**Deaths stun city**

Family and friends mourn the deaths of what they call a model family and are left to question what went wrong.

By Kelsey Beltramea and Terry McCoy

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**Research track OK'd**

By Lauren Sikla

The Daily Iowan

President Sally Mason approves the research-track-faculty policy Monday.

In an e-mail sent out to faculty and staff Monday afternoon, Mason expressed concern that this policy would have financial implications.

In her email, Mason said, "There are voices that just don't get it. Most of the time coverage concentrations and trim screenings An Antawar Committee member Megan Fitt said she expects voting to speak to the potential conflicts of interest because of the research and also the researchers. Iowa National Guardsman Andrew Duggal, who served at the Abu Ghraib prison in 2004, and the Air Force veteran Jason Mund will speak at the IMU this evening. El Pianista Will create the PUC on Thursday night to discuss minorities in the military. The goal for the week is to bring to the University a war from other schools with large campuses, she believes researchers will only have a chance to become quite negative toward the classroom is inherently negative public opinion because, "People only know that they're unstable because they're unstable. That's Hector Mason, a retired Army veteran who served in Iraq in 2004. Hector Mason's office will be in the IMU 2-7 p.m. Thursday. **The overall aim of the week's observance of the fifth anniversary of the war. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the dead and to those who continue to serve.**

**War passes grim milestone**

UI professors say the milestone could affect people's perception of the war as well as the course of the president's race.

**Police blotter**

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DEATHS CONTINUED FROM 1A
Responding police officers found the front door of the house unlocked. After authorities poked through the front door, three neighbors expressed horror that several people were dead, but noted that the action appeared normal for a crash, Hargadine said.

“Mrs. Kesterson said, ‘I have no idea what happened to Steven Sueppel, the family's reputation in the Iowa City School District was ‘mind-boggling.’”

“Then they left her to provide for her family, despondent for months. She later had a court-ordered involuntary psychiatric hospitalization.”

The family reunion was at 1:15 p.m. at the family's new home in Davenport and pleaded not guilty. The trial was set to begin on April 21, and

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Dr. Ron Smith, a 69-year-old Iowa City resident, is confounding for those close to him. "That's how great he was to everyone," said Jane Russell, who lives across the street from the family.

"He was the most caring man I've ever known," said Sheryl Sueppel, her fourth-grade classmate. "He was the most caring man I've ever known." She didn't single anyone out in his goodness to the kids, never yelled."

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“Sheryl, good to the kids, never yelled. I mean it. He was good to kids,” said Jack Kesterson, Sheryl Sueppel's stepfather.

"I always said I had the best son-in-law," said Jane Russell, who lives across the street from the family. "I think this was somehow systemic. I think it was just a systemic failure in the UI's communication system."
### Recalling the black experience

**Recycling the black experience**

A public forum recognizes black contributions to Iowa sports.

### By Lauren Sieben

**Re: An Iowa in Transition: Iowa Black Athlete and the NCAA**

A forum to honor black athletes at the University of Iowa will be held on April 16. The event will feature speakers who will discuss the role of black athletes in Iowa sports history.

### By Megan Stephenson

**Why blacks are still under-represented in high school sports**

African American athletes are still under-represented in high school sports, according to a recent study. The study found that African American athletes are less likely to participate in high school sports compared to their white counterparts.

### By Chris Vanderwall

**Mims' career a cornerstone**

Fred Mims, the first black athlete at the University of Iowa, passed away on January 30. He was a trailblazer in the world of college athletics and his legacy continues to inspire others.

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The measure, which would expand what public employees may discuss in collective bargaining, now goes to the governor.

By Shawn Gude
THE DAILY IOWAN

As Chinese adoptions increase around the world, particularly in the United States, a few UI students have called on their fellow party members Monday to allow for more time on the bill through the Legislature. Culver, a Democrat, even called on the minority party members Monday to allow for more debate on the bill.

"Unfortunately, I don’t think to date, a genuine effort to find consensus and common ground through constructive dialogue and discussion has occurred," the governor said in a statement.

"It feels good," said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, a backer of the bill through the Legislature. "Unfortunately, I don’t think to date, a genuine effort to find consensus and common ground through constructive dialogue and discussion has occurred," the governor said in a statement.

The proposed law was met with support from many Democrats and union leaders, but it has drawn the disdain of Republicans and some tax groups.

One such organization, the nonpartisan Iowa Taxpayers Association, was staunchly against the measure. "If you make wide, sweeping changes — especially as it pertains to the collective-bargaining process — that could have a widespread effect on the number of teachers that we have available [and] class sizes," said Edward Wallace, the president of the tax-policy organization. "You could easily expand the number of districts and expand the amount of property taxes needed.

"This is a major change. It’s been portrayed as no big deal," the governor said Monday night. "I don’t think to date, a genuine effort to find consensus and common ground through constructive dialogue and discussion has occurred," the governor said in a statement.

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On the Spot

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andspace considerations.

In light of Monday morning’s events, do you feel safe on campus?

