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## MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



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Members of the Quad Cities Ballet Folklorico twirl around the stage in the IMU second-floor ballroom on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006. The dancers were just one of the many guests and speakers invited to the Martin Luther King Jr. convocation that kicked off the UI Human Rights Week 2006.

# Rights Week salutes diversity

BY MASON KERNS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The UI's Human Rights Week commenced with a wave of multiculturalism Monday, as a diverse group of speakers and performers commemorated Martin Luther King Jr. for his com-

mitment to civil rights and equality. In his opening remarks, UI President David Skorton called the convocation ceremony a testament to the campus' commitment to diversity. "Institutions of higher education have come under scrutiny for their infatuation with diversity and multiculturalism," he said. "But diversity

is and will always remain a central pillar of the university." From the Meskwaki tribal drumming and singing that opened the event to the closing dance from the UI Vietnamese Student Organization, inclusionary

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# Fervent few go caucusing

The 2006 precinct caucuses turnout was low at the IMU, as Democrats and Republicans showed up to elect county-convention delegates and discuss party positions

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BY BRYCE BAUER AND SAM EDSILL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Small groups of Democratic and Republican party loyalists turned out for the 2006 precinct caucuses at the IMU Monday night to elect county-caucus delegates, with Democrats adopting resolutions favoring a more lenient drug policy on marijuana and the legalization of gay marriage.

'I think civil-rights issues are what I'm big on, stopping government in people's lives.'



— Oliver Borzo  
senior

Both parties experienced low turnout for the events, it being a presidential off-year. Democrats, who met in 343 IMU, approved three resolutions, including one that would legalize gay marriage. A resolution is an expression of support for a specific issue — those approved

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# Flight from Sudan

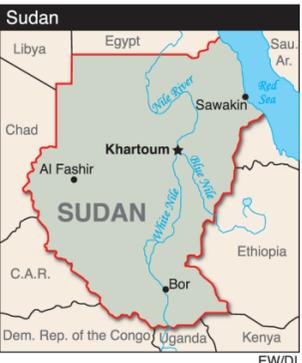
Ilham Mohamed found safety from religious persecution in Iowa City

BY COLIN BURKE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Asma Mahmoud Mohamed Taha was jailed in her home country of Sudan for following the religious teachings of her father, Mahmoud Taha — an Islamic reformer who was publicly executed in January 1985. She stood up to the Sharia law, which are interpreted from

the Koran, that said only a man could bail her out of prison. As a result, she spent nine months stuck in prison. Her experience was why Iowa City resident Ilham Mohamed, who moved to town in 1998, sought asylum in the United States. "We didn't have the freedom of practicing religion in Sudan," she said.

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## WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SUDAN:

**Location:** Northern Africa, bordering the Red Sea  
**Religion:** 70 percent Sunni Muslim  
**Government:** Authoritarian regime  
**Capital:** Khartoum

Source: *New York Times* Guide to Essential Knowledge

# WALK THE LINE CASHES IN WITH THREE



2006 GOLDEN GLOBES  
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- Best Motion Picture, Drama: *Brokeback Mountain*
- Best Actress, Drama: Felicity Huffman, *Transamerica*
- Best Actor, Drama: Phillip Seymour Hoffman, *Capote*
- Best Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy: *Walk the Line*
- Best Actress, Musical or Comedy: Reese Witherspoon, *Walk the Line*
- Best Actor, Musical or Comedy: Joaquin Phoenix, *Walk the Line*
- Best Supporting Actress: Rachel Weisz, *The Constant Gardener*
- Best Supporting Actor: George Clooney, *Syriana*
- Best Director: Ang Lee, *Brokeback Mountain*
- Best Drama Series: "Lost"
- Best Actress, Drama

- Series: Geena Davis, "Commander in Chief"
- Best Actor, Drama Series: Hugh Laurie, "House"
- Best Musical or Comedy Series: "Desperate Housewives"
- Best Actress, Musical or Comedy: Mary-Louise Parker, "Weeds"
- Best Actor, Musical or Comedy: Steve Carell, "The Office"



# Colleges may face testing to keep federal aid funding

BY MASON KERNS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

College students could experience their own version of No Child Left Behind if recommendations by a newly created federal panel that would make

federal money conditional on test scores come to fruition. In its first round of suggestions to U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, the Commission on the Future of Higher Education is expected to ask that such tests as the

Collegiate Learning Assessment be used to determine if a public college or university should receive federal money. A specific plan for allocation of aid based on student-test performance has yet to be developed, but the Bush

administration has said the change would make colleges more accountable. The proposal, though, drew criticism from a number of UI administrators Monday, who said testing could diminish

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**HYPELESS HAWKS**  
Next fall's gridiron Hawkeyes won't get the hype, but they'll be a long ways from talent-less. **1B**

**MONEY, MONEY, MONEY**  
Action by the federal government could cut into student-loan funding. **2A**

**DATES TO REMEMBER**  
Jan 30 — Last day to add or drop a class without a W on the transcript  
March 3 — Graduation degree applications due  
Also — for the first time, Add and Drop forms are available on the Registrar's website under the section "forms."

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# NEWS

## TOUCH & GO



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The "H-Deuces," a group of UI students, play touch football on the Pentacrest on Monday night. The guys call themselves the "H-Deuces" because they have all live or have lived on the Hillcrest second floor.

# Iowa hospitals get low marks

BY DANNY VALENTINE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a nationwide survey of emergency-care services, Iowa's hospitals received mediocre marks because of a lack of preventative measures and poor malpractice protection for physicians, but local health professionals say the survey doesn't accurately represent Iowa City.

The American College of Emergency Physicians conducted the study, which drew information from 50 different categories, ranging from the number of board-certified emergency physicians to the number of traffic fatalities. The study slapped the country with an overall grade of a C-. Iowa made out slightly above average, with an accumulative score of a C+.

Iowa received its lowest grades in public-health and prevention efforts and medical liability, a C and D respectively.

The injury-prevention score was likely hurt by lower seat belt use in rural areas, as well as a high number of vehicle crashes on railroads — both of which are unique to states such as Iowa

because of the rural demographic, said Corinne Peek-Asa, a UI College of Public Health professor.

Fifty percent of all fatal car accidents occur in rural areas, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Ralph Wilmoth, the director of Johnson County Public Health, said although the state might struggle in seat-belt use, Iowa City police have received rewards from the governor's traffic-safety bureau for their enforcement efforts.

The report was most critical of Iowa's medical liability environment, recommending the state cap the amount of noneconomic damages that can be awarded in medical liability lawsuits.

Removing the threat of a large lawsuit, the report said, would "recruit and retain board-certified emergency physicians," to a state that ranked next to last in the number of board-certified physicians per capita.

Jeff Segar, a UI professor of pediatrics, said he and his colleagues have never felt affect by malpractice concerns when doing their jobs.

"I would not be surprised if

people in small group practice or practice by themselves would feel the impact," he added.

Hospitals in Iowa also received a B- in emergency care access and an A- in the quality and safety of patient care.

No states garnered an A, only nine states and the District of Columbia earned Bs, and 12 states scored in the D range.

Mary Jones, the division director of acute-disease prevention and emergency response for the state Department of Public Health, said her department looks at studies such as this but could not comment on the credibility of the report.

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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE IN TROUBLE

### Access to Emergency Care: B-

- Board-certified emergency physicians per 100,000 people: 3.22

### Quality and Patient Safety: A-

- Ranked 9th in the nation in percentage of population with access to advanced life support ambulance services.

### Public Health & Injury Prevention: C

- Traffic fatalities per 100,000 licensed drivers: 22.3
- Helmet use required for all motorcycle riders? No

### Medical Liability Environment: D-

- Increase in physicians' medical liability insurance rates (2001-2004): 47.99 percent

Information provided by a study from the American College of Emergency Physicians

# Bill could hurt student aid

BY JENNIFER LICKTEIG  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A federal deficit-reduction bill now sitting in the hands of the U.S. House of Representatives could, if passed, mark the largest reduction in the government's student-loan programs in history — a policy some UI officials say is indicative of the nation's priorities.

"A nation's values are, to an extent, reflected in its budgets," said Derek Willard, the special assistant to the UI president for governmental relations. "Higher-education leaders believe the burden of these reductions fell disproportionately on students and their families."

Roughly 14,000 UI students participate in the Direct Student Loan program, which includes the popular Stafford Loan and the new Plus loans.

The bill would revise the federal lending system so that borrowers would pay a fixed interest rate rather than the variable rate that has been used for the last decade. Borrowers could either save or lose money on the deal, depending on how

## WHAT THE DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT OF 2005 MEANS TO YOU:

- Stafford Loan limits would increase roughly \$1,000 for freshmen and sophomores; juniors and senior limits would remain at \$5,500.
- Would set a fixed rate of 8.5 percent for Plus loans and 6.8 percent for student loans beginning July 1.
- Would phase out Stafford origination fees.
- Would reduce government subsidies to private lenders.

interest rates fluctuate, but the government estimates savings of nearly \$12.7 billion over the next five years.

"The student-aid portion of this bill took the lion's share of the cuts," Willard said.

The savings are one-third of the larger \$39.7 billion deficit reduction act, making it the pro-

gram with the most drastic reductions.

"I think there are other places [the government] could be getting money from," said Eric Landuyt, a UI junior who pays for most of his education through student loans. "But I guess I'm not an expert on state budgeting."

The bill also has some provisions to expand student aid, including \$3.75 billion over five years in grants for high-achieving Pell Grant recipients, increasing the loan limits for first- and second-year students, and reducing origination fees.

Despite the expansive measures, Mark Warner, the director of the UI Student Financial Aid Office, said the bill ultimately does more harm than good.

"The devil's always in the details," he said, referring to the downside of the money going to Pell Grant recipients.

The problem, he said, is that often people in the greatest financial need can't get a rigorous secondary education. The Pell Grant money would be supplemental and received only by first- and second-year students who have "completed a rigorous secondary

school program recognized by the secretary of Education," Warner said. If the secretary determines that an academic major is "critical to national security," third and fourth-year students pursuing those majors may also qualify.

UI junior Samantha Wille said she relies mostly on loans and her job at the IMU Union Market to pay for her education.

"That sucks," she said, noting the bill's negative effect on her student loans.

The bill narrowly passed the Senate in December, on a 51-50 vote, with Vice President Dick Cheney casting the deciding vote. Willard said there will likely be pressure to lower the deficit when the House reconvenes on Jan. 31.

"Congress needs to go home and say, 'We actually passed something aimed at reducing deficit,'" he said.

Warner said he would rather the bill be reviewed before any big decisions are made.

"I'm hopeful, not optimistic, that there'll be some amendments to it before it passes," he said.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

**Dustin Bera**, 19, Vinton, Iowa, was charged Jan. 13 with PAULA.  
**Jennifer Callahan**, 21, 332 S. Linn St. Apt. 202, was charged Monday with keeping a disorderly house.  
**Francie Cavanaugh**, 19, Cedar Falls, was charged Monday with unlawful use of authentic driver's license/ID of another and PAULA.  
**Lindsay Chess**, 18, 324 S. Lucas St., was charged Monday with PAULA.  
**Alicia Cikowski**, 20, 324 S. Lucas St., was charged Monday with PAULA.  
**Sara Coon**, 19, Hills, was charged Jan. 14 with OWI.

**Theodore Eby**, 19, 302 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1232, was charged Monday with PAULA.  
**Luke Faeth**, 20, 608 Westgate St. Apt. 17, was charged Monday with PAULA.  
**Adam Grell**, 20, N126 Hillcrest, was charged Monday with PAULA.  
**Renee Hall**, 21, 917 E. College St. Apt. 2, was charged Monday with OWI.  
**Stacy Handschke**, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 15 with OWI.  
**Jason Humphrey**, 21, Coralville, was charged Monday with OWI.  
**Zyeisha Johnson**, 21, 2010 Taylor

Drive, was charged Monday with interference with official acts.  
**Lawrence Lane**, 18, Darien, Ill., was charged Monday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.  
**Lloyd Lee IV**, 20, 429 Bowery St., was charged Jan. 14 with OWI.  
**Adam Mauseth**, 19, Marshalltown, Iowa, was charged Jan. 14 with PAULA.  
**Kathryn Mccloud**, 20, 332 S. Linn St. Apt. 202, was charged Monday with keeping a disorderly house.  
**David Morris**, 26, 210 S. Summit St., was charged Monday with OWI.  
**Andrew Novak**, 19, Brookfield, Ill.,

was charged Monday with PAULA.  
**Amy Peterson**, 18, 831C Mayflower, was charged Monday with PAULA.  
**Brandon Seyer**, 19, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Monday with PAULA.  
**Aditi Singh**, 19, 307 S. Linn St. Apt. 107, was charged Monday with keeping a disorderly house.  
**Maddie Taylor**, 19, 324 N. Van Buren St. Apt. 8, was charged Jan. 14 with PAULA.  
**Ruben Villasana**, 39, 236 Blackfoot Trail, was charged Monday with driving with a revoked license.  
**Nicholas Wolfe**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Jan. 14 with PAULA.

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Passengers ride the Court Hill bus on Monday afternoon. The area transit systems recently received \$717,000 in government funding that will go toward updating their systems.

# Buses scratch for \$\$

BY REBECCA MCKANNA  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Although Iowa City and Coralville public-transit systems and the UI Cambus received roughly \$717,000 from the Federal Transit Administration to help pay for bus services, officials say the money still isn't enough to alleviate the aging of the area's buses.

The money is part of a nearly \$1.7 million federal grant the state is distributing among transit departments.

Cambus manager Brian McClatchey said they received \$88,000 to replace its roof at the maintenance facility.

He hoped the next round of grant money would allow Cambus to buy as many new buses as possible — a costly endeavor, considering each vehicle will cost an estimated \$300,000.

Transportation officials say the average bus lasts 12 years, but many of the Cambuses are

nearing their 14th birthdays. "They're a pretty aged fleet," McClatchey said, adding federal money was all but necessary to the Cambus operations.

Although this round of money did not provide for Cambus to purchase security cameras, McClatchey said, he expected Cambuses to be outfitted with the technology by the winter of 2007, but not because of a specific incident.

Iowa City will receive roughly \$545,000 to replace two buses this year, and an additional \$56,000 will go toward purchasing 17 security cameras for the vehicles, said Joe Fowler, the city's director of Parking and Transit.

The money was necessary for the transit system because of Iowa City's aging bus fleet.

"They are coming to the end of their usefulness," he said. "We need to replenish stock."

Iowa City transit manager Ron Logsdon said the city is buying the security cameras to change

the behavior of some rowdy passengers. There have been a few "rare" scuffles on city buses involving junior-high and high-school students, he said, but no arrests or injuries.

"We've just had a few minor issues," he said. "Buying security cameras is a trend nationally, and I think it does change people's behavior. It makes them more aware of how they act."

Jeff Davidson, the Johnson County Council of Governments executive director and transportation planner, said the grant money was necessary for the transit departments.

"So much money is earmarked for certain projects," he said. "For example, it's not as glamorous to buy six buses versus creating the Coralville rain forest, but those buses affect a lot more people."

The Coralville transit system received \$28,000 to equip its buses with security cameras.

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# Ho-hum on slots

A temporary ban on the installation of electronic gambling machines receives mixed emotions.

BY LEE HERMISTON  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Some local business owners responded to the recent state effort halting the installation of the Iowa Lottery's TouchPlay machines with a mixture of apathy and disdain Monday.

However, while a number of local bartenders said the electronic gambling machines have done little to increase traffic where they work, one local businessman says an entire industry is threatened by the action.

"We would file bankruptcy," said Larry Elbert, the owner and operator of Camden Amusements, a Cedar Rapids- and Iowa City-based company that services approximately three dozen TouchPlay machines in Iowa City.

Last week, Gov. Tom Vilsack enacted a temporary ban on new installations of the electronic gambling machines — normally found in gas stations, restaurants, and bars — and a task force has been created to develop a policy on the devices. The lottery machines produced more than \$6.4 million in revenue from July 1, 2004, through June 30, 2005.

Elbert, who services machines at College Street Billiards Club & Deli, 114 E. College St., and Grizzly's South Side, 1208 Highland Court, said hundreds of small business owners, such as himself, have relied on the revenue from the lottery machines to keep their businesses afloat.

Should the program be ended, he said, his industry could lose approximately \$100 million.

"It would be devastating to all of us," he said.



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

Local resident Gale Dull plays a state lottery machine at Grizzly's South Side on Monday. Gale says that she used to play often and has won three separate \$1,000 jackpots.

Wes Ehrecke, the president of the Iowa Gaming Association, said he is concerned about his group. The project originally called for a pull-tab lottery machine that didn't quite match the realism of the 4,600 machines now located across the state, he said.

"A vast majority of people perceive these as slot machines," said Ehrecke, referring to the Blazing 7's and Club Oasis machines, which can also be found on riverboats and in casinos throughout the state.

Unlike operations in convenience stores, he said, the machines are properly regulated in a casino, a statement confirmed by some local bartenders.

