cunego, 23, missed the race with an illness but will be expected to challenge soon. Then there's Armstrong's Discovery Channel teammate Yaroslav Popovych.

He won the white jersey awarded to this year's best young rider.

"We cannot replace Lance," team director Johan Bruyneel said.

"There is not a second one in line to really step up. Being the next leader is difficult."

Armstrong, meanwhile, is expected to play a prominent advisory role to Bruyneel next year, and he could have a hand in developing another Tour winner.

"He's created a very calculated way of winning," American rider Fred Rodriguez said.

"I don't see why he's not going to continue the legacy."

Among the top American riders are Armstrong's teammate George Hincapie and former teammate Floyd Landis, as well as Levi Leipheimer and David Zabriskie.

"For the American public to stay interested in cycling and the Tour, they have to have an American guy," Armstrong said.

"That's the only way I think it crosses over to the big-time press and the networks."

Back home, his performances led to a huge boost in television ratings.

He conquered a primarily European sport his own way and brought it into living

rooms across America.

During this year's Tour, the Outdoor Life Network — which held exclusive TV rights — reported its prime-time ratings had tripled over the network's usual programming. Race coverage overall was up 18 percent over last year, spokeswoman Amy Phillips said.

"Next year will be the trial year, to see if we can sustain the interest," said Frankie Andreu, a former teammate of Armstrong's now working for the network.

Armstrong's effect on the Tour has been unquestionable. Rocked by the 1998 Festina doping scandal, the event was on its knees and needed rescuing.

Along came Armstrong a year later — who beat cancer and then went on to dominate the world's toughest race as no one had before.

He redefined the Tour with his meticulous attention to detail, indomitable will to win, ruthlessness, and uncanny ability in motivating teammates to work for his cause.

"He's physically more capable than anyone else out there," Rodriguez said.

"It's whatever you're born with — genetics, the mental capacity, the body. He has the best team, the best technology, the fastest bikes. He's done everything he can to know he's 100 percent."

Armstrong won two more titles than any other rider in the 102-year history of the race — Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault, and Miguel Indurain all won five — but his manner of victory bothered some purists.

"His only concern was the yellow jersey, whereas Merckx and Hinault were more like cannibals and wanted to win stages as well," Tour director Jean-Marie Leblanc said.

Often reproached for focusing only on winning the Tour, Armstrong used other races

simply as preparation for the French event.

"You cannot say the Tour was overwhelmed with suspense," Prudhomme said. "The paradox is he crushed his rivals."

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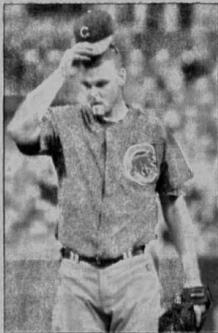
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Wood to pull a Schilling

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Cubs right-hander Kerry Wood went on the 15-day disabled list for the second time this season with a sore shoulder Monday, and he will be sent to the bullpen once he returns in an attempt to reduce the wear on his arm.

Wood, 3-3 with a 4.67 ERA in 10 starts, had a cortisone shot on July 21 after lasting only three innings the previous day, in which he gave up three homers in a 9-3 loss at Cincinnati.

He threw on flat ground in the outfield Monday and said his shoulder is improving but still not 100 percent.

Once he comes off the DL, he will go on a rehab assignment, and the plan is for him to work out of the bullpen, both with a minor-league team and then again once he returns to the Cubs. If Wood's shoulder does not get better, off-season surgery is an option.

FOOTBALL

Ohio State QB cleared of violation

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State quarterback Troy Smith did not break any NCAA rules when he missed a class to attend a football camp sponsored by Tennessee Titans quarterback Steve McNair this summer, the school said Monday.



Smith
 quarterback

Ohio State athletics department officials spent six weeks probing Smith's attendance at the June football camp in Nashville, Tenn.

NCAA rules prohibit players from attending educational or charitable activities if they miss class and do not get written permission from the school's athletics director.

But because Smith was hired to be at the camp, his presence fell outside the scope of NCAA rules, the school said.

"It was something that he was employed to do, so it falls underneath the category of student-athlete employment," Ohio State spokesman Steve Snapp said.

ALL-STARS

Smith lifts Big Ten stars to victory

The Big Ten All-Star women's basketball team stayed unbeaten on its European trip, thanks to a clutch shot by Iowa's Crystal Smith.

She hit a 10-foot jumper in the final seconds to give the Big Ten team a 78-77 victory over the Belgium National Team in the fourth game of its tour.



