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COMMENTARY

The fog of Israel



MEGHAN SIMS
EDITOR

A member of the Israeli Defense Force motions to the horizon as she describes to a group of American student media personnel the history of what she refers to as “the security fence.” Her weapon sways beside her hip as she gestures throughout her presentation, when off in the all-too-near distance, I hear it.

Ratatatatatatat. Five minutes into her spiel, and I am no longer listening. Is that gunfire? How near is it? Where would I run? I shoot our own Israeli tour guide a glance. He says he can tell by listening that the gunfire is too far away to be a real concern. It could be celebratory, he adds with a shrug, if there were a wedding.

This is the reality in this region of the world: One hears gunfire and can quickly judge its potential threat — if one isn’t already accustomed to blocking it out. So why would a college newspaper editor from the middle of the United States spend a week in Israel?

Well, money. The American Jewish Committee, the trip’s sponsor, paid for a selection of campus editors to attend. Without this aid, I could never have afforded to go.

But that the trip’s finances were taken care of was, of course, the most immediate of reasons I was able to, not why I wanted to participate. Education, cultural exposure, a responsibility as a student journalist to understand the issues at stake in a hotbed of political unrest, an opportunity to get out of Chicagoland during its ugliest season — all were reasons that influenced my decision to join Project Interchange.

The majority of our seminars featured speakers of Zionist or Jewish Israeli experience, but the committee also scheduled interactions with people whose perspectives often critiqued the pro-Israel position. We met with the founder and director of Palestinian Human Rights Monitoring Group; a Palestinian correspondent in the West Bank for the Associated Press; American and German media assigned to Israel; an Arab Israeli who served in Knesset, Israel’s Parliament; a Palestinian college professor; Palestinian college students; and Arab Israelis who work with Jewish Israelis in a joint gallery toward peaceful co-

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‘Day On’ honors memory of King



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UI juniors Alyssa Rodriguez (top left) and Lauren Adams (bottom) help paint shelving units in the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Monday. Volunteers organized merchandise and constructed new shelves to help out the ReStore for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, during which students and residents worked on their day off.

UI and Iowa City community members use the holiday to honor Martin Luther King Jr. rather than relax

BY DANE SCHUMANN
THE DAILY IOWAN

For most people, Monday was a time to relax and avoid the inclement weather. But for more than 50 UI students, staff, faculty, and local volunteers, it was a day to honor Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy with community service.

Volunteers trudged through fresh snow to sites in and around Iowa City in an effort to take a “day on, rather than day off” — how UI Civic Engagement Program sponsors explained the tone of Monday’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

As part of UI Human Rights Week, a number of lectures and celebrations are paying special tribute to King, the renowned civil-rights leader who was assassinated in 1968 after years of fighting racial intolerance.

UI rhetoric lecturer Patrick Dolan and his eighth-grade son Pat chose to volunteer together for the first time at the Iowa City Bike Library, where old and donated bicycle parts are used to create a new set of wheels.

“It’s just a good thing for us to do together,” Dolan said.

The Dolans and a handful of others dismantled bikes for six hours — so they could later be used at the Bike Library, 408 E. College St.

“I think [volunteering] is an important part of Dr. King’s Legacy,” said Amy Weismann, another Bike Library volunteer, who is also the deputy director of the UI Center for Human Rights. “I went wherever I was needed today.”

Near the outskirts of town, a group of 20 volunteered at Habitat

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UI sophomore Farah Towfic organizes electrical equipment at the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity ReStore on Monday. Towfic, among many others, volunteered for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Tait’s to be missed by some



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON TAIT’S NATURAL FOODS’

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BY AMANDA BATTAGLIA
THE DAILY IOWAN

While the popular salad bar and diverse selection of gourmet cheeses of Tait’s Natural Foods will no longer beckon to shop-

Tait’s Natural Foods grocery store, located in downtown Iowa City, will close because of a lack of sales

pers through wide storefront windows, owner Bob Tait hopes a new grocery store will take its place.

The shop, located in the heart of Iowa City’s Pedestrian Mall, filled part of Plaza Towers, which joined the city’s skyline in late 2005. The 14-story high-rise also encompasses a luxury hotel, a restaurant, and 24-hour fitness center.

Plaza Towers owner Marc Moen told *The Daily Iowan* nearly two years ago that he thought the downtown area needed a grocery store. He cited market research as proof the new natural-foods store had the potential to succeed.

“At the time, we thought it would be most beneficial to the citizens of Iowa City,” City Councilor Mike O’Donnell said.

Despite the great locale and liquor deals, the store couldn’t attract enough customers to make it.

“We just never had the customer sales we needed,” said Joan Tait, the wife of store owner Bob Tait.

Bob Tait said he was confounded by the lack of sales.

“I’m completely perplexed

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FUN FACTS ABOUT TAIT’S NATURAL FOODS

- Houses the only salad bar in downtown Iowa City
- Offers off-campus meal plan for students
- Has wine by the glass and beer singles
- Coffee and smoothie bar in the store
- Floral and gift department available

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HOOP DREAMS ON HOLD

Johanna Solverson, who has suffered two knee injuries in two years, will try it again next season, the NCAA willing. **1B**

MEDIA WAR

The battle between Mediacom and Sinclair drags on, leaving some Hawkeye basketball fans out in the cold. **3A**

PANCAKE LIBERATION

When artist Betye Saar got fed up with the stereotype that is Aunt Jemima, she decided a little liberation was in order. **15A**

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Study links tanning, cancer

But tanning advocates emphasize relaxation benefits and weak cancer correlation

BY KELSEY BELTRAMEA
THE DAILY IOWAN

Hilary Tennant was 15 years old her first time.

She walked into a small pink room, pulled the green door shut behind her, then pressed a round lock button centering a silver knob. Three minutes passed as she lay blanketed with a layer of coconut-scented lotion when, finally, the UV bulbs enveloping her flicked on.

But by exposing herself to artificial ultraviolet radiation for the first time, Tennant — now a UI freshman — increased her risk for melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, by 75 percent, according to new research released by the International Agency for Research on Cancer.

The agency, a part of the World Health Organization, has concluded that tanning teens and adults in their 20s are at the most risk for increased chances of developing melanoma and squamous cell skin cancer, the second-most common form of the disease.

In addition, the new studies show that fake tanning provides no visible benefits for tanners.

“This is the first conclusive scientific evidence that we have that tanning beds do harm and have no positive effects to users,” said John Lowe, a UI professor



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Senior Melissa Pniak, an employee at Sky Box, demonstrates a high-pressure standup tanning bed at Glow on Monday. New studies show that first-time tanners increase their risk of melanoma in the first session.

of community and behavioral health. “Young adults who are putting themselves in danger need to be aware of this.”

But the International Smart Tan Network, which speaks on behalf of Iowa City and Coralville #1 Sun Tanning Salons, noted that an overwhelming majority of studies show no significant association between melanoma and indoor or outdoor tanning.

A decade ago, the network nicknamed efforts to teach “proper” sun-care habits as “sun scare.”

Citing studies from 1990, the Smart Tan Network argued that melanoma is more common in people who work indoors than those who work outdoors and the cancer most often appears on parts of the body that do not receive regular exposure to sunlight.

But no matter what studies say, the haunting images stick with Anna Kopecky.

“I have only tanned four times,” the UI freshman said. “When I told my mom, she freaked out, got online, and showed me all these warnings and pictures. That’s why I stopped, because I knew every time I was going I was basically killing myself, so I’d rather be pale.”

She said she did understand, though, why some people tan. A darker complexion — sometimes available for an all-you-can-tan monthly fee of less than \$15 — is hard to turn down, she said.

George Etre, owner of Iowa City Fitness, said he limits the number of promotional deals during the peak pre-spring-break tanning season to try to curb excessive users.

“I’ve noticed that especially

around spring break, there have been a lot of kids going from place to place getting the deals, saying they’re first-timers,” he said. “And that’s just not healthy at all.”

Most of the time, Etre said the first-timers pay \$1 for a session, but the low startup fee will go up temporarily next month.

Etre also emphasized tanning as a therapeutic experience, saying people should tan for a short duration intermittently rather than “sitting in beds everyday for 20 minutes at a time.”

This is especially true for Tennant, who said frequent trips to the tanning bed help her relax.

“There’s the radio and fans,” she said. “And it just feels like I’m on the beach. It’s nice in the middle of the winter.”

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KING DAY



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Laurence Fuortes (left) and Sue Fuortes (center) walk down the snowy sidewalks of Iowa City on Monday, carrying a sign in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as UI Associate Professor David Dunlap accompanies them, snapping photographs. The procession began at the Hall Mall and ended at the IMU, and it included people dressed as buildings from New Orleans.

METRO

Man charged in alleged attack

Police have arrested an Iowa City man they accused of attacking a 20-year-old and an unnamed teenager on Jan. 14.

Authorities reported that Toney Washington, 47, was at an Iowa City apartment at 9:07 p.m. when he allegedly pulled a knife on the 20-year-old woman and cut her during an argument. A 16-year-old girl then attempted to stop the fight, but

Washington hit her in the face and body, according to police reports dated Jan. 14.

The 20-year-old was taken to UI Hospitals and Clinics, where she was treated for injuries sustained in the accident, police said.

The teen was also treated at UIHC for injuries and later released, officers said. None of the injuries were life-threatening, police said.

Washington faces several charges in the attack: willful injury, a Class D felony, domestic-abuse assault with

a dangerous weapon, an aggravated misdemeanor, and assault while displaying a dangerous weapon, an aggravated misdemeanor.

— by **Emileigh Barnes**

Sexual assault reported

Iowa City police received a report of a sexual assault late Monday afternoon, according to officers. Specific details were not available, police Lt. Jim Steffen said late Monday night, because officers

were awaiting an official complaint.

The victim went to the hospital for a sexual-assault examination, which was then turned over to authorities, Steffen said.

Victims reported a number of sexual assaults to Iowa City police and UI police last year.

Eight sexual assaults were reported to the UI police in 2006; recently, 15-year-old Jonathan Powell was identified by DNA testing and a photo lineup as the suspect of three such occurrences.

— by **Kelsey Beltramea**

POLICE BLOTTER

Darius Arabghani, 23, Chattanooga, Tenn., was charged Monday with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

Craig Blint, 24, Dubuque, was charged Monday with OWI.

Brandon Elliott, 31, Coralville, was charged Jan. 14 with driving with a

suspended/canceled license. **Sara Henderson**, 19, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1728, was charged Monday with PAULA.

Aaron Johnson, 18, 2801 Highway 6 Apt. 331, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

Cole Knustrom, 20, West Point,

Iowa, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Stephanie Kolesar, 20, 2037 Kountry Lane Apt. 11, was charged Monday with PAULA.

Andrew Lisle, 19, 418 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 8, was charged Monday with OWI.

Will McCann, 19, 428 E. Jefferson St., was charged Monday with public intoxication.

Steven Tidwell, 18, Le Claire, Iowa, was charged Monday with PAULA.

Dongelo Tyler, 18, Mount Pleasant, was charged Monday with simple assault and public intoxication.

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Website compares hospitals' prices

The Iowa Hospital Association has created a website with detailed hospital pricing information to allow consumers to compare local hospitals

BY JONATHAN ROBBINS
THE DAILY IOWAN

As the debate over escalating health-care spending rages in Washington, D.C., Iowans may have a new tool to reduce their hospital costs.

The Iowa Hospital Association recently unveiled a new website that allows consumers access to detailed information about costs and services at hospitals around the state. The website, called Iowa Hospital PricePoint, is similar to a consumer reports website for other products and services.

Users have access to information about each hospital in Iowa, and they will be able to compare hospital inpatient charge data for up to four hospitals at the same time.

But John Schneider, a UI assistant professor of health policy and management, said shopping around for health care is different from shopping for other goods and services.

"You probably need to start with the insurer and the doctor being indifferent between two hospitals" for price to be the deciding factor when patients choose a hospital, Schneider said in an e-mail. "That's not usually the case."

The website can be accessed at www.ihonline.org by clicking on the "Iowa Hospital PricePoint" banner.

Kirk Norris, the president of

PRICE COMPARISON FOR IOWA CITY HOSPITALS

Heart failure (median — average):

- Mercy: \$11,142 — \$14,966
- UIHC: \$11,398 — \$19,086

Knee replacement (median — average):

- Mercy: \$32,926 — \$35,247
- UIHC: \$33,774 — \$38,874

Stroke (median — average):

- Mercy: \$12,571 — \$16,357
- UIHC: \$16,722 — \$23,725

Cesarean delivery (median — average):

- Mercy: \$11,508 — \$12,301
- UIHC: \$13,976 — \$16,243

Data gathered July 2005 to June 2006

Source: www.ihonline.org

the association — a voluntary membership organization that represents all of Iowa's 117 community hospitals — heralded the new plan.

"Iowa hospitals are committed to playing a leading role in promoting health-care pricing transparency," he said in a statement. "PricePoint is an important and easy-to-use tool that can help consumers, employers, and insurers with health care decisions."

UI Hospitals and Clinics spokesman Tom Moore said the hospital supported the website.

Schneider suggested that

when using Iowa Hospital PricePoint, consumers focus on the number of discharges for a given procedure, in addition to the cost.

"From a consumer's perspective, probably the more important number on the website is the number of discharges for a particular procedure," Schneider said.

Higher volumes indicate that hospital staff have had more practice in performing a treatment, which may translate to better patient care.

For example, from July 2005 to June 2006, Mercy Hospital in Iowa City discharged 203 patients for heart failure at a median charge per patient of \$11,142, according to the website. During the same period, the UIHC discharged 244 patients at a \$11,398 median charge per patient.

But when a consumer considers average charges per patient for the same procedure and time period, a few expensive cases may have a drastic effect on the overall average cost. For heart failure, the UIHC, at an average of \$19,086, appears to be significantly more expensive than Mercy Hospital, whose average cost per patient is \$14,966.

Though the website adjusts for the severity of illness, Schneider noted that such adjustment is often imperfect.

"We don't want to penalize hospitals for taking the tough cases," he said.

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Mediacom/Sinclair relationship unravels

Mediacom and Sinclair continue to trade blows over how much Mediacom should pay to retransmit Sinclair stations' programming

BY TERRY MCCOY
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI graduate Jessica Scheer flipped through the channels listlessly for a few moments in her Cedar Rapids home on Jan. 4 before turning her TV off, eventually scuttling off to bed in dejected frustration.

She had stayed up until midnight to see if Mediacom Communications Corp. would hold to its Jan. 5 deadline and strip local CBS programming because of a monetary dispute with the Sinclair Broadcasting Group.