Several interviewed said they were not given additional instruction on the machines. Critics have argued that minors could illegally use the machines, and others fear excessive gambling. Many

machines in the city have stools or chairs in front of the machines to accommodate for those playing for more than a brief time.

However, Randi Jones, a bartender at Grizzly's, says she hasn't seen any problems stemming from the use of the lottery machines.

Ruth Comer, a Hy-Vee spokeswoman, couldn't say how much the grocery chain receives in commission from the 197 machines located in its Iowa stores, but she had few worries about the economic effect.

Should the state decide to remove the machines, she said, "we would go along with that."

Comer is not alone in her apathy.

Bartenders at Speakeasy, 171 Highway 1 W., Grizzly's, and Colonial Bowling Lanes, 2253 Old Highway 218 S., agreed that business would go on — with or without the machines.

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JOHNSON COUNTY PRECINCT CAUCUSES

# Caucuses draw party faithful



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Registered Democrat and UI student Jordan Jones (center) discusses the survey he is filling out during the Johnson County precinct caucuses in the IMU on Monday night. Democrats turned out to discuss party-platform issues and elect delegates to the upcoming county convention.



Nick Loomis/The Daily Iowan  
UI sophomore and temporary precinct chairwoman Maureen Houser (left) conducts the Johnson County precincts 5, 10, and 11 Republican caucuses in the IMU, as Emily Bennett jots notes on Monday evening. The off-year caucuses are generally used to define party politics at county and state levels.

**CAUCUSES**

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Monday night will be evaluated by the party's platform committee for the county convention.

The other two dealt with drug law, including the legalization of marijuana possession for individuals more than 18 years old in amounts of one ounce or less, and a proposed separate court system for hard-drug offenders, which would favor rehabilitation over incarceration.

"I think civil-rights issues are what I'm big on, stopping government in people's lives" said UI senior Oliver Borzo, who was elected as a delegate to the convention and a member of the platform committee.

Down the hall in 335 IMU, Republican caucus attendees from precincts 5, 10, and 11 gathered to elect delegates for

the party's county convention. While no platform recommendations were made and no polls were taken to gauge support for gubernatorial candidates, participants still felt it was important to attend.

"It's a great civics lesson, and, plus, it's a great way to bond with people you've met in previous years," said UI senior Michael Settanni.

UI sophomore Maureen Houser, who ran the 20-minute meeting, said it was good to "just come and support [the party], and talk about issues, and make your voice heard at a very low level."

Three delegates were also elected to the Johnson County convention.

Eight people attended the Iowa City precinct 5 caucus for Democrats, and 10 attended the precinct 5, 10, and 11 for Republicans.

Dale Petersen, the county

**STUDENTS AND CAUCUSES**

I've always been fairly involved politically and would rather Ed Fallon be governor than other people. — Max Villwock, UI sophomore

I would like to see if I could change the Democratic Party platform. — Oliver Borzo, UI senior

It's a great civics lesson, and, plus, it's a great way to bond with people you've met in previous years. — Michael Settanni, UI senior

Just come and support [the party] and talk about issues and make your voice heard at a very low level. — Maureen Houser, UI sophomore

Republican co-chairman, expected the low turnout, because it is an "off-year," but he called the event "a party-building process."

UI senior Charles Hagin, the chairman of the Democrat's precinct 5 caucus, said he also did not expect a large turnout but was happy to see several new registered voters.

"I would prefer a higher turnout, but the people who came had an agenda to present, and I appreciate that," he said.

The county conventions will be held in March, with the Democrats meeting on March 4 and the Republicans on March 11.

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# BROKEBACK MT. COWBOYS UP

BY DAVID GERMAIN  
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BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — The cowboy romance *Brokeback Mountain* led the Golden Globes on Monday with four prizes, including best dramatic film and the directing honor for Ang Lee.

It was a triumphant night for films dealing with homosexuality and transsexuality. Along with the victories for *Brokeback Mountain*, acting honors went to Felicity Huffman in a gender-bending role as a man preparing for sex-change surgery in *Transamerica* and Philip Seymour Hoffman as gay author Truman Capote in *Capote*.

"I know as actors our job is usually to shed our skins, but I think as people our job is to become who we really are and so I would like to salute the men and women who brave ostracism, alienation, and a life lived on the margins to become who they really are," Huffman said.

The Johnny Cash biography, *Walk the Line*, won the Globe for best musical or comedy film and earned acting honors for stars Joaquin Phoenix and Reese Witherspoon.

Director Lee's *Brokeback Mountain*, the story of two rugged Western family men (Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal) concealing their affair, has emerged as a front-runner for the Oscars — which occasionally have handed out top acting prizes for performers in homosexual or gender-bending roles but have never given the best-picture Oscar to a gay-themed film.

Oscar nominations will come out Jan. 31, with the awards presented March 5.

*Brokeback Mountain* also won for best screenplay and song, "A Love That Will Never Grow Old."

Phoenix and Witherspoon won for best actor and actress

in a movie musical or comedy for the biopic that follows country legend Cash's career and his long courtship with the love of his life, June Carter.

The Globe audience clapped along to Cash's song "I Walk the Line" as Phoenix took the stage.

"Who would ever have thought that I would win in the comedy or musical category?" said Phoenix, poking fun at his image for dark, brooding roles.

Phoenix, who did his own singing in the film, thanked "John and June for sharing their life with all of us."

"This film is really important to me," said Witherspoon, who offers a spirited performance and fine singing as Carter. "It's about where I grew up; it's about the music I grew up listening to, so it's very meaningful."

George Clooney, who was among the directing nominees for *Good Night, and Good Luck*, won the supporting-actor Globe for the oil-industry thriller *Syriana*, and Rachel Weisz earned the supporting-actress prize for the murder thriller *The Constant Gardener*.

*Syriana* spins a convoluted story of numerous characters caught up in a web of deceit, greed, corruption, and power-brokering over Middle Eastern oil supplies. Clooney plays a fiercely devoted CIA undercover agent who comes to question his country's actions in the region.

Clooney thanked writer-director Stephen Gaghan for a movie "that asks a lot of difficult questions."

There are similar corporate undertones to *The Constant Gardener*, in which Weisz plays a humanitarian-aid worker whose husband (Ralph Fiennes) is drawn into a dogged investigation of business interests connected to her murder.

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# Sudanese find peace

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As a follower of Taha's teachings, Mohamed said openly practicing her religion in Sudan was out of the question, because those found doing so would be placed in jail, ridiculed for their beliefs, and put on a three-day trial.

"Everybody knows the decision was made even before the trial started," she said.

But now, the mother of three is part of a burgeoning community of Sudanese expatriates seeking refuge in Iowa City. The 47-year-old said 20 families in the community who once received financial assistance from the government now have their own homes.

According to the 2004 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics provided by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, 2,788 Sudanese political asylees came into the United States. Mohamed estimates that approximately 70 Sudanese families, many of whom faced the same persecution as she did, are living in the Coralville/Iowa City area, and many are progressing from dependency to self-reliance.

Yet political refugees who flee their country but don't initially have official refugee status are not the only Sudanese natives coming to Iowa. Refugees who flee a country with the original intent of living in the United States are also streaming in.

Wayne Johnson, the chief of the state's bureau of refugee

"They want to move ahead, and, of course, that's what we help them with."

— **Wayne Johnson, chief of the state's bureau of refugee services**

services, said 1,598 Sudanese refugees came to Iowa between 1992 and 2004. As one of 11 voluntary agencies of the U.S. Resettlement Program, which processes refugee applications, the Iowa agency has seen a significant increase in the arrival of African-born refugees.

"It's my sense, from recollection, that, over the last five years, the United States has put a larger emphasis on Africa," Johnson said.

And, many of these refugees experienced tumultuous pasts.

"It's almost by definition that most of the refugees we see are coming from conflict situations," the chief said.

Due to funding cuts, the official said, the emphasis for helping the refugees in Iowa rests mainly on employment, where expatriates go through training courses in jobs, such as house-keeping. Others choose different areas, such as medical equipment assembly and food service.

"They want to move ahead, and, of course, that's what we help them with," Johnson said.

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# Rights Week kicks off at UI

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ideals reigned as the event's undying theme. Festivities centered on King's vision of an all-accepting, colorblind society.

Keynote speaker Dorothy Simpson-Taylor, the director of diversity resources in the Office of Equal Opportunity, spoke of King's nonviolent approach to civil change, which he drew from his study of Mohandas Ghandi and from his belief in the equality-driven African principle of abuntu.

"Dr. King said that the community is larger than the indi-

vidual," Simpson-Taylor said. "And we can play our role. We can empower each other in many forms."

Intertwined with tributes to King were performances celebrating diversity. The Quire, a group of 35 vocalists affiliated with Eastern Iowa's Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgendered chapter, performed equality-endorsing tunes, such as "Walk a Mile in Your Neighbor's Shoes," "Words Like Freedom," and "Hand in Hand."

During the latter, the verse "Join our voices in song / see that our differences make us strong" captured the mood of

the event. The audience also saw the Quad-Cities Ballet Folklorico perform a series of Latin dances.

Carlos Serrato, an assistant director of the Office of Student Life — who is also serving as the co-head of Human Rights Week at the UI — combined with UI Black Student Union President Kateea Scott in a rendition of King's 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

"It was very nice and very different, and you can tell a lot of hard work went into it," said Billie Townsend, a UI administrative assistant who is help-

ing today's Unity Step Show.

UI Afro American Cultural Center manager Jerri Drummond, who spoke on the meaning of the King holiday in the words of King's wife, had sentiments similar to Townsend's on the importance of remembering King.

"Every [King] holiday is like a self-reflection for me," she said after the ceremony. "For one, I'm happy to be where I'm at. Second, Dr. King gave me the opportunity, so my management of the Cultural Center is my service to him."

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# Panel mulls tying aid, testing

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educational diversity and create regimented curriculums. Others speculated that students would be discouraged from taking a diverse schedule if the measures were adopted.

"We want our students to learn to think critically, to engage in research, to analyze data, and to solve problems," said UI Vice Provost Patricia Cain. "I can't imagine a valid standardized test being given to all college students that

could measure accurately what they have learned."

The UI is already held accountable by the state Board of Regents, she said.

A release from the RAND Corp. that designed the college-assessment tests said the goal was to measure an "institution's contribution to student learning" by evaluating general education skills — a prospect that both UI students and professors were equally hesitant to support.

"Things would be too controlled," said UI freshman Charles Ryherd said. "College should be about higher educa-

tion in what you actually want to do."

Lyombe Eko, a UI assistant professor of journalism, said that while he supports admittance tests, he strongly disagrees with exit examinations and tests used to statistically measure schools' success.

"Education, in general, is what remains after a student has forgotten everything he's learned in class," he said. "You are trained to master certain tasks, but what you take away is cultural."

Mark Warner, the director of the UI Student Financial Aid Office, said he felt the education

commission was taking an adversarial approach to funding public colleges and needed to have its political agendas "examined."

"Holding an institution 'hostage' by controlling eligibility for federal student aid may only do harm to students who are most in need of financial support," he said.

The commission, whose 19 panelists are meeting in Nashville, has until Aug. 1 to present recommendations to Spellings, who could push the issue with lawmakers.

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KATRINA AFTERMATH

# Coast relief faulted

BY LARA JAKES JORDAN  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The government has not done enough to help large swaths of the Gulf Coast recover and rebuild after Hurricane Katrina, a key Republican senator said in a push for Congress to retain its focus on delivering aid in the new year.

Though lawmakers have approved \$67 billion for Gulf Coast emergency relief and long-term recovery programs and President Bush has called for an additional \$1.5 billion to strengthen New Orleans levees, hard-hit areas in Mississippi and Louisiana need more federal resources and attention, said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

"I don't think the government has done enough," said Collins, who will lead a delegation of senators today to Gulfport, Miss., and St. Bernard Parish in Louisiana — two areas that she said have been overlooked when compared with the attention New Orleans has received. Both areas were nearly obliterated by high wind during the Aug. 29 storm.

The lawmakers also will tour parts of New Orleans, including inspecting progress on rebuilding levees that are crucial to encouraging residents and businesses back to the previously flooded city.

"This is a long-term commitment," Collins said in an interview on Jan. 14. "The devastation is so widespread that a sustained federal commitment is going to be necessary. I think Congress realizes that, but there's also a growing concern about whether the money is well spent."

Democrats, too, are watching how Congress will pay for what they called continued necessary assistance to the Gulf Coast amid a rising deficit and other high-cost expenses, including the war in Iraq.

"This is really a catastrophe of enormous proportions, and I don't think we appropriated nearly enough to help," said Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif., after reviewing damage on Jan. 13 in the New Orleans area. She is calling for Congress to repeal Bush's tax cuts to help pay for Katrina-related rebuilding.

Last month, Mississippi Gov. Haley Barbour, the former chairman of the Republican National Committee, chastised Congress for failing to approve emergency funding, thus stalling state transportation, school, and housing projects.

The state last week released a report calling for bold moves to improve its transportation and housing systems to a better level than before Katrina hit.

In prepared testimony for a Senate hearing in Gulfport today, the Bush administration's Gulf Coast rebuilding czar outlined two top priorities for Mississippi: debris removal and temporary housing for evacuees.

So far, Mississippi has cleaned up 27 million cubic yards of debris — about two-thirds of the total, said Donald Powell, the federal Gulf Coast coordinator. He estimated that Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties in Mississippi were left with more debris after Katrina than totals after Hurricane Andrew in 1992 and the World Trade Center from the 9/11 terror attacks combined.

He also estimated that fewer than 2,000 evacuated families remain in Mississippi hotels and that 280,000 state residents have received transitional housing assistance.



Collins

Maine senator (R)

# Aiming for a world of darkness & ice

BY JOHN JOHNSON JR.  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Astronomer Clyde Tombaugh could not have known how fitting it was to call his new planet Pluto, after the Roman god of the underworld.

In the 76 years since Tombaugh discovered the Solar System's ninth planet, Pluto has remained an enigma — a shrouded phantom lurking in the dark recesses of the Solar System.

Three billion miles from Earth, the diminutive ice world is so distant that even the Hubble Space Telescope can produce only a hazy image of the object, which resembles a chewed-on tennis ball.

Now, Pluto's time to shine has finally arrived.

On Tuesday, NASA is scheduled to launch its \$700-million New Horizons spacecraft from Cape Canaveral in Florida on a nearly nine-year journey to the ninth planet.

It will be the space agency's first spacecraft since 1977 to be dispatched to an unexplored planet and will complete NASA's grand tour of all nine planets in the Solar System.

"This is the capstone of the missions to the planets that NASA has led since the 1960s," said Alan Stern, an astrophysicist with the Southwest Research Institute in Colorado, who is the principal investigator for the New Horizons mission.

NASA Administrator Michael Griffin said, "In that sense, this mission truly marks the end of the beginning."

For planetary scientists, understanding distant Pluto with its unique composition of rock and ice is key to answering questions about how planets formed and why they formed where they did.

"Pluto is a treasure trove of scientific

information waiting to be discovered," said Andrew Dantzler, the director of NASA's Solar System Division.

New Horizons, designed and built at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, also will broaden scientists' understanding of the distant Kuiper Belt, located beyond Neptune at the fringes of the Solar System. At one time thought to be a sparse junkyard of castoff planetary parts, the Kuiper Belt is now thought to contain as many as 100,000 miniature worlds, making it more crowded than the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

And what lies beyond?

New Horizons will try to find out.

Since Pluto's discovery, the planet's story has been one of enduring mystery.

After the discovery of Neptune in 1846, astronomers believed that odd perturbations in the orbits of Uranus and Neptune could not be entirely explained except by the presence of yet another massive planet somewhere beyond Neptune. They named that body Planet X.

As it turned out, much of what astronomers thought they knew about Planet X was wrong. It wasn't big. In fact, it would be smaller than seven moons in the Solar System. And it didn't cause the perturbations in Uranus' and Neptune's orbits that were the primary reason for believing there was a ninth planet.

Scientists eventually determined the perturbations were the result of inaccurate observations.

Tombaugh didn't know any of this in 1929, when he began scouring the night sky for Planet X. He used the 13-inch telescope at the Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., where he worked as a research assistant.

For months, he snapped pictures of

On a mission

It should take the New Horizons spacecraft about nine years to travel the 3 billion miles to Pluto. Once there, it is to gather data on the planet and its moon Charon before heading toward the Kuiper Belt — a ring of small objects orbiting the sun.

**The plan**  
If the spacecraft lifts off within the first three weeks of its launch window:

- Jan. 17-Feb. 14:** Launch from Florida
- February 2007:** The spacecraft gets a solid gravity boost from Jupiter, saving up to three years of flight time.
- March 2007-June 2015:** The spacecraft spins slowly in a state of hibernation, signaling once a week and conducting instrument calibrations about 50 days a year.
- July 2015:** The spacecraft encounters Pluto and Charon, passing within 6,000 miles of Pluto.
- 2016-20:** With NASA's approval, the spacecraft will be directed toward one or more Kuiper Belt objects beyond Pluto.

