A happy, average family

BY MARGARET POE
THE DAILY IOWAN

A pair of high-spirited female voic- ees perked an otherwise dank Iowa City kitchen recently, as a pair of miniature hands both past milk and eggs in search of an afternoon snack.

Marcus Davis, 32, and wife Laura Miller were pronounced fatal fire victims on Monday afternoon, Iowa City residents (from left to right) Dawn, Breeanna, McKinley, and Jen Barboroske say they are like any other family. Dawn and Jen Barboroske have been together for 15 years and want their relationship and family to be recognized legally. The two agree that they work to make a better community not just for gays but for all Iowans.

‘A happy, average family’

2 face life in fatal fire

BY REBECCA MCKINNIA
THE DAILY IOWAN

Two former Iowa City men face life in prison when they are arraigned today on charges they set fire to an Iowa City apartment five years ago — killing one UI stu- dent and injuring his wife.


Kurtis Miller, 20, and wife Laura Miller — both UI stu- dents — were transported to UI Hospital and Clínics follow- ing the handcuff blues. Kurtis Miller was pronounced dead at the hospital because of smoke and soot inhalation and thermal injuries.

Davis was arrested in Chicago in early December. Meanwhile, Edwards, currently serving a sentence for possession of a firearm with a felony, was located by local authorities.

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Timeline

March 9, 2000 — Fire at 845 Cross Park Ave. kills UI stu- dent Kurtis Miller and injures wife Laura Miller.

March 9, 2000 — Investigation of the fire reveals the fire was intentionally set, and Kurtis Miller’s death is investigated as a homicide by local authorities.

Sept. 14, 2005 — Former Iowa City residents Marcus Davis and Stephen Edwards are arrested.

Dec. 5, 2005 — Davis is arraigned in Chicago; Edwards continues to serve a prison sentence for the possession of a firearm with a felony.

Jan. 18, 2006 — Davis and Edwards are arraigned in Fed- eral court, facing the charge of maliciously damaging and destroying, by means of fire, the Iowa City apartment.

Oversnag said he was not able to revisit the exact reason that the investigation lingered for more than five years with- out charges, but, he said, any investigation’s goal is to gather all evidence possible before heading to trial.

Agency: N. Liberty violating discharge limitations

BY JASON PULLIAM
THE DAILY IOWAN

The city of North Liberty has repeatedly violated discharge limitations for solids pursuant to the operating permit of its wastewater-treatment facility, according to a recent notice served by the Iowa Department of Resources.

Twenty-two violations between November 2004 and September 2005 were identified in the letter, pre- viously unreported by city officials.

The violations were announced in recent city council meetings and although the city did not acknowledge the violations, city officials said they were working to correct them.

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• Number of in-home childcare providers in Iowa: 13,000
• Number of total Iowa children in childcare: 180,000
• Number of registered childcare providers in Iowa: 8,000
• Annual state pay raises for low-income children: $7.36-$11.25 per child for a half-day
• Childcare providers unionized in Iowa: 4,000
• Wage increase after Illinois unionization: 33 percent

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A pair of executive orders that Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack signed Monday would allow in-home child- care providers across the state to unionize for the first time ever, but a pair of unions competing for the job leave some local providers wondering just who will take charge of the efforts.

Both the AFSCME-Chil- dcare Providers Together and the Service Employees International Union are trying to organize the 13,000 men and women who care for an estimated 8,000 children in the state, which requires providers to meet health and safety stan- dards, receive nutrition training, and under- go background checks.

Mark Tupper, the president of the Des Moines-based Early Education Benefits Association, which is aligned with AFSCME on the issue, said registration is important because “children is an indus- try in this state, and any industry needs legality standards.”

Representatives of the service-employed union, however, say they are not interested in organizing both registered and unregistered providers. Childcare providers supporting that union’s effort are not interested in being unionized.

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Savings plan aims at students

BY COLIN BURKE
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If one of your relatives gave you an annuity to save for your child's college, there's a chance that the government would have to collect an extra 50% in taxes from you. This is because the U.S. government has made it more difficult for you to save for your child's education in recent years. The result is that many parents are turning to other options, such as 529 college savings plans or Roth IRAs, to save for their children's education.

