

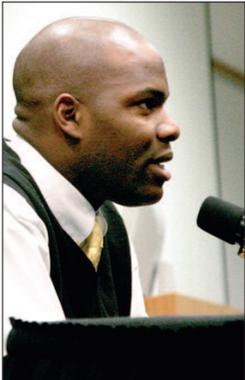
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Hired in September as the Iowa football team's player-development coach, Chigozie Ejiasi's position is continually redeveloping. **1B**

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Gus Van Sant's *Milk*, starring Sean Penn as the gay-rights activist Harvey Milk, finally hit Iowa City screens this weekend. Don't miss the *DI* review. **9A**

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Iowa City resident and egg carver Gary LeMaster sits in his basement, where he continues work on a number of carved eggs on Sunday. The various eggs, which come in from around the world, have been an obsession for him for years. Egg carvings may take him hundreds of hours to complete.

## All the eggshell's a stage

A local artist is one of the world's premier eggshell carvers.

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Carving is Gary LeMaster's art. His canvas, eggshells.

He sits in his basement studio as he works, crouched over an ostrich egg, delicately holding it in his left hand so as not to crush the brittle, hollow shell. With the other hand, he cuts an abstract pattern of teardrop shapes with a high-speed dentist drilling tool.

"If it's an egg, it's in danger," he said. "I will go after it."

For more than 20 years, the 60-year-old Iowa City resident, regarded by some as one of the top carvers in the world, has made his mark on eggs of

all shapes, colors and sizes: dark blue emu eggs, large round ostrich eggs, golden-brown chicken eggs. LeMaster estimated he's among just hundreds of this type of sculptor in the world.

"This guy is the world-premier eggshell carver," said Jim Lindsay, a freelance writer and producer for the History Channel, on Dec. 7. "He's the Michelangelo of eggshells."

Lindsey and his crew filmed LeMaster — who received a Ph.D. in Spanish from the UI — last week for a February 2009 episode of the History Channel's "Modern Marvels," and the artist is in talks with

Martha Stewart and her producers to appear on her show, too, probably during the spring of 2009.

His creations sell for thousands of dollars. But the amount of time that goes into a single hand-sized sculpture typically makes the rate of pay less than minimum wage.

"I don't think people really realize just how much time he spends with his work," said LeMaster's wife, Genevieve, who says she is his toughest critic.

He is currently perfecting an egg sculpted into a Celtic-like design that has already

SEE EGGSHELL, 3A

## ON THE WEB

To see LeMaster's artist's eggshell sculptures, visit [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Eggs-otic Art

Gary LeMaster sculpts eggshells in a basement studio at his Iowa City home.

- **Age:** 60
- **Education:** Master's in Spanish, with an undergraduate Spanish teaching degree from UNI, and a Ph.D. in Spanish from the UI
- **Favorite egg:** Rhea, for its oval shape and thicker shell
- **Past carvings:** Willie Nelson portrait, jigsaw puzzle pieces, abstract waves, the Mona Lisa

# Obama beat goes on

One Iowa City grass-roots group makes plans to influence health-care reforms.

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Friends and strangers overflowed from Nell Jackson's living room into her kitchen as they spoke of their first time seeing President-elect Barack Obama.

Around 25 Iowa City residents — varying from years of political experience to those not politically active — participated in one of the two local Change is Coming groups on Sunday.

The get-together was one of an estimated 4,000 Change is Coming events, Jackson said. On Sunday, there were 500 events within 1,000 miles of Iowa City, according to the Obama website. Discussions at the Jackson home resembled the excited, hope-filled attitudes of Democrats pre-election.

They plopped down a homemade spreadsheet onto Jackson's coffee table and determined the group's issues of interest and how to accomplish each goal. Their key focus: health care.

The meeting was intended to continue the bottom-up sup-



Obama  
president-elect

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## U.S. may copy Iowa health care

Health-care expansion could be weighed down by fiscal problems.

By **ADAM SULLIVAN**  
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National leaders may look to Iowa as a model for restructuring the country's ailing health-care system, local experts said.

State lawmakers passed a handful of landmark health-care legislation in last year's session. For instance, the Legislature OK'd a measure that will expand health-care coverage to almost all of the state's children by 2011.

"I think we're one of the leading states in looking at health-care reform," said Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City. "The legislation we passed this year is very progressive in that regard."

He predicts national leaders will look to several states' policies when drafting a national health-care reform plan.

"The states are really the places where experimentation is happening," said Bolkcom, who serves on the Iowa Senate's health and human-services subcommittee. "Federal

reform will likely be based on the best practices."

Iowa has the second best health-care system in the nation, according to a report by the Commonwealth Fund — a nonprofit foundation aimed at expanding health-care coverage. More than 90 percent of Iowans have some form of health-care coverage.

But there are still holes to patch in Iowa's system: For one, the state has nearly 300,000 uninsured citizens, Bolkcom said. And paying to those holes, especially with the current economic climate, will be a challenge, experts said.

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver announced last week that the state budget would be trimmed



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governor

SEE HEALTH, 3A

'He gave a lot of startling statistics that were freaking us out.'

— Pi Beta Phi member **Stephanie DiGiorgio**.

## Karate kid he wasn't

UI sorority members say they were scammed by a man posing as an accredited self-defense instructor.

By **MARY HARRINGTON**  
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Hundreds of sorority members showed up to presentations this year expecting to learn self-defense from an accredited instructor.

But the man — who called himself David Portnoy to some and David Parker to others — was a fraud.

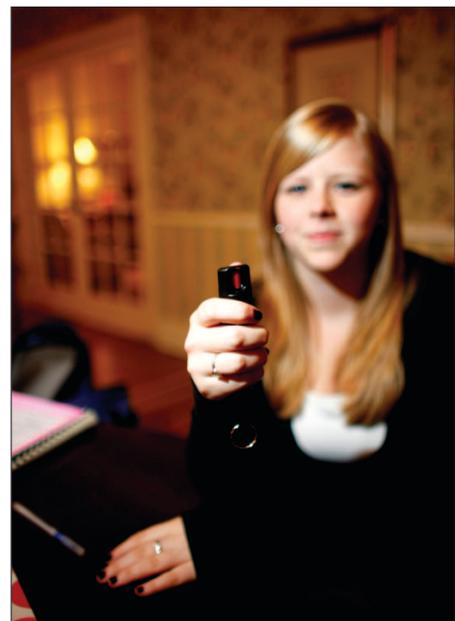
Search results for the man in Missouri, where he claimed to be from, yielded no results.

"I kind of smelled a rat when he came," Delta Gamma member Rachel Kodner said. "I thought it was strange he showed up without any pamphlets, business cards, or contact information."

The man was known to have last been at the Pi Beta Phi house on Dec. 7, presenting self-defense moves to roughly 60 sorority members, and he has visited at least three other houses on campus this year.

He claimed he was affiliated with the Women's Safety Education Group, a Washington-based organization offering women's safety seminars.

But that organization posted a disclaimer on its website, saying officials there had received complaints regarding the man and that he has never been affiliated with the group.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI sophomore Kerry Anderson holds a bottle of pepper spray in the Alpha Phi house on Sunday. Anderson bought the pepper spray for \$18 at the beginning of the school year from a man, who sometimes introduced himself as David Portnoy and David Parker other times. Sorority members say the man is a fraud.

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# Storyteller set for India

By **KATIE HANSON**  
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UI senior Anne Radecki stuck to habit and told a story — this one about turning in her final creative-writing paper to describe how she felt about graduating.

"I stood in front of the [drop-in] basket and thought, 'The minute I put it in the basket, I'm done; I'm a college graduate,'" she said. "I must have stood there for five minutes, and I was thinking about the sheets you fill out at the doctor's office, where you check if you're a student or employed."

"I was a student, but now I'm in an ambiguous zone. What am I?"

The English major's practice of telling stories and creating analogies has not only influenced her degree choice but has also left an impression on her peers.

"Anne is such a good storyteller," said Elizabeth Spotts, a UI graduate student who was Radecki's RA in Burge and has read Radecki's short stories, blog postings, and poetry. "You can see her as one of the characters. She can take a brutal, funny look at herself or poke fun at life experiences that seem so important at the time."

Radecki said she spins stories from family experiences — such as when her Hungarian grandmother bought the family burial plots for Christmas — or everyday observations, like the overabundance of "useless information" in her head.

But her affinity for writing is not entirely intentional, she said.

"Writing is something I have to do; it's not a release," she said. "It's like in the Bible, when [Jacob] wrestles with an angel, which symbolizes prayer. Prayer isn't enjoyable, but the



UI senior Anne Radecki follows the Appalachian Trail to reach the peak of Mount Lafayette in New Hampshire in August.

end product is good. "That's how writing is for me. It's wrestling."

She hopes her ability to tell stories will help her communicate in India, where she will volunteer with international organizations as part of "Business Plans for Inter-nation Non-profit" next month. "I have a real sense that

whatever I do has to benefit other people," she said. "It can't just benefit me."

UI senior and friend Anne Lingwall said Radecki's decision to go to India fits well with her character.

"[She] has always been concerned with volunteering and has had an outward focus," Lingwall said.

## Anne Radecki

- **Age:** 23
- **Family:** Parents Denis and Suzanne, brother John
- **Major:** English with a creative-writing emphasis
- **Future plans:** Participate in "Business Plans for International Nonprofit" in India following graduation this month
- **Fun fact:** Huge Dolly Parton fan

Radecki said being diagnosed with fibromyalgia — a chronic pain disorder that affects roughly 10 million Americans, according to the National Fibromyalgia Association — made her more aware of other people's problems.

"The pain is never gone," she said. "I can't think of a moment when I was pain-free since high school."

UI physical-therapy Professor Kathleen Sluka said fibromyalgia causes numerous difficulties, such as daily pain, fatigue, and concentration.

"A college student with fibromyalgia may not be able to do as many fun things and have difficulty studying," Sluka said.

But Spotts said Radecki's disposition makes it difficult to tell when she is in pain.

"She's really mentally upbeat," Spotts said. "Sometimes, she has every right to complain, but that's not in her nature."

Although Radecki said the only guarantees in her future are round-trip tickets to India, her friends said they have confidence she will succeed no matter the path she chooses.

"Nothing is going to fall apart for her," Lingwall said. "She will do something really fabulous. She wouldn't be happy with anything else."

# Latino workers face risks

By **CAITLIN DICKSON**  
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For many immigrants, moving to the United States means a new opportunity for work. But for those who come without much knowledge of English, marketable skills, or a college education, few job options exist.

"They leave all the dirty, dangerous, and least desirable jobs for immigrants," said Michael Flynn, a public-health adviser for the National Institute for Occupational Safety.

A recently released Iowa Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation reported an increase in work-related deaths in the past few years among Latino workers. Across the state, 14 Latino workers died between 2003 and 2006, four died in 2007, and so far, six have died in 2008, according to the report.

The assessment was administered in response to a national study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The research found Latino workers accounted for 13 percent of all work-site deaths between 1992 and 2006.

According to the two reports, Latinos are also at a higher risk than all other workers for workplace fatalities in Iowa and the country.

Murray Madsen, the chief investigator for the Iowa fatality program at the UI, said this could be the result of poor communication caused by a language barrier between employers and foreign-born workers.

"I suppose it also takes a little more time to make sure that the safety aspects of anything a Latino worker does is understood," Madsen said.

Flynn said this is especially problematic in places such as Iowa, where there hasn't been a long-standing Latino community. However, Alfred Ramirez, a commissioner for the Iowa Division of Latino Affairs, said he thinks the miscommunication excuse is "overplayed."

"It's blaming the victim to say, 'If they understood English or had been able to read a warning, they wouldn't have had the accident,'" he said.

Industry jargon must also be taken into account, said Iowa Federation of Labor President Ken Sagar.

"In almost every industry, everyone has his own little slang or technospeak about the nature of their job, and it's all kind of assumed that you know about the safety," he said. "But for people who haven't been in the country very long and don't

speak the language very well, that's an unsafe assumption."

Though some resources exist for Latino workers and their employers, Madsen said proper bilingual training materials are sometimes difficult to access.

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration, however, provides information on its website in both English and Spanish. The site includes a list of Latino coordinators in different regions who assist in education and training for Spanish-speaking workers.

Still, Sagar and Ramirez feel Latino workers are not getting enough protection at work.

"One of the things we see is employers taking advantage of workers in general and the immigrant population more specifically," Sagar said. "That group of folks has less ability to call OSHA because they could get turned over to the [immigration officials]."

And a desire to keep these dangerous jobs may also push workers to take risks out of fear they could be fired for refusing.

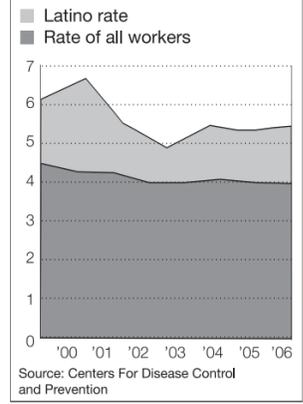
"The need for income outweighs the risk of doing the work," Flynn said.

Flynn said that National Institute for Occupational Safety is researching ways to overcome the cultural and linguistic

## Latino deaths

There are more Latino work-related deaths in Iowa than the number for other groups, which reflects a nationwide trend.

**Rate of U.S. work-related deaths per 100,000 from '00 to '06**



Kate Rhomberg/The Daily Iowan  
barriers hindering safety training for Latino workers.

"All workers have the right to go to work every day with the expectation that they will come home with all the limbs they had when they left," he said. "You shouldn't have to risk your life to make a living."

## METRO

### Mason 'Most-Influential'

The *Corridor Business Journal* last week named UI President Sally Mason the "Most-Influential" person in the Iowa City/Cedar Rapids area.

The UI leader was rated the second-most-influential person in last year's survey, an honor determined by the

journal's subscribers.

The publication attributed Mason's ranking to the UI's position as the largest employer in the area. The issue also credited Mason's leadership during and after summer flooding.

