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Wrestlemania
Tom Brands releases the hounds on Iowa State's wrestling squad when the wranglers tangle Saturday at 7 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena as No. 1 and No. 2 (Hawkeyes on top). **1B**

Senior struggling against State
Iowa senior Alex Tsirtsis has faced the Cyclone wrestlers three times in his career and lost twice. Tsirtsis and teammate Charlie Falck will have their last chance against Iowa State Saturday. **1B**

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Turnover and health
At a Presidential Committee on Athletics meeting, officials discuss problems with high coach turnover and potential athletes' health problems. **4A**

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Something 'New' with Singers' special
After 20 years, the Newman Singers continue an annual tradition, with a few modern twists, for tonight's Christmas Concert. **7A**

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Society can protect itself from radical groups' destruction by becoming more flexible and connected. **6A**

CORRECTION
In the Dec. 4 article, "City eyes specials," the *DI* was provided with the incorrect name of a source. Miles Shultz was not interviewed. The *DI* regrets the error.

In the Dec. 1 article "IC may skip past downturn" the *DI* incorrectly reported Hands Jewelers saw a record number of customers because of a yellow diamond bracelet. The business showcased a \$500,000 yellow diamond ring, as well as a diamond bracelet. The *DI* regrets this error.

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Today's webcast
See what one local bar owner thinks about the city's interest in reducing the availability of drink specials in bars and see the postgraduation plans of one Hawkeye volleyball player on today's edition of Daily Iowan TV.

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Tuition decision nears

The state Board of Regents will weigh in on tuition and sexual-assault policies next week.

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UI students will know in under a week whether they will face tuition and fee hikes next school year.

The proposed increase — \$300 for resident Iowans at the

UI and \$1,560 for nonresidents — will top the state Board of Regents' agenda at its Dec. 10 and 11 meeting in Cedar Falls next week. The proposal amounts to a 4.6 percent increase for residents and a 7.6 percent increase for nonresidents. That means residents

would pay a total of \$6,824, and nonresidents would pay \$22,198 in 2009-10.

Of the three regent universities, the UI's tuition jumps are the highest.

The regents have traditionally approved yearly hikes, and this year, they're also dealing

with a mandated \$7 million in cuts across the three state universities.

"Of course, you never want to see a tuition increase, but with the situation the state is in, it seems inevitable," UI senior Bridget Fagan said as she stood outside the Main Library on Thursday. "If the governor is asking the schools to cut mil-

SEE **REGENTS, 3A**

'It was a great sense of grass-roots togetherness. If every university in the United States raised just a little bit of money, we could do so much for the innocent victims of this disease.'

— **Anthony Berger**, UI junior



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Models for the "Couture for a Cause" fashion show stand onstage holding bags for donations at Public Space One on Thursday. The contestants wore peculiar outfits, including one made out of old newspapers and one made out of condoms, and one man simply wore a box around his torso.

An evening of culture & giving

A local AIDS event raises money to help HIV-infected people abroad.

By **CLARA HOGAN**
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Red-clad UI students gathered Thursday night to help spread AIDS awareness in a nontraditional manner. While the event's cause was serious, UI Global Health Club's "Couture for a Cause" provided a lighthearted atmosphere.

Roughly 100 people crowded into Public Space One, 129 E.

Washington St., to see an improv comedy group, a fashion show, and a local band. The event was the finale in a series of fundraisers during Red Week, which started on World AIDS day Monday. All the event's proceeds are going to Partners in Health, a national organization that provides medical care and education to the underprivileged across the globe.

ON THE WEB
See video of the fashion show at dailyiowan.com.

Thirty-three million people were estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS as of 2007, according to the UNAIDS, the joint U.N. program on HIV/AIDS.

Global Health Club members arrived at Public Space One around 5 p.m. to paint signs, set up seating, and complete plans for the group's major event of the year. They

The global disease
Statistics on the HIV/AIDS epidemic
• 33 million people are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS.
• 270,000 children died of the disease last year.
• More than 25 million people have died of AIDS since 1981.
• Africa has 11.6 million AIDS orphans.

Source: UNAIDS/WHO

had been planning for more than a month.

SEE **REDWAY, 3A**

Focusing on unintended pregnancies

An Iowa group's research shows 50 percent of pregnancies in the state are unintended.

By **LAUREN SIEBEN**
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Former Iowa first lady Christie Vilsack spends most of her time meeting with Rotary groups and state legislators to further a cause she believes in: preventing unplanned pregnancies.

"As much as they were looking at the ground, partly it's because everybody in that room has a story," said Vilsack, the executive director of Iowa Initiative, a privately funded group working to decrease unintended

pregnancies among Iowa women between 18 and 30 years old.

Members of the UI Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance met with Iowa Initiative on Thursday night at the Iowa City Public Library to discuss how education can prevent unintended pregnancies, glean information from a younger crowd.

The Des Moines-based Iowa Initiative is a five-year program that kicked off in January. After five years, the group plans to present its findings to lawmakers in Washington about what educational measures have and

haven't proved effective in preventing unplanned pregnancies.

Research from the group indicates 72.8 percent of pregnancies for Iowa women age 18 to 19 are unplanned, with fewer as age increases. All together, roughly half of all pregnancies in Iowa are unplanned.

"Up until this point, this target audience hasn't been a focus when it comes to unintended pregnancy," said Tonja Richards, the Iowa Initiative director of communications. "That doesn't mean [the children] aren't wanted, it's just when women are asked when they're coming out of the hospital, 'Did you plan to have a pregnancy?' they didn't really mean to."



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Former first lady of Iowa Christie Vilsack listens to an Iowa Initiative discussion with the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance in the Iowa City Public Library on Thursday.

SEE **PREGNANCY, 3A**

Rights, security balance

As the country moves closer to Barack Obama's presidency, finding the correct balance between civil liberties and the war on terror remains contentious.

By **SHAWN GUDE**
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For Jamil Dakwar, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Human Rights Program, the Bush administration's legacy on upholding civil liberties and human rights is clear: abhorrent.

"It's a legacy of unchecked executive power," said Dakwar, who will speak today at an Iowa City Foreign Relations Council-sponsored event. "It's a legacy of all means justifying the goals. It's a legacy Americans cannot be proud of."

In addition, he contends the methods used by the administration haven't just been immoral but a "failure."

Interrogation techniques used that critics deride as torture have "made the U.S. look not as a democracy and a country that believes in the rule of law and human rights but rather makes mockery those values."

Dakwar is on the legal team of *Ali v. Rumsfeld*. The team is seeking compensation for torture allegedly inflicted on their nine clients — five Iraqis and four Afghans.

But the correct balance between civil liberties and antiterrorism remains controversial.

Many conservatives, including UI College Republicans member Sarah Milani, argue that in times of war, citizens must be ready to set aside personal liberties for the greater good.

"All know that as citizens of the United States, they are entitled to these civil liberties and all the rights that the Constitution gives them, but they have to understand that the country is bigger than themselves," Milani said.

Their differences are all the more important in a year that will likely see some sort realignment of U.S. policy.

SEE **TORTURE, 3A**



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Bar patrons smoke on the Pedestrian Mall on Thursday. Though a bill currently in the Iowa Legislature would require bars to police outside areas, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said there could be problems on the Ped Mall, where the bars' sidewalk territory is ambiguous.

Bar bill draws skeptics

Some remain skeptical about the bill.

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Grunts and punches draw dozens of inebriated eyes to sidewalks outside downtown bars every weekend.

And although bar owners may only be concerned about the activities in their bars, they may need to police the outdoors too, if a bill requiring them to do so is passed.

The bill would hold bar owners accountable for criminal activity in such places as parking lots and areas adjacent to their property, including sidewalks.

The Metropolitan Coalition — a group of mayors from Iowa's largest cities, including Iowa City — lobbied for an initial version of the bill in February, but it died in subcommittee, said Rep. Mary Gaskill, D-Ottumwa, the

House Local Government Committee chairwoman.

"There were quite a few questions on it, and I'm sure [the coalition] is looking at it again," said Gaskill, who introduced the bill.

Now, the coalition is lobbying for a similar bill, with hopes that it will pass when the state Legislature reconvenes in January.

Bar owners may be apprehensive about the extra responsibility.

"I could be responsible for what goes on inside my bar but not outside in the street or for what happens from people coming from another bar," said Leah Cohen, the owner of Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St.

Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey said the proposal doesn't seem unprecedented, but it's important that owners know their level of responsibility.

"We certainly hear from business owners who are concerned about what happens adjacent to their property, so I

don't think it's out of the scope of reasonable expectations," Bailey said.

Despite the seeming support for the bill, state legislators still hold some reservations.

"I have a concern because you'd be asking a bar owner to be a police officer," said Rep. David Jacoby, D-Iowa City. "I don't see what that would help or what problem [the coalition] is trying to solve. I have a feeling that bar owners have enough to patrol inside their own walls."

Both Jacoby and Gaskill said they hadn't heard about the new bill. But Jacoby said he didn't see how having bar owners patrol outside would help to significantly reduce fights.

"The problems don't usually start outside, they start inside," Jacoby said. "Police and public safety should be contacted if something were to happen outside the bar. We want public safety to be the ones who help lead us on this issue."

If local policy and public-

safety officials say the issue needs to be discussed, it will have greater priority, he said.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay thinks the idea has merit, he said, but the application could be difficult.

"I have mixed feelings about how you'd hold a bar owner accountable for what happens outside," he said.

There could be problems because some outlying bars have clear, physical properties while others, such as those on the Pedestrian Mall, are physically connected.

With the former, the origin of conflicts is much easier to see; with the latter, it's a little murkier.

Bar owners might be less likely to call the police to break up a dispute if they know they will be charged for the fight.

"I see the good intent, but there could be some unintended negative consequences," Kelsay said.

The Legislature will reconvene Jan. 12, 2009.

TOP STORIES

Most-read stories on dailyiowan.com for Thursday, Dec. 4

1. Sole survivor of Lu shooting dies
2. Iowa City officials look to sober up drink specials
3. Idiots Out Driving Around
4. Wrestlers seek to improve
5. Family doctor disappearing

METRO

Oakdale warden dies

The warden at Iowa Medical & Classification Center in Oakdale died Wednesday night.

Lowell Brandt, 58, died at his home of a heart attack, Michael

Lensing, the director of Lensing Funeral and Cremation Service,

confirmed Thursday.

Funeral services will be handled by Lensing. There will be a greeting today from 5 to 7 p.m., and memorial services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home's Kirkwood Avenue location.

- by Regina Zilbermints

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Human rights reaches milestone

Local human-rights activists reflect on achievements, shortcomings, 60 years later.

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In 1948, Warner Brothers showed the first color news reel, Harry Truman defeated Thomas Dewey, and the United Nations declared a list of universal human rights.

The UI Center for Human Rights, along with other local and regional organizations, is hosting a weekend-long conference to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and discuss its effect on society today.

Sharon Benzoni, the executive director of the Iowa City Foreign Relations Council, said the declaration, though 60 years old, still plays an important role in international affairs.

"It creates common values around which very different and complex societies can begin to come together and recognize their shared humanity," she said. "Its principles have been guideposts for both large international organizations — such as the United Nations — and for small groups and indi-

viduals struggling for change within their own societies."

To celebrate the declaration's 60th birthday, the conference is showing the film *Soldiers in Conscience* today at 8 p.m., presenting discussion panels, and hosting speakers including former Republican Congressman Jim Leach and Jamil Dakwar, the American Civil Liberties Union Human Rights Program director.

