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RAIN-FOREST PROJECT

City to eye design

BY ANGIE MENG
THE DAILY IOWAN

Coralville officials plan to meet this week to examine architectural designs for a proposed 4.5-acre artificial rain-forest project and make further decisions about the future of the \$180 million endeavor.

The meeting comes after a recent threat from project officials, in which they demanded additional Coralville land for the Iowa Environmental/Education Project, as well as moving the location farther south, or officials would research other avenues for the controversial rain forest and education center.

In the letter sent to Coralville Mayor Jim Fauset on Nov. 18, former Gov. Robert Ray, the chairman of the project's board of directors, asked Coralville officials for assurance that they continued to support the project.

Officials wanted a response from Coralville regarding the project's terms by Dec. 2, Fauset said on Sunday. If Coralville does not meet the criteria outlined in the letter, project leaders will "proceed with exploring other alternatives," Ray wrote.

Some criteria include handing over at least 25 acres, preferably 30 acres, to the project — compared with the 22 acres Coralville had originally offered — and a site farther south of the interstate than previously planned to reduce noise levels coming from the roads, Fauset said.

"We had felt that 22 acres was enough, but we haven't seen the architect's footprint. When we see the design, we will know more," he said. "I'm still

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Iowa City native Caleb Brown can make around \$100 a night playing his many instruments on the Ped Mall



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan

UI freshman and Iowa City native Caleb Brown started busking downtown in high school after his passion for music gelled in middle school. Brown plays the guitar, violin, banjo, harmonica, and mandolin among others instruments.

PLAYING THE SIDEWALKS OF

BY EMILEIGH BARNES
THE DAILY IOWAN

He started to stare off into space and then proceeded to smash the guitar against the pavement.

"We just stared at each other like 'Did that just happen?'" UI freshman Caleb Brown said.

It had started out as a regular night of busking for Brown and friend Ryan Terrell, when Terrell agreed to let a stranger play his guitar for a few dollars.

"Often, I'll let people play my guitar, if they look to have some knowledge of it, first," Brown said.

But the usual sharing of instruments went awry when — looking at his

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— Caleb Brown, freshman

friend's guitar ground into the sidewalk — Brown was left dumbstruck dialing 911.

But, flashing a smile, the redhead was quick to add that weird incidents occur in the business of busking, especially because the prime hours for performance are at night.

The Iowa City native is one of several musicians who brave the streets on weekends. He makes up to \$100 a night performing around the Pedestrian Mall — a gig he never expected to perform growing up.

Brown picked up the violin

in fourth grade, but his passion for music did not get sparked until three years later.

"In seventh grade, I started realizing I liked music a lot," the City High graduate said. "But I was still stuck in classical music. Classical music was all I listened to, until ninth grade."

The music aficionado was surprised to find the relatively more modern music worth listening to when his dad introduced him to Bob Dylan and the Beatles his freshman year of high school.

The now 18-year-old decided to learn guitar but was overwhelmed by only using four fingers on six strings. Instead, he settled for a four-string banjo he found in his grandmother's closet.

But the switch wasn't easy. Brown said the motion of gliding a bow over strings is vastly different from strumming a banjo.

And after the linguistics major had mastered the banjo, he continued to pursue less mainstream instruments. He bought a mandolin when in Rothenburg, Germany, on a high-school trip.

In Germany, he was inspired by the street musicians to join in their music.

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Hot jokes on a cold, cold Iowa night

Standup comedians Dave Attell and Pauly Shore performed Wednesday night at Hancher Auditorium to an enthusiastic crowd, though somewhat smaller than promoters had hoped for

BY MEGHAN V. MALLOY
THE DAILY IOWAN

Women, politics, and the proper way to perform sexual acts were only a few of the topics covered by standup comedians Dave Attell and Pauly Shore on Wednesday night at Hancher Auditorium.

The audience, which wasn't a sell-out as SCOPE officials had hoped, cracked up as Shore talked about his past career and his luck trying to impress women.

Shore received a standing ovation as he took the stage shortly after his introduction by a friend.

The 37-year-old comedian opened

the show by making jokes about living in Iowa, quickly followed by all the things that can go wrong when men try to pick up women at bars.

"Why do women go to the bars dressed like sluts and then get pissed off when men try to talk to them?" Shore asked, to roars of laughter.

Jokes aside, Shore's mantra throughout his 30 minute stint was, "But we still love you, girls. We love you."

But Attell, 40, who has been performing standup since his college days, was garnering most of the attention as the headlining act.

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Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Actor and comedian Pauly Shore performs at Hancher Auditorium on Wednesday night. Shore's next stop will be in Roswell, Ga., on Jan. 15.

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OUCH

Hawkeye guard Jeff Horner, the offense's glue, will miss at least two weeks with a knee injury. **1B**

SPENCE SUSPENSE

Or maybe not; one year after the Animal Liberation Front break-in, the FBI says it's investigating but has nothing to say. **2A**

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Skorton lauds alcohol board

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— Leah Cohen, Iowa City Alcohol Advisory Board co-chairwoman

BY COLIN BURKE
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI President David Skorton responded to the recommendations from the Iowa City Alcohol Advisory Board on Wednesday and vowed to follow through on the proposals made to the university last month.

"I applaud the Advisory Board's efforts and pledge to aggressively pursue implementation of the recommendations pertaining to the University of Iowa," Skorton said in a statement.

Among the group's recommendations were more alcohol-free events sponsored by the UI, an advertising campaign featuring icons, such as athletes, to promote responsible behavior, and education programs for incoming freshmen similar to the course "The College Transition."

"What we're hoping is that that can be expanded," board co-head Leah Cohen said on Wednesday. "We will see the students, themselves, naturally reducing their consumption."

The owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., said she felt a crucial element of the board's plan is encouraging alcohol-free activities. She pointed to events such as Dance Marathon and Skorton's block party in August as examples.

"We feel that the more that are offered, the more attendance there will be," she said.

Because no one entity — the city, police, or the UI — can alone resolve the issue of excessive drinking, Cohen said, she was excited about opening lines of communication with the university and emphasized the need for cooperation.

But one UI official said Wednesday that he feels those educational courses and other alternatives are already in place.

"Everything that is advertised and done on campus now is alcohol-free," said Phillip Jones, the UI vice president for Student Services.

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NEWS

Local salon rubs the right way

Zenders was named by W magazine as a Top Trend Setting Salon and Spa

BY AMANDA MASKER
THE DAILY IOWAN

Evergreen garland borders the walls, aromatic candles scent the air, small waterfalls cascade in the corner, and lights dimly set create a soothing ambiance at the award-winning holistic retreat.

Iowa City's Zenders Salon and Spa, 2 S. Linn St., was named among the Top Trend Setting Salons and Spas in W magazine. The salon was also named the best nationwide Aveda holistic spa in 2004 and received a trend award from Elle in 2002.

"It's harder to get [these awards] a second time than it is the first time," owner Donna Zender said. "You have to stay on top of styles and designs."

The most sought after services from the spa are massages and facials, she said.

New to the salon this year is steam therapy, said manager Jenny Naderman.

Before a massage, clients can have what Zenders describes as a "tent-like dome" placed over them while on a table for a muscle-relaxing, detoxifying, sinus-clearing, metabolism-boosting, and skin-hydrating steam, Zender said.

The salon owner consistently strives to bring new concepts and services to her business, and she has been doing so for years.

Zender purchased the then-Sky's the Limit Salon in 1981. Roughly 16 years later, Zender gave her business her last name.

"I felt that time was changing and trend was changing," she said.



Donna Zender (right), the owner of Zenders Salon and Spa, stands with manager Jenny Naderman on Wednesday. Zenders was ranked among the Top Trend Setting Salons and Spas in the country by W magazine.

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— Donna Zender, spa owner

The team at Zenders is consciously aware of the necessity to move forward in terms of both image and services. Associates have received advanced education on current looks and

trends in Minneapolis, Chicago, and some as far as New York, Zender said.

Many rooms of the salon and spa are adorned with Japanese characters for infinity, air, fire,

water, and earth — the five elements of nature on which the Zenders spa services are based.

Esthetician Heather Miller, who specializes in facials and waxing, said the facility offers "a holistic body approach" which concerns the balance of the mind, body, and soul.

"We focus on each client individually and work through aromatherapy for balance," Zender said.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Miguel Crowder, 27, 23 Elm Drive Breckenridge Estates, was charged Tuesday with driving while under suspension.
Bae Jun, 21, 622 S. Johnson St., was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana, OWI, and first-degree theft.
Keyah Levy, 19, 924 E. Washington St. Apt. 2, was charged Nov. 6 with first-degree burglary.

Travis Randels, 39, address unknown, was charged Dec. 4 with public intoxication.
Michael Westen, 23, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.
Kemberley Willis, 23, 2721 Muscatine Ave. Apt. B, was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

Stings snare five IC bars

The Sports Column, Union Bar, Martinis, Quinton's and Morgan's were all cited for selling alcohol to underage people; the bartenders were fined \$690

BY MICHELLE BROOKS
THE DAILY IOWAN

The underage drinkers who scurry to push their drinks away at a bar if police officers tread near them are not the only ones in Iowa City who are hit financially by police citations.

Between Nov. 3 and Nov. 18, 28 establishments in Iowa City licensed to sell alcohol beverages went under compliance checks mandated by state law.

Working with plainclothes officers, under-21 youths entered the bars and attempted to purchase alcoholic beverages. While 23 of the businesses refused the underage customers, five establishments did not, officials said.

Those that failed the check include Sports Column, 12 S.

Dubuque St., Union Bar, 121 E. College St., Martinis, 127 E. College St., Quinton's, 215 E. Washington St., and Morgan's, 210 S. Dubuque St.

Quinton's, which is a 21-bar at night, underwent its compliance check before 9 p.m., when no bouncers were checking identification at the door.

"We usually have a good reputation with the Iowa City Police Department," said Quinton's employee Chris Gillette.

The ticketed bartender had not been working at the establishment for very long, and checking the customer's ID "slipped her mind," Gillette said. But he quickly added that it could have happened to anyone, including himself.

"It's bad luck, and it does frustrate the bar owners," he said.

"We got stung." The number of compliance checks each year depend on funding and availability of officers, said Iowa City police Sgt. Doug Hart. Typically, one to two such checks are held each year.

The offending employees were charged for selling and supplying an alcoholic beverage to a minor and received a \$690 fine.

Some participants in the sting operations are volunteers, and others are asked to participate by police. The participants are compensated for their services.

The Stepping Up Project gave \$1,000 to the department to help fund the compliance checks.

"One of our objectives is to continue enforcement of laws

BAR EMPLOYEES:

Cited during compliance checks in November

- Sports Column, 12 S. Dubuque St. — Ryan Barnes
- Union Bar, 121 E. College St. — Scott Horwitch
- Martinis, 127 E. College St. — Megan Collins
- Quinton's, 215 E. Washington St. — Lindsey O'Donnell
- Morgan's, 210 S. Dubuque St. — Lindsey Sinn

and ordinances concerning alcohol," said Angela Reams, coordinator of the Stepping Up Project.

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susceptibility to diseases, allergies, and conditions such as asthma.

— by Erika Binegar

Inmate pleads guilty in child-porn case

A man serving a 25-prison sentence for sexually abusing an 11-year-old girl while he was HIV-positive pled guilty on Monday to the federal charge of receiving and possessing child pornography.

Matt Powells, 42, is serving three concurrent 25-year sentences for criminal transmission of HIV and two counts of second-degree sexual abuse. He was convicted in a Johnson County court in May of molesting the child from August to November 2004 at his home in Iowa City, according to court records.

If Powells is found guilty of the child-pornography charges, he faces up to 20 years in prison. A sentencing date will not be set for at least three months, said U.S. attorney spokesman Al Overbaugh.

— by Laura Thompson

Man pleads not guilty in alleged assault

A Coralville man accused of punching a woman of Middle Eastern descent in the face after shouting an ethnic slur at her has entered a written plea of not guilty

on Tuesday, online court records show.

Troy Anderson, 24, is charged with assault causing bodily injury in violation of civil rights after he allegedly assaulted the woman on the patio of the Deadwood, 6 S. Dubuque St., on Oct. 1.

According to police records, Anderson allegedly called the woman a "sand nigger" and punched her in the eye, causing her to fall to the ground and chip a tooth.

If convicted, Anderson faces up to two years in prison and a \$5,000 fine.

— by Laura Thompson

DI's Loomis wins another award

Daily Iowan Assistant Photo Editor Nicholas Loomis captured national recognition for his work in photojournalism Tuesday.

The Hearst Journalism Awards Program released a list of finalists, with Loomis achieving a 12th-place finish in the portrait/personality and feature category. Winners were selected out of 74 entries from 43 journalism schools nationwide.

"It is good to have your work validated by an award committee," Loomis said. "But I can't seem to ascend."

He placed 12th in last year's competition for his work in the picture-story category.

The fifth-year senior's presence has been felt on the national-award scene this semester. Loomis has received two additional accolades, including an honorable mention in the College Photographer of the Year competition, for his work in the news category.

— by Mark Bosworth

Maxson names new social-work head

Linda Maxson, the dean of the UI College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, named Associate Professor Ed Saunders to be the new director of the School of Social Work.

Saunders will replace the current director, Salome Raheim, who is leaving the position after being named senior associate to President David Skorton earlier this fall.

Throughout the last two decades, Saunders, who joined the school in 1985, has held a variety of positions. During his tenure with the school, he has served as the director of the Des Moines Educational Center, a research coordinator, an honors-program coordinator, and B.A. program coordinator.

He worked as the program's director in the fall of 2003, while Salome was on developmental leave.

UI officials are pleased with the move, and they "look forward to working with [Saunders] in this new role."

— by Mark Bosworth

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FBI mum one year after Spence break-in

One year after the Spence Labs attack cost the UI an estimated \$450,000, an FBI spokesman says the case is still being investigated but would release no details

BY JASON PULLIAM
THE DAILY IOWAN

One year and an estimated \$450,000 in damages later, the FBI said it has nothing new or significant to report on the investigation into the vandalism of the UI Spence Laboratories.

Jeff Tarpinian, an FBI spokesman based in Omaha, Neb., said on Wednesday that the case is still being vigorously investigated but declined to comment whether the agency is any closer to making arrests.

"We're not just sitting back waiting for someone to pick up a phone and call us," he said. "We're still actively pursuing some things."

Tarpinian confirmed that a composite sketch of a woman wanted for questioning released in March generated some leads in the case, but he would not elaborate.

"We can't provide details of an ongoing investigation," he said. "By policy, I can't reveal that type of information."

The Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for the vandalism in what it described as a "methodical effort to cripple the UI psychology department's research."

The group destroyed offices, dozens of computers, research equipment, and doused research areas and related paperwork with acid to strike a blow against what group members regard as the "UI's chamber of hell ... showcasing the cruelest whims of our earth's sickest minds."

UI psychology-department Chairman Gregg Oden did not immediately return phone calls and e-mails on Wednesday.

Charles Green, the UI assistant vice president for the UI police, said he is pleased with the FBI's efforts, and the agency provides follow-ups "as needed." He was not certain when the FBI last contacted the UI about the status of the investigation.



Members of the National Guard climb into HAZMAT suits before entering Spence Labs on Nov. 15, 2004. Guard troops and the Johnson County Hazardous Material Response Team went into the building to identify the chemicals that had been spilled during an Animal Liberation Front attack on some of the facility's labs.

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FBI spokesman based in Omaha

The loosely formed organizational structure of groups such as the Animal Liberation Front make it difficult to track and identify suspects, Green said. While group representatives take credit for attacks, such as the one at Spence, such individuals do not have direct operational involvement.

The FBI regards the Animal Liberation Front and its sister organization, the Earth Liberation Front, as the nation's foremost domestic-terrorism threats.

Green said investigators suspect "someone on the inside" may have helped those responsible for the vandalism,

though no specific information proves that theory.

"Whoever struck Spence appeared to have some knowledge of the building, how to navigate through the building, and where things were located," he said.

In an e-mail sent to local media last year, the group implied more

acts were forthcoming, saying "by ax, drill, or crowbar ... we're coming through your door." The group also identified animal

SPENCE LAB TIMELINE:

- **Nov. 14, 2004** — vandals hit the facility, destroying computers and releasing research animals.
- **Nov. 15, 2004** — UI officials shut down the building over Thanksgiving break.
- **Nov. 18, 2004** — extremist group Animal Liberation Front claims responsibility for the attacks.
- **March 17** — FBI officials release a composite sketch of a potential female suspect.
- **July 20** — A Daily Iowan investigation reveals several unlocked UI buildings during a midnight security check.
- **Dec. 7** — FBI officials said they are "actively pursuing" the investigation but declined to release any developments in the case.

researchers by name, listed the names of their spouses, and disclosed their addresses.

Green said in spite of increased awareness and security measures, the UI continues to be susceptible to attack. He stressed the importance of knowing as much as possible about individuals inside sensitive areas around campus.

"I think we continue to be vulnerable because of the way the [Animal Liberation Front] operates and tries to get on the inside," he said.

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STATE

Iowa Guard spearheads recruiting

JOHNSTON, Iowa (AP)— The Army National Guard has chosen Iowa to conduct a pilot program in which soldiers join the recruiting effort.

And, its willing to pay — up to \$2,000 for each recruit.

"I believe that a soldier who has deployed will make the best salesman," Brig. Gen. Mark Zirkelbach said Wednesday.

The Guard Recruiter Assistance Program was developed to expand dwindling recruiting numbers nationwide and reward those who help. Guardsmen voluntarily apply online to become eligible.

The program is also being tested in West Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, and North Dakota. If successful, the strategy will be implemented across the country.

"Since the global war on terror, things have really changed throughout

the country and here in Iowa," said Zirkelbach, the deputy adjutant general of the Iowa National Guard.

Though Iowa exceeded recruiting goals last fiscal year, more guardsmen are being deployed, and more recruits are needed, Zirkelbach said. The Army National Guard is short 17,000 of its authorized strength of 350,000.

"Hopefully, this program will assist in rebuilding that readiness at the national level," he said.

Iowa, which ranked first in the nation in strength readiness, has 7,400 guardsmen. Of those, 4,000 have either deployed, recently returned, or are preparing to ship out, Zirkelbach said.