Smith

The Iowa guard led the team with 20 points, including two 3-pointers and five assists.

Trailing 76-72, Belgium scored five-straight points to take a 77-76 lead with 14 seconds left. Big Ten coach Rene Portland of Penn State called time to set up a final shot, and Smith hit it.

PRIME TIME LEAGUE

Greg Brunner will look for his third-consecutive Prime Time championship Wednesday after advancing in the semifinals — and he won't have to face Hawkeye teammate Adam Haluska, whose out with an injured back

Brunner's 'bad' game carries team to final

BY ANDREW SHANKS
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NORTH LIBERTY — Iowa senior forward Greg Brunner finished one assist shy of recording a second-straight triple-double in Monday night's Prime Time League semifinals.

Brunner paced his Accident Fund Insurance/AW Welt Ambrisco team with 28 points, 19 rebounds, and nine assists in a 99-94 victory over Hodge Construction/Mike Gatens Real Estate. Apparently though, he demands and expects perfection from himself.

"It was probably my worst Prime Time game of the summer," he said. "I didn't play very well. My teammates did a great job of picking me up, and that's what basketball is all about. I had a bad game, and my teammates picked me up."

The game shaped up to be one of the most intriguing matchups of the playoffs — with Brunner facing off with fellow-Hawkeye Erik Hansen — and the two didn't disappoint anybody. Hansen matched Brunner's scoring output with 28 points while also grabbing eight rebounds and dishing out one assist.

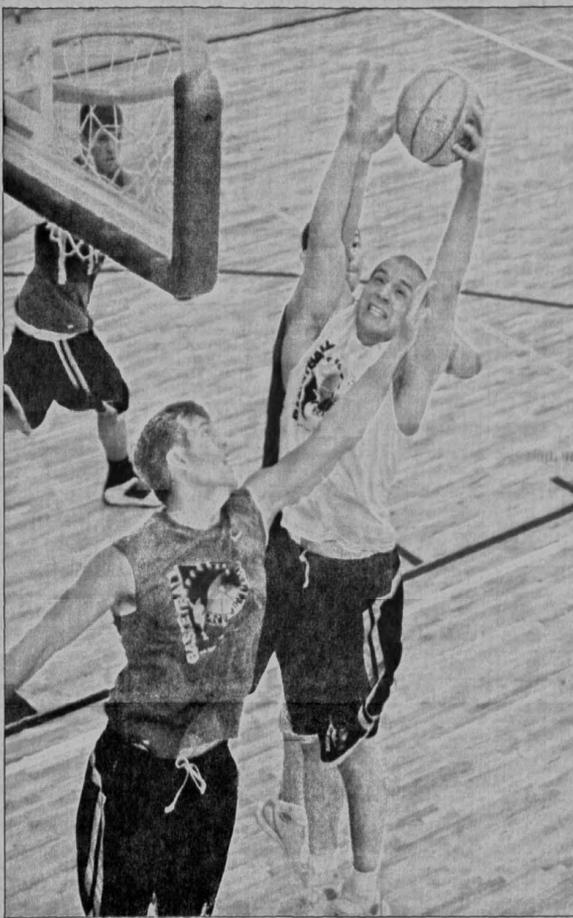
"Erek knows all of my moves, and he is 6-11 and very long, so I needed to adjust and shoot the ball a little higher than usual," Brunner said. "I usually do a better job of adjusting, but tonight he defended me great all game."

Both teams came out lethargically to start, but the pace picked up very quickly after a few highlight-reel plays.

The first featured Hansen rejecting Northern Iowa's Brooks McCowan's lay-up, rebounding the block, and attempting a full-court pass. Brunner stepped into the passing lane, intercepted the ball, and relayed it to a streaking Kenyon Murray for a dunk.

The second was a momentum-gaining, half-court heave by UNI's Ben Jacobsen, that cut Ambrisco's lead to one point.

Hodge took that momentum and



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye forward Greg Brunner goes up for a rebound on Monday night in Prime Time League action in North Liberty. Brunner's teams have won the Prime Time championships for the past two years, and this year's team is in the semifinals with a 99-94 win over Hodge Construction.

parlayed it into a 14-3 run to start the second half that forced Brunner's team to call a time-out.

"They came out and took it to us to start the second half," Brunner said. "We couldn't do anything right. We just started playing at our pace,

really running the ball, and never looked back."

After the time-out, Ambrisco went on a 13-2 run of its own, regaining the momentum and setting the stage for a memorable finish.