The event's hosts said they hope the conference will promote public discussion of international issues.

"People need to learn what their rights are," said Alice Dahle, the Iowa United Nations Association assistant director. "They need to hold their own governments accountable."

The U.N. General Assembly adopted the human-rights declaration on Dec. 10, 1948, in response to the deep wounds left behind after World War II. The document established principles for the treatment of all human beings: It called for the end of

slavery, torture, and discrimination and sought to protect everyone's right to work, rest, and peacefully assemble.

The list of rights is published in more than 360 languages; it is the most translated document in the world. Greg Hamot, the director of the UI Center for Human Rights, said many countries used the declaration as a guideline when redrafting their constitutions after the fall of communism.

"The [declaration] really marks the first time in world history that there was a consensus across a number of countries about the fundamental needs that human beings have in order to live a life of dignity and to have the necessities of life met," said Amy Weismann, the deputy director of the UI Center for Human Rights.

Dahle said even though the United States has created good legislation protecting human rights, the nation is very far behind in several areas: The United States is one of eight nations that

Human Rights Celebration

The UI is hosting an array of events to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

- Luncheon/lecture with Jamil Dakwar, noon today, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton
- "Know the Score Live" radio broadcast, 5 p.m. today, Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- Opening Keynote and Q&A with James Leach, 10-11:15 a.m. Saturday, Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- Vocal performance by Katherine Eberle, 7 p.m. Saturday, Old Capitol Senate Chamber

Source: UI Center for Human Rights website

haven't ratified conventions outlawing discrimination against women and one of two nations that haven't ratified the rights of children. She said the other nation, Somalia, doesn't have a functioning government.

"It's really quite embarrassing," she said.

University Theatres Second Stage presents the **MFA Directors One Act Play Festival**

WAITING FOR LEFTY by CLIFFORD ODETS directed by Anthony Nelson
Popular during the four years that the Depression-era Federal Theatre Project existed, this frankly political play deals with the American working class and how big business has attempted to stifle their independence and freedom.

A MAN'S A MAN by BERTOLT BRECHT directed by John Kaufmann
A man goes out in the morning to buy a fish and finds himself drafted into the army by sundown. This hilarious and haunting play was heavily influenced by vaudeville and the physical comedy of Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton.

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The University of Iowa Department of Theatre Arts

POLICE BLOTTER

Kevin Atterberg, 27, 740 Michael St. Apt. 3, was charged Thursday with OWI.
Alberta Carter, 45, 1958 Broadway Apt. B11, was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.
Steven Hanzlovic, 18, Burge, was charged Thursday with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.
Sean Iske, 27, West Liberty, was charged Wednesday with driving while

revoked.
Steven Lee, 47, 320 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 503, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.
Justin Luetjen, 31, address unknown, was charged Sept. 28 with second-degree robbery, forgery, and conspiracy to commit a felony.
Mason Maynard, 19, 427 E. Market St.,

was charged Thursday with public intoxication and unlawful use of a driver's license.
Shawn Nicholson, 37, Solon, was charged Wednesday with driving while revoked.
Kevin O'Malley, 18, N105 Hillcrest, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.
Alyse Schoemaker, 19, 230C Mayflower,

was charged Thursday with public intoxication.
Elizabeth Segura, 19, 2888 Coral Court Apt. 204, was charged Thursday with OWI.
Kode Taylor, 23, 1908 Grantwood St., was charged Thursday with public intoxication.
Ryan Warren, 19, 510 Slater was charged Thursday with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.

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Regents to set tuition

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lions from their budget, unfortunately, it's expected that tuition's going to rise."

Other items the regents will discuss include sexual-assault-policy revisions at all three public schools, which are due to be sent to the regents by today. The regents mandated in September the policies be revised.

The regents have requested a policy that includes "strong victim-support systems and encourages reporting while balancing" federal mandates, according to board documents.

The UI has had visits from U.S. Department of Justice officials, who have given their suggestions for revisions.

"These changes are going to be much-needed considering all of the problems that have been attributed to lacking sexual-assault policies this semester," UI senior Samantha Eubank said.

"It will be nice to have a blanket policy across the state with set rules for victim recovery and university action."

Along with these items, the regents will also consider sell-

ing almost \$34 million in UI Hospitals and Clinics bonds. The majority of the money from those bonds would cover project costs for the UIHC, including renovations to the Emergency Trauma Center and a new Ambulatory Surgery Center.

The Carver College of Medicine will also present its proposal for building a Fraternal Order of the Eagles Diabetes Facility in the college.

In September, the Eagles donated \$25 million to diabetes research at the UIHC.

The regents will also hear UI Facilities Management's case for purchasing the University Athletics Club for \$6.5 million. The UI has been leasing the space since September for \$50,000 a month. The UI would use the club for meetings, banquets, conferences and events that cannot be held at the IMU.

"The June 2008 Iowa River flooding demonstrates both short- and longer-term needs for the property," regent reports show.

The "contemplated purchase" of the property would go for \$5.775 million and an additional \$750,000 for club assets.

Trying to balance rights, security

TORTURE

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Obama — at least based on his campaign promises — will chart a decidedly different path from that of the Bush administration on the proper balance between the war on terror and civil liberties.

The president-elect has pledged to close the United State's prison in Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. He has argued the CIA needs to be held to the same guidelines on torture as the military.

And he has called for increased transparency and a return to the "American values" he contends were lost under his predecessor.

Dakwar is relatively sanguine about a shift under the Obama presidency, hoping there will be a shift "from the war on terror paradigm of seeing the war on terror as a conflict that has no end and going back to the criminal-justice paradigm in which the government can still fight terrorism forcefully while preserving basic principles and values."

Milani is more skeptical. "When he is president ... he's going to have a lot of learning to do," she said. "And I think people that will be working for him in his Cabinet will enlighten him about ways to protect Americans that Obama may have not fully understood."

According to recent polls, the American public opposes further curtailing civil liberties. In a September CBS News/*New York Times* poll, 51 percent of respondents said they were more concerned the government would restrict civil liberties than the govern-

Jamil Dakwar, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Human Rights Program

"Protecting Human Rights While Countering Terrorism Under the Obama Administration"

• Time: Noon
• Location: Congregational Church
Source: Iowa City Foreign Relations Council

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— Sarah Milani, UI College Republicans member

ment would fail to enact strong antiterrorism laws. Thirty-one percent said the opposite.

That gap has widened since 2006, when it was 7 percentage points.

On more specific human-rights and civil-liberty issues, polling has shown Americans are opposed to waterboarding and allowing detainees to challenge their detentions in the civilian court system.

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The event was free, but the group made more than \$400 in donations by the end of the night, said UI senior and club member Rachel Bender. She expects to receive \$300 to \$400 more in business donations, she said.

Group member and UI graduate student Ben Henkle said while the event's goal was to raise money, it was more important to spread awareness and a sense of activism on campus.

Before the event, the members went to work constructing a massive red ribbon out of construction paper, which acted as a backdrop to the performance stage. They set up a table with dozens of pizzas and plastered signs on the walls.

The cozy room filled quickly, and at 7 p.m., the improvisational comedy group Paperback Rhino took the stage. The group, which started in 2003 and is composed of UI students, performs every other week in Public Space One. The troupe often appears at charitable events, said UI senior Nora Scherschel, a member of the group.

"We did a flood benefit last month and one for Habitat for Humanity last year," she said. "It's great making people laugh for a good cause."

After the comedy show, the lights dimmed and music blasted as the Anything But Clothes Fashion Show — or "Project Redway" — began. Models strutted down the runway, which was made out of red wrapping paper, wearing

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— Nora Scherschel, UI senior

everything from duct tape to old newspapers and condoms.

Each model stopped on the stage while MC Anthony Berger, a UI junior, explained what each costume symbolized about the disease.

UI senior Annah Vollstedt designed and modeled an outfit made out of old *Daily Iowans*, "representing the media's role in raising awareness about the pandemic," Berger announced.

Vollstedt has been an active member of the health club since it was started last spring.

Another model, Maggie Kilburg, wore "Couture for a Cause" fliers, acting as the poster child for HIV/AIDS activism.

"Walk proud Maggie, because you represent the good college students can bring to the world," Berger said. The band Broken Spokes ended the event. The Global Health Club members said they were happy with the turnout.

"It was a great sense of grass-roots togetherness," Berger said. "If every university in the United States raised just a little bit of money, we could do so much for the innocent victims of this disease."



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Members of the Paperback Rhino comedy troupe Mary Fessler (left) and Nora Scherschel attempt to describe a fictitious product through miming during a comedy skit at Public Space One on Thursday. The skit was part of the UI Global Health Club's "Couture for a Cause," an event to raise awareness about AIDS.



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Maggie Kilburg, sporting a dress made of fliers for "Couture for a Cause," walks along the runway on Thursday. Kilburg was one of seven contestants for the Anything But Clothes fashion show, which was designed to raise funds for AIDS prevention.

Half of Iowa's pregnancies unintended

PREGNANCY

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Vilsack spoke with members of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance to discuss how to approach women in the group's target demographic. Vilsack said she was particularly interested in discussing the issue with student Feminist Majority Leadership members.

"We're trying to call attention to the fact that it's not just about teenagers, that it is about adult women who are trying to find the best methods to protect themselves," she said. "I was shocked when I got this job, because I always thought it was about teenage pregnancy."

UI junior Jessica Brock said it's more difficult for women in their 20s to justify unwanted pregnancies than it is for teenage girls.

"I think there's a stigma for older women," she said. "If you're younger, it's more acceptable for you to not want to have the baby. When you're older it's like, 'Why don't you want to have the baby? You're old.'"

'I think the problem is that we're not getting sexual education. We're getting reproductive education, which isn't the same. By focusing just purely on the reproductive part, you're missing out on this whole rainbow of sexuality.'

— Marni Steadham, UI sophomore

Iowa Initiative doesn't directly supply women with contraceptives, but it attempts to lower unintended pregnancy rates by unconventionally educating women, Vilsack said.

One of those methods is the Salon Intervention project, which aims to use hair stylists as a means of providing health messages and referrals to family planning centers to

their clients.

UI sophomore Marni Steadham identified high-school sexual-education programs as an early barrier for women seeking sexual information.

"I think the problem is that we're not getting sexual education. We're getting reproductive education, which isn't the same," she said. "By focusing just purely on the reproductive part, you're missing out on this whole rainbow of sexuality."

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Officials: Indian aided Mumbai attackers

By **SAM DOLNICK**
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — A Pakistani militant group apparently used an Indian operative as far back as 2007 to scout targets for the elaborate plot against India's financial capital, authorities said Thursday, a blow to Indian officials who have blamed the deadly attacks entirely on Pakistani extremists.

As investigators sought to unravel the attack on Mumbai, stepping up questioning of the lone captured gunman, airports across India were put on high alert amid fresh warnings that terrorists planned to hijack an aircraft.

Also Thursday, police said there were signs that some of the six victims of the attack on a Jewish center may have been tortured. "The victims were strangled," said Rakesh Maria, a senior Mumbai police official. "There were injuries noticed on the bodies that were not from firing."

Members of an Israeli rescue group that had a team in Mumbai said it was impossible to tell if the bodies had been abused, however, because no autopsies were conducted in accordance with Jewish tradition.

The surviving gunman, Ajmal Amir Kasab, 21, told interrogators he had been sent by the banned Pakistani militant group Lashkar-e-Taiba and

identified two of the plot's masterminds, according to two Indian government officials familiar with the inquiry.