**The spacecraft**

- PEPSSI:** Plasma-sensing instrument for measuring particles escaping from Pluto's atmosphere
- SWAP:** Plasma-sensing instrument for measuring the properties of the solar wind at Pluto
- Lorri:** Telescopic camera that provides the highest-resolution imaging of the surface
- SDC (Student Dust Center):** Built and operated by students to measure dust peppering the spacecraft during its voyage
- High-gain antenna** (3.3 feet)
- Medium-gain antenna**
- Heat shield**
- Thrusters**
- Ralph:** Spectrometer that measures atmospheric composition and temperature
- Alice:** Ultraviolet spectrometer for measuring gas composition
- REX:** Measures atmospheric composition and temperature

**Pluto facts**  
Pluto, named after the Roman god of the underworld, is the ninth planet from the sun.

- Actual image from Hubble Space Telescope**
- Date of discovery:** 1930
- Mean distance from the sun:** 3.66 billion miles
- Equatorial diameter:** About 1,450 miles
- Surface gravity:** About 6% of Earth's
- Mean surface temperature:** Minus 387 degrees Fahrenheit
- Length of day:** 6.4 Earth days
- Moons:** 3

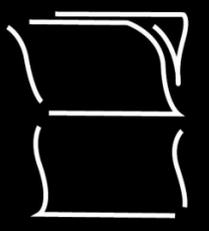
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the sky and compared the pictures to see if anything was moving, which would be evidence of a relatively close object orbiting the sun. The task was daunting. Each photographic plate contained at least 40,000 stars.

The name Pluto came from 11-year-old Venetia Burney in Oxford, England. Her reasoning was that it must be very dark where Pluto was.

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# Gore blasts Bush on spying



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Former Vice President Al Gore speaks to the American Constitution Society on Monday in Washington about the threat to the Constitution that he perceives in President Bush's domestic wiretap policy. Gore asserted that Bush "repeatedly and persistently" broke the law by eavesdropping on Americans without court warrants.

BY LARRY MARGASAK  
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WASHINGTON —Former Vice President Al Gore asserted Monday that President Bush "repeatedly and persistently" broke the law by eavesdropping on Americans without a court warrant and called for a federal investigation of the practice.

Speaking on Martin Luther King Jr.'s national holiday, the man who lost the 2000 presidential election to Bush only after a ruling by the Supreme Court on the Florida recount, called Bush's warrantless-surveillance program "a threat to the very structure of our government." Gore charged that the program has ignored the checks and balances of the courts and Congress.

Gore said that Bush's actions — which the president has defended as indispensable in the war against terrorism — represented a "direct assault" on the special federal court that considers, and decides whether to authorize,

administration requests to eavesdrop on Americans.

Tracey Schmitt, a spokeswoman for the Republican National Committee, shot back: "Al Gore's incessant need to insert himself in the headline of the day is almost as glaring as his lack of understanding of the threats facing America. While the president works to protect Americans from terrorists, Democrats deliver no solutions of their own, only diatribes laden with inaccuracies and anger."

Gore said the concerns are especially important on King's birthday, because the slain civil-rights leader was among thousands of Americans whose private communications were intercepted by the U.S. government.

King, as a foremost civil-rights activist in the 1950s and '60s, had his telephone conversations wiretapped by the FBI, which kept a file on him.

Gore said that there is still much to learn about the National Security Agency's domestic surveillance program:

"What we do know about this pervasive wiretapping virtually compels the conclusion that the president of the United States has been breaking the law repeatedly and persistently," he maintained.

Bush has asserted that a congressional resolution passed after the attacks of 9/11 authorizing him to use force in the fight against terrorism also allowed him to order the warrantless-surveillance program. The program authorized eavesdropping of international phone calls and e-mails of people deemed a terror risk.

Gore was repeatedly interrupted by applause Monday as he spoke to the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy and the Liberty Coalition, two organizations that expressed concern with the legality of the surveillance program.

# Another U.S. copter crashes

"A review of the footage on television of a missile being fired does not appear to show this incident today, which remains under investigation,"

Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, U.S. spokesman

BY JASON STRAZIUSO  
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BAGHDAD — A U.S. military helicopter crashed north of the Iraqi capital on Monday — the third American chopper to go down in 10 days — killing the two crew members. A resident said he saw the smoke trail of a missile before the aircraft plunged to the ground.

The military said the AH-64 Apache was conducting a combat air patrol when it went down in an area "known for terrorist activity." Officials said it was too early to determine the cause of the crash, and the names of the dead soldiers were not released. Apaches hold only a pilot and a co-pilot.

Video footage shot by AP Television News in Mishahda, north of Baghdad, showed smoke billowing from what was reported to be the crash site. Helicopters circled nearby.

Two militant groups claimed they shot down the helicopter. Neither claim could be verified.

Rashid Khalifa, 27, who has a food and drink stand in the area, said he saw the attack. "I saw the smoke trail left by the missile," he said. "I heard a hissing sound, looked around, and saw the helicopter losing control before crashing down."

The U.S. command questioned the credibility of a video purportedly showing an attack on a helicopter that was posted on the Internet by one of the militant groups, the Mujahedeen Army.

The wobbly video showed a militant firing a shoulder-launched missile toward appeared to be a helicopter in the distance. The aircraft in the video was hit, burst into flames, and crashed to the ground.

"A review of the footage on television of a missile being

fired does not appear to show this incident today, which remains under investigation," said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson, a U.S. spokesman.

"This appears to be another case of terrorists attempting to manipulate a tragic incident in the international media and getting the most news value out of it by using footage of something else to gain greater attention," he said.

The other group that claimed in an Internet posting that it shot down the helicopter was the Salahudin al-Ayoubi Brigade. Both groups have carried out previous attacks.

The number of fatal U.S. military helicopter crashes in Iraq has spiked in recent weeks, fitting a wartime pattern of more frequent accidental and combat crashes during winter months.

An Kiowa Warrior reconnaissance helicopter crashed near the northern city of Mosul on Jan. 13, killing two pilots. On Jan. 7, a Black Hawk with 12 aboard crashed in bad weather near the northern city of Tal Afar. All eight soldiers and four civilians aboard were killed.

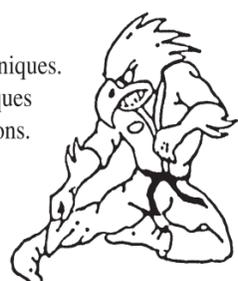
The causes of those crashes have yet to be announced.

The overall safety record of Army and Marine Corps helicopters has been good, military officials and private analysts say, given the enormous amount of flying in often-harsh conditions.

Army helicopters have logged nearly 1 million flight hours since the Iraq war began in March 2003, with the UH-60 Black Hawk accounting for nearly one-third of the total, according to Army Aviation Warfighting Center records.

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# Sports rehab aids wounded vets in coming home

BY JOHANNA NEUMAN  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Sgt. 1st Class Daniel L. Gubler was on foot patrol in Ramadi, Iraq, when he noticed the rusty truck hood on top of a mound of dirt beside the road. Seconds later, the mound exploded, and the 37-year-old National Guardsman fell to the ground, blinded, with his left arm severed. Now, fewer than two months later, instead of languishing, he's preparing for a hunting trip in February.

Gubler's plans to go hunting so soon after suffering such devastating wounds reflect a recovery strategy that, at first glance, might seem like exactly the wrong approach.

The Army's rehabilitation experts are pushing soldiers and Marines who have lost arms and legs to take up activities that demand just the physical capabilities they've lost. That is, downhill skiing, cycling, rock climbing, even stalking wintry landscapes in search of game — sports that many people would consider especially demanding.

Why? Because the evidence suggests that such activities, properly supervised, not only yield physical benefits but are a powerful mechanism for helping amputees regain one of the most important things they lost on the battlefield: belief in themselves as complete, functioning human beings.

"Sports are an integral part of the rehabilitation process, an incredible tool," said John Register, 38, who directs the U.S. Olympic Committee Paralympic Military Program. An Army veteran, his left leg was amputated after a sports accident. "If you've lost a limb, your first question is, 'Am I still a husband? A soldier?' Sports gives you a sense of normalcy."

The issue is especially important in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, where terrorism and suicide attacks are



Rick Loomis/Los Angeles Times

Sgt. 1st Class Daniel L. Gubler, who lost his left arm in a roadside explosion in Iraq, works with Capt. Jon Verdoni. Occupational therapist Verdoni sees hunting as a step toward making the wounded soldier the kind of person he was before.

producing a new generation of war wounded: Shielded by body armor and helmets, soldiers are surviving potentially lethal wounds, only to face the challenge of rehabilitation, both physical and mental, after losing limbs.

Most are treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington or at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

As the number of amputee soldiers has grown — more than 300 have come through Walter Reed — military doctors and therapists have pushed to adopt the latest trends in rehabilitative medicine.

They are designing splints with guitar strings and rubber bands to keep fingers in place while bones and nerves heal. They are customizing prosthe-

ses that can be controlled electronically, guided by impulses from remaining muscles.

But they are also pressing their patients to get into sports, especially sports that utilize just what the wounded veterans have lost.

Ryan Hollin, a U.S. Military Academy graduate from Redding, Calif., saw how the process worked when he returned from Iraq, where he had lost his right leg below the knee.

"They can get you all better physically," he said. "But there's something about sports therapy that helps rebuild your confidence."

In Gubler's case, within a month of being wounded, he was at Walter Reed, where doctors worked to restore his sight, reconstructing first his right eye and later his left. His wife and

four children — Ericka, 13; Joshua, 9; Kyle, 8; and Caleb, almost 3 — were on their way to visit from Idaho Falls, Idaho, over Christmas break.

But what Gubler was being pushed to do by Capt. Jon Verdoni, an occupational therapist, was get ready for hunting in February.

That meant hooking him up to an electronic device that helped flex the biceps and triceps muscles on the remains of his left arm. Both see hunting as a step toward making the wounded soldier the kind of person he was before.

"I can go home and have a fake hand for family occasions and going to church," Gubler said as Verdoni hooked him up to a laptop computer with software to teach him to flex. "Or I can have my life back, fishing,

and shooting, and teaching my kids the things I learned as a kid."

Among advocates of sports therapy is Harvey Naranjo, an Army reservist from Brooklyn. He had just completed training as a combat medic when he was assigned to Walter Reed's occupational therapy wing in 2003. When U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona held a sports clinic there, inviting disabled athletes to address therapists and patients, Naranjo was inspired.

"I started taking some patients skiing and saw that they came back recharged, ready to go, to take on their therapy," said Naranjo, now coordinator of the sports- and activity-rehab program. "They saw that if you can ski down the mountain on one leg, you can definitely walk. From there, it just progressed."

"The key to having them do this together is that these guys are very competitive," he said. "If we take one guy on the slopes and he's unsuccessful, he may not try again. If he sees another going down the mountain, he thinks he can, too."

There's another psychological lift that can come with the sports-rehab programs: Sometimes they involve activities once reserved for the well-to-do.

Aided by the nonprofit groups the Wounded Warrior Project and Disabled Sports USA, Walter Reed recently took approximately 70 soldiers and their families to the resort community of Breckenridge, Colo., for a week of skiing instruction and competition.

Skiing has helped Heath Calhoun, 26, adjust to being a double amputee. Coming home to a wife and a son not yet 2, he knew he had something to live for. But, he was unsure about who he was or whether he could be excited about living again.

"I'll never walk the same as I did. I'll never get to run the bases with my son," Calhoun

said. "But I can teach my son to ski. I can go cycling with my wife."

The idea of using sports to rehabilitate soldiers traces to 1948, when Dr. Ludwig Guttmann, treating World War II veterans who had spinal cord injuries, held the Stoke Mandeville Games for the Paralyzed to coincide with the Olympic Games.

"We really credit the World War II vets, especially, with starting the Paralympics," said Ann Cody, a lobbyist for the U.S. Paralympics Committee.

In the 1970s, she said, returning Vietnam veterans, many of them amputees, gave new impetus to sports rehab.

"They were the first ones to establish adaptive ski programs," said Cody, who has a spinal-cord disease and uses a wheelchair. "They pushed for development of new sports equipment."

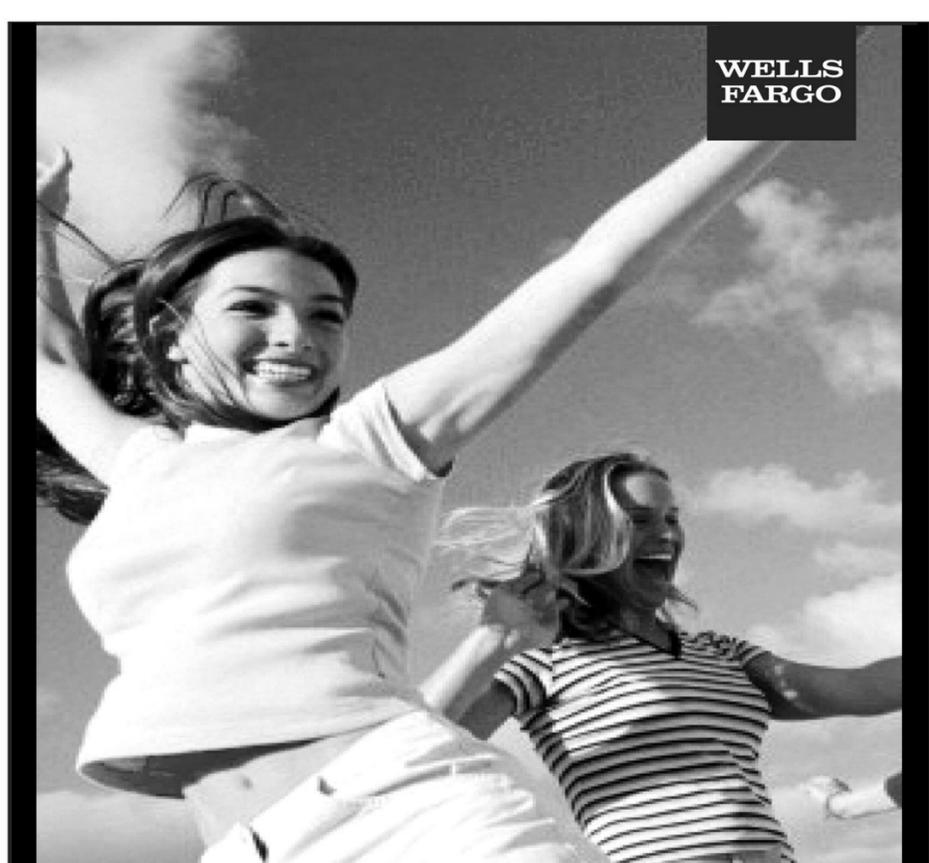
For some, taking up sports was life-changing.

"I've seen people go from being quite upset about the fact that they are missing limbs to streaming down the mountain and realizing they can have a life," said Disabled Sports USA's executive director, Kirk Bauer, a Vietnam veteran who was ambushed in the Mekong Delta and lost a leg. "It's a real life-turner."

Wounded Warriors Project co-founder John Melia, a veteran who was medically retired after being injured in Somalia, agrees that sports are able to heal the spirit as much as the body.

"Sports gives them a way to be competitive again, to use their bodies in a competitive way again and, in some ways, to feel whole," he said.

For Gubler, hunching over a computer screen straining to rebuild muscle control by moving little video cars through smaller and smaller openings, physical challenge looks like the best route not only to that hunting trip but to the rest of his life.



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# Across nation, rights icon King honored

*On a day of remembrance, Martin Luther King is spoken of as a brother, friend, colleague, prophet, hero, and simple human being who was filled with love*

BY ERRIN HAINES  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — With the widow of Martin Luther King Jr. absent for the first time in nearly four decades, preachers and politicians urged people Monday to continue the slain leader's lifelong pursuit of civil rights and nonviolence.

On the holiday marking King's birth, some speakers used the pulpit of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church to criticize the Iraq war, saying money being used by the military overseas could be better spent domestically on projects, such as education — especially for blacks.

Coretta Scott King, recovering from a stroke and heart attack that has partially paralyzed her, stayed home and watched the ceremonies on television. It was the first time in 38 years she has missed the service at the church, where King preached from 1960 until his death in 1968. She received a standing ovation on Jan. 14, when she appeared on stage with her children at an awards dinner, her first public appearance since last year's King holiday.

Elsewhere around the nation, President Bush took in a rare public showing of the original Emancipation Proclamation; hundreds of people marched in New Orleans, Little Rock, Ark., and Columbia, S.C., and volunteers worked on projects to help others in Philadelphia.

King was "a brother, a friend, a colleague, a prophet, my hero, and just a simple human being filled with love, peace, and compassion for all humankind," Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., said at a holiday breakfast in Minneapolis.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the federal holiday, first held on Jan. 20, 1986. Sunday

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'[King has a] legacy of fighting for social and economic justice, a legacy of marching with the poor and the neglected, a legacy of demanding peace against senseless war.'

**Shirley Franklin, Atlanta Mayor**

would have been the assassinated civil-rights leader's 77th birthday.

Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin said the city has a particular obligation to preserve King's "legacy of fighting for social and economic justice, a legacy of marching with the poor and the neglected, a legacy of demanding peace against senseless war."

In Washington, the president went to see Abraham's Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, which is on display for just four days at the National Archives. The aging document is brought out only occasionally, because it is sensitive to light.

"It seems fitting on Martin Luther King Day that I come and look at the Emancipation Proclamation in its original form," Bush said. "Abraham Lincoln recognized that all men are created equal. Martin Luther King lived on that admonition to call our country to a higher calling, and, today, we celebrate the life of an American who

## IN OTHER STATES:

• Several thousand people attended a rally at Columbia, S.C., where improved funding for schools and removing the Confederate flag from Statehouse grounds dominated the speeches. "We're not going to rest until that rag comes down," said the Rev. Nelson Rivers III, the chief operating officer of the NAACP in Baltimore.

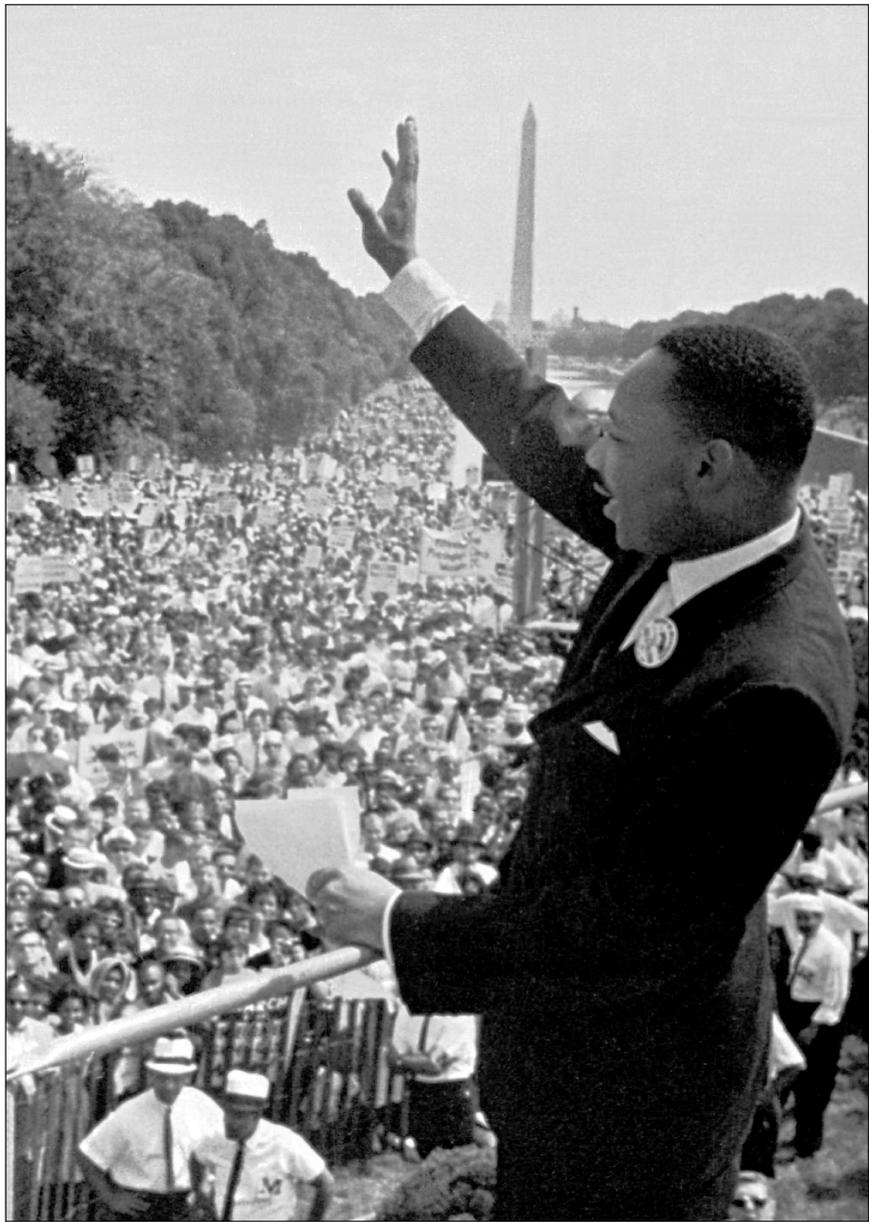
• Thousands of volunteers commemorated Martin Luther King Day across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware by taking part in an

called Americans to account when we didn't live up to our ideals."

Hurricane Katrina debris along New Orleans' Martin Luther King Boulevard had been cleaned up in advance of a holiday parade Monday, but many nearby buildings remained abandoned and in ruins.

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin called on black people to rebuild the city, which was more than 60 percent black before Katrina displaced about three-quarters of its population.

"This city will be a majority African American city," Nagin told a crowd at City Hall. "It's the way God wants it to be. You can't have New Orleans no other way. It wouldn't be New Orleans."



Associated Press

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. acknowledges the crowd at the Lincoln Memorial on Aug. 28, 1963, during his "I Have a Dream" speech in Washington, D.C. The March on Washington was organized to support proposed civil-rights legislation and end segregation. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964; he was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., in April 1968.

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# Israel seals Jewish settlements



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Jewish settlers hurl stones at Palestinians in the West Bank city of Hebron on Sunday. Eight settler families were given until Sunday to evacuate a Hebron neighborhood they took over four years ago. In recent days, settlers outraged by the order have hurled stones at Palestinian homes in Hebron and tried to force their way into off-limits Palestinian areas of the city.

BY LAURA KING  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

JERUSALEM — The Israeli army announced Monday evening it was sealing off Jewish settlements in the West Bank town of Hebron, where hundreds of settlers and their supporters have rioted for the past several days to protest a government order to vacate an illegal Jewish enclave.

The move represents a sharp escalation of the army's ongoing confrontation with the protesters and also places acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert on a collision course with militant settlers. Up until now, their fury had been aimed primarily at his boss, stricken Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, who remains unconscious and in grave condition after suffering a massive cerebral hemorrhage on Jan. 4.

The army's decision to declare the Hebron settlements a closed military zone was reminiscent of the weeks leading up to the evacuation of the Jewish settlements of the Gaza Strip last summer, when hundreds of young right-wing activists converged on the settlements that were slated to be freed, vowing to resist with force.

In recent days, masked settler youths have been battling Israeli troops in Hebron's casbah, or old town, throwing stones and paint bombs, scuffling and cursing, and setting fires. Several dozen have been arrested.

The declaration of a closed military zone is a rare step to be taken by the army against Israeli Jews. Usually, such declarations are put into force when the military is facing what it considers to be serious unrest in Palestinian areas.



— Ehud Olmert, Israeli prime minister

'There are lines we cannot allow [settlers] to cross.'

The decree prevents anyone but residents of the Hebron settlements from entering them. Approximately 500 settlers live among 150,000 Palestinians in Hebron, one of the most volatile pockets of the West Bank.

The old market district in Hebron's center has become a ghost town in recent years, with approximately 20,000 Palestinians having fled their homes because of clashes with settlers and nearly constant military curfews, according to Israeli human-rights groups.

The military decree, signed by West Bank commander Maj. Gen. Yair Naveh, cited "violent riots and incidents of public disorder" by settlers, who have targeted Israeli troops and Palestinian civilians alike. The order will remain in force until at least Jan. 22, the army said.

The unrest broke out after the government disclosed plans to remove eight Jewish families who have taken over Palestinian-owned buildings in Hebron's old market.

The evacuation order might not be enforced for some weeks, but authorities said police would immediately begin removing hundreds of settler youths who have taken part in the rioting. Up to 1,000 police and soldiers will take part in the operation, officials said.

Israeli police have been welding shut the doors of shops being broken into and vandalized by the young settlers. The settlers, in turn, complained of police brutality and insist the takeovers of Palestinian buildings are within their rights.

Olmert earlier on Monday told members of his Kadima Party that the government would not tolerate settler violence against Israeli troops.

"There are lines we cannot allow them to cross," he said.

Kadima, as expected, on Monday designated Olmert as acting head of the centrist party. In the wake of Sharon's stroke, Olmert, his deputy and a former mayor of Jerusalem, had in effect assumed the party leadership together with Sharon's duties as prime minister — tasks he is expected to continue at least until elections on March 28.

Jewish settlers as a bloc once wielded enormous political power in Israel. But, while many Israelis sympathized with the Gaza evacuees, there was widespread condemnation of a hard core of mainly young settlers who put up a violent struggle.

The army used a combination of overwhelming troop strength and negotiations with rabbis and settler leaders to overcome physical resistance to the Gaza pullout. But there were several chaotic and drawn-out stand-offs, most of them at synagogues, in the course of the withdrawal. Authorities have acknowledged that similar scenes could play themselves out in Hebron.

Meanwhile, Sharon family members who have been keeping a vigil at his bedside told doctors Monday that the comatose prime minister had briefly

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# Bomb hits Afghanistan



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The wreckage of a vehicle sits on the side of a street in Kandahar, Afghanistan, on Sunday after a suicide car bomb hit a Canadian military convoy, killing two civilians and a Canadian soldier and wounding 13 people, officials said.

BY DANIEL COONEY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — A suicide bomber drove a motorbike into a crowd at a wrestling match in an Afghan border town Monday, killing 20 people. It was the third deadly bombing in a little over 24 hours in the Taliban's former stronghold province of Kandahar.

The assault came shortly after a bomb targeted a truck convoy of Afghan soldiers in Kandahar city, killing four people and wounding 16. On Sunday, a suicide car bomber in that southern provincial capital killed a senior Canadian diplomat and two Afghan civilians.

The attack on the wrestling match in Spinboldak was the bloodiest yet in a string of two dozen suicide bombings the past four months. It is a relatively new tactic for militants here, and it has stoked fears of an escalating siege of bloody attacks similar to those in Iraq.

Earlier Monday, President Hamid Karzai warned that Afghanistan could again become a staging post for terror-

ist strikes on Europe and America if international support wavers.

In Spinboldak, a key crossing point into Pakistan, a man with explosives strapped to his body blew himself up after riding a motorbike into the midst of approximately 100 wrestling fans watching a bout at a fair marking the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Adha.

"The motorcycle went up into the air in flames," said Abdul Samad, who was in the crowd and fled with hordes of panicked spectators. "It was like doomsday ... Some did not have their hands; others had their legs missing."

Najamuddin, a 24-year-old wrestler who goes by only one name, was among the wounded treated at hospital in Chaman, Pakistan. The explosion seared his hair, beard, and left arm, and he broke his right hand when he was blown to the ground.

"The explosion tossed me into the air and threw me back," Najamuddin said from his hospital bed. "When I got up, I saw people lying in blood."

Kandahar Gov. Asadullah Khalid put the toll at 20 dead and at least 30 wounded. Rafiq Tarin, a Pakistani official in Chaman, said more than 30 people were treated at the hospital there, including many in critical condition.

Khalid repeated an Afghan government claim that suicide attackers are being trained in Pakistan's frontier region, a tribal area where Taliban loyalists and Qaeda militants are thought to be hiding.

Pakistan's government says it is trying to root out Islamic extremists. But officials on both sides acknowledge it is relatively easy for militants to cross back and forth along the mountainous border between the two countries.

Qari Mohammed Yusaf, who claims to speak for the Taliban, although his exact ties to the group's leadership are unclear, said its fighters had planted the bomb that struck the Afghan army convoy in Kandahar city but denied involvement in the Spinboldak attack.

# Russia, China side with EU, U.S. on Iran program

BY BETH GARDINER  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Russia and China agreed with the United States and its European allies Monday that Iran must fully suspend its nuclear program, but the two countries stopped short of demanding referral to the U.N. Security Council, Britain's Foreign Office said.

In a conciliatory statement, Iran's ambassador to Moscow praised a Russian proposal to move the Iranian uranium-enrichment program to its territory — a step that could resolve the deadlock over Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

Russian President Vladimir Putin also urged caution in dealing with the Iranian nuclear issue, saying that Tehran might still agree to the Russian offer and warning that "it's necessary to work carefully and avoid any sharp, erroneous moves."

Britain, France, and Germany, backed by Washington, want Iran to be referred to the

Security Council, which can impose sanctions.

But Russia and China, which have close commercial ties with Iran, have resisted such a move in the past, and they could stymie efforts against Tehran as veto-wielding members of the U.N. body.

The British Foreign Office said all five permanent members of the Security Council — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, and China — and Germany have shown "serious concern over Iranian moves to restart uranium enrichment activities."

They agreed on the need for Iran to "return to full suspension," according to the statement.

Diplomats from Britain, France, and Germany also informed officials from Russia, China, and the United States that they plan to call for an emergency board meeting of the International Atomic Energy Agency, next month. The 35-nation agency board, which could refer the issue to the

Security Council, will discuss what action to take against Iran.

Representatives of the six countries held a daylong meeting in London in a bid to reach consensus over what action to take after Iran removed U.N. seals from its main uranium-enrichment facility last week and resumed research on nuclear fuel, including small-scale enrichment, after a 2½-year freeze.

The move alarmed the West, which fears Iran intends to build an atomic bomb. Iran contends that its program is peaceful, intended only to produce electricity, and it has threatened to end cooperation the U.N. nuclear watchdog, if it is brought before the Security Council.



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# Dreams, dreams

A nice thing about going on hiatus is that you needn't actually go anywhere to enjoy its benefits — which, you gotta admit, sounds oxymoronic. But it really cuts down on the gasoline expenditures.

What benefits? you ask, looking around at the gray-brown wasteland that is Iowa City. Ha-ha, we say. That's just a façade we erect to keep the Vermonters out.

Not that they've been clamoring to get in. (Not since Howard Dean's ill-fated camping trip, anyway. Care for some more home-grown Iowa maple syrup on your corn on the cob there, on Governor?)

But there are benefits to the nowhere hiatus. Simple, everyday-type things. Playing with your friend's cat (I highly recommend wadded-up balls of tinfoil, which apparently mimic the scamperings of tiny mouse feet on a hardwood floor), reading literature instead of three newspapers a day, courting the flu, catching movies that everyone else saw three years ago, catching the flu, reading neo-noir pulp fiction, attempting to drink the city's entire supply of water in two days, returning to "normal" life, catching the flu for a rematch (instant replay shows that Beau clearly wasn't offside, so why did the refs throw the flu flag?). Simple things.

Well, of course, I did dip into the media on occasion for a hit or two of news (I hear there's a 12-step program for this), but a lot of that was for Red Sox news. No, I'm not whining about Boston's pitching, like I always do. The Red Sox have pitching. The rest of the team, however, looks like the Maginot Line just waiting for the Yankees to scamper around Belgium, which, in this geography, is located somewhere near third base.

Then there was Jack Abramoff. Ah, Trader Jack, the poster child of the Republicans' K Street Project, whose largess to lawmakers and congressional staffers apparently went way over the top. O' Jack is now busy babbling to prosecutors, and many Republicans are nervous — so they're attempting to spin the scandal as a "bipartisan" one.

Hah-hah, that's a good one. Immediately after Trader Jack pleaded guilty to five federal felonies, politicians rushed to give away the funds they had received from him to charities. And, as Hendrik Hertzberg points out in *The New Yorker*, the "givers-back" were either 80 percent Republicans (by party affiliation) or 83 percent Republican (by amounts given).

Yeah, that's pretty "bipartisan." Speaking of partisanship, a funny thing happened to former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay last week (DeLay may or may not be involved in the Abramoff mess). DeLay is under an unrelated indictment in Texas, an indictment he has labeled a partisan witch-hunt by a Democratic prosecutor (who has prosecuted something on the order of 19 political figures, something like 12 of whom have been Democrats). On Jan. 9, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals refused his motion to have that "meritless" indictment tossed out.

That appeals court is made up of nine elected judges. All of them are Republicans.

Yeah, partisan. On another note, as if to prove that ridiculousness (not that we were talking about that) is a human pandemic, there was the president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who first suggested annihilating Israel, then suggested moving it to Alaska (no, really), and then restarted the country's uranium-enrichment program.

Well, swell. Maybe we could move Iran to Alaska, which would have two great benefits: We could keep an eye its nuke program, and we wouldn't have to drill for oil in the Alaskan wildlife refuge, because we'd have all that Iranian oil.

On another note, it's worth remembering that Monday was Martin Luther King Jr. Day, when, in theory anyway, we commemorate the great man's life and beliefs, which included, among others, nonviolence, equality, and, especially, leaving no person's rights behind.

In a society that seems hell-bent on denying full rights to gays and lesbians, not to mention seems to say to minorities, You have enough rights; now quit your whining, it would appear that the notion of leaving no person's rights behind has fallen somewhat by the wayside. And in a time when the Senate is about to elevate Judge Samuel Alito to the Supreme Court, it is worth remembering that the good judge once belonged to a group that wanted to keep Princeton ivory-white and male. And then it is worthy contemplating how far we've come since Martin Luther King had a dream. ■

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BEAU ELLIOT

## EDITORIAL

# Leave testing plan behind

Last month, the National Department of Education's Commission on the Future of Higher Education suggested it was likely to propose standardized testing for college students. Chairman Charles Miller said the commission might recommend that the test scores be linked to whether a school qualifies for federal accreditation or student financial aid. This is part of the Bush administration's push for more accountability in education and to keep the U.S. education system competitive with the rest of the world.