The last time a UI leader topped the list was in 2005 when former UI President David Skorton was named "Most-Influential" in two surveys.

— by Tessa McLean

### CR woman charged with OWI

A Cedar Rapids woman was arrested for drunk driving after police received a report of a vehicle driving erratically on the interstate, authorities said.

Pamela Heuton, 64, was charged Dec. 12 with third-offense OWI. According to police reports, officers

witnessed Heuton drive down the ramp from I-380 to I-80 just after midnight on Dec. 12. She then pulled onto the shoulder and stopped. Heuton had a blood alcohol level of .153, police reports show.

Third-offense OWI punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$9,375.

— by Regina Zilbermintz

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Jeffrey Beane**, 42, 2437 Petsel Place, was charged Sunday with domestic assault.

**Russell Brown**, 47, 128 Kimball Road, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and fourth-degree criminal mischief.

**Samantha Bruck**, 19, 801 Gilbert Court Apt. 210, was charged Dec. 13 with PAULA.

**Craig Burton**, 36, 1131 3rd Ave., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Eddie Carey**, 52, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged Dec. 12 with disorderly conduct.

**Nicholas Deblasio**, 18, 914 Slater, was charged Dec. 13 with presence in a bar after hours and PAULA.

**Kristopher Dietrich**, 22, 932 E. Washington St. Apt. 6, was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication.

**Allison Emerick**, 24, 943 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 35, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

**Francisco Garcia**, 30, address

unknown, was charged Dec. 13 with possession of marijuana.

**Adam Gassensmith**, 19, 308 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 1112, was charged Dec. 12 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Derek Giese**, 20, 417 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2332, was charged Dec. 13 with PAULA.

**Quinn Girvan**, 21, West Branch, was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication.

**Tabitha Harless**, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

**Patrick Hastings**, 34, 234 Blackfoot Trail, was charged Dec. 13 with fifth-degree theft.

**Carlos Hernandez**, 35, 2401 Highway 6 E., Apt. 3001, was charged Dec. 11 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Mercus Hillery**, 24, 2 Wakefield Court, was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication.

**David Jennings**, 20, 604 S. Clinton St., was charged Dec. 13 with public intoxication.

**Carl Johnson**, 47, 1828 Hollywood Court, was charged Dec. 11 with public intoxication.

**Edward Johnson**, 51, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3807, was charged Dec. 13 with OWI.

**Jessica Levendusky**, 24, 445 Highway 1 W. Apt. 21, was charged Dec. 12 with disorderly conduct.

**Joseph Lipichok**, 18, 510 S. Johnson St. Apt. 9, was charged Dec. 12 with delivery of a controlled substance.

**Ronald Lubwama**, 30, 409 Johnson St. Apt. 9, was charged Dec. 11 with public intoxication.

**Willy Lumbwele**, 42, 1100 Arthur St., was charged Dec. 13 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Chiquila Pedrero**, 23, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Daniel Poklaki**, 20, 522 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 4, was charged Dec. 12 with public

intoxication.

**Kaytlya Saethre**, 18, 435D Mayflower, was charged Dec. 13 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

**Gerhard Schmidt**, 58, address unknown, was charged Dec. 12 with public intoxication.

**Alexandra Solomon**, 18, 343CD Mayflower, was charged Dec. 13 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

**Maxwell Stabenow**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Dec. 12 with OWI.

**Kelsey Streinz**, 19, 801 Gilbert Court Apt. 210, was charged Dec. 13 with PAULA.

**Monique Turner**, 28, 1926 Broadway Apt. J, was charged Dec. 13 with disorderly conduct, going armed with intent, and child endangerment.

**Bryan Wickman**, 28, 943 St. Gilbert St. Apt. 36, was charged Dec. 13 with domestic abuse.

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# Grass roots growing

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port Obama's campaign has advocated.

Some experts affirm the meetings as strong political moves, even after the election.

"This process — if it will work, and if we follow through with it — has an effect," said Richard Myers, a former state representative who attended the meeting.

The concept of the group — to keep grass-roots supporters connected, mobilized, and talking about what actions they want from the government — is something Meyers said he has never seen.

"I haven't done this before, and I haven't seen anybody else do it before," he said. "Politicians seem to go their own way once all the ballots are counted."

Bill Keettel, the chairman of the Johnson County Republican Central Committee, said he saw a similar technique used in 2006 with former Iowa Congressman and current Director

of the Office of Management and Budget Jim Nussle, called "an idea raiser."

Keettel said the "sensible" move is a moral builder that cements support, and he expects to see more of these meetings in the future, even while competing for party office.

Political-science Associate Professor David Redlawsk said the idea is unusual, though some organizations have continued efforts post-election. For example, Democracy for America was Dean for America, which current Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean continued after his unsuccessful run for president.

"In a winning situation, it makes sense to maintain contact," Redlawsk said, noting that the idea to continue isn't new, but is now more visible and comprehensive.

Brian Flaherty, the head of the Johnson County Democrats, said the move isn't an atypical one, pointing also to Dean's organizations.

"Wherever people are engaged,

## Change is Coming groups:

In the 500 meetings within 1,000 miles of Iowa City on Sunday, citizens:

- Reflected on the campaign
- Discussed the future of the movement
- Identified ways to be involved in the community

Source: David Plouffe, campaign manager for Barack Obama

it makes government and community a little better," he said. "It's always a good thing."

And for those who met at Jackson's, inactivity was not an option. They decided to host a community forum on health care early next year.

They plan on bringing Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, and former Democratic Senate leader Tom Daschle to the forum.

Members agreed they wanted the group to serve as a vehicle on important issues.

"We've never had this level of connectedness," Jackson said.

# Eggshell Michelangelo

EGGSHELL

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seen more than 400 hours of work with an additional 80 hours of designing before ever cutting into the shell.

The shells are not strengthened with any additional material during carving. The eggs are first hollowed out through a tiny hole at the base, so one wrong move, and a crack could destroy it all. But that crucial focus is what keeps him hooked.

"Any carver goes into withdrawal if he has to stop carving," he said. "You don't do it casually. You are addicted, just like any alcoholic is to his own drug."

Three years ago, the black-belt martial-arts practitioner feared he would be forced to forfeit his art. He underwent back surgery that had the potential to render his hands utterly useless if it went wrong.

"I did my sculpting before the surgery for endless hours. It's what got me through," he said, describing the act as Zen-like and mentally rewarding. "But the surgery went beautifully, so I guess the universe decided I wasn't quite done with eggs just yet."

Most of LeMaster's sales come from outside the state. In a good year, he said, he sells roughly 20 eggs with weighty price tags. An art gallery in Paducah, Ky., purchased a series of



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Specially designed eggs by Gary LeMaster sit in his office on Sunday. One of his favorite techniques is to carve popular faces onto his works.

12 with geisha-girl themes, and others have been featured in a New Mexico gallery, he said. To transport the creations, LeMaster wraps them in a series of plastic grocery bags and numerous boxes.

And fans from around the world — such as a woman from Los Angeles and another revisiting student from Iran — come to his Iowa City studio for carving lessons.

In 1998, LeMaster started *The Eggshell Sculptor Magazine* after receiving more than 100 e-mails from visitors of his website with questions about sculpting, and he is now considering using webcam footage for online tutorials.

The sculptor said years ago he never imagined he would be so engulfed in this art form. He never even took an art class until he was a UI graduate student curious to dabble in art classes with leftover fellowship money for a Spanish degree.

But LeMaster is colorblind, so his medium was limited to mainly charcoal or pencil sketches. He picked up the craft of carving from his father and after trying out his first egg at the suggestion of a dentist who sold him his equipment. He said the art of egg carving made him feel unique as an artist.

"I didn't find eggs. They found me," he said. "It was destined to be, I think."

# Self-defense not up & up

SELF DEFENSE

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In his presentations to the sorority members, he talked at length about the history of the organization and his involvement with it.

The presentations were offered for free, but the man urged the members to purchase containers of pepper spray he brought to sell. He set up deals, selling one bottle for \$18, or three for \$30, said Treacy Weldon, the president of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Almost everyone in the house bought at least one bottle, she said. The same was true in the Pi Beta Phi house and the Delta Gamma house, members said. Weldon said the man contacted her to pitch his services.

The sorority members wrote checks out to a man named Lawrence Portnoy, who the instructor claimed was the father of a rape victim.

The man devoted nearly a third of his hour-long presentation to pushing his pepper-spray product, urging the members to buy for their sisters, mothers, and grandmothers, said Pi Beta Phi member Stephanie DiGiorgio.

"He gave a lot of startling

statistics that were freaking us out," she said.

The man told groups about teaching 7-year-old Girl Scouts his martial-arts moves and then teaching adult football players the moves.

"He had good stories, and I felt like he knew when and how to deliver the stories, listening to the women's reactions," Kodner said. "He claimed to be a third-degree black belt," she said about the man, who was described as overweight and slightly balding.

Although Kodner observed no "blatant inappropriate touching" during the presentations, she said she thought some of the moves he demonstrated were "borderline," such as grabbing women from behind and locking his arms around the upper body.

DiGiorgio said the man made one of the women pinch his inner thigh as part of the demonstration.

"It can be a valid move to make," said Karla Miller, the executive director of the Rape-Victim Advocacy Program. "However, I would consider it inappropriate for the women to actually participate in the demonstration of it."

## Man poses as accredited instructor on UI campus

The man, who called himself David Portnoy to some and David Parker to others, has visited other campuses, including:

- University of California-Davis
- DePauw University
- University of Pennsylvania

Source: Access World News

Situations such as these may be more easily avoided if a known group, like UI police, is called for instructions instead. A thorough background check is also helpful, she said.

"In general, there are oftentimes individuals who will take advantage of others' legitimate concerns about safety," Miller said. "Unfortunately, their instructions may be unscrupulous or inappropriate as well."

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said no formal complaints have been made to authorities and that other than posing as a member of an organization and lying about his identity, there was likely not much criminal activity involved.

# Iowa improving health care

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by approximately \$40 million. Officials said they're hopeful those cuts won't threaten the health-care progress they've made.

Bolkcom said there are two key issues posing a challenge to state health coverage. The first is maintaining the \$25 million set aside to insure Iowa children, and the other is sufficiently funding Medicaid.

And budget constraints on the national level are likely to be just as tight.

"Obviously, [lawmakers are] going to be very tentative of moving toward any sort of benefit expansion that doesn't have some sort of cost savings associated with it," said Brian Kaskie, a UI associate professor of health policy. "How we're going to achieve this is by cutting back or improving efficiencies on other things."

Not paying to fix the U.S. health-care system could prove

to be even costlier, however.

Health-care costs, which Kaskie said are already too inflated, will continue to rise if unchecked.

"Providers are going to continue to claim their costs are going up," he said. "The cycle will go on."

Bolkcom is cautiously optimistic that, despite economic strains, federal lawmakers will be able to expand health coverage.

"We need a federal health-care solution," he said. "The Obama administration has its hands full dealing with this dire economic downturn — all projections indicate he has a very rough year ahead. But there is some opportunity, hopefully, to rally people around progressive health-care strategies."

And officials are confident Iowa has a system that the new administration can call on for inspiration.

"The president-elect is sending a pretty strong message that health-care reform will be

## Insuring the uninsured

While only two states — Minnesota and Hawaii — have a higher percentage of insured citizens than Iowa, many states lag behind, with little more than three-fourths of their populations having health insurance.

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- Florida — 80.2 percent insured
- Oklahoma — 81.5 percent insured
- California — 81.6 percent insured

Source: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

first on his agenda," said Christopher Atchison, an associate dean in the UI College of Public Health. "It's our hope that Iowa's legislation represents a wonderful state-based model that the nation should look at ... as something that could give some guidance."

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'I don't think the public will take kindly toward any sort of signal that he is somehow losing touch with the outside world, that he's trapped on island Washington.'

- Paul Light, presidential historian at New York University

# No ranch for Obamas

By **DEANNA BELLANDI**  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — When President-elect Barack Obama heads home for a break from the White House, he won't go to a sprawling ranch or private seaside compound.

Obama will come back to a crowded city neighborhood, creating different security challenges for the Secret Service and perhaps headaches for his neighbors.

No other recent first family has lived in a city neighborhood like the Obamas. The \$1.6 million mansion he and his wife, Michelle, share with their two young daughters sits just off a busy street — a stretch of which has been closed to traffic — and his closest neighbors are just a few feet away.

"My Kennebunkport is on the South Side of Chicago," Obama said in a recent interview with the *Chicago Tribune*. "Our friends are here. Our family is here. We are going to try to come back here as often as possible ... at least once every six weeks or couple months."

His busy South Side neighborhood affords none of the privacy of President George W. Bush's 1,600-acre Texas spread or President George H.W. Bush's seaside summer retreat in Kennebunkport, Maine. President Ronald Reagan's White House in the West was his mountaintop Rancho del Cielo in California. President Bill Clinton moved to the White House from the governor's mansion in Arkansas.

But Obama is a Chicago transplant whose campaign was rooted in the notion that he's not like the other guys, and living in an urban neighborhood near the University of Chicago is a symbol of that, said

Paul Light, a presidential historian at New York University.

Obama, who owns only the one home, was even able to paint his Republican opponent, John McCain, as out of touch with voters when the Arizona senator apparently didn't know how many homes he and his multimillionaire wife owned.

Maintaining strong ties to Chicago is one way Obama can stay in touch with the people who helped him get elected, Light said. "I don't think the public will take kindly toward any sort of signal that he is somehow losing touch with the outside world, that he's trapped on island Washington," Light said.

Like other presidents, Obama is sure to spend some of his down time at Camp David, the presidential retreat on a remote Maryland mountaintop, and in Hawaii, a regular vacation spot for him and where he spent much of his childhood.