Kasab told police that one of them, Zaki-ur-Rehman Lakhvi, Lashkar's operations chief, recruited him for the attack, and the assailants called another senior leader, Yusuf Muzammil, on a satellite phone after hijacking an Indian vessel en route to Mumbai.

The information sent investigators back to another reputed Lashkar operative, Faheem Ansari, who they hope could be key in pulling together different strands of the investigation.

Ansari, an Indian national, was arrested in February in north India carrying hand-drawn sketches of hotels, the train terminal, and other sites that were later attacked in Mumbai, said Amitabh Yash, the director of the Special Task Force of the Uttar Pradesh police.

During his interrogation, Ansari also named Muzammil as his handler in Pakistan and said he trained in a Lashkar camp in Muzaffarabad — the same area where Kasab said he was trained, a senior police officer involved in the investigation said.

In Pakistan, Interior Ministry chief Rehman Malik told reporters he had no information on Lakhvi or Muzammil but that authorities would check.

Ansari "told us about a

planned Lashkar attack on Bombay, on southern Bombay," said Yash, referring to Mumbai by its previous name. "He gave us eight or nine specific locations where the attack would be carried out," he said, adding that Ansari had detailed sketches of the places and escape routes from the sites.

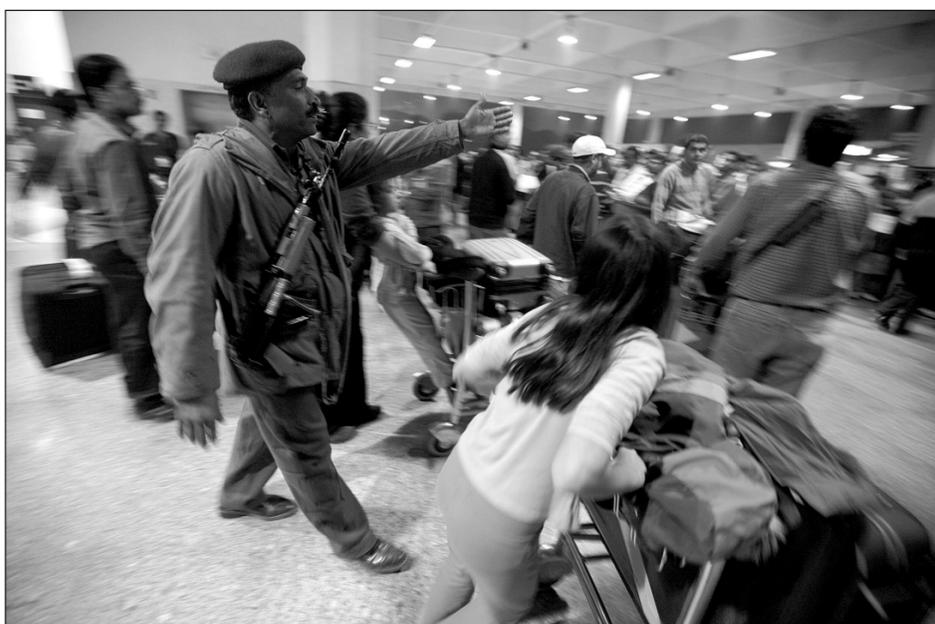
Ansari said he carried out the reconnaissance in the fall of 2007, which also included the U.S. consulate, the Bombay stock exchange, and other Mumbai sites that were not attacked.

Ansari is now in Indian custody, Yash said. It was unclear if he was being questioned again, but Maria said they were working to determine if Ansari played a role in how the attackers "got such intricate knowledge of the sites."

Indian authorities have faced a torrent of criticism about missed warnings and botched intelligence, and revelations that Ansari disclosed details of the Mumbai plot 10 months ago will be added to the list. Linking an Indian national to the plot also undermines India's assertion that Pakistan is solely responsible.

The attacks have heightened tensions between the contentious neighbors. They have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947 and both have nuclear weapons.

Yash said during extensive interrogations Ansari confessed



Police commandos keep a vigil at Indira Gandhi International airport in New Delhi, India, earlier today. A police official says security forces have swarmed through New Delhi's international airport after the sound of gunfire rang out, but no one was injured.

MUSTAFA QURAISHI/ASSOCIATED PRESS

to scouting Mumbai, arranging a safe-house there for Lashkar militants and provided details on his involvement in the group. "We got everything out of him, whatever he knew," he said.

Ansari linked up with Lashkar while working at a printing press in Dubai. He was taken by sea to Pakistan to the Lashkar camp in Muzaffarabad

and received a false Pakistani passport and citizenship papers, which police recovered when he was arrested.

In 2007, Ansari said, he traveled to Katmandu, Nepal, and then crossed back into India and settled in Mumbai, where he conducted reconnaissance for a future attack, Yash said.

He was arrested Feb. 10 in

the northern city of Rampur after suspected Muslim militants attacked a police camp, killing eight constables. He said he was there to collect weapons to bring to Mumbai for a future attack.

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Coach turnover worries athletes

Iowa Student Athlete Advisory Committee seeks coaching retention.

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UI student-athletes are concerned about what they say is a high turnover of coaches.

Iowa Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative Becky Quimby posed this concern to the Presidential Committee on Athletics meeting Thursday afternoon, specifically mentioning the turnover of strength and conditioning coaches.

"I know one soccer player who has gone through six strength and conditioning coaches. I have gone through three," the golfer said. "That's like going through three professors in one subject for a class."

Athletics Director Gary Barta acknowledged the personnel issue and told the committee the turnover is partly due to a recent increase in staff hiring.

Director of UI Sports Medicine Ned Amendola and Director of Athletics Training Services Paul Federici also briefed committee members on developments in the department, addressing how the faltering economy will affect student-athletes' health care.

"The U.S. and global economy

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Becky Quimby, Iowa Student-Athlete Advisory Committee representative

are going to have an effect on health care, but we are still trying to provide the best or even better health care for our student-athletes," he said.

With the increase in students with such problems as eating disorders, many athletics committee members inquired about what the sports medicine department is doing to help.

Amendola assured them that as the issue comes up more frequently, the need for help in the department is being considered and that it will most likely be necessary in the future.

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Guest Opinion

The Political Play of the Week: Georgia on our minds

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On Tuesday, the Democrat's last hope for a 60-seat filibuster-proof Senate majority were dashed when incumbent Sen. Saxby Chambliss crushed Jim Martin, his Democrat opposition in Georgia's runoff election. The Democrats currently have 58 out of 100 seats, and they could have 59 if Al Franken squeaks out a come-from-behind upset in Minnesota.

Chambliss, notorious among national Democrats for portraying former Sen. and double amputee Max Cleland next to Osama Bin Laden in a television spot, narrowly defeated the Vietnam veteran in 2002 by implying Cleland was soft on terror. National Democrats have been seething ever since.

Unfortunately, Democrats who were salivating for revenge, have to wait another six years to take back one of Georgia's Senate seats. Chambliss decisively defeated Martin by a significant margin 58 percent to 42 percent, although until the official canvass, these numbers are technically unofficial. African-American turnout — critical to statewide Democratic victory in Georgia, was dismally low and nowhere near what the general election turnout was.

Even worse, Barack Obama smartly read the Georgia tea leaves and declined to publicly stump for Martin, lest he lose some luster on his shiny political capital. It wasn't all the bad; Martin at least got two Clintons and a Gore.

Cold shoulders weren't a problem on the other side. Chambliss secured GOP heavy hitters Rudy Giuliani, Mitt Romney, Mike Huckabee, John McCain, and even the baracuda herself, Sarah Palin. Did success lie in the GOP stars — especially Palin — hitting the trail for Chambliss? I bet

it had some effect, but it wasn't the primary reason Chambliss won.

If you ask me, the real success came from Chambliss' political positioning. Politically speaking, when you position yourself you: 1) Decide where you want to be in relationship to your voters, 2) Put yourself there.

Something few people have picked up on was Chambliss' message. He never tried to co-opt Obama's change mantra, as so many losing Republicans tried to. (Think John McCain and Oregon Sen. Gordon Smith.) Rather than embrace the change mantra, he made a tactical decision to embrace his opposition image instead.

Let poor ol' Jim Martin talk about change in Washington, because time and time again, Chambliss reminded Georgians that change had already come on Nov. 4 and that too much change can be a bad thing. Martin said vote for change. Chambliss said vote for a firewall.

Georgians agreed with their incumbent senator, hook, line, and sinker. Why vote for Martin, anyway? The Democrats already control the government. Why give them even more power? It's hard to answer that last question if you aren't a partisan Democrat, and besides, it's always easier to sow seeds of doubt than plant seeds of hope in the minds of voters.

A vote for Chambliss was a vote to prevent unchecked power from the left wing of the Democratic Party. A vote for Chambliss was a vote for the only thing stopping the loony left from nominating wacky judges and passing you know, liberal stuff, such as gay marriage.

A vote for Chambliss was a vote for a very well-positioned candidate. A candidate positioned to receive the political play of the week.

Society's future immune system: technology



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Armed with nothing but standard black-market weapons and consumer electronics, a small group of dedicated attackers was recently able to shut down Mumbai, India, for several days. And, disturbingly, there's little reason to think the same thing couldn't happen in an American city.

Civilian police forces aren't trained or equipped to deal with such brazen commando-style raids, and trying to change that would be pointless. There simply aren't enough resources available to militarize our cities to that extent. Not to mention that doing so could have dire long-term consequences for civil liberties and democracy.

So what should we do instead? The best place to start is to look at what happened in Mumbai.

Long before the Indian authorities had any idea what was happening, average citizens stepped up and worked to save hundreds of lives. One man, working in a train station that was attacked, saw a way for many of the people there to escape through an exit at the opposite end of the station from where the gunmen had entered. Rather than fleeing immediately, this man risked his own life to get on the station's loudspeakers and tell the frightened crowd where to go. Also, in one of the hotels that came under siege, the staff shepherded numerous guests to safety through a series of service corridors and rooms only they knew about.

The Mumbai attack also decisively proved the usefulness of social media in dispersing vital information efficiently. Just as modest service employees were able to act more quickly and possibly save more lives than trained security forces, citizen journalists were able to get the word out much faster than the mainstream media. As the assault on the city was unfolding, people there and around the world could follow the latest developments in real time on Twitter, a micro-blogging service that allows people to send and receive short messages on their cell phones or computers. The wire services that used to break news were left in the dust.

Importantly, all of these amazing organic responses to the horror in Mumbai happened without any

planning whatsoever. This is key, because being able to respond dynamically to unexpected threats is the only effective way to minimize the harm potentially unpredictable attacks can cause.

As technology continues to become simultaneously more powerful, cheaper, and easier to use, radical groups are going to be able to pull off increasingly destructive strikes. Electronics such as satellite phones and GPS units allowed the 10 or so men who brought Mumbai to its knees to coordinate with each other more effectively than even elite militaries could until quite recently. And given the rapid advances in desktop manufacturing, within the next decade or two, malevolent individuals will likely be able to produce deadly weapons such as automatic firearms and explosives for themselves using abundantly available materials.

Rather than faithfully entrusting our collective security to increasingly outdated bureaucracies that process information and act too slowly to respond effectively to rapidly emerging new threats, our society must focus on becoming more connected, flexible, and resilient.

Thankfully, technology's relentless advance provides us with just as many tools for good as for ill. For example, cell phones and other mobile devices provide the perfect infrastructure to build on. Soon, it will be technically and economically feasible to integrate sensors into such devices that could detect radiation, dangerous chemicals, and other hazards. Combined with a system that would allow people to share information such as the locations and activities of armed attackers with law enforcement as well as each other, such a network of smart devices could act like a city's immune system. As soon as harmful intruders are detected, information about what they are doing and where they are going could quickly be disseminated throughout the entire population. This would allow people to be sufficiently informed to get out of harm's way even in the heat of a chaotic and unexpected crisis.