Mediacom was true to its word. And this problem will likely persist as relations between Sinclair and Mediacom continue to frost over. Mediacom struck the most recent blow when it asked Congress last week to investigate the Federal Communications Commission's handling of the battle.

This measure follows Sinclair's rejection of a proposal from Iowa's congressional delegation for an arbitration to settle the conflict.

The dispute "just isn't that big a deal to" Sinclair, said Tom Larsen, the vice president of legal affairs for Mediacom. "Iowa isn't as big a deal to it as it is to Mediacom. Iowa is what Mediacom does for a living, but for [Sinclair], Iowa is just another state."

He believes Sinclair would not be so obstinate if Mediacom were a larger corporation, noting that Sinclair has resolved similar disagreements with companies such as Time-Warner much more quickly.

"This could all be resolved tomorrow or two weeks from

now, but really, there is no way of telling," Larsen said.

Sinclair officials did not return repeated phone calls for comment.

The two companies have disagreed over how much Mediacom should pay to retransmit Sinclair's signals. The difference between Sinclair's asking price and Mediacom's offer at the beginning of the conflict totals roughly \$1 million, according to the Associated Press.

But at least one contingent of Iowa City is delighted at the dispute — bar owners with DirecTV.

"I am very happy this is going on," said Danny Lake, the general manager of the Vine, 330 E. Prentiss St. "Most people who don't get [KGAN, Channel 2] have to go to a place that carries it and that works out very well for us."

The programs that some UI students say they will miss the most are the Iowa men's basketball games, which are aired locally on KGAN.

UI senior Jennifer Bissell, an avid Hawkeye men's basketball fan, said she will not allow her dedication to the team to waver because she can't watch the Hawks on TV — instead taking on the "inconvenience" of following the games via the web.

Bissell said she is distraught that Mediacom and Sinclair would deprive so many individuals of their favorite programs over money.

"I read they are fighting over \$1 million, and I guess that seems like a lot, but it is the media, and they make so much money," she said. "It is sad that they can't resolve this whole issue."

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STATE

Legislature to review open records, meetings laws

DES MOINES (AP) — Democrats in the House and Senate say Iowa's so-called sunshine laws are in need of an in-depth review.

State Rep. Pam Jochum and Sen. Mike Connolly, both Dubuque Democrats, said last week they wanted to review Iowa's open-meeting and open-records laws to

determine if any changes are needed. Jochum and Connolly play an important role in open records debate, because they lead the House State Government Committee and the Senate State Government Committee, respectively.

Jochum and Connolly cited several recent events — the selection process used by the State Board of Regents in its search for a new UI president, the scandal at the Central Iowa Employment Training Consortium, and the disclosure of

TouchPlay financial records by the Iowa Lottery Commission — as an impetus for the review.

"It is time to evaluate both laws to see if changes are needed, particularly in light of the numerous occasions in the last year when questions about compliance with the law have arisen," Jochum said. "It is pretty clear to me that both laws need an update, or we have to find a way to make sure that people start following the law a lot more closely."

MALE ADOLESCENT MARIJUANA USERS

are invited to participate in a research study examining the effects of marijuana use during adolescence (ages 12 to 17) on brain structure, function, and mental abilities. The study involves a screening appointment and up to three additional visits for testing and brain imaging. All testing is done at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Subjects must be from 12 to 17 years old, must be within commuting distance from Iowa City, Iowa, and are compensated for their participation. A parent must give permission for the subject to participate. Information about the identity of participants will be treated confidentially.

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for Humanity's ReStore, a non-profit warehouse that sells home renovation donations at low prices to the public.

"All of our profits go back to Habitat for Humanity," ReStore manager Mande Butler said, adding that more than 300 tons of construction material and goods have been diverted from the Johnson County landfill to ReStore in the past two years.

On Monday, the warehouse's receiving garage overflowed with donated goods, including kitchen sinks, new front doors, ovens, and lawn mowers.

The volunteers quickly got to work by organizing the contributed items onto existing and newly built shelves in the warehouse.

"I know some would rather be out swinging a hammer," Butler said. "But however anyone can help, it's great."

And being indoors didn't bother the volunteers.

"It's a perfect thing to do after a four-week break, when we didn't do anything except sit around," said UI sophomore Jess Barnes.

Michael Ungerman, a 28-year-old Iowa State University graduate accompanied his girlfriend, UI graduate student Ann Higley, who was invited to the event via Facebook.

"I was already in Iowa City with her and thought that doing this was better than sleeping till noon," said Ungerman, as he and Higley pieced together a donated light fixture.

Volunteers offered their time at other sites such as the Johnson County Historical Society, Crowded Closet, Wesley Center

HUMAN RIGHTS WEEK 2007

Events honoring Martin Luther King Jr.

Today

- AGEP Annual King Celebration Event, 4:30 p.m., IMU Richey Ballroom
- *Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks*, 7 p.m., Latino Native American Cultural Center
- **Wednesday**
- Celebration of Life, 6 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- Artistry and Humanity, Bringing Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream to Life: Artistic Representations of Struggle, Persistence, and Freedom," 8 p.m., Art Building West Lecture Hall

Free Lunch Program, and two area Hy-Vee grocery stores.

Later on Monday, Mary Mathew Wilson, the program coordinator for the UI Civic Engagement Program, praised the volunteers for their service for a Day of Unity ceremony at the IMU. In her remarks to the audience, Wilson said Monday's Day of Service was the first for UI faculty, students, and staff.

Guest speaker the Rev. Orlando Dial of Iowa City and UI interim President Gary Fethke also spoke, focusing on how to continue King's legacy.

Fethke said the university's dedication to expanding health care and education for those without is in the spirit of King and his tireless efforts to bring equality to people of all ethnicities.

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In Israel, all is political

ISRAEL

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existence through art.

Throughout the week, one observation clearly emerged: Everything, everyone is political in Israel.

The impression made on us was that no one lives there ... just because. Israelis are passionate about participating in their citizenship — often because of its religious significance to believers, often because of what it means to the Jewish people in the face of the Holocaust, often because they disagree with the government's actions, especially if they are Arabs living in Israel. The *Jerusalem Post* reported on March 28, 2006, that during its last general election season voter turnout was its lowest ever at 63.2 percent, but election seasons past averaged a turnout around 80 percent.

And when our micromanaged itinerary — our first seminar began around 8 a.m. each day, and most days never wrapped before 11 p.m. — allowed for brief meandering, some of us discovered just how political.

The most salient example hung on souvenir shop racks: the ubiquitous tourist T-shirt. Most vacationers are familiar with the puffy-painted wolves howling at a full moon with words such as "Tucson" or "Denver" beneath it or the exhausted and exhausting "Somebody went to [place] and all I got was this stupid ..." that are standard designs in most American shops.

But the shirts we spotted in a store near the Dead Sea encouraged, of all things, an airtight diplomatic relation-

ship between Israel and the United States. One bore a single flowing flag that began with America's and faded into Israel's colors, below which the inscription "Forever" appeared. Another shirt, featuring text screened with the sort of tarnished look you might expect to find in an American Eagle retailer with "Est. 2nd millennium BCE" beneath it, read "JerUSAlem." Clever.

After this one-week crash course on topics from Herod to Hezbollah, I return to my position here with far more foggy questions than tidy answers. If life in Israel is as lovely as it often seemed, why have they so few allies and such hostile enemies? What of a nuclear Iran? Would integration of Arab Israelis and Jewish Israelis question the very reason for Israel's existence or would it mean their society had taken a step toward a more modern democracy?

During one of our last nights in Israel, a reporter from the *Jerusalem Post* said with certainty that Middle Eastern conflicts are "a war of words," not of actual issues or territory. He views the news media as complicit avenues through which various groups can spread their political messages.

While I consider his an exaggerated accusation of journalism's purpose in the Middle East and Israel, I have found that semantics — whether it is a fence or a wall, a terrorist or a bomber, the West Bank or Judea and Samaria — do matter a great deal and have the ability to politically influence the position audiences will assume.



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Worshippers and tourists pass through Western Wall Plaza while in the distance some visit the Western Wall, a holy place for the Jewish people, in Jerusalem on Jan. 4. This, the holiest currently accessible site in Judaism, is a place where women and men still pray separately and where people may slip papers carrying prayers and wishes into the wall's cracks.



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An Orthodox priest stands behind the iron latticework adorning the Coptic Chapel within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem on Jan. 6. The church has become an important pilgrimage site for Christians because it is said to contain the place where Jesus was buried.

My experiences that week reaffirmed for me the inflexibility of one of journalism's rules: Mean exactly what you

say, say only exactly what you mean.

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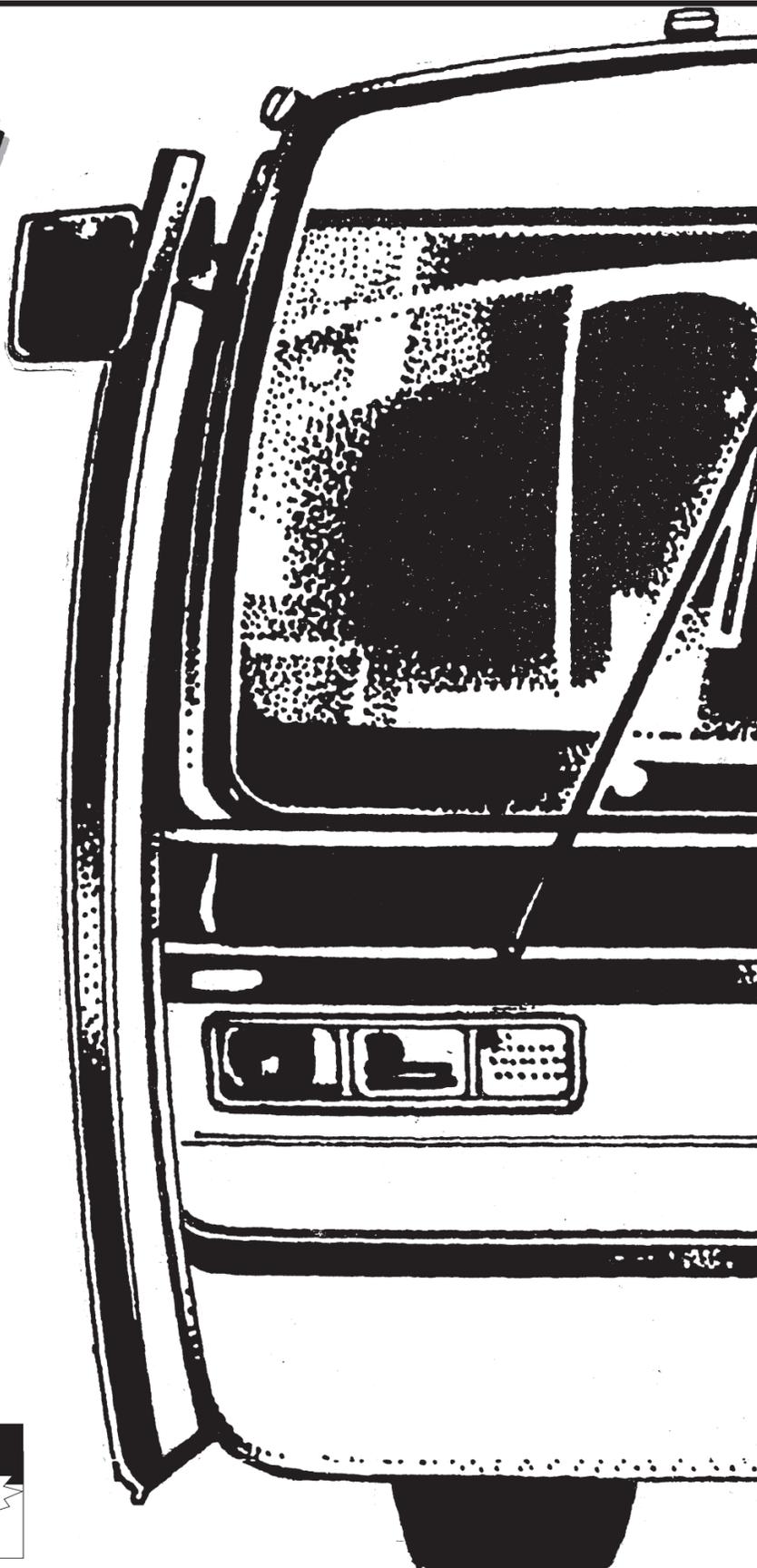
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County to debate selling local GIS data

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors is dealing with problems brought by advanced information technology

BY STEPHEN SCHMIDT

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Geographic Information System subcommittee of the Johnson County Board of Supervisors will debate next month whether to allow a private company to purchase the county's GIS data.

Navteq has offered \$600 for Johnson County's road-address information to incorporate into an online database used by global-positioning-system car maps.

"About every county in the nation that is providing digital information is dealing with issues like this," said Rick Havel, the county's GIS coordinator.

By using data from public-records databases, GIS users can look up various information on a digital map, such as details about property, deed holders, and aerial photos. The system allows users to retrieve the same public information they have always had access to, but in a visual manner.

While some officials have discussed tracking user activity in order to protect

Invasion of the GIS

Using Johnson County's Geographical Satellite System, we investigated the property of Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz and were able to obtain a variety of information about his house, including aerial and front view photos, and a full floor plan.

Assorted Info from <http://www.johnson-county.com/website/jcmap>
(as of 1.16.07; all information not included)

Total Assessed Value
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Deed Holder: Ferentz, Kirk J.
Year Built: 1999
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Roof Material: Asphalt Shingles
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Predominant Floor Covs: Carpet, Ceramic tile
of Stories: 2.0
Number of Rooms: 14
Basement Type: Full Bsmt—2,849 SF
Fireplace: Yes
Heat Type: Forced hot air (gas)
Other Features: Residential pool

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GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM

GIS is a mapmaking method of relating geographic landmarks to political, social, or any other relevant information in order to create a comprehensive map. Johnson County has begun using the system on its website, which has raised concerns.

argue that because the data are public anyway, the county should recoup some of the cost that went into the development of the system by selling the information. But the county would likely never be able to entirely match the cost of the system through such sales, officials said.

Supervisor Sally Stutsman is one of the committee members who supports the approach.

"I don't see why a person would want this much information if they were not interested in making money," she said.

But she added that some

privacy, Havel said he doubts whether any restrictive measures will be enacted.

"A system like that might make the public feel better, but in the end, I don't think we would be a whole lot safer," he said, noting that in his five years as GIS

coordinator, he did not know of anyone who was harmed by access to such data.

Unlike requests for records made in person or over the phone, GIS users are not allowed to make queries using a person's name, he said.