One of the most popular options for saving for college is the 529 plan, which is a type of prepaid tuition plan. These plans allow you to set aside money for your child's college education without paying any state or federal taxes on the interest earned. However, if you use the money for anything other than college expenses, you will owe taxes on the investment gains, plus a 10% penalty.

Another option is the Roth IRA, which allows you to contribute after-tax dollars to an account that earns tax-free growth. With a Roth IRA, you can withdraw your contributions tax-free, but you will owe taxes on the investment gains when you withdraw them.

Many people choose to use a combination of these options to save for their children's education. This allows them to take advantage of the tax benefits of both types of plans, while also providing flexibility in how they use the money.

To learn more about saving for your child's college education, visit the Iowa College Access Network website or speak with a financial advisor.

Martin Moon and Robert Watson, two professors at the University of Iowa, recently published a study in the Journal of Business Ethics that found that companies are increasingly looking to employee benefits as a way to attract and retain top talent. In their study, they found that companies that offered employee benefits had higher employee retention rates and lower employee turnover.

One of the most popular employee benefits is a 401(k) plan, which allows employees to save for their retirement. However, many companies are also providing more flexible options, such as retirement planning workshops and access to financial advisors.

Another benefit that companies are offering is paid time off. This allows employees to take time off for personal reasons, such as family emergencies or medical appointments.

To learn more about the benefits offered by companies, visit the Iowa Chamber of Commerce website or speak with a local chamber of commerce.

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WASHINGTON — If you want to work for the federal government, it helps to have served in the military.

At least the Civil War, veterans have enjoyed an official leg up on other federal job seekers, both as an appreciation for their sacrifice and because of a belief that they are skilled team players. As a general practice, veterans who meet minimum qualifications for a job have five or 10 points added to their numerical rating when competing for civil service positions.

"We as a federal government owe our veterans the utmost assurance that, when they return from their service way, we will provide them their entitlement to veteran preference based on service," Linda Springer, the director of the Office of Personnel Management, said in a new annual report on federal employment of veterans.

The 55-page report, released last week, looks at federal agencies' outreach efforts in fiscal 2006, the most recent year for which data are available. The report notes, for instance, that veteran preference — accounted for by 33.8 percent of new, full-time permanent federal hires in 2006 — has increased from 1.6 percent in 2003.

Overall, the government employed 453,783 veterans in 2006, more than two-thirds (1.4 million) of the 2.1 million-strong federal civilian workforce. More than half of all veterans in the government make about $1 per hour, or work in the Defense Department.

The long-term trend, however, shows a gradual decline. In 1994, 558,347 veterans made up 28 percent of the government's workforce. Since 2000, the number has never reached 26 percent. In fact, the raw number of veterans employed fell in eight of the 10 years since 1995. (Veterans do not have a separate employment category in the government; these numbers are estimated.)

Administration officials have sought out veterans at job fairs, through recruiting visits and other outreach, and through training for service members. Agencies have recently begun collaborating with the Department of Veterans Affairs. "I would like to see a greater coordination of effort by the administration to help veterans, service members, and military families," said Mr. Springer.

A new report compiled by the Veterans Affairs says that such efforts are working. "Veterans have sought out veterans at job fairs, through recruitment visits to military installations, and through training for service members.

"The federal government has made a major effort to recruit more veterans," said Joseph Sharpe, deputy director for economics at the American Legion. "I do foresee a positive trend for the federal government."
New York police officers enter the Queen of Peace Church in North Arlington, N.J., on Jan. 10 before the funeral of retired NYPD Officer James Zadroga. Zadroga's family and friends believe he died as a 9/11 victim. The New York detective, logged 470 hours on 9/11, died Oct. 23 of respiratory illnesses related to the job. James Zadroga. Zadroga's family and friends believe he died as a New York police officers enter the Queen of Peace Church in North early to draw that conclusion.

They died that day and didn’t realize that several people who died that year. "I think that there are Zero workers who died last year." Doctors running different health-screening programs say it is too soon to say whether the long-term health effects of working at Ground Zero. While thousands of people who either worked or lived near the site have reported ailments such as "Trade Center cough," since the terrorist attacks, said before 9/11, Faeth said. He left the job in 2004 when he cystic fibrosis, Pellegrino said. He died on June 23 of heart disease complicated by diabetes since mid-2004. He said he had contracted asthma and was told by doctors that it is too soon to say whether it is related to 9/11.