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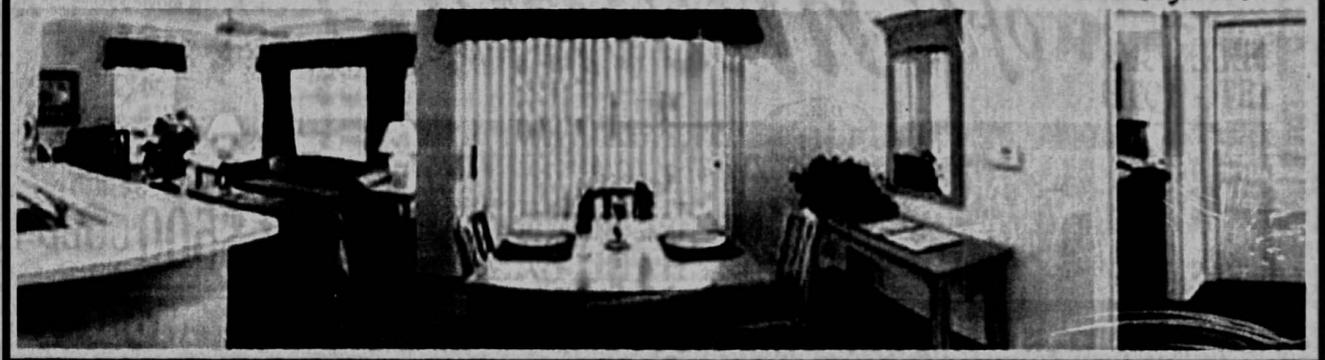
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IOWA CITY FOREIGN RELATIONS COUNCIL

Professor lauds workers' group

The UI interim director of Opportunity at Iowa took on the role of the treasurer of the Worker Rights Consortium after attending a meeting

BY A.J. LENZE
THE DAILY IOWAN



David
UI interim director of Opportunity at Iowa

Marcella David, the UI's interim director of Opportunity at Iowa and a law professor, didn't know what she was getting into when the offer of a free trip to New York enticed her to attend the inaugural meeting of the Worker Rights Consortium.

"I had a pen and a hatred of chaos," she said, speaking at a Iowa City Foreign Relations Council luncheon on Wednesday.

Before she knew it, she had assumed the role of the treasurer of the fledgling organization's Governing Board, and her career as a workers' rights advocate was off.

The WRC is a nonprofit organization formed in 2000 to enforce labor codes for member universities — investigating complaints about foreign factories that manufacture goods bearing college logos. If a complaint is verified, the organization urges the affiliated school to pressure the manufacturer to change its practices.

While the group originally met resistance when Nike threatened to stop dealing with the member universities, 147 schools are now affiliated with the group — including the UI and nine of the other Big Ten schools.

With respect to combating sweatshop practices, "the University of Iowa is doing pretty well," David said. "The U of I participates in the organization in a vibrant way."

In addition to being an affiliated member university, the UI finances David's involvement in the WRC as well as the involvement of Professor Lon Moeller, the university's official WRC representative.

David applauded the efforts of such student protest groups as Students Against Sweatshops.

"Students are willing to do things that are non-economic, like chaining themselves to a radiator or peeing in a bucket for a week," she said.

But she also cautioned that students need to realize that changing labor practices does have economic consequences for manufacturers who are competitive because of cheap labor.

"Is it a consequence? Sometimes, we have to say 'Yes,'" David said.

As an example, she pointed to WRC's investigation involving Kukdong International, a Korean company operating a manufacturing plant in Mexico. The workers' rights group was able to persuade Kukdong to change its labor practices, but the company is now suffering financial troubles.

Logo merchandise includes commonly seen UI shirts, jackets, and caps but also includes more unusual items — such as coffins.

"Apparently, some people want to be buried with a Hawkeye," David said.

Her remarks will be broadcast today at noon on WSUI. The speech and other council presentations can also be viewed on City Channel 4.

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IOWA PRIMARIES

Dems may dilute Iowa's role

'No two states should have a monopoly on the first primary and caucus. A lot of other states have issues that are important to them and ought to have an opportunity to present those issues to the candidates.'

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— Rep. David Price, D-N.C., the commission's co-chairman

BY RONALD BROWNSTEIN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — It's more than two years before the next Iowa caucuses, but the first meaningful votes in the 2008 Democratic presidential race will be cast this week.

On Saturday, a Democratic commission will decide whether to challenge the dominant role that Iowa and New Hampshire play in determining the party's presidential nominee. The panel is strongly leaning toward a plan aimed at diluting those states' influence by authorizing other contests between Iowa's caucus, which starts the nomination race, and New Hampshire's first-in-the-nation primary.

Such a change could increase the influence of blacks and Latinos, who cast few votes in Iowa or New Hampshire, in the Democratic presidential race. And it would allow Democrats from other regions, most likely the South and Southwest, to join Iowa and New Hampshire in winnowing the field of contenders.

Rep. David Price, D-N.C., the commission's co-chairman, said the panel was "fully appreciative of the value" of close contact between voters and candidates "and of the tradition Iowa and New Hampshire has developed in that area."

But, he said, "We have a second goal ... which is to have an early [nominating] season that attracts wider participation

from a wider range of constituencies."

The proposal inevitably has provoked furious resistance in New Hampshire, whose state law requires it to hold its primary seven days before any "similar election."

William Gardner, the New Hampshire secretary of State, said he was ready to advance the date of the state's primary to preserve its position at the front of the line. "We are going to do whatever we have to do to maintain and preserve what New Hampshire has had," he said.

States have the authority to set the dates for their primaries and caucuses. But the national political parties can penalize them — for instance, by reducing their representation at the presidential nominating conventions — if they schedule their votes outside the calendar set by party leaders.

The privileged position of Iowa and New Hampshire has long provoked resentment from Democrats elsewhere. Many complain that it gives the two states disproportionate influence; victories by then-Vice President Al Gore in 2000 and Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., in 2004 in each state effectively settled those races.

"No two states should have a monopoly on the first primary and caucus," Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said. "A lot of other states have issues that are important to them and ought to have an opportunity to present those issues to the candidates."

The other principal impetus for change has been complaints that the current system marginalizes black and Latino voters, both key Democratic constituencies.

Non-Latino whites cast nearly 95 percent of the vote in the last New Hampshire Democratic primary, according to a *Los Angeles Times* exit poll. And the Iowa caucus is so overwhelmingly white that polls in 2004 didn't even ask the ethnicity of attendees.

The implications for Republicans of the possible change by Democrats remain unclear. Party rules bar states from selecting delegates before the first Tuesday in February 2008. And, under those rules, the GOP's nomination calendar cannot be changed until the next national convention — which will meet after the 2008 primaries and caucuses.

If states hold Republican contests before the first Tuesday in February 2008, the party can strip them of half their convention delegates. In 2004, the party did not impose that sanction, when Iowa and New Hampshire scheduled contests in January.

But if the Democrats change their nominating calendar, Republicans in several states might move their contests into January, so they can vote on the same day. And, observers say national party leaders might be compelled to act if more states violate the GOP's

rules. Levin, a commission member, has pushed for the most radical change: a system that would rotate the first caucus and first primary between a half dozen states. The commission seems unlikely to go that far.

But several sources familiar with its deliberations said the panel is strongly leaning toward a proposal that would force Iowa and New Hampshire to share the opening limelight.

According to the sources, all of whom requested anonymity when discussing the commission's deliberations, the panel would preserve Iowa's role as the first caucus and New Hampshire's as the first primary but recommend that the party allow two-to-four states to hold caucuses between those contests. That could diminish the two states' influence by compelling candidates to spend time elsewhere and by providing campaigns alternative opportunities to generate momentum.

Caucuses require voters to attend lengthy meetings in limited locations, and they attract mainly party activists. Primaries follow the rules of general elections, with voting at a range of polling places.

The commission's proposal would not take effect unless approved by the full DNC, which expects to consider the matter at an April meeting in New Orleans.

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Court: Gov't may pursue benefits

'It means that you can take the Social Security benefits of someone who is 90 years old and living on a small amount of money. The losers are clearly older Social Security beneficiaries.'

— Brian Wolfman, director of the Public Citizen Litigation Group

BY GINA HOLLAND
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WASHINGTON — America's seniors and disabled cannot escape debts from old student loans, the Supreme Court ruled Wednesday, freeing the government to pursue Social Security benefits as part of an effort to collect billions in delinquent loans.

The Bush administration had argued that the ability to withhold Social Security benefits is an important tool in the pursuit of \$5.7 billion in student-loan debt that is more than 10 years old. Overall, outstanding loans total approximately \$33 billion.

Government lawyers said there is a limit on how much can be taken from benefit checks, 15 percent, and that the Education Department can forgive debts in some hardship cases.

The unanimous decision went against a disabled 67-year-old Seattle man who lives in public housing and had sued, contending that he needed all of his \$874 monthly check to pay for food and medicine.

James Lockhart's benefits had been cut by 15 percent to cover debts he incurred for college in the 1980s. He has around \$77,000 in unpaid loans.

The court's decision applies to loans that date back more than 10 years and covers both disability and retirement benefits under the Social Security program.

Senior citizens groups did not know how many elderly or disabled people could lose some of their monthly checks if the government decides to go after them.

"It means that you can take the Social Security benefits of someone who is 90 years old and living on a small amount of money," said Brian Wolfman, the director of the Public Citizen Litigation Group and the lawyer for Lockhart. "The losers are clearly older Social Security beneficiaries."

Lockhart lost earlier at the San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which said that Congress, in laws passed in 1991 and 1996, eliminated a 10-year time limit on the government's right to seek repayment on defaulted student loans by seizing Social Security. The justices affirmed that decision.

Other lower courts, however, have ruled in favor of Social Security recipients, and Wolfman said that Congress could reconsider the issue.

The Supreme Court was called on to clarify federal laws that sent conflicting messages about the collection of old loans. The government first began withholding the money from Social Security benefits in 2001 and has defended its authority to do so in court.

The ruling, written by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, will probably be one of her last. She is retiring after 24 years.

In a concurring opinion, Justice Antonin Scalia said that Congress "unambiguously authorized, without exception, the collection of 10-year-old student loan debt. ... In doing so, it flatly contracted and thereby effectively repealed part of the Social Security Act."

Groups, such as the AARP and the National Consumer Law Center, had urged the court to safeguard Social Security benefits in the Lockhart case. The benefits, the organizations said, "are critical in preserving a measure of financial independence for older and disabled workers."

Also Wednesday, new Chief Justice John Roberts announced his first ruling, in a case involving legal fees. The 9-0 decision backed insurance companies, which argued that they should not have to pay legal fees of a New Mexico couple in a case that was shuffled from state court to federal court, then back to state court.

Air marshal kills passenger

An agitated man, who had claimed to have a bomb, was shot when he reached into his carryon bag

BY JOHN PAIN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — An agitated passenger who claimed to have a bomb in his backpack was shot and killed by a federal air marshal Wednesday after he bolted frantically from a jetliner that was boarding for takeoff, officials said. No bomb was found.

It was the first time since the 9/11 attacks that an air marshal had shot at anyone, Homeland Security Department spokesman Brian Doyle said. Another federal official said there was no apparent link to terrorism.

According to a witness, the passenger ran down the aisle of the Boeing 757, flailing his arms, while his wife tried to explain that he was mentally ill and had not taken his medication.

The passenger, identified as Rigoberto Alpizar, indicated there was a bomb in his bag and was confronted by air marshals but ran off the aircraft, Doyle said. The marshals went after him and ordered him to get down on the ground, but he did not comply and was shot when he apparently reached into the bag, Doyle said.

Alpizar, a 44-year-old U.S. citizen, was gunned down on a jetway outside the American Airlines plane, which was parked at a gate at Miami International Airport. Alpizar had arrived earlier in the day from Quito, Ecuador; Flight 924 was going to Orlando, near his home in Maitland.

Relatives said Alpizar and his wife had been on a working vacation in Peru. A neighbor who said he had been asked to watch the couple's home described the vacation as a missionary trip.

"We're all still in shock. We're just speechless," a sister-in-law, Kelley Beuchner, said by telephone from her home in Milwaukee.

The shooting occurred shortly after 2 p.m. as Flight 924 was about to take off for Orlando with the man and 119 other passengers and crew, American spokesman Tim Wagner said.

After the shooting, investigators spread passengers' bags on the tarmac and let dogs sniff them for explosives, and bomb squad members blew up at least two bags.

No bomb was found, said James Bauer, agent in charge of the Federal Air Marshals field office in Miami. He said there



C.M. Guerrero, El Nuevo Herald/Associated Press
Police exit an American Airlines plane after searching the craft at Miami International Airport on Wednesday. A passenger who claimed to have a bomb in a carryon bag was shot and killed by a federal air marshal on a jetway to the plane.

was no reason to believe there was any connection to terrorists.

The concourse where the shooting took place was shut down for a half-hour, but the rest of the airport continued operating, officials said.

Federal officials declined to say how many times Alpizar was shot, or reveal how many

air marshals were on the plane.

Mary Gardner, a passenger aboard the Orlando-bound flight, told WTVJ-TV in Miami that the man ran down the aisle from the rear of the plane. "He was frantic, his arms flailing in the air," she said. She said a woman followed, shouting, "My husband! My husband!"

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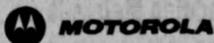
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Getting in on the ground

BROWN

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"I gave it a little try in Salzburg and did it a little that summer, but I didn't know what I was doing," the bearded freshman said. "I didn't feel comfortable."

The summer following his trip, he and friend Terrell decided, because they were just hanging around Iowa City, they might as well make some cash by busking. As he has grown into playing

in front of strangers, Brown noticed a substantial increase in the money he made. While he started making between \$2 and \$3 a night, he later began making \$20—and then \$40. On football game nights, he makes between \$80 and \$100.

One night while busking with Terrell, a woman dropped more than \$60 into their cases, amazed by the guys' talent.

"The guy she was with was upset that she wanted to stay and listen," Brown said.

Rarely seen performing without his green hat adorning his head, he is also willing to share a song or two with passers-by, despite occasional bad experiences.

"I was just walking by, and I sat down with him, and he let me play his guitar for a bit, and he broke out his violin," said UI freshman Andy O'Hara, who joined Brown's busking on Nov. 19, after asking if he could play his guitar. "It was just whatever songs we both knew. It was a

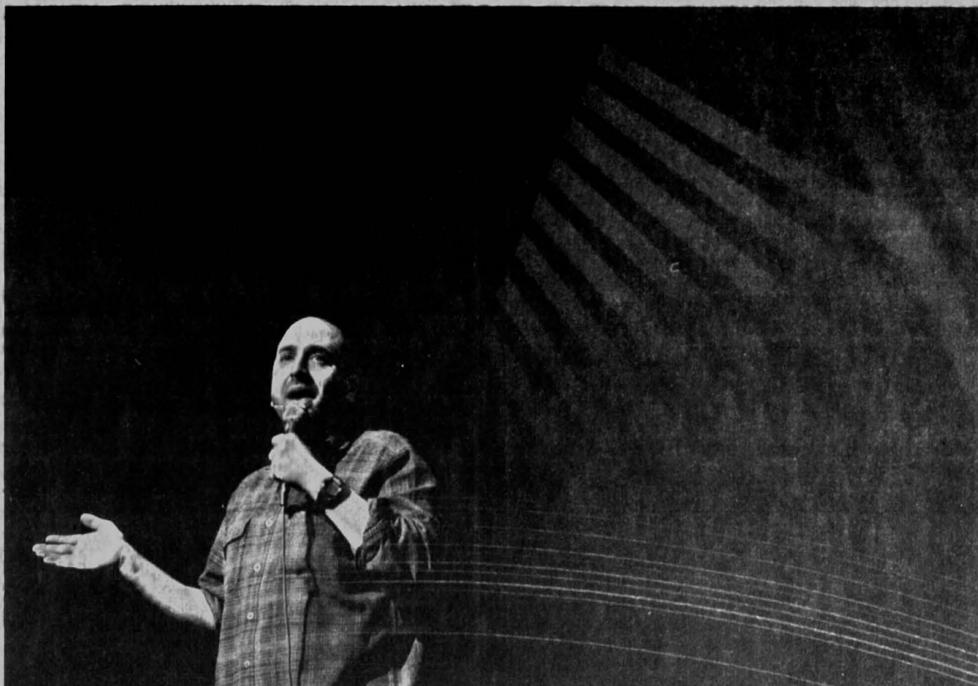
pretty good time."

Today, Brown keeps nearly 15 instruments in his dorm room, naming the violin, banjo, guitar, harmonica, and mandolin as his main moneymakers.

Although impeding winter has forced Brown indoors, he still manages to get his voice out. He plays around town at venues such as the Mill, where he performed Wednesday night.

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Attell, Pauly crack up Hancher



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Comedian Dave Attell performs at Hancher Auditorium on Wednesday evening. Attell will take his show to Dubuque tonight and then go on to the Penguin's Comedy Club in Bettendorf on Friday night.

COMEDY

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"I'm a huge fan of him," said Nick Lnenicka, 27. "I love Dave Attell."

Lnenicka, who drove from Mount Vernon, Iowa, to see the show, said he watched Attell's television show "Insomniac" on Comedy Central religiously.

"His stuff's great, but I hope he has something different than what's on his CDs," Lnenicka said.

Molly Tschantz, 18, picked

up tickets for her father as a gift.

"He loves Dave Attell," the UI freshman said. "We hope the show tonight will be like what he has on TV."

While the crowd of approximately 1,000 showed equal enthusiasm for both comedians, some members preferred to sit back and just take the show in.

Aaron Barrett, 23, and Lindsay Messer, 22, both Iowa City residents, said while they watch Attell's show once in awhile, they didn't consider themselves as

big of fans as some of the other audience members.

"We had tickets, so we decided to check it out," Barrett said.

Attell, who recently released the DVD *Hey, Your Mouth's Not Pregnant*, picked up his portion of the live show where Shore left off. Among Attell's opening jokes, naturally, were bits on living in Iowa and drinking to make up for it.

"You're college students. I know you guys like to drink Jägermeister," Attell said to the cheering crowd.

Besides hosting four sea-

sons of "Insomniac," Attell also wrote for "Saturday Night Live" in the 1990s. He also does national comedy tours.

Shore, who got his start on MTV in the early 1990s with his show "Totally Pauly," later starred in such films as *Encino Man*, *Son-In-Law*, and *Bio-Dome*.

Shore will travel through the South to finish the year, while Attell will stay in eastern Iowa until the end of the week, before going back to New York, where he still resides.

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Skorton backs alcohol board

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Existing alcohol education courses, such as Alcohol and Your College Experience, are available, and Jones said the UI is looking into researching and broadening the classes.

Despite the recent announcement, the board and the university still differ on the controversial 21-ordinance, which would prohibit those underage from being in the bars.

Cohen said the board, which has studied other college communities in which a 21-ordinance has been implemented, found such a law to be ineffective and that a bigger concern is

student safety at house parties.

"That's not an answer in itself; it has not worked in those communities," she said.

Skorton voiced his continued support for a 21-ordinance, and Steve Parrott, the UI director of University Relations, iterated the president's stance.

"The 21 minimum drinking age, whether you agree with it or not, works in practice," Parrott said.

Skorton's statement also cited a report by a task force of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism that recommends a minimum legal drinking age of 21 and increased prices and taxes on alcoholic drinks.