Those who favor the sale

members of the committee oppose the pending sale because they feel uncomfortable with personal information being sold to companies.

Several groups have approached the committee about the possibility of using the data for reference purposes, which the county has allowed, but Navteq is the first company that wants to resell the data in a different form to its customers.

The county holds a copyright on all information in its databases, and companies have to pay to use the information in their products.

Others oppose the sale because they don't want money to be the deciding factor on how much information a person can obtain.

Supervisor Rod Sullivan said he wants the flow of information to be as open as possible.

"I don't think we ought to sell it," said Sullivan, who opposes the sale. "I think we ought to give it away."

The committee currently has no deadline for making a decision but has agreed to discuss the matter again in its February GIS meeting.

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Sioux City Diocese settles 5 sexual-abuse lawsuits

SIOUX CITY, Iowa (AP) — The Sioux City Diocese has settled five lawsuits involving allegations of sexual abuse by at least one former priest.

The settlement terms are confidential, said Sioux City attorney Scott Rhinehart, who represented two of the plaintiffs.

Former priest George McFadden, accused of molesting more than two dozen children since the 1950s, is involved in most of the lawsuits. The plaintiffs said McFadden sexually abused them when they were in their early teens or younger. They also accused the diocese of covering up McFadden's behavior by transferring him from parish to parish each time a new allegation was made.

Not including the recent settlements, the diocese said it has paid more than \$2.6 million to settle sexual abuse lawsuits and claims since 2004. Diocese officials could not immediately be reached for comment Monday on the latest settlements, which were reached late last month and in early January.

It was unclear whether the settlements stem from three lawsuits settled last year. In two of those lawsuits, two men accused McFadden of sexually abusing them while he was assigned to the parish in Jefferson from 1969 to 1972. The third man accuses McFadden of abusing him from 1971 to 1972.

McFadden, who is now in his 80s, lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. He worked in numerous parishes from the 1950s until his retirement in 1992.

After retiring, McFadden continued to hear confession and say Mass at the Cathedral of the Epiphany in Sioux City. But in December 2005, the Vatican ordered McFadden to cease public ministry and have no contact with children. He also was ordered to live a life of prayer and penance.



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Welcome to a Better Way

Owner hopes grocery replaces Tait's



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Frequent Tait's shoppers (from left) Daniela Webster and Courtney Jones shop in the natural-food delicatessen, which they frequent on their lunch break from the Eastwind Healing Center. The pair said they like having a selection of healthy foods close by, and they will have to find another option between appointments at the healing center.

TAIT'S

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why we weren't able to do more business," he said, adding that the store's location may have actually contributed to lack of sales because of flawed parking — the store's lot is hidden and only accessible from Linn Street.

Alaina Meyer, 23, a Tait's customer, said the store was always convenient for her, especially when she was at the library or just downtown.

"I think it's unfortunate," she said. "It's very sad when a business can't make it."

Joan Tait said the decline in the store's sales had been apparent for a while. With students gone for winter break, lack of sales led to their decision to close the store's doors for good.

When Tait's Natural Foods, 225 S. Linn St., opened last spring, it boasted a few thousand customers on a daily basis. Despite the numbers, Bob Tait said he didn't have a solid, average sale

per customer. Instead, many visitors would overlook the groceries and buy only a salad.

Along with browsing its wide array of organic and natural foods, customers at Tait's could enjoy a cup of Joe or a fresh fruit smoothie at the coffee bar. Shoppers also delighted in a full service deli with ready-to-go meals.

Since Tait's opening, its competition, the New Pioneer Co-op, 221 S. Van Buren St., has experienced an increase in sales.

"It was interesting," said Jason

Thrasher, a store manager at New Pioneer. "Our business grew every month even when Tait's was open."

The Iowa City City Council supported Tait's with a vote approving construction on the \$30 million Plaza Towers back in 2003. Councilor Amy Correia said the Co-op's loyal customers may have drawn business away from Tait's.

"I am disappointed. I enjoyed sitting and eating on the patio," Correia said.



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Tait's shoppers (from left) Maria Hill and Hailey Courtney browse organic snacks on Monday. After Tait's closes, the two said, they will probably return to shopping at the New Pioneer Co-op.

Bob Tait, 56, has a lot of experience in the grocery business, first jumping onto the scene in Des Moines more than 20 years ago with his original store, Tait's Foods. They owned that store for 18 years, before they sold it six years ago.

As items are discounted and continue to diminish, the store will stay in business until it isn't

worth keeping open anymore, said Bob Tait. And though many employees have already moved on, approximately 20 will lose their jobs with the eventual closing. The Tait's hope to sell the space to another grocery store.

"I lost the battle, but I'll win the war," Bob Tait said, laughing.

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Mystery deepens in Missouri kidnapping

Investigators are looking into Internet postings that may have been written by the victim of the abduction

BY JIM SALTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KIRKWOOD, Mo. — While his alleged kidnapper was at work, teenager Shawn Hornbeck apparently had access to a computer, and he — or someone pretending to be him — may have put photos of Shawn online and posted a chilling message on a site created by his desperate parents: "How long are you planning to look for your son?"

A series of web postings under the name "Shawn Devlin" — Devlin is the last name of the man suspected of kidnapping Shawn and posing as his father — came to light after Shawn's rescue from an apartment in Kirkwood last week.

Investigators would not comment on the postings, and it was not immediately known if they were, in fact, created by Shawn or by someone trying to taunt his parents. Either way, they add to the long list of clues that no one seemed to pick up on during the 4½ years that the boy was missing.

They also deepen the mystery of why Shawn apparently made no attempt to escape or notify authorities.

Shawn, now 15, was 11 when he was kidnapped in 2002 while riding his bike near his rural home. Astonished police found him Jan. 12 in a suburban St. Louis apartment where they also discovered 13-year-old Ben Ownby, who had been missing for four days.

Their alleged abductor, Michael Devlin, a 41-year-old pizza-shop employee who also held a job answering telephones at night at a funeral home, was jailed on \$1 million bail. So far, he is charged only in the kidnapping of Ben, but authorities also plan to charge him with



Children look out of a window adjacent to the apartment of Michael Devlin (right) in Kirkwood, Mo., as they watch the activity surrounding the building on Monday. Shawn Hornbeck, now 15, was 11 when he was kidnapped in 2002 while riding his bike near his rural home. Police found him on Jan. 12 in this apartment, where they also discovered 13-year-old Ben Ownby, who had been missing for four days.

abducting Shawn. Neither boy has spoken publicly about what happened, but in an interview with the Ownby family to be broadcast today on NBC's "Today" show, Ben thanked a classmate who gave police the tip they needed to find him, the description of a white pickup truck, saying, "Thank you for being such a great big help in this entire thing."

Investigators have given no motive for the crime and no details on what the boys went through. Officials said Devlin did not appear to have a criminal record.

Devlin's attorney, Michael Kiely, said he has not seen any evidence and will enter a not-guilty plea at his arraignment later this week.

During his captivity, Shawn may have offered clues on the web that went overlooked.

At 1:59 a.m. on Dec. 1, 2005, someone using the name "Shawn Devlin" asked in a forum on the Shawn Hornbeck Foundation website: "How long are you planing [sic] to look for your son?" Shawn's parents, Craig and Pam Akers, started the foundation to help find their son and other missing young-

sters. Later that same day, at 2:56 p.m., Shawn Devlin wrote to ask if he could compose a poem for the family. The poem never appeared in future postings.

Several web profiles also appeared to be of Shawn. One, on mindviz.com, described a Shawn from St. Louis as a white atheist with a pet cat. A webpage created on Yahoo in 2004

carried a photo of a youngster who resembled Shawn, though with shorter hair. The youngster had an eyebrow piercing. The day after Shawn was found, he appeared in public with a lip ring and three ear piercings.

A separate Yahoo profile was taken out under the name Shawn Devlin in November 2005. It, too, contains a picture resembling Shawn; the page

Kidnapper may face federal charges

A tip about a beat-up white pickup truck led St. Louis police to the apartment of 41-year-old Michael Devlin where two missing teenage boys were found.



SOURCE: ESRI AP

said the user lived in Kirkwood. Shawn's stepfather, Craig Akers, has said that during Shawn's captivity, he did not attend school. Some neighbors also noticed that they never saw Shawn with books or a backpack.

Krista Jones, a stay-at-home mother who lives in the same apartment complex, noticed Shawn wearing black clothes and piercings in his ear and lip. "I figured maybe he's just a dropout," or thought he attended an alternative school, she said.

She said that a few months ago, she saw Devlin showing Shawn how to drive Devlin's pickup. A short time later, she saw Shawn driving the truck with another boy, Tony Douglas, beside him. Missouri law allows 15-year-olds to drive, but only if an adult is with them.

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Jury selection to start in Libby trial

BY MATT APUZZO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Potential jurors in the perjury trial of former White House aide I. Lewis “Scooter” Libby likely will be asked their opinions of the Bush administration, political scandals, and the Iraq war today, foreshadowing the political tenor of a lengthy trial.



Libby
Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff



Plame
former CIA officer

Libby is accused of lying to investigators about his conversations with reporters regarding ousted CIA officer Valerie Plame. Plame's identity was leaked to reporters in 2003 after her husband criticized the Bush administration's pre-war intelligence on Iraq.

The leak touched off a political firestorm and an FBI investigation that Libby is accused of obstructing.

Attorneys for both sides recognize the politics behind the case and have proposed questions for jurors about their views on government, politics, and the media.

The answers will be critical for Libby, a Republican who served as an adviser to President Bush and chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney. The jury is being drawn from a city where Democrats outnumber Republicans more than nine to one.

“What is your political party preference? Democrat,

Republican, independent, or other?” defense attorneys wrote on their list of proposed jury questions.

“Please describe any feelings you have about Vice President Cheney,” they also asked.

U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton has not released his final list of questions but has indicated that such political questions are needed to select a fair jury.

Walton will put those questions to a group of approximately 60 potential jurors today. Each juror will then take the stand for follow-up questions from defense attorneys, prosecutors, and the judge.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald's proposed list includes questions about what newspapers and magazines jurors read and where they get their news. Fitzgerald also wants to know whether their opinion of Libby's former job would make it hard for them to be fair.

Biden wants Rebel flag removed

The Delaware senator calls for the symbol to be taken down at a NAACP march and rally at the South Carolina Statehouse, near 35 Confederate-flag supporters



C. Aluka Berry, The State/Associated Press

Margaret Yew holds a sign during a Martin Luther King Day rally in Columbia, S.C., on Monday. With the Confederate flag flapping in the wind above them, thousands rallied Monday at the Statehouse against what NAACP leaders called “a symbol of hate and racism.”

BY JIM DAVENPORT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Democratic presidential hopeful Joseph Biden said Monday he thinks the Confederate flag should be kept off South Carolina's Statehouse grounds.

The comments by the U.S. senator from Delaware on a day of events celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy came as a potential Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, evoked the memory of the slain civil-rights leader.

“As I recall, Dr. King wasn't hanging out in Manhattan. Dr. King wasn't hanging out in Beverly Hills,” Obama told a King remembrance service in an economically depressed southern Chicago suburb.

Introducing Obama, an

Illinois senator, the Rev. Jesse Jackson told a crowd at the annual King scholarship breakfast, “It's a long, nonstop line between the march in Selma in 1965 and the inauguration in Washington in 2009.”

Screaming admirers managed to get Obama's autograph after he advocated removing troops from Iraq, rebuilding struggling areas, such as the suburb of Harvey, where he was speaking, and increasing civic activism and calling on people, especially fathers, to be better parents.

In Columbia, S.C., more than six years after the Confederate flag was taken down from the Capitol dome, its location in front of the Statehouse remains an issue.

“If I were a state legislator, I'd vote for it to move

“We love this flag. We love our heritage.”

— Jim Hanks, Lexington

off the grounds — out of the state,” Biden said at an NAACP march and rally at the Statehouse.

Jim Hanks stood across from the South Carolina Statehouse with about 35 Confederate flag supporters.

“We love this flag. We love our heritage,” said Hanks, of Lexington.

Some carried signs saying: “South Carolina does not want Chris Dodd,” referring to the Connecticut senator who, along with Biden, attended the NAACP rally at the Statehouse.

On Sunday, Dodd told the Associated Press at a King

remembrance service in Greenville that the Confederate flag belongs in a museum.

“I don't think it belongs on the Capitol grounds,” Dodd said.

In 2000, as the NAACP began a South Carolina tourism boycott, the flag was flying on the Capitol dome and in House and Senate chambers. Legislators agreed to take the flag down that year but raised the banner outside the Statehouse beside a Confederate soldiers monument.

Biden expects legislators here will eventually move the flag. Pointing to his heart, he said, “as people become more and more aware of what it means to African-Americans here, this is only a matter of time.”

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Iraqi hangings enrage Sunnis

The hanging of two of the late dictator's henchmen in Baghdad angers Sunni Muslims, after Saddam's half-brother was decapitated by the noose

BY STEVEN R. HURST
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — The Iraqi government's attempt Monday to close a chapter on Saddam Hussein's repressive regime — by hanging two of his henchmen — left many of Saddam's fellow Sunni Muslims seething after the former leader's half brother was decapitated on the gallows.

A thickset Barzan Ibrahim plunged through the trap door and was beheaded by the jerk of the thick beige rope at the end of his fall, in the same the execution chamber where Saddam was hanged a little over two weeks earlier.

A government video of the hanging, played at a briefing for reporters, showed Ibrahim's body passing the camera in a blur. The body came to rest on its chest while the severed head lay a few yards away, still wearing the black hood pulled on moments before by one of Ibrahim's five masked executioners.

The decapitation appeared inadvertent, and Iraqi officials



Alaa al-Marjani/Associated Press

Iraqi Shiites in the holy city of Najaf on Monday celebrate the executions of two of Saddam Hussein's co-defendants, Barzan Ibrahim, Saddam's half-brother and the former head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court, and Awad Hamed al-Bandar, the head of Iraq's Revolutionary Court. The poster in the background shows Shiite religious leader Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

seemed anxious to prove they hadn't mutilated Ibrahim's remains.

By day's end at least 3,000 angry Sunnis, many firing guns in the air, others weeping or cursing the government, assembled for the burials of Ibrahim and al-Bandar in Saddam's hometown of Ouja, near Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad.

The hangings came as a suicide car bomber slammed into an Iraqi army patrol in the northern city of Mosul Monday, killing seven people and wounding 40 others, police said. A total of at least 55 people were killed or found dead across Iraq, authorities said.

The U.S. military, meanwhile, announced the deaths of two more soldiers, both killed in Baghdad.