For security reasons, the Obamas' urban oasis already has changed. Their large red brick house doesn't have the benefit of being surrounded by acres of land like other presidential retreats, so the city streets near it look like a military zone with blocks-long metal and concrete barriers. Secret Service agents and police patrol the area.

But the Obamas are hardly prisoners in their home, although the family is under the constant protection of the Secret Service.

Obama visits a nearby gym nearly every morning and then travels downtown to work at his transition office or to hold news conferences. His motorcade sometimes shuttles his daughters, 10-year-old Malia and 7-year-old Sasha, to school, and he and Michelle dine out at popular Chicago eateries.

Protecting a city Western White House poses some new situations for the Secret Service, as does any venue around the world where the president and his family need to be protected.

"We would not consider it more difficult," said Agent Malcolm Wiley, a Secret Service spokesman.

And the attention to security isn't something that will end when Obama leaves office. Before former President Bill Clinton left the White House, local officials in suburban Westchester County, N.Y., approved requests from the Clintons for security additions at their new home in Chappaqua, including an 8-foot tall fence.

The tight security near Obama's home is something KAM Isaiah Israel, a landmark Chicago temple across the street, is taking in stride.

On its website, the temple tells visitors what to expect when coming, including ID checks on the street and possible searches of vehicles and bags.

"We have lived with and will continue to live with the security, and people have gotten used to it," said congregation president Lawrence Bloom. He said the temple continues to run a full schedule of religious services, classes and programs.

When temple officials have met with the Secret Service, agents have told them that Obama is concerned about the imposing on the neighborhood because of his tight security, Bloom said.

Bloom wonders whether Obama's street will go back to being a bit more normal when Obama is ensconced in Washington.

"We can't be sure of that," he said.

# Pressure on Blagojevich expected to mount



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Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich waves as he leaves a downtown office building Sunday in Chicago. Blagojevich was arrested this week on various federal corruption charges, including allegations that he tried to sell President-elect Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat.

By **CHRISTOPHER WILLS**  
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Officially, Illinois lawmakers will gather soon to consider a special election to replace Barack Obama in the U.S. Senate — but it was already clear Sunday that ousting disgraced Gov. Rod Blagojevich was at the top of many to-do lists.

"On a scale of one to 10, impeachment is 25 and everything else is a two," said Rep. Jack Franks, a Democrat from Woodstock.

A legislative session beginning today will be the first since Blagojevich was arrested last week on charges that he tried to profit from his power to choose Obama's replacement and shook down businesses seeking state deals.

Republicans said on Sunday that they plan to put intense public pressure on Democrats to move against Blagojevich. A

spokesman for Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan said he will discuss the idea with Republican leaders today.

Meanwhile, Blagojevich was expected to firm up his legal representation after meeting over the weekend with Chicago attorney Ed Genson, who has defended media mogul Conrad Black and R&B singer R. Kelly. On Sunday, Blagojevich's wife, Patti, went into Genson's building.

Genson, a bulldog who generally takes his cases to trial, has said he and the governor would make a "mutual decision" today. Blagojevich spokesman Lucio Guerrero said the governor "has no plans on resigning Monday."

Guerrero didn't respond directly to whether the governor could or would do anything to slow down the Legislature's move toward impeachment.

"The governor has indicated in the past there is more to this story that he's wanting to tell at

an appropriate time," he said.

David Dring, spokesman for House Minority Leader Tom Cross, R-Oswego, said Republicans will step up the pressure on Democrats to remove Blagojevich.

"If they won't work with us, you'll probably see some good theater," Dring said.

The GOP also plans to run television ads pressuring Democrats to approve a special election to replace Obama. Blagojevich still holds the power to appoint a new senator, and if he resigned, that power would go to Democratic Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn.

Illinois Republican Party Chairman Andy McKenna told reporters the ads will "make the point that this is the people's seat, and the people deserve a special election."

A spokesman said Madigan, who has often clashed with Blagojevich, will discuss impeachment with Cross today.

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Volunteers Kevin Hall (left) and Chris King clean up the "Free China junk" in Bethel Island, Calif., on Aug. 9. The junk was abandoned by the last of a series of volunteer caretakers after he fell behind on storage payments. The boatyard owner has given notice that it must be removed.

# Junk with history

By JULIANA BARBASSA  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Half a century ago, six men with no sailing experience climbed aboard an aging Chinese junk in Taiwan and survived a typhoon that nearly wrecked the little ship. But after sailing nearly 7,000 miles across the Pacific, they were greeted by cheering crowds as they sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge.

Now that turn-of-the-century junk, which experts say may be last salvageable vessel of its type, could be destroyed if it does not find a permanent home by the end of December.

With it would go a piece of U.S. and Chinese history — the boat's name, the Free China, evokes Cold War rhetoric. But the ship also holds the unwritten knowledge of traditional Chinese boatbuilding, said Hans Van Tilburg, a historian with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"It's a rare document, a rare record of hundreds, maybe thousands of years of seafaring tradition," said Van Tilburg, who has written about the Free China in his book, "Chinese Junks on the Pacific." "This was never recorded. It was always an art, a skill passed down in families."

The junk is sitting in a Sacramento River Delta boatyard — abandoned by the last of a series of volunteer caretakers after he fell behind on storage payments. And the boatyard owner has given notice that it must be removed.

The hull has integrity; the curved wooden planks bent

over fire by craftsmen on China's Fujian coast are still true. But the painted eels and phoenixes that brought luck are long gone, as are the mast and the battened sails. A 13-foot section of hull was hacked off the stern so the boat would take less room in storage.

But to Dione Chen, the aging hulk evokes the stories her father, Reno Chia-Lin Chen, told about his 112-day trip from Taiwan in 1955.

He was one of five Chinese middle-class professionals who fled their homeland's communist revolution and wound up as commercial fishermen in Taiwan. The dangerous work held no future, so one of them, Paul Chow, seized upon a newspaper item about a yacht race from the U.S. to Sweden; they sent in an application to enter the contest and somehow were accepted.

"There was never going to be any other way to come to America," said Dione Chen. "There was never going to be any sponsor, any money, any job, any relative to help."

The young men had no boat, so they sold what they had — even bikes and typewriters — to raise money. The governor of Taiwan offered to purchase an aging junk if they would name it the Free China, advertising Taiwan's dispute with the communist People's Republic of China.

When they applied at the American Consulate for U.S. visas, Vice Consul Calvin Mehlert — also in his 20s — not only granted them the papers but asked for a place on board for an adventure of a lifetime, even if it wasn't well-planned.

"I thought, 'This isn't a big deal, the winds blow in that direction,'" said Mehlert, now 80. "I knew I'd never get another chance like this."

After a failed launch attempt damaged the boat, delaying their departure from Keelung harbor, a typhoon off Okinawa destroyed the junk's rigging and forced weeks of repair in Yokohama.

They had hoped to sail through the Panama Canal to join the trans-Atlantic race in July, but the delays made that impossible. The junk never left San Francisco.

And yet, the trip across the Pacific went smoothly. They even kept two chickens; photos and movies shot by Mehlert show the crew feeding the birds — and turning one into dinner on Paul Chow's birthday.

Arriving in San Francisco, they were feted with invitations, a television appearance and an historic marker.

Chow eventually became a physics professor at California State University-Northridge and Chen an engineer. Mehlert returned to Taiwan and served as an interpreter during President Nixon's 1972 visit.

The junk did not fare so well, said Dione Chen. "Many people were passionate about it, fell in love with it, but it never had a permanent caretaker," she said.

After Reno Chen died in Sept. 2007, Dione Chen took her children to see the junk and was moved by the sight. "It struck me that this is a unique vessel, that tells a bigger story — of immigration, of the Chinese community, of my own family," she said. "I was on the hook. I started doing everything I could to save it."

# Moscow police break up large rally

By PAUL SONNE  
Associated Press

MOSCOW — Police thwarted a banned anti-Kremlin protest in central Moscow on Sunday, seizing dozens of demonstrators and shoving them into trucks.

Organizers said 130 people were detained around the capital, but police put the number at 90. The opposition movement headed by fierce Kremlin critic and former chess champion Garry Kasparov said the coleader of the group was one of those seized.

The Other Russia movement organized the protest, in defiance of a ban, to draw attention to Russia's economic troubles and to protest Kremlin plans to extend the presidential term from four years to six. Critics say the constitutional change as part of a retreat from democracy and is aimed at strengthening the grip of Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and his allies.

News broadcasts on the main television networks made no mention of the Moscow crackdown or of protests in St. Petersburg and Vladivostok.

Kasparov and other prominent liberals have just launched a new anti-Kremlin movement called Solidarity in a bid to unite Russia's liberal forces and encourage a popular revolution similar to those in Ukraine and Georgia.

Kasparov had vowed to carry out Sunday's protest even though authorities had denied permission for it.

Before the scheduled start, hundreds of officers guarded Triumph Square, which was ringed by police trucks and metal barriers.

Police roughly grabbed protesters who tried to enter the square, dragging at least 25 people into waiting trucks.

Police also seized Other Russia coleader Eduard Limonov along with a handful of bodyguards as they walked toward the square. They were bundled into police vehicles.

Kasparov and a group of supporters decided to avoid police by marching in a different location, then set off for a third site after finding another strong police presence, spokeswoman Marina Litvinovich said.

Dozens of protesters gathered at the third site and marched

around a half mile along a major street, shouting slogans such as "Russia without Putin" before they dispersed.

Kasparov traveled by car, and the march was over when he arrived, Litvinovich said.

Kasparov's website said police in Moscow also broke up a protest by a hard-line group of retired generals in a square nearby and detained about 50 participants. The group, the Soviet Officers' Union, could not be reached for comment.

The Moscow police said they detained 90 people. Some of the detainees were members of a pro-Kremlin youth group that staged a counter-demonstration, dropping leaflets from a concert hall rooftop.

Litvinovich said 130 people were detained in Moscow, including 18 who tried to enter the Kremlin through one of its guarded gates.

"Today, we saw a police state and its methods," she said.

Other Russia said most were released but many were ordered to appear in court later on

charges of involvement in a prohibited public activity. It said Limonov appeared before a judge and was fined 500 rubles (around \$18) for that infraction.

Lyudmila Morozova, 61, a nurse from the southern city of Voronezh, had planned to protest in Triumph Square but was put off by the massive police presence. She said the police actions showed that the government was afraid "some kind of power will rise against them."

"I want my country to develop along a democratic path," said Morozova, standing against a wall at the edge of the square. "It's not only not democratic, it's becoming totalitarian."

She said she has joined Solidarity.

In St. Petersburg, about 200 Other Russia supporters demonstrated at a site approved by city authorities. But local leader Olga Kurnosova said at least one organizer was detained beforehand, and St. Petersburg police said around 10 people were detained at a separate site.

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### Church burns for second time in months

KEOKUK, Iowa (AP) — A historic church that was gutted by arson just three months ago caught fire again on Dec. 13.

It took more than 30 firefighters to extinguish flames at Bethany Baptist Church in Keokuk. Police said they are investigating the cause of the second blaze.

Keokuk firefighters responded to a fire call at 12:12 a.m. on Dec. 13.

The historic church was originally gutted by a fire on Sept. 19. The structure itself is three buildings that were built at different times.

Built in 1857, the church added an addition in 1907.

In the fire earlier this year, the rear half of the building sustained major fire, heat and smoke damage. The roof of the section that was built in 1857 had started to collapse after the fire, and the sanctuary suffered major smoke and water damage.

### Sioux City mulls opposition to same-sex marriage

SIoux CITY, Iowa (AP) — The Sioux City City Council is considering a resolution that would declare its opposition to gay marriage.

The motion, a mostly symbolic gesture, is on the council's agenda today.

Councilor Brent Hoffman, who supports the resolution, says it's important because it clarifies the council's position and directs city departments, boards and commissions to stay in line with that position.

The resolution also asks for a statewide vote on whether gay marriage should be allowed.

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# Pakistan fights militants

By **KATHY GANNON**  
Associated Press

**SABAGAI, Pakistan** — From atop a craggy hillock, the silver-haired Lt. Col. Javed Baloch gestures toward a small black opening in a sandstone outcropping. It's the mouth of a cave.

Two minutes later, a powerful explosion rattles the hillock, and a massive plume of grayish-white smoke rushes skyward.

Cave by cave, the Pakistani army is trying to blow up the underground labyrinth running from tribal areas toward the border with Afghanistan to keep militants away.

This is the frontline of Pakistan's battle against militants on its own soil. The 3-month-old offensive is the country's most aggressive effort to date, countering U.S. and Afghan charges that it is not doing enough to root out Taliban and Qaeda fighters who crisscross the border. It is also the Pakistani military's first foray into the Bajur region, where militants are dug in and have in places set up a parallel administration.

An Associated Press team traveled with the Pakistani military deep into a tribal area late last month, almost to the Afghan border. The operation shows the army can put pressure on militants and even wrest some territory back from them, but it may never be able to drive them out from a rugged area of nooks and crannies. More militants are already sneaking in from Afghanistan as reinforcements, and U.S. troops in Afghanistan have installed 68 motion sensors along the border to try to detect them.

The battle is for Bajur, a key base and transit route for Arab and other foreign militants headed for Afghanistan. Here, a CIA drone once targeted Al Qaeda's No. 2, Ayman al-Zawahiri, without success.

Any progress, however, is now in danger from an unexpected front. The recent terrorist attack in Mumbai has raised the prospect that Pakistan might shift troops from its tribal regions to the border with India. Both sides want to avoid a confrontation, but emotions are running high.

In the meantime, the Pakistani army has used helicopter gunships and fighter jets to blast entire villages in Bajur to rubble, driving 250,000 tribesmen out of their homes and burying 82 of their own soldiers. Pakistan has battled militants in tribal areas before, but never with such intensity.

"I feel hurt. There is so much destruction. That is why always we are trying to prevent war, but we were left with no choice," Baloch says.

He bristles at any U.S. questioning of the will of Pakistani soldiers to fight the militants.