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Coralville to check design

RAIN FOREST

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very optimistic about the project and that we will come to an agreement."

Project leaders also want to know if Coralville will be able to raise the \$40 million it offered for the overall \$180 million. Faussett said the city already has \$30 million invested in the project, but Coralville does not know if the funds can apply to the \$40 million the project wants.

Financial documents disclosed earlier this month revealed that the majority of the project's spending for 2004 came from grant money—all but \$384,000 out of the \$1.48 million spent out of an overall \$50 million federal grant.

Meanwhile, some members of the project's board of directors continue to remain optimistic about the rain forest's future in Coralville.

Board member Mick Starcevic, the president of Kirkwood Community College, said he thinks the project has "real merit," though an "overwhelming majority of the project needs to move forward."

"A lot of the controversy is about some of the details that need to be worked out," he said. "The deadline definitely put a lot of pressure on the project,

but a lot of the time things like that will draw people together to get done what needs to be done, and maybe that's the point we need to be at."

Project board member UI President David Skorton said he believes a lot of the recent controversy about the project stems from people's concerns about fundraising and where the money is coming from.

Also, a project of this magnitude will take a great deal of time, energy, and development, added board member Paula Vincent, the superintendent of the Clear Creek-Amama School District.

"The financing is the major issue right now," she said. "There are a lot of steps we must go through to make sure it is going in the right direction."

The superintendent also praised Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, who secured the \$50 million federal grant for the project in 2004 and recently set a deadline for the project to come up with private funding for the endeavor.

"Grassley has been a great supporter on this process," she said. "I have a great deal of respect for him. As board members, we didn't see him as a problem for the project."

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Bush bashes war critics

BY DEB RIECHMANN
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WASHINGTON — Defending his war policy, President Bush said Wednesday that Iraq is making quiet, steady progress in repairing its shattered economy, though reconstruction "has not always gone as well as we had hoped" because of unrelenting violence.

"Rebuilding a nation devastated by a dictator is a large undertaking," the president said. "It's even harder when terrorists are trying to blow up that which the Iraqis are trying to build."

Bush spoke before the Council on Foreign Relations in the second of four addresses to answer criticism about America's presence in Iraq, where the U.S. death toll has eclipsed 2,100. Bush is laboring under the lowest job approval rating of his presidency, and the speeches are part of a public relations campaign in the run-up to the Dec. 15 vote in Iraq to create a democratically elected government that will run the country for the next four years.

While not admitting errors, Bush spoke about how the U.S. "adjusted our approach" in helping rebuild Iraqi cities. In his speech on Iraq last week, Bush talked about early miscalculations that were made in training Iraqi forces. A majority of Americans now say the war was a mistake, and critics of the administration's reconstruction strategy say not enough has been done in the nearly three years since the invasion to reduce unemployment, step up oil production, and keep the lights on.

"The Iraqi people want jobs, security, and basic services, and the president's words will continue to ring hollow, until these urgent needs are met," Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., said. "Nearly half of the



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An Iraqi motorcyclist passes by a poster with part of the face of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the leader of Al Qaeda in Iraq, in Baghdad on Wednesday. The billboard reads, "For the sake of life, stop terrorism."

funds appropriated by Congress remain unspent, and millions of dollars have been lost to corruption."

The president said the U.S. has helped Iraqis conduct nearly 3,000 renovation projects at schools, train more than 30,000 teachers, distribute more than 8 million textbooks, rebuild irrigation

infrastructure to help more than 400,000 rural Iraqis, and improve drinking water for more than 3 million people.

The U.S.-led coalition also has helped Iraqis introduce a new currency, reopen a stock exchange, and extend \$21 million in microcredit and small business loans to Iraqi entrepreneurs, he said.

Deployments juggled

The Pentagon may not send two brigades to Iraq, instead deploying smaller teams to support and train Iraqi forces

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has tentative plans to halt the scheduled deployment of two brigades to Iraq and instead send smaller teams to support and train Iraqi forces in what could be an early step toward an eventual drawdown of U.S. forces, defense officials said Wednesday.

The proposal comes amid growing pressure from Congress and the public to pull troops out of Iraq. Details are still under discussion, and it would largely depend on the military and political conditions there after the parliamentary elections next week, said the officials.

The two officials, who did not want to be identified because the plans have not yet been completed, said a third brigade, initially scheduled to go to Afghanistan, may also stay home. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld is preparing to announce the plan after the Iraq election on Dec. 15, if all goes well, they said.

Pentagon officials have said all along that they hope to reduce U.S. troop levels, now at



Jacob Silberberg/Associated Press

approximately 154,000, as Iraqi security forces become more capable of defending their own country. A brigade usually numbers around 3,500 troops.

Under the plan, deployment of the 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division, based at Fort Riley, Kan., would be canceled. Instead, for the first time, portions of the brigade would be divided into military transition teams that would be sent separately into Iraq to work with Iraqi security forces.

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Official tied to spill scandal in China dies

A deputy mayor who asserted that there was no pollution after a chemical-plant explosion was found dead at his home; the cause of death is unknown

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BY JOE MCDONALD
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JIAMUSI, China — A deputy mayor who claimed there was no pollution from a chemical-plant explosion was found dead at his home amid public anger over officials' failure to quickly alert residents that tons of toxins had spilled into a major river.

Wang Wei, the 43-year-old deputy mayor of Jilin, the city in northeast China where the blast occurred, was found dead Tuesday, the Hong Kong newspaper *Ta Kung Pao* and Hong Kong Cable TV reported. They said the cause of death was unknown.

The government tried to mollify the public Wednesday by promising a thorough inquiry into the spill into the Songhua River and punishment for anyone responsible. But the government didn't say whether it would target the biggest focus of public anger — accusations that Communist Party officials tried to cover up the pollution.

Wang ran a team that evacuated residents after the Nov. 13 chemical plant explosion, the Hong Kong newspaper report said. He told Chinese media at the time that there was no pollution from the explosion.

The government didn't announce that the Songhua had been poisoned until 10 days

later, after the city of Harbin was forced to shut down running water to its 3.8 million people.

People who live along the river are angry authorities failed to warn them immediately about the spill of 100 tons of cancer-causing benzene and other toxins. The spill disrupted water supplies to millions and sent a chemical slick flowing downriver to Russia.

"Anyone who is found guilty of dereliction of duty will be harshly dealt with," said Li Yizhong, director of the State Administration of Work Safety, quoted by the official Xinhua News Agency.

"Any move trying to cover up the cause of the accident and any passive attitude toward the probe are deemed deception and a defiance of law," he said.

During a visit to Harbin, Premier Wen Jiabao promised to investigate the disaster but didn't mention the failure to quickly inform the public.

An environmental official has complained that by failing to report the spill promptly, local authorities wrecked China's best chance of minimizing the damage.

The handling of the aftermath of the spill highlights the status enjoyed by party officials who often cannot be investigated or prosecuted without the party's permission.

Violence mars Egypt vote

BY NADIA ABOU ELMAGD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ZAGAZIG, Egypt — Police barricaded polling stations and fired tear gas and rubber bullets Wednesday to keep supporters of the banned Muslim Brotherhood from voting in the final day of parliamentary elections. At least eight people were killed, including a 14-year-old boy.

Supporters of the banned Brotherhood fought back, hurling stones and Molotov cocktails and cornering security forces, in some towns.

The last day of the vote, which stretched over a month, was by far the most violent. A total of at least 10 people have been killed during the three rounds of balloting, which began Nov. 9 and are considered a key test of President Hosni Mubarak's pledge to open the autocratic political system.

Hundreds have been wounded and more than 1,000 arrested, mainly supporters of the fundamentalist Brotherhood, which — while banned — has fielded candidates as independents.

The Brotherhood has 35 candidates in Wednesday's runoff for the remaining 127 of 444 seats in Parliament. Polling is taking place in nine provinces, where no candidate received more than half the vote in the third round of polling Dec. 1.

The Brotherhood calls for implementing Islamic law but has long been vague about what that means. It campaigns for head scarves for women and against immodest dress, but it insists it stands for a more moderate version of Islam than in Saudi Arabia.

So far, Mubarak's ruling National Democratic Party and its allied independents have won 222 seats. Early official results Wednesday showed the Brotherhood had taken six



Amr Nabil/Associated Press

A supporter of Egypt's government throws a stone during clashes with supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood, the government's main rival, in Zagazig, Egypt, on Wednesday. Police fired rubber bullets and tear gas Wednesday as they fought to stop voters from reaching polling stations in Muslim Brotherhood strongholds on the final day of Egyptian parliamentary elections.

more seats for a total of 82, a large jump over the 15 seats it held in the outgoing Parliament. Independents have won two seats and other opposition parties 11.

In the northern Sinai town of El-Arish, police blocked Brotherhood voters from polling places Wednesday, and many fought back with a hail of stones and firebombs, cornering police in the narrow streets of the Mediterranean city.

When reinforcements failed to control the crowd, police fled, and angry voters rioted and destroyed the city headquarters of the ruling National Democratic Party.

Government supporters in Zagazig, a Nile Delta city 50 miles northeast of Cairo, were

brought to polling stations in an armored police vehicle. They emerged armed with machetes and pushed back voters who were trying to break through police lines to get into polling stations.

Fourteen-year-old Mohammed Karam el-Taher was killed when police fired at demonstrators in Qattawiya, a Nile Delta village in el-Sharqiya province not far from Zagazig. A 22-year-old man also died in the village of gunshot wounds to the head, according to police, while another man was killed elsewhere in the province.

Three men were shot and killed in the northern town of Damietta, where police fired tear gas and rubber bullets at

crowds outside polling stations, according to Dr. Mohammed Balboula of Damietta Public Hospital and the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights.

Two men died of gunshot wounds in the Matariya hospital in Dakahlia province, also in the Nile Delta, according to a doctor and police.

The Interior Ministry confirmed the deaths but accused the Brotherhood of instigating riots.

Ministry spokesman Ibrahim Hammad accused Brotherhood "thugs" of causing the disturbances. "The police are protecting the judges (who supervise polling stations) and helping the voters to reach the ballot box," Hammad said in a statement.

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Not all rosy in 2 Iraqi cities

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NAJAF, Iraq — Najaf is a largely peaceful Shiite city 100 miles south of Baghdad that has not suffered from the sectarian attacks ravaging other parts of the country. But rivalries between Shiite factions have occasionally become violent.

Although President Bush said residents in Najaf and the northern city of Mosul are "gaining a personal stake in a peaceful future, and their confidence in Iraq's democracy is growing," critics here contend the local system is deeply undemocratic and corrupt. Militantly partisan political parties and militias dominate Najaf's government and security forces.

On Wednesday, the day Bush spoke, no security incidents were reported.

On Sunday, however, former Prime Minister Ayad Allawi visited the Imam Ali shrine, among the holiest in Shiite Islam, and he was attacked by an angry crowd that forced him to flee in a hail of stones and shoes. Allawi called the attack an assassination attempt.

When Allawi was prime minister, U.S. and Iraqi troops seized control of Najaf from the cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, following months of major battles last year. Many Shiites have not forgiven Allawi for his role in the assault; the attackers Sunday were followers of al-Sadr.

FRAUD IN THE UNITED NATIONS GOP report slams oil-for-food, U.N.

A draft congressional report about the controversial program quotes a transcript of a candid discussion among investigators on how U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan should be judged for his involvement in the oil-for-food failures

BY NICK WADHAMS
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UNITED NATIONS — A pattern of mismanagement and fraud in the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq reflects a "failure of leadership" at the United Nations and underscores the need for urgent reform, a draft congressional report said Wednesday.

The report, written by Republicans on a House International Relations subcommittee, called for better accountability and oversight at the United Nations and demanded new investigations of corruption in its purchasing department.

It largely echoed the findings of a recently completed oil-for-food investigation led by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker. But the report also contained the transcript of a candid discussion among investigators on how U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan should be judged for his involvement in oil-for-food failures.

Ultimately, the subcommittee withheld judgment on

whether Volcker's report was too soft on Annan, as one of Volcker's former investigators had alleged. The investigator, Robert Parton, resigned from Volcker's team in April, reportedly because he believed it had ignored evidence critical of Annan.

In an interim report March 29, Volcker's investigation team concluded there wasn't enough evidence to prove Annan influenced the awarding of an oil-for-food contract to a Swiss company that employed his son, Kojo Annan. But it faulted the secretary-general for not properly investigating allegations of conflict of interest in the awarding of the contract.

Parton touched off a firestorm after the subcommittee subpoenaed documents he took with him when he

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— Paul Volcker, head of oil-for-food investigation

quit. The subcommittee eventually heard testimony from Parton but did not make a determination either way on his claims.

That will likely come as a relief to Annan and his staff, who long insisted the secretary-general was judged fairly when he was cleared of trying to influence the oil-for-food contract.

The draft includes a rough transcript of a March 8 meeting of Volcker, Parton, and several other members of their investigation team. That document shows just how conscious Volcker was of the fact that an accusation against Annan could force his resignation.

"Well, my general feeling about the report is that if you accuse him of lying, he is gone, and I don't know if we have

the evidence to make that accusation — but, we have a lot of unexplained business," the transcript quotes Volcker as saying.

The subcommittee falls under the House International Relations Committee, chaired by Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Illinois. Hyde is a leading critic of the United Nations, and he wrote a bill that passed the House in July seeking to withhold half of assessed U.S. dues if the United Nations does not take steps toward reform. The Senate is considering two competing versions of its own.

The subcommittee report said the United Nations' failures in the oil-for-food program reflect far larger and more grave management problems in the world body.

The program ran from 1996 to 2003 and provided food, medical supplies, and other humanitarian goods for millions of Iraqis trying to cope with tough U.N. sanctions imposed after Saddam Hussein's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

Saddam, who could choose the buyers of Iraqi oil and the sellers of humanitarian goods, manipulated the program by awarding contracts to — and getting kickbacks from — favored buyers, who most often supported his regime or opposed the sanctions.

The flaws in the program "are symptomatic of a pervasive mismanagement and failure of leadership at the U.N.," the report said. It added that the U.N. "suffers from a lack of proper leadership and commitment to excellence by the organization's senior-most leadership."

Democrats on the subcommittee refused to back the report, saying the Republicans didn't assign enough blame to U.N. members, such as the United States, in the failures of the oil-for-food program.

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Rice says cruel interrogation barred

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice gave the Bush administration's most comprehensive accounting yet of U.S. rules on treatment of prisoners in the war on terrorism Wednesday, but her assurances left loopholes for practices that could be akin to torture.

Rice said cruel and degrading interrogation methods are off limits for all U.S. personnel at home and abroad. But she gave no examples of banned practices, did not define the meaning of cruelty or degradation, did not say if the rules would apply to private contractors or foreign interrogators and made no mention of whether exceptions would be allowed.

"As a matter of U.S. policy," Rice said during a press conference with Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko, the United Nations Convention Against Torture "extends to U.S. personnel wherever they are, whether they are in the U.S. or outside the U.S."

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EDITORIAL

Please ignore holiday wars

There is a war on — and it has nothing to do with Iraq, taking place right here in the United States. Its cause? Christmas. A holiday meant to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and bring families together has been politicized and commercialized well past the point of rationality.

The American Family Association, along with other conservative groups, has launched a campaign against the use of "Happy Holidays" in place of "Merry Christmas." Aimed at such retail stores as Target and Wal-Mart because they are not using the words "Merry Christmas" in their advertising, the campaign-turned-boycott is both frivolous and irrelevant.

Nonetheless, Bill O'Reilly of the Fox News Network has used his program, "The O'Reilly Factor," to push the cause along. He has annually denounced the phrases "Happy Holidays" and "Season's Greetings" and has encouraged the boycott on his show. Yet, this stance would seem to contradict conservatives' belief in a free, capitalist market. If private businesses find they can attract more customers by using nondenominational "holiday" language, what cause have conservatives to interfere?

Moreover, the holidays are not just about Christmas — there's Hanukkah and Kwanzaa as well. The celebrants of these holidays should not be excluded, nor should they be bombarded with advertising and attention limited to Christmas. In a country with as many diverse religions as the United States, attempting to be inclusive of all people regardless of faith should be rewarded, not boycotted. Not only does it make

excellent business sense to use an all-encompassing slogan to attract shoppers who aren't necessarily Christian, it makes common sense as well.

The self-proclaimed defenders of Christmas have completely overlooked the complex history America has with the holiday. Instead, they have created their own version to fit a political agenda. Christmas was, in fact, considered to be unchristian by the Puritans, because Dec. 25 is not mentioned in the Bible. It wasn't until the 1920s that Christmas really took off as a retail industry and began to engender immense public display.

By pushing for Christmas to be the center of advertising during the holiday season, these so-called "traditionalists" are essentially pushing for the commercialization of a sacred Christian event. Why would anyone want Christmas to be further associated with shopping? These campaigners clearly have things backward. Rather than advocating for Christmas to be augmented with sales, groups such as the American Family Association should focus their efforts on turning attention away from the secular and back to the religious meaning of the holidays.

The use of "Happy Holidays" is not an attack on Christmas or religion. It is used out of respect for our nation's religious diversity and should be embraced, not condemned. What's more, it might just help restore the holiday to what many still wish it could be: A spiritual experience apart from the material trappings that its self-appointed protectors seem keen to maintain.

Sentiment and character

College hasn't ended up looking the way I expected it to look.

As I finish up my remaining course requirements and prepare to intern in Washington, D.C., next semester, I'm expecting a wave of sentimentality to hit me, sometime. Previous *Daily Iowan* editors have indulged their nostalgic whims with a reflection on their years in the *DI* newsroom. All that comes to mind as I write this — because of the hours I've spent in front of these computers (and those in our old office in the Communications Center) — is that I never got what I thought I wanted out of college.

So it's not my style to be sentimental.

Before you accuse me of biting the hand that has fed me for three and a half years, let me explain that this experience has opened up worlds I wouldn't have otherwise known. I was recruited out of high school to work for the *DI* in exchange for a four-year tuition scholarship. By my second week here, it was clear that I didn't understand what I had gotten into. I remember one night walking back to my dorm room in tears after a particularly long and taxing edit of one of my stories. That was to be the bane of my existence in college: I wouldn't have the time to get the stellar grades, have a social life with anyone outside the newsroom, or explore all the university had to offer.

My outlook improved by winter break, though, and I was delighted to discover the types of encounters this work had afforded me in exchange for a more typical college life. I gushed to my parents that while shopping downtown after finals, then-interim President Sandy Boyd recognized me from a regents meeting. When he asked me how my first semester went, I could honestly say, "Wonderful."

Indeed, I have learned in college that our setbacks give us character. Just look at this year's Hawkeye football team. In many ways, I respect the Hawks more, because this season wasn't delivered in a perfect black-and-gold package, but they managed to persevere anyway.