With tuition skyrocketing faster than the rate of inflation, students certainly have the right to ask, "Am I getting my money's worth?" It makes sense for the government to have enough information to determine how schools can improve. However, using standardized tests and threats of budget cuts to make universities more accountable for their methods of education is both unnecessary and harmful.

The goal of this program would clearly be similar to that of the No Child Left Behind Act — to promote achievement through competition for funds and benefits. But, unlike elementary and secondary schools, this sort of competition already exists at universities as they vie to recruit top students and faculty, secure research grants and financial aid, and increase diversity. Plus, universities have plenty of incentive to offer a challenging and relevant curriculum — successful alumni ensure the schools' futures. And, many universities routinely undergo an accreditation process to hold them accountable for their education strategies.

Worse, implementing standardized tests could threaten to make a college education less accessible to U.S. students. As we watch our tuition continue to rise, it is evident that many universities are already short on funding. In

an effort to ensure that they receive federal aid, many schools might be tempted to increase admissions standards, only admitting students they know will score well in testing.

The best way to hold universities accountable for the quality of their education is to encourage transparency among schools, so state governments need not rely on regulation to measure student achievement. But it is essential that policymakers take into account the vast diversity that exists: Different universities attract different students, and they vary so much in terms of philosophy that it would be impossible to hold them to a single educational standard. Look at Iowa's three state universities, which attract students with very different goals. Those interested in agriculture are drawn to Iowa State University, while aspiring teachers often enroll in the University of Northern Iowa's top-ranked program. The purpose of the No Child Left Behind Act is to ensure that no student graduates from high school without a basic knowledge of certain skills. This is a fair approach to high-school education, but repeating the process at the college level is pointless, at best.

In any case, the Department of Education must be careful not to focus solely on the issue of accountability. Just as much effort should be put into making college accessible to all motivated students and supporting innovation in science and technology. Universities should be encouraged to strive for advancement in specialized fields instead of being forced to adhere to uniform standards. A postsecondary version of No Child Left Behind is not the way to maintain the American university system's reputation as the best in the world.



## GUEST OPINION

# Our constitutional monarchy

The way the confirmation hearings of Judge Samuel Alito went, we would think we were awaiting a monarch. Unfortunately, in many ways, we were.

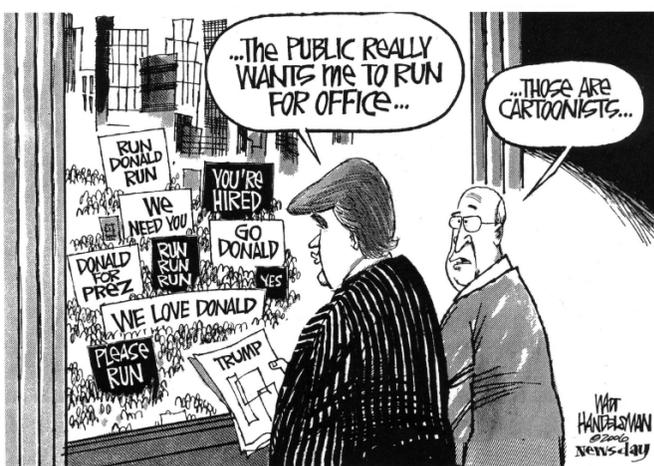
Several years ago, I learned firsthand how far we are from a constitutional understanding of the Senate's role to "advise and consent" on judicial nominees. I made a feeble attempt to lobby Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, hoping to stop a questionable Clinton judicial nominee. He said, "You don't understand my role as a senator. I am only to advise and consent the president. I need to determine if she [the nominated judge] has the legal skills to serve. That's it. You're right. I don't agree with her politics, but the politics of this nominee was settled on Election Day when we elected our president." Grassley understood his role, and understanding that role led to a Senate with the spirit of statesmanship — not political one-upmanship.

Twelve years ago, Clinton made a controversial nomination in Ruth Bader Ginsburg to the U.S. Supreme Court. She was a director of the ACLU and spoke vehemently on the importance of upholding abortion rights. Clearly, she was a woman of immense. Yet, there was no talk of filibusters. There was no parsing of her appellate-court decisions. No family members driven from the hearings in tears. Senators then understood their role was to simply advise and consent to the president's nominees. They understood that elections mattered and that one of the spoils of victory was the right to choose how to fill vacant judiciary seats. The statesmen voted for her confirmation, 96-3.

But today, some senators are seeking to turn the judicial-nomination process into an exercise in which only the politically correct are confirmed. If they agree with the senator's position on abortion, the limited power of the president, and using legal precedent from other countries, then the senator will vote for them. If not, they're "Borked." Gone are the statesmen that simply asked the nominee if they believed in the limited role of the judiciary and did they have a clear understanding of the law.

As a result of this politicization, the judiciary is becoming a group of robed monarchs, making laws and ruling for a lifetime. Something is wrong when the legislature passes a law, the president signs it, and interest groups consistently run to the monarchs to see it struck down before the law can even be enforced. It's a scary thing when unelected federal judges have more power than the U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Senate, and the president — combined. Our founding fathers warned us of this seed of destruction. Their solution was to have the president nominate only those qualified that held to a limited role of the judiciary and the Senate confirming them without incident. It appears Alito achieves the standards of our Founding Fathers, and we would be wise to confirm him.

Mike Hartwig is the vice president of the Iowa Family Policy Center.



## LETTER

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## Court shift

The Supreme Court appointments are one of a president's most powerful — and long-lasting — tools for sculpting American society. In Judge Samuel Alito, President Bush has chosen someone who does not represent American opinion overall; instead, he is Bush's latest way to push America further to the right and to implement repression and intolerance on the grandest possible scale.

Dr. Cole Swensen  
UI employee

## ON THE SPOT

Do you think standardized tests should be applied to university students?



"I think they're OK. They're not the best, but I can't think of a better way."

Mike Thongvanh  
UI senior



"If the government is interested in measuring students, testing is a part of one way — but should be used in conjunction with other things."

Elizabeth Nelson  
UI sophomore



"Sure, to make sure we're learning what we're supposed to be. We're paying for it."

Kelly Mills  
UI freshman



"I think we're adults, and we can measure the quality of our education ourselves."

Michelle Kutmas  
UI sophomore

CALENDAR-WORTHY

MOVIE NIGHT, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., Free

# ARTS & CULTURE

## 3'S THE CHARM FOR YACHT CLUB



Laura Schmitt/The Daily Iowan

(From left) Matt Skinner, Brian Cretzmeyer, Emmett Sheehan, Ryan Casteel, and Adam Morford of the Jensen Connection pose in their practice area on Monday evening, Jan. 16, 2006. The band will headline the Yacht Club Anniversary show on Saturday, and it is also featured twice on the compilation CD *ICYC Live 2005*.

BY CHARLIE MORAN  
THE DAILY IOWAN

At 3 years old, most kids are still figuring out how to load mashed peas into their faces with a spoon instead of their hand.

But at 3 years old, Iowa City's reborn Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., has already figured out how to pack in local audiences hungry for roots-rock, reggae, blues, and improvisational jamming.

To celebrate its third birthday this Saturday, the bar will host a CD release party for *ICYC 2005*, a 68-minute collection of live recordings that highlights performances of the past year. The album will be available in local record stores.

For this, the Yacht Club's first CD, owner Scott Kading, 39, worked with local producer John Svec to record tracks from club mainstays, such as David Zollo and the Body Electric, Dennis McMurrin and the Demolition Band, and Public Property.

The Jensen Connection, which came together two years ago during the venue's weekly Jam Band Jam sessions, will headline the CD release party, with Colorado rockers Storytyme opening the show.

Ryan Casteel, the Jensen bass player, said the Yacht Club was instrumental in the formation of the band.

"It was definitely the platform where we could get together and play," he said, adding that, without it, the group might never have found the piano and drum players that have become crucial to its sound.

The septet is featured twice on the disc, that, although billed as a "best of 2005" album, covers sounds all the way back to the opening night of

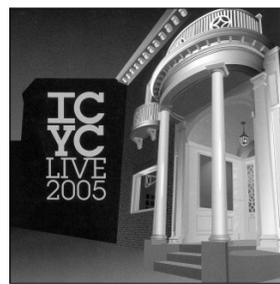
Kading's club in 2003. On the last track, "Sometimes," Derek Perez and Brad Rieks of local band Clean Livin' play some of the first notes to grace the rechristened Yacht Club stage after it had been closed for eight years.

The original incarnation began in 1988, when owner Hank Miguel opened the blues and roots-rock bar below the former site of Ruby's Pearl on Linn Street.

Kading said Miguel was forced to close the bar in 1995, when the owner of the building refused to resign the lease, calling the bar's clientele "vermin."

A regular during the club's first conception, Kading spent three years remodeling the venue before finally reopening the doors in January 2003. The new Yacht Club quickly became a sanctuary for the descendants of yesteryears' so-called riffraff, offering a similar musical menu along with a new paint job.

"If you do the right thing, run a nice clean, dark place with good music, people will want to come back," said the owner. "The neat thing is that we kept getting bigger and bigger, with no



crowds, no fights, and no puking."

Since he opened the bar, the Yacht Club's proud parent — who also recently became a father to a cuter but oft-louder child, Jackson — has worked diligently to document its progress on audio-tape.

Although he wishes he could do it for every show, Kading estimated that he has recorded more than 100 in the past year alone.

In the future, he would like to add more advanced recording equipment that would allow instrument levels to be mixed after shows instead of on the spot, as they are now. Plans for podcasting of Yacht Club shows are in the works, as well as future live albums — if *ICYC Live 2005* proves

### GIVE A LISTEN

The Yacht Club's *ICYC 2005* live compilation (2006):

- David Zollo & the Body Electric, "Shake It In My Face"
- Jensen Connection, "Distracted"
- Public Property, "What's Goin' Down"

If you like it:

See the *ICYC 2005* CD Release Party, with Jensen Connection and Storytyme, 8 p.m. Saturday, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St., \$10 for ages 19 and older.

to be successful.

The album is a snapshot of the Yacht Club gurgling and tumbling, but Kading concedes that the club still needs to develop its lighting and sound system.

"The goal is to always improve," he said. "We're almost where we want to be — but not quite yet."

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# Depicting Loman's road

Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* churns with Willy Loman's unattained "American Dream." In his travels as a salesman, Loman's ambition, fueled by an unreal vision for achievement, is crippled when Loman loses faith in his children's success. But his road-trip ventures also possess a certain solitude and peace — and that's where Iowa artist Hans Olson's paintings enter.

BY LOUIS VIRTEL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Riverside Theatre is continuing its tradition of marrying visual art and stage productions with its newest preparations for the Jan. 27-Feb. 19 run of Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman*. Opened to the public in a Riverside lobby reception on Jan. 14, the exhibit features acrylic depictions of rural landscapes and endless roads by artist Hans Olson. From noon to 4 p.m. on weekdays, as well as during performance-date intermissions, theatergoers can peruse the collection, which culls the solitude of tragic protagonist Willy Loman's rural pursuit.

Olson, a Garner, Iowa, native, typically paints long shadows and early day lighting in his work in an effort to evoke the placidity of the Heartland's plains. After Riverside co-founder Jody Hovland requested the paintings, Olson created more works depicting the seclusion of the open Iowa road — one of his favorite subjects.

"I seek peace in the world and within myself — and that's what I try to express through my paintings," he said.

His history of exhibitions includes shows in Hawaii, Des Moines, Chicago, and California. The Impressionist-esque artist also presented work with the Oil Painter of America's national show and served on its Board of Directors. Olson's next artistic engagement takes place in Oklahoma City in April.

"His work is in sync with *Death of a Salesman*," Hovland

### RIVERSIDE ART EXHIBIT

Artwork by Hans Olson

When: Noon-4 p.m. weekdays through Feb. 19 and during performance-date intermissions

Where: Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert St.

Admission: \$12-\$23

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said. "The exhibit is beautiful, and the road is central to the story of Willy Loman."

The exhibit dovetails with *Death of a Salesman*; the 2005-06 season marks Riverside's 25th anniversary and the advent of a play Hovland and co-founder Ron Clark have waited to stage for years. Though the contentment of Olson's work contrasts with Willy Loman's desperation to achieve the "American Dream," the crisp, harmonious paintings provide a dignified backdrop to the character's delusion and plight. Furthermore, the paintings add what Olson considers a universal aesthetic sure to resonate with sharp-eyed audiences.

"At our opening reception [on Jan. 14], the event attracted everyone from research scientists to secretaries to jazz musicians," Olson said. "I don't think there is any particular profile for those who connect with visual art."

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**“Petitioner is 76 years old, blind, suffers from diabetes, and is confined to a wheelchair, and has been on death row for 23 years. I believe that in the circumstances he raises a significant question as to whether his execution would constitute cruel and unusual punishment.”**

— Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer, dissenting from the court's decision to reject an appeal Monday from a 76-year-old convicted killer who had argued that he was too old and feeble to be executed.

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## horoscopes Tuesday, January 17, 2006 — by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You may have to prove yourself today. Don't take chances or assume anyone knows who you are or what you can do. Money can be made, and a good position obtained, but not without your undivided attention.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Gear up, get ready, and put on the big push today. You have everything going for you if you are honest and keep a close watch over anyone you feel may be stringing you along. Leave nothing to chance.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** You can expect to feel a little left out today. So much will be going on, but it will be difficult for you to get a piece of it. Don't think so much about what everyone else has. Consider your own attributes.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You will look at things differently today, and that is a good thing. Don't back away from something because it appears to be too complicated. Now is the precise time to ferret through the debris and come out with a treasure.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** You've been so serious lately. Put that side of you to work, and you will prosper. Today is the perfect time to promote what you want to do. Don't let anything or anyone upset you.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Love, money, fame, and taking a creative step into the future are possible today. You will discover something or someone who will grab your interest. You should mix business with pleasure if at all possible.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You will do much better dealing with acquaintances rather than with those close to you. A problem with your home or personal life appears to be pressing. You can move forward with a financial deal, but do check the fine print.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Form alliances, or talk matters over with people you want to do things with in the future. A partnership is looking good, but set up rules and boundaries. Change will be necessary but also very good for you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Also a deal, or advance your position. Discussing your plans with the people you feel will play a role in what you do should be your top priority. Being knowledgeable and informative will do the trick.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Make a move and — regardless of your decision — know that it is your time to excel. Don't hold back, waiting to see what everyone else is going to do. Set the standard, and you will be a strong, prosperous leader.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** It's time to weed out a few of the things that are taking up space but not benefiting you in any way. It can be very liberating and can help someone who can use those things for which you no longer have a use.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Emotional ups and downs will leave you confused today. Try not to read something into what's being discussed. Keep things simple, and you will stand a much better chance with both money matters and relationships.



**ERIC FOMON**

### Little Known Outback Bowl Facts

- One of the refs was wheeled home, his retirement home, where he called face-masking on two chairs and a table.
- Chad Greenway told everyone at the after game press conference that since his Iowa football career is over he can now concentrate on his one true passion; pillow fighting with Abdul Fighting.
- Chris Leak tested positive for pure luck.

• After the game, people offered the ref who called offside on the outside kick was actually a Zebra missing from the local zoo.

• Herky served up fried gator in the parking lot mere hours after the Florida mascot went missing.

• The Iowa Gatorade dispensers were mistakenly filled with Pabst Blue Ice, but our football players were too macho to complain.

• For some reason, all of the refs can now afford to roll in a Benz and wear blinged-out fronts.

• President Skorton has to send the Florida special a jug of Herky's special bathtub gin.

• The real title of the bowl was Don King Presents: the Outback Bowl.

• Iowa City was briefly flooded with the collective tears of 70,000 drunken Hawkeye fans.

— Eric Fomon didn't realize the *DI* was hard-core enough to put out a paper on MLK day; he gives it mad props.