Hernandez was diagnosed with variational respiratory diseases and was told by doctors at one point that he may have cystic fibrosis, Pellegrino said. He became too weak to climb stairs, and died Oct. 21 of respiratory ailments in Florida, and colleagues who spoke with his family. Felix Hernandez, 31, worked on rescue and recovery work at Ground Zero following the attacks, said his former super- vised the cleanup over.

Hernandez and Faeth, each with a decade on the job, say the previous health problems problem in the city. Both Keller and Hernandez, not to take decades to get a clear picture of the long-term health effects of working at Ground Zero.

The city Department of Mental Health and Hygiene, which is tracking the health of workers who either worked at or lived near the site, is still trying to tally up to 40,000 people who died or became ill from any deaths or illnesses among more than 14,000 Ground Zero Trade Center exposure. Researchers who study the health of people who worked at Ground Zero say they are uncertain about the long-term consequences of exposure to toxic dust and debris, and last week they said it is too soon to say whether they were working at times near "terrorist-related deaths or illnesses among people who are of sound mind, and who are of sound mind, and who are of sound mind, and who are of sound mind," state Solicitor General Scott McClellan said the Justice Department had immediately begun a review of what the impact might be. "We are disappointed at the decision," he said. "The president remains fully committed to building a culture of life, a culture of life that is built on valuing life at all stages."
The BarbouRoskes are part of a 12-person lawsuit calling for the fair treatment of childcare workers. They said they decided to sue "because they want to retain the benefits that are already in place." The suit was filed by the National Resource and Support Centers in 2001, and it is still pending.

"We're hoping that the court will make some kind of a 2002 market rate," said Jill Dodds, the president of the service employees union. "That would help all of us.

"We're asking for the same kinds of things that are being offered to the teachers and the police, the firefighters, the nurses, the everyone," she said. "We need a fair wage for our work."

"It's a matter of fairness," said Darin BarbouRoske. "We should be able to make a living wage, and we should be able to provide benefits to our families."

"We're asking for the same thing that everyone else is getting," said Jill Dodds. "We're asking for the same wages that everyone else is getting."
New Orleans colleges reopen their doors

BY JUSTIN POPE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — For the first time of the school year, Alusse Bigger was in an upbeat mood.

Hurricane Katrina closed several major New Orleans colleges last semester but the start of classes Tuesday at Tulane, Xavier, and Southern Universities marked a welcome return to normalcy.

“I don’t think I’ve ever been so excited about the first day of school. I’m so happy just to be back,” said Bigger, a Tulane sophomore. “It’s proving there’s still a lot of hope for the city, if the school can run, we can go back to doing normal things.

None of the colleges are fully up to speed, and it could be years — if ever — before all are back to what they once were.

But with their energy, optimism, and free-spending ways, college students could be just what this changing city needs right now.

“Most of you have returned at a time when many would have stayed away,” jazz trumpeter Wynton Marsalis said Monday night at an event on Tulane’s campus welcoming back the city’s students, before setting a band with the included performer: his father, Ellis.

“Now that you are here, you have the opportunity to set a new tone, not only a new tone for New Orleans, but a new tone for our nation.”

Gov. Kathleen Blanco told the students their return was a boost for the city and asked them to commit their summers to helping rebuild the state.

“Your state needs you,” she said. “They need your minds, your good ideas, your contagious energy, your spirit, to rebuild.”

The half-dozen or so major colleges in the city have plenty of problems of their own. Many classes will be held in trailers in small conference rooms while they continue to repair of millions of dollars of damage to buildings, and overall enrollment is considerably lower than before the storm.

Still, more students have returned than initially feared, including 88 percent at Tulane — offering the prospect of both an immediate economic boost and, down the road, an educated workforce to rebuild the city.

An estimated 65,000 students attended New Orleans colleges before the storm, and about 40,000 lived in the city, according to the 2000 census.

Not only is Tulane the city’s largest employer, but the reopening of the school will boost New Orleans’ population. 20 percent, President Scott Cowen said Tuesday at Tulane, Tulane had 13,214 students, 7,076 undergraduate and 5,238 as graduate students.

In the short run, businesses, from bars to bookstores should see a much-needed revenue boost. In the long run, the city hopes they will stay after graduation as a skilled workforce.