It's tempting when reflecting on my college days to envy those with the complete package: perfect grades, a fulfilling relationship, nothing but smiles and good times. Yet, I'll take my memories of frustration and doubt, because they show I tested myself.

I'm too restless to enjoy burrowing myself in a library for hours on end, too much of an old soul to find nights in the Ped Mall consistently thrilling, and too much of a dreamer to consider covering night cops at a Midwestern newspaper a career that will consistently challenge and stimulate me. It's time to move on and fulfill my wishy-washy destiny in Washington, D.C.

Because I won't be around to tackle these questions next semester, here are issues to leave open for discussion:

How can state and federal laws more aggressively address sex offenders without relying on the criminals to police themselves? I get more enraged every time I read about another woman or child molested and brutalized by someone with a prior sex-crimes record. James Effler Jr., a man accused of sexually abusing a toddler in a Des Moines library this fall, was convicted of sexually assaulting a woman in Texas in 2003. Does anyone else find it deeply disconcerting he had been released already?

Is there any truth to retired Gen. Wesley Clark's op-ed in the *New York Times* this week that American operations have paved the way for Iran to become the major power in the Middle East, and this requires a change in strategy? By the way, Clark's strategy doesn't include pulling troops out of Iraq as quickly as some would like.

Finally, what is the future of blue-collar America? Noam Scheiber of *The New Republic* speculated that outsourcing is seen as such an inevitability that Democrats are no longer able to sway those voters on economic issues. If the disintegration of American manufacturing industries continues, is the best alternative for displaced blue-collar workers really the service industry? This space is no longer mine, but the questions remain. Hopefully someone out there feels a need to start exploring answers.

Sentimentality isn't a prerequisite. ■

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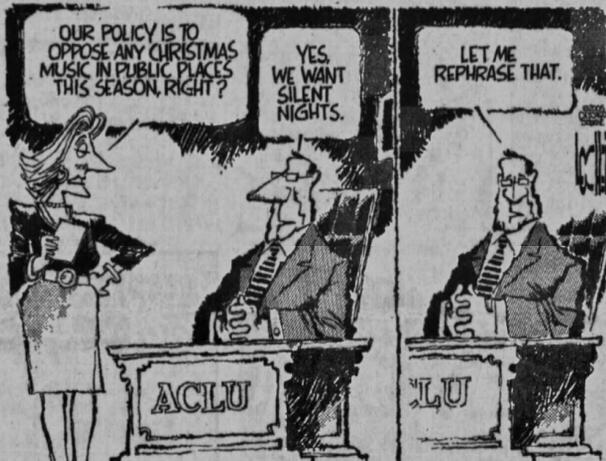
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Honors schemes

I was greatly saddened on Wednesday, as were all honors students here at the UI, to see our evil plot uncovered by the *DI*'s editorial staff ("Library plan a dubious honor," Dec. 7), because I, like all honors students, am a malicious book hoarder. I love the satisfying feeling I get in the pit of my stomach every time a student fails a paper because her or his sources were checked out of the library; I lurk around the computer card catalogues to see what books people need and run upstairs to the stacks to grab them first. Main Library, Hardin Library, I get my fix wherever I can. I scoff in the face of the librarian who sends me e-mails about overdue notices and threatens me with fines — you don't scare me!

Challenging honors classes and independent research? Phooey to that, I say — I worked by butt off in high school to get that 4.0 and enter college as an honors student simply to indulge in my evil pleasure of hoarding library books. And our conspiracy runs deep: We were able to bribe university staff to give us special book-lending privileges, weren't we? Ah, yes, a few days ago, we honors students were poised to take over the world — the recall option wouldn't have saved you then! But now, thanks to those pesky editors, our chances of world domination have been destroyed.



Please, students, do not be angered now that our secret has been outed — try to understand that we are slaves to books, and have pity on us. For if you don't, when you least expect it, perhaps when final exams are rolling around, we might strike — and kiss your library books goodbye.

Danielle Bradley
UI student

non-honors students to keep books for an entire semester, if they can provide the correct answer to one simple question — what is the location of one campus library?

Brian Vakulskas
Sioux City resident

Panther pander

I was appalled to open the sports page to find a giant image of UNI fans mocking our Hawkeye men's basketball team ("Little dome of Hawkeye horrors," Dec. 7). A large sign read "overrated" among the crowd of taunting UNI students. The actual basketball teams on the floor are blurred and almost seem insignificant.

The upsetting score of 67-63 was quite embarrassing, considering Iowa was ranked 12th, but ranked teams lose to nonranked teams all the time. I do not think that the image was appropriate for the Sports front page. Is that the only image that the editors found important in last night's game? Below the large photograph is a smaller one of Hawkeye Adam Haluska attempting a lay-up. Why couldn't the images be reversed? If they were looking for a powerful image for the front of Sports, then mission accomplished, but this is a University of Iowa newspaper, not a UNI newspaper.

Lindsay Woodward
UI student

Honors test

I read with interest your recent editorial about the new UI library system allowing honors students to keep books from the campus libraries for an entire semester. While I agree the policy seems to give honors students an unfair advantage over others, I have another remedy to the apparent discrimination: Allow all

COMMENTARY

Dangerous ties in Bangladesh

Bangladesh, which has only just admitted to the terrorists in its midst, has a long way to go to ensure its own security and avoid sowing more discord in a volatile region. On Nov. 29, three bombs exploded near courthouses and a law office in two cities, Gazipur and Chittagong. Two days later, a suicide bomber disguised as a tea vendor detonated a bomb in Gazipur. On Dec. 2, police discovered and defused nine bombs near government buildings in the south of the country.

Earlier that same week, the British Embassy received a threat from a man claiming affiliation with Al Qaeda against its building, as well as those of the United States and various European countries. In mid-November, two judges were killed by bombs. The close chronological proximity of the attacks recalled the events of Aug. 17, when approximately 400 small bombs exploded across the country in the span of around 40 minutes, a devastatingly clear indicator of the coordination and skill of Bangladeshi extremists.

According to Bangladesh's national police chief, the latest bombings were the country's first suicide attacks, and they used explosives more powerful than those used in most previous attacks. This suggests that militants in Bangladesh are adopting the tactics and technology of their counterparts in the Middle East — and could be interested in stronger ties with groups abroad.

What makes the situation more precarious is that Bangladesh only just admitted that violent extremists were a problem. Since 2001, Western intelligence agencies have reported the presence in Bangladesh of Taliban remnants, along with various other militant groups. It was not until February, however, that Bangladesh addressed the issue at the behest of the international community, banning two terrorist groups and putting some of their ranks in prison.

But acknowledgment of a problem is just the first step in solving it. Bangladesh has yet to deal with one of the more disturbing aspects of its problem: the implicit support by some Bangladeshi officials of various Islamic extremist groups. The increasing involvement of mostly peaceful Islamic parties in the Bangladesh National Party's coalition government is a positive development. But some ministers and officials are widely believed to have sympathy for the militant counterparts of those parties.

Bangladesh is far from becoming a haven for terrorists, as Afghanistan was (and, some say, still is). But the development of ties among Bangladeshi politicians, local militants, and extremists abroad could endanger an already tense region. Dhaka should break those ties, whenever they are exposed.

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

ON THE SPOT

What is your approach to Christmas shopping?



"Think big; buy small."

Joe Larson
UI senior



"I'm a last-minute guy. No rush for me."

Jason Ward
UI junior



"I wait until the last minute. I'm not a big fan of the holiday shopping."

Rosalee Hoffman
UI sophomore



"I just like to find weird stuff that my friends and family would like. Not necessarily useful — but fun."

Chris McMahon
UI senior

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LOS ANGELES

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Science inches toward Parkinson's-pesticide link

An estimated 1 million Americans, most over 55, have Parkinson's disease — and many scientists increasingly believe that long-term exposure to toxic compounds can lead to the disease

BY MARLA CONE
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MERCED, Calif. — A thousand acres stretched before him, as Gary Rieke walked briskly behind a harvester, the parched, yellow stalks of rice sweeping against his knees. Stopping to adjust a bolt on the machine, he struggled to maneuver a wrench with his trembling fingers.

It was 1988, and Rieke was in his mid-40s, too young and too fit to feel his body betraying him. For two decades, he had farmed in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, and he knew what he wanted his hand to do. But for some frustrating reason, it refused to obey.

Unbeknownst to Rieke, by the time he noticed the slightest tremor, some 400,000 of his brain cells had been wiped out. Like an estimated other 1 million Americans, most over 55, he had Parkinson's disease, and his thoughts could no longer control his movements. In time, he would struggle to walk and talk.

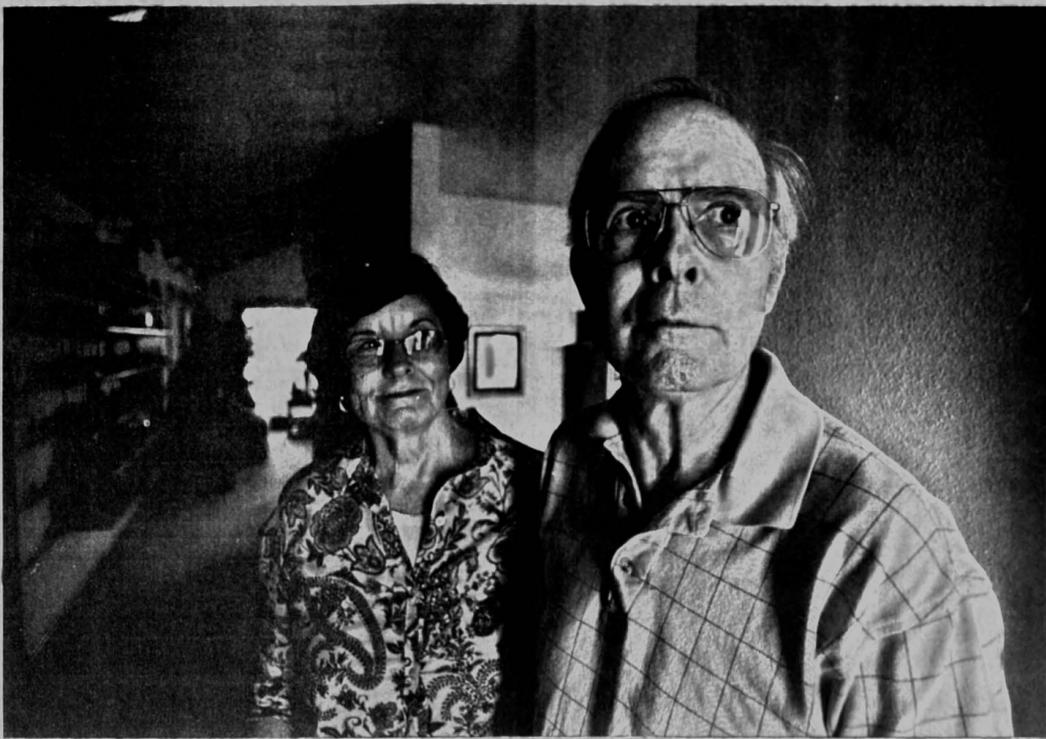
Rieke, who was exposed to weedkillers and other toxic compounds all his life, has long suspected that they were somehow responsible for his disease.

Now many experts are increasingly confident that Rieke's hunch is correct. Scientists have amassed a growing body of evidence that long-term exposure to toxic compounds, particularly pesticides, can destroy neurons and trigger Parkinson's in some people.

So far, they have implicated several pesticides that cause Parkinson's symptoms in animals. But hundreds of agricultural and industrial chemicals probably play a role, they believe.

Researchers don't use the word "cause" when linking environmental exposures to a disease. Instead, epidemiologists look for clusters and patterns in people, and neurobiologists test theories in animals. If their findings are repeatedly consistent, that is as close to proving cause and effect as they get.

Now, with Parkinson's, this medical detective work has edged closer to proving the case than with almost any other human ailment. In most patients, scientists say, Parkinson's is a disease with environmental origins.



Los Angeles Times

Former rice farmer Gary Rieke stands in the home he shares with wife Linda on Nov. 4. Rieke was a rice farmer in Merced County, Calif., before Parkinson's disease forced him to retire 15 years ago. He believes the toxic chemicals he worked with for years caused the disease.

For almost two centuries, since English physician James Parkinson described a "shaking palsy" in 1817, doctors have been baffled by the condition.

In most people, a blackened, bean-size sliver at the base of the brain — called the substantia nigra — is crammed with more than half a million neurons that produce dopamine, a messenger that controls the body's movements.

But in Parkinson's patients, more than two-thirds of those neurons have died.

After decades of work, researchers are still struggling with many unanswered questions, such as which chemicals may kill dopamine neurons, who is vulnerable, and how much exposure is risky.

Expressed in legal terms, pesticides are not guilty beyond a reasonable doubt — but there is a substantial and rapidly growing body of

evidence, many scientists say.

Scientists caught the trail of pesticides in 1982, when neurologist Bill Langston treated a man who had a virtually overnight onset of Parkinson's symptoms. He and fellow doctors found the source to be a botched batch of synthetic heroin that contained MPTP, a compound that targeted the same neurons missing in Parkinson's patients. A chemist told Langston the formula for the heroin compound "looks just like paraquat." Paraquat has been one of the world's most popular weedkillers for decades.

Since that discovery, scientists have conducted hundreds of animal experiments, at least 40 studies of human patients, and three of human brain tissue. They have found "a relatively consistent relationship between pesticide exposure and Parkinson's," British researchers

reported online in September in the journal *Environmental Health Perspectives*.

To pinpoint which environmental exposures are most important, scientists are trying to unravel how genes and toxic chemicals interact to destroy brain cells. One leading theory is that pesticides cause over-expression of a gene that floods the brain with a neuron-killing protein.

Exposure to chemicals early

in life, followed by toxic exposures in adulthood, may be especially important, triggering a slow death of neurons that debilitates people decades later.

Compounds with little in common, such as a fungicide and an insecticide, apparently can team up to decimate brain cells.

More than 1 billion pounds of herbicides, insecticides, and other pest-killing chemicals are

used on U.S. farms and gardens and in households. Nearly all adults and children tested have traces of numerous pesticides in their bodies.

So far, animal tests have implicated the pesticides paraquat, rotenone, dieldrin, and maneb — alone or in combination — as well as industrial compounds called PCBs — or polychlorinated biphenyls.

Pesticide industry representatives stress that there are many risk factors and insufficient evidence implicating any specific pesticide. Scientists agree that they cannot specify an individual culprit.

A connection to rural living or farming has turned up, worldwide. Scientists first observed a high rate of Parkinson's in rural areas in the early 1980s in Saskatchewan, Canada. Since then, a dozen published studies have reported an increase of 60 percent to 600 percent among people exposed to pesticides, according to the British scientists' review.

Still, the science of epidemiology has inherent weaknesses. Most of the human studies, for example, relied on patients' memories — most of which cannot be validated — to report their pesticide exposures.

"You need to be cautious in drawing conclusions, when you know there are flaws in these studies," said Pamela Mink, an epidemiologist who evaluated the human studies in a peer-reviewed report partly funded by the pesticide industry.

Most patients probably were exposed decades before their diagnosis. Because there is no national registry for Parkinson's, as there is for cancer, no one knows whether rates are high in places such as the San Joaquin Valley.

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NEWS

Saddam refuses to show up for trial

BY HAMZA HENDAWI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Saddam Hussein followed through Wednesday on his threat to boycott his trial, and the court adjourned until after next week's national elections. Gunmen, meanwhile, kidnapped the 8-year-old son of a bodyguard for a judge in the case.

Inside the courtroom, one of Saddam's seven co-defendants lashed out at conditions of his own detention, saying guards offered only "the worst brands" of cigarettes.

Barazan Ibrahim's outburst came a day after Saddam, his half-brother, warned that he would not return to the "unjust" court to protest the conditions of his detention. The group is on trial in the deaths of more than 140 Shiite Muslims following a 1982 assassination attempt against him.

The court convened Wednesday after four hours of behind-the-scenes consultations failed to resolve the standoff. After hearing from two more witnesses, Chief Judge Rizgar Mohammed Amin adjourned the hearings until Dec. 21 — six days after the parliamentary elections, which officials fear may coincide with a spike in insurgent violence.

Court official Raid Juhi insisted that Saddam did not boycott the hearing but that the court "decided he should be removed" after the closed-door consultations. Juhi said Saddam would be in court Dec. 21.

However, a statement released in Amman, Jordan, by Saddam's legal team said the former president stayed away to protest alleged mistreatment by an "illegal" court.

"President Saddam Hussein refused to attend the sessions of the extraordinary court that was created by the United States government as the occupying power of Iraq, claiming that the court is illegal and cannot provide a fair trial," the statement said.



David Furst/Associated Press

While the chair of former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is empty, his co-defendants appear in court under tight security in Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone on Wednesday.

Saddam's lawyers and the other defendants were on hand when Amin convened the session at 3 p.m., approximately four hours after the normal starting time. The chief judge said the court would brief Saddam on the proceedings that took place during his absence.

The 8-year-old boy, Karim Salam, was grabbed Tuesday as he played in front of his parents' house in the eastern Baghdad neighborhood of Kamsarah, according to his

father, Salam Hirmiz Gorgis. "At about 5:30 p.m. a car came here," Gorgis told AP Television News. "They took my son, put him in the car, and left."

Gorgis works for one of the trial's five judges. The judge's identity cannot be revealed because of special security measures. Two attorneys representing co-defendants have been assassinated since the trial began Oct. 19.

During Wednesday's session, Ibrahim, the head of Iraqi intelli-

gence during the Dujail incident, told the court that he had spent more than eight months in solitary confinement in a windowless facility without air conditioning, electricity, or running water.

"I couldn't tell if it was day or night," he said.

"We are prisoners of the wealthiest and most powerful nation, yet, since four months ago, they are giving me six cigarettes a day from the worst brands."

Ibrahim said guards would force him and other prisoners to

exercise before dawn or during the hottest time of the day. At the slightest breach of prison rules, punishment included the withholding of cigarettes, tea, or by reducing food rations, he added.

"When I was detained, I was wearing pajamas that I kept wearing for nine months until my brother came and gave me a dishdasha" — a traditional robe — he said.

"For one year, I did not drink tea or coffee. We had little food," he recalled.

Ibrahim said he lost nearly 40 pounds in two months. He said things are better now, and they have air conditioning and cold water.

"Is this America, the protector of human rights?" he said.

Ibrahim sought to distance himself from the Dujail events, saying that his position as head of intelligence then was a "political post" and that the treatment of prisoners was not the responsibility of the security services.

"Once prisoners are handed over to prisons, they are the responsibility of the department of social affairs," he said. "I am not a jailer. I am a political official."

The court also heard from a male witness who testified behind a curtain to conceal his identity. He told of being arrested after the assassination attempt and being taken to the local Baath Party headquarters, where he found people "screaming because of the beatings."