While Ibrahim's body was wrenched apart by the execution, his co-defendant, Awad Hamed al-Bandar, head of Saddam's Revolutionary court, died as expected — swinging at the end of a rope. Both men met death at 3 a.m. wearing reddish orange prison jumpsuits.

Prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi, who witnessed the hangings, said Ibrahim looked tense and protested his innocence as he was brought into the chamber. The condemned man had once ran Saddam's feared security

agency, the Mukhabarat.

"I did not do anything," al-Moussawi quoted Ibrahim as saying. "It was all the work of Fadel al-Barrak." Al-Barrak ran two intelligence departments in Saddam's feared Mukhabarat.

Saddam was hanged amid shouted taunts and insults from Shiite witnesses — a scene Iraqi officials said was not repeated Monday.

All three executions took place in Saddam-era military intelligence headquarters, located in the north Baghdad neighborhood of Kazimiyah, a Shiite area.

The deaths aroused anger in mourners at the funerals of the former Iraqi officials.

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Rice looks to restart peace talks

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice attempts to resuscitate peace talks between the Israelis and the Palestinians during her visit to the Middle East

BY ANNE GEARAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUXOR, Egypt — Hoping to breathe life into moribund peace efforts, the United States will gather Israeli and Palestinian leaders to discuss an eventual independent Palestinian state, President Bush's top diplomat said on Monday.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice also asked Arab allies to help support the fragile government in Iraq, on whose success much of Bush's new plan to turn the war around will depend.

The three-way U.S.-Israeli-Palestinian meeting would be the first among the main parties thought necessary to draft any settlement in the six-decade-long dispute. It represents more direct involvement from a U.S. administration that has sometimes viewed Mideast peacemaking as a fool's errand.

"The parties haven't talked about these issues for a long time," Rice told reporters following a

meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in this southern Egyptian town, following a three-day visit to Israel and the Palestinian territories.

"It's been at least six years since they talked about these issues," she said. "It seems wise to begin this ... informal discussion, to just really sit and talk about the issues."

Diplomats described a preliminary session meant to build confidence after years of fighting and rhetorical sniping.

It is designed to strengthen Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in his internal power struggle with Palestinian Islamic militants and to offer Palestinians a glimpse of their future that makes negotiating with Israel seem worthwhile.

Instead of talking about the daily frictions and threats that define the deeply mistrustful Israeli-Palestinian relationship, an informal session could look ahead to what Rice has called broader issues — and certainly

more attractive ones, U.S. officials said.

"It's very clear what we mean by 'broader issues,'" Rice said. "We mean what would lead to the establishment of a Palestinian state."

Recent prospects for Mideast peace have looked dim, with the Hamas radicals in charge of much of the Palestinian government, street clashes among the Palestinian factions, a Western aid cutoff, and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's weakened political position following Israel's summer war in Lebanon.

Abbas and Olmert agreed to attend the session, to be held in three or four weeks, during their separate weekend meetings with Rice, U.S. officials said. Rice would represent the United States, with the thought that Bush could participate at a future session if initial discussions go well.

In Israel, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert confirmed the planned session with Rice and

Abbas.

Saab Erekat, an aide to Abbas, could not confirm whether Abbas would attend but said "in principle" the Palestinians are prepared to take part. He praised Rice's attentiveness during a session with Abbas in his Ramallah headquarters Sunday.

"She reflected seriousness, interest," Erekat said. "She reflected an understanding of the bigger picture of what is going on in the region and the need to put this thing behind us, the Arab-Israeli conflict."

U.S. officials said Rice wanted to capitalize on momentum from a much-awaited meeting between Olmert and Abbas, which was held last month. Abbas reminded Rice that Israel has not delivered on promises from that meeting, and U.S. officials want to nudge the two leaders to keep talking.

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Israel to build in West Bank settlement

The Israeli government is defying the United States and the 2003 road map to peace plan with its plans to start construction on the disputed land

BY MARK LAVIE
ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Residential construction continues in the West Bank Jewish settlement of Maaleh Adumim, near Jerusalem, on Monday. The Israeli government on Monday published plans to build 44 residences in Israel's largest West Bank settlement, violating a pledge to the United States as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was in the region on a peace-seeking mission.

ads in Israeli newspapers asking developers to bid on the construction of 44 new houses in the settlement.

Olmert spokeswoman Miri Eisin said the government was "committed to the continuing growth, natural growth, of the settlements that are in the perimeter around Jerusalem."

Israel has often declared that even under terms of a final peace accord, Maaleh Adumim would be included in Israel. Palestinians demand removal of all West Bank Jewish settlements.

"Building 44 new houses in the Maaleh Adumim settlement is one more Israeli violation of signed agreements with the

Palestinians," said Khalil Tofakji, a geographer and former Palestinian negotiator.

In an interview published Monday, Rice expressed general U.S. displeasure with settlement expansion.

"We are very committed to the road map and to the obligations there, and I talk all the time to the Israelis about their activity that is prohibited by the road map," Rice told the Palestinian daily *Al-Quds*.

"The most important commitment that the President [Bush] has made is that the United States does not accept that unilateral steps can prejudice the outcome of final settlement," Rice said.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack, who was traveling with Rice, said he was not aware of the construction plans.

"Our policy hasn't changed," he said. The U.S. has always objected to Israeli settlement in the West Bank.

Even so, Bush has signaled his support for allowing Israel to keep major settlement blocs, including Maaleh Adumim, under a final peace settlement. Most of the 250,000 Jewish settlers in the West Bank live in the blocs. Most are near the "Green Line," the 1949 cease-fire line that marks the boundaries of the West Bank.

Prosecutor: 6 plotted to bomb London transit

The defendants allegedly made bombs of hydrogen peroxide and flour and planted them on London subway trains to make a 'political point,' just two weeks after the deadly July 7, 2005, attacks

BY JILL LAWLESS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Six men plotted to kill London subway and bus passengers with bombs made from hydrogen peroxide and flour, two weeks after suicide bombers killed 52 commuters in the city, a prosecutor told a jury Monday.

No one was killed in the attempted bombings of three subway trains and a bus on July 21, 2005, because the devices failed to explode.

"We say that the failure of these bombs to explode owed nothing to the intentions of the defendants. It was simply the good fortune of the traveling public that this day they were spared," prosecutor Nigel

Sweeney said in outlining the government's case.

"This case is concerned with an extremist Muslim plot, the ultimate objective of which was to carry out a number of murderous suicide bombings," Sweeney told jurors.

The men, who are largely of East African descent, have pleaded not guilty to charges of plotting to bomb London's transport network two weeks after suicide attackers killed 52 commuters in the city on July 7, 2005.

Muktar Said Ibrahim, 28; Ramzi Mohamed, 25; Yassin Omar, 26; Manfu Asiedu, 33; Adel Yahya, 24; and Hussain Osman, 28 — all from London — deny charges of conspiracy to murder and conspiracy to cause explosions.

Sweeney said Osman had told police the bombs were "a deliberate hoax in order to make a political point" and were not intended to kill. But Sweeney said forensic scientists had tested the mixture, and "in every experiment, this mixture has exploded."

The main explosive charge was 70 percent liquid hydrogen peroxide and 30 percent flour of the type used for chapatis, a type of Indian flat bread, Sweeney said.

The detonators contained triacetone triperoxide, an explosive used by Palestinian suicide bombers and by Richard Reid, who tried to detonate a shoe bomb on a U.S.-bound aircraft. The explosives were packed in

plastic tubs, with screws, bolts, and other pieces of metal taped on the outside as shrapnel, the prosecutor said.

Commercially available hydrogen peroxide is too diluted to be an effective explosive, Sweeney said, so the conspirators bought a total of 284 bottles and then boiled the substance to increase the concentration.

Traces of hydrogen peroxide and triacetone triperoxide were found in Omar's apartment, along with evidence that hydrogen peroxide had been boiled.

Sweeney said the components for the bombs were bought beginning in April 2005, proving the attacks were "not some hastily arranged copycat" of July 7.

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New Ecuadoran leader Correa vows to aid poor

Rafael Correa was sworn in Monday, promising to focus on the country's impoverished people

BY MONTE HAYES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

QUITO, Ecuador — Rafael Correa vowed to put Ecuador's poor ahead of foreign debt payments as he was sworn in as president on Monday, raising a sword given to him by Venezuela's Hugo Chavez in a ceremony attended by members of the growing club of leftist Latin American leaders.

Correa, a charismatic political outsider who won a November runoff election, said he would work for an "economic revolution" in Ecuador that would emphasize the renegotiating of foreign debt, "paying only what we can after attending to the needs of the poor."

His remarks drew applause from several U.S. antagonists who attended the ceremony — Chavez, Bolivian President Evo Morales, and Iran's hardline leader Mahmoud Ahmadinejad — as well as from Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega and more moderate left-leaning leaders from Brazil, Chile, and Peru.

Correa, who has a doctorate in economics from the University of Illinois, said the free-market policies promoted by Washington since the 1980s have failed to help Ecuador develop. He said some of the loans arranged by previous governments had been lost to corruption, and an international tri-



Ecuador's President-elect Rafael Correa is blessed by indigenous religious leaders during a ritual in Zumbahua, Ecuador, on Sunday. Correa, a leftist economist and friend of Venezuela's anti-U.S. leader, plans to lose no time implementing political and economic reforms after he is sworn in as president on Monday.

Fernando Llano/Associated Press

bunal should be set up to decide what debt should be repaid.

During the campaign last fall, Correa threatened to cut ties with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund and said he would not rule out a moratorium on foreign debt payments unless foreign bondholders agree to lower Ecuador's debt service by half.

He said in September that Ecuador cannot afford its current \$2 billion debt service, represent-

ing 7 percent of the country's gross domestic product. "Ecuador cannot pay more than 3 percent," he said at the time.

He did not mention the possibility of a debt moratorium in his speech Monday.

A debt renegotiation wouldn't harm Ecuador's economy, but a moratorium would, said Michael Shifter, a Latin American analyst at the Inter-American Dialogue research group in Washington. "If he goes ahead

with it [a moratorium], I don't think it's going to help Ecuador's economy. I think it's certainly going to give the jitters to Wall Street and the financial community," Shifter said.

Following Correa's election in the fall, Ecuador's bonds were hammered on Wall Street because of concerns over his policies.

Correa has also rejected a free-trade pact with the United States, saying it would hurt Ecuador's farmers. And he has

said he will not extend the U.S. military's use of the Manta air base on the Pacific coast for drug surveillance flights when a treaty expires in 2009.

U.S. Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez, who represented the United States at the inauguration, said Washington respected Correa's decision to reject the free trade agreement, but hoped to continue "collaboration on matters of mutual interest in the future."

Keeping his campaign prom-

ise, Correa issued a decree Monday calling for Ecuadoreans to vote March 18 in a national referendum on the need for a special assembly to rewrite the constitution. He says the measure is necessary to limit the power of Ecuador's traditional parties, which he blames for the country's problems.

His plans for a constitutional assembly could put him on a collision course with Congress, which is dominated by Ecuador's traditional parties. Lawmakers have dismissed the last three elected presidents after huge street protests demanding their ousters.

Strapping on the red, yellow, and blue presidential sash and smiling broadly as he waved to cheering supporters in the galleries of Congress, Correa complained Monday that Ecuador has "a perverse system that has destroyed our democracy, our economy, and our society."

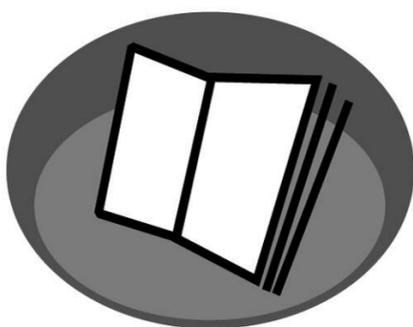
Accepting Chavez's gift of a replica of liberation hero Simon Bolivar's sword, Correa addressed the gathered leaders and said they all now share a new responsibility: "The people won't forgive us if we don't advance the integration of our America," he said.

Correa, 43, becomes the eighth president in the last decade in a nation marked by chronic political instability since it returned to democracy in 1979.

He said a new constitution is vital to limiting the power of the traditional parties, which he accuses of defending their own interests rather than the interests of the people.

"We seek a profound transformation. Our leadership has failed. We want a democracy where our voice is heard, where our representatives understand that they are there to serve us," said Correa, who wore a dark suit with no tie over a white shirt embroidered with Indian motifs.

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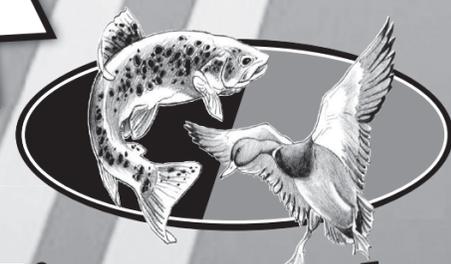
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Italy steps up criticism of United States

The United States and Italy continue to grow apart on foreign-policy issues, exemplifying the shift in support since Premier Romano Prodi was elected in April 2006

BY ALESSANDRA RIZZO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Recent Italian criticism of U.S. policies, including a military strike in Somalia and the new American strategy for Iraq, underlines a major shift in Rome's approach to Washington under Premier Romano Prodi: The days of Italy's unconditional support are over.

Relations between the two allies have been significantly altered since Prodi took power from former Premier Silvio Berlusconi after April elections. Berlusconi, who led Italy for five years and was a major supporter of the U.S.-led war in Iraq, once said he agreed with Washington, regardless of what U.S. positions might be.

But Prodi made it clear from the outset that he had different priorities, and Italy's recent criticism of U.S. policies has shown his desire to distance his country somewhat from the United States and move more in line with other European countries.

Last week, Foreign Minister Massimo D'Alema spoke out against a U.S. air strike on suspected members of Al Qaeda in Somalia, saying Italy was opposed to "unilateral initiatives that could set off new tensions in an area already marked by high instability." Prodi echoed the remarks.

Then on Sunday, D'Alema said President Bush's plan to send more troops to Iraq to quell sectarian violence was not a convincing strategy. The Prodi government, which opposes the war, finished

pulling Italy's troops out of Iraq last month.

"Today, the alliance with the United States is no longer a vital necessity, because nobody is threatening us directly," an editorial in the center-left newspaper *La Repubblica* said Monday. "We are Atlantist by choice, based on a cold calculation of what is convenient. ... But one can also reasonably express doubts."

Government criticism of American policies was unheard of during Berlusconi's term in office. The former premier's support for Washington, strengthened by a personal friendship with Bush, was unflinching — even in the face of such unpopular decisions as sending 3,000 Italian troops to Iraq.