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## today's events

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- **Movie Night**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 12 S. Linn St.
- **Truckstop Honeymoon**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
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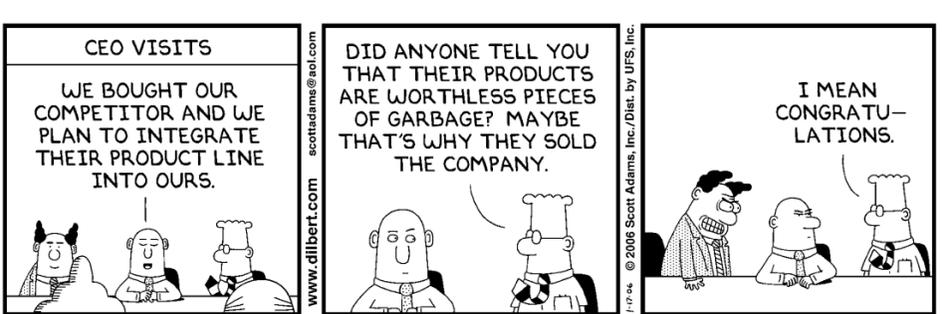
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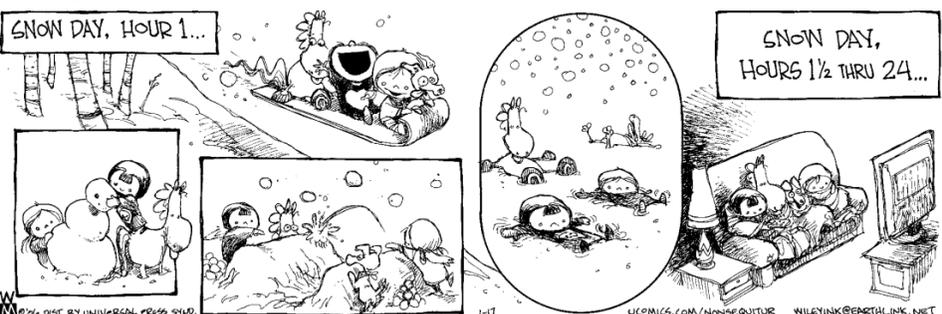
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- 5 Grant Wood at the UI: Community and Controversy
- 6 Dinosaurs Have Feathers, Kinnick Stadium Staff
- 6:30 Steve Alford Conference with the News Media

- 7 Lisa Bluder Conference with the News Media
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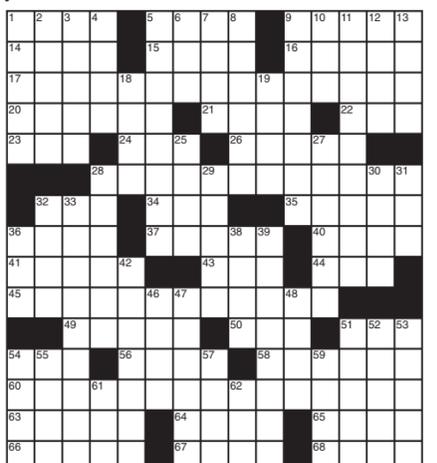
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  - 9 San Diego baseballer
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  - 16 Instruments used in orchestra tuning
  - 17 Pronto
  - 20 Sack material
  - 21 "... or \_\_\_ just me?"
  - 22 Dallas-to-Duluth dir.
  - 23 Place to hear snorts
  - 24 Family M.D.'s
  - 26 Adds or deletes text
  - 28 Pronto
  - 32 E. Lansing school
  - 34 "Platoon" setting
  - 35 Hoodwink
  - 36 French roast
  - 37 Snatches
  - 40 Lahr who played the Cowardly Lion
  - 41 Smooth-barked tree
  - 43 Shoot the breeze
  - 44 Promising words
  - 45 Pronto
  - 49 Skin layer
  - 50 Head lines?: Abbr.
  - 51 "20/20" network
  - 54 Prince \_\_\_ Khan
  - 56 Loony
  - 58 Sweetums
  - 60 Pronto
  - 63 Area, weatherwise
  - 64 Rebuke from Caesar
  - 65 Latest thing
  - 66 Calculus symbol
  - 67 Haul in
- DOWN**
- 1 Roy \_\_\_ lead role in "The Natural"
  - 2 Native Alaskan
  - 3 Cook, as beans
  - 4 Certain hotel amenity
  - 5 Getting ready
  - 6 Moviedom's Myrna
  - 7 Mine, on the Marne
  - 8 Sartre novel
  - 9 Bonneville maker
  - 10 Blood-typing system
  - 11 Smaller now, in corporate-speak
  - 12 Check, with "in"
  - 13 Italian Renaissance art patron
  - 18 Rung competitor
  - 19 Rust rats
  - 25 Lusting impression
  - 27 Small-time
  - 28 Lunch dish from the oven
  - 29 S. S. Kresge, today
  - 30 Whodunit hero Wolfe
  - 31 Round Table title: Abbr.
  - 32 Big name in faucets
  - 33 Reliable source of income for a band



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- 36 Suicide squeeze stat.
- 38 Innocent
- 39 Puts the pedal to the metal
- 42 Celestial Seasonings beverage
- 46 Part of a Latin conjugation
- 47 Kind of Pulitzer-winning writer James
- 51 Loud, as a crowd
- 52 "That's it!"
- 53 Hands over
- 54 Travels like a skyrocket
- 55 "\_\_\_ Marlene," song of 1944
- 57 Fog spot
- 59 Fair-sized garden
- 61 "Let me see..."
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Men's basketball

## HAWKEYES

### Iowa to be 'Seasoned'

The Season began anew for the Iowa basketball team early this morning.

Not the basketball season, but "The Season: College Basketball," ESPN2's series that will follow the Hawkeyes, along with Bucknell, Florida Atlantic, Memphis, and Washington over the next 10 weeks.

The show, in its third season, filmed Iowa's last two contests, a 63-48 home victory over Illinois on Jan. 7 and a 80-76 road win against Penn State on Jan. 14. In addition, the producers aim to capture segments of the players' everyday lives, and they will devote two entire 30-minute shows to each of the five programs involved.

The programs featuring the Hawkeyes will be aired on Jan. 20 at 2 a.m. CST, Jan. 26 at 10 p.m. CST, Jan. 28 at 10 p.m. CST, and Feb. 1 at 11:30 p.m. CST.

Iowa (13-4, 2-1 Big Ten) jumped back into the AP poll Monday at No. 23; the Hawkeyes will return to action Wednesday at home against Minnesota.

— by Tyson Wirth

### VanderPol injured

Hawkeye freshman small forward Nicole VanderPol will be sidelined three to six weeks after suffering a partial tear to her medial collateral ligament in her left knee during the second half of Sunday's 80-48 victory at Northwestern, coach Lisa Bluder announced Monday.

VanderPol was averaging 2.8 points and 2.1 rebounds in 16 games. She was shooting 55.6 percent from the field and 73.7 percent from the foul line before sustaining the knee injury.

This is the fourth knee injury for Iowa in the last seven months.

— by Ryan Long

### Swimming/diving signs 10

The Iowa swimming and diving program announced the inking of 10 during the fall signing period on Dec. 20.

Coach Marc Long will welcome Julie Feingold, Marjorie Chamberlin, Hilary Leigh, Christine Kuczek, Katie Michelau, Katie Osborne, and Nicki Wex to the women's squad. Bradley Jones, Brian Farris, and William Whaley signed with the Hawkeye men.

Feingold is in her senior season at Munster High School in Munster, Ind. Chamberlin hails from Land O'Lakes, Fla., where she captured the 100 butterfly state title in 2005. Leigh is a three-time all-State selection and All-American from Lake Forest, Ill. Kuczek is a school-record holder in the 100 free and a three-time all-stater for Deerfield High School in Deerfield, Ill. Sporting five conference titles for Stevenson High School in Mundelein, Ill., Michelau will also bring four-time honors at the conference, sectional, and state levels to the Hawkeyes. Osborne has three individual state titles and nine all-American honors at North Central High in Indianapolis. A native of Nashotah, Wis., Wex rounds out the women's recruiting class as a two-time All-American.

Leading off the men's signees is Jones. During his career in Knoxville, Tenn., Jones won state titles in the 50 free and 100 free. Farris is an all-American in the 200 and 500 freestyle events in Normal, Ill. Whaley bolstered his résumé with the E.A.S.T. Elite club team in Homeland, Calif, earning All-American awards in the 100 backstroke and 200 free.

— by Michael Schmidt

# Football Hawks look ahead



Hawkeye running back Albert Young gains yardage during the Jan. 2 Outback Bowl loss to the Florida Gators. The Gators contained Young better than any other team during the regular season, holding him to 34 yards rushing.

BY JASON BRUMMOND  
THE DAILY IOWAN

The hype's absent, but the 2006 football Hawkeyes could better last season's version despite losing high productivity on offense and defense.

Iowa, who some had pegged as a national title contender last fall, will return to its underdog role despite returning one of the Big Ten's most veteran lineups next year. Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz must replace arguably seven of the team's best 10 players, but he's happy with the progress reserves made at the end of last season.

"It starts with replacing your seniors," he said after the Outback Bowl. "Particularly for us, it's a challenge. We are not a four-deep outfit.

"We have to bring along players and leaders, and I have seen some young leaders emerge the last several weeks of the season and during our practices for this game. I am excited about that."

Despite losing a pair of receivers who combined for nearly half of the team's passing attack, the Hawkeyes return stars Albert Young and Drew Tate, along with a veteran offensive line that should equate to a powerful, productive offense.

Young, who rushed for 1,334 yards in 2005 — the sixth best season in school history, could be the best running back in the Big Ten next season.

# RECRUITING WAR HEATS

BY TYSON WIRTH  
THE DAILY IOWAN

With college football's national signing day approaching in roughly two weeks, *The Daily Iowan* examines the Big Ten recruiting classes in progress:

**1. PENN STATE:** The Nittany Lions secured 17 pledges, including nine who rate as four-star prospects or better by Rivals recruiting service, the most in the Big Ten.

**The jewel:** Jared Odrick, 6-5, 303-pound defensive tackle/end "Jared Odrick is bigger, a real physical guy who's a good athlete," said Pat Tholey of BlueWhiteIllustrated.com. "He plays basketball, as well. In fact, the coaches have told Jared he could probably step in right away and play 20-30 plays at defensive end."

**The steal:** A.J. Wallace, 6-1, 195-pound cornerback. Runs a 4.4 second 40-yard dash. Rated the best senior corner in the nation by Rivals, Wallace didn't even have Penn State on his radar until late in the recruiting season. "One of the things that attracted A.J. was they told him

he could maybe play offense and defense, like Derrick Williams and Justin King did some, this year," Tholey said. "He really liked that."

**The hope-to-get:** Antonio Logan-Eli, 6-4, 307-pound tackle/guard (a soft verbal to Maryland), one of Rivals' two highest-regarded players in Maryland.

"That would be huge," Tholey said. "Because they're still looking to get maybe five guys along the offensive line, and, right now, they only have two."

**2. MICHIGAN:** What the Wolverines lack in quantity (just 15 commitments thus far), they make up for in quality.

**The jewel:** Linebacker Brandon Graham, a 6-3, 250-pound thumper who can run.

"Brandon Graham is a once in a decade type guy," said Josh Hemholdt of TheWolverine.com. "When he arrives at the ball-carrier, he arrives angry, and the results are just devastating."

**The steal:** Greg Matthews, 6-2, 189-pound receiver, the cousin of Ohio State standout Ted Ginn, Jr.

"I saw him at the Michigan



Iowa QB Drew Tate sprints downfield during the fourth quarter of the Outback Bowl game against the Florida Gators. Tate gained 24 yards on the play and set up a 14-yard touchdown pass to Ed Hinkel on the next play.

The New Jersey native will benefit from an offensive front that returns four players with starting experience. Mike Elgin will likely return to center after playing guard last season, while Mike Jones and Seth Olsen should occupy the guard spots. Marshal Yanda and Dace Richardson, who played this past season as a true freshman, are the front-runners to start at tackle.

The Hawkeyes could also return

offensive tackle Lee Gray, who is hoping to earn a sixth year of eligibility after missing last season with a knee injury.

Tate is also one of the conference's best returnees at his position. If the Baytown, Texas, native's season matches his 2,828-yard performance in 2005, he'll become the school's second most prolific passer of all time.

SEE FOOTBALL, PAGE 3B

## 2006 BIG TEN FOOTBALL AT A GLANCE



### 1. OHIO STATE

**Returning starters:** 10 (8 offense, 2 defense)

**Key losses:** LB A.J. Hawk, WR Santonio Holmes, OL Nick Mangold, S Donte Whitner

**X-factor:** Following an inconsistent season, quarterback Troy Smith could be a Heisman candidate with performances similar to the Fiesta Bowl (career-high 342 passing yards, two touchdowns). **Prognosis:** If Ohio State survives early season road contests at Texas and Iowa, Buckeyes should return to Fiesta Bowl for a shot at the national championship.



### 2. IOWA

**Returning starters:** 14 (7 offense, 7 defense)

**Key losses:** LB Chad Greenway, OL Brian Ferentz, LB Abdul Hodge, WR Ed Hinkel

**X-factor:** Receiver Herb Grigsby and linebacker Ed Miles must step up at key positions.

**Prognosis:** If Hawkeyes top Ohio State at Kinnick in September, Kirk Ferentz could hoist his third Big Ten title in five years.



### 3. MICHIGAN

**Returning starters:** 14 (6 offense, 8 defense)

**Key losses:** WR Jason Avant, TE Tim Massaquoi, OL Adam Stenavich

**X-factor:** Signal-caller Chad Henne, who hasn't lived up to expectations in Ann Arbor despite obvious talent at skill positions, needs a breakthrough season in 2006.

**Prognosis:** A tough schedule could be fatal for a talent-heavy Michigan squad that underperformed last year.



### 4. PENN STATE

**Returning starters:** 9 (5 offense, 4 defense)

**Key losses:** QB Michael Robinson, DE Tamba Hall, CB Alan Zemaitis, OL Tyler Reed

**X-factor:** Anthony Morelli, a heralded quarterback recruit from the 2004 class, must utilize talented young receivers in his first season as the starter.

**Prognosis:** Joe Paterno returns to another bowl game, but the BCS won't be anywhere near his sights.



### 5. MICHIGAN STATE

**Returning starters:** 10 (4 offense, 6 defense)

**Key losses:** CB Eric Smith, RB Jason Teague, WR Kyle Brown

**X-factor:** Quarterback Drew Stanton has the tools, but must keep down interceptions (12 in 2005).

**Prognosis:** If Spartans defense doesn't improve, John L. Smith may be looking for a new job.



### 6. WISCONSIN

**Returning starters:** 11 (3 offense, 8 defense)

**Key losses:** RB Brian Calhoun, WR Brandon Williams, TE Owen Daniels

**X-factor:** Running back Booker Stanley, who tallied 340 yards and three touchdowns last year, must be the go-to-guy in Wisconsin's traditional pounding offense.

**Prognosis:** Bret Bielema's first-year could be mediocre in the Big Ten if offense doesn't overcome key departures.



### 7. INDIANA

**Returning starters:** 15 (8 offense, 7 defense)

**Key losses:** DE Victor Adayanju, RB Chris Taylor, LB Kyle Killion

**X-factor:** Blake Powers and James Hardy could emerge as one of the best throw-and-catch combinations in the conference, but Indiana needs a more consistent running game.

**Prognosis:** If the Hoosier defense improves from last season's unit that surrendered 32.8 points a contest, Indiana could be heading to its first bowl game since 1993.



### 8. NORTHWESTERN

**Returning starters:** 15 (8 offense, 7 defense)

**Key losses:** QB Brett Basanez, LB Tim McGarigle, WR Mark Philmore

**X-factor:** Sophomore signal-caller C.J. Bachér, who has just 15 passing attempts in his career, should find out about the rough Big Ten as he takes over for Basanez. **Prognosis:** Although projected as a borderline bowl team, Wildcats always seem to surprise people.



### 9. MINNESOTA

**Returning starters:** 12 (6 offense, 6 defense)

**Key losses:** RB Laurence Maroney, OL Greg Eslinger, OL Mark Setterstrom

**X-factor:** Running game should be OK with Gary Russell and Amir Pinnix, but offensive line must gel before conference play.

**Prognosis:** Glen Mason, who signed a contract extension after the Sun Bowl, continues struggles at Minnesota.



### 10. ILLINOIS

**Returning starters:** 19 (9 offense, 10 defense)

**Key losses:** DT Ryan Martha, WR Kendrick Jones, FB Jason Davis

**X-factor:** Offense needs to be better — and should — in second season with Ron Zook's system.

**Prognosis:** Unless some of Zook's recruits contribute immediately, could be another long season for Illini faithful.



### 11. PURDUE

**Returning starters:** 8 (5 offense, 3 defense)

**Key losses:** RB Jerrod Void, QB Brandon Kirsch, S Bernard Pollard

**X-factor:** Quarterback Curtis Painter, who started at the end of the season, benefits from a talented receiving corps. **Prognosis:** Things are falling apart for Joe Tiller in West Lafayette.