No matter what, extremists who desire to sow widespread panic and destruction will keep using cutting-edge technology to achieve their goals. Governments around the world need to embrace that same technology in order to facilitate more dynamic responses to such aggressive actions. And if they fail to do so, private citizens will need to come together and do it for ourselves. ■

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AIDS awareness shouldn't need a special day

World AIDS Day is an important day not only to celebrate how far we have come in areas of diagnosis and treatment of HIV/AIDS but also to commemorate lives affected and lost by disease and renew our global and local efforts. I believe that we as Johnson County community members need to realize the extent of HIV/AIDS in our own community and make a

contribution at the local level. While many take it for granted, as I used to, a lot of people don't know enough about HIV/AIDS, particularly how it impacts our community.

The Iowa Department of Public Health reports that "the most significant feature of Iowa's HIV epidemic is the continual increase in the number of persons living with HIV and AIDS." I have learned in my work that the successful treatment and support for those living with HIV/AIDS requires not only medical

intervention but support of a lot of factors, including housing, transportation, substance abuse, food, social services. These of course take time, compassion, and money. Most of all, we have to fight the stigma and remember that those living with the disease are people, like everyone else, who have the right to health. This medical condition should be viewed with just as much compassion and fundraising as other medical conditions such as cancer.

What can you do? Educate yourself and others about the disease. If you want to contribute in other ways, support your local agencies working with those with HIV/AIDS by contributing money or things as simple as gas cards. Remember, it is not only necessary to recognize and support the international fight against HIV/AIDS, it is integral to support those in your local community.

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DI Blog

Dare to drive smart



NEAL SCHUETT
From the *DI* opinions blog,
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Unlike Nate Whitney, I am a native Iowan. However, that doesn't mean that my blood pressure stays any lower when I am out driving during the winter and desperately trying not to succumb to my urge of installing a guided-missile system for my Passat, because if anything can make that happen, it's German engineering. Sniffing aside, the Floridian does make a good point: Most people are dumbasses when they get behind the wheel. Add some precipitation to the mix, and you have full-fledged morons racing to be hazards on the streets. Let's be honest —

driving in snowy or icy conditions does afford some measure of patience and understanding when it comes to ass-clownery behind the wheel. The same cannot, however, be said for another seasonal event: the hibernation of basic parking skills.

I cannot stand it when cars are parked poorly. January through December. Everyone hates the pricks who take up two stalls, especially in a parking ramp where the d-bags understand that taking up two spots is going to throw off the count and cause some poor schmuck to drive around until a spot opens. Those are the type of people that we should keep Gitmo open for; think just because you drive a truck, SUV, or tricked-out clown car, you deserve two stalls? You are a threat to public health; to Cuba with you, and I'm sure we'll get a lawyer to see you really soon. Meanwhile, back in the

continental 48, nine fewer people die of aneurysms each week. Osama bin Laden's driver is nothing compared to the threat these imbeciles pose to my well-being.

Why is it that the moment the first dusting of snow touches the ground people feel it is justifiable to park however they want? All of the sudden, it's kosher to just get your car in the general four-stall vicinity of a parking spot. Hell, park it at 180 degrees even if all the other spots are at 90 degrees. There's snow on the ground; people will understand. How could the rest of us not appreciate that you couldn't see that you are perpendicular to all the other stalls?

The more common asshat is the driver who parks downtown at a meter, except he parks around 2 feet off-kilter, thereby, throwing the entire row of parking spots off. Once one driver does it, other people decide it's a license to

excuse their own mindless parking jobs. Of course, it's only really noticeable when a responsible driver parks correctly and provides empirical evidence that indeed an plague of asshat-itis is in the area. Just because the lines aren't pristine doesn't mean that you can just swing your car in at any angle or park it in the general vicinity of the meter. It's not hard, people. The DOT doesn't move the lines during a cold night in December just before the first snowfall and then move them back before the thaw. I promise you the spot you have parked in all year is still the same dimensions.

It's cold, it's miserable. Try to be a smart and courteous parker to ease the pain. Otherwise, Santa might bring you a crowbar-sized dent in your hood and broken taillights for Christmas. Besides, taking more space than you deserve makes Baby Jesus cry.



20 years of Christmas harmony

The Newman Singers will celebrate its 20th annual Christmas concert this weekend at the Newman Center.

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The traditional wedding gift for a 20th anniversary may be china, but Joe Mattingly is perfectly fine celebrating his two decades only in song.

Tonight kicks off the 20th-annual Christmas concert series of his choir, the Newman Singers, the official choir of the Newman Catholic Student Center.

"Quite a bit of work goes into the [Christmas concerts]," said Mattingly, who started the tradition. "We've been rehearsing most of the fall."

Performances will be held at the Newman Center today and Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children's floor seats.

Mattingly estimates that each of 30 student singers that com-

pose the choir dedicated between 30 to 50 hours of rehearsal time into the preparation of the concert series. The choir will be accompanied by an almost-full chamber orchestra, including brass, woodwinds, strings, and a rhythm section, and the concert itself will be enhanced by a multimedia presentation to play throughout the show.

"It'll be a lot of fun," Mattingly said. "There will be a few special appearances by seasonal characters. There's a little bit of humor; there's some audience participation and sing-alongs, and we give away prizes. It's a good time."

Though the standard set of songs for the Christmas concert series has been in place since the first holiday show in 1988, he said, there is always an effort to add something new to each year's performance. This year,



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The Newman Singers rehearse on Monday in the Newman Catholic Student Center. This year marks the group's 20th-annual Christmas performance.

there will be a combination of traditional and contemporary pieces, some of which Mattingly arranged.

"It's going to be awesome, because I've never sang or done anything with an orchestra before, and when they come in, your head just explodes," said

Jacob Reichenauer, a UI freshman and first-year member of the Newman Singers.

Fellow UI freshman Ashley Shortridge, also a first-year member, was similarly enthusiastic.

"There are some really moving songs and then there are some 'dance-in-your-seat'

'It'll be a lot of fun. There will be a few special appearances by seasonal characters. There's a little bit of humor; there's some audience participation and sing-alongs, and we give away prizes. It's a good time.'

- Joe Mattingly, founding member, Newman Singers

songs," she said. "There's a great variety of music [in the performance lineup]."

Sister Julie Marsh, the formation director of the Sisters of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Dubuque who was a member of the Newman Singers from 1982 to 1986, said she is impressed by how far she feels the group has come since her membership.

"Last night, when I was watching their rehearsal with the video and saw every person

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had a microphone, I thought, 'Wow, we barely had enough money for one mike,' she said. "They're also doing a lot more choreography. When we used to stand on the bleachers and sway side to side, we thought that was pretty up and coming, but [now] they get off the risers and go into the audience ... the energy is still there, and that is what's exciting."

Marsh also cites both her membership in the group and Mattingly's music as a motivating factor in her vocational decision.

"The music inspires people, and it can really touch you," she said. "It's been going on for 20 years. It speaks strongly to me and to many people."

More than just a weather report

The weather is often unpredictable, but the Forecast predicts an intense rock show. The Peoria, Ill., band will play alongside Seabird and Pacific Proving Ground tonight at the Picador.

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A love-hate relationship exists between the band the Forecast and the members' hometown of Peoria, Ill. The slow-paced, factory-driven Midwest city is not the ideal location for an indie-rock band wanting to gain a large, widespread audience. Although the Forecast members recognize the difficulties of being a rock band in Peoria, they want the city to remain their base.

"Our friends are here, and that is where most of our influences are derived from," lead vocalist and guitarist Dustin Addis said. "It's in the middle of the States, so we can travel to both the coasts better this way."

The Forecast will play today at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., at 6 p.m. The band has not played in Iowa City since April, in large part because of its busy touring schedule.

"For the last three years, we have toured all over the States and in Canada," Addis said. "We were doing 150 to 200 shows a year. It becomes a way of life to live in van for that long."

The Forecast has been an entity for around six years, but Addis is the only remaining original member. The rest of the current band formed four years ago. Along with Addis, the Forecast comprises bassist Shannon Burns, guitarist Matt Webb, and drummer Tony Peck. Its indie-rock sound has been influenced from all types of bands, from the Beach Boys and Thin Lizzy to Bachman-Turner Overdrive.



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Without a CD release for more than two years, the Forecast is excited about getting back into the studio this winter.

More than any band, its influences are the proletarian lifestyle of the band's home. The lyrics often reminisce about the times spent behind a whiskey bottle and the hopelessness of friends and family living in Peoria. The sound can often be vocally driven because Addis, Burns, and Webb all sing, creating a layered vocal sound, but the Forecast often dips into the heavy-metal spectrum typical of bands around Peoria, Addis said.

"We are just a rock band from the Midwest," he said. "I don't

like to label us to a specific genre; we leave that open for interpretation."

The Forecast is reconnecting with its Midwestern roots this winter and is preparing to record a new CD.

"We are just trying to get back into the swing of things in Peoria," Addis said. "The metal scene, and music scene in general, is definitely spreading here."

The band's last two records were made on Victory Records. The Forecast hopes to release five new songs in January and begin recording a full-length

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- Dustin Addis, lead vocalist and guitarist

Romance, the Ataris, and Brand New — big names for a relatively small-town band.

After its next CD is released, the Forecast plans to make its first tour in Europe, but no matter how far the band's branches grow from its Midwestern roots, it will always call Peoria home.

"We like living in the Midwest," Addis said. "This is where our friends are."



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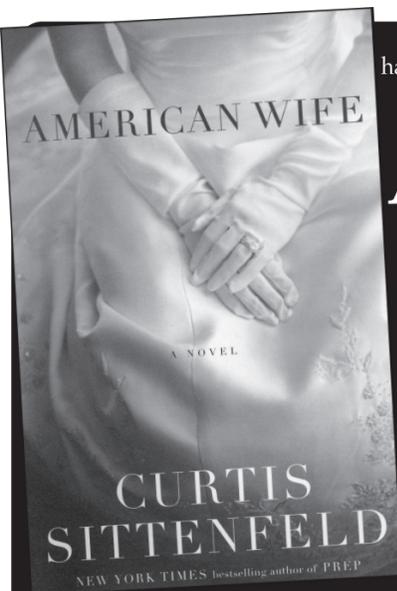


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Size does matter, especially when it comes to steez — you know, style with ease? Girls try to outdo one another in the summertime with oversized sunglasses — how the ever-growing stunner shades stay on their face defies the laws of gravity.

In the wintertime, it's harder to take stylistic chances because they must also be functional when facing the bitter cold. That's why ushankas are perfect. Ushankas — the Russian word literally translates to "ear-flaps hat" — are those warm dome-covers that have become relatively ubiquitous around campus.

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Auto heads meet critics

By **KEN THOMAS**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. automakers drew fresh skepticism from lawmakers Thursday in a rocky confrontation over their pleas for an expanded \$34 billion rescue package they say they need to survive. Congressional analysts said one bailout plan under consideration would fall short of what the carmakers want.

With time on the current Congress running out, opposition to the bailout appeared to be as strong as two weeks ago — before Detroit's Big Three auto chiefs returned to Capitol Hill with more detailed plans on how they would spend the money.

Several lawmakers in both parties are pressing the automakers to consider a so-called "pre-packaged" bankruptcy in which they would negotiate with creditors in advance and downsize, then file for Chapter 11 protection in hopes of emerging quickly as stronger companies. The Big Three have publicly shunned the notion, saying it would kill sales by destroying customers' confidence — but executives have indicated in recent days that it might ultimately be necessary.