"Listen, I have picked up the bodies of my dead soldiers and carried them out. I haven't left a body behind. Do you think this is something we do without pain in our heart?" he asked. "I tell everyone who is saying we aren't doing enough, 'Send your brothers, your fathers, your uncles and I will take them into battle with me. I will show them.'"

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The convoy of Pakistani soldiers rumbles out of Khar on a

crisp morning, a slight mist hanging in the air.

It was from here, the capital of Bajur, that the army had launched its offensive on Sept. 8. Previously, only the ill-equipped Frontier Corps, a paramilitary force, was deployed in Bajur.

"Since it was ignored, not easily accessible, it was an ideal breeding ground," says Gen. Tariq Khan, the commander of the Frontier Corps.

In August, the Frontier Corps fought militants in one village in Bajur but was driven out with several dead and many more wounded. That's when the army was called in.

The army has since wrested control of the key road link from Khar, clearing the road of insurgents. As of late last week, troops were taking their offensive into the Mohmand tribal belt that borders Afghanistan.

The signs of battle litter the roadside: flattened markets, bomb craters and mud homes scarred by mortar fire.

At Nazirabad, six miles from Khar, troops faced a two-day battle against nearly 100 militants. Insurgents popped up from fields of shoulder-high corn stalks to launch rockets or fire bursts with Kalashnikov rifles, then seemingly disappeared, says Maj. Kamal, who gave only his first name. Two soldiers were killed and 22 wounded.

"We couldn't see where they were firing from," Kamal says. "We discovered later that they would fire at us and then run into caves hidden by the corn."

The army found an extensive network of caves and tunnels reminiscent of those dug in the 1980s by Western-backed anti-communist rebels in Afghanistan during the Soviet occupation. In one compound of nine mud homes surrounded by a high wall, the army found six underground rooms and a maze of tunnels.

Kamal climbs a precarious steel ladder that leads to a lookout. Peering over sandbags lined up against the mud wall, he points toward a dark speck in a series of eroded sandstone hills.

"That's another cave. The tunnel runs from here, 100 meters to there."

More caves lie at the end of a 20-foot-deep narrow mud staircase barely wide enough for a thin person. Inside the small underground rooms, the army finds bedding and weapons, from anti-tank guns modified to fire 22-mm mortars to homemade bombs planted by roads and detonated from afar as military vehicles pass.

The Nazirabad compound was one of several hubs established by militants in Bajur, Kamal says.

"We were expecting a lot of resistance, but these tactics — the tunnels. I never expected this," he says. "One room could hold five or six men."

Every day, Kamal's men search the caves to make sure the militants don't return.

The Bajur operation is an example of cooperation between the U.S. and Pakistan, with U.S. forces on the Afghan side of the border providing intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance to Pakistani forces.

# No rescue for Big Three just yet

Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — The White House tossed out no lifeline for the teetering auto industry Sunday, although President Bush iterated that he was considering using money from the \$700 billion financial bailout fund to provide loans to the carmakers.

"An abrupt bankruptcy for autos could be devastating for the economy," Bush told reporters Monday aboard Air Force One during an unannounced trip to Iraq and Afghanistan. "We're now in the process of working with the stakeholders on a way forward. We're not quite ready to announce that yet."

Bush wouldn't give a precise timetable but said, "This will not be a long process because of the economic fragility of the autos."

White House officials said they did not expect to make an announcement today. The administration is considering ways to provide emergency aid to General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC, which have said they could run out of cash within weeks without federal aid.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who blocked legislation that would have provided \$14 billion in loans to the automakers, said he had spoken with the White House early Sunday. "I don't think they yet know what they're going to do," he said. Ron Gettelfinger, the president of the United Auto Workers, said the union had not held discussions with the White House.

The aid is expected to benefit General Motors and Chrysler and discussions involve the amount of funding and any potential conditions. Ford Motor Co. has said it has enough cash to survive 2009 but asked Congress for a line of credit in case the financial markets deteriorate further.

"I'm optimistic they're going to do something significant. I don't think the White House wants bankruptcy at one of the Big Three automakers as part their legacy," said Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio.

Last week, Congress failed to approve a plan that would have



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Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm speaks as moderator David Gregory (right) and former Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney listen on "Meet the Press" on Sunday in Washington.

provided short-term financing to the industry and create a "car czar" who would ensure that the money would transform the Detroit automakers into competitive companies.

The administration, following the legislative defeat, said it was considering several options, including using money from the \$700 billion financial bailout fund to provide loans to the carmakers.

Corker and other Republicans sought a compromise that would have insisted the carmakers restructure their debt and bring wages and benefits in line with those paid by Toyota, Honda, and Nissan in the United States. The legislation died when Republicans demanded up-front pay and benefit concessions from the United Auto Workers that union leaders rejected.

Corker urged the White House to seek similar concessions from the auto companies and their unions in return for the money. "Of course, the benefit they have — they don't have to negotiate. They can say this money is available, but it's only available under

these conditions," he said in a broadcast interview.

Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., countered that Republican leaders in the Senate did not want an agreement and said the loans were needed to buy time for the companies to restructure.

"Manufacturing is on the edge in this country. This is not the time for a political agenda," Stabenow said.

The UAW's Gettelfinger said the failure of the legislation showed that Congress should stay "away from the bargaining table."

The administration has several options. It could tap the \$700 billion financial rescue bailout fund to provide loans to the carmakers or use part of that fund as a kind of collateral for emergency loans the automakers could get from the Federal Reserve.

The administration also could do nothing, leaving open the possibility that one or more of the automakers could go bankrupt.

The White House is keeping President-elect Barack Obama

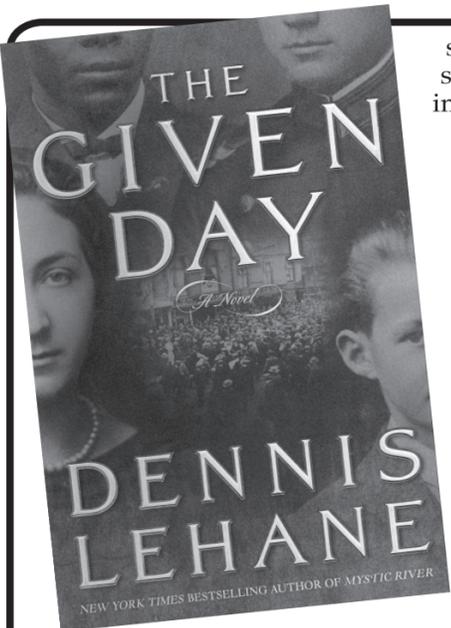
and his advisers informed of the discussions. If administration officials choose not to provide the money now, the Obama team could wait for the new Congress, which will have stronger Democratic majorities.

Providing aid to the companies could represent a change for the White House, which has previously insisted that the Wall Street rescue plan should be used solely to help financial institutions.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, D-Mich., said other countries were providing aid to their automakers and the loans were essential to help make the U.S. less dependent on foreign oil.

If the companies don't get help, "we'll be replacing our reliance on foreign oil with a reliance on foreign batteries because it's going to be the battery that's driving the electric vehicle in the future," Granholm said.

Corker was on CBS' "Face the Nation," as was Brown, and "Fox News Sunday," where he appeared with Stabenow. Gettelfinger was on "Late Edition" on CNN. Granholm was on "Meet the Press" on NBC.



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# Bolivia hopes for better relations with United States

By DAN KEANE

Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia — The two upstarts made history by breaking the ethnic ceiling.

Now Bolivians hope Barack Obama and their president, Evo Morales, can lean on a common outsider heritage — and a skin color shared in one shade or another by most of Latin America — to repair the country's frayed U.S. ties.

"Between the Indian and the black guy, they're going to find a way to solve this," said Natividad Maldonado, a 55-year-old coca farmer in a La Paz market. She sat on a giant sack of the small green leaves at the heart of the tension: sacred to many Bolivians, coca is targeted by Washington as the base for cocaine.

Morales, the first Indian president of this Andean country long ruled by its tiny European-descended elite, has joined leftist leaders across Latin America in voicing hope for a new tone from Washington, which they say has too long considered the region its own backyard.

Venezuela and Cuba's socialist leaders have warily offered Obama a rhetorical olive branch. But Morales has outdone his allies in acting out his conflicting passions about the superpower to the north.

Morales booted out Bolivia's U.S. ambassador in September over accusations, denied by Washington, that American diplomats collaborated with the conservative opposition. Next, he kicked out the Drug Enforcement Administration, vowing its agents would never return as long as he held office.

And then he visited Washington and placed a wreath at the Lincoln Memorial, honoring one



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Demonstrators protest outside of the Organization of American States against the Bolivian President Evo Morales' policies in Washington on Wednesday.

of the president-elect's heroes.

He did not meet Obama or President Bush, but he had a private meeting with Sen. Dick Lugar, the Indiana Republican who is a close foreign-policy adviser to Obama. Afterward, he wrote to Lugar: "I think we have begun a long and fruitful journey to reconstruct the relations between our countries."

Old resentments die hard, however. On the same day Morales wrote that warm letter, he claimed to a crowd of Bolivian coca farmers that the U.S. backed plans to assassinate him before he won the presidency in 2005.

Mixed messages aside, the affable Morales seems to have won allies on Capitol Hill.

Lugar said in a statement that the U.S. "regrets any perception that it has been disrespectful, insensitive, or engaged in any improper activities" against Morales' government. He also called for reinstating trade benefits that Bush suspended last month for what his administration called Morales' lack of cooperation fighting the drug trade.

The personal contact was crucial for a hands-on politician like Morales, whose previous impressions of Washington were rooted in his years as head of Bolivia's largest coca-growers union, when he led protests against U.S.-backed efforts to eradicate the plant.

"Morales' anti-U.S. rhetoric is

born out of really intense drug war friction, out of his own personal experience," said Kathy Ledebur, director of the Andean Information Network, an advocacy group monitoring anti-narcotics efforts in Bolivia.

"That Morales went and sat down and talked to all of these guys in Washington is a big step. And that they were nice to him — and that somebody's regretting something — is really pretty revolutionary."

Bolivia's U.S. ties are dominated by the struggle to control coca, revered here for millennia as a mild stimulant but also processed into cocaine, largely for markets in Brazil, Argentina, and Europe.

# 1 in 9 kids use alt medicine

By MIKE STOBBE

Associated Press

ATLANTA — More than one in nine children and teens use herbal supplements or some other form of alternative medicine, the government said Wednesday, citing a new national survey.

It's the first time children's use of such remedies, including acupuncture, meditation, and chiropractic care, has been measured. Adult use of alternative treatments remains about the same as it was in 2002 — more than one in three.

Herbal remedies were the top type of alternative medicine for both adults and those under 18. Leading the list for children were echinacea, used for colds, and fish oil, sometimes given for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

Such therapies were most often given for head or neck pain, colds and anxiety. Body aches and insomnia were other top reasons kids got alternative therapies, the study found.

Given that children are generally pretty healthy, the finding that one in nine uses alternative medicine is "pretty amazing," said one of the study's authors, Richard Nahin of the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine.

However, it's difficult to say if that level of use is harmful or beneficial because many therapies have not undergone rigorous scientific testing to gauge their effectiveness, he said.

The study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is based on a 2007 survey of more than 23,000 adults who were speaking about themselves and more than 9,000 adults who were speaking on behalf

of a child in their household.

Vitamin and mineral supplements were not counted as alternative medicine, nor were folk medicine practices or religious healing.

The adults most likely to report using alternative medicine include women, those with advanced college degrees and those who live in the West. Among non-elderly adults, it was used about equally by those with private insurance and those with no health insurance at all.

Kids were five times more likely to use alternative therapies if a parent or other relative did. And those covered by private health insurance were more likely to use it than children who were uninsured or covered by public programs, the government study found.

It's a bit surprising adult use didn't rise more, given other trends, said Michael Cohen, a lawyer who teaches health policy and management at the Harvard School of Public Health. Adult use was 36 percent in 2002, compared to 38 percent last year.

U.S. supplement sales grew about 6 percent from 1998 to 2007, totaling \$23.7 billion last year, according to industry data.

Also, in this decade, many academic medical centers and other mainstream health-care providers have integrated alternative medicine into their research and patient services. Acupuncturists now work with anesthesiologists, and chiropractors can be found in general hospitals. Insurance coverage and licensing of alternative therapies also is rising, experts said.

"I definitely see a trend," said Cohen, who in his legal work represents doctors who provide complementary and alternative medicine.

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## Editorial

## Budget-cut proposals should be public record

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver announced Dec. 9 that the state government will cut \$40 million from its general budget in an effort to reduce government spending during the nation's financial crisis. The majority of the cuts are focused on hiring freezes, travel expenses, and general government spending. The *Des Moines Register* reports that Culver also proposed retracting funding for a new state office building; an additional \$37 million would be saved if the retraction is approved by the Legislature. Culver even went so far as to suggest taking a personal pay cut if other state employees were forced to accept a similar fate. State departments were asked to recommend areas where cuts could be made in their respective operating budgets. Last week, the *Register's* written request to view these recommendations was denied by Culver's office under the veil of executive privilege.

Executive privilege is a tool used to protect the balance of power among the governmental branches. Much like the U.S. Constitution, this power invoked by executive officers is not explicitly mentioned in the Iowa Constitution. Typically, the privilege is invoked when concerns of national security exist or the executive branch seeks to keep information confidential from the legislative or judicial branches. Recently, the privilege has been used by state governors to keep personal e-mail communications suppressed. Presumably, the recommendations received by Culver fail to qualify as national-security threats. In fact, it is hard to believe anything that was contained in the budgetary recommendations could qualify as sensitive information.

Article IV of the Iowa Constitution enumerates the duties and powers of the executive branch. Section 8 delineates the duties of Iowa's governor. While the section does discuss the probability of the governor receiving information from executive-department officials, it fails to qualify these communications as privileged. Section Eight references Chapter 70A of the Iowa Code, which describes the governor's power to review state accounts. Again, nowhere is the language of "privileged communication" or "executive privilege" ever mentioned.