The witness said Ibrahim was present.

"When my turn came, the investigator asked me my name, and he turned to Barazan [Ibrahim] and asked him, 'What shall we do with him?'" the witness said. "Barazan replied: 'Take him. He might be useful.' We were almost dead because of the beatings."

When questioned by Amin, however, the witness said he was blindfolded at the time and thought Ibrahim was present because other prisoners told him so.

The witness said he was taken later to Baghdad "in a closed, crowded van that had no windows."

"When we arrived at the building, they asked us to stand along the wall," he said. "We were told to stand only on one foot, and we stayed in this position for two hours before we were taken to cells with red walls. I was thirsty, but the water was very hot."

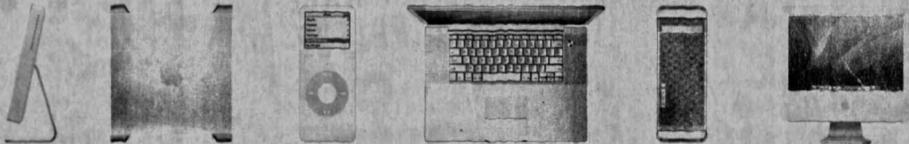
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DALLAS (AP) — The Miami Marlins likely will slash salary purges or sending center



Juan Pierre



Sergio Mitre

Cabrera, who has salary arbitration time but are not traded. Pierre's salary arbitration to make \$5 million in 2006.

"I can guarantee Miguel Cabrera will be up," new Marlins manager Jim Lincecum said. "Other than that, they aren't a whole lot of options." The 28-year-old Cabrera hit .276 with 181 hits and 57 stolen bases. He gives the Cubs the lead in 2006, they lacked in 2005, finished fourth behind the Cardinals' 83 record, their first son in three years.

HAWK

Iowa place academic

The Big Ten conference Wednesday that the 2005 fall conference team includes athlete cross-country (four), cross-country (three), football (nine), and volleyball. To be eligible for All-Big Ten selection, athletes must be in at least their



Adam Shada

one of nine student-athletes on the Big Ten team. Iowa's 41st was the 10th in the conference. Indiana with 71 selections — by J

BASE

White Sox with Thom

DALLAS (AP) — Chicago White Sox slugger Mark Buehrle refused Wednesday's salary arbitration time American League. The World Series champion also declined arbitration to designate Raul Casanova as a free agent. Buehrle wasn't offered a contract by the club until May. Players offered contracts have until Dec. 8 and can re-sign

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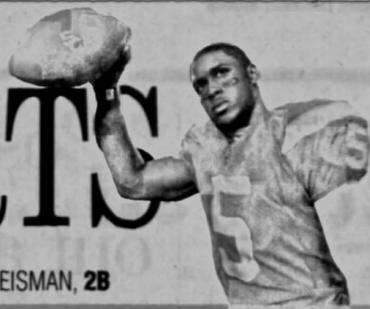
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MLB

Marlins ship Pierre to Cubs

DALLAS (AP) — The Florida Marlins likely finished their salary purge on Wednesday, sending center fielder Juan Pierre to the Chicago Cubs for right-hander Sergio Mitre and Double-A pitchers Ricky Nolasco and Rencyl Pinto.



Juan Pierre



Sergio Mitre

The only high-priced players remaining on the Marlins roster are 22-game winner Dontrelle Willis and slugger Miguel Cabrera, who are eligible for salary arbitration for the first time but are not expected to be traded. Pierre is eligible for salary arbitration and expected to make \$5 million to \$6 million in 2006.

"I can guarantee you that Miguel Cabrera will be in the lineup," new Marlins manager Joe Girardi said. "Other than that, there aren't a whole lot of guarantees."

The 28-year-old Pierre batted .276 with 181 hits, 96 runs, and 57 stolen bases last season. He gives the Cubs the leadoff hitter they lacked in 2005, when they finished fourth, 21 games behind the Cardinals, with a 79-83 record, their first losing season in three years.

HAWKEYES

Iowa places 41 on academic team

The Big Ten announced Wednesday that 41 Iowa student-athletes have been named to the 2005 fall academic all-conference team. The list includes athletes from men's cross-country (four), women's cross-country (four), field hockey (three), football (15), soccer (nine), and volleyball (six).

To be eligible for academic All-Big Ten selection, student-athletes must be letterwinners in at least their second academic year at their institutions and carry a grade-point average of 3.0 or better.

Hawkeye defensive back Adam Shada was one of nine student-athletes in the Big Ten to maintain an unblemished 4.0 GPA.

Iowa's 41 representatives was the 10th most in the conference. Indiana led all schools with 71 selections.

— by Jason Brummond

BASEBALL

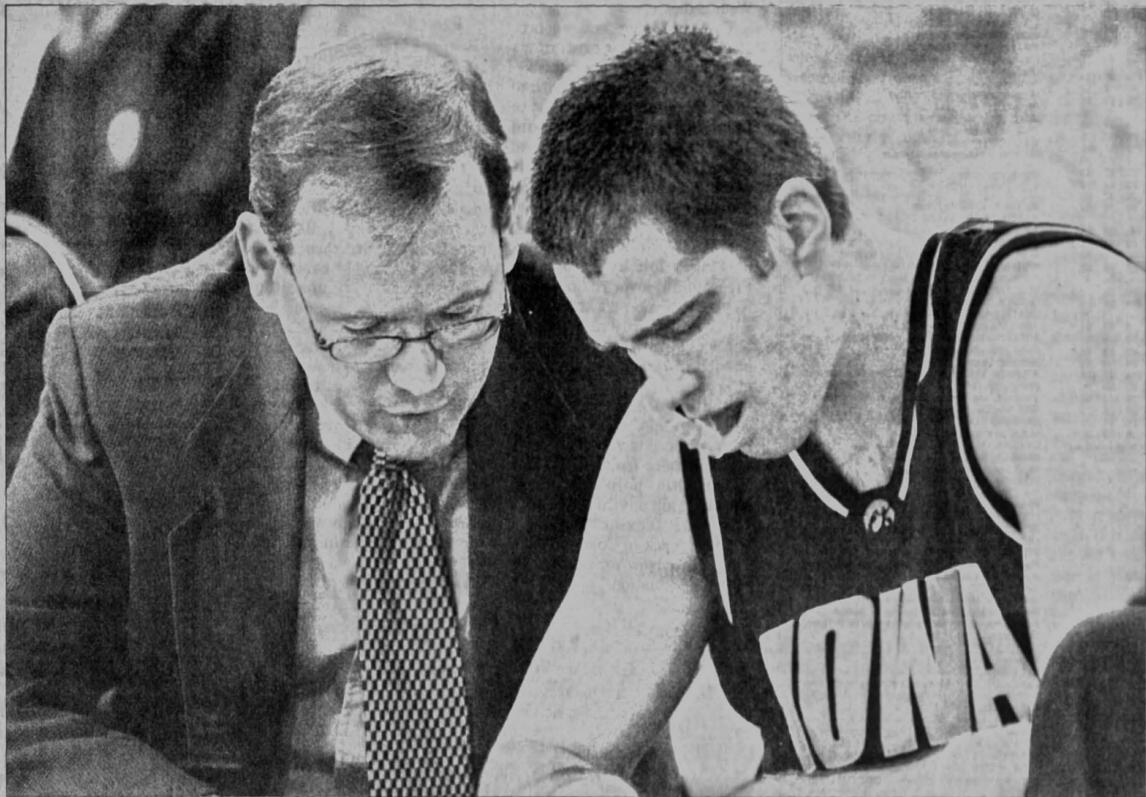
White Sox cut ties with Thomas

DALLAS (AP) — The Chicago White Sox cut ties with slugger Frank Thomas, refusing Wednesday to offer salary arbitration to the two-time American League MVP.

The World Series champions also declined to offer arbitration to designated hitter Carl Everett and backup catcher Raul Casanova. Players who became free agents and weren't offered arbitration can't re-sign with their former clubs until May 1.

Players offered arbitration have until Dec. 19 to accept and can re-sign through Jan. 8.

Horner out at least two weeks



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye forward Jeff Horner is attended to by a member of the men's basketball training staff on the bench following his injury during the second half of Iowa's loss to UNI on Tuesday night in Cedar Falls. Horner partially tore his posterior cruciate ligament; he is not expected to play for at least two weeks.

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa lost more than an overtime game at Northern Iowa Tuesday night.

Senior guard Jeff Horner suffered a partially torn posterior cruciate ligament in his left knee, and he is expected to be out of action for a minimum of two weeks, said Hawkeye officials.

Horner suffered the injury late in the contest when he was driving to the basket but stayed

in the game momentarily. He was forced out of action a minute later when he fell to the floor.

"I'm happy and relieved to say that the injury isn't as serious as we might have feared Tuesday night," Horner said in a statement. "We're encouraged by the MRI results and looking forward to the rehab process and getting back on the court."

The 6-3, 185-pound guard was fouled while going up for a lay-up with 3:14 remaining,

landing hard onto the padding under the basket support. Horner made both free throws, then exited the game.

Horner, who returned after a brief stay on the bench, fell to the floor with 2:12 left in the second half of Tuesday's game while trying to cover UNI guard Ben Jacobson through a screen on the perimeter. He lay on the floor clutching his left knee, as Jacobson's 3-pointer gave the Panthers a 53-52 lead.

Horner missed the remainder

of the game, including overtime, with an ice pack wrapped around the injured knee. The injured ligament is located in the back of the knee and connects the femur to the tibia.

The Mason City native is averaging 12 points a game, third best on the team. He's hitting just 34 percent of his shots, including 15-of-51 from 3-point territory.

Despite Horner's shooting struggles thus far this season, the senior has been critical to

maintaining the team's offensive chemistry.

Without Horner, who averages a team-high 6.4 assists a game, the Hawkeyes were outscored 11-7 in overtime and missed their first three jump shots in the extra period. Iowa didn't notch a field goal until the 1:38 mark into the five-minute overtime.

The 12th-ranked Hawkeyes (7-2) are preparing for Iowa

SEE HORNER, PAGE 6B

Hawks head off to howling Hilton



Aaron Hall Holmgren/The Daily Iowan

Iowa guard Abby Emmert looks for an open teammate in the second half of the Hawkeyes' 81-57 victory over the Wisconsin-Green Bay in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 30.

BY TED MCCARTAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

They know it'll be all loud. And they know it'll be all cardinal and yellow.

And they're ready for it.

Tonight, the Iowa women's basketball team (5-2) heads to what will be a rowdy Hilton Coliseum in Ames to take on Iowa State (3-1). It's the Hawkeyes' fourth game on the road this season, though two of them have been on neutral courts, and Hawkeye coach Lisa Bluder is expecting this to be the most hostile environment the team has faced thus far.

"It's been a tough place for us; it's been difficult for Iowa to win at Hilton," she said.

"[Tuesday], we started talking about the crowd; we started talking about the environment, that it has been a while since we've won over there. We're using it as an exciting thing ... for the seniors this can be their legacy, to leave their mark on this series."

Iowa hasn't won at Iowa State since 1989.

"We just look at it as an opportunity for us to go in there and break a streak," Bluder said. "It's been a long time, and we'd definitely like to put an end to that."

SEE WOMEN, PAGE 6B

Hawks heavy favorites over UNI Panthers



"If we continue to improve, we should have some advantages against UNI. We have experienced some success in the past against them, and nothing should change, if we wrestle the way we can."

— Jim Zalesky, Iowa wrestling coach

BY ANDREW SHANKS
THE DAILY IOWAN

The rivalry doesn't get as much press as the Iowa-Iowa State wrestling rivalry. And with good reason.

But tonight's home opener against Northern Iowa still presents Iowa (2-0) with numerous challenges. Although, most notably, it might be how the team responds from its high-energy clash with the Cyclones last weekend.

"It's not really complacency," Iowa coach Jim Zalesky said. "It's more like they're starting to come down from the victory, and we're pushing them to keep their focus high."

On paper, the Hawkeyes are heavy favorites to down the Panthers for the 30th-straight time. They're coming off of dominating performances over Iowa State and Arizona State and finally have their lineup set. The only roster question going into the season was at the

heavyweight division, where highly touted sophomore Matt Fields was expected to lock down the spot. However, the Hawkeyes decided to redshirt him and handed over the reins to junior Ryan Fuller.

"We talked with [Fields] and decided to redshirt him," Zalesky said. "Matt really made a name for himself last season, but we're still very confident in what Fuller can do for the team."

Other Hawkeyes who have had success against tonight's opponents include 157-pound All-American Joe Johnston, who owns a 2-0 lifetime record — including a technical fall and a major decision — against UNI's Chris Bitetto and 141-pound Alex Tsirtsis, who was victorious by major decision over C.J. Eitelson at last season's dual meet.

"We've been working hard this week trying to build off the momentum we gained last

SEE WRESTLING, PAGE 6B

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TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#1 Duke 72, Penn 59
#17 Nevada 78, UC-Davis 51
#21 Maryland 87, Western Carolina 57
Notre Dame 78, #22 Alabama 71
#23 North Carolina 75, Saint Louis 63

WOMEN

#1 Tennessee 59, George Washington 43
#9 Maryland 68, Mornmouth 55
#24 Purdue 65, #10 Notre Dame 54
South Florida 79, #11 DePaul 77, OT
#13 Michigan State 77, Detroit 52
Stony Brook 56, #20 Temple 56
#23 Utah 65, Weber State 38

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

By The Associated Press
All Times CST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
N.Y. Rangers	18	8	4	40	93	74
Philadelphia	16	6	4	36	101	86
N.Y. Islanders	14	12	2	29	87	92
New Jersey	13	12	2	28	84	90
Pittsburgh	7	14	6	20	77	110

Northwest

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Ottawa	21	4	0	42	115	52
Buffalo	17	10	1	35	92	91
Montreal	15	7	5	35	77	83
Toronto	15	11	3	33	98	93
Boston	7	19	0	14	48	93

Southeast

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Carolina	17	8	2	36	99	89
Tampa Bay	15	10	3	33	87	83
Atlanta	10	16	3	23	97	110
Florida	9	16	4	22	72	96
Washington	9	16	2	20	77	109

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Detroit	19	8	2	40	108	75
Nashville	18	4	3	39	76	63
Chicago	11	14	2	24	73	93
Columbus	7	19	0	14	48	93
St. Louis	5	16	3	13	65	96

Northwest

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Calgary	17	9	4	38	73	72
Vancouver	16	6	4	36	92	61
Colorado	15	10	3	32	108	91
Edmonton	15	11	2	32	89	84
Minnesota	10	12	4	24	68	65

Pacific

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Dallas	18	7	0	37	92	75
Los Angeles	17	11	1	35	100	86
Phoenix	15	12	2	32	85	75
Anaheim	12	12	4	28	74	75
San Jose	11	12	4	28	78	91

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Wednesday's Games

Nashville 5, Washington 2
Calgary 4, New Jersey 1
Chicago 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, OT
Dallas 4, Florida 3
Colorado 4, Boston 1

Today's Games

Anaheim at Buffalo, 6 p.m.
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Columbus, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Florida at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Carolina at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Milwaukee	10	7	588	4
Chicago	9	8	529	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB	
San Antonio	15	3	833	—
Dallas	13	5	722	2
Memphis	13	5	722	2
New Orleans	8	10	444	7
Houston	5	12	294	9½

Northwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	11	6	847	—
Denver	10	9	528	2
Seattle	8	9	471	3
Utah	8	11	421	4
Portland	5	13	278	6½

Pacific

W	L	Pct	GB	
L.A. Clippers	13	5	722	—
Phoenix	12	5	706	½
Golden State	12	7	632	1½
L.A. Lakers	9	9	500	4
Sacramento	7	11	389	6

Wednesday's Games

Chicago 102, Orlando 93
L.A. Lakers 102, Toronto 81
Milwaukee 88, Philadelphia 85
New Jersey 97, Charlotte 84
Boston 101, New Orleans 87
Utah 95, Atlanta 83
San Antonio 98, Miami 84
Minnesota 84, Portland 74
Phoenix 116, Golden State 110
L.A. Clippers 84, New York 79

Today's Games

Washington at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Houston at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with RHP Bob Wickman on a one-year contract.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Released RHP D.J. Carrasco.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Designated OF Jeff DaVanon for assignment.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jamie Moyer on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Reed Johnson on a one-year contract.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Traded C Johnny Estrada to Arizona for RHP Lance Cormier and RHP Oscar Villarreal, and RHP Dan Kolb to Milwaukee for RHP Wes Obermueller.

ATLANTA CUBS—Agreed to terms with OF John Mabry on a one-year contract.

CINCINNATI REDS—Released LHP Randy Kniesler. Agreed to terms with OF Jacob Cruz on a minor league contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Traded OF Juan Pierre to the Chicago Cubs for RHP Sergio Mitre, RHP Ricky Nolasco and LHP Remy Pinto.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with SS Rafael Furcal on a three-year contract and INF Ormedo Saenz on a two-year contract.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Traded LHP Mark Redman to Kansas City for RHP Jonah Bayless and a player to be named.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Traded 3B Sean Burroughs to Tampa Bay for RHP Dewon Brazelton, and 2B Mark Loretta to Boston for C Doug Miresbill. Agreed to terms with RHP Trevor Hoffman on a two-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed NT Ethan Kelley on injured reserve. Signed DT J'Vonne Parker from the practice squad and WR Kendrick Mosley to the practice squad.

DETROIT LIONS—Placed S Terrence Holt on injured reserve. Signed TE Sean McHugh from the practice squad.

HOUSTON TEXANS—Released G Victor Riley.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Placed CB William Peterson on injured reserve. Signed CB Terrell Buckley.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Placed OL Blaine Salspa on injured reserve. Signed LB Jeremy Loyd and CB Dwight Anderson.

Canadian Football League

MONTREAL ALOUETTES—Signed WR Terrence Edwards, WR Adam Eckert and LB Grant Steen to one-year contracts.

Post: Barnett out at Colorado

BY EDDIE PELLIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS



Barnett fired

DENVER — Colorado's Gary Barnett will not be retained as football coach following three-straight losses to end the season, the Denver Post reported Wednesday.

The newspaper said a source close to contract negotiations "indicated Tuesday" that Barnett will not be brought back to coach the Buffaloes, who lost to Iowa State, Nebraska, and Texas by a combined score of 130-22. The source, which the newspaper did not identify, said the poor finish was the final straw.

Barnett, who did not return messages left by Associated Press, told Denver radio station KOA-AM he doesn't know if his job is in jeopardy and that he hopes to get answers as soon as possible, for his players and the program.

"I don't know any of the validity to this," he said. "I don't know if there is validity. I don't know if there isn't. All I know is, at this point in time, nobody's said anything to me."

Athletics Director Mike Bohn, traveling back to Colorado from meetings in New York, called the report "speculation."