Not even the killing of an Italian intelligence agent by a U.S. serviceman in Iraq in 2005 could damage Rome's close alliance with Washington.

During the electoral campaign, Prodi said he intended to focus on relations with other European countries and work for a coordinated European Union foreign policy, saying only the bloc as a whole could counterbalance American strength.

But he insisted he wanted to preserve a "constructive" relationship with Washington.

Prodi did agree to keep Italy's 1,800-member contingent in Afghanistan, resisting calls by Communists and other hard-line leftist allies to pull out the troops. Prodi also took the lead in Middle East negotiations aimed at ending the Israeli-Hezbollah war this summer and agreed to offer

the largest contingent — 2,500 troops — to a U.N. peacekeeping force in southern Lebanon.

"We aren't anti-American," D'Alema said Sunday in response to criticism by Berlusconi that Italy was an "unreliable" ally for Washington.

There are other issues, however, that could further strain relations between the countries.

Prodi's government must soon decide whether a U.S. plan to expand its military base in Vicenza, northeastern Italy, can proceed. Many parties in Prodi's coalition are against the proposed expansion, which would increase the base's active duty personnel from 2,600 to 4,200. Residents have also staged protests.

The decision might be announced after a Cabinet meeting Friday. "That will be the real litmus test of the quality of the U.S.-Italy relations," the Rome newspaper *Il Messaggero* said Monday.

The Cabinet must also decide whether to seek the extradition of 26 Americans accused in the alleged CIA kidnapping of an Egyptian cleric in Milan in 2003. A judge last week began hearing arguments on whether to indict the Americans and five Italian intelligence officials on criminal charges. All but one of the Americans have been identified by the prosecution as CIA agents.

Even if a request is made for the Americans' extradition, it was unlikely that the CIA agents would be turned over for trial abroad. The CIA has refused to comment on the case.



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Italian Premier Romano Prodi poses for a picture in Caserta's Reggia on Jan. 12. Recent Italian criticism of U.S. policies, including that of military strikes in Somalia and the new American plan for Iraq, signals a major shift in Rome's approach to Washington under Prodi.



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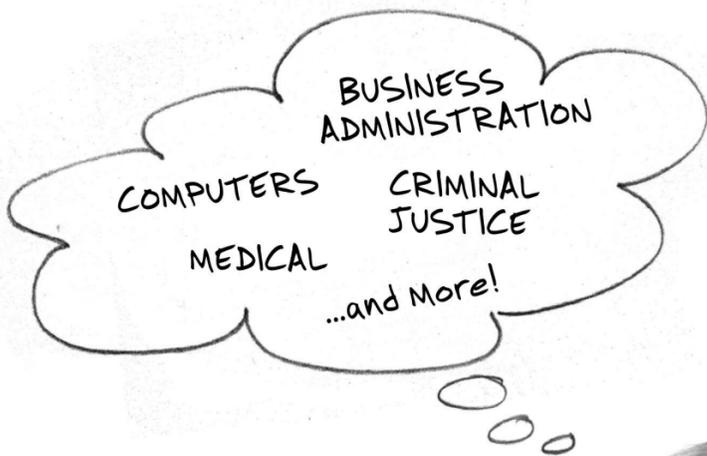
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EDITORIAL

Move forward with stem-cell research, lift federal restrictions

Stem-cell research is again pushing its way to the forefront of American politics, and now is the time for both state and national lawmakers to recognize the support for this research — and fund it appropriately.

Americans, and Iowans in particular, spoke with their votes in the midterm elections, and politicians quickly discovered the issue of embryonic stem-cell research is not dividing the nation as much as was previously thought. In key battle ground states, such as Missouri and Iowa, it was clear that this hot-button issue had cooled off considerably.

Congress recently introduced the Stem Cell Research Enhancement Act of 2007, a bill almost indistinguishable from one passed last year but vetoed by President Bush. The act would remove restrictions placed on scientists, some here at the UI, using federal funds to conduct research on embryonic stem-cells. And with a *USA Today*/Gallup poll conducted after Bush's first veto showing 58 percent of Americans disagreed with his decision, it appears there may be change and forward movement in sight.

This progressive science has the potential to make great strides in the treatment of debilitating diseases, such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's, and may also be instrumental in combating other advanced afflictions, including some cancers.

It is the duty of our elected officials to continue to advance legislation through Congress, even if only to remind the current president of the

opinion of the majority of Americans. If a compromise can't be reached, persistent letters and the full leverage of the people must be used as a weapon to get the necessary votes to override any veto power our president may choose to exercise.

In Iowa, newly elected Gov. Chet Culver has announced a particularly exciting plan to build a \$10 million regenerative-medicine center at the UI. This is in line with expectations that the newly elected Democratic majority will repeal the self-imposed state ban on embryonic stem-cell research. Iowans have been vastly outspoken on concerns about a statewide "brain drain," and we now have the opportunity to address both survival and the economic incentive to stay in the state.

With this new health center, Iowa will maintain its high standing as a medical epicenter in the Midwest. The new center would also attract new, young talent among those wanting to learn in the university system, while the post-college opportunities could provide jobs that could keep Iowa's youth in Iowa. Without a repeal of the ban, the state will continue to lose important researchers to rival states, such as Wisconsin, Missouri, and Illinois — who are welcoming this new science with open arms.

The public has made its position on this issue clear. Now it is time for our state and national representatives to do just that — represent a country ready to move forward in life-saving processes.

So you all came back. And brought some with you. Well, swell. I like snow. It's so ... well ... it's so ... um ... pretty. That's what every one says, anyway. Snow is really pretty, covering everything the way it does.

At least, that's what I tell myself as I lift shovelful after shovelful after shovelful after shovelful off my sidewalk and steps. The snow is so pretty.

Shoveling snow can seem pretty (there's that word again) Sisyphean, I guess. You know I Sisyphus, that Greek guy, or something who was condemned to rock music for eternity. Seems like a pretty stiff sentence for merely belonging to a frat, but whatever.

George W. belonged to a frat, I think, as I lift another shovelful. Maybe that's why the occupation of Iraq seems so much like rolling a rock up a hill, only to have it roll back down so that you have to roll it back up, and then it rolls back down, and this goes on etc., etc., for forever.

Thinking Sisyphean thoughts is for sissies. I think, lifting another shovelful. But then again, the occupation of Iraq does seem a whole lot like the rock up and down the hill thing.

Remember back in the good old days (say, 2003), when John McCain said Iraq was going to be a fairly easy task or words to that effect?

Me too. So the Cowboy in Chief's latest plan for Iraq, sending in 21,000 more troops, seems, well, like more of the same, only more so.

First of all, the Cowboy's new commander in Iraq, Lt. Gen. David Petraeus (labeled by *Slate's* Fred Kaplan as "probably the smartest active-duty general in the U.S. Army"), spent the last year rewriting the Army's manual on counterinsurgency. Petraeus should know something about it — as Kaplan points out, in his service in Iraq, "... he was one of the very few American officers who understood how to win over the populace, not just bash down their doors."

In the manual, Petraeus (and his co-authors) write that counterinsurgency operations require a minimum of 20 combat troops for every 1,000 people in the area. That means in Baghdad, alone, with a population of around 6 million, you need 120,000 combat troops.

At present, the U.S. has around 70,000 combat troops in Iraq (and another 60,000 support and headquarters troops). So, another 20,000 combat troops leaves you well short of the number needed in Baghdad, alone. And you still have all the rest of Iraq.

Somehow, I am reminded of the old Irish legend of Cuchulain, who waded into the ocean with his sword to fight the tide.

I mean, George W. might as well be rolling rocks up the hill. (At least if he were doing that, fewer people would get killed.) It's delusional.

But then, Republicans are a pretty delusional bunch. I mean, they seem like normal people, except for being Republicans, and then they come out with these wacky ideas.

Take Rep. Jack Kingston, a Republican from Georgia, for instance. He made headlines in December when he complained about the Democrats' plan to require members of Congress to work five days a week.

Yeah, that's right — five whole days. Kingston, according to reports, is accustomed to flying home on Thursdays and going back to Washington on Tuesdays. He said the Democrats' plan "eats away at families ... The Democrats could care less about families — that's what this says."

No, really. He said that. Then, last week, when the Democrats were pushing to raise the minimum wage, he said that wasn't necessary; his solution for poor people to get out of poverty: Work longer hours.

Once again: No, really. So if you're a congressman living on the taxpayers' dime, you should only work three days a week, but if you're poor, you don't need higher wages; you should work more, you lazy bum.

Delusion runs deep; into your mind it will creep. Or something like that. Another shovelful of snow, another rock up the hill. Snow jobs are so pretty. ■

Beau Elliot does not spend all of his days shoveling snow. It just seems like it.



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A local sales tax for school-infrastructure projects and growth needs has been proposed for Johnson County. The vote is Feb. 13. I am urging voters to reject this proposal. The way I see it, school leadership seems to think money grows on trees.

- Why the local option sales tax should be rejected:
- 1.) Accountability: We gave school Superintendent Lane Plugge \$39 million three years ago to fix the same problems he's claiming need attention today. We need to review failed leadership, not legalize more theft of area residents.
 - 2.) No fiscally substantive pro-tax arguments: "All the other counties have a local option sales tax" is not a valid argument for increasing taxes, and "It's for the children" is a cheap, emotionally charged ploy. Keeping up with the Joneses, "just because," and puppy dog eyes aren't valid, substantive reasons to tax people at all. Iowa City schools have excelled without a local option sales tax, and we haven't been given real justification to start one now.
 - 3.) Question motive behind voting date: A February vote was scheduled because the School Board knows voter turnout will be much lower than for a November election, and the members hope pro-tax activists can get this passed under the radar. If the needs were truly pressing, this would have been a ballot issue in November.
 - 4.) Taxation without representation: There is absolutely no justification that reasonably allows us to take money from people who don't have children in the system's schools or take money from people who don't even live in the area.
 - 5.) Fiscal discipline: Johnson County cities are growing; property taxes SHOULD be taking care of any growth needs and infrastructure concerns. We can't allow leadership to rob us again. We need to look with scrutiny — at how school officials are spending the money they've already been given. This notion of "we're out of funding, so let's ask for more" by officials is highly unsatisfactory.
- The schools don't need more money. They need new leadership.

Mike Thayer
 Coralville resident



COMMENTARY

Immediate troop deployment imperative in Somalia

Over the course of the last month, Somalia transitional government forces backed by Ethiopian troops have routed the Union of Islamic Courts, a hard-line Somali Islamist movement. The union had gained control of much of Somalia by December, including the capital of Mogadishu. The interim government, previously isolated in Baidoa, has a real opportunity to bring peace and security to the embattled African country.

After the fall of strongman President Mohamed Siad Barre in 1991, Somalia was engulfed in a brutal civil war and lacked any sort of central authority. Disparate warlords in Mogadishu carved out their own fiefdoms, dividing the capital with countless checkpoints and roadblocks.

The rise of the Islamic Courts throughout 2006 prompted the United States to prop up the various warlords in Mogadishu, to no avail: Mogadishu fell in June of last year to the Islamists. It was a definite embarrassment to the United States, and over the next few months, many Somalis were pleased with the security the Islamic Courts brought.

That security came at a stark price. The union is no ordinary Islamist movement — it practices a rigidly extremist form of Islam. It banned most forms of social interaction in Mogadishu and held public executions of drug dealers and petty criminals. Even Somalis who were caught by Islamic Courts members simply watching soccer matches were subject to execution.

As forces loyal to the union swept through Somalia, the internationally recognized transitional government in Baidoa, headed by President Abdullahi Yusuf and Prime Minister Ali Mohamed Ghedi, was effectively nonexistent. Throughout the latter half of 2006, both the Baidoa-based government and the Islamic Courts stressed that they were not hostile to each other.

But Ghedi quietly appealed to Somalia's northern neighbor of Ethiopia for military protection — and Ethiopia consistently (and somehow hilariously) denied it had moved forces into Somalia, even as BBC correspondents reported they saw

huge numbers of fighters and armor and (perhaps moving) into the country. The Islamic Courts, for its part, received aid (and perhaps troops) from Ethiopia's rival Eritrea, and some number of foreign fighters fought alongside the Islamists.

In late December 2006, the Ethiopian military and Somali government forces launched an offensive against Islamic Courts positions near Baidoa. The rapid success of their forces caused the members of the Islamic Courts to flee, and Ethiopian and Somali troops entered Mogadishu on Dec. 28. Remnants of the Islamic Courts fled south and suffered decisive defeats at the cities of Jillib and Kismayo, and their last stronghold of Ras Kamboni fell Jan. 12.

How the United States approached the conflict has proved to be a brilliant success. While backing the warlords proved both foolish and disastrous, Washington made good use of Ethiopia as a suitable proxy. Addis Ababa did not disappoint the United States, either — Africa's strongest military showed its mettle in routing Islamic Courts forces.

It is now imperative African Union peacekeepers are deployed in Somalia as soon as possible. The presence of (Christian) Ethiopians on (Muslim) Somali soil is not entirely welcome, and Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi has smartly stated his forces will withdraw within weeks. Uganda has been the first to step up, offering 1,500 peacekeepers. But the rest of the Djibouti-city based Intergovernmental Authority on Development needs to quickly move to put boots on the ground.

Somalia, for the time being, has shed its failed state status. Almost assuredly, Qaed elements had used the country as a base to launch operations in Africa, including the 1998 bombings of the U.S. Embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. But without quick deployment of African Union troops, the efforts of Ethiopia and the transitional government may be for naught.

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ON THE SPOT

How did you spend your winter vacation?



"I spent it at home not doing much at all. There are people I know that went to Mexico and stuff. Not me."

Bailey Crawford
 UI freshman



"At work and at home. There really wasn't much. At work, I was just working, and at home, I was just chilling. Pretty uneventful."

Katie Minks
 UI freshman



"Going to leadership camp. We drove to Camp Tecumseh for Beta Theta Pi and learned about leadership skills. We also got to climb a rock wall and do a high ropes course."

Eric Rowley
 UI sophomore



"In a haze of substance abuse. I started dating a bartender."

Franny Owens
 UI senior

D/RECOMMENDS

Rescheduling classes so many times that you have to change your major. See you in Book Binding!

ARTS & CULTURE

Looking for liberation, finding some

Brooklyn MC Talib Kweli joins forces with hyper-eclectic producer Madlib for one of the most botly anticipated rap records of the year.



JOHN C. SCHLOTFELT

Reviewers are indebted to the Internet. With the proliferation of blogs and Myspace profiles, critics have had more than the latest disc to drop on store shelves to discuss. This summer, Gnarl Barkley topped the charts in the UK based on the strength of download sales, a first. Subsequently, every major media outlet and obscure fanzines ran stories or opinions on the newest wave of blogger-approved downloadable heroes.