Public records are defined in the Iowa Code (Subtitle 9, Chapter 22) as "all records relating to the investment

of public funds including but not limited to investment policies, instructions, trading orders, or contracts, whether in the custody of the public body responsible for the public funds or a fiduciary or other third party." A report discussing the spending of taxpayer money clearly qualifies as "a record relating to the investment of public funds." Chapter 22.2 enunciates the rights of the public to view public records and any exceptions. Budgetary recommendations do not qualify as either of the two exceptions listed.

The Governor's Office acknowledges that no Iowa precedent or statute exists that justifies its refusal to release the budgetary recommendations; instead, Culver defends his secrecy by noting that gubernatorial executive privilege does exist in other states. While it is true that other state courts have ruled on the use of privilege by the executive branch, those cases do not consider the question of whether budgetary recommendations qualify as sensitive materials that should be exempt from public disclosure.

In the case of *State Ex Rel. Dann v. Taft*, executive privilege was argued by Ohio Gov. Bob Taft that public disclosure of sensitive documents could hamper the executive branch's ability to perform its duties effectively. However, in *Taft*, the documents at issue contained information about labor negotiations, plant openings and relocation, inquiries into public health, and military-unit movements. Moreover, the interested party was the Legislature, not the general public. Unlike Culver, Taft could at least provide legitimate concerns when defending his assertion of executive privilege. Even after examining other state practices regarding executive privilege, the assertion that budgetary recommendations are too sensitive to be released for public viewing fails to have a lawful analog.

Iowans have a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent. According to the [openup.iowa.gov](http://openup.iowa.gov) website, Culver agrees. If, in fact, government transparency is a concern for our executive branch, then the office should release the budgetary recommendations. Unfortunately, unless the *Register* or a taxpayer brings suit, it is unlikely we will ever be able to examine where more budgets could have been made.

## SWF Christmas cards? Thank God and happy holidays

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I have a confession: I don't have any reason to be grumpy this week. I have no finals. Zero.

All I have to do is rewrite a paper and drag myself out of bed in time for my afternoon meetings and nights at the *DI*. I've been celebrating by doing just that, barely getting out of bed.

So, in the 20 hours I spend in bed this weekend — oh yes, 20 wonderful hours — I had the pleasure of watching most of "House" season three, *Wimbledon*, and parts of *Mona Lisa Smile*. I love *Mona Lisa Smile* (picture this: me making a big scene when finding it in a \$5 DVD bin), because I — like a large portion of 22-year-olds — like to fancy myself kinda like Julia Roberts, carefree, traveling, not shackled to no man, not now, not ever.

This manless sentiment rings particularly well with me this time of year, when I'm getting Christmas cards from some married friends while a bunch of others are giving each other big ol' rocks for the holidays. Not that there's anything wrong with that. I think it's wonderful, and I'm so happy for them all.

It just terrifies me. I've worked hard to cultivate my own anti-nubile image, reveling in every indication that I may not be the marriageable type. I accidentally started a little drama once in high school when I indicated that I had no intention to be married, but I wouldn't really mind having kids at some point. Of course, in high school, I also made a list of features I would demand in a potential husband. These included but were not limited to him: having a distinguished nose, smelling only of clean laundry, and wearing suit jackets on weekends.

But that list was only for fun, 22-year-old Emileigh might protest in 17-year-old Emileigh's defense. I have no real interest in finding a husband.

Case in point. What qualities would you want in a good, traditional wife? Good cooking? Temperance? Ability to bear many children?

I may have widerset hips ideal for a brood à la

Angelina Jolie, but that's all I'll give you.

My little sister once had a baby-sitter who asked my mom how to scramble an egg. That's the sort of playing field I'm on, cooking-wise. I asked my mom yesterday how to sauté a mushroom. Nevermind the fact that my dinners at work usually consist of chips and salsa or (if I'm really feeling motivated) chicken and broccoli that I went through all the trouble of buying at China Star.

Temperance? I work at a newspaper, people. Forget temperance or even patience. Everyone in the newsroom took personality tests last fall, and I was the proud recipient of a "Wild Rose" diagnosis — also known as the "random brutal love dreamer."

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The truth is, I really like being responsible only for myself. I like to work 40 hours a week while going to school, doing my laundry only my laundry only when I feel like doing my laundry and spending my weekends lounging around in bed with microwaveable personal pizzas hollering, "You go, girl," at Miz Roberts when she tells it like it is to the boyfriend who expects her to marry him because he's ready. Same when she hollers "What does that mean?" at the ad about a girdle to set a woman free.

Of course, there is something to be said about getting that particular kind of feminist inspiration from a chick flick. Nevermind that, though. I'm welcome to feel inspired wherever I want, just like I'm welcome to wear a push-up bra and still not care if some bro from Chicago notices I have breasts — which I do, by the way, and they're quite nice.

So I'm just going to go ahead and eat my chips and salsa and work unreasonable hours at my newspaper and feel fine (ecstatic) about sending my Christmas cards sans man at my side, unless, of course, that man is Gregory House. ■

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Guest Opinion

## The Bush administration's policy of abuse

"The abuse of detainees at Abu Ghraib in late 2003 was not simply the result of a few soldiers acting on their own." Some 4 1/2 years after its first hearing to investigate allegations that U.S. personnel grossly abused detainees in Iraq, the Senate Armed Services committee at last has agreed on a conclusion that was obvious to many from almost the beginning of the scandal: that the sickening photographs of naked, hooded prisoners being threatened by dogs and forced into humiliating poses were the direct result of policies adopted by then-Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other senior Bush administration officials. The

detailed report on detainee abuses unanimously approved by the committee and released last week doesn't break much new ground factually. But as a bipartisan finding after more than 18 months of deliberations, it delivers what ought to be a crushing blow to the continuing attempts of the Bush administration to deny, whitewash or obfuscate the truth behind the scandal.

Rumsfeld and U.S. generals in Iraq told the Armed Services Committee at that first hearing in May 2004 that the abusive Abu Ghraib techniques were invented by rogue enlisted soldiers skulking on the night shift. Even as the evidence against

that version mounted, Rumsfeld stuck to his story while doing his best to shift responsibility to others; the Pentagon brass clumsily tried to pin blame on a female Reserve brigadier general who had nothing to do with the interrogation of prisoners.

The Senate report meticulously details the real story. In the summer of 2002, Rumsfeld's chief counsel, William Haynes II, sought guidance from a Pentagon agency that specializes in teaching U.S. Special Forces how to resist harsh interrogation techniques and torture of the kind employed by foreign dictatorships. A number of the techniques, such as sleep deprivation, enforced standing,

nudity, and intimidation with dogs, were then adopted by the Pentagon for use at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, with the explicit approval of Rumsfeld. The legality of the techniques was approved by Bush appointees at the Justice Department; Haynes dismissed the arguments of senior military lawyers who said they were illegal.

Within days of Rumsfeld's approval of these methods, the Senate report says, military-intelligence officers in Afghanistan had been briefed on them, and the command headquarters had issued a memo adopting many of them. Those same techniques were then adopted in Iraq, first for special-missions

units and then for all U.S. forces. Though Rumsfeld rescinded some of the techniques in 2003 and U.S. commanders in Iraq also backtracked on their initial approval of them, the original harsh methods continued to be used by U.S. forces — including the soldiers at Abu Ghraib.

Armed Services Chairman Carl M. Levin, D-Mich., and Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., have vowed for years to establish full accountability for the abuses of detainees by the military, and the new report goes a long way toward accomplishing that aim. But the full story of the Bush administration's violations of international norms in arrest-

ing and detaining foreigners has yet to be told: There has been no account, for example, of the CIA's secret prisons and the torture of Qaeda leaders held in them.

That's why the next Congress and the Obama administration should agree to establish a full-fledged investigative commission, similar to the one that studied the events of 9/11, to give a comprehensive accounting of the abuses against foreign detainees and how they came about. Only when this terrible story is told, fully and repeatedly, can Americans come to terms with it — and ensure that it does not happen again.

This editorial appeared in Sunday's *Washington Post*

MOVIE REVIEW

# Nearing the land of milk & honey

*Milk* showcases memorable characterizations and a moving story.



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Combining a cast of highly talented actors with a story based on one of the most compelling political dramas in recent American history, Gus Van Sant's *Milk* is an excellent film.

The film tells the story of Harvey Milk, the San Francisco city supervisor who was the first openly gay man to be elected to major political office in the United States. Milk's fate is a part of the historical record and a revealing film clip from a news broadcast plays at the beginning of the movie, so mentioning that he was ultimately assassinated doesn't ruin the plot. In fact, his death is used to structure the film. Sitting at his kitchen table, Milk speaks into a tape recorder, preserving a message to be played in the event that he is murdered. In this recording, he recounts the events highlighted in the movie, and thus the action is periodically broken up with a return to this narration.

Starring as Milk, Sean Penn's performance is particularly noteworthy because it showcases his range as an actor. Far from his portrayal as an icy killer with a Boston

accent in *Mystic River*, Penn convincingly transforms himself into a gay-rights activist. And although finding the appropriate mixture of idiosyncratic speech and gestures was no doubt difficult, Penn pulls it off, coming across as obviously gay without crossing over into the realm of excessive stereotype or parody.

Also, fresh on the heels of his outstanding portrayal of George W. Bush in Oliver Stone's *W.*, Josh Brolin also does an excellent job of taking on the persona of Dan White, a conservative San Francisco supervisor who opposes Milk's efforts to protect and expand gay rights in the city. Though present as a foil to Milk, Brolin's portrayal of White is sympathetic, exploring the personal difficulties that led him to behave as he did. Emile Hirsch, Diego Luna, and James Franco all turn in strong performances as well.

The only downside to the movie is that its structure is dictated by its status as a biopic. From the ways in which characters are introduced to how key events unfold, it is easy to see that Van Sant was attempting to create an entertaining narrative that also teaches some

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Sean Penn takes on the title role of the legendary gay-rights activist Harvey Milk in Gus Van Sant's biopic *Milk*.

real history and addresses important issues. It's not as though he fails in this — just that the film's sense of its own goals beyond telling a story was apparent. Ultimately, this is a difficulty all biopics face.

Particularly in the aftermath of Proposition 8's recent passage in California, which took away the rights of gays and lesbians to marry in

that state, *Milk* provides a timely look at how far the gay-rights movement has come over the last 30 years. Though there is still a long way to go before gays and lesbians achieve full legal equality in the United States, they are at least now present in all levels of government across the country. None of this would have been possible

without the efforts of human-rights pioneers such as Milk. Watching this movie helps a person to appreciate the struggles that had to be fought to get us where we are today.

Regardless of one's degree of familiarity with the story of Harvey Milk, this film is well worth seeing for both its artistic value and social message.

COOK IN PROGRESS

WILTED SPINACH



Finals week is here, and now is the time to get over your finicky taste in greens. Spinach will give you that fabled Popeye strength for studying thanks to its super dose of vitamins and nutrients. Not only will its vitamin K and iron give you strong bones and energy, it also can protect you against osteoporosis, heart disease, colon and reproductive cancers, and arthritis, according to the George Mateljan Foundation.

The food also provides lutein, which will help your eyes guide you through pages of study materials. This ultimate leafy green is also rich in vitamin E, which sharpens your cognitive functions and reduces oxidative stress, the report notes.

If you're averse to some canned foods, you probably should opt for fresh spinach, which can be purchased by the bag at most grocery stores. Wilted spinach can be cooked in a pinch; it's shopping for the best greens that can be difficult.

To wilt: Heat a couple handfuls of spinach leaves in a couple tablespoons of water. When steam rises, toss the leaves until they become soggy and emerald green. Your creation can be enjoyed in omelets, veggie dip, pastries, or simply by itself. And if you eat three servings a day this week you'll enjoy your grades, too.

—by Kathleen Serino

# When monotony goes 'indie'



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Here's a fun fact about my time spent watching *Momma's Man* this weekend: I checked my cell phone to see how much time was left, something I rarely do at the cinema. Twice. And the movie is only 94 minutes.

I really wanted to like this movie, scout's honor. The premise seemed interesting enough: A middle-aged man (Mikey, played by Matt Boren) with a wife and newborn in California visits his parents in New York (played by director *A z a z e l* Jacobs' parents), only to find he doesn't want to leave. As the lies he tells to stay with Mom and Dad continually build, he regresses more and more deeply into his childhood.

I can't help but feel that Jacobs' insistence on making this an "art" film (whatever that means) meant all of the most compelling parts of the film were either omitted or convoluted with pretension.

The following are, apparently, the keys to making an indie art film:

1. Under no circumstances should you use a tripod. Instead, give the camera to the



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Mikey and his parents looking pretty bored. Perhaps they're watching *Momma's Man*?

guy with the shakiest hands and tell him to wildly zoom in and out on the character's faces during seemingly inappropriate times. Also, include numerous scenes with strobe lights. If the audience members aren't seasick by the end, they weren't paying close enough attention.

2. Instead of giving the characters something interesting to say, include as many scenes as possible of them thinking deeply. It isn't necessary to know what they are thinking about, just that they are emotional people who can't be bothered to let anyone else know their troubles.

3. Include plenty of blatant symbolism, and bonus points if it all references America. The back of Mikey's coat prominently displays "U.S.A." He walks out of a bar and the camera pans up to its name, "The Patriot." Red, white, and blue is absolutely everywhere.

So what are you trying to say, Mr. Jacobs? We are all looking for an escape in our lives? Like

Mikey, we are fat, ugly, and generally unlikeable? Simply, *Momma's Man* feels cheap, like the end of every episode of "The Twilight Zone" where, THE REAL EVIL IS HUMANITY!