"I don't know about that," Bohn told the AP when asked if the report was true. "It's inappropriate for me to comment at this time."

Bohn said he was planning to sit down with Barnett "pretty quickly," upon his return, to discuss the future.

The coach has a year remaining on his contract, and, if he is fired, he'll be owed about \$1.8 million — money many believe the school cannot afford to pay. Barnett's record is 49-38, after seven seasons.

The 59-year-old coach had emerged relatively unscathed from a recruiting scandal, winning Big 12 Coach of the Year honors in 2004 and advancing to the conference title game for the second straight year this season.

The president, chancellor, and athletics director all stepped down in the aftermath of the scandal, which resulted in an investigation that concluded drugs, alcohol, and sex were used to entice recruits to the Boulder campus, though none of practices were sanctioned by university officials.

TIMELINE:

- A timeline of Colorado football coach Gary Barnett's career:
- 1984-91: Assistant to Colorado head coach Bill McCartney.
 - 1992-98: Head coach at Northwestern. Big 10 Coach of the Year in 1995, 1996.
 - 1999: Named 22nd head coach at Colorado.
 - 2001: Colorado wins Big 12 championship. Barnett named Big 12 Coach of the Year.
 - 2002: Colorado wins Big 12 North Division championship.
 - 2004: Scandal erupts amid allegations that Colorado used sex and alcohol to recruit football players. Barnett is suspended, then reinstated over disparaging remarks attributed to him about a female player. Numerous investigations end, with no sex-related criminal charges. A report criticizes Barnett for lax oversight of players but says he did not condone improper practices.
 - 2004: Colorado wins Big 12 North Division championship. Barnett named Big 12 Coach of the Year.
 - 2005: Colorado wins the Big 12 North Division championship. Loses to Texas, 70-3, in the conference championship game.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB	
New Jersey	8	9	.471	—
Boston	8	10	.444	½
Philadelphia	8	11	.421	1
New York	6	12	.333	2½
Toronto	3	17	.150	6½

Southwest

W	L	Pct	GB	
Miami	10	9	.526	—
Washington	8	8	.500	½
Orlando	7	11	.389	2½
Charlotte	5	14	.263	5
Atlanta	2	11	.111	7½

Central

W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	13	2	.867	—
Cleveland	11	6	.647	3
Indiana	10	7	.588	4

HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE

- Today
- Wrestling hosts Northern Iowa, 7 p.m.
 - Women's basketball at Iowa State, 7:05 p.m.
- Friday
- Swimming and diving at Iowa State, 7 p.m.
 - Men's basketball at Iowa State, 7:05 p.m.

Bush swivels near Heisman

BY JOHN NADEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Reggie Bush raced around left end, easily leaving most Fresno State defenders in the dust, though a few had angles on him.

Some 30 yards downfield, the Southern California star was hemmed in near the sideline — so he stopped. With would-be tacklers whizzing by him, Bush changed direction, cruised all the way across the field, and headed into the end zone.

The 90,000-plus fans packed into the Los Angeles Coliseum went wild. And with that you-had-to-see-it-to-believe-it 50-yard touchdown, the competition for the Heisman Trophy might have ended.

A rare combination of speed, power, and shiftiness, the 6-foot, 200-pound Bush had the game of a lifetime that November night, rushing for 294 yards on 23 carries and setting a Pac-10 record with 513 all-purpose yards, as No. 1 USC outlasted Fresno State 50-42.

USC coach Pete Carroll said he hadn't seen a performance like that in 40 years.

"The game I remember was when Gale Sayers played against the 49ers [in 1965], he scored six touchdowns," Carroll said. "That was way back when."

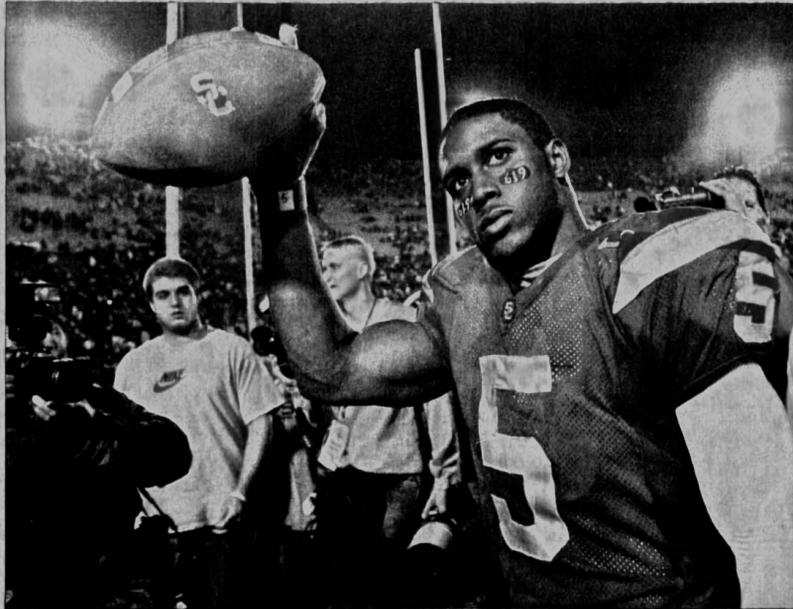
"I've always thought that was the kind of guy Reggie is like."

Others have said the same thing.

"It's a great honor to be compared to somebody like that," Bush said of Sayers, the former Kansas and Chicago Bears star. "I've evolved into my own person and running style. I've been playing this game since I was 8 years old."

The 20-year-old Bush, a junior from the San Diego area, completed the regular season last weekend with another show-stopping performance, gaining 260 yards on 24 carries, in a 66-19 triumph over UCLA.

The Heisman will be awarded Saturday night in New



Kevin Djanszeian/Associated Press

Southern California tailback Reggie Bush walks off the field holding the game ball after the Trojans defeated Fresno State, 50-42, on Nov. 19 in the Los Angeles Coliseum.

York. It was no coincidence Bush wore a Yankees baseball hat last Sunday, when it was formally announced the Trojans would play No. 2 Texas for a third-consecutive national championship Jan. 4 in the Rose Bowl.

"I plan on going to New York, so I'm preparing myself," he said with a smile.

Reggie's trip to the East Coast will become official Wednesday, when the finalists for college football's most prestigious award are announced.

Bush was a finalist last December, when teammate Matt Leinart won the award. It appears the roles will be reversed this year.

"What would it mean? It would be everything," Bush said. "I'd be lying if I said I

didn't want to win it."

Bush wasn't even a starter in his sophomore season but made big play after big play and finished fifth in the Heisman voting. This season, he's become the biggest star on a team full of them.

"Over the summer, I wanted to focus on being a complete running back, working on pass blocking, running between the tackles," he said. "I really wanted to become a complete running back this year, and I think I have."

Bush rushed for 537 yards as a freshman and 908 as a sophomore. He gained 1,658 yards on 187 carries in 12 games this season, and his 8.9-yard average per carry is tops in the country. His 138.2-yard average per game ranks fourth.

He also led the country in all-purpose yardage, with 2,611

yards for a 217.58-yard average per game, and his 18 touchdowns tied for seventh.

"He's got my vote," Leinart said of Bush, whose 554 yards rushing in the last two games are the most ever by a USC player in back-to-back games.

As a past Heisman winner, Leinart is one of the voters.

"What more can he do than what he's done in the last two (games)?" Carroll said of Bush.

Leinart became the sixth USC player to win the Heisman, joining tailbacks Mike Garrett (1965), O.J. Simpson (1968), Charles White (1979), Marcus Allen (1981), and quarterback Carson Palmer (2002). Allen and Bush both attended Helix High School in Spring Valley.

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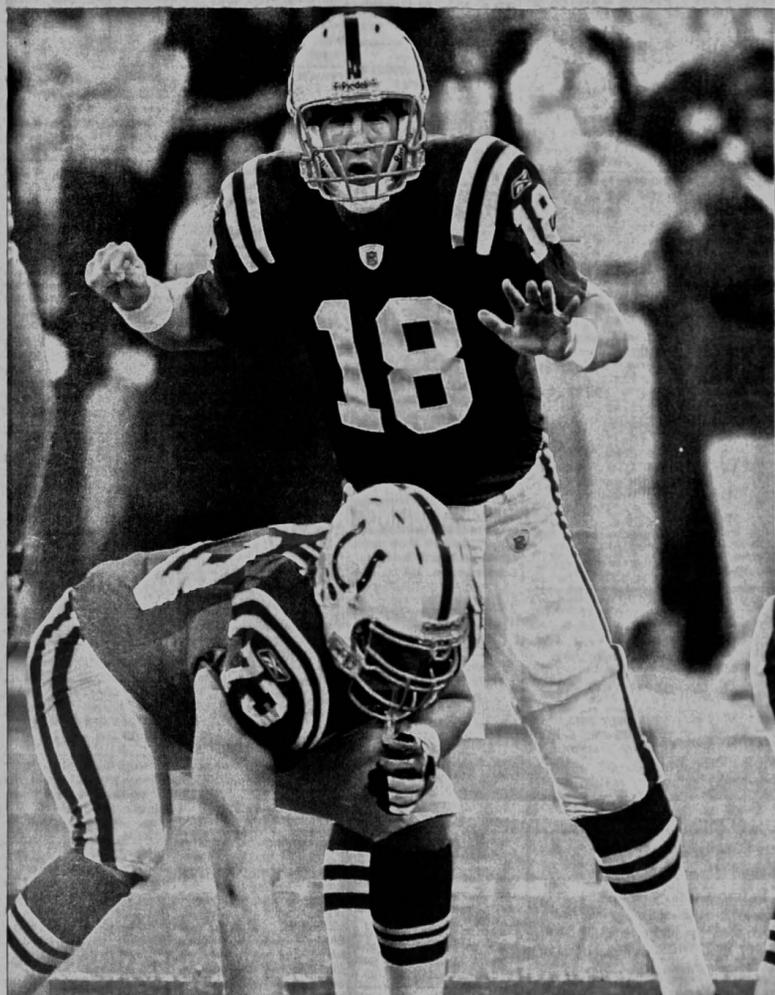
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Peyton ponders perfection, pressure



BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning's new challenge is living up to his nickname.

After setting all those records, winning all those games, meeting all that hype, Manning has a chance to prove to the NFL he really is Perfect Peyton.

"I can't remember the last time I was 12-0," Manning said Wednesday. "I remember being 11-0 my senior year in high school and playing another team that was 11-0 in the second round of the playoffs, and we got beat. But I really can't remember the last time I was 12-0."

When the Colts made Manning the No. 1 choice in the 1998 NFL draft, he already had a reputation as a winner. He was 39-6 as a college starter at Tennessee, 34-5 as a high-school quarterback in New Orleans. His only real nemesis was Florida, against whom he was 0-4.

Six times in his NFL career, he's won at least 10 games, including 12 victories each of the last three years. But a perfect season? Never.

That could change this year. Indianapolis is 12-0, already in the playoffs and closing fast on a division title, a first-round bye, and home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs.

With that much success, Manning now finds himself in the awkward position of answering questions he would rather avoid.

His approach hasn't changed. Manning spends countless hours scouring videotapes to unlock the secrets of opposing defenses and squirms at the thought of looking ahead.

But it's hard not to think about perfection, now. With four weeks left and the Colts having accomplished most of their regular-season goals, the questions about the chase are becoming increasingly persistent with each win.

"I think you understand it; it's exciting," he said. "Our home crowd has been outstanding. You see the signs around, and it's great for the fans. All we can do is show up every week."

Almost all his life, such scrutiny has followed Manning, who grew up in one of the South's most famous football families. His father, Archie, was a former NFL star and a longtime icon at the University of Mississippi. Brother, Eli, like Peyton, was a No. 1 draft choice.

Each year, though, Peyton seems to get a new question.

Last year, it was the constant push for the NFL touchdown record. At times, Manning bristled at the attention being paid to a personal accomplishment

rather than his team's Super Bowl quest. In 2003, he was hounded by the perception he couldn't win a playoff game — until he finally led the Colts to the AFC championship game.

This year, with his statistics decreasing for the first time in his career, Manning's efficiency has been better than ever. He tops the NFL with a passer rating of 107.6, ranks second with 25 TD passes, and needs 34 yards to become the fourth player this year to top 3,000 yards.

Indianapolis doesn't mind, because Manning has been, well, the personification of perfection.

"I think he's actually playing better," coach Tony Dungy said. "We had some situations last year where we put up some big numbers, but we've had to deal with a lot of different types of defenses this year, and he's been in control out there. He's putting us in the right plays."

All anybody cares about now, though, is whether the Colts can match the 1972 Miami Dolphins' undefeated season. Indy visits division rival Jacksonville on Sunday, then hosts San Diego, visits Seattle, and hosts Arizona.

Four more wins and the Colts will put themselves in the record books, thanks in large part to Manning's uncanny abilities.

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Indianapolis Colt quarterback Peyton Manning calls a play during the game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Indianapolis on Nov. 28.

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HORNER

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State (5-2), which is coming off an 89-74 win over Drake Monday night. Expect sophomore

Mike Henderson to slide over to point guard and frosh Tony Freeman to jump into the starting lineup.

Iowa State has surprisingly struggled at Hilton Coliseum

this season, dropping games against Iona and Fresno State during the past two weeks. Before this season, the Cyclones were 30-4 at home during coach Wayne Morgan's two-year

tenure, including 15-0 against nonconference opponents.

Alford said the loss to the Panthers, who have knocked off a ranked Iowa team three-consecutive times in Cedar Falls,

doesn't change the importance of the Iowa State contest.

"They are not make or break, but they are all big games, and we obviously want to win as many as we can," he said. "Regardless of if we had won

[Tuesday night], it was not going to be any less important on Friday. Friday is a big game, because that is our next game."

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Hilton a hard, loud place to win in

WOMEN

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The home-court advantage Iowa State has is something she envies.

"I'd love to have that kind of atmosphere here at Iowa," she said. "And it continues to amaze me that we don't draw better and that they draw so well. Obviously, their fans are very loyal, and they support them very well, and Iowa State has put a good product out there,

but I think we've put a good product on the floor, too."

Making it even tougher on the Hawkeyes will be the Cyclones' junior guard Lindsey Medders, the reigning Big 12 Player of Week. She is averaging better than 17 points a game and leads an offensive attack that relishes the long ball.

To fatten the bragging rights even more, there will be nine Iowa natives on the court, and both coaches are Iowans. Some of the freshmen competed against each other in high school, and

Bluder's not shying away from the fact that this is a whole lot more than just another game.

"If people think that an instate rivalry is not more emotional or you don't play it up more, they're pretty good liars," she said. "There is more emotion. If you think that you prepare the same way for Vermont and Wisconsin-Green Bay as you do for Iowa State and UNI and Drake, it's just not true. You can't help but be more emotionally charged for these games than other games."

Earlier this year, Iowa lost

its only true road game in triple overtime at Louisiana Tech, 95-91. Tonight, Hilton will easily be louder.

"I think, as far as nonconference opponents, it's definitely one of the toughest places we play," Bluder said.

As for the players — even all those freshmen — they're looking forward to it.

"[Tonight's] going to be really exciting," freshman forward Wendy Ausdemore said. "Going into Iowa State for the first time, getting to play there,

everybody's been talking about the fans and how crazy they get. Being an Iowa girl, I take pride in being an Iowa Hawkeye, and

it'll be fun."

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Wrestlers to face Panthers

[The Panthers are] not just going to roll over because we're Iowa, and they haven't had as much success against us in the past. We still need to come out and wrestle the way that we know we can."

— Daniel Dennis, Iowa freshman

WRESTLING

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week," Zalesky said. "If we continue to improve, we should have some advantages against UNI. We have experienced some success in the past against them, and nothing should change, if we wrestle the way we can."

Northern Iowa (0-1) is reeling

after being pummeled, 31-6, against Minnesota in its lone dual meet so far. UNI's best wrestler — 165-pound junior Nick Baima — is the only Panther who boasts a winning record

against his Hawkeye counterpart. UNI coach Brad Penrith was a 1986 NCAA champion for Iowa; however, the former Hawkeye is 0-5 against his alma mater,

including a 23-13 drubbing in Cedar Falls last season.

Even with all that in their favor, though, Iowa freshman Daniel Dennis was cautious about going into tonight's match too confident.

"We don't care about past performances against them or that we just beat ISU," he said. "Northern Iowa is a team that is

going to come out and wrestle us the same way it would anyone else. [The Panthers are] not just going to roll over because we're Iowa, and they haven't had as much success against us in the past. We still need to come out and wrestle the way that we know we can."

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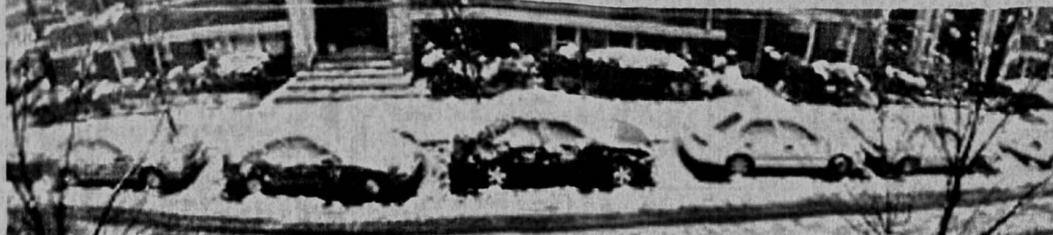
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On a beach at Palisades Camp Ground outside Mount Vernon, Iowa City resident Marty Kessler spins fire. The night sky forms a charcoal wall, the light of stars and moons extinguished behind sooty clouds. But twirling chains, their ends ablaze, cast flickering shadows on the sand as they snake around Kessler's body. Throughout the evening, various exhibitionists jump in, creating circles of intermittent, smoky light that surround a group of onlookers who themselves light up and drink around a bonfire. Though booze is present, most drink coffee; when playing with fire, it's best to have one's wits about one.

Iowa 20-somethings get their kicks doing what they "shouldn't" — playing with fire

children of prometheus

BY ALI GOWANS
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"Hey, I just realized what I'm not wearing," one petite twirler, Cedar Rapids resident Ashley Van Zee, says. "A hat." She is manipulating a fiery hula hoop around her body, sinuously maneuvering it up and down her slight frame, the flames encircling her neck, kissing her blond braids.

"You'll smell your hair in a minute," someone tells her.

A coyote's howl echoes from the forest.

"I love all these fucking fire people," Van Zee says, ending her dance before her hair can singe. "The first time I saw it, I thought, 'That is the hottest thing I've ever seen.'"

That was only a few months ago, but now Van Zee has left the sidelines to become a regular flame twirler herself. "All these fire people" are the members of two performance troops called Circus in the Streets and Flowa. Declaring themselves fire spinners, these Iowa residents, most in their 20s, pass many Thursday evenings playing with flame. They are not arsonists so much as artists, with kerosene as paint and brushes fashioned of everything from hoops and swords to "fire staffs" and chains called *poi* in the indigenous New Zealand language Maori.