The executives all agreed in Thursday's hearing that a multibillion-dollar bailout deal would include a supervisory government board that could order major restructuring of the companies if deemed necessary for survival — similar to the results in many reorganizing efforts under bankruptcy law.

United Auto Worker union President Ron Gettelfinger, aligned with the industry in pressing for the aid, told senators at a Banking Committee hearing that any kind of bankruptcy, even a pre-packaged one, was not "a viable option." Gettelfinger said consumers would not buy autos from bankrupt companies, no matter the terms of the arrangement.

He also warned that in the absence of action by Congress: "I believe we could lose General Motors by the end of this month." He said the situation was dire and time was of the essence.

Meanwhile, Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., who has been dealing with both the financial bailout and the auto rescue proposal as chairman of the House Financial Services Committee, said President-elect Barack Obama needs to play a more significant role on economic issues.

"He's going to have to be more assertive than he's been," Frank said at a Consumer Federation of America conference in Washington. "At a time of great crisis with mortgage foreclosures and autos, he says we only have one president at a time. I'm afraid that overstates the number of presidents we have. He's got to remedy that situation."

At the Capitol, the Big Three CEOs told the senators they hoped to make amends for past blunders. "We made mistakes, which we're learning from," General Motors chief executive Rick Wagoner said. Ford CEO Alan Mulally also acknowledged big mistakes, saying his company's approach once was "You build it, they will come."

"We produced more vehicles than our customers wanted, then slashed prices," he said. But as a result of these past mistakes, "we are really focused," he said.

Congressional Democrats have urged the administration to tap into an already enacted \$700 billion financial bailout program to help the auto industry. The Bush administration has said that it has no intention of doing so, and would prefer aid be taken from an earlier \$25 billion program to help the industry retool its plants to make their vehicles more fuel-efficient.

AP writers Julie Hirschfeld Davis, Erica Werner, Jennifer Loven, Kimberly Johnson, and Joe Milicia contributed to this report.

Suicide bombers kill 17 in Iraq

By **ROBERT H. REID**
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Suicide bombers killed 17 people — including two American soldiers — and wounded more than 100 in a string of blasts in two Iraqi cities Thursday as a timetable for withdrawing all U.S. troops won final government approval.

The brazen attacks in areas where the U.S. military has struggled for years to maintain order raised questions about Iraq's ability to ensure its own security as the U.S. scales down its combat role under the newly ratified U.S.-Iraqi security pact, which calls for an American withdrawal within three years.

Iraq's three-member presidential council signed off on the pact Thursday, removing the last legal barrier so the agreement can take effect Jan. 1.

But the latest bombings underscore the fragility of Iraq's recent security gains, adding new urgency to U.S. efforts to train and equip an Iraqi security force capable of maintaining order after American troops have gone home.

The two Americans were killed when a suicide driver detonated an explosive-laden car near an Iraqi checkpoint in the northern city of Mosul, military spokesman Lt. Col. Dave

Doherty said. Iraqi police said eight people were wounded, most of them civilians.

But the deadliest attacks occurred in Fallujah, the country's most heavily guarded city and once the symbol of Sunni Arab resistance to the U.S. occupation.

Truck bombers struck within minutes of each other outside the concrete barriers surrounding two police stations in different parts of the city, killing 15 people, wounding more than 100, and shattering nearby buildings, police and hospital officials said.

A Qaeda front group, the Islamic State of Iraq, purportedly claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement posted on a militant website.

The thunderous blasts could be heard across the city of about 400,000 and sent giant plumes of black smoke rising over the dust-brown buildings.

"I was drinking tea in my house when a big explosion took place. It was like an earthquake," said Saad Ibrahim, a 34-year-old mechanic who lives near one of the police stations. "I could hear the cry of a child trapped in a house. ... We tried to help him, but the police and firefighters arrived and asked us to leave the area."

Local authorities announced a curfew and closed all exits and entrances to the city. Police said



A woman comforts her 14-year-old daughter, Ikhlas Abid, in a hospital in Baghdad on Wednesday. Ikhlas was wounded when a bomb attached to a minibus exploded in eastern Baghdad. Five people were injured in the blast and one was killed.

the blasts were so huge that investigators could not find the chassis or the engines of the two trucks used in the attacks.

"It looks like the trucks evaporated," a senior police official told the Associated Press.

All the police and hospital officials spoke on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to release the information.

Northeast of Baghdad, a

bomb left on a parked motorcycle exploded near a restaurant in Baqouba, another one-time Sunni militant stronghold, killing three people and wounding 10, according to police at the security headquarters for the surrounding Diyala province.

U.S. commanders say attacks are down 80 percent nationwide since last March, but Al Qaeda and other militants remain capable of staging

limited but high-profile attacks.

The bombings in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad in Anbar province, were significant because they show the resilience of an insurgency that has suffered severe setbacks over the past two years as many Sunnis turned against Al Qaeda and other religious extremists.

AP writer Sameer N. Yacoub contributed to this report.

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MEN'S HOOPS

Matt Gatens and the Hawkeyes return home from a whirlwind road trip to face Bryant **2B**

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NBA Dallas 112, Phoenix 97	New Jersey 3, Philadelphia 2, OT	Nashville 3, Colorado 2
NHL Montreal 6, N.Y. Rangers 2	Washington 5, N.Y. Islanders 2	Phoenix 6, Toronto 3
	Florida 2, Buffalo 1	
	Detroit 6, Vancouver 5	



Shonn Greene

FOOTBALL

Greene 1st-team All-American

The honors keep coming for the nation's leading rusher.

On Thursday, Iowa running back Shonn Greene was selected by the American Football Coaches Association as a first-team All-American. He is the first Hawkeye back to be named an All-American since Ronnie Harmon during Iowa's 1985 Rose Bowl season.

In 12 games this season, the junior from Sicklerville, N.J., rushed for a school single-season record 1,729 yards while adding a record-tying 17 touchdowns. Greene was the only Bowl Subdivision running back to rush for over 100 yards in every contest.

He joins two other Big Ten players as honorees — Ohio State's defensive duo in linebacker James Laurinaitis and cornerback Malcolm Jenkins.

If Greene becomes a consensus All-American, he would be the first Iowa running back since Nile Kinnick during his Heisman Trophy-winning season of 1939.

In addition, he is also up for Big Ten Player of the Year, expected to be announced today. Greene is also a finalist for the Doak Walker Award, which will be presented on Dec. 11 in Orlando, Fla.

— by Brendan Stiles

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING

Men dive into championship format

The Iowa men's swimming and diving team faces the first test in its transition to a championship format when it takes the pool at 10 a.m. today in Columbia, Mo., for the Missouri Invitational.



Dwyer
sophomore

A three-day meet, the event has been a point of emphasis for the young team throughout the season. In years past, the focus has been on success in dual meets, but head swimming coach Marc Long has instilled a championship mindset in this year's team.

"The Missouri meet has really been our focus for this first part of our season," Long said. "Ultimately, we're aiming toward the Big Ten and NCAA championships, but this meet will be a good indicator of where we are. It will be nice to finally get into that championship-style meet."

The Hawkeyes (3-1) are riding their best start to a season in more than a decade as they head to the Mizzou Aquatic Center. Sophomore Conor Dwyer will lead the team this weekend after collecting nine first-place finishes in the team's first four dual meets.

Missouri State, Drury University, Arkansas, Southern Illinois, Kansas, Missouri S&T, and host Missouri will fill out the field for the weekend invitational. The meet is the men's final competition before 2009.

— by Jon Linder

TV TODAY

NCAA BASKETBALL

• Bryant at Iowa, 7:30 p.m., Big Ten Network

NCAA FOOTBALL

• MAC Championship Game, No. 12 Ball State vs. Buffalo, 7 p.m., ESPN2

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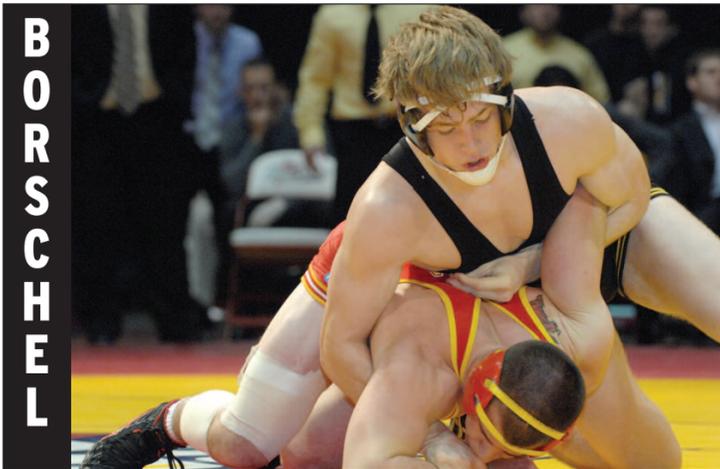
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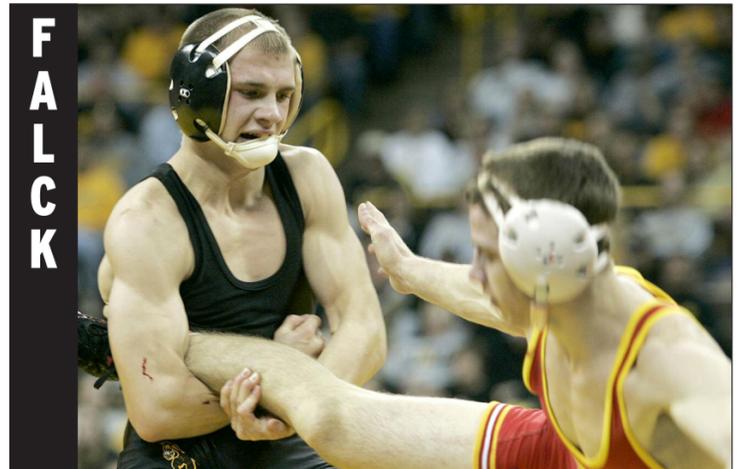
ALL-AMERICAN CLASH

Iowa and Iowa State will each toss six All-Americans out on the mat Saturday in Carver-Hawkeye.



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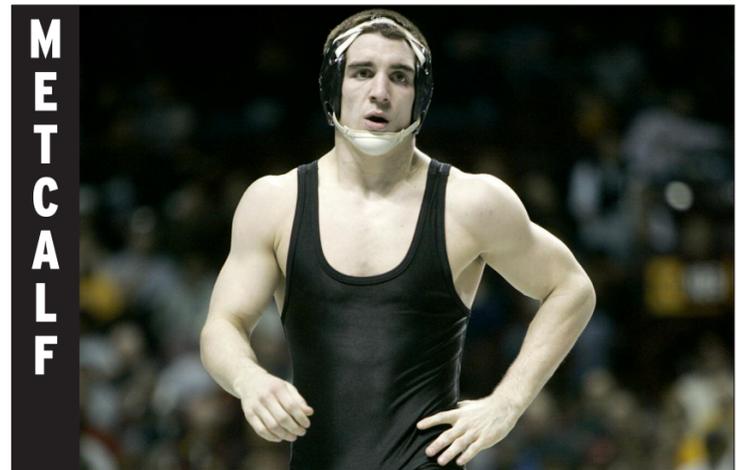
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By ZACH SMITH
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It is one of the most unappreciated and one of the greatest rivalries in all of sports. Not even the Red Sox and Yankees get more one-on-one, more man-to-man than this. One thing is certain; each time the Iowa Hawkeyes and Iowa State Cyclones grind foreheads on the wrestling mat: it's personal.