What is perhaps most interesting about *Momma's Man* is if you altered some of the dialogue, this could have been a pretty great suspense flick. There is a scene reminiscent of *American Psycho* in which Mikey slowly spreads shaving cream over his entire face in front of the mirror. It comes off as utterly terrifying. And if we knew one of these characters was a killer, some of the slow conversations that take place could have been downright scary.

As it is, however, there just isn't enough here to redeem this movie. For the premise to work, Mikey has to be at least somewhat endearing, and he comes off as a whiny jerk throughout. I found myself secretly hoping his wife would dump his ass for somebody with a backbone.

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The women's swim team breaks another relay record over the weekend.

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### NFL

#### Dallas D dominates Eli, Giants

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The soap opera that is the Dallas Cowboys' offense gets all the attention. The defense, however, is keeping them in the playoff hunt.

DeMarcus Ware added three sacks to his NFL-leading total, and the Cowboys took down Eli Manning eight times on their way to a crucial 20-8 victory Sunday night in a game where all eyes were otherwise on Tony Romo, Terrell Owens, and Jason Witten.

With everyone watching to see how Romo would appease the two main rivals for his offensive affection, he pulled a fast one by tossing touchdowns to third receiver Patrick Crayton and seldom thrown-to fullback Deon Anderson. Then, with 2:16 left and Dallas trying to manage the clock, rookie Tashard Choice broke off a victory-sealing 38-yard touchdown run.

Finally, the Cowboys could exhale. After a late loss in Pittsburgh and a week of locker-room turmoil, Dallas (9-5) was back in control of its wildcard chances.

"It wasn't a pretty win, but we got it done," Owens said.

#### Steelers rally to beat Ravens, win AFC North

BALTIMORE (AP) — The Pittsburgh Steelers are AFC North champions, and earning the crown at the expense of the Baltimore Ravens added an extra measure of joy to the accomplishment.

Santonio Holmes caught a 4-yard touchdown pass from Ben Roethlisberger with 43 seconds left, and the Steelers clinched their second-straight division title and earned a first-round bye by beating Baltimore, 13-9, Sunday.

In a duel between the top two defenses in the NFL, Pittsburgh did not permit a touchdown in earning its first win in Baltimore since 2002.

As the Steelers filed into the locker room, a voice rose from the crowd of players: "We're still the No. 1 defense! We showed you boys how to play defense!"

Pittsburgh (11-3) limited the Ravens (9-5) to a season-low 202 yards. The Steelers have gone 14-straight games without yielding 300 yards, tying the 1973 Los Angeles Rams for the longest streak to start a season since the NFL merger in 1970.

Many of the players wore hats that proclaimed Pittsburgh as AFC North champions.

Running back Willie Parker said, "This is like our biggest win. I know we won the Super Bowl, but you just can't understand the feeling of the players in this locker room right now."

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# IN THE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT



Chigozie Ejiasi speaks at a press conference about his new position as the director of player development at the Iowa Football Office Complex on Oct. 24. Ejiasi's position was created as a result of the off-field troubles the football program faced last year.

JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

In his first months as the Iowa football player-development coach, Chigozie Ejiasi's work continues to develop.

By **MATT LEITZKE**  
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It's midnight. Does anyone know where the Hawkeye football players are?

If first-year player-development director Chigozie Ejiasi has his say, all 117 of Iowa's football players are nestled safely within the confines of their rooms — not enjoying one of Iowa City's famous 53 bars.

"Curfew right now is midnight," Ejiasi said. "We are trying to avoid having guys out past that, because not a whole lot of good is going on past then."

The enforcement of a midnight curfew is just one of many ways he has tried to help change the face of Iowa's football program, which had 14 players end up with legal troubles between April 2007 and February.

Ejiasi, who had served as an intern assistant to the coaching staff, was quick to point out that Hawkeye head coach Kirk Ferentz brought him on board to help the players and coaching staff as needed but to concentrate on the first- and second-year players.

"It gets to a certain point where obviously if you are a player, you get sick of being looked at a certain way and you have to do something about it," Ejiasi said.

If he can help the first or second-year players get acquainted with the academic and social issues that come with being a collegiate athlete, the program will eventually be able to improve its image he said.

One semester into the position, Ejiasi has been making strides at doing just that.

#### A day in the life

For Ejiasi, most days begin in staff meetings conducted by Ferentz, followed by random classroom checks to make sure the Hawkeye football players

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See how Chigozie Ejiasi and his new position as player-development coach are maneuvering through the first semester at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

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#### Chigozie Ejiasi's Hawkeye football timeline

**2000** — Walked on as defensive back

**2000-04** — Four-year letter winner, member of '02 and '04 Big Ten championship teams, competed in four bowl games with the Hawks, winning three.

**2005** — Graduated from the university with a degree in health and sports studies

**2005** — Served as defensive-back coach and special-team coordinator at North Iowa Community College

**2006** — Brought on to the Hawkeye staff as administrative assistant

**Sept. 22** — Hired as Iowa's first ever director of player development

are hitting the books Monday through Friday the same way they are opponents on Saturday — and Ejiasi doesn't just peek through the doors, he stays from beginning to end.

"When it comes to classroom checks, we are checking on guys to make sure they are attending and make sure they know we are attending," Ejiasi said. "That is one of the bigger challenges for a first- or second-year student. The challenge of getting to class every day can be tough, especially if you don't have anybody there to get you out of bed."

After checking classrooms, Ejiasi usually returns to his office, conveniently located right in the midst of the players' lounge, and meets with players who have varying concerns.

SEE **CHIGOZIE EJIASI, 3B**

### IOWA 73, IOWA STATE 57

# Hawkeyes flatten ISU, prep for Drake

After a 16-point win against Iowa State on Dec. 12, the Hawkeyes will head to Des Moines to play Drake on Dec. 20.

By **SCOTT MILLER**  
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For the second-consecutive game, the Iowa basketball team put a mediocre first half behind it to defeat an in-state rival. This time — on Dec. 12 in front of a near-sellout crowd — the Hawkeyes (9-2) blitzed out to a 29-5 run after the break against Iowa State (6-3), eventually subduing the Cyclones in a 73-57 rout.

Led by another stifling defensive performance in the final 20 minutes — the Hawkeyes collectively held Northern Iowa and Iowa State to 20-of-48 shooting (42 percent) in the second halves of the last two contests — and head coach Todd Lickliter's squad won its third-straight game.

"To our guys' credit, it is not

huge adjustments [at halftime], but it is almost understanding the way that the other team would like to play and for us to evaluate it," the second-year head coach said. "Then to really make an effort to change it and change our approach."

Junior Jermain Davis led the Hawkeyes with 13 points at the break, and sophomore Jeff Peterson finished off the Cyclones with an equal count in the second half. Both Peterson and Davis used dribble penetration instead of utilizing Lickliter's usually 3-point-happy attack and shot a combined 10-of-20 from the field.

The majority of Davis' 16 total points came when the much taller and slower Craig Brackins guarded him on the perimeter,

making it easier for the athletic guard to get into the lane.

"I was a little more aggressive when he started guarding me," Davis said. "I just knew if I used my athleticism to get into his body, I could kind of hinder his shot-blocking ability."

Brackins — who came into the game as one of the Big 12's premier big men, averaging 17 points per game, was "manhandled" by Hawkeye forward Cyrus Tate, said Iowa State head coach Greg McDermott. The 6-10 sophomore from Palmdale, Calif., shot only 2-of-12 from the field and finished with a season-low six points in 26 minutes.

"[The] coaches really challenged me in practice," Tate said. "I kept him uncomfortable. I kept him off the block, where he

#### ON THE WEB

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Iowa junior guard Jermain Davis looks to pass against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 12. Davis scored a team-high 16 points against the Cyclones, leading the Hawkeyes to a 73-57 victory.

feels most comfortable ... It ended up working — being a little bit physical with him."

By all accounts, Iowa, which didn't win its ninth game until Jan. 19 last season, has taken what many

thought would be a negative — its seven first-year players — and turned it into its strength. Those seven players account for 55.7

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# SPORTS 'N' STUFF

## Men's Big Ten Basketball

Conference	W			L			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct			
Minnesota	0	0	.000	9	0	1.000			
Ohio St.	0	0	.000	6	0	1.000			
Illinois	0	0	.000	9	1	.900			
Northwestern	0	0	.000	6	1	.857			
Iowa	0	0	.000	9	2	.818			
Penn St.	0	0	.000	8	2	.800			
Purdue	0	0	.000	8	2	.800			
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	8	2	.800			
Michigan	0	0	.000	7	2	.778			
Michigan St.	0	0	.000	6	2	.750			
Indiana	0	0	.000	5	5	.500			

San Diego	6	8	0	.429	346	302
Oakland	3	11	0	.214	205	348
Kansas City	2	12	0	.143	254	386

## National Basketball Association

Conference	W			L			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct			
Minnesota	0	0	.000	8	2	.800			
Ohio State	0	0	.000	7	2	.778			
Indiana	0	0	.000	7	2	.778			
Iowa	0	0	.000	6	4	.600			
Michigan State	0	0	.000	6	4	.600			
Michigan	0	0	.000	6	4	.600			
Purdue	0	0	.000	6	4	.600			
Penn State	0	0	.000	5	5	.500			
Illinois	0	0	.000	4	4	.400			
Northwestern	0	0	.000	2	7	.222			

## Women's Big Ten Basketball

Wisconsin	0	0	.000	10	1	.909
Minnesota	0	0	.000	8	2	.800
Ohio State	0	0	.000	7	2	.778
Indiana	0	0	.000	7	2	.778
Iowa	0	0	.000	6	4	.600
Michigan State	0	0	.000	6	4	.600
Michigan	0	0	.000	6	4	.600
Purdue	0	0	.000	6	4	.600
Penn State	0	0	.000	5	5	.500
Illinois	0	0	.000	4	4	.400
Northwestern	0	0	.000	2	7	.222

## National Football League

Conference	W			L			Pct	PF	PA
	W	L	T	W	L	T			
Minnesota	9	5	0	.643	385	319			
Ohio State	9	5	0	.643	350	302			
Indiana	9	5	0	.643	293	269			
Iowa	6	8	0	.429	306	306			
Michigan State	7	7	0	.500	319	343			
Michigan	5	9	0	.357	271	309			
Purdue	11	3	0	.786	302	192			
Penn State	9	5	0	.643	325	213			
Illinois	4	9	0	.308	222	275			
Cincinnati	2	11	1	.179	174	358			
West	8	6	0	.571	326	366			

# Vikings romp in Arizona

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Watching from the sidelines all those weeks turned out to be just what Tarvaris Jackson needed.

When he got another chance to start Sunday, everything came so much easier. Playing in place of injured Gus Frerotte, Jackson threw for four touchdowns, and the Minnesota Vikings beat NFC West champion Arizona, 35-14, to stay alone atop the NFC North.

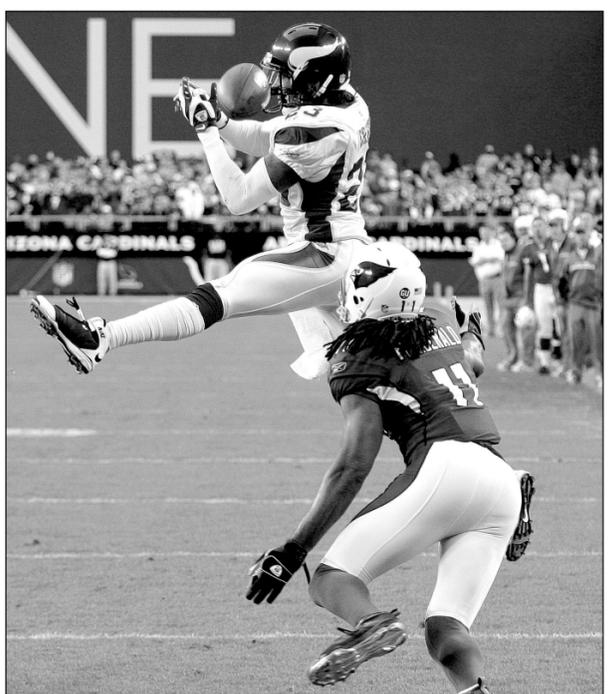
“People ask me did watching Gus help,” Jackson said. “I can’t really point out exactly what helped. But I felt like I’ve come a long ways since I’ve been watching him the last what, 12 or 13 weeks.”

Adrian Peterson rushed for 165 yards on 28 carries, his franchise record ninth 100-yard game of the season for the Vikings (9-5), who won their fourth in a row. In the process, Peterson broke Minnesota’s single-season rushing record with two games to play. The Vikings can clinch the division title with another victory or loss by Chicago.

Bernard Berrian scored Minnesota’s first two touchdowns — on an 82-yard punt return and 41-yard reception — and the Vikings led 21-0 in the first quarter and 28-0 at the half.

Jackson, who lost his starting job two games into the season, had touchdown passes of 41, 6, 11, and 59 yards. The last was to Bobby Wade in the waning seconds of the third quarter after Arizona had cut the lead to 28-14. Jackson was 11-for-17 for 163 yards.

“He looked real good,” Peterson said. “He looked poised, he looked comfortable out there. He made some big plays.” But don’t even ask coach Brad Childress about whether Jackson will start even when Frerotte is healthy. A reporter didn’t even get the question out



Minnesota Vikings' Cedric Griffin (23) breaks up a pass intended for Arizona Cardinals' Larry Fitzgerald (11) during the fourth quarter on Sunday 2008, in Glendale, Ariz. The Vikings won, 35-14.

before Childress cut him off. “Don’t even go there,” Childress said. “It’s a nice luxury to have two guys. We’ve said all the way along we’re probably going to need a couple to get it done.”

Arizona (8-6) fell flat a week after clinching its first division title in 33 years. Defensive tackle Darnell Dockett called it “a lackadaisical effort.”

The Cardinals lost at home for the second time this season in the team’s most one-sided defeat there in Ken Whisenhunt’s two seasons as coach.