The tools are homemade; one can't buy flaming hula hoops at Wal-Mart, after all. Cedar Rapids resident Betsy Rose Borchardt, who hulas her flames, showed how holes were drilled into a normal hula hoop. Metal pieces were then screwed through the holes at regular intervals around the circle. These pieces, aided by an absorbent, aramid material that goes by the brand name Kevlar — the same material in bullet-proof vests — are dipped into a coffee can of gas, then lit.

The show begins. "Fire darts," balls of fire on the end of a long chain, snap through the air, leaving a trail of light. Spinners wield their modified *poi*, double sets of fire-headed chains slightly shorter than the fire darts,

through and around each other like cat's cradles on steroids. Staffs swirl dizzily, their ends ablaze. With swords aflame, shirtless Marion resident Dan Ament performs a deliberate martial-arts dance, two curved blades trailing a blaze of light as he delicately slices the air in a choreographed artistry of illuminated heat. Recent UI graduate Kris Halter is the only spinner to attempt to play with flames without the aid of props; he uses his breath.

"I put fuel in my mouth and light it on fire," he says after causing flames to spurt explosively to fill the air in front of his face. "I atomize it as much as possible, like blowing a raspberry."

He spews lamp oil for this stunt — it's less toxic, and warns beginners away from the trick. "You literally can die from this," he says. If a fire breather were to accidentally inhale instead of exhale, for example, the flame could swallow a face instead of blowing away.

"The best part is when you're spinning and you've got flames going by your ears," dreadlocked Ankeny, Iowa, native Greg Binkard says. Like most local spinners, he saw others twirling fire at festivals or parties and was hooked. Festivals with such names as New Mexico's Burning Man are fire-spinning hotbeds, and communities of spinners have sprung up across the country.

No one seems to know how such a searing sport was born. The *poi*, which the spinners light on fire before twirling, can be traced in unlit form to the Maori people of New Zealand. Who first had the idea to dip the hammer throw-like instrument in fire is unknown, but the rest of the flaming props could not be far behind. As Ament says, "We've decided anything can be lit on fire."

Anything includes the performers. Though most say they practiced for weeks with unlit props before lighting up, accidents do happen.

"I lit my ass on fire with my rope dart last weekend," Ament says. The Flowa spinner shows off a burn scar on his middle finger and the smooth skin of his arms; any hair he had fell prey to his hobby. He says he once lost the eyebrow on the right side of his face.

For now, neither group is too formal. Flowa members are working on creating a website and hoping for engagements to perform at parties and festivals.

For Van Zee, about to ship out with her Air Force unit to San Antonio, this was the last time she would swirl fire for a while. While she is gone, "all these fucking fire people," as she dubbed them, will continue to meet, juggling flames on a beach in Iowa.



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"I usually know when it's time to get a haircut when I burn my hair," he says.

Kessler, however, who heads up the newer group Circus in the Streets, is quick to point out the safety measures in place when spinners perform: a wet towel and bucket of water on hand and the use of slow, cool burning fuels such as kerosene and paraffin.

"The danger's minimal if you just take care," he says. That image of safety is one he'd like to keep. His troupe, which he is still developing, includes not only fire spinners but jugglers and other acts. Though the members practiced in Iowa City's College Green Park before the snow hit, the cold has forced them inside, and this brand of circus act doesn't coalesce with the average fire code. He is

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THURSDAY 12.8

MUSIC

- Happy Endings, Minutes Too Far, and Let Go, 5 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- "Mostly Mozart," UI Chamber Orchestra, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- Funkmaster Cracker and Matthew Wright, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Hairline Fracture, 9 p.m., Q Bar, 211 Iowa
- Joanna James and Kris Koza with guest Isabe O'Connell, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Shiny Toy Guns, Tell Julia, and Save the Empire, 9:30 p.m., Gabe's

LECTURES

- "So What is String Theory Anyway?," 5 p.m., Cottage Bakery, 14 S. Linn

THEATER

- Fish Eye Improv, 7:30 p.m., Penguin's Comedy Club, 209 First Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids
- Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge Second Stage Series, "Cry in the Street" and "Woyzeck," 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre

MISC.

- Preschool Story Time with Reiny Jordan, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Wee Read, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- "Paper, Paper Scissors," craftmaking for kids, 6 p.m., Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 Eighth St.
- Global Queer Cinema Film Screenings, Tropical Malady/Sud Pralad, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
- Israeli Film Series, Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market
- Poker Tournament — No Limit Texas Hold'em, Sigma Nu fundraiser, 7 p.m., American Legion Post, 3016 Muscatine
- Campus Activities Board Event, Home Alone, 9 p.m. IMU

FRIDAY 12.9

MUSIC

- Collegium Tubum, John Manning will direct the tubas in a performance on the steps of Macbride Hall, 12:30 p.m., Macbride Hall
- Tracy Jane Comer, 7 p.m., Guido's Deli & Market, 227 First St.
- "Seven Deadly Sins" and "Mahogony Songspiel," 8 p.m., Voxman Music Building Opera Rehearsal Room
- Jazz for the Season, Johnson County Landmark, UI Jazz Repertory Ensemble, and City High Jazz Bands will perform Duke Ellington's *Nutcracker Suite*, 8 p.m., Englert
- Swinging Christmas, Dan Knight, Paul Kresowik, Nic Coffman, and Betsy Hickok, 8 p.m., Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- Open Mike, 8 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall, 401 S. Gilbert
- Dance Party, with Lady A., 9 p.m., Gabe's
- Greyhounds, and Storytyme, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- LKBT DJs, 9 p.m., Martinis, 127 E. College
- Wilders, with the Gospelujahs, 9 p.m., Mill

LECTURES

- "The Role of Blood Centers in Emergency Response," College of Public Health, noon, 5236 Westlawn
- "Can LARGE Sweeten the Links in Congenital Muscular Dystrophy?," 12:30 p.m., 2117 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility

THEATER

- Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge, City Circle Acting Company, 8 p.m., Arnold Studio Theatre, 213 E. 10th St., Coralville
- Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge, Second Stage Series, "Cry in the Street" and "Woyzeck," 8 p.m., Thayer Theatre
- No Shame Theatre, 11 p.m., Theatre Building

MISC.

- "Talk of Iowa Live From the Java House," holiday at UI Hospitals and Clinics with Dan Knight and Betsy Hickok, 10 a.m., UIHC Rooftop Café and WSUI

SATURDAY 12.10

MUSIC

- Jazz Café, 7 p.m., West High School, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- Tracy Jane Comer, 7 p.m., Guido's Deli & Market
- "Seven Deadly Sins" and "Mahogony Songspiel," 8 p.m., Opera Rehearsal Room
- Swinging Christmas, Dan Knight, Paul Kresowik, Nic Coffman, and Betsy Hickok, 8 p.m., Riverside Theatre
- Futurerock and Jason Heyland, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
- J. Davis Trio, with the Renaissance, 9 p.m., Mill
- Moe Band, 9 p.m., Martinis
- Saul Lubaroff Trio, 9:30 p.m., Sanctuary, 405 S. Gilbert

THEATER

- Thoroughly Modern Millie, 7:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium
- Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge, City Circle Acting Company, 8 p.m., Arnold Studio Theatre
- Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge, Second Stage Series, "Cry in the Street" and "Woyzeck," 8 p.m., Thayer Theatre

SUNDAY 12.11

MUSIC

- "Seven Deadly Sins" and "Mahogony Songspiel," 2 p.m., Opera Rehearsal Room
- Blues Jam, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Yacht Club

THEATER

- Babes in Toyland, 2 p.m., Englert
- Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge, Second Stage Series, "Cry in the Street" and "Woyzeck," 2 p.m., Thayer Theatre
- Thoroughly Modern Millie, 2 & 7:30 p.m., Hancher
- Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge, City Circle Acting Company, 2:30 p.m., Arnold Studio Theatre

MISC.

- Buddhist lecture, 2 p.m., Public Library
- Dogma, 8 p.m., Uptown Bill's Small Mall
- Sunday night pub quiz, 9 p.m., Mill

MONDAY 12.12

MUSIC

- Katherine Eberle, mezzo-soprano, and pianist Luke Foster, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- Italiano dinner, 5 p.m., West High School
- Iowa City Astronomy Club, 7 p.m., Public Library
- Visual, Multimedia Harmony with Waltzing Matilda, 7 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Open Mike with Jay Knight, 8 p.m., Mill
- Book group, Twentieth-Century Classics, A Christmas Carol, 7:30 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 1451 Coral Ridge

TUESDAY 12.13

MUSIC

- Sugar 'n' Spice, Iowa City area girls' choir, 4:30 p.m., UIHC Colliton Atrium
- Holiday Pops, Cedar Rapids Symphony, 7:30 p.m., Hancher Auditorium
- Winter Concert, Iowa City Community Band, 7:30 p.m., Englert
- Concert Night, 9 p.m., Yacht Club

MISC.

- Barnes & Noble Story Time, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble
- Baile Conmigo, salsa dancing, 8 p.m., Mill

WEDNESDAY 12.14

MUSIC

- Burlington St. Bluegrass Band, 7 p.m., Mill
- Jam band, 10 p.m., Yacht Club

MISC.

- Better Business Writing Workshop, 8:30 a.m., IMU
- Talk Art Cabaret, 10 p.m., Mill

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MP3s

- Futurerock's "Broken Glass," "Jesus Would Get the Bigger Speakers," and "Heartbeat"
- Off Greyhounds' album, Liberty, "Yeah Yeah Yeah"

PHOTO

- DI photographer Ben Roberts' slide show of fire spinning group, Flowa
- DI photographer Matt Ryerson's photo page of City Circle's production of Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge



VIDEO

- DI videographer Taylor Gentry's video of Flowa

NEW MOVIES

Everything is Illuminated
Bijou: 9 p.m. today, Monday, and Wednesday; 7 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Tuesday; 5 p.m. Sunday
Admission: \$5
Synopsis: Liev Schreiber makes his directorial debut in this adaptation of Jonathan Safran Foer's best-selling novel about a young Jewish-American writer of the same name. Mixing equal parts black comedy and poignant drama, the film follows Jonathan (Elijah Wood) as he travels to the Ukraine to solve a family secret. There he meets his barely legitimate tour guides: Alex (Eugene Hutz, member of the folk-punk band Gogol Bordello), a cosmopolitan playboy obsessed with Michael Jackson and other American icons; Alex's grandfather, a man worn down by life who seems to be losing his grip on reality; and Sammy Davis Jr. Jr., the "seeing-eye bitch" dog who comes along for the ride. As Jonathan closes in on his goal — to find the story behind the woman who saved his grandfather during the Holocaust — it becomes clear that Alex's grandfather has a dark secret of his own that needs to be, as the film suggests, illuminated. Filmed on location in Prague, the film features breathtaking landscapes, including a memorable scene in a field of sunflowers.

Dear Wendy
Bijou: 7 p.m. today, Sunday, Monday, and Wednesday; 9 p.m. Friday, Saturday, and Tuesday; 5 p.m. Saturday
Admission: \$5
Synopsis: Written by Lars von Trier, the film is a joint project between von Trier and fellow director and Dogme '95 cofounder Thomas Vinterberg. Set in an unnamed small town, the film is a stylish exploration of guns and violence in America. A young loner named Dick (Jamie Bell) discovers a handgun and finds himself strangely drawn to it, despite his pacifist views. He soon forms a secret club for others like himself, who collect antique guns and call themselves the Dandies. But the most important Dandy rule of all — "never draw your weapons" — soon proves a great challenge. With cinematography by Anthony Dod Mantle (*28 Days Later*, *Dogville*) and a soundtrack by the '60s rock group the Zombies, *Dear Wendy* is a unique film certain to find a cult following. An official selection of the 2005 Sundance Film Festival.

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HAVING A DICKENS OF A TIME WITH CHRISTMAS

Check out *DI* photographer Matt Ryerson's photo page of the City Circle's holiday-time production WWW.DAILYIOWAN.COM

BY LOUIS VIRTEL
THE DAILY IOWAN

Leave it to playwright Christopher Durang to finally diagnose Ebenezer Scrooge with seasonal Tourette's.

The contemporary parody of Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol* follows the plight of Mrs. Cratchit, formerly a loving 19th-century housewife, who is transformed by Durang into a modern-day realist weary of holiday-pageant schmaltz. The City Circle Acting Company presents Durang's *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge* Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Dec. 11 at 2:30 p.m.

"She's trapped in Dickens' world," said City Circle producer Chris Okiishi, adding that the female protagonist is "demoralized and pissed off."



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan
Mike Stout (right) and Jared Norman, both as the ghost of Jacob Marley, visit Ebenezer Scrooge (Joseph Helmuth) during a dress rehearsal on Dec. 1, of *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge*.

The play typifies Durang's biting, chaotically funny satire. His previous plays include *The Idiots Karamazov*, *Beyond Therapy*, and *Betty's Summer Vacation* — the latter of which

is slated for the UI Mainstage next spring.

"Durang is so accurate with his humor," said director Dave Helmuth. "The humor lies in the seriousness of the show itself ...

like *The Naked Gun*, except not quite so crazy."

Mrs. Cratchit's anger seems justified, given that her husband, Bob Cratchit, the infamously charitable father of Tiny Tim, now cannot stop bringing home orphans. However, the Cratchits represent only the first step in a long line of characters skewered in the *Wild Christmas Binge*. Just as the stingy, spiritless Scrooge receives formal diagnosis for his crabbiness, ghost character Jacob Marley finds his supernatural powers don't work. Grownup problems aside, even those orphans are fair game for Durang's wit.

"You've never seen a more cheerful, demented Little Nell," Okiishi said.

Helmuth opted to defy confines of sex and age designation by assigning the roles of a "matrimonial, available daughter" and a 50-year-old maid to the same muscular male actor, Sean Cary.

THEATER

Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge

When: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2:30 p.m. Dec. 11
Where: Arnold Studio Theatre, 213 E. 10th St., Coralville
Admission: \$12

Mrs. Bob Cratchit's set features unusual turns as well, including two rotating turntables for scenery. In seconds, a scenic backdrop can change from an outdoor London scene to a house interior.

Billed by City Circle as "alternative holiday fare," *Mrs. Bob Cratchit's Wild Christmas Binge* also makes room for parody of other Hollywood Christmas classics, but the bulk of the story focuses on the incessant tradition of *A Christmas Carol*. With dozens of versions shown during the holiday season (even the Muppets have taken a stake), the tale of Christmas spirit lends itself to parody.

"It's a real sad story that we hear over and over again," Helmuth said. "It's time to make fun of it."

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A POCKET FULL OF POSES



Rachel Mummey/The Daily Iowan

The Fisheye Improv Troupe and members of the audience perform at the Mill on Nov. 30, 2005. The group meets at the Mill on alternate Tuesdays from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. to perform.

BY ANNA WIEGENSTEIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

"What's in your pocket?"

It's a simple question, right? Maybe there are keys, a stick of gum, or some loose change rattling around. Well, pick one thing. Now talk about it for half an hour, in front of an audience.

"Simple" might not be the way to describe what the members of Fisheye Improv have been doing for the last two and a half years. One fitting adjective is "funny."

Performing every other Tuesday night at the Mill, the Iowa City-based group has recently taken its act to Cedar Rapids' Penguin's Comedy Club, 209 First Ave. S.E., in which it will perform today at 7:30 p.m.

"Improvisation as a form of communication seeks ultimately to connect one another: performer to performer, performer to audience member, and audience member to audience member," said Ryan Karloff, a 23-year-old member of the troupe.

Karloff, who has been active in improv comedy for approximately three years, estimates that at least 40 other performers have come and gone through Fisheye.

"The whole idea is to have new people coming in all the time," he said.

The group's unusual name stems from one of its tenets: an emphasis placed on not underestimating viewers' intelligence.

"It's very easy as a comic to slip into the fart and penis jokes, but the question is really: What will the audience remember tomorrow?" Karloff said.

He said the troupe strives to challenge the audience members to look "in a parallel manner to their own sensibilities, not unlike the warped and unblinking manner in which the eye of a fish might view the world."

In order to become part of the act, people interested must attend several of Fisheye's Sunday rehearsals, which are open to the public. The sessions consist of typical improv games, similar to those seen on TV's "Whose Line Is It, Anyway?"

There are around 50 games — or "structures," as Karloff prefers to call them — the group runs through any given Sunday. A handful of these games are invented by the troupe members themselves.

"We'll play with the chemistry among performers a lot," he said. "Anything to help build the unspoken creative connection they may have while performing."

People who gain their footing are generally invited to one of the closed sessions, in which the

IMPROV

Fisheye Improv Troupe

When: 7:30 p.m. today
Where: Penguin's Comedy Club, 209 First Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids
Admission: \$5

Troupe's regular performances
When: 9 p.m. every other Tuesday; next performance is Dec. 20
Where: Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.
Admission: Free

members practice more involved "structures."

The main events at the closed rehearsals are long-form improvisations — 20- to 30-minute skits based on single suggestions from the audience. In these extended versions, called "Harolds," four or five unrelated scenes are performed from the prompt and

are then tied back together at the end. Karloff feels that Fisheye is moving toward more long-form performances, while noting that audiences favor the shorter games.

Audience involvement is an important facet of any Fisheye show, in which skits will be prompted by, for instance, a Mill customer's itinerary for that day. The rapport between performers and the audience is also among the things Karloff said set his group apart from other improv troupes in the Iowa City area.

Anyone new to the Fisheye experience can "expect loose humor based on contemporary and political issues that defy one's routine look on his or her day," he said.

Bringing something interesting in your pocket might not hurt, either.

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BY DREW KERR
THE DAILY IOWAN

The electronic-tuned triumvirate Futurerock has a recipe for success that has little to do with the synthesizers, soundboards, and instruments that clutter its stage setup.

"It's called spicy coffee," said bass player Felix Moreno, describing the mixture of coffee and whiskey unleashed at midnight each evening while the emerging band recently recorded its 14-track debut album. "When we were recording, we figured, the less sleep, the better, and it did just the trick."

While listeners will have to wait at least a few months for the results, the Chicago-bred band members will give an Iowa City audience a preview Saturday when they visit the Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St.

The show, with opener DJ Jason Heyland, promises to be an eclectic, if not eccentric, fusion.

Combining elements of funk, techno, and electronica with the organic vibe of jam-band influences, such as Phish, the band has managed to create something of a niche.

"It's definitely unconventional," said Mickey Kellerman, a 26-year-old bank-project manager



Publicity photo

Chicago-bred Futurerock will perform Saturday at the Yacht Club.

by day. "We can get a little weird sometimes, so you'll need an open mind to appreciate it."