Some neighborhoods around Tulane and Loyola are relatively vibrant, but Xavier, the country’s only historically black and Roman Catholic college, is in an area of mostly abandoned homes and stores.

Dillard, near the Avenue Canal breach, was so badly damaged that it will not reopen there until at least next fall. Even then, it will almost certainly be an island of life in a sea of empty neighborhoods.

Meanwhile, co-chairman of the mayor’s arts commission that was announcing recommendations Tuesday for preserving the city’s cultural heritage after Katrina urged students to commit themselves to rebuilding.

But he also had words for the mayor’s politicians, urging to “realize the importance of holding your elders and your peers accountable when it comes to rebuilding the city of New Orleans.”

“Your challenges is to rebuild a great city in these times of unceasing, unbelievable callousness and corruption,” he said.

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Democrat, who are unveiling their own lobbying ethics package today, chided Republicans for addressing the issue only after the Abramoff scandal, helped bring down two senators and cast a shadow on next fall’s elections.

Democratic Senator Tom Daschle (D-S.D.), who had stepped down as majority leader after being indicted on campaign-finance charges, said Thursday that attempts to regain his job after the guilty plea of Abramoff, with whom he had long had ties, was “ridiculous,” another recipient of benefits from Abramoff’s clients, has temporarily suspended his leadership of the Senate Appropriations Committee.

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said she had been more than a decade, Speaker Hastert and other Republicans have benefited from their systemic failures to check the expense of the American people. Today the Republican-controlled lobbying reform proposal sticks a Band-Aid on a gaping wound.

The Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Demo- cratic Whip Richard Durbin of Illinois have said their states that they may not longer accept gifts, meals, or travel from lobbyists.

Within minutes of Hatch’s news conference, Republican senators met with reporters to announce Senate plans for lobbying reform.

San John McCain, R-Ariz., often at odds with his party on Matters of principle, said at his high- priced restaurant, golfing trips, and skybox seats. Abramoff has pleaded guilty to corruption-related charges and is cooperating with prosecutors.

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ACCRA, Ghana — In a muggy college auditorium, first lady Laura Bush on Tuesday announced a U.S.-backed program to provide 15 million textbooks for students in Sub-Saharan Africa where more than one-third of primary school aged children are not enrolled in school.

“It’s not uncommon in rural areas to see just one textbook for a whole classroom,” Bush said at Accra Teacher Training College.

“Girls, especially girls in rural villages, are much less likely than boys to attend school. And students who live in poverty have few opportunities for schooling because their parents cannot afford the school fees or buy uniforms and books.”

Bush was joined by representatives of six U.S. colleges and universities that are receiving USAID funds to produce and distribute textbooks in Ghana, Senegal, Zambia, Tanzania, South Africa, and Ethiopia. The colleges are: Chicago State University, Elizabeth City State University in North Carolina, Tougaloo College in Mississippi, South Carolina State University, the University of Texas-San Antonio, and Alabama A&M University.

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The program is part of President Bush’s Africa Education Initiative, a $600 million commitment to provide books, scholarships, school uniforms and teacher training so that more children in Africa can attend school. Laura Bush said the initiative already has helped ship more than 2 million books to African schools and libraries.

The president of Ghana, John Kufuor, wiping sweat from his brow, thanked the first lady for visiting Ghana to underscore U.S. commitment to education in Africa, especially for girls.

“Madam, we know how you feel about educating the girl child,” he said. “We share this passion of yours.”

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Laura Bush unveiled book plan

First lady Laura Bush visits Africa promoting her husband’s Africa Education Initiative in an effort to get more textbooks and teachers in African classrooms.
CARMEN, Philippines — The United States on Tuesday refused a Philippine request to hand over four Marines charged with raping, provoking anti-American protests in the capital and the Muslim south, where U.S. troops began annual counterterrorism maneuvers in the southern town of Carmen, around 560 miles southeast of Manila, where they started monthlong exercises last weekend that they knew or suspected might have been Qaeda members.

Prosecutor Prudencio Jalandoni, the top Philippine prosecutor, said the U.S. rejection of the custody request was “an insult to our sovereignty.”

“Arrest the American troops, who have been operating inside our country, and let them pay,” he said.