It's personal for the coaches.

Iowa coach Tom Brands was a three-time national champion and four-time All-American for the Hawkeyes; Iowa State coach Cael Sanderson was a four-time undefeated national champion for the Cyclones. Each loves to defeat the other.

"We know their coaching staff. We know their program. We know their tradition," Brands said. "We know their individuals, and we believe in what our guys bring to the table when it comes to a fight against that entity, or machine — whatever you want to call it. Yeah, we're aware. We're aware of what we're up against. I tell you, I can speak for the entire program when I say we would trade not one ingredient."

It's personal for the wrestlers.

Iowa 149-pounder Brent Metcalf and Iowa State 165-pounder Jonathan Reader were high-school teammates at Davison High School in Davison, Mich.

"It obviously means a lot. It's big for our program," Metcalf said. "It's big at a national level, at a state level. It's big for recruiting. It is an important

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141 — No. 3 Alex Tsirtsis (I) vs. No. 2 Nick Gallick (IS)

149 — No. 1 Brent Metcalf (I) vs. No. 10 Mitch Mueller (IS)

157 — Matt Ballweg (I) vs. No. 7 Cyler Sanderson (IS)

165 — No. 9 Ryan Morningstar (I) vs. No. 3 Jonathan Reader (IS)

174 — No. 2 Jay Borschel (I) vs. No. 8 Duke Burk (IS)

184 — No. 3 Phil Keddy (I) vs. Jerome Ward (IS)

197 — Luke Lofthouse (I) vs. No. 1 Jake Varner (IS)

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ON THE WEB

Watch how the senior Hawkeye wrestlers are preparing for their rumble against the Cyclones at dailyiowan.com.



Two seniors get final shot

By RYAN YOUNG
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Off the top of his head, Alex Tsirtsis said he can recall practically every match he's ever wrestled.

Most are good. A few are bad.

Against Iowa State, though, the bad outnumber the good 2-1 — much like the final score of his first bout against the Cyclones in 2004, a 2-1 tie-breaker loss to now-graduated ISU grappler Nate Gallick.

It was Tsirtsis' first defeat since migrating to Iowa City, where he went 6-0 as a true freshman after posting a flawless 236-0 prep record at Griffith High School in Indiana.

He's gone 1-1 in the annual Civil War since then, and when



Falck
senior



Tsirtsis
senior

SEE SENIORS, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

Duke press dooms Iowa

DURHAM, N.C. — The good thing about defense is it can often make up for bad offense. For one half of basketball, the Duke Blue Devils were very thankful for that.

Chante Black scored 18 points, and No. 12 Duke overcame a horrific offensive start to roll over Iowa, 71-47, on Thursday night in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge.

Joy Cheek added 13 points for the Blue Devils (5-1), who missed their first 14 shots but used a 9-0 run toward the end of the first half to establish a 28-14 advantage at halftime. That lead grew to more than 30 points during the second half.

The Blue Devils took a while to warm up offensively making just 11 of 36 first-half field goals but were intense on defense from the get-go, forcing turnovers on four of Iowa's first five possessions and 28 for the game.

"The defensive intensity was incredible throughout," Duke coach Joanne McCallie said. "I really enjoyed seeing that, because we haven't always come out of the gates that strong."

Hannah Draxten scored nine points for the Hawkeyes (4-4), who shot just 30.2 percent in the loss. Megan Skouby, who entered the night averaging 17 points per game, missed most of the first half after sustaining a cut over her left eye that required stitches. She finished with eight points.

"Their defensive intensity and their physical style really took us out of our game and obviously forced us into a lot of turnovers," Iowa coach Lisa Bluder said. "And that was tough." The coaches were plenty familiar with each other. McCallie coached at Michi-

Next: Iowa State

Iowa is backing its way into a matchup with rival Iowa State following three-straight losses and a 4-4 record. No. 22 Iowa State is two games better at 5-1, with its only loss coming courtesy of No. 6 and 2008 NCAA finalist Stanford.

"It's a great game; we're playing a ranked opponent on our home court," head coach Lisa Bluder said. "The in-state rivalry, it's always bigger because of that. I think the players always get a little more excited to play this game."

No player on the current Hawkeye roster has ever beaten Iowa State — the last Hawkeye win occurred in 2004.

"I don't want to put too much emphasis on [the rivalry], where that's all we think about," senior captain Wendy Ausdemore said. "There's a lot more that goes into a 40-minute game."

Iowa's three-game losing streak is its longest since the 2006-07 campaign — the Hawkeyes have only lost four in a row once in Bluder's tenure.

Despite Iowa's recent woes against the Cyclones, they lead the all-time series 20-18. More of a concern for the Hawkeyes, however, is their success against ranked opponents. The last time Iowa beat a ranked opponent was on Feb. 2, 2006, against Purdue, a span of 15 games.

"We have nothing to lose," Bluder said. "We're the underdog, so we have to go in there and play our hardest and know that there's no pressure on us and all the pressure's on them being the favorites."

— by Jeff Pawola

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W		L		Pct	GB
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Minnesota	0	0	.000	8	1	.889
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	7	1	.875
Michigan State	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
Ohio State	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
Purdue	0	0	.000	5	2	.714
Indiana	0	0	.000	4	2	.667
Michigan	0	0	.000	4	3	.571
Penn State	0	0	.000	4	3	.571
Iowa	0	0	.000	4	5	.500
Illinois	0	0	.000	3	5	.375
Northwestern	0	0	.000	2	6	.250

NORTHWEST

W	L	Pct	GB	
Portland	14	6	.700	—
Denver	13	6	.684	½
Utah	12	6	.600	2
Minnesota	4	13	.235	8½
Oklahoma City	2	17	.105	11½

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA				
N.Y. Jets	8	4	0	.667	340	268				
New England	7	5	0	.583	277	255				
Miami	7	5	0	.583	253	257				
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	276	259				

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W		L		Pct	GB
	W	L	Pct	GB		
Minnesota	0	0	.000	7	0	1.000
Penn State	0	0	.000	7	1	.875
Illinois	0	0	.000	6	1	.857
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	6	1	.857
Northwestern	0	0	.000	5	1	.833
Iowa	0	0	.000	6	2	.750
Michigan	0	0	.000	5	2	.714
Michigan State	0	0	.000	5	2	.714
Indiana	0	0	.000	4	3	.571

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	11	1	0	.917	352	206
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	299	260
Washington	7	5	0	.583	208	222
Philadelphia	6	5	1	.542	319	249

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

- #2 Connecticut 68, Buffalo 64
- #6 Oklahoma 73, USC 72
- #8 Texas 68, #12 UCLA 64
- #17 Villanova 93, Houston Baptist 57
- #19 Arizona State 81, Jackson State 60

WOMEN'S SCORES

- #8 Maryland 70, #17 Purdue 59
- #12 Duke 71, Iowa 47
- #13 Louisville 67, Middle Tennessee State 44
- #16 Vanderbilt 83, Cal State Fullerton 67
- #20 Virginia 63, Illinois 39
- Florida State 75, #22 TCU 71

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

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Atlantic	W	L	Pct
Boston	18	2	.900
New Jersey	9	8	.529
Toronto	8	9	.471
New York	8	13	.444
Philadelphia	8	11	.421

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

THURSDAY'S GAMES			
Montreal	6	N.Y. Rangers	2
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Detroit <td>6</td> <td>Vancouver <td>5</td> </td>	6	Vancouver <td>5</td>	5
Boston <td>3</td> <td>Tampa Bay <td>1</td> </td>	3	Tampa Bay <td>1</td>	1
Nashville <td>3</td> <td>Colorado <td>2</td> </td>	3	Colorado <td>2</td>	2
Phoenix <td>6</td> <td>Toronto <td>3</td> </td>	6	Toronto <td>3</td>	3
San Jose <td>3</td> <td>Columbus <td>2</td> </td>	3	Columbus <td>2</td>	2

Hawkeyes look to regroup

Iowa's second season under head coach Todd Lickliter is off to a familiar start as the Hawkeyes try for a seventh win.

By CHARLIE KAUTZ

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After returning home from the final leg of an 8,000-mile basketball journey spanning three time zones and two of the 30 biggest cities in the United States, the Hawkeye men's basketball team is proving it's just as easy to get lost in Iowa City as Las Vegas or Boston.

In a state filled with circled calendar squares during the first weekend of December, Iowa's bid for a seventh win, tonight against Bryant (1-4), isn't necessarily permanent-marker material.

Not with a nationally anticipated wrestling dual between No. 1 Iowa and No. 2 Iowa State on Saturday, a meet in which an expected record crowd of 16,000 could all but blow the glass windows out of Carver-Hawkeye Arena's concourse. And especially not with Iowa's football program hoping to learn of its fifth January bowl bid under head coach Kirk Ferentz on Dec. 7.

In other news, the Big Ten's best shooting team takes the floor tonight with a chance to get beyond halfway to its 2007 win total of 13. The Hawkeyes earned a seventh victory exactly one year ago today in Lickliter's inaugural season on campus, and if the team's 13-19 final record is any indication, the least important aspect of a win is its magnitude.

"Every game will be challenging for us, which is a good thing," Lickliter said on Thursday. "We need to make sure we've prepared well and we take advantage of every opportunity to compete at the highest level."



ULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa freshman forward Aaron Fuller looks to pass against Oakland in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Nov. 23. Iowa defeated Oakland, 66-57.

New England and back to Iowa City, the team's three-game, five-day extravaganza undoubtedly strained a roster with three starting freshmen.

After a buzzer-beating win over Kansas State on Nov. 29, Iowa's leading scorer and shooting guard Anthony Tucker got sick and played just eight minutes in a 57-55 loss to Boston College on Tuesday. The effects of the illness showed — after a season-high 24 points in a loss to West Virginia on Nov. 28, as Tucker has shot a combined 2-of-23 in the team's last two games.

Despite Tucker's spotty health, Lickliter said he expects him to be in the starting lineup for Iowa's 7:35 p.m. tip-off today. "We didn't see him today, but he's seen the doctors, and they feel good about what they've started him on," he said. "I anticipate him playing right now. He doesn't have to be 100 percent, but we're not going to risk anything."

Only sophomore guard Jeff Peterson (29.5 per game) and freshman Matt Gatens (29.3) have logged more minutes than Tucker (26.4) in eight games, which has also raised concerns for Lickliter this week. While practice time is crucial for his young team this early in the season, the Hawkeyes were limited to film study and lighter workouts Wednesday in the hopes of resting and re-energizing.

"I'm hoping that it helps get our legs under us," Lickliter said. "It's a pretty demanding schedule right there — three quality opponents and a great deal of travel."

"Without any excuses, I thought our guys responded pretty well in all regards, and we're disappointed with the 1-2 [record]. You're going to have to be able to go through some of that." With final exams and a slate of in-state action against Northern Iowa (Dec. 9), Iowa

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F Cyrus Tate	6-8	255	Sr.
G Anthony Tucker	6-4	200	Fr.
G Matt Gatens	6-2	215	Jr.
G Jeff Peterson	6-0	192	Sr.

State (Dec. 12), and Drake (Dec. 20) looming, Iowa can't afford to overlook a winnable nonconference game in the comforts of home. "We don't concern ourselves with anything other than the challenge of the game," Lickliter said.