“It appeared to me in the game that we did not come out ready to play,” Whisenhunt said. “That’s something we had concerns about because we hadn’t handled success that

well in the past.” Minnesota put pressure on Kurt Warner all afternoon to hold down an Arizona passing game ranked No. 2 in the NFL. Warner was 29-of-45 for 270 yards with one touchdown and one interception.

“We don’t have any room for letdowns or games like this. We’ve got to keep getting better,” Warner said. “But that’s a good football team, good on the offensive and defensive lines, and I think that’s where this game was really won and lost today.” And it was never really close. After Anquan Boldin dropped a pass that would have been a first down for the

Cardinals, Berrian took the punt down the left sideline 82 yards for the score. The next time Arizona had the ball, Warner overthrew Steve Breaston, who could only tip it, and Cedric Griffin’s one-handed interception gave Minnesota the ball at the Cardinals, 47.

Jackson threw a perfect lob down the right sideline on third-and-15 to Berrian for a 41-yard touchdown and it was 14-0 with 6:39 still to go in the first.

Arizona turned it over again the next time, too. Boldin was stripped of the ball by Antoine Winfield, and Darren Sharper returned the fumble 20 yards to the Cardinals 23. Six plays later, again on third down, Jackson threw 6 yards to Sidney Rice to put Minnesota up 21-0 with 2:43 remaining in the first quarter.

Then the Vikings turned to their potent ground game. Peterson ran 32 yards on second-and-20 at the Minnesota 9 line to ignite a 12-play, 91-yard drive that used up 7:06 and ended with Jackson’s 11-yard TD pass to Chester Taylor.

Jerheme Urban broke free on a 50-yard scoring pass play from Warner on the third play of the second half to make it 28-7. Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie blocked Ryan Longwell’s 35-yard field-goal try and Rod Hood returned it 68 yards for a touchdown that cut the lead to 28-14.

# AquaHawks dunk Cyclones



An Iowa swimmer does the backstroke during the Iowa-Iowa State swimming and diving meet at the Field House pool on Dec. 12. The Hawkeyes won 13 of the meet’s 16 events.

The women’s swimming and diving team dominates Iowa State in ISU’s last appearance at the Field House pool.

By MATT LEITZKE  
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It was another record-breaking day for the 200 medley relay as the Iowa women’s swimming and diving team took down Iowa State, 194-104, in front of a packed house at the Field House pool Dec. 12.

The Hawkeye’s 200 medley relay — consisting of freshman Danielle Carty, sophomore Katarina Tour, freshman Daniela Cubelic, and junior Julie deBruin — got the night started off right for Iowa, posting a pool-record victory in 1:44.70, 0.40 seconds better than the previous mark.

Just the week before, the relay team broke the school record at the Missouri Invita-

tional, clocking 1:42.43. “It is amazing,” Carty said. “We knew this week it would be possible to do, but first we wanted to just out-touch the people beside us and the time just came with it.”

Carty also took first in the 100 backstroke, touching the wall in 55.31 seconds.

Head coach Marc Long had high praise for and her 25.75 split in the 200 medley. “Carty led us off with a great 50 [yard] split, and she is just getting faster every time she touches the water,” he said. “There is a lot of pride developing within the relays, and that is important with the team.”

DeBruin, who aside from taking part in the 200 medley’s record also won the 50 freestyle

(23.98) and swam the third leg in the victorious 400 freestyle relay (3:28.59), was thrilled to avenge the Hawkeyes’ loss to Iowa State in Ames last season.

“Last year, we just felt like everyone was kind of off,” she said. “We started off the meet strong and kept the ball rolling. From the very beginning, there was a positive energy in here.”

The Hawkeyes ended up claiming 13 of the 16 events, improving their dual-meet record on the season to 4-2.

Senior Ashley Dell and sophomore Verity Hicks continued their dominance in the distance events, finishing 1-2 in the 1,000 freestyle, with Dell emerging victorious in 10:18.89. The tandem went 1-2 again in the 500 freestyle, with Hicks touching the wall in 5:01.50.

Senior Alison Gschwend also had a big day for the Hawkeyes, winning the 200 backstroke (2:05.36) as well as taking part in

the victorious 400 freestyle relay and finishing second behind Carty in the 100 backstroke.

Junior diver Deidre Freeman continued her breakout season in the diving well, finishing second in the 1-meter dive (260.55) and winning the 3-meter with 330.98 points.

“It’s a fun win, it’s a fun rivalry, and it’s an important meet to us,” Long said. “This is the last time Iowa State will ever swim in this pool, so it was a little extra special. It is very challenging to come off of a big team meet and then to channel things and focus, but I think we did a great job with it.”

The Hawkeyes will continue to train this week before enjoying a nine-day break for Christmas. The team will then head on its annual trip to Miami from Jan. 5-15 with a meet against Florida International, New York University, and Florida Atlantic scheduled on Jan. 10.

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After a holiday visit with his parents, Mikey (Matt Boren) heads to the airport to return to his wife and newborn baby — but he doesn’t board the plane. Instead, he returns to his parents’ loft in lower Manhattan, making up excuses about why he’s staying. As the days go on and he becomes more and more entrenched in his adolescence, he comes to a point where he must choose between life as it is and life as it was. New York Daily News says, “A little miracle, Azzazel Jacobs’ lovely story of a life lost and found tackles big issues — love, maturity, fulfillment — in a deceptively modest fashion.”

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— Chigozie Ejiasi, player-development director

# Guru of development

CHIGOZIE EJIASI  
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Typical problems that he might run into are homesickness, players with problems with the team, or players with academic problems.

Ejiasi, who walked on the Iowa football team in 2000 as a defensive back, feels his meetings with players are where he is most effective because of his ability to relate to the players.

"In high school, you might be seen as the guy, everyone knows who you are, and you come here and it's a little bit different," he said. "I really want to help the guys and let them know there is a light at the end of the tunnel, and things are going to shake themselves out. I want to help them have an understanding of their role at the university."

Despite all of the meetings, his job is not a 9-to-5 occupation. As midnight approaches, Hawkeye players have come to expect him patrolling the bars downtown, keeping an eye out for any players disobeying the curfew.

"[Ferentz] stresses that a lot of things can happen downtown that may not be under your control," Ejiasi said. "Some of the things that do happen are, but just trying to prevent that, and that is really why I go down there. I am just trying to make sure guys aren't out. I hope to not see any guys."

If he does encounter players enjoying their night into the morning, depending on the situation, he may confront the player directly and inform him to leave, or he may take the information back to Ferentz, who will handle the situation from there.

## Getting some much-needed help

Although people might assume that Ejiasi is viewed as a police figure, junior center Rafael Eubanks believes he is anything but a form of Hawkeye police.

"He has been through all of this, the hard work and stuff like that, so we can relate to him," Eubanks said. "In no way do we feel he is the big bad wolf. We have a good time with him, and we respect him, and that is what we need in a position like this."

Eubanks is one of the upperclassmen Ejiasi named that has helped him out this year, along with senior defensive linemen Matt Kroul and Mitch King.

Ejiasi has utilized them if a player might be homesick or

depressed. He has the elder Hawkeyes "pick them up" and hang out with them a bit. Ejiasi's real goal is for his current underclassmen to learn from such guys as Eubanks, Kroul, and King, and eventually pick up where they leave off.

"Those guys do an unbelievable job of just working with our guys," Ejiasi said. "They come in and talk to me about different things they notice, and that is really what this is all about."

"We are hoping our younger guys can become the mentors down the road."

With what Ejiasi has been able to do in only his first season, it comes as no surprise that he has drawn attention from other programs interested in learning about his position and possibly implementing a similar role within their coaching staffs.

"There are so many people out there who want to help in anyway they can, either on campus or outside, and it has been amazing," Ejiasi said. "It's an unbelievable position that I think a lot of schools are not only going to go to, but are going to look at in the future and say, 'Our guys can benefit from this.'"

Ultimately, it may be the players' response to the position that will determine its success.

"He makes sure we are representing Iowa the way we want to and with this program the way we want to be perceived outside of this building," Eubanks said. "He does a good job of doing that for us."

## Transcending into other programs

Although the football team has been able to hire Ejiasi, not all Hawkeye teams will be able to have a player-development coach.

Several squads have guidelines in place to make sure their athletes are putting studies and athletics ahead of their social life in order to keep the team members on the field and out of handcuffs.

"You have to live a lifestyle away from the track that is almost impeccable," said Layne Anderson, the women's cross-country and track and field coach. "You can't afford to be down at the bars, up late, or out at parties — you just can't. There are kids that are especially talented, Olympians, in this conference, so I always tell them there is really nothing happening downtown after 10 p.m. that is any good anyway, so why be a part of it?"

Swimming coach Marc Long said he continually talks with

the AquaHawks about their lifestyles out of the pool, although he notes it is probably a bit easier with his team than with athletes in other sports because the swimmers and divers have 6 a.m. practices.

"I try to talk very openly; we have a set of policies that are strict, but they are adults, and we talk to them about making good choices," he said. "We try to develop a culture that is about being highly competitive academically and competing at a high level here in the pool as well."

Both Long and Anderson expressed their beliefs that Ejiasi's position is a good idea in any program, but a lot of responsibilities ultimately rest on the athletes' shoulders.

"There is nobody standing in my office door at 8 o'clock in the morning saying, 'Coach Anderson, you need to be here working,' but I have enough self-discipline, and I know what needs to be done," Anderson said. "We try to carry that same message to our kids. They know what needs to be done, and they need to go out and do it."

Having athletes "go out and do it" is exactly what Ejiasi is trying to do with the football program.

He hopes that his players will learn the importance of going to class every day, staying away from troublesome situations downtown and representing the Hawkeye football program in a positive light. By acting as their "big brother," he believes players will be able to easily relate to him and will follow the advice he has.

## Leaving his mark

Ejiasi says the job continues to shape itself, and he doesn't know what each day will bring. One day, he might advise a freshman lineman on which classes to take for his business major and the next night, he might scan under tables and behind empty pitchers at the Union Bar. Nonetheless, his job is starting to eliminate the negative headlines about Hawkeye football, his biggest goal.

"Hopefully, I and the coaching staff, we will have done a great job, and the support staff, those guys do a great job of drilling those guys with, 'This is a great opportunity; don't mess it up. If you do, you leave yourself out to the public,'" Ejiasi said. "It's Iowa football, and people are going to be interested no matter what."

"If its good or bad, people are going to watch to see what the guys do."

# Hawks set eyes on Drake



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa forwards Cyrus Tate and Jarryd Cole and guard Devan Bawinkel cheer on their teammates during Iowa's game against Iowa State in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Dec. 12. In front of 12,125 fans, the Hawkeyes defeated the Cyclones, 73-57.

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percent of the Hawkeye scoring, with their two leading scorers — Anthony Tucker and Matt Gatens — a pair of freshmen from that group.

"I don't know what people thought," Davis said. "We're a really well-coached group. We're like a family ... That's the kind of concept we carry onto the court."

'We're like a family ... That's the kind of concept we carry onto the court.'

— Jermain Davis, junior

With a three-game winning streak under its belt, the Big Ten's best shooting team and No. 3 scoring defense will head two hours west to play Drake on Dec. 20, hoping to complete a clean sweep of its in-state competitors for the first time since 2004.

"Oh yeah, it feels real good," said Tate, who was one of four Hawkeyes in double figures against Iowa State. "It feels good to be 2-0 [in the state]. We're just going to go to Drake, and prepare for that game, and try to win it."

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# Auburn hires ISU's Chizik

By **LUKE MEREDITH**  
Associated Press

AMES — Auburn has hired Iowa State's Gene Chizik as its new football coach, turning to a former defensive coordinator who helped the Tigers forge a perfect season but has won five games in two years as a head coach.

Iowa State Athletics Director Jamie Pollard said Chizik told him on Dec. 13 he would accept the job at Auburn.

"I'm disappointed for our Iowa State fans and student-athletes that he has chosen to leave our program after only two seasons," Pollard said in a statement. "I understand that it is a dream job for him, but the timing and the way it played out has been hurtful and disappointing."

Chizik will succeed Tommy Tuberville, who resigned following 10 seasons with an 85-40 record. "Through my travels in coaching over the last 23 years, there's one place that I've

always wanted to return to and that is Auburn," Chizik said in a statement posted on the Auburn athletics department website late Saturday. "My family and I are Auburn through and through, and we look forward to being part of the Auburn family and community."

Earlier, after landing in Auburn on a university jet, Auburn Athletics Director Jay Jacobs had declined to confirm the hiring after it was reported by numerous media outlets. But he later said in the statement that he was proud and excited to have Chizik returning to Auburn.

"He is a high-energy coach that is an outstanding motivator and demands a tough, physical style of football," Jacobs said. "I'm confident that Gene can build upon the foundation that has been established and make this a program that competes for championships on a consistent basis."

Jacobs was on the plane with university President Jay Gogue and other athletics department officials, reportedly returning from a trip to Memphis, where Chizik's agent, Jimmy Sexton, is based. A couple of dozen fans greeted the plane and some of them heckled the Auburn offi-

cialists for choosing a coach with a losing record.

The 46-year-old Chizik is 5-19 in two seasons at Iowa State after successful stints running the defenses at Auburn and Texas. He coached the nation's top scoring defense on a 2004 Auburn team that went 13-0 in his third and final season with the Tigers before taking the same job at Texas.

That 2004 defense allowed just 11.3 points a game, and Auburn finished the season ranked No. 2 in the country. In his lone season running the defense for Texas, the Longhorns won a national championship.

Chizik made \$1.05 million in base salary and guaranteed pay last season under a six-year deal and would owe Iowa State \$750,000 if he takes the Auburn job.

Auburn paid Tuberville an average of \$3.3 million a year and agreed to give him \$5.1 million to buy out his contract despite calling his departure a resignation. He stepped down after a 5-7 season and the Tigers' first loss to rival Alabama in seven years, a 36-0 rout that was the final blow for a team that was predicted to win the Southeastern Conference

Western Division.