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The UI community needs fuller and better information in the face of
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 reopening this week, playwright Jeff Daniels’ Apartment 3A

This is Apt. 3A, but it's only for rent. The story of love, loss, and laughter that unfolds here isn’t the kind of thing you see in the movies. It’s real life, and it’s happening right now in the Purple Rose Theater’s production of “Apartment 3A.”

The play follows the lives of three friends—Kevin, Anna, and Ron—as they navigate their way through love, heartbreak, and friendship. With humor and heart, the characters explore the complexities of relationships and what it means to be truly oneself.

Andrea Winer, who directed the production, said, “This is a story about love, loss, and the journey of self-discovery. It’s about finding your way in the world and, sometimes, losing your way. But ultimately, it’s about finding your place in the world and being true to yourself.”

The cast, including Michael J. White, Whitney Wright, and Darla McMillan, brings the characters to life with their performances, making this production a must-see for anyone who has ever felt lost in the chaos of life.

So why not come and catch “Apartment 3A” at the Purple Rose Theater? It’s a story that will make you laugh, cry, and think about the complexity of life. And, who knows, you might even find your own path to love and happiness along the way.

Tickets are available online or at the theater, and the show runs through March 30. Don’t miss out on this heartwarming and hilarious production. It’s sure to be a hit with audiences of all ages.
WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pledged Monday to ensure “an outcome that will merit the sacrifice” of those who have died in Iraq, offering both sympathy and resolve as the U.S. death toll in the five-year war hit 4,000.

“One day, people will look back at this moment in history and say, ‘Thank God there were some who recognized what was necessary for peace and for our country and for our children and our grandchildren and for the safety of all the world,’ ” Bush said at the State Department after a two-hour briefing on U.S. diplomatic strategy around the world. “I vow so long as I am president to make sure that those lives were not lost in vain.”

The president received another two-hour briefing earlier Monday at the White House on Iraq, the one from Gen. David Petraeus, the top commander in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, via secure video hookup from Baghdad. Petraeus and Crocker are due to testify on Capitol Hill on April 8.

Grim milestones such as the 4,000 mark in the war’s death toll or even large clusters of casualties usually go unremarked upon by Bush. But he chose on this occasion to note the losses, albeit briefly and without taking questions from reporters.

“On this day of reflection, I offer our deepest sympathy to the families of the two men,” the president said. “I hope their families know that citizens pray for their comfort and for their strength, whether or not they served, whether or not they served in the military or in another capacity, whether or not their life in long or recently lost their life in Iraq.”

Cancer doctors may see cost as ‘side effect’ to weigh in choosing treatment

The New York Times — You’ve just been diagnosed with cancer, and your doctor is discussing treatment options. Should the cost be a deciding factor? Chemotherapy costs are rising so dramatically that later this year, oncologists will get their first guidelines on how to have a straight talk with patients about the affordability of treatment choices, a topic too often sidestepped.

“These are awkward discussions,” says Dr. Arthur Black, the American Society of Clinical Oncology, which is writing the guidelines. “At least we can bring this out in the open.”

It’s a particular issue for patients whose cancer cannot be cured but who are seeking both the longest possible survival and the best quality of life — and may be acutely aware that gaining precious months could mean bankrupting their families.

The prices can be staggering. Consider: There are two equally effective options to battling metastatic colon cancer, the kind spreading through the body — but one costs $60,000 more than the other, says Dr. Leonard Saltz of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

“What’s the difference?” The cheaper one, endocrinologist causes hair loss that makes it impossible for people trying to keep a job to hide their cancer treatment, he says. The pricier option can cause severe nausea in hands and feet that might make it a worse option for, say, a musician or computer worker.

FBI recovers remains of 2 U.S. contractors kidnapped in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Authorities have recovered the remains of two U.S. contractors who were kidnapped in Iraq more than a year ago, the FBI said Monday.

The men were among six Western contractors kidnapped in separate incidents. Their disappearance received new attention earlier this month when the severed fingers of several men were sent to the U.S.

Detroit mayor, former aide charged with perjury

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was charged with perjury and other offenses Monday and got a stern lecture about the importance of telling the truth — after a trace of raunchy text messages contributed to a smear attack of an affair with a high school classmate.

The 37-year-old “Hi-Hop Mayor” who brought youth and vitality to the job in this struggling city of 900,000 could get up to 15 years in prison for perjury alone, and would be automatically expelled from office if convicted.

Ignoring mounting demands that he step down, Kilpatrick said: “I look forward to completing every fact of the case that has been brought forth. I will remain focused on moving this city forward.”

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy brought charges of perjury, conspiracy, obstruction of justice, and misconduct against the popular but polarizing mayor. In announcing the charges, she delivered something of a civic lesson on the importance of telling the truth under oath.

“Some have suggested that the supposed coloring of your evidence is for private,” said Worthy, a Democrat, as is the mayor. “Our investigation has clearly shown that public dollars, people’s lives were ruined, the justice system severely mocked, and the public trust tram- pled on.”