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Iowa 125-pound wrestler Charlie Falck pins Minnesota State-Mankato's Andy Forstner at 1:46 in the first period in the Field House during the Iowa City Duals on Nov. 21. The senior won all three matches he wrestled at the duals against Minnesota, Coe College, and Iowa Central.

Hawkeyes set for 'Clones

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dual meet. It's something that we key for. And I have a little personal vest in it. I have past teammates that we're competing against now, so I think that adds a little extra twist in there. I don't mind putting them down just to prove a point there. It's definitely a big meet, and you know, it's going to be fun."

Iowa has six All-Americans: Charlie Falck (125), Joe Slaton (133), Alex Tsirtsis (141), Metcalf, Jay Borschel (174), and Phil Keddy (184). The Cyclones counter with six All-Americans of their own: Nick Fanthorpe (133), Nick Gallick

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- Phil Keddy, senior

(141), Cyler Sanderson (157), Reader, Jake Varner (197), and David Zabriskie (heavy-weight).

Among the starting lineups for both teams are seven Iowans — including Cyclone 149-pounder Mitch Mueller, an Iowa City native and West High alum.

It's personal for the fans. It's about "our guys" are tougher

than "your guys." It's about Black-and-Gold versus Cardinal-and-Gold. It's about "Iowa-style" against the NCAA's only undefeated king of the mat, Sanderson.

Take all of these elements and mix them with a potential record breaking crowd of 16,000 of the nation's rowdiest supporters in Carver-

Hawkeye Arena, and you've got a recipe for what is sure to be a brawl until the final whistle.

The Hawkeyes own a 55-16-2 stranglehold on the series record — including a perfect 3-0 record under Brands — but the wrestlers know all too well that the record book gets thrown out into the December ice when the 'Clones come to town.

"I mean, it's a huge deal," Keddy said on Tuesday. "It's bragging rights on not only the rivalry that we have every year, but No. 1 versus No. 2. It's exciting. Plus, you know, it's early season so we have a lot to prove."

Two get last crack at Iowa State

Senior grapplers Charlie Falck and Alex Tsirtsis prepare to wrestle their final dual matches against Iowa State, in front of a potentially record-breaking crowd.

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top-ranked Iowa hosts No. 2 Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Saturday night, the third-rated wrestler at 141 pounds will look to even the tally against a foe with an all too familiar last name — Gallick — in the form of Nate's younger brother Nick, the second-ranked 141-pounder.

"My first year, I knew [Nate Gallick] was going to be one of the toughest guys in the country to wrestle with," Tsirtsis said. "I'm just excited. I'm just ready to get out there and compete."

The shaggy-haired senior has cruised through the first two weeks of the young season, managing three wins in the Iowa City Duals and four last weekend in New York.

But while Tsirtsis' past seven challengers have hardly been up to snuff, the Hoosier State native understands the aura created when the two titans of wrestling world collide, especially considering the current circumstances.

Gallick upset No. 1-ranked J Jagers of Ohio State a week ago at the National Wrestling Coaches Association All-Star Classic in Columbus, Ohio.

"I think it's a little different from maybe the last couple weeks have been," Tsirtsis said. "More emphasis is put on this [meet] than any other dual meet during the season besides, maybe, the Minnesota meet. But it brings a lot of excitement and a lot of attention, so I guess it's a little more prestigious than some of the other dual meets."

"But it's just like every other match. You just have to

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 - 2005 - redshirted
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- 2007 - redshirted
 - 2006 - Tsirtsis dec. Mitch Mueller, 4-1
 - 2005 - Nate Gallick dec. Tsirtsis, 4-1
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go out there to win and wrestle the way that you want to wrestle."

Fellow senior Charlie Falck, the nation's No. 2 at 125, has been through a pair of tiffs since 2006, winning both by decision.

He's witnessed several others as a kid living in Strawberry Point, nearly two hours away from his future alma mater. But Falck said being an

Iowa native doesn't make Saturday's meet any more momentous.

Although he remembers the electrifying surge he got each time he attended an Iowa-Iowa State clash.

"I grew up watching the rivalry grow into what it is today," Falck said. "I remember getting chills when I was little watching them. You know, you get them now, and it's not like scared — pee-your-pants kind of scared. It's just like you're ready to go. Your adrenaline gets going. You just feel [like] He-Man."

As longtime Hawkeye, head coach Tom Brands has also felt those superhuman sensations. Those only add "more excitement and more energy" to an already tradition-rich rivalry, he said.

"You know, as far as a competitor, in-state rivalries are important," Brands said. "How much emphasis you put on them I don't think has to do with whether they're down the road or a long ways away. Either a plane flight, or a bus ride, it doesn't really matter. A rivalry is a rivalry."

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Senior Ashley Dell, who has led the team in the 500 and 1,000 freestyles this season, believes the break has been a big help for the Hawks, who most recently competed Nov. 7 in a 192-107 loss at Minnesota.

"Having a good two or three weeks of solid practice has really helped," she said. "We had so many meets in a row, the break helps everyone clear her mind, and focus on the small things in practice, and try to make themselves better for this meet."

Iowa, which enters the meet with a dual-meet record of 3-1, will compete against Missouri State, Drury, Arkansas, Southern Illinois, Kansas, Missouri S&T, and Missouri.



Dell senior

"Our expectations are obviously to see how high everyone can place individually," Dell said. "Everyone's goal is to make it to finals and make it back to top eight. I think everyone is ready to swim fast."

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- by Matt Leitzke

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Pierce to talk to authorities today

By TOM CANAVAN
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Antonio Pierce and the doctor who treated his New York Giant teammate Plaxico Burress after he accidentally shot himself at a Manhattan nightclub will talk to investigators today.

Pierce and Dr. Josyann Abisaab will be accompanied by their lawyers when they meet with the authorities, NYP Deputy Commissioner for Public Information Paul Browne said. It is unclear when and where the parties will meet.

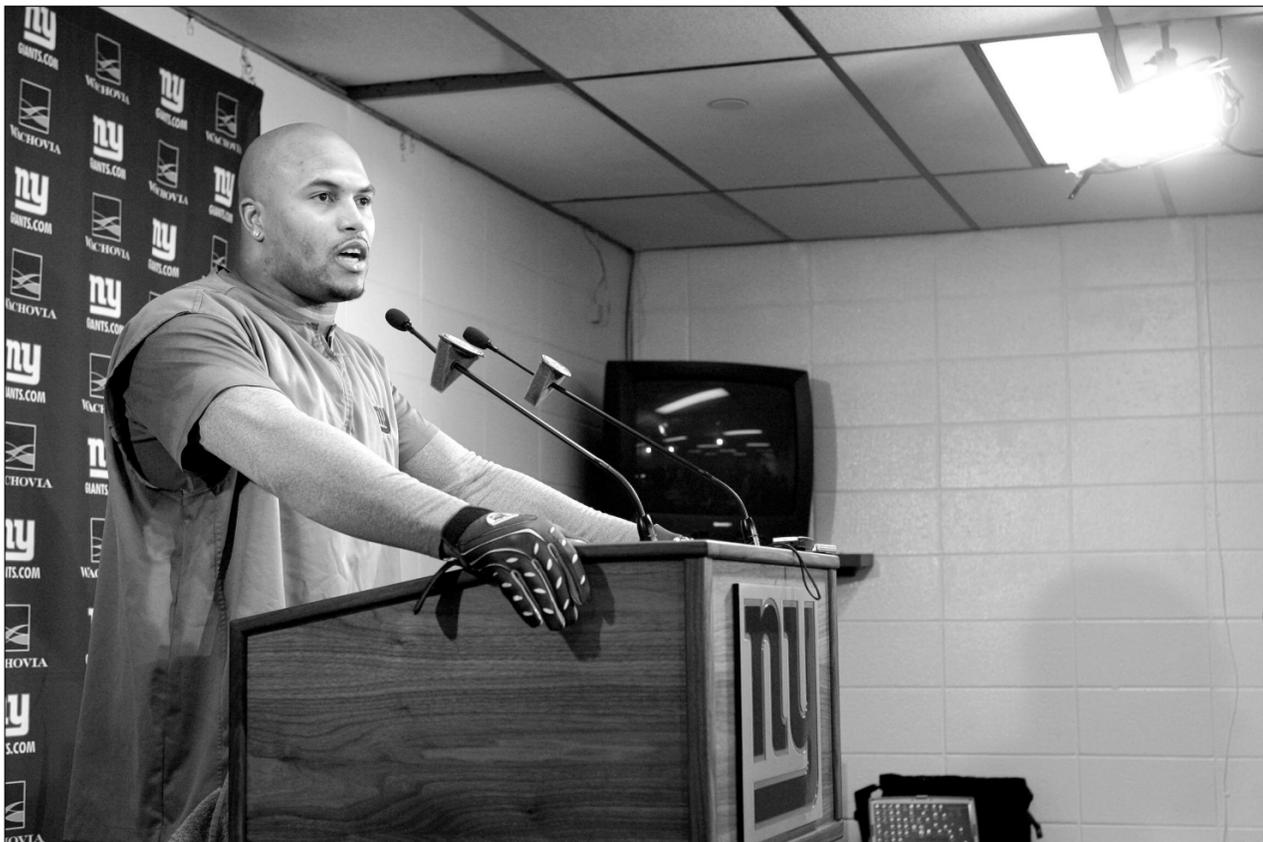
The authorities are especially interested in why neither Pierce, who drove Burress to New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, nor Abisaab called police to report the shooting early Nov. 29. Abisaab has since been suspended for not reporting the gunshot injury, as required by law.

Police are trying to determine whether Pierce tried to cover up the shooting. They say Pierce returned to New Jersey with Burress' gun in the glove compartment of his black Cadillac Escalade, and investigators have impounded the SUV to search it for any blood or gun residue.

Pierce's attorney said Pierce was caught off guard early Nov. 29 when Burress somehow fumbled his gun — .40-caliber Glock — in the VIP section of a Manhattan nightclub, and it discharged, hitting his right thigh.

"He had no idea Plaxico had a weapon," attorney Michael Bachner said in a telephone interview with the Associated Press.

And Bachner stressed the linebacker would cooperate with authorities and testify before a Manhattan grand jury



New York Giant linebacker Antonio Pierce answers a question during a news conference at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J., on Thursday. Pierce would not talk about his involvement in teammate Plaxico Burress' accidental self-inflicted gunshot wound last weekend.

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about the incident if asked, which has yet to happen.

"Antonio has always taken a position that he will be cooperative in the investigation with law enforcement," Bachner said. "Should Antonio be subpoenaed to the grand jury, and we have no idea that is going to happen, but if he is, he is going to abide by his obligations as a citizen."

But Pierce was in no mood

to discuss the incident on Thursday after practice at Giants Stadium.

Clad in a sweat-soaked gray pullover, the linebacker walked up to the wooden lectern, clenched the sides with gloved hands and spoke mostly about the Giants' game on Dec. 7 against the Philadelphia Eagles. He insisted he won't be distracted with the Giants (11-1) on the verge of clinching the

NFC East title and a first-round bye in the playoffs.

"This is a big weekend for us," he said. "This a weekend that we can obviously clinch the NFC East, becoming champions of something, one of our main and most focused goals is to win our division and we have that opportunity this week."

Being under the microscope isn't a problem, either, he said.

"I am about as focused as I

could be," Pierce said. "When distractions come up, you turn a negative into a positive and that is my option."

The police, too, refuse to be distracted. They're eager to learn why it took so long for them to learn of the shooting.

Giants' spokesman Pat Hanlon said on Thursday the team alerted NFL security about the shooting, leaving the league to alert police. The NFL said its

security department then did contact police.