Iowa State started out 1-8 in Chizik's first year, but wins over Colorado and Kansas State at the end of the season gave the program momentum heading into 2008.

The Cyclones opened this season with wins over South Dakota State and Kent State before the bottom fell out. Iowa State ended the year on a 10-game losing streak and finished winless in the Big 12.

Like Chizik, Tuberville's background was as a defensive coordinator. Auburn's biggest problems came on the other side of the ball, where the Tigers ranked 110th in scoring offense last season. Tuberville fired first-year offensive coordinator Tony Franklin in midseason when a switch to the spread offense failed to pan out.

Last week, Chizik stripped offensive coordinator Robert McFarland and defensive coordinator Wayne Bolt of those duties and reassigned them on the staff. He also fired quarterback coach Tony Petersen and secondary coach Shawn Raney.

Auburn reportedly had interviewed at least eight coaches, including Buffalo's Turner Gill and TCU's Gary Patterson.

## NFL

### Young watches from sideline in homecoming

HOUSTON (AP) — Even as Kerry Collins went through his worst performance of the season, Vince Young stood idly on the sideline during Tennessee's 13-12 loss to Houston on Sunday.

Team owner Bud Adams told *The Tennessean* in a story Sunday that he's in no way disappointed with Young's progress, even though Young has only appeared in two games this season. But the former Texas star and Houston native has thrown only one pass since the opener and continues to wonder when he'll play again or where he fits into the Titans' plans.

"Whatever goes on upstairs, I have nothing to do with that," said Young. "All I can do is be supportive of my teammates and that's what I'm doing."

Adams told the Nashville newspaper that he has no intention of releasing Young before his contract expires after the 2011 season.

"He is a young guy, and he is learning. He is still growing up," Adams told the newspaper in an interview last week from his penthouse office in Texas. "Vince is under contract for three more years, so he is not going anywhere."

Adams was not in the Titans' locker room after Sunday's loss. Young says he has a good relationship with Adams and appreciates his support.



Chizik head coach

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# Bradford praised

Bradford's old school glad to claim Heisman winner.

By **MURRAY EVANS**  
Associated Press

OKLAHOMA CITY — Sam Bradford's high-school coach stared at the TV, chewing his nails and waiting for the announcement.

When he and about a dozen others heard the name "Sam," they roared so loudly no one could hear the last name. It didn't matter.

It was a night to celebrate for Bob Wilson, Bradford's high-school coach at Putnam City North, where he worked with the Oklahoma quarterback who is now a Heisman Trophy winner.

"It felt like right before a state championship game," Wilson said.

Within seconds of Bradford's big win, Wilson received a text from a coaching friend: "He's a stud," the coach wrote about Bradford, who played for Wilson's Panthers from 2003-05.

Yep, they're proud of Bradford at his alma mater.

"You just fight back the emotions and the tears," Wilson said. "You think that maybe you had a small part somewhere" in his success. "This kid was so far along when we got him, he had such a great background with his folks and such a great family, he was pretty well-grounded."

"It makes you feel good that sometimes good guys win. To see that everything you talk about as a coach — be disciplined, do things right on and off the field, stay away from people who aren't going to help you to be successful, care about people and have lifelong friends, do all those things, and a kid does that and he wins the Heisman? It doesn't get any better."

Bradford, a sophomore, has posted gaudy statistics for No. 2 Oklahoma (12-1), passing for 4,464 yards and 48 touchdowns this season. Oklahoma has scored 702 points, breaking the major-college record of 656 set by Hawaii in 2006. The Sooners, who will face top-ranked Florida in the national-championship game, are the first major-college team in 89 years to score at least 60 points in five-straight games.

Bradford's high-school numbers weren't quite as flashy, but they were impressive.

He was a rare three-year starter for North, which plays in Class 6A, the highest level of competition in Oklahoma. Bradford received All-State honors after passing for 2,422 yards and 19 touchdowns as a senior. The season before, he threw for 1,980 yards and 16 touchdowns and led the Panthers to the 6A semifinals.

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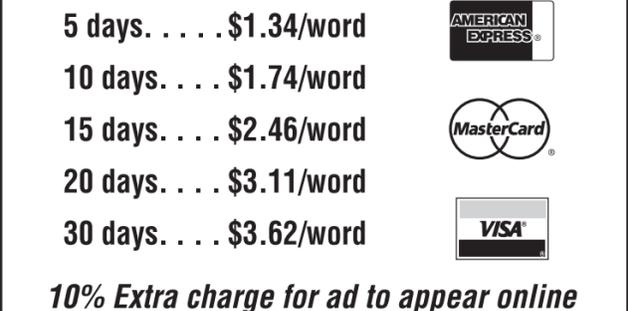
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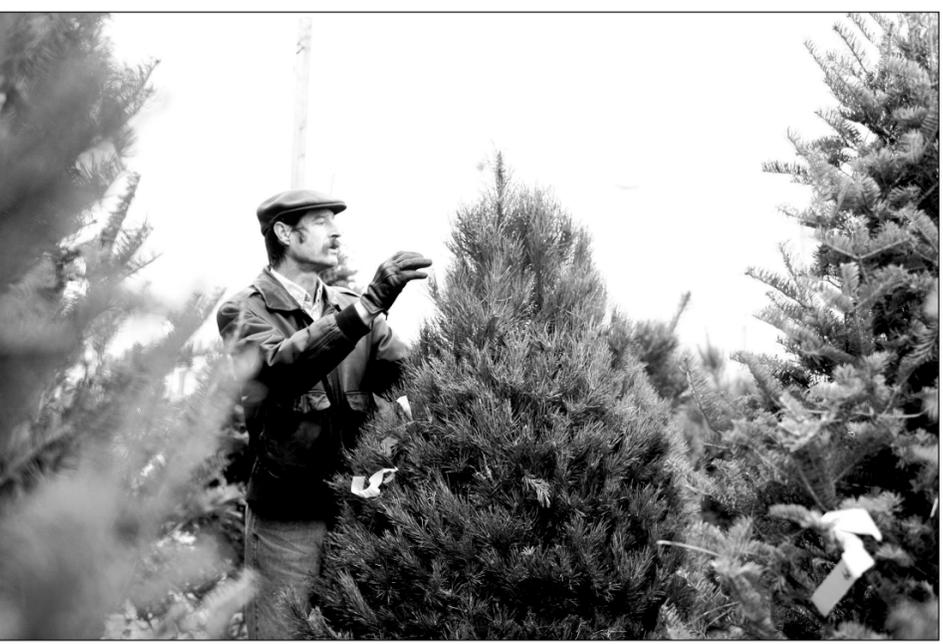


**ANDREW R. JUHL**  
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### A partial list of things I should probably tell every prospective girlfriend

- I still play Oregon Trail, and I still get all teary when my characters die of dysentery (which they always do).
  - I am unreservedly steadfast in my convictions and will not grovel, compromise, or apologize. There are many conceivable instances, however, wherein I might be compelled to supplicate, negotiate, or offer a mea culpa.
  - I hold the firm belief that "The Three Little Pigs" is scarcely more than thinly veiled Freemasonic propaganda.
  - I did not torture small animals as a child — I made sure to stay well within the CIA guidelines of "acceptable interrogation techniques."
  - I inexplicably still think that waterboarding jokes are topical.
  - I've had the whistling intro of Scorpions' "Wind of Change" in my head for the better part of two decades, so expect to hear it when I'm doing menial tasks (e.g., vacuuming or lovemaking).
  - I never stop exaggerating.
  - I don't care how comfortable we become with each other, I still expect you to close the bathroom door during a Code Brown.
  - I don't think dreams are a window into the world of the subconscious; I think dreams are a window into the world where I can have sex with hot female cartoon characters.
- Andrew R. Juhl doesn't consider it a proper omelet unless it contains at least four eggs, some form of pork, and a waffle.
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8	4	3	7	2	5	9	1	6
2	9	1	5	6	4	8	7	3
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## UITV schedule

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- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)  
**1** "Prairie Lights" Archive, LeAnn Howe  
**2** News from Germany (in German)  
**3** "Live from Prairie Lights," Jonathan Ames  
**4** NEH Lecture and Awards, Tom Lindsay, NEH deputy director  
**4:48** Honors Program Hall of Fame Ceremony  
**5:30** Chiara Quartet Rehearsal & Concert  
**6:30** Iowa Basketball with Todd Lickliter  
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- 8** NEH Lecture and Awards, Tom Lindsay, NEH deputy director  
**8:48** Honors Program Hall of Fame Ceremony  
**9:30** Daily Iowan TV News  
**9:45** "Java Blend" Encore, Lake Street Dive  
**10** Iowa Basketball with Todd Lickliter  
**10:30** Daily Iowan TV News Newscast from The Daily Iowan  
**10:45** "Java Blend" Encore, Eddie Piccard  
**11** "Live from Prairie Lights," Jonathan Ames

## today's events

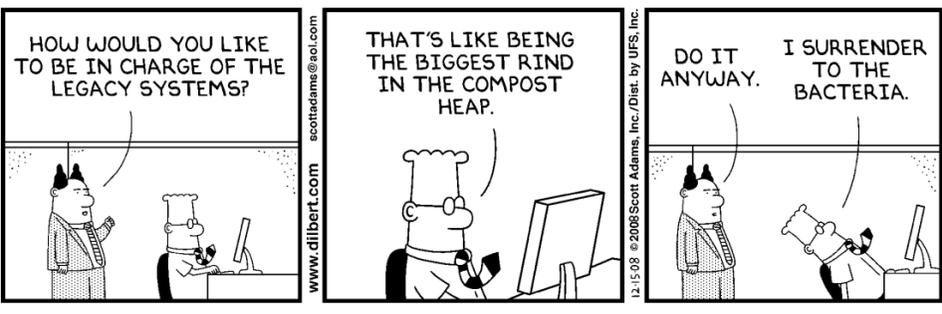
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- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
  - **Euchre Club**, 2 p.m., Legacy Senior Living Community, 1020 S. Scott Blvd.
  - **Jewel of the Earth**, 2 p.m., Macbride Hall
  - **Santa's Workshop**, 5-8 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, 1451 Coral Ridge Ave.
  - **Seventh-Annual Italian Dinner and Winter Swing Show**, 5 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
  - **Mandarin Chinese Community Classes, Level One**, 5:30 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
  - **Bombies**, Peace Iowa will host the film screening, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
  - **Mandarin Chinese Community Classes, Level Two**, 7:15 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
  - **Mamma's Man**, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou
  - **Open Mike, with Jay Knight**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
  - **Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
  - **Free Pool**, 10 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- ONGOING**
- **Abraham Lincoln: Self-Made in America**, Iowa City Public Library
  - **A Very Elvis Christmas**, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum, 210 Parkside Drive, West Branch
  - **Bunny McBride: Legacy**, AKAR Architecture and Design, 257 Iowa

- **DinoMania**, Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Down to the River**, Sandra L. Dyas, Hudson River Gallery & Frame Co., 538 S. Gilbert
- **Handmade for the Holidays**, Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington
- **In Pursuit of Surface and Shape**, Dean Dunkel, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington
- **Jemerick Art Pottery**, Steve Frederick and Cherie Jemsek,
- **Mary GrandPré: Harry Potter and Beyond**, Cedar Rapids Museum of Art, 410 Third St. S.E.
- **New York City Series**, Julie Staub, Terapan Coffee Brewery, 2180 Norcor Ave., Coralville
- **No: Palestinian Artists Confront Violence Against Women**, Iowa City Public Library
- **Rooster Flour Sack**, Herbert Hoover Presidential Library-Museum
- \*Small Works Show\*, Chait Galleries Downtown
- **The Fantastic Ride of the Abernathy Boys**, Antique Car Museum of Iowa, 860 Quarry Road
- **Two-Dimensional Works by Emily Martin and Loret Mast**, MidWestOne Bank, 102 S. Clinton
- **Vintage Wallpaper: Collaged and Camouflaged, Modela/Decorum**, 323 E. Market

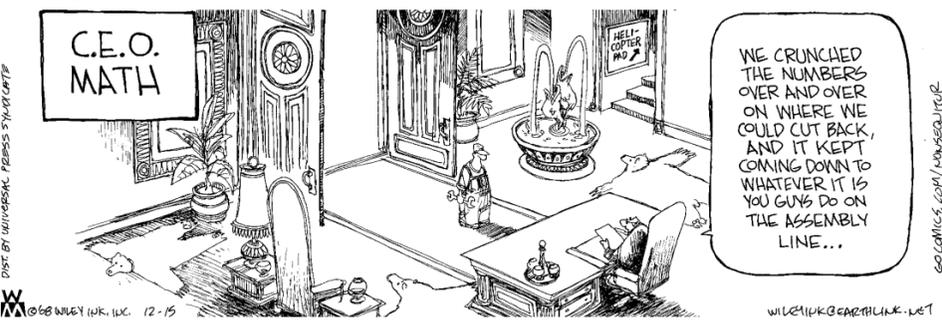
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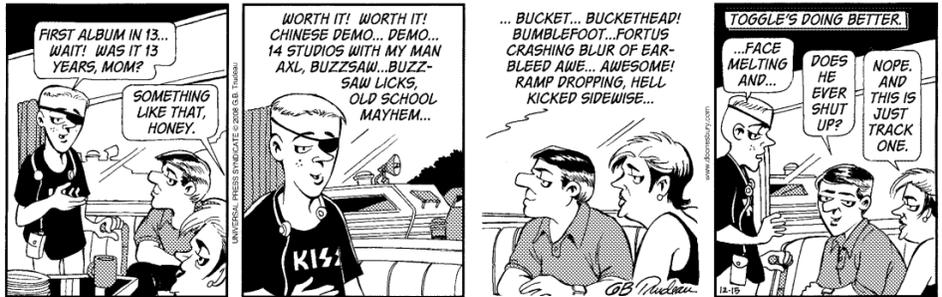
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