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The protesters carried streamers “Never again to U.S. troops in our country” and “Weaken Al Qaeda-linked militants” and “U.S. troops out now”.

I am confident that we will not have problems that may have happened in the past,” Nagesh said, adding: “I will make sure that my soldiers behave in a manner and in keeping with our standards.”

Some of the guests left the dinner around midnight; a resident told the Lahore-based Daily Times Around 7 a.m. last Saturday they knocked down the village, destroying three homes, including a guesthouse where the dinner had been held.

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A good first answer to Egypt

This editorial appeared in Tuesday’s Washington Post.

The Bush administration has taken a first step toward adjusting its relationship with Egypt by offering President Hosni Mubarak some aid in exchange for progress in moving Egypt toward a more democratic political system. This is a good first answer to Egypt. Egypt’s poor human rights record, its continued occupation of the West Bank, and its autocratic nature make it an unsatisfactory partner for the United States.

This proposal places Egypt in the same category as any country that would like to receive aid from the United States. This would give Egypt an incentive to improve its human rights record and to abide by international law.

By offering Egypt aid in exchange for progress in democratic reform, the Bush administration is setting a precedent that can be applied to other countries. This would encourage other countries to follow suit and improve their human rights records.

This proposal is also consistent with the Bush administration’s stated goal of promoting democratic reform in the Middle East. By offering Egypt aid in exchange for progress in democratic reform, the Bush administration is taking a concrete step toward this goal.

In conclusion, this proposal is a good first answer to Egypt. The Bush administration should continue to work with Egypt to improve its human rights record and to promote democratic reform. This would be beneficial for both the United States and Egypt, and it would be consistent with the Bush administration’s stated goal of promoting democratic reform in the Middle East.
Local singer/songwriter Kathryn Musilek smokes in the entryway of the cellar under her residence. She uses the cellar to practice guitar, which she has played since she was 14. Musilek, whose continual use of the word “complicated” throughout the interview may be more focused on film than music or music or music or music, is the city of her ambitions.

“Music is a part of me. I can’t not do it. I just have to do it,” she said. “It’s something I’ll always be passionate about.”

Despite the fact that her songs may be symbolic for the impossibility of uncomplicated love, “I’m not a better job because of it,” she said.

“I have a lot of friends who are in love,” she added. “And they’re really happy. But I’m not sure about it as self, Kathryn Musilek, a young

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Badgers

Lawmakers pay tribute to Alvarez

The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye wrestling fans on Tuesday, as Iowa prepares to prepare No. 6 Iowa (6-3) for the reigning national champion in a game with major implications against LSU. Steve Alford and his newly Iowa radar.

"Don’t panic," the ninth- coach, will reunite with Hawk guard Horner, will host the struggling 9-5 and Wisconsin, before falling by 17 against LSU.

"Playing Minnesota here, at home, is going to be a tough game," Hawk coach Molly Alford. "This is a very good team."
**SPORTS**

**NEWS & TEN BASKETBALL**

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**HAWKEYE SPORTS SCHEDULE**

- Men's basketball hosts Minnesota, Carver-Hawkeye Arena, 7:05 p.m.
- Women's basketball at Wisconsin, 7:05 p.m.
- Men's gymnastics at LSU, 7 p.m.
- Volleyball at Illinois, 7 p.m.
- Women's tennis at Wisconsin, 11 a.m.
- Women's track at Indiana University, 7:30 p.m.

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**SPORTS ‘N STUFF**

**BY EDDIE PELLS**

DIENER — Every so often, during the past 15 years, hard-hitting Broncos safety John Diehl has had to step up for a confrontation — a rite of passage many believe he needs to go through in order to prove himself.

"It's a dangerous situation when you're against them, Lynch said. "You don't want to think about it, but to me, that's the reality of being a top-five defenser and the other guy, and the ball is out there."

Tackling Jerome Bettis. "Anytime you've got a back who's as big as he is, you've got a lot of tackles to make, and you've got to be able to do it."

"The tackling is just a fraction of what he does, Lynch said. "It's one thing when you play a little bit. You just think, 'When's the next time that I'm going to be out there?'"

Broncos waiting for the Bus

BY RYAN LONG

When freshman forward Nadasely VanderPal partially tore her MCL on Sunday at Northwestern, it was expected that the women's basketball team had suffered its fifth knee injury in the past seven months.