But police say the NFL was not forthcoming about the shooting.

Police said the NFL called a detective squad in upper Manhattan between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Saturday — not to report the shooting but to seek information on whether any 911 calls were made and whether Burress had been admitted to a hospital.

The highest-ranking member of the police department called was a lieutenant, called at home around 12:20 p.m. Saturday, police said. By then, police were canvassing area hospitals — acting on media reports, not information from the NFL. Burress, however, had already been discharged.

"The information we were provided was rumored reports of the shooting of Plaxico Burress being reported on ESPN and elsewhere, and not information provided by the NFL," Browne said.

Pierce's attorney said the 30-year-old who is playing in his eighth NFL season took Burress to the hospital after the shooting.

However, Pierce did not try to cover it up by registering Burress under a false name, Bachner said.

"Other than bringing him to the hospital, he had no involvement in the administration process," Bachner said.

Bachner said he could not comment on a report that Pierce took Burress' gun to his home and later gave it back to Burress' wife, Tiffany. Without identifying names, police said they wanted to speak to anyone with relevant information about the shooting or the events afterward.

NFL players' union seeks to block 5 suspensions

By STEVE KARNOWSKI
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — A federal judge will be asked to decide today whether five suspended NFL players deserve a chance to play this weekend.

At issue is whether the league had a duty to notify its players and their union that a dietary supplement the five took contained a banned ingredient. The NFL Players Association argues in a lawsuit filed Thursday that the NFL knew about the tainted supplement but failed to share that information with players whose careers were on the line.

The union filed the lawsuit to block the suspensions of five of the six players who were benched this week for violating

the league's anti-doping policy. The union wants Kevin Williams and Pat Williams of the Minnesota Vikings and Charles Grant, Deuce McAllister, and Will Smith of the New Orleans Saints to be eligible to play Dec. 7.

Union attorneys will go before U.S. District Judge Paul Magnuson at 10:30 a.m. in St. Paul today to ask for a preliminary injunction. They said in filings Thursday that the players are critical to their teams' playoff hopes.

The Williamses have been defensive stalwarts for a Vikings team in first place in the NFC North. The Saints are last in the NFC South and are a longer shot, two games out of the wild-card spot with four games to go.

"Not only these players, but their teammates and fans will suffer irreparable harm if the wrongful suspensions are not enjoined," the memo says.

The five players were suspended for four games for testing positive in training camp in July and August for the banned diuretic bumetanide, which can be used as a masking agent for steroids. The drug was in the dietary supplement StarCaps; the label did not list the diuretic as an ingredient.

The key issue is whether the NFL had any specific obligation to notify players and the union that it had known since at least 2006 the weight-loss supplement contained the banned diuretic. The NFL says the burden is on players to know what's going into their bodies.

The union's lawsuit says the NFL-appointed doctor and the NFL lawyer who administer the league's steroids policy both knew StarCaps contained bumetanide. It alleges they breached their duty to the players and endangered their physical well-being by not notifying players.

"It's just common sense that someone shouldn't be punished in those circumstances," David Feher, a lawyer for the union, told the Associated Press.

In letters to the Vikings and Saints on Tuesday, NFL Executive Vice President Jeffrey Pash acknowledged: "No specific advisory or other communication regarding the presence of bumetanide in StarCaps was sent to NFL players."

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- **"Java Blend," John Richards, noon**, Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- **Noon Knit, noon**, Hardin Library
- **Colloquium, "Transparency, Representation and the Grain Problem," Kenneth Williford, 3:30 p.m.**, 304 English-Philosophy Building
- **Studio Arts Building Open House, 4-7p.m.**, Studio Arts Building, 1375 Highway 1 W.
- **"Dawn's Coffeeshouse," Marv Hain Jr., 5 p.m.**, Dawn's Hide and Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
- **"Know the Score," with Joan Kjaer, 5-7 p.m.**, Old Capitol Senate Chamber
- **The Forecast, Seabird, and Pacific Proving Ground, 6 p.m.**, Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Santa's Arrival, 6:30-8 p.m.**, Old Capitol Town Center

- **An evening with Tom Brands, 7 p.m.**, Marriott Hotel, 300 E. Ninth St., Coralville
- **Friday Night Films, 7-9 p.m.**, Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Girl Cut In Two, 7 and 9:30 p.m.**, Bijou
- **"Randy Harrison Benefit," Morning After, 7:30 p.m.**, Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **The Nutcracker, 7:30 p.m.**, Englert, 221 E. Washington
- **Writers' Workshop Reading, Andre Dubus III, fiction, 8 p.m.**, Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **Denison Witmer and Caleb Engstrom, 8 p.m.**, Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **Graduate/Undergraduate Dance Concert, 8 p.m.**, North Hall Space/Place
- **M.F.A. Directors One-Act Play Festival, A Man's a Man, by Bertolt Brecht, and Waiting for Lefty, by Clifford Odets, 8 p.m.**, Riverside Theatre, 213 N. Gilbert
- **Sixtieth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 8 p.m.**, 101 Becker
- **The Congresswoman, 8 p.m.**, Brewery Square, 123 N. Linn
- **Miles Nelson, with Miracle of God, Broken Spokes, 9 p.m.**, Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Uniphonics and Fresh Heir, 9 p.m.**, Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- **Daylight Savings Account, Insectoid, and Make Believe Bombs, 10 p.m.**, Picador
- **No Shame Theatre, 11 p.m.**, Public Space One

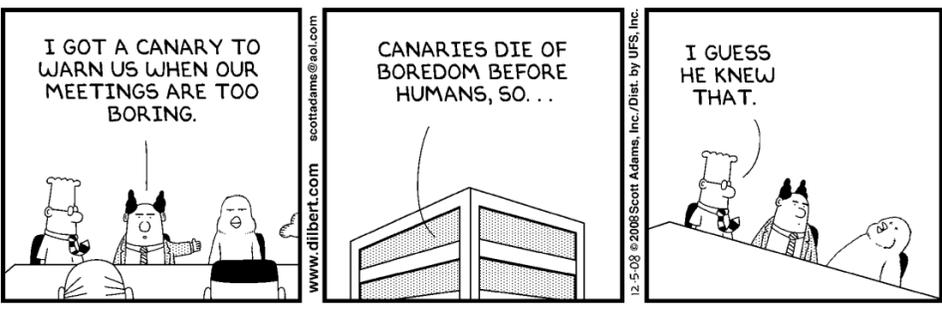
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- 12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1 "Prairie Lights Archive," Tom Piazza
- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 "Know the Score," Nov. 7
- 5 Piano Sundays from the Old Capitol, Nov. 2
- 6:30 Fine Arts performances at the UI
- 8 "Java Blend" Encore, Brian Troester
- 8:30 3 "Know the Score," Nov. 7
- 10:30 Dance from Space/Place, *The Nutcracker*, December 2007

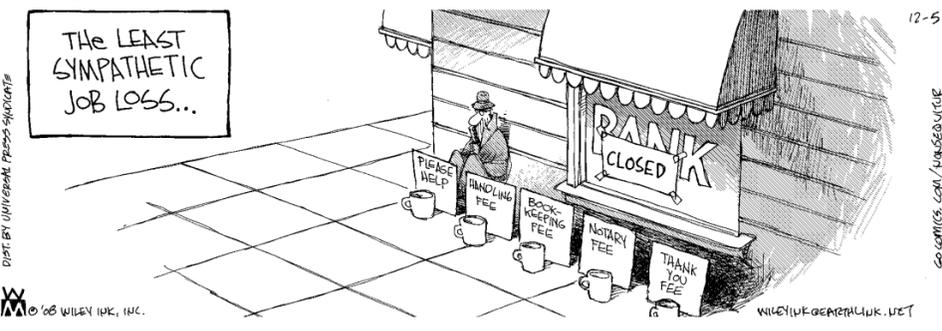
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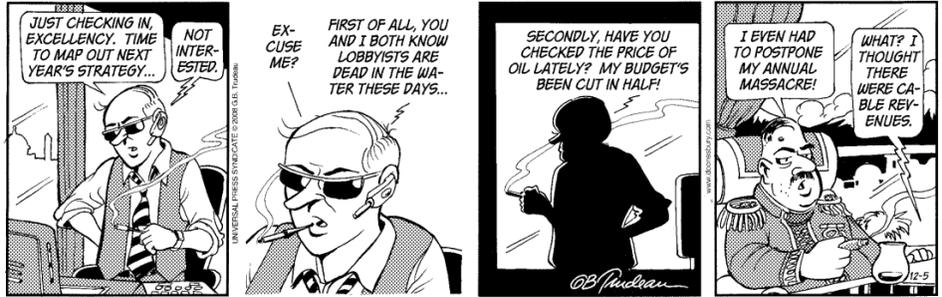
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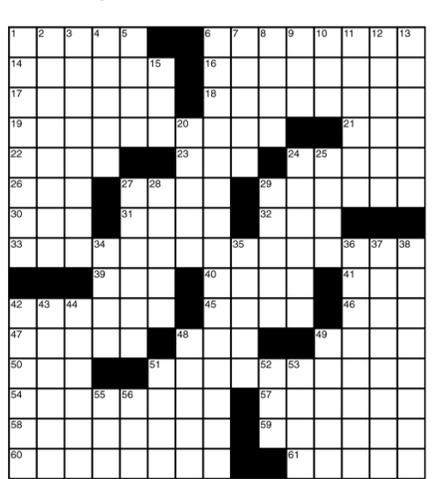
The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Take in
 - Unenthusiastic response
 - Companion of Hearst at San Simeon castle
 - Like friendship bracelets
 - Dualistic deity
 - Club restriction
 - Ordinary human being
 - Z preceder
 - Signs of disuse
 - Big exporter of diamonds: Abbr.
 - Black Forest resort
 - Maestro ___ de Waart
 - ___ It Grand, Boys" (Irish standard)
 - See 35-Down
 - Hostess's ___ Balls
 - Little something
 - Equal
 - "Easy does it!"
 - Grp. for counselors
 - Capital of the Apulia region
 - Not much at all
 - "Good Guys Wear Black" star, 1978
 - Golfer Aoki
 - Blood
 - Not worth ___
 - Private instructor: Abbr.
 - Drink with a straw
 - Box: Abbr.
 - Strength of character
 - Literally, "sheltered harbor"
 - Mean
 - Does some body work?
 - Some porters
 - Far from macho
 - Cultural digings in Cadiz
- Down**
- Actor voicing the mayor on "Family Guy"
 - Aussie with purple hair and ornate glasses
 - Be too reserved?
 - Languishes
 - Stretch in a seat
 - "Easy does it!"
 - Sammy nicknamed "The Red Rocker"
 - 1977 memoir set at Harvard
 - Year Marcian became emperor
 - Bud abroad
 - Open-sided porch
 - Made a long story short?
 - Sisters of Charity founder and family
 - ___ Jorge (Azores island)
 - ___ cycle
 - Chicago's Little Village, e.g.
 - Out of harm's way, in a way
 - Presently
 - Balpark concessionaire's offerings
 - Nazareth native, e.g.
 - They have many suction cups
 - Capital of the Brittany region
 - Ones underfoot?
 - Hardly worth mentioning
 - Longtime La Scala music director
 - Church with elders: Abbr.
 - Topping on Mediterranean pizza
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Puzzle by Jim Page

- 34 Win
- 35 With 29-Across, picnic dishes
- 36 Try to get dirt on, say
- 37 Process of grooming and dressing oneself
- 38 Artemis or Atalanta
- 42 Some chips
- 43 They have many suction cups
- 44 Capital of the Brittany region
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