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Asoyia moves to final

BY KARA KOESTNER
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NORTH LIBERTY — No Adam Haluska, no problem.

Asoyia/Steindler Orthopedic Clinic played most of Monday night's semifinal game against Delimart/Iowa City Ready Mix without the Hawkeye star, but won, 115-102, in overtime in the Prime Time League playoffs to advance to Wednesday's championship game.

Haluska left the game early in the first half because of a back injury. He has played well consistently throughout the Prime Time season for Asoyia, but he scored just five points before going out of the game.

Iowa freshmen Brett Wessels, who was a key player for Asoyia in overtime, said having Haluska on the bench was tough break for his team.

"We played really well despite missing two great players tonight, Adam Haluska and Justin Wieck," Wessels said. "We all stepped up our game."

Wessels scored 26 points for Asoyia, two coming from the free-throw line at the end of the second half to put the game into overtime tied at 96.

The high scorer for Asoyia was Wayne State's Dallas Hodges, who scored 36 points.

On Delimart's side, Hawkeye Mike Henderson's 48 points equaled almost half of his team's 102. His intensity on both ends of the floor was a key factor in keeping the score close for Delimart.

Iowa senior Doug Thomas scored 22 points in his first Prime Time game for Delimart, highlighted by dunks over Asoyia players on more than one occasion.

Asoyia's Grant Stout and Brett Baumgart both played strong defensively in the paint. UNI's Stout finished the game with 13 rebounds, and Baumgart had 12.

"It was a collective team effort," Wessels said. "I made some poor decisions, and my team was there to help me out."

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Haluska
 out for Wednesday's championship

Ricky II opens

BY STEVEN WINE
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DAVIE, Fla. — Back in the Miami Dolphins' backfield Monday, Ricky Williams made all the right moves.

First, he showed up. Then he reached the end zone on his first carry, smiled at cheering fans, apologized for leaving the team in the lurch, said he was done with dope, and calmly submitted to a media interrogation regarding his surreal one-year retirement.

One question — the first one — momentarily stumped him, though: Why did he return?

"Why? Why? I don't know. I don't know," he said.

Uh-oh. This roller-coaster ride still seems a little rickety. Greeted with hugs from teammates and cheers from fans, Williams returned to the Dolphins for their opening training camp practice Monday under new coach Nick Saban.



Williams
 Miami Dolphins

Lining up for his first play since the 2003 season, Williams took a handoff from Gus Frerotte and sprinted 20 yards to the goal line.

But there was no defense on the field, and Williams is sure to meet stiffer resistance in the weeks to come as he tries to regain favor and reclaim a starting job.

"Look, we're kind of in the risk-taking business," Saban said. "I've talked to the team about it. I think everybody is accepting of his ability and respectful of him as a competitor. I think everybody is anxious to see that he is committed and to evaluate his level of commitment."

At a team meeting Sunday after players reported for camp, Williams spoke briefly and apologized for the impact caused by his retirement a year ago last weekend. The Dolphins went into a nosedive and finished 4-12, their worst season since the 1960s.

"There were things about life that I wanted to explore outside of football, and I had never had the chance," Williams said at a news conference after

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TOUR DE FRANCE

Lance-less in France

BY JEROME PUGMIRE
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Lance Armstrong is gone. What now for the Tour de France?

For one, it should be a more closely contested race next year, with former champion Jan Ullrich and emerging new rivals battling for the yellow jersey.

"Without Armstrong here, everyone's going to think he's got the Holy Grail," American rider Chris Horner said. "I think it might be more nervous in the beginning. There'll be all the speculation. Instead of talking about Armstrong's next victory, they'll be talking about the next guy to win."

The 33-year-old Texan retired Sunday after his record seventh-consecutive victory in cycling's showcase event.

"He contributed to the myth of the Tour," deputy race director Christian Prudhomme said. "Next year, the suspense will be far higher. There will no longer be a huge favorite. The boss who ruled the Tour de France will be gone."



Franck Prevot/Associated Press

Lance Armstrong (third from left) rides up the Champs-Élysées avenue between Servais Knaven and Frederic Bessy on his way to winning his seventh-straight Tour de France on Sunday. Jan Ullrich, one of his main rivals, is third from right.

His departure offers hope to Ullrich, the 1997 champion from Germany who has been a five-time runner-up — three times to Armstrong.

He finished third this month, but he will be 32 next year,

and he knows it could be his last chance to win another title.

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