The band — comprising Moreno, drummer Darren Heitz, and keyboard artist Kellerman — also incorporates real-time looping and layered beats throughout the set to add to the confusion.

"People don't even know where the music is coming from sometimes," said Moreno, a 25-year-old classical bass major turned antifreeze and oil recycler.

But even the chaotic atmosphere the band generates during a live show can't match the complexity displayed when the household-sharing Northwestern University grads sit down in the studio, where they might cram as many as 40 layers into a single recorded track.

The convolution of sound won't be left completely at home, however. The show is likely to take on a largely improvisational feel, as

three-minute tracks morph into 10-minute or longer ballads.

"We're not completely jammy, but if we're feeling it, we'll definitely run with it," Moreno said.

But the performance doesn't stop with music alone.

Band members describe their shows as a "oral and visual gala" in which multicolored lights, hazers, and strobes play a separate but equal role in creating the party vibe.

On the few occasions the band has visited the Yacht Club, the spectacle has left patrons gaping. "It's to the point that you wouldn't even recognize the place," said Yacht Club general manager Pete McCarthy.

The band's Iowa City premiere eight months ago drew a crowd that included the bartender, the bar owner, and around three patrons, but subsequent trips have drawn increasingly supportive audiences, with the last visit attracting as many as 80 people.

"The fact that they set up and still played that first time said a lot about them, as a band," McCarthy said. "And, now, I think they're seeing the fruits of that labor."

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BY CHARLIE MORAN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Just before its 1998 debut, *Let's Cut The Crap And Hook Up Later On Tonight*, Marah emerged from obscurity, thanks in part to a track on a local Philadelphia Christmas compilation. Set in tar-stained hues of Southern rock, "A Beer in a Bar" was a carol for solitary Christmas Eves spent swilling High Life beneath musty garland and the flicker of red and green lights.

This summer, Marah revisited this dismal Christmas past and experienced a George Bailey epiphany; with candy-colored bulbs sprinkled across the members' New York City apartment, they invited friends and family to drink cocktails and help them record the rowdy Yuletide binge, *A Christmas Kind of Town* (Yep Roc), which was released this autumn.

With offbeat classics, new material, and tipsy skits, the band's first Christmas album is just as scattered, earnest, and entertaining as a get-together with your own eggnog-swimming kin.

Marah invites its family to the party, including singer/guitarist Serge Bielanko's wife, Monica, Ryan Adams' touring keyboardist Christine Smith, and the band's official backup vocal trio, the Shalitas, all of whom bring convivial joy to the holiday bacchanal.

A Christmas Kind of Town retains the loose, one-take feel of its sober brother released the same day this October, the group's fifth album, *If You Didn't*



CD REVIEW
Marah
A Christmas Kind of Town
★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Laugh You'd Cry (Yep Roc). However, on the holiday album, singer David Bielanko's voice delves into more kitsch and is bubblier than ever, as if Tom Petty were trying to sustain the attention of a gang of kindergartners for 40 minutes.

As any 6-year-old might agree, the three new songs on *A Christmas Kind of Town* are just as fun as their parents' Noels. "Counting the Days ('Til Christmas)" is a kazoo-honking polka celebration of the anxious, pre-Christmas school days, and "New York is a Christmas Kind of Town" is a swinging, horn-fueled repudiation of the Big Apple's inhospitable holiday reputation.

"Christmas in the Snow," sung entirely by the Shalitas, is the high point of the party. Beginning with one of the sisters repeatedly trying to say "snow" as fast as she can, a

stomping drum kit falls in, and the song quickly becomes as richly constructed as Phil Spector's holiday walls of snow.

In the album's more traditional fare, Marah steers clear of religious hymns, picking a selection of familiar songs and imbuing them with playful combinations of banjo, guitar, horns, and xylophone. "Baby It's Cold Outside" is given a springy country gait, and "Silver Bells" is charmingly performed with vocals and organ. "Holly Jolly Christmas" replicates the chiming "ding-dong-ding" choruses of the original and adds quick drum rolls, remaking it as a leaner, chain-smoking take on Burl Ives' perennial jingle.

Between many of the songs, the band inserts mock party dialogue with guests raffishly discussing the "bit of gentle booze" in the Christmas pudding and exalting the licentious merits of wassailing. These interludes, along with spontaneous interjections of off-key singing, spoofs of 24-hour Christmas radio stations, and the premise of a community-theater production, all make the album feel like a boisterous round of rib-poking with friends.

Given that Christmas music is usually recorded alone and played during exchanges with friends and family, on *A Christmas Kind of Town*, Marah makes this equation work just as well the other way around. A beer in a bar on Christmas Eve never sounded so unappealing.

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Three-piece funk band the Greyhounds will perform Friday night at the Yacht Club with Storytyme.

BY TONY A. SOLANO
THE DAILY IOWAN

Andrew Trube and Anthony Farrell of the Greyhounds wrote the band's funkadelic debut album, *Liberty*, for a three-piece band in 2003 along with then-drummer Nick Pencis. Since then, Pencis and two other drummers have departed, but Trube and Farrell have continued writing music, and they will hit the studio in February, after the completion of the band's final tour as a three-piece.

"We're like the Spinal Tap of small-time bands — we just can't hang onto a drummer to save our lives," Trube said. "Drummers can come and go, but if Anthony or I left, then it wouldn't be [the] Greyhounds anymore."

Trube and Farrell each play guitar and sing vocals, but on *Liberty*, the band's beat-driven groove-style required Trube to play bass. The two frontmen will hire a new drummer and bass player this winter; MOFRO drummer George Sluppick is filling in on this tour.

Liberty was originally released in 2004 and re-released in spring 2005 with three new tracks when the Texas-based band signed with Luther Records. The album's first song, "Yeah Yeah Yeah," catapults the listener into the band's boogie-down groove style with a strong bass beat and

psychedelic keyboards paving the way for Hendrix-like vocals. Trube and Farrell alternated playing several instruments throughout the album, but now that the band is adding a bass player, Trube said, the challenge will be creating alternate guitar parts for the songs on which he previously played bass.



GIVE A LISTEN

Greyhounds
Liberty

Featured tracks:

- "Yeah Yeah Yeah"

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"We're like the Spinal Tap of small-time bands — we just can't hang onto a drummer to save our lives."

— Andrew Trube, the Greyhounds

Liberty was originally recorded in New Orleans in 2003, and while there, the band members befriended folkie Ani DiFranco, who was recording an album next door to their studio. She adds soul to "Black Hole" by performing backup vocals on the self-reflective blues ballad about songwriting and depression. Trube said that the group was going to hire a female vocalist to fill the part, anyway,

but because the guys ate breakfast with DiFranco every morning and partied with her at night, he mustered the courage to ask her to sing the song.

The Greyhounds, formed in 2000, performs blues, funk, and soul roots on *Liberty*, which reflects the city it was recorded in. And because of that, Trube said, venues such as the Yacht Club are right up his alley.

"The first time, we were a little wary when we rolled downstairs into this basement, and there were water pipes on the stage," he said. "But the grungier and the funkier the place, the better."

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Lunch with the Chefs

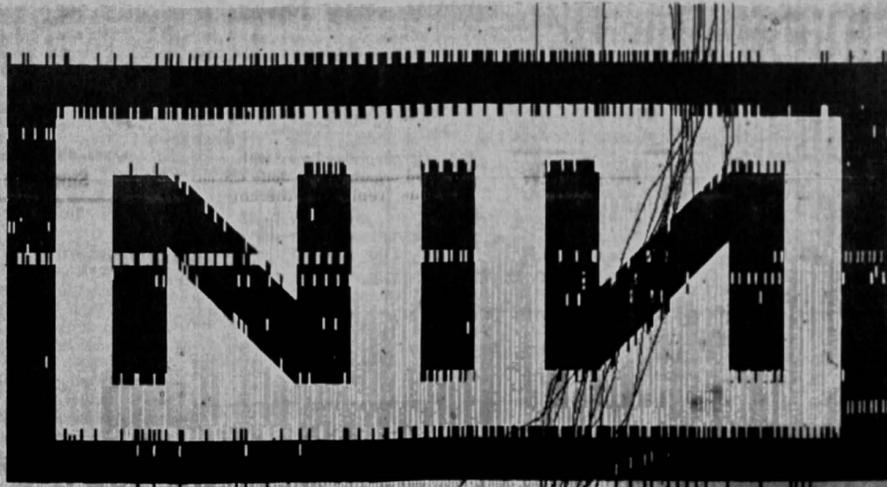
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"I think it's a setback for the government, and I think it might illustrate that the Patriot Act might not be the magic bullet prosecutors thought it was."
 — John Farmer, a former New Jersey attorney general, commenting on the U.S. government's failure to convict a former professor accused of being a key figure in a Palestinian terrorist group. Sami Al-Arian's indictment in 2003 was hailed by the government as a triumph of the Patriot Act.

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RACHEL WEBER SIGNS MOM NEEDS TO CUT THE APRON STRINGS ...

- She showed you that she too can "1, 2 step."
- She offered to take that calculus mid-term for you.
- She planned out your 21st birthday bar crawl and offered to be the designated driver.
- Then she washed all the vomit out of your and your friends' shirts.
- She bought you that Playboy Bunny Halloween costume, because she thought it was "really cute."
- She cleaned your dorm room for you.
- And washed the dishes that you were pretty sure had become intelligent life forms.

- She slipped condoms/birth control into your care packages from your church.
- She gave you her driver's license and told you to "have fun."
- She called you in the morning and asked you "How was it?"

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today's events

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- **Happy Endings, Minutes Too Far, and Let Go**, 5 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington
- **"So What is String Theory Anyway?,"** Vincent Rodgers, 5 p.m., Cottage Bakery, 14 S. Linn
- **"Paper, Paper Scissors,"** craftmaking for kids, 6 p.m., Coralville Recreation Center, 1506 Eighth St.
- **Dear Wendy**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Global Queer Cinema Film Screenings, Tropical Malady/Sud Pralad**, 7 p.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
- **Israeli Film Series, Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi**, 7 p.m., Hillel Foundation, 122 E. Market
- **Sigma Nu fundraiser, No Limit Texas Hold 'em tournament**, 7 p.m., American Legion, 3016 Muscatine
- **Writers Gone Public**, 7 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building
- **"Mostly Mozart,"** UI Chamber Orchestra, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Off-Center: Four Plays on the Edge Second Stage Series, "Cry in the Street" and "Woyzeck"**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- **Campus Activities Board Event, Home Alone**, 9 p.m. IMU
- **Everything is Illuminated**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Finals at the IMU Week, Massage Chairs**, 9 p.m.-midnight, IMU Wheelroom
- **Finals at the IMU Week, Study Break, Free Food**, 10 p.m., IMU Wheelroom
- **Finals at the IMU Week, Study Break, Free Pura Vida Coffee and Candy**, 9 p.m.-midnight, IMU River Room
- **Funkmaster Cracker and Matthew Wright**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Hairline Fracture**, 9 p.m., Q Bar, 211 Iowa
- **Joanna James and Kris Koza with guest Isabe O'Connell**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Shiny Toy Guns, Tell Julia, and Save the Empire**, 9:30 p.m., Gabe's

horoscopes Thursday, December 8, 2005

- by Eugenia Last
- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take care of pending problems. You are in the driver's seat today, and you can make gains that were impossible in the past. Money should be your focus and terminating any legal problems your goal.
 - TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Do something to boost your morale. Socializing will bring good results and possibly a new connection that will develop into a worthwhile endeavor. Helping children will be rewarding.
 - GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** If too many people are asking for too much, learn to say no, or forget about getting ahead yourself. Emotional matters will escalate if you can't be firm and back away to give yourself a breather.
 - CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Size up your situation, and do whatever it takes to get what you want. You are in a high cycle regarding partnerships. Put greater emphasis on dealing with people who can give you good advice. You will gain respect, raising your profile and your position.
 - LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Slow down. It is better to be safe than sorry today. Arguments will flare up if you jump to conclusions. Give others a chance to explain, and you will spare yourself grief.
 - VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Stick to your own devices, and steer clear of working with people who don't see things the same way you do. An unexpected change may occur. Work with it, not against it. Be the wise observer.
 - LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** An opportunity to take on a new project or position is looking very good. Expand what you do, and you will make gains far beyond your expectations. If you can imagine it, you can obtain it.
 - SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Don't get caught up in other people's melodramas. You have far too much going for you today to waste time on someone else. Get down to business, and you will achieve something great. You are in a high creative cycle.
 - SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Sudden changes in your personal life can be expected. You may want to protect what you have and, keep a close eye on the people around you. Not everything is clear-cut today. This is not the time to trust.
 - CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Communications will be your vehicle to future success. Talk, e-mail, travel, research, or any other means that will lead to greater success should be your intent. You have lots to offer — let everyone know.
 - AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Question what you are doing with your life. If you are stale or not moving in a positive direction, it may be time for a change. You will do much better if you choose a direction that can hold your interest. Doors will open, but you must take the initiative.
 - PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You will be sensitive to other people's thoughts and feelings. This is an ideal time to find out exactly where you stand. You may not like what you discover, but it will get you moving down a much better path.

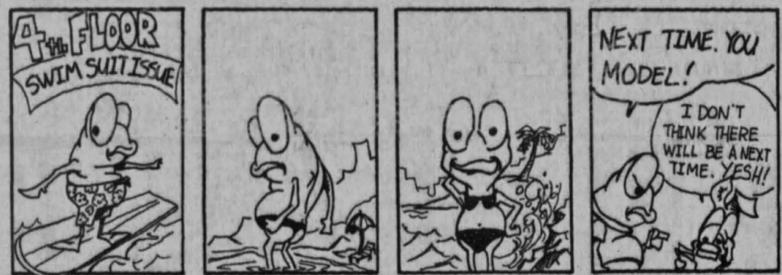
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- 7 a.m. Democracy Now
- 11 Democracy Now
- Noon Ped Mall Break Dancing
- 1:15 p.m. Planned Parenthood of Greater Iowa
- 1:30 On Main St.
- 2 Glory 2 Glory
- 2:30 Give Me An Answer
- 3 Breaking the Mold: Advocates Speak Out
- 4 The Unity Center
- 5 Tabernacle Baptist Church
- 6 Seed of Faith
- 7 Grace Community Church
- 8 Revival in Oxford
- 9 Tonight with Bradman Live
- 10 Redd @ Ego's
- 10:45 Marah Mar
- 10:55 Painful Grey
- 11 The Sports Stop: Early Edition
- 11:30 The Generic Sports Show (replay)
- 12:30 a.m. Naked

UITV schedule

- 3 p.m. "Talk of Iowa Live from the Java House," the Nadas
- 4 "Pandemic Influenza: How Real is the Threat?," Public Health Grand Rounds
- 5 The UI Staff Council presents an Open Forum with UI President David Skorton
- 6 Grant Wood at the UI: Community and Controversy
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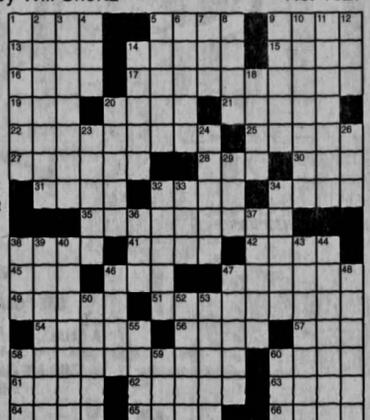
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Orenburg's river
- 5 Untouched?
- 9 Pond dross
- 13 Red Cross headquarters site
- 14 "Some Like"
- 15 Cry of dread
- 16 Gulf state royalty
- 17 Mount Whitney's home
- 19 Nancy, in Nancy
- 20 Fomicide: antipulicide: _____
- 21 _____ Hirsch of "Lords of Dogtown"
- 22 1950's-60's twangy guitarist
- 25 Skating competition
- 27 Name in a Shakespearean title
- 28 Responses to tattoos
- 30 Something that's bruisable
- 31 Started (off)
- 32 Item at center stage
- 34 Hudson River city
- 35 Singer with a 1962 #1 hit that started a dance craze (and a hint to this puzzle's theme)
- 38 Stain blockers
- 41 It may be free for philosophers
- 42 "Dream on!"
- 45 "I _____" (Casanova's declaration)
- 46 Stay-at-home
- 47 Head of a flock
- 49 Froth
- 51 Alt
- 54 "The Brady Bunch" housekeeper
- DOWN**
- 1 Where the shilling is money
- 2 Get back on
- 3 Enliven
- 4 Actor Burton
- 5 Kept in a pen
- 6 Each
- 7 Postal motto conjunction
- 8 To be, overseas
- 9 The merry widow, in the 1934 musical "The Merry Widow"
- 10 "Gig" co-star
- 11 Experience
- 12 Bygone bird
- 14 The _____ Brothers of R & B
- 18 Hearing aids?
- 20 Gucci rival
- 23 Seasonal songs
- 24 Hayseed
- 26 _____ sauce
- 29 Prekindergarten
- 32 Crete's highest peak: Abbr.
- 33 "_____ wait"
- 34 Electric dart shooter
- 36 Its slogan used to be "One mission, Yours."
- 37 Restaurant employee
- 38 What hist. majors pursue
- 39 Stuck
- 40 Broad way
- 43 "Take this job and shove it!"
- 44 Betrothed
- 46 Art style, informally
- 47 Went with
- 48 Deep fissure
- 50 Hands, slangily
- 52 Come in second
- 53 Classic sculpture
- 55 Spanish form of "to be" after "tu"
- 58 Test-conducting org.
- 59 _____ Magnon
- 60 Neighbor of Iran: Abbr.



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 - Audio from:
 - Futurerock
 - "Broken Glass"
 - "Jesus Would Get the Bigger Speakers"
 - "Heartbeat"
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 - "Yeah Yeah Yeah"
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BY EMILEK

Coralville no losing a \$180 venture, after le Environmental left a meeting to pack up the city should the n An hour-long organized in re 18 letter sent Robert Ray to Jim Fausett — councilors could smooth over environmental looking for alter "Our positio have resolved t City Councilor J "Because we c them on the pho going to discuss Points include included site sizing, and other su Lundell said was impractical munity such a come up with requested, busi residents of ea already expres giving substant "That just is community lik come up with said. "But, with cussion, we th meet a compron Coralville is s for the rain for project's educa well with Cora the UI, Lundell The environ board will mee cuss response from other co Coralville may mix of possible "Hopefully, make a decisio tive director De Dubuque is and Mayor Terr Thursday that, to move to his would likely ch "Would it be tal project they said. "I doubt th Dubuque is going expansio and aquarium ture an exhibit Duggan said Amazon River the goals of th project leaders. Coralville is being thrown i with other com project's locati looking for othe land put aside along Interstate "Meanwhile head off in a c and head off i develop other i Lundell said. " going to do is e nity in making The council heard talk of ac to the site but say he did not t would establis major and usef

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