At least one of the contractors, Codie Young of Kansas City, Mo., worked for JPI Worldwide when he was kidnapped in January 2007. Young worked for Consturct Security Group when he was kidnapped in November 2008.

The FBI said it had identified the families of the two men.

Cheney says Hamas sabotages Israel-Palestinian peace talks

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney, concluding two days of talks with Israeli and Palestinian leaders, said Monday that Hamas militants and their back- ers in Iran and Syria are playing the role of spoilers in Middle East peace talks.

“...it is a difficult situation. In part, because I think it’s true, that there’s evidence that Hamas is supported by Iran and Syria and that they’re doing everything they can to torpedo peace processes,” Cheney told reporters before traveling to Turkey, which will host a two-day “trip to the Middle.”

Cheney said there’s ongoing concern about the extent which arms are being smuggled across the Egyptian border into Gaza where they’re being used by Hamas to attack Israel.

“A continuing problem,” he said. “If that they had not resulted in the ongoing activity of launch- ing rockets into Israel and threaten- ing the lives of Israelis and threaten- ing to make a difficult situation even more difficult for those that are interested in the kind of peace that we think would be a lot to see.”

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IOWA (6-5) VS. WESTERN ILLINOIS (1-3)
TODAY, AT DAVE BAIRD FIELD, 6:30 P.M., KCIC 800-AM

By Ryan Young

Iowa baseball coach Jack Dahm hopes to straighten out the Hawkeye pitching in today's home opener with Western Illinois (1-3).

The Hawkeyes are 6-5 this season and 1-3 in conference play. Their next game against the Missouri Valley Conference team will be the first conference game for the Hawkeyes this season.

The Hawkeyes are looking to improve their pitching after allowing 12 runs in their last game against Missouri State. The team hopes to get back on track against Western Illinois.

Western Illinois is 1-3 this season and 0-1 in conference play. The team is led by pitcher Michael Callahan, who has a 1.80 ERA in four starts.

Dahm is looking for his team to bounce back after a tough loss to Missouri State. He hopes to see improved pitching from his starters, including Dakota Smith, who gave up five runs in his last start.

With five losses in their last six games, the Hawkeyes are looking to turn things around against Western Illinois. Dahm is confident his team can get back on track and improve their conference record.

Baseball Hawks Banks opener
By Howard Ulman

DETROIT — When the Detroit Tigers landed Miguel Cabrera in a blockbuster trade, they could have been keeping an ace up their sleeve for years, which would make the AL championship series look even more of a sure thing.

Cabrera agreed Jan. 18 to an $141 million over the following nine years on this contract. Re-signed OF Cecil Sapp.

Tigers wrap up Cabrera

Boston pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka joins past television and still photographers as he enters Tokyo Dome for his team's practice on Monday. The Red Sox will meet the Oakland Athletics in their two-day Major League Baseball regular-season openers in Japan today and Wednesday.

Complete game by Daisuke Matsuzaka unlikely in Boston's opener.

By Howard Ulman

TOKYO — Complete games were common for Daisuke Matsuzaka, the left-handed Japanese pitcher with the Boston Red Sox.

He then came to the United States, where pitch counts and innings limits are enforced, and he says he never thought he would have the freedom to let him keep it up.

So far in his homeland he is bound to be disappointed tonight by this morning in the United States: When Matsuzaka starts in the opening game of the major league season against the Oakland Athletics, in 100 starts over eight seasons with the Storks, he completed 72 games.

If we were playing this game in Japan, I'd be too scared to chew gum and let him try to pitch a complete game, like he probably would want to, Francisco said on Monday. We just probably can't even try to hit it around.

"Which is good for us."
**Volleyball gets new head coach**

*Volleyball set for home game*

By Mike Cranston

DAVIDSON, N.C. — The new coach of this small, quaint town southern town was a former player who never dreamed he would recruit to the "Leprechaun" of the year.

John Woods wasn't sure if he ever again saw the level of talent that brought him to the town, when he introduced his team to the NCAA regional final and was considered one of the heavyweights in the tournament.

"We would have liked to have had the chance to go out and play," he said. "But you just have to play for what you have."
Upsetting March

With favorite teams aside, March Madness has always been about getting back in on the Cinderella ride and riding to the finals, as the Sweet 16 or maybe slightly later. It's not that I don't love the underdog story.

But those Cinderellas happened, and it really got me thinking.

Maybe the best basketball isn't about winning or losing. Maybe it's really just about seeing the two best teams on the court and knowing who's going to win. Carolina-Illinois (2004) and Ohio State-Illinois (2007) were the most competitive championship games in the last four years, and it's probably because both games were finally decided by a single point in the second half.

This isn't about bating on mid-major; after all, this year's Davidson team certainly deserves to be in the Final Four. But, essentially, George Mason gave fans their first dose of Cinderella III, as Mason's 2006 wins were thrilling, hard-fought, and legitimate, but expected. It was six in a row just isn't realistic. Remember, the Patriots were promptly dismantled by eventual champions Florida.

We all know how well that's working out.

I love watching the NCAA tournaments, but it's hard to see how things really turn out.

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