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TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#3 Connecticut 88, #20 Syracuse 80  
 #16 George Washington 88, Stony Brook 60  
 #6 Gonzaga vs Loyola Marymount, late  
**WOMEN**  
 #2 Duke 84, Holy Cross 36  
 #5 Connecticut 51, #3 LSU 48  
 #6 Maryland 75, Florida State 57  
 Virginia 78, #18 Virginia Tech 59

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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	20	15	.571	—
Philadelphia	18	19	.488	3
Boston	14	23	.378	7
New York	13	23	.361	7½
Toronto	13	24	.351	8
Southeast	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Miami	23	15	.605	—
Washington	17	19	.472	5
Orlando	13	22	.371	8½
Charlotte	11	27	.289	12
Atlanta	10	26	.278	12
Central	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Detroit	30	5	.857	—
Cleveland	20	15	.571	10
Indiana	20	16	.556	10½
Indianapolis	19	17	.528	11½
Chicago	15	22	.405	16

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Southwest	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	29	9	.763	—
Dallas	28	10	.737	1
Memphis	23	13	.639	5
New Orleans	18	17	.498	10½
Houston	12	24	.333	16
Northwest	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Minnesota	18	17	.514	—
Denver	20	19	.513	—
Utah	19	19	.500	½
Seattle	15	23	.395	4½
Portland	13	24	.351	6
Pacific	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Phoenix	24	12	.667	—
L.A. Clippers	20	14	.588	3
L.A. Lakers	20	17	.541	4½
Golden State	18	19	.486	6½
Sacramento	15	21	.417	9

**Monday's Games**  
 Washington 104, Philadelphia 76  
 New Orleans 107, Charlotte 92  
 Minnesota 96, New York 90  
 Denver 97, Chicago 94  
 Atlanta 94, Houston 83  
 L.A. Clippers 102, Utah 93, OT  
 Detroit 94, Boston 84  
 New Jersey 97, Indiana 92  
 Golden State 109, Seattle 93  
 San Antonio 93, Memphis 83  
 Dallas 114, Milwaukee 95  
 Miami at L.A. Lakers, late  
**Today's Games**

Toronto at Utah, 8 p.m.  
 Phoenix at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	28	10	7	63	161	139
N.Y. Rangers	25	14	7	57	144	120
New Jersey	22	18	5	49	132	135
N.Y. Islanders	19	23	2	40	132	161
Pittsburgh	11	26	9	31	128	184
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Ottawa	31	10	3	65	185	105
Buffalo	29	13	3	61	150	128
Toronto	24	17	3	51	143	138
Montreal	21	16	6	48	128	137
Boston	17	21	7	41	128	148
Southeast	W <td>L<td>OT<td>Pts<td>GF<td>GA</td></td></td></td></td>	L <td>OT<td>Pts<td>GF<td>GA</td></td></td></td>	OT <td>Pts<td>GF<td>GA</td></td></td>	Pts <td>GF<td>GA</td></td>	GF <td>GA</td>	GA
Carolina	30	10	4	64	163	137
Atlanta	22	18	6	50	164	159
Tampa Bay	22	20	3	47	132	140
Florida	18	22	7	43	122	148
Washington	15	24	5	35	125	169

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

Central	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	30	12	3	63	168	120
Nashville	28	12	5	61	144	131
Chicago	15	25	5	35	118	159
Columbus	16	28	2	34	109	162
St. Louis	17	28	6	25	107	165
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Calgary	26	14	5	57	120	114
Vancouver	26	15	5	57	154	141
Colorado	26	17	3	55	171	146
Edmonton	24	17	5	53	152	144
Minnesota	20	21	4	44	124	117
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Dallas	30	13	2	62	149	116
Los Angeles	28	17	2	58	162	142
San Jose	21	17	5	47	136	133
Anaheim	19	16	9	47	127	125
Phoenix	22	22	2	46	128	143

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**Monday's Games**  
 Boston 4, Anaheim 3, OT  
 Washington 6, Phoenix 1  
 Columbus 4, N.Y. Rangers 3  
 Montreal 4, Dallas 2  
 Vancouver 4, Pittsburgh 2  
 San Jose 3, Tampa Bay 1  
 Ottawa 6, Minnesota 1  
 Buffalo 3, Edmonton 1  
**Today's Games**  
 Carolina at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.  
 New Jersey at St. Louis, 7 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
 Toronto at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.  
**Wednesday's Games**  
 Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
 Toronto at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
 Atlanta at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

# Dungy ponders his future

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Tony Dungy plans to return as Colts coach but left open the possibility of retirement following a season marked by the death of his 18-year-old son.

"I really don't know how I'll react the next few days," he said on Monday, a day after the Colts were eliminated from the playoffs. "I think I'll be back. But it will really be the first time I've had to think about it."

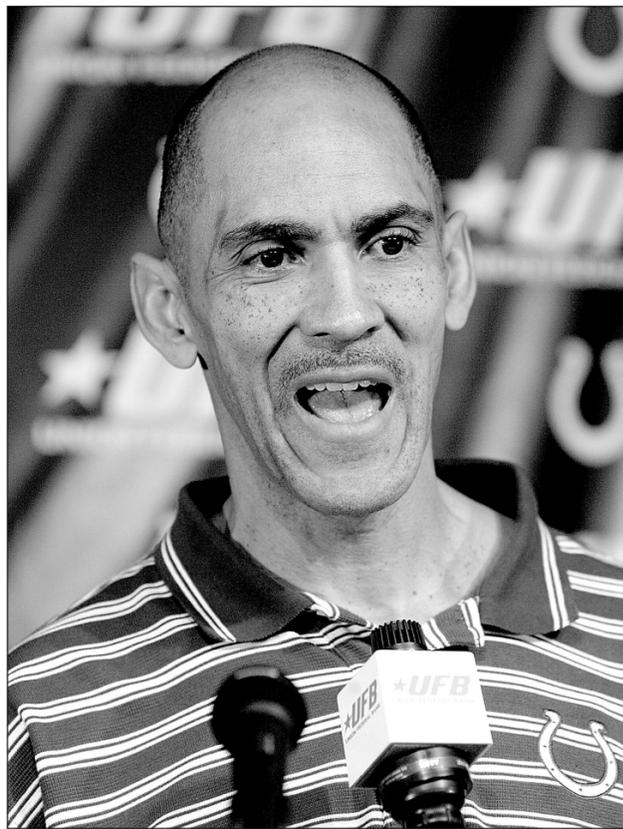
Dungy has been one of the NFL's most successful coaches over the past decade. He's reached the playoffs eight times, won three-straight AFC South titles, and taken teams to the AFC and NFC championship games.

This year, he won his 100th career game, two weeks after he turned 50.

But Dungy has always been a family man, first. After the Colts' season ended with Sunday's 21-18 loss to Pittsburgh, Dungy said he intends to spend the next few days watching movies, spending time with his wife and children, and reflecting on the death of his oldest son, James.

That has created a genuine conflict in Dungy's future plans.

"I think this will be the first time I'll really get to reflect on things and not be on autopilot," Dungy said. "So, we'll have to



Tom Stratman/Associated Press  
 Indianapolis Colt coach Tony Dungy talks about his team's 21-18 playoff loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers during a news conference at the Colts' headquarters in Indianapolis on Monday.

Most players praise the coach for his faith, philosophy, and the relationships he's established. It was one of the reasons that safety

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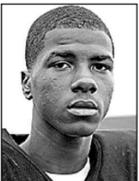
# Hawks snare QB recruit

BY TYSON WIRTH  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Two weeks ago, the Iowa football team faced reality: quarterbacks Drew Tate and Jason Manson will graduate in one year, and only one other scholarship signal-caller will remain on the roster.

Not anymore.

Arvell Nelson, a 6-4, 171-pound prospect from Glenville High School in Cleveland, said he will commit to Iowa today. He would be the second Ohio quarterback to pick the Hawkeyes in 11 days, after Mentor, Ohio, product Rick Stanzi committed on Jan. 7.



Nelson  
 quarterback recruit

Stanzi and Nelson are similar in more than just backgrounds, however.

"They're really kind of a lot alike as players," said Tom Kakert, a Rivals recruiting analyst. "They're both athletic; they're both 6-4. Arvell might have a little stronger arm, right now, but Stanzi is probably

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more college-ready. Arvell's still pretty raw, but they're very similar quarterbacks, in a lot of ways."

Nelson, ranked by Rivals recruiting service as a three-star prospect, received offers from Tennessee, Michigan State, Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Syracuse. He narrowed his finalists down to the Hawkeyes and Volunteers, making official visits to both.

"They both had the same great facilities, the same great stadiums," he said. "But I felt most comfortable with who'd been recruiting me the longest."

He added a positive relationship with offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe and head man Kirk Ferentz helped as well.

As a junior, the sports-management major-to-be threw for 1,600 yards and 13 touchdowns with only five interceptions. Like Stanzi, though, Nelson's numbers improved dramatically over the

next year. In his final campaign, he passed for 2,500 yards and 33 touchdowns and four picks.

"My junior year, I was hurt. I cracked two ribs and punctured a lung," he said "In the off-season, I worked really hard, stayed in the film room, and stayed healthy."

Nelson is the second Glenville product the Hawkeyes recruited in the class of 2006. Linebacker/safety Derrick Smith became the first when he committed to Iowa after a Dec. 16 visit with Nelson and a third teammate, Bryant Milligan. The trio's home is one of the richest recruiting pipelines in the Midwest.

"It can't hurt [Iowa]," Kakert said. "There's a ton of talent there. This is the first time Iowa's really gotten in there and gotten a couple kids, and it may help open the door. With Glenville, though, it's almost always, if Ohio State offers,

that's where the kid goes, because it's right down the pike.

"But Ohio State can't offer everybody, and there's a lot of talent leftover, such as Arvell and Derrick."

Nelson will become Iowa's 17th recruit, after cornerback Jay Valai de-committed and pledged, instead, to Wisconsin last weekend. Ferentz said during the season he estimated the Hawkeyes would eventually sign roughly 20 prospects.

One recruit who won't be signing is Cottonwood, Utah, back Stanley Havili. Rivals' No. 1 rated fullback pledged his services to USC after narrowing his final four schools down to the Trojans, Brigham Young, Arizona State, and Iowa.

The 6-0, 220-pound Havili, who can also play tailback, said he sees himself playing as a true freshman and that he didn't make up his mind until after Trojan coach Pete Carroll visited on decision day.

"Most likely, if Coach Carroll hadn't have visited, I wouldn't be going to USC," Havili said.

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# Illini coach fondly recalls IC

BY TYSON WIRTH  
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Four years ago, Wayne Angel became the Iowa's women's cross-country coach and assistant women's track coach. After just one year, the Hawkeyes high-jumped several teams in the Big Ten standings, Angel forged relationships with such Hawkeye legends as Dan Gable and Jim Zalesky, and recruits exhibited interest where there had previously been none.



Angel  
 Illinois coach

"I wasn't even planning on coming to Iowa," said Monica Mims, now a Hawkeye junior. "But he and Coach Grant completely sold me on the program."

And then Illino called. Gary Wieneke, who had coached the men's track teams for a combined 64 years, was retiring, and the Illini brass persuaded Angel to take the job.

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— Illinois track and field coach Wayne Angel

"I wasn't real sure about going back, to be honest, because I was very comfortable with Jimmy Grant and Iowa," said Angel, a former world-class 400-meter hurdler. "Iowa was a great place. But it's like Bear Bryant used to say, 'When Mama calls, it's time to go home.'"

Home for Angel is Rantoul, Ill., just 18 miles from the Illini campus in Champaign. Although his parents retired to Champaign, Angel still visits his hometown whenever it's convenient. He says his roots, the people at his high school, keep him grounded. It's important to keep your feet on solid soil when you're the first black head coach in Illinois athletics history.

That title honors Angel, but it doesn't come without pressure. The former ROTC officer never shied away from pressure, though, a necessary qualification when facing the challenge of restoring a dilapidated Illinois program.

"There's no question that, when I left, things were kind of at the bottom end of the cycle," Wieneke said. "Hopefully, I think [Angel] will take things back up."

The early returns are promising. The track team finished eighth in both the indoor and outdoor Big Ten championships the year before Angel's arrival. In his inaugural season, he bumped those results up to fourth and fifth respectively and higher still to third and fourth in 2004-05. And in just their second

competition of this early season, the Illini won 9-of-16 events at last weekend's Iowa Open in Iowa City.

And, though he coached at Iowa for only one season, the meet in Iowa City was far from typical for Angel.

"I just got a warm feeling, because this is where I began my Big Ten experience," the former DuPont pharmaceutical manager said.

Still, there's no place like home. And home, at the University of Illinois, is where Angel plans to retire. After coaching everywhere from Iowa to Wichita State to Pike High School in Indianapolis, he hopes to throw out the moving boxes but keep the advice.

"I appreciate everything I learned," he said. "My time with Dan Gable, who was very influential to me, one of the things he left me with was to always dominate. And that's what I hope to do."

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# Unhyped Hawks

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He threw 22 touchdowns and just seven interceptions last season.

But replacing graduating receivers Ed Hinkel and Clinton Solomon could affect his game.

Tight end Scott Chandler, who finished with a team-high 47 receptions while collecting 552 yards and a pair of touchdowns, will be Tate's top target in 2006. With sophomore Tony Moeaki showing flashes last season as a true freshman, look for more double tight end sets or Chandler lining up in the slot.

For a successful passing game, Iowa needs ones of its lesser-experienced receivers to make a big contribution in 2006. Herb Grigsby, Calvin Davis, and Andy Brodell are the top candidates, although Grigsby is the only one who caught double-digit passes last season.

Another receiver to watch could be redshirt freshman Trey Stross, a 6-3 high-school All-American who stood out on the scout team last fall.

A year after replacing an all-senior front four on defense, the Hawkeyes must find substitutes for two of the best linebackers in school-history and a pair of four-year starters at cornerback.

All-Americans Chad Greenway and Abdul Hodge — both appear to be first-day locks in the NFL draft in three months — can't be replaced. Ed Miles, who finished third on the team with 68 tackles, must continue to improve and needs to tally 100-plus tackles. Mike Humpal, Zach Gabelmann, and Mike Klinkenborg will see most of the minutes at the other two spots.

Cornerbacks Jovon Johnson and Antwan Allen depart after compiling 86 career starts with 25 total interceptions. Junior Adam Shada, who started three games and intercepted three passes in 2005, will be the No. 1 corner in front of an experienced core of safeties, with Marcus Paschal and Miguel Merrick. Safety Charles Godfrey or cornerback Bradley Fletcher is projected to start at the fourth secondary spot.

The defensive line, perceived as a weakness at the start of the 2005 season, needs to continue its strong run at the end of the year, where the unit helped hinder the powerful rushing attacks of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Ferentz has at least five or six players who he would feel comfortable starting. Iowa's schedule looks favorable, with home contests against such tougher foes as Iowa State, Ohio State, and Wisconsin — and a trip to Michigan not until late October. However, Ferentz admits that his team, which has gained recognition for finishing seasons strong, needs to get off to a faster start.

"We need to do better in September," he said. "That has been something in my mind for some time."

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# A look at Big Ten recruiting

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a big-time linebacker needs. Assuming he qualifies, he makes an impact this year."

**4. ILLINOIS:** Ron Zook's already landed 27 kids in this class, including five at wide receiver. He's received commitments at nearly every position on the field, and, word is, he's not finished, yet.

**The jewel:** Isiah Williams, Rivals' third-best pro-style quarterback. At 6-2, 207-pounds, Williams owns the size and arm strength to succeed in the Big Ten.

"He's probably the best in terms of raw talent in the state of Illinois," said Jeff Johnson of OrangeandBlueNews.com. "I don't think he'll probably start right away, but I would not be surprised if he stepped in and started mid-year."

**The steal:** Joe Morgan, a 6-2, 175-pound receiver who reports a 4.4-second 40-yard dash. Just a two-star prospect by Rivals, Morgan hauled in 39 passes for over 1,000 yards and 13 touchdowns as a senior.

"He's kind of a track guy who as a sophomore and junior didn't play much," Johnson said. "But he really came on in his senior year."

**The hope-to-get:** Christ Duvall, a 5-9, 159-pound corner

"It would be a big get," Johnson said. "They need a cover corner bad, real bad."

**5. MICHIGAN STATE:** The Spartans hold pledges from four-star athletes at six different positions and count 18 commitments overall.

**The jewel:** Eric Gordon, a 6-0, 217-pound inside linebacker. Rivals rates Gordon as its fourth-best player out of Michigan, and the senior graduated from high-school early in order to enroll at Michigan State for spring practice.

"He was the talk of the NIKE Camp this past spring, when he clocked a 4.5 second 40-yard dash, benched pressed 185 pounds for 30 repetitions, and excelled in position drills," said Matt Dorsey of SpartanMag.com.

**The steal:** Quarterback Connor Dixon, who reports a 4.45 second 40-yard dash and who committed to the Spartans on July 17, before he passed for 21 touchdowns and ran for nine more as a senior. Michigan State provided his only Division-I scholarship offer.

"Dixon camped at Michigan State over the summer and out-performed numerous prospect who were getting much more media attention," Dorsey

said. "In addition to playing quarterback, Dixon also played safety and was responsible for preserving several wins with defensive plays."

**The hope-to-get:** Like Dixon, defensive tackle Mike Blanc is 6-4. But unlike the rail-thin Dixon, Blanc weighs 265 pounds. Besides the Spartans, Blanc reports offers from Arizona State, Auburn, and Rutgers.

"Defensive line recruiting is critical for Coach [John L.] Smith this year, and a player like Blanc would have an excellent opportunity to see early time for the Spartans," Dorsey said.

**6. PURDUE:** The Boilermakers' are suffering through some tumultuous times, but neither on-field nor off-field issues have hurt recruiting nationally. 21 prospects, including seven juco players, committed to Purdue thus far, all hailing from outside Indiana.

**The jewel:** Kyle Sheehan, 6-5, 260 pounds, who reports a 4.81 second 40-yard dash and who enrolled early so he could participate in spring practice.

"I personally think that defensive tackle Kyle Sheehan is a blue-chip prospect, though he may have been overlooked some by national recruiting experts," said Brian Neubert of GoldandBlack.com.

"Moving from Georgia to Minnesota and committing to Purdue a whole year before signing will have that effect. Sheehan is huge, athletic, aggressive, and can really run. How many defensive tackle recruits ran track as sprinters last spring?"

**The steal:** 6-2, 178-pound athlete Christian Cafisch, who played quarterback in high-school and whose only other offer came from Texas-El Paso.

"After an outstanding run in the Texas playoffs and an appearance in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, at which he is said to have done very well at receiver in practice, he now looks like a real steal for Purdue," Neubert said.

**The hope-to-get:** The Boilermakers lose arguably their top four defensive backs from a year ago, so a pledge from 6-1, 175-pound David Pender, a three-star cornerback, would definitely be welcome.

"He's really, really fast," Neubert said. "He's been a state champion in four different track events, including the 100 meters, and if you know anything about athletics in Georgia, that's pretty impressive."

**7. WISCONSIN:** Of the Badger's 16 pledges thus far, at least 11 will get a look on the offensive side of the ball, including two homegrown studs.

**The jewel:** Jake Bscherer, a 6-7, 270-pound offensive lineman, and Lance Kendrick, a 6-4, 207-pound receiver, both get the nod here. Rivals rates the

duo, both four-star prospects, as the No. 1 and No. 2 best prospects out of Wisconsin, respectively.

"In recruiting, there is always that idea of building an invisible fence around your borders and keeping the best players home," said Paul Day of BadgerBlitz.com. "The Badgers were able to do that in landing these two in-state, national recruits."

**The steal:** Issa Anderson, 5-11, 165-pound receiver, who has been clocked at 4.39 seconds in the 40-yard dash, is rated just a two-star prospect by Rivals. Part of what makes the burner such a sleeper is his age.

"Anderson will arrive on campus as a 17-year old, so he has several years of maturing ahead of him," Day said. "Anderson is a very athletic 16-year old, having setting the Minnesota state 100-meter record, with a time of 10.94 seconds."

**The hope-to-get:** Five-star signal-caller Brent Schaeffer, who Rivals rates as its third-best junior-college player, would be a gargantuan get for the Badgers. He reports a 4.4 second 40-yard dash and combined to pass and run for 50 touchdowns at College of the Sequoias in Visalia, Calif.

"There is no doubt that JUCO quarterback Brent Schaeffer, formally a quarterback at Tennessee, is the top prospect remaining on the Badgers' recruiting board," Day said. "The Badgers are competing with Ole Miss and NC State for Schaeffer, with V-Tech possibly having a shot."

**8. IOWA:** Like the Boilermakers, the Hawkeyes traveled long distances to find athletes in a down year for talent in the Midwest. Only one of their 17 commits, offensive lineman Julian Vandervelde, hails from Iowa, and even he won't enroll until the spring of 2007.

**The jewel:** Iowa's lone four-star recruit, 6-3, 247-pound defensive end Adrian Claybron. Rivals' No. 1 rated prospect in Missouri, Claybron played mostly linebacker and tight end in high-school.

"He has size, speed, and is a really explosive player," said Tom Kakert of HawkeyeReport.com.

**The steal:** Paul Chaney, 5-8, 157-pound receiver, garnered only two-stars by Rivals and only one other scholarship offer. But what he lacks in hype, he makes up in speed — Chaney reports a 4.4 second 40-yard dash.

"He has unreal speed and is perhaps the most gifted overall athlete in this class," Kakert said. "If he had a couple more inches, he is Ted Ginn, and that is not too bad."

**The hope-to-get:** Michael

Crabtree, 6-1, 190-pound receiver, who plans to visit Iowa City on Friday. Crabtree is a four-star prospect who reports a 4.5 second 40-yard dash and who will likely decide between the Hawkeyes, Texas Tech, Kansas, Illinois, and Baylor.

"He's just electric on the field; he's got great speed and great instincts," Kakert said. "To me, he's a really good football player who's got a lot of potential to be a special football player."

**9. MINNESOTA:** The Gophers have landed 19 commitments thus far, including five offensive lineman — although only one of the bunch received more than two stars from Rivals.

**The jewel:** Jamar Howard, 6-5, 200 pounds, poses match-up nightmares for most cornerbacks, so it's easy to understand why Iowa, West Virginia, Pittsburgh, and Purdue all offered him scholarships.

"If you see him on video, he can do it all," said Matt O'Connell of GopherIllustrated.com. "He can get downfield, he can go up and make a catch, he can get physical with defensive backs. He's going to be special. He's kind of like Ernie Wheelwright."

**The steal:** Lee Campbell, 6-3, 220-pound linebacker, certainly qualifies. Despite holding offers from just the Gophers, Stanford, and Florida Atlantic, the pride of Naples, Fla., excited quite a few people in Minnesota.

"He was named Defensive Player of the Year, in his part of the state," O'Connell said. "He's undefeated as a wrestler, and he put up huge numbers in high-school."

**The hope-to-get:** Jason Kates, a 6-2, 324-pound defensive tackle, would be the Gophers' first four-star commitment. Coach Glen Mason is battling a host of other programs who've extended offers, however, for the services of the mammoth Kates.

"That [defensive tackle] is a position that's really been hurting the Gophers," O'Connell said. "They've not received a lot of production out of there since John Schlect left in the late 90s."

**10. NORTHWESTERN:** Thus far Northwestern has earned commitments from just 14 players, a league-low. And only four of those prospects boast even a three-star rating by Rivals.

**The jewel:** When your "jewel" is a two-star kicker, you know the pickings are slim. But the Wildcats' 5-10, 190-pound Stefan Demos might be the real deal. Rivals rates him as the nation's sixth-best kicker.

"Demos hit 12-of-14 field goals, with a long of 51 yards, in 2005," said Louie Vaccher of

WildcatReport.com "And he also routinely boomed kickoffs into the end zone for touchbacks. Demos was also an All-State punter, and the Cats could use one of those, too."

**The steal:** Brendan Mitchell, a 6-2, 233-pound tight end, is a bit of an unknown commodity after committing to the Wildcats early in September. But that anonymity might not last, once he acclimates himself to Big Ten football.

"He's big, fast, and very athletic," Vaccher said. "And he may be the type of player to raise the stature of the tight end in Northwestern's offense."

**The hope-to-get:** Bryant Browning would be a huge get for any program, literally. The 6-3.5, 339-pound senior is Rivals' 18th rated offensive guard. He will likely choose a school from between Northwestern, Ohio State, Tennessee, and Michigan State.

"The smart money says that Browning will land at Ohio State," Vaccher said. "After all, his high-school coach is Ted Ginn Sr. ... but NU still has a shot."

**11. INDIANA:** It's tough to finish 11th in a conference called the Big Ten, but that's what the Hoosiers managed with their 2006 recruiting class. Seven of their 16 recruits play on the offensive line.

**The jewel:** A relative bright spot, however, is 6-2, 191-pound linebacker Matt Mayberry, a three-star recruit.

"He announced early, and it was the way he announced — on a TV show," said T.J. King of Peegs.com. "Plus the fact that he plays linebacker, which is really a position of need, and it was big."

**The steal:** One could plug in almost any of the Hoosiers' prospects here. But William Patterson, a 5-11, 206-pound linebacker who amassed 134 tackles as a senior, earns the nod.

"He's really a hard-hitter, sort of an old-school football player," King said. "He's been getting a lot of compliments from the coaches."

**The hope-to-get:** Like the Wildcats, the Hoosiers would love to secure the services of Bryant Browning. Although not one of Browning's favorites, they're got an outside shot of landing the giant.

"One of his teammates committed recently, so, hopefully, that helps," King said. "Offensive line's a really big need for them, so he'd be the top recruit, if they got him."

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# UAB hoopster finds post-Katrina joy

BY JOHN ZENOR  
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Carldell “Squeaky” Johnson can look into the stands to find his mother now. She’s the one wearing a T-shirt with his picture on it.

But for five days after Hurricane Katrina struck, the UAB point guard didn’t know if she or other family members in New Orleans had survived.

They did. And since several have relocated to Birmingham, they’ve been able to see Johnson enjoy his best season yet.

“That’s the greatest,” he said. “You’ve got something to look forward to. Instead of me calling home to tell them how it went, they can see for themselves.”

So far, he’s put on a pretty good show. Johnson leads Conference USA in 3-point shooting and assist-to-turnover margin and ranks second in steals and assists in guiding the Blazers to a 12-3 start. Never a prolific scorer, the 5-10 guard has even boosted his scoring average from 5.0 points to 8.3.

His averages of 6.4 assists and 3.3 steals are also career-highs. And that 57 percent 3-point shooting is nearly double his numbers from last season.

Plus, he gets some good Cajun cooking and quality time with his mother, Elise Ramsey.

“He’s probably one of the happiest, and he feels like he’s one of the luckiest guys in the world,” UAB coach Mike Anderson said.

Johnson didn’t feel like that after Katrina hit in August, destroying his boyhood home, rendering his mom and other family members homeless, and leaving him with no idea of their fate. Like many, he was riveted to the TV news for days — and late nights — searching for nuggets of information.

Lonnie Johnson, Squeaky’s older brother, was in Baton Rouge and drove to the Superdome in New Orleans. There he was told Ramsey and his stepfather, Kevin Owens, were already on a bus to Houston, with others forced to evacuate.

Lonnie Johnson finally found them in Houston and called his brother to let him know they were OK. Then, a Houston church whose pastor knew UAB assistant coach



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UAB’s Carldell Johnson dribbles past Marshall’s Chris Ross on Jan. 14 in Huntington, W.Va. UAB won. 76-64.

“He’s probably one of the happiest, and he feels like he’s one of the luckiest guys in the world.”

— UAB basketball head coach Mike Anderson

T.J. Cleveland put Ramsey and Owens on a bus to Birmingham.

Now, they live with Lonnie Johnson and his son in an apartment a short drive from Squeaky.

“I lost everything, but I managed to have my life,” said Ramsey, who nicknamed her son “Squeaky” as a young child. “Thank God for that.”

There is one thing she doesn’t like about watching her son play.

“When he falls, that’s when I get scared,” Ramsey said. “He was accident-prone growing up; that’s why

I’m so scared when hits that floor. He had everything broken on him but his neck.”

These days, Squeaky Johnson is one of the league’s steadiest point guards since transferring to UAB after spending his freshman season at Salt Lake Community College in Utah.

The senior has helped lead the Blazers to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances, finishing with the nation’s best assist-to-turnover ratio last season.

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# After 'Great Escape', Steelers look to Denver

BY ALAN ROBINSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — They overcame a bungled call and a fumbled ball, and now the Pittsburgh Steelers are headed to their sixth and least-anticipated trip to the AFC championship game in a dozen years under coach Bill Cowher.

The difference this time is the road they're taking, a route they've never traveled in their 73-year history — but one that is bringing out the best in a team that, in recent years, has played its worst in mid-January.

To reach the Jan. 22 AFC championship game in Denver, the Steelers withstood a late-season three-game losing streak that left them without a home playoff game — and the biggest breakdown the Bus has ever had.

After going 100-1-1 in regular-season games under Cowher when leading by 10 points or more, only what may be remembered as the Great Escape allowed the Steelers to get this far.

"We all believed we can get this done," wide receiver Hines Ward said. "We all believe."

But would anybody have believed all this?

After underachieving so many times before in the playoffs — remember the AFC title-game collapse against the Chargers in January 1995 and the twin failures in 2002 and 2005 against the Patriots? — these Steelers are overachieving like never before.

Until this season, the Steelers had won only two road playoff games in 30 years, none under Cowher. Now, they've won two in two weeks, including a 21-18 heart-stopper of an upset Sunday in Indianapolis that almost featured one of the most amazing collapses in NFL playoff history. Almost.

"Maybe this is the way to do it," Cowher said of going on the road in the playoffs rather than playing at home, where they are only 1-4 in AFC title games under him. "We haven't been too successful, the other way."



Tom Starttman/Associated Press

Pittsburgh Steeler running back Jerome Bettis follows the block of Dan Kreider for a one-yard touchdown in the NFL playoff football game against the Colts on Sunday in Indianapolis.

They have been wildly successful this way, playing with confidence and an on-the-edge aggression that was visibly missing

when they were 15-1 and the top-seed in last season's playoffs before losing to New England, 41-27, for the conference title.

"Everybody counted us out about six weeks ago, so don't change now," linebacker Joey Porter said. "Everybody was

against us, so keep it that way. It keeps a chip on our shoulder; it makes us play like we know how to play."

Well, at least for 55 minutes Sunday in Indianapolis it did.

After dominating the Colts for three quarters to open a 21-3 lead, the Steelers admittedly may have gone into a protective-lead shell too early, and the Colts surged back, to make it 21-18.

Of course, it didn't help that the second Colts' TD came after what the NFL said Monday was a blown call, referee Pete Morelli's reversal of Steelers safety Troy Polamalu's interception with 5:26 remaining.

The mistake had to be a major one for the NFL to acknowledge it; the league almost never makes public its reviews of the officiating.

But the Steelers made a far worse gaffe of their own with 1:20 remaining. With Bettis carrying on a first down at the Colts' 2 and his teammates already celebrating on the sidelines, the Colts' Gary Brackett slammed his helmet into the ball and knocked it loose, sending it bouncing upfield.

Normally, Bettis carries the ball protectively, tucked high against his chest, but, this time, the ball seemed to be more in front of him than usual. That was all that Brackett needed to create Bettis' first fumble all season, one that almost rivaled Earnest Byner's famed The Fumble on what would have been a go-ahead touchdown for the Browns late in their 1988 AFC championship game loss to Denver.

If the Colts' Nick Harper hadn't been running on two sore legs after scooping up the ball, and if quarterback Ben Roethlisberger hadn't somehow stuck out an arm to make perhaps the most fortuitous tackle in team history, Bettis might have ended a Hall of Fame career with the mistake of a lifetime.

But Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt prevented that by missing a game-tying 46-yard field goal attempt on the Colts' final play.

Not since Franco Harris

caught a fast-tumbling deflected pass off his shoe tops and scored the most remarkable touchdown in NFL history — the Immaculate Reception — against the Oakland Raiders in 1972 have the Steelers been involved in such a bizarre and miraculous finish.

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## NFL admits ref blew call

BY DAVE GOLDBERG  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NFL said the referee made a mistake: Troy Polamalu caught the ball.

The league acknowledged Monday that referee Pete Morelli erred when he overturned on replay Polamalu's interception of a Peyton Manning pass Sunday in the playoff game between Pittsburgh and Indianapolis.

Mike Pereira, the league's vice president of officiating, said in a statement that Morelli should have let the call on the field stand.

"He maintained possession long enough to establish a catch," Pereira said. "Therefore, the replay review should have upheld the call on the field that it was a catch and fumble."

After the reversal, made with 5:26 left in Pittsburgh's win over the Colts, Indianapolis went on to score a touchdown and a two-point conversion, cutting the Steelers' 21-10 lead to 21-18. That led to a wild final few minutes, filled with unbelievable twists and turns, including Colts kicker Mike Vanderjagt's missed 46-yard field-goal attempt that clinched it for Pittsburgh.

On the play, Polamalu made a diving catch of Manning's pass, tumbled with it in his hands, and got up to run. As he did, he fumbled the ball, then recovered. Colts coach Tony Dungy challenged, and Morelli ruled Polamalu had not completed the catch.

Shortly after the game, Morelli said: "I had the defender catching the ball. Before he got up, he hit it with his leg with his other leg still on the ground. Therefore, he did not complete the catch. And then he lost the ball. It came out, and so we made the play an incomplete pass."

Had the call stood, the Steelers would have had the ball at

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— Pittsburgh Steeler  
linebacker Joey Porter

their own 48 with an 11-point lead.

"The definition of a catch — or in this case an interception — states that in the process of making a catch a player must maintain possession of the ball after he contacts the ground," Pereira said.

"The rule regarding the performing of an act common to the game applies when there is contact with a defensive player and the ball comes loose, which did not happen here."

The NFL almost never makes public the result of its reviews, although it did three years ago, when Pereira said officials should have called pass interference against San Francisco on the final play of a wild-card game with the New York Giants. The correct call would have given New York a second chance to kick a game-winning field goal in a 39-38 loss.

The call in Indianapolis incensed Pittsburgh linebacker Joey Porter, who said after the game: "I know they wanted Indy to win this game; the whole world loves Peyton Manning. But come on, man, don't take the game away from us like that."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello had no comment on Porter's statement.

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