Just when it seemed we could take a breath, let bloggers blog and *Rolling Stone*, well, suck, Talib Kweli and Madlib leaked their latest project, *Liberation*. Unlike previous leaks, this was sanctioned by label and artist. A nine-track album — complete with album art in PDF — was

made available for download through Stones Throw Record's website for the first week of January (though, any diligent key-clacker can find the record on any number of peer-to-peer download networks). Speculation surrounding the authorized download of the album began stirring immediately.

Following the mediocre reception, both critically and commercially, for Kweli's previous effort, *Beautiful Struggle*, many read *Liberation* as the MCs making amends by working with a well-regarded producer, Madlib. Of course, the theories don't stop there. With the upcoming release of *Beautiful Struggle's* proper follow-up *Ear Drum*, suspicion swirls that Kweli might just be drumming up support.

And Kweli, the computer savvy gent he is, provided his own answer for that on his (usually unstructured) Myspace blog, "Some fans will say [*Liberation*] is the sound they want to hear from me all the time. If so, congratulations, you got your wish. However, do not use this to speculate what *Ear Drum* will sound like. It is a different project with different influences."

Liberation's nine tracks — topping out at only seconds



CD REVIEW

Talib Kweli and Madlib
Liberation

★★★ 1/2 out of ★★★★★

over a half an hour — follow the MC's announcement, exactly what many of his followers have wanted. After establishing himself as one of the foremost "conscious" rappers alongside Mos Def in 1998 with *Black Star*, and then backed by DJ Hi-Tek on 2000's *Train of Thought*, Kweli's two subsequent solo releases have garnered more groans than praise. Most often, Kweli was tagged as a sell-out for courting mainstream rap audiences. On *Beautiful Struggle*, the exasperated cries of fans reached their peak when audiences got an earful of "Around my Way," which featured a Sting sample.

On *Liberation*, Madlib has surrounded Kweli with smooth R&B licks and stuttering and trickling drum beats, and he even dips into the well for a semi-obscure Sam Cooke sample for album closer, "What Can I Do?" This is Kweli's realm.

No matter how Puff Daddy-esque his sin may have been, the actual sample didn't generate the most horror: The use of it did. Kweli works best over awkward stammering beats that finally release in a dynamic blast during the chorus. Madlib's opening false start horn punches on "The Show" hark back to Hi-Tek's roughest cuts. However, look for the floating piano runs Madlib sprinkles throughout to smooth the composition.

Kweli's impeccable lyricism, which has been obscured for a few years, shines more than it ever has this millennium. His flow is as buttery smooth and effortlessly conversational as it was when he was young and hungry, gnashing his teeth with Mos Def.

Maybe after the misstep of *Beautiful Struggle*, Kweli's voracious appetite is back.

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Talib Kweli released his newest tracks early on the Internet. Publicity photo

Visual liberation in the fight against racism

BY MAGGIE ANDERSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

In *Gone With the Wind* (1939), Hattie McDaniel plays Mammy. Stout and sturdy, she fusses and worries over her white charges, forever the subservient caretaker. Cast in a similar role for more than 100 years is Aunt Jemima, the motherly vendor of pancake flour and syrup. Together, these women embody a (drum roll) stereotype that whites have historically used to regulate blacks to a lesser position in society.

But in 1972, the artist Betye Saar decided it was time for this categorization to change. In her famous mixed media assemblage, Saar depicted Aunt Jemima in three guises: First, she wallpapered a background with Aunt

ie's likeness, then added a three-dimensional echo of the figure holding a photo of the third Mammy, this one cradling a bawling toddler. And while the 3D Aunt Jemima retains her head wrap and wide smile, her eyes appear deranged. In her hands she grips not just a broom but also weapons. She is no longer a passive servant — now, she has power.

"Instead of accepting the Mammy stereotype, [Saar] puts a rifle and a pistol in the hands of the stereotype," said Barbara Mooney, a UI associate professor of art history. Mooney will discuss other artistic strategies of resistance in a Human Rights Week lecture titled "Art and Resistance" today at 6 p.m. in 240 Art Building West.

By flip-flopping the Mammy image, Saar's *Liberation of Aunt Jemima* represents one way that black artists have confronted white oppression via the visual arts. Mooney cited four methods used by black artists: direct confrontation expressing anger and protest, more subtle and subversive explorations of racism, the use of humor, and depicting successful blacks.

"[Artists] offer an alternative to the white theories of white superiority every time they point to a successful black woman, black man, or black child," Mooney said.

Mooney, who teaches a class on black art and architecture, is a new participant in Human Rights Week this year. Amy Weismann, the deputy director

of the UI Center for Human Rights, said including a fine-arts lecture is a logical step for the organization, which strives to reach a diverse audience.

"The center has been involved with helping to educate about human rights in a variety of ways for many years," Weismann said. "There's a recognition on the part of all of us involved in the center of the tremendous value and contribution of artists to human-rights work historically and around the world. It's a really valuable

way to tell stories and connect with human dignity."

Mooney added that in order to understand the power of the dissenting images, experiencing them visually is a necessity. Artists often confront not just obvious episodes of racism but more obscure, endemic instances of discrimination.

"Sometimes, you don't have to hang a black man or woman to suppress them," Mooney said. "There are more subtle ways."

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LECTURE
"Art and Resistance," UI Associate Professor of art history Barbara Mooney
When: 6 p.m. today
Where: 240 Art Building West
Admission: Free
More info: A full schedule of Human Rights Week events can be found online at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/~mlk/>
And to see Saar's depiction of Aunt Jemima in her liberated glory, go to dailyiowan.com.

Hamburg Symphony

Sunday, January 21, 7:30 p.m.

Already a respected orchestra, the Hamburg Symphony garnered even greater acclaim when Andrey Boreyko took to the podium. His "precise yet flowingly molded gestures...motivated the musicians to form mixed sound images, tender phrases and powerful climaxes," raved *Die Welt* following his debut with the orchestra.

At Hancher, the program will include Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto—performed with esteemed violinist Robert McDuffie—and Brahms' Symphony No. 1. Hear why one German publication declares that the ensemble "is bound to be a fixed star of master symphonic performances in the current cosmos."

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Q: Who was the only running back in NFL history to win a Super Bowl and rush for 2,000 yards in the same season?
Answer on page 2B

GYMNASTICS

Men's gymnastics notches recruit

Next season, there will be at least one addition to the Iowa men's gymnastics roster. Just before the close of the early November signing period, Michael Jiang, a Littleton, Colo., native from Columbine High School, signed a national letter of intent to join head coach Tom Dunn and the Hawkeyes in August.

Jiang, who scored a 9.90 to become the 2005 Junior Olympic National Pommel Horse Champion, comes from a long lineage of former gymnasts. Both his father and mother are gymnastics coaches who previously worked for the national program in their native China, and Jiang's grandfather, a high-ranking gymnastics official, judged in the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta.

Jiang's father also owns Chaffield Gymnastics in Colorado, and he has been his coach throughout Jiang's career.

"I've been aware of [Jiang] for awhile and watched him come along," Dunn said. "I talked to a lot of kids and hoped to get one of the top ones, and he's one of them."

Filling out Jiang's résumé is a fifth-place finish in the All-Around at the USA National Championships and two consecutive USAG Region IX All-Around championships.

The last Hawkeye recruit to come out of Columbine was Don Jackson, who was the 2000 NCAA champion on pommel horse.

Aside from Jiang, Dunn said, he's been searching for numerous other high-quality gymnasts to replenish the holes that will be left by graduating seniors. While in Chicago for the squad's Jan. 13 meet, Dunn made a few recruiting trips, but it won't be until the next signing period in April that any future Hawkeye gymnasts are confirmed.

— by Ryan Young

NBA

Bulls 99, Spurs 87

CHICAGO (AP) — Kirk Hinrich was back to his old self. Hinrich had 23 points and 10 rebounds, and Ben Gordon added 20 points to lead the short-handed Chicago Bulls past the San Antonio Spurs, 99-87, Monday afternoon.

Tim Duncan had 21 points and 16 rebounds for the Spurs, who had a four-game winning streak snapped. Manu Ginobili scored 22 for San Antonio.



Hinrich
Bulls player

Hinrich was in a shooting slump last week and also bothered by a recent groin injury. Known for his defense, he limited Spurs star Tony Parker to six points and two assists.

"I have been feeling good the last few games," he said. "I kind of gotten back to myself, playing aggressive on both ends, and I think my floor game has been a lot better."

"I have played a lot more loose. I think before I was kind of thinking too much, kind of worrying about what the coaches wanted me to do, instead of going out, and playing, and using my instincts."

The Bulls played without Chris Duhon and Ben Wallace. Duhon was suspended for one game for missing practice on Sunday, and Wallace missed his second-straight game because of a sore back.

IOWA (10-2) VS. INDIANA (12-4)

TODAY, AT ASSEMBLY HALL, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, 6:03 P.M., ESPN

Hawks begin rough stretch

Iowa searches for elusive road win against Indiana



Matt Ryerson/The Daily Iowan

Fans rush the floor following Iowa's 73-60 victory over 13th-ranked Indiana on Jan. 24, 2006. The Hawks dominated offensively; Adam Haluska scored 20 points and Greg Brunner 17.

BY JASON BRUMMOND
THE DAILY IOWAN

Erase a brutal six-minute stretch in the second half against Illinois last week, and the Iowa men's basketball team is tied with Wisconsin atop the Big Ten standings.

Instead, the Hawkeyes (10-7, 2-1) enter their toughest stretch of the season, beginning tonight against

surging Indiana, without a road victory on the résumé. The Hoosiers (12-4, 3-1) have

won seven of their last eight games, including three-straight conference victories.

Iowa coach Steve Alford

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'Learning to win on the road and understanding the difference of playing on the road is still a learning process for a lot of these guys, right now. We've been close, but unfortunately, in our game, you don't get many accolades for being close.'

— Steve Alford, coach

Solverson pins hopes on next year

Johanna Solverson, currently out for the second-consecutive year with an ACL injury, has decided to return to the Iowa women's basketball team for a sixth year next season

BY BRENDAN STILES
THE DAILY IOWAN

While everyone else on campus was preparing for the holidays, Iowa women's basketball player Johanna Solverson was preparing to make one of the biggest decisions of her life.

Solverson, who is listed on the Iowa roster as a redshirt senior, suffered a second ACL tear to her right knee last summer in Game Time League action. She had sat out all of the previous season from injuring it the first time.

Prior to Iowa's contest with UNI on Dec. 19, the Lake Zurich, Ill., native sat down with coaches and began to discuss whether she would return this season to finish her career with the Hawkeyes.

On Jan. 5, her decision became public: She elected to sit out the remainder of the season and attempt a return with a sixth year of eligibility next season. Solverson said she felt relieved once she had decided.

"It was like trying to pick a college all over again," she said. "It was a big pressure, but I'm happy that it's over. "Now I'll just keep my fingers crossed that I get a sixth year."

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— Johanna Solverson, basketball player

Coach Lisa Bluder felt comfortable with the choice Solverson made, and she is confident that, barring any more setbacks, the sixth year of eligibility Solverson seeks will be granted by the NCAA as long as she sits out the remainder of this season.

"It's a tough decision for anybody to make, but I think it's a mature decision," Bluder said. "I'm thrilled with it, because I get an entire season out of Jo Solverson, a healthy year, where I probably was going to get a dozen games with her at 50 percent."

Bluder said she could have envisioned Solverson leaning either way, and she made it clear that the decision to sit was always Solverson's.

"I want my players to be involved in those decisions," Bluder said. "I'm not going to force them into a situation, unless it's totally obvious that they should be doing something different."

Solverson believes the only

thing keeping her back now is that her mind and body aren't on the same page yet.

"I wasn't ready yet to come back, and it wasn't so much mentally as it was physically," she said. "I really didn't get a lot of reps in scrimmaging up and down the court, because I wasn't cleared to do that yet."

"Mentally, I think I would have been fine. Physically, just my legs getting in that game mobility again and not getting so tired all the time, my cutting and everything just wasn't as quick as I know it could be."

Remembering the night in North Liberty she re-tore that ACL, she described the moment as shocking.

"I pretty much knew it happened when it did, and I was just putting in the back of my mind that it wasn't true," she said. "I found out and was pretty upset for a while."

"Then I just got over it and



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Johanna Solverson drives to the hoop against Indiana in Carver-Hawkeye on Jan. 30, 2003. The Hawks defeated Indiana, 78-62.

Saints' coach praises Bear QB

BY BRETT MARTEL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

METAIRIE, La. — A former quarterback himself, New Orleans Saint coach Sean Payton was not about to discount the abilities of the erratic Rex Grossman.

Especially not after some of the throws he saw the embattled Chicago signal caller make in ousting Seattle from the playoffs.

"With the weight of a lot of people on his shoulders and playing in his first playoff game this year, I thought he was outstanding," Payton said on Monday, as the Saints prepared to play Chicago in next weekend's NFC title game. "It's a funny business, because you're graded each week on your last performance."

Although the Bears (14-3) have the best record in the NFC, the Saints (11-6) seem to have a decisive advantage at quarterback. Drew Brees threw for a personal-best and NFL-leading 4,418 yards during the regular season while directing the league's No. 1 offense.

The New Orleans quarterback threw 26 touchdown passes and 11 interceptions.

Grossman threw for 3,193 yards, 23 TDs, and 20 interceptions during the regular season. He was harshly criticized as inconsistent and derided for admitting he had not prepared as thoroughly as he normally would for the Bears' regular-season finale. Grossman completed only two passes and threw three interceptions before being benched with a 0.0 quarterback rating in that

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SPORTS

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EASTERN CONFERENCE			
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Toronto	18	21	.462
New Jersey	17	22	.436
New York	17	22	.436
Boston	12	25	.324
Philadelphia	10	28	.263
Southeast			
W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	22	16	.579
Washington	21	16	.568
Miami	17	20	.459
Atlanta	12	23	.343
Charlotte	12	24	.333
Central			
W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	23	13	.639
Detroit	21	15	.583
Chicago	22	17	.564
Indiana	20	18	.526
Milwaukee	17	20	.459
WESTERN CONFERENCE			
W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	31	8	.795
Dallas	27	12	.692
Houston	25	13	.658
New Orleans	14	22	.389
Memphis	9	23	.283
Northwest			
W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	24	14	.632
Minnesota	20	16	.556
Denver	18	17	.514
Portland	15	24	.385
Seattle	14	25	.359
Pacific			
W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	29	8	.784
L.A. Lakers	25	13	.658
Golden State	19	20	.487
L.A. Clippers	17	21	.447
Sacramento	14	21	.400

Northeast					
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	31	11	4	66	172
Montreal	25	16	5	55	138
Ottawa	26	19	2	54	162
Boston	21	18	4	46	128
Toronto	20	20	6	46	150
Southeast					
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	25	14	8	58	144
Carolina	24	18	5	53	143
Tampa Bay	24	21	2	50	150
Washington	19	19	7	45	141
Florida	17	21	9	43	135
WESTERN CONFERENCE					
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	32	11	3	67	160
Detroit	29	12	5	63	142
Chicago	17	22	6	40	112
St. Louis	16	21	8	40	113
Columbus	16	24	5	37	112
Northwest					
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Calgary	24	16	4	52	138
Vancouver	25	19	1	51	115
Minnesota	24	19	3	51	131
Colorado	22	20	3	47	141
Edmonton	21	20	4	46	125
Pacific					
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Anheim	30	9	8	68	162
San Jose	31	15	0	62	144
Dallas	27	18	1	55	123
Phoenix	21	22	2	44	125
Los Angeles	16	25	6	38	133

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#6 Kansas	80	Missouri	77
Other scores			
Southern Illinois	72	Drake	62
Marquette	74	Louisville	65
Wichita State	62	Creighton	59
Missouri State	75	Illinois State	65
WOMEN			
#2 North Carolina	82	#6 Connecticut	76
Other scores			
Florida State	70	Virginia Tech	60
Georgia Tech	52	Miami FL	37

La Russa not surprised by McGwire snub

BY R.B. FALLSTROM
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Mark McGwire's poor showing in his first year of Hall of Fame eligibility didn't surprise St. Louis Cardinal manager Tony La Russa.

"I kind of figured there was going to be a statement made about that situation, so I wasn't surprised, and I didn't really have an opinion," La Russa said Monday. "I like what Tony Gwynn said. You know, this guy belongs in the Hall of Fame and, hopefully, sooner, rather than later."

General manager Walt Jocketty's trade for McGwire in 1997 is perhaps his best, costing the Cardinals only three marginal players. One year later, McGwire hit 70 home runs to shatter Roger Maris' 37-year-old record.

McGwire, suspected of using steroids, was picked on only 23.5 percent of ballots in his first year of eligibility, far below the 75 percent needed.

"I'm disappointed, but I'm not surprised, because I think he had a Hall of Fame career," Jocketty said. "Hopefully he gets the opportunity to get to the Hall of Fame. He was a great player and demonstrated that while he was here and in Oakland."

Second baseman Adam Kennedy, one of Cardinals' free-agent additions, met with

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• Wrestling at Oklahoma State, 8 p.m.

• Women's Tennis, Hawkeye Invitational, All day. Hawkeye Tennis and Recreation Center.
• Women's track at Arkansas Razorback Invite, TBA.

A: Terrell Davis. In 1998, he ran for 2,008 yards and led the Denver Broncos to their second-consecutive Super Bowl title.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

WHO WILL WIN THE SUPER BOWL?

SAINTS — BY DIANE HENDRICKSON

Every team left in the playoffs has major question marks that will hamper its drive to a championship in Miami — except for the Saints. Long gone is the displaced 3-13 team of last year. This squad boasts the NFL's most potent and balanced offense with a passing attack that will shred any opponent's secondary. This season, Drew Brees threw for more yards than Peyton Manning, even without the talented Colts receivers. Marques Colston has proven himself as Brees' go-to receiver for big plays, and Coach of the Year Sean Payton is not afraid to call for those plays. Devery Henderson and a healthy Joe Horn are also big threats downfield, plus Reggie Bush can completely change the game's dynamic with one cut. Deuce McAllister, coming off 143 yards and one touchdown against the Eagles, will run all over any of the shaky defenses remaining.

The Saints' defense, while not spectacular, still dominated Dallas during the regular season and beat high-scoring Philadelphia to reach the conference title game. But not only do the Saints possess the talent to win the Super Bowl, they have destiny on their side. They're playing for a city decimated by Hurricane Katrina, for people who lost everything. Their success, however trivial, has given hope to those whose lives still aren't rebuilt. What's better motivation than that? The Saints proved their determination for the people of New Orleans when, with the whole nation watching, they opened the Superdome for the first time since Katrina and dominated the Falcons, 23-3. All other playoff teams are looking for respect or vindication. With the people of the devastated Big Easy as a motivator, the Saints will not fail to bring home a championship.



PATRIOTS — BY BOBBY LOESCH

The Genius. The Golden Boy. The hardware. All apologies to the New England Patriot haters of the world, but you guys might need to brace yourself for a fourth Super Bowl title in six years. What about an NFC team winning the Super Bowl? Please. The Chicago Bears have been very sporadic and injury-plagued — and at some point during these playoffs, Rex Grossman's inconsistency will rear its ugly head. Besides, the Patriots already notched a victory against the Bears earlier this year. If it comes down to a Belichick scheme versus a Grossman arm, I'm taking the brain every time. The New Orleans Saints are a great story, and I'm sure the boys from the Bayou are the national favorites, but crowds don't win football games; the players do. This is undoubtedly one of the best seasons in the team's history — the Saints revamped the team, gave hope to the city, and even won a

home playoff game. Still, after doing all that, I just don't feel like there is a lot left for them to prove. The AFC thrashed the NFC in regular-season play. We're talking about the second-most lopsided conference win differential in NFL history (the worst was in 2004). The Bears and Saints were not exceptions, both losing a combined five games against AFC teams. The AFC championship is, in essence, the de facto Super Bowl. This leaves Peyton Manning and the gang as the biggest challenge to New England. Manning has had an atrocious playoffs, and Indy's "hard hitting" defense is less than stellar. The Patriots will have success pounding the ball with Corey Dillon and Laurence Maroney. This is the weakest Colts team in recent memory, and if the Patriots can get safety Rodney Harrison back for the game in time, then I fully expect to see a new Lombardi trophy resting in the Gillette Stadium trophy case. Again.



COLTS — BY SEAN MONAHAN

Thus far in the playoffs, it has appeared that Peyton Manning has forgotten to take the safety off of his "laser-rocket arm." Ironically, it is the field general's mishaps that should leave Colts fans hopeful about their Super Bowl chances. Two weeks into the postseason, Manning has thrown five interceptions to go with only one touchdown — a trend that should not continue, considering No. 18's pedigree and outstanding receiving corps. While the offense has faltered, the defense, specifically Bob Sanders, has kept the Colts' Lombardi Trophy hunt alive. The 5-8, 200-pound safety has been a welcome presence in the secondary after missing 12 games this season. In his absence, the team suffered well-documented lapses in its defensive form from last season — allowing opponents to rush for an average of 173 yards per game. Sanders has returned to the team for the last two contests, and the results are hard to ignore. In the first game, the Colts held NFL superstar

Larry Johnson to 32 yards on the ground and the Chiefs to 44 yards. The defense followed up its stellar performance by limiting the Baltimore Ravens rushing corps to 83 yards. The Colts aren't just stepping up against the run either. Indianapolis held the Chiefs and Ravens to a combined 14 points in the playoffs — a vast improvement from the 22.5 it allowed per showdown in the regular season. With Sanders' reinsertion into the lineup, the offense and defense can both win the game for the Indianapolis franchise. The team has proven it can win outside of the RCA Dome in the playoffs — triumphing impressively last weekend in the hostile and former residence of the Colts, Baltimore. With the pressure on his shoulders, Manning can operate comfortably with the knowledge that every throw does not have to be perfect. Unfortunately for his opponents, when the QB gets out of his slump, as he surely will, nearly every pass will be.



BEARS — BY PAUL KAZMIERCZAK

Anyone living in Chicago over winter break could not escape the Super Bowl frenzy surrounding the Bears. All season long, the Monsters of the Midway have shown glimpses of a team of destiny, but Sunday's dramatic overtime victory over the defending NFC champion Seahawks cemented Chicago as a true contender. Quarterback Rex Grossman responded to diamond-forming pressure by throwing for 282 yards, including a 68-yard strike to Bernard Berrian. An equally maligned defense bristled in critical situations, stifling two out of three fourth-down attempts in regulation and forcing Seattle to punt in overtime. The Saints will make their way to Chicago after an impressive win over the Eagles in their divisional playoff. Deuce McAllister steamrolled Philly's 26th-ranked rush defense but will find yardage harder to come by against the sixth-ranked Bears. The combination of Thomas Jones and Cedric Benson, meanwhile, should find holes against a porous,

23rd-ranked New Orleans rush D. While the Saints seemingly own a heavy advantage through the air, ranking first in passing and third in pass defense, the game will not be played on the fast track of the Superdome. Instead, the bitter tundra of Soldier Field requires a ground-oriented attack. The Saints might come marching into Chicago, but they'll crawl home limping. The AFC title game will pit two teams the Bears match up well against. The vaunted Colts offense managed only 15 points against the Ravens and 23 against the light-hitting Chiefs. A Bear defense boasting three Pro Bowlers and a reinvigorated defensive line should hold them in check, allowing Jones and Benson to run over a Colts defense that finished dead last in stopping the run. As for the Patriots, the Bears lost in Foxborough by four in a game that finished a three-week road trip. A bye week and a neutral site would give Chicago the advantage in a rematch.



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Hawkeyes looks for elusive road victory

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returns to his alma mater for the first time since his name was mentioned as the possible front-runner for the coaching vacancy last March, although Indiana officials didn't solicit an interview with their former star point guard. The Hoosiers eventually hired former Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson.

Alford, who has guided the Hawkeyes to four-straight wins over Indiana, said his young team is close to the elusive victory away from Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"Other than that, we've played some good basketball (on the road)," the eighth-year coach said about Iowa's 75-59

loss at Drake in mid-December.

"Learning to win on the road and understanding the difference of playing on the road is still a learning process for a lot of these guys, right now. We've been close, but unfortunately, in our game, you don't get many accolades for being close."

In the Hawkeyes' three other true road contests, they lost by a combined 11 points and no more than four in a single game. Iowa controlled

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— Adam Haluska, guard

the majority of the game in losses at Arizona State and Illinois.

Carrying a 10-0 home record, Indiana is led by forward D.J. White, who played only five games last year after breaking his left foot. This year, the junior paces the Hoosiers with 13.3 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

The biggest challenge in White's return to the court has been conditioning, his coach said Monday.

"It's difficult to be good at anything if you can't sustain your effort and play hard for long periods of time," Sampson said.

Iowa's next six games, which begin and end with Indiana, include five against squads with a .750 winning percentage or better. The Hawkeyes will travel to No. 7 Ohio State on Saturday.

Guard Adam Haluska said the continuing development to find a consistent third and fourth scorer, such as Tony

IOWA AND INDIANA GAME STATS

Iowa (10-7, 2-1)

C Seth Gorney	Jr.	7-0	5.9
F Cyrus Tate	So.	6-8	4.6
F Tyler Smith	Fr.	6-7	15.0
G Adam Haluska	Sr.	6-5	20.3
G Mike Henderson	Sr.	6-3	5.0

Indiana (12-3, 3-1)

F D.J. White	Jr.	6-9	13.3
F Lance Stemler	Jr.	6-8	9.1
G Armon Bassett	Fr.	6-1	8.7
G Roderick Wilmont	Sr.	6-4	10.8
G Earl Calloway	Sr.	6-3	10.4

Freeman or Cyrus Tate, will be critical over the next few weeks.

"The focus was on me for a while," said the senior, who leads the Big Ten with 20.3 points a game. "When they

start focusing on Tyler [Smith] and me, because we score most of the points, it really opens things up for a lot of the other guys."

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NFL

Saints wary of QB



Bill Haber/Associated Press

New Orleans Saint football coach Sean Payton answers a question after a news conference in New Orleans on Monday. The Saints will meet the Chicago Bears in the NFC championship game on Jan. 21.

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game, a 26-7 loss to Green Bay.

In last Sunday's second-round playoff game, he threw his 21 interception and lost a fumble on a sack that led to a Seattle touchdown, but he otherwise played well enough to lead the Bears to their first NFC title game in 18 years.

He completed 21 of 38 passes for 282 yards, including a 68-yard TD pass to Bernard Berrian.

The Saints' secondary has been hurt by such big plays recently, such as Donte Stallworth's 75-yard TD in Saturday night's playoff game. They also gave up a 55-yard touchdown pass to the Giants' Plaxico Burress three games ago.

Payton said he was particularly impressed by Grossman's 30-yard completion on a third-down play in overtime to set up the winning field goal.

"You're talking about a team that finished as the No. 1 seed in the NFC, and, you know, that position (quarterback) always

seems to carry a little bit more criticism or applause than sometimes necessary," Payton said. "Certainly in a big city, that's always a challenge, and he's shouldered that well. ... What's most important is those players have a belief in him. Everything else outside of that is unimportant, and he came up big."

Rashied Davis, who caught the long overtime pass from Grossman, agreed.

"Rex is a great player, very resilient," Davis said. "People tear him up, but I think people tend to overdo it when it comes to him."

Payton is familiar with the type of scrutiny quarterbacks can face in Chicago. He went to junior high and high school in nearby Naperville, Ill. He played college football at Eastern Illinois — also Tony Romo's alma mater — from 1982-86. He then played for the Arena Football League's Chicago Bruisers in 1987 before getting a brief shot in the NFL that same year as a replacement player for the Bears during a players' strike.

Solverson to try comeback

SOLVERSON

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realized if I wanted to come back this season, I would need to work my butt off."

Going through rehabilitation for a second time has become more routine for Solverson, primarily because there was the initial hope of returning this winter.

"It's been a lot easier," Solverson said. "It's been twice as fast this time, just for the fact that I was trying to get back this year, and last year, I wasn't trying to get back."

While she will not take part in this summer's Game Time League, she does plan to work on her game as much as possible, while avoiding as much contact as she can.

In the grand scheme of things, Bluder believes Solverson's return to the hardwood next year will provide the Hawkeyes that spark they currently lack — Solverson would be one of five seniors on the 2007-08 squad.

"This year, we don't have a senior leader," Bluder said. "Johanna's trying, but it's really hard to do that from the bench, not when you're on the floor."

Solverson said it will mean a lot when she returns because of the support her teammates,

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— Lisa Bluder, women's basketball coach

coaches, family, and fans have given her throughout her playing career at Iowa.

"Coming back and playing is going to be like your first college game ever, because it's been two years," she said. "It's going to be different, because I haven't really played with anyone on the team now except for some of the juniors."

"It would have been nice to play my last couple of games with the class I came in with, but you've got to put that behind you."

Bluder can only hope that things will go well for Solverson from here.

"Six years in college is a long time, but as long as I can keep doing it, I might as well and just keep playing with it," Solverson said.

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SPORTS

Beckham future uncertain

BY MAR ROMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MADRID — The Los Angeles Galaxy would like to have David Beckham in their lineup as early as this spring, though where the star midfielder will spend the next six months is unclear.

Beckham agreed to a five-year contract last week with the Major League Soccer club, starting in August. He is leaving Real Madrid, whose coach has said Beckham will no longer play for the team, just practice.

A spokesman for Beckham said Monday that the 31-year-old Englishman intends to fulfill the rest of his Real Madrid contract. Reports in Europe, however, say he could soon leave the Spanish club and head for Los Angeles. His Galaxy deal reportedly is worth \$250 million in salary and endorsements.

"Until the club sits down with him to address the situation, David will continue to train with Real Madrid, until the end of the season, with his usual professionalism," spokesman Simon Oliveira told the Associated Press.

MLS Commissioner Don Garber said Beckham will remain a Madrid player until his contract expires in June, denying a Spanish newspaper story that said Beckham's lawyers were trying to arrange his early release.

"There have been many recent reports from the news media that have attributed incorrect quotes from my office, including fabricated quotes that were attributed directly to me earlier today," said Garber, who is on vacation in Mexico.

Marca, a daily newspaper in Spain, quoted Garber as saying:



Paul White/Associated Press

Real Madrid coach Fabio Capello (right) watches as David Beckham kicks a ball past teammate Avaro Mejia during a training session in Madrid on Monday. Capello has said that Beckham won't play again for Real Madrid after the soccer star announced his departure at the end of the season for the Los Angeles Galaxy of the MLS.

"I understand that the lawyers of David Beckham are working to arrange a possible friendly way out with the white club, because we would not be able to pay the buy-out clause. We want to have him as soon as possible, and for this reason, Galaxy and the league, itself, are going to do what is necessary to bring him as soon as possible. In addition, David wants to come soon."

The MLS season starts in April, and Galaxy coach Frank Yallop was quoted in British newspapers as saying the team

would see if it can get Beckham earlier than August.

"We have to wait and see what the details of his Real Madrid contract are and if he can get out of it," Yallop said. "Under normal circumstances, he would join us in August, but we will see if he can come sooner."

Real Madrid coach Fabio Capello said Saturday that Beckham would no longer play in games, now that he has committed to another club, and would only train with teammates. That leaves Beckham

with the prospect of no competitive soccer for six months.

On Sunday, Capello criticized Beckham for signing with the Galaxy before informing the Madrid club.

"He signed his contract before he spoke with Madrid, and for me, that doesn't matter," Capello said after Madrid's 1-0 home victory over Real Zaragoza, a game Beckham watched from a spectator box along with his mother, Sandra.

AP writer Paul LoGotheis contributed to this report.

Ginn, Pittman to enter draft

BY JOE MLCIA
ASSOCIATED PRESS

AKRON, Ohio — Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio State's game-breaking returner and receiver, and tailback Antonio Pittman said on Monday that they will leave the Buckeyes a year early to enter the NFL draft.

Ginn and Pittman will join receiver Anthony Gonzalez, who announced last week that he would give up his final season of eligibility to turn pro.

"It was a hard, tough decision," Ginn said in a phone interview. "It was just a great time for me to go."

Ted Ginn Sr. said the family struggled through the weekend with mixed emotions about missing Ginn's senior season, in the end deciding the NFL was the best financial decision.

"Not being able to see your son come out of that tunnel in the Ohio State atmosphere, that's major for us," said Ginn's father, who was his coach at Glendale High School in Cleveland. "He didn't feel like he had completed the things he should have completed at Ohio State."

Ginn sprained his ankle while celebrating after he returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown in the Buckeyes' 41-14 loss to Florida in the BCS national championship.

But Ginn's dazzling speed is expected to make him a first-round pick, even though he's likely to miss the scouting combine because his left foot will be in a boot for three to five weeks.

Pittman announced his decision Monday at Buchtel High School in Akron.

Flanked by players from the high school's football team, he called playing in the NFL and

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— Ted Ginn Jr., Ohio State returner and receiver

possibly being a first-round draft pick a lifelong dream.

Losing Ginn, Pittman, and Gonzalez leaves Ohio State without three of its top offensive weapons. The Buckeyes also are losing Heisman Trophy winning quarterback Troy Smith to graduation.

"We had a great year — one loss don't take away from a great year," Pittman said. "This is a decision that's going to affect my family, not just my family here, but my family at Ohio State."

Earlier, Pittman said he would play his senior year and attempt to bring the Heisman back to Buchtel. He said providing for his 5-month-old daughter was one of his motivations for turning pro.

"Coming from around here, this neighborhood, it's not easy growing up," he said. "It'd be great to get her out of here."

Ginn teamed with Smith, his former Glenview teammate, to turn the Buckeyes into one of the most explosive offenses in the nation. Yet he was expected by many to star on defense when he was recruited. Ginn was USA Today's national high-school defensive player of the year in 2003.

"I always wanted to play for the Browns, if possible, but if not, just go where I can go," Ginn said Monday.

AP writer Carrie Spencer Ghose contributed to this report.

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the ledge

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ANDREW R. JUHL My New Year's Ledge Resolutions

- I resolve to write shorter jokes. The current average of 19 words/joke should be more than enough to —
- I resolve to stop hiding behind my jokes and to start hiding behind bigger and sharper things, which are also preferably gas-powered.
- I resolve to not collaborate on any more Ledges with J. Caldwell.
- I resolve to introduce my audience to naughtier forms of punctuation; ladies and gentlemen, I give you the interobang: ?
- I resolve to appease my college readers by writing more jokes about tailgating the morning after getting drunk at the Union and sleeping with a waitress instead of studying for finals. Facebook.
- I resolve to try to make fewer *Star Wars* references. No! Try not. Do. Or do not. There is no try.
- I resolve to spellcheck.
- I resolve to write a Ledge about the Spanish Inquisition. No one expects a Ledge about the Spanish Inquisition.
- I resolve to add more car chases.
- I resolve to speak to my audience.
- I resolve to increase the number of bons mots while decreasing the amount of esprit d'escalier, which should give my Ledges a certain je ne sais quoi.
- I resolve to use less French.
- Dénouement.

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks his friend, J. Caldwell, for collaborating on this Ledge. E-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu

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- **Fitness Week, Recreational Services**, TBA, Field House
- **Story Time, reading of "The Story of Ruby Bridges," by Robert Coles**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Culinary Demonstration-Heart Healthy Helpings**, 11:30 a.m., First Avenue Hy-Vee
- **Human Rights Week 2007, "No One is Illegal: Immigration and Human Rights in the U.S. Today," Professor Tom Lewis**, 4 p.m., 315 Phillips Hall
- **Human Rights Week 2007, AGEP Annual MLK Celebration Event**, 4:30 p.m., IMU Rickey Ballroom
- **"Art & Resistance," Associate Professor Barbara Mooney**, 6 p.m., 240 Art Building West
- **Human Rights Week 2007, "Bringing Martin Luther King Jr.'s Dream to Life," Center for Human Rights**

- **Lecture on Artistry and Humanity**, 6 p.m., Art Building West Lecture Hall
- **Human Rights Week 2007, Rabbit in the Moon**, 6 p.m., Asian Pacific American Cultural Center
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Content Magazine Release Party**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Coffee and Crime Book Group, Reading of Blind to the Bones, by Stephen Booth**, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble
- **Human Rights Week 2007, Mighty Times: Legacy of Rosa Parks**, 7 p.m., Latino Native American Cultural Center
- **Movie Night**, 7 p.m., Alexis Park Inn, 1165 S. Riverside
- **New Year's Resolution Seminar**, 7 p.m., Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 123 E. Market
- **Singer/Songwriter Showcase, Caleb Engstrom, Paleo, Dan Maloney, Sarah Cram, and Ezra Furman and the Harpoons**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Throwdown Free Dance Party**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 3 p.m. UI Faculty & Guest Lectures
- 6 UI Special Events Programs
- 7 UI Special Events Programs
- 8 UI Faculty & Guest Lectures

- 9:30 DITV News, *The Daily Iowan* Daily News Update
- 9:45 Hawkeye Basketball, Postgame News Conference

- with Head Coach
- 10:30 DITV News, *The Daily Iowan* Daily News Update
- 10:45 UI Student Affairs Programming

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horoscopes

Tuesday, January 16, 2007
— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Express your thoughts, and you will captivate whatever audience you have. Don't be shy or afraid to ask for assistance. You can sail through without frustration or obstacles. Enjoy the moment.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You should probably check out your financial situation. Balance your books, and see if you can afford things before you put your cash on the line. You may have spent more the past few months than you realize. Protect your interests.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Make up your mind, and stick to your first decision. If you start to procrastinate or waffle, you may find yourself getting nowhere fast. Look to someone you respect for guidance, and partner with whoever can contribute to what you are trying to do.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Business trips will pay off. Take an unusual approach to whatever you do. You can change your plans midstream if you want to keep someone guessing, but don't confuse someone who can affect your position or security.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** It's time to challenge yourself; you have the potential to be better. You can light up a room, turn heads, and dominate any race you run. Don't stop to see what others are doing. Be the leader, and win.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Be careful how you handle loved ones, or you may find yourself out in the cold. Changes are heading your way, so protect your interests. An older person in your life will offer insight.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Keep your ideas to yourself until you have them to a point where they can't be stolen. A trip will help you see the possibilities that exist. The more time spent viewing things that are foreign to you, the more creative you will be.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Nothing will be as it appears. Check out what the people closest to you are doing. Someone may let you down. You have to over-see everything if you want things to turn out OK. A little extra affection will put you in a good position.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Get serious about what you really want to do and where you want to be. Making a move will be an adventure you won't want to miss. A partnership can make a difference in your life and your future.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Truth may be stranger than fiction today. Uncertainties will leave you feeling left out of the loop. Ask questions, and make adjustments. A conservative approach with money can be your saving grace.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** You've got all your ducks lined up — so proceed. Don't be afraid of failure. No one will fault you for trying. Don't let the ambiguity of a relationship lead to a crutch you've used in the past.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** There are lots of smoke screens in your life right now, but if you look for the obvious, you will realize there is far more there than meets the eye. You can surprise someone into giving you information.



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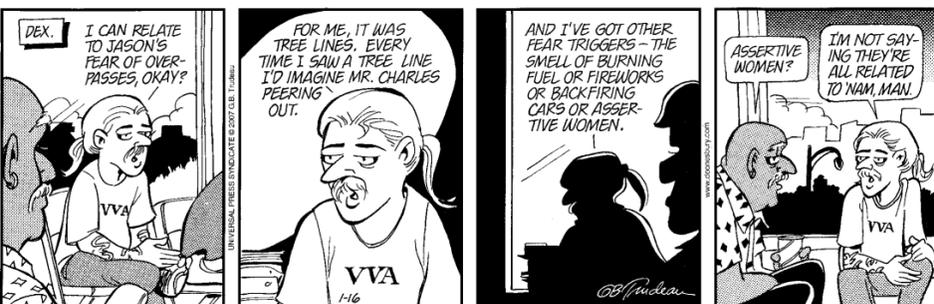
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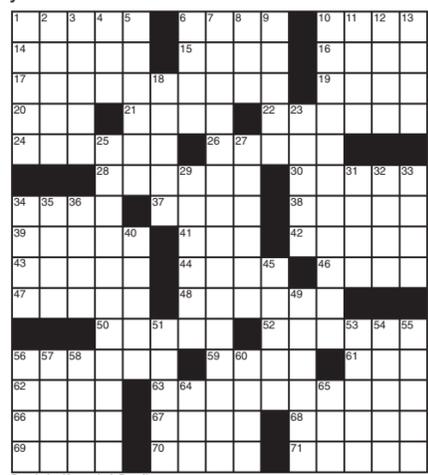


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- ACROSS**
- 1 Soprano Lehmann
 - 6 The year 1003
 - 10 Puzzle with a start and an end
 - 14 Teamsters, e.g.
 - 15 Machu Picchu builder
 - 16 "I had no ___"
 - 17 "Where the Washington Nationals play
 - 19 Salty drop
 - 20 Before, to bards
 - 21 Skip past
 - 22 Orders with schmears
 - 24 Approach at a clip
 - 26 Not so genial
 - 28 Pestle's partner
 - 30 "Ho ho ho" fellow
 - 34 Notebook projections
 - 37 ___ Stanley Gardner
 - 38 Intense dislike
 - 39 When lunch might end
 - 41 Table scrap
 - 42 Sign of life
 - 43 Forearm bones
 - 44 Carnivore's intake
 - 46 Shows curiosity
 - 47 Many a contract negotiator
 - 48 Prove successful
 - 50 Montezuma, e.g.
 - 52 Lung: Prefix
 - 56 Basketry fiber
 - 59 Slave away
 - 61 Pants part
 - 62 Folkie Guthrie
 - 63 "Hospital diagnostic device
 - 66 Recipe instruction
 - 67 Milne bear
- DOWN**
- 1 Drew in structure
 - 2 Prefix with structure
 - 3 Takes a shine to
 - 4 ___ Gatos, Calif.
 - 5 Completely
 - 6 Longish dress
 - 7 Off-the-cuff response ... and a hint to the answers to the four starred clues
 - 8 Place for an R.N.
 - 9 Metric feet
 - 10 "Engineer from Cambridge
 - 11 "Zip-___Doo-Dah"
 - 12 Gung-ho feeling
 - 13 Floppy parts of a dachshund
 - 18 Dean Martin's "That's ___"
 - 23 Old Greek storyteller
 - 25 "Gilbert and Sullivan classic
 - 27 King Minos, for one
 - 29 ___ l'oeil
 - 31 Guitarist Lofgren
 - 32 Ivory source
 - 33 Iowa State's town
 - 68 Cut out
 - 69 Publicist's job
 - 70 Sigmund Freud's daughter
 - 71 Lets up



- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
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- 34** When said three times, a W.W. II film
- 45** Something to debate
- 55** Cruel sorts
- 35** Word jumble: Abbr.
- 49** Loosen, as a corset
- 56** Calamine lotion target
- 36** Eliot's "Adam ___"
- 51** Buccaneers' home
- 57** Too stylish, maybe
- 53** Neighbors of 43-Across
- 58** Page (through)
- 40** Gaynor of "South Pacific"
- 54** Ed of the Reagan cabinet
- 60** Fed. workplace watchdog
- 64** Director Howard
- 65** PBS funder

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