Even though VanderPal is projected to be back in three to six weeks without surgery, the odd situation brings back thoughts of the 2004 Iowa football squad, which was plagued by an identical number of knee injuries to its running backs.

Those particular Hawkeyes finished the season with a 10-2 overall record, a Big Ten Championship and a trip to the New Year's Day victory in the Capital One Bowl.

Now, Iowa coach Lisa Bluder is facing a task that she has never dealt with as a coach during her 15 years at the helm.

"I've never experienced anything like this with pregame injuries as we've had," she said. "It's one thing to be handling it, because, I think, after a while you can wear on your psyche a little bit. You just think, 'When's the next time that I'm going to have to?'"

With the ALC teams that crossed the paths of Lindsey Richards, comercia, Stacy Shlapkohl, and the memories of Ginger Graham — who returned to the floor in January after being out with a torn ACL for most of the season — VanderPal was another to be wrangling up and taking people for a confrontation — a rite of passage for the power forward.

"I played the 4 position when I was in high school, and when we lost Stacy in practice, I kind of started to make some changes and learned a couple of offensive things at the four position," she said. "I'm looking forward to it, and, hopefully, I can help the team at that position."

The Hawkeyes (11-4, 2-0) will continue to the Capital One Bowl on Thursday at 7:05 p.m. at Wisconsin (7-7, 1-1). The game will host No. 16 Minnesota (11-4, 4-1) on Dec. 22 at 10 a.m.

"What we've gone through this year, I'm proud of where we are," Bluder said. "We can continue to try to just continue to try to continue to want to win a lot more games, and I think this week is a very important week for us, and it's going to be the week."

Nadasely VanderPal partially tore MCL.

**NEXT WOMAN UP FOR HAWKS**

BY ROBERT GRANT

By The Associated Press

Thursday's Games

- Phoenix at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.
- Toronto at Portland, 9 p.m.
- Milwaukee at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
- Memphis at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
- Washington at Orlando, 6 p.m.
- Charlotte at Indiana, 6 p.m.
- Detroit at Atlanta, 6 p.m.

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Big 12 News

Iowa St. 88, Nebraska 79

By BRENDAN STILES

LINCOLN, Neb. — With his hospitalized mother weighing on his mind, Curtis Stinson turned in one of his best performances of the season.

The junior guard scored 20 of his 27 points in the final 9 minutes, 23 seconds of the NCAA Tournament.

"Nobody, obviously, likes getting slaughtered," said Stinson after Iowa's 88-79 win over Nebraska on Tuesday night. "We went on a run at the end of Iowa's 80-76 win at Penn State was that Allen called a "cloud stratagem," Freeman said. "He was warm-uping with the team by the end of practice Tuesday."
BY ANDREA ADelson

HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — Patriot defensive coordinator Eric Mangini was hired as New York Jets head coach Monday night, a few hours after the team interviewed former Viking coach Mike Tice.

The idea that Edwards would ask for an extension after going 4-12 may have rubbed some in the NFL the wrong way, leaving them no choice but to let Edwards go. After several days of negotiating, the Jets received a fourth-round pick as compensation for Edwards from the Giants.

Mangini inherits a team that has its share of questions. That is the big reason Edwards wanted an extension, because he anticipated it might take a few years to rebuild the team.

Quarterback Chad Pennington is coming off his second season under shoulder surgery. Though he vowed to be ready for the start of training camp, the Jet plan to bring in a veteran to compete for the starting job.

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SPORTS

CAROLINA TEAM HAS MADE IT TO THE NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME DESPITE NUMEROUS INJURIES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON

BY JENNA FRYER

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Carolina Panthers defensive end Julius Peppers has had more than his share of highs and lows this season. Peppers has earned All-Pro honors and led the team with 12 sacks, but the Panthers have struggled for much of the season with a middling defense.

Many of the Panthers’ struggles have been attributed to injuries. Carolina has had to play without key players for much of the season, including defensive end Julius Peppers, who has missed three games due to injuries.

But Peppers believes the Panthers have come together as a team despite the injuries. "We’ve had some really tough times, but we’ve been able to stay together as a unit," Peppers said. "We’ve been able to come out of this season with a win and a chance to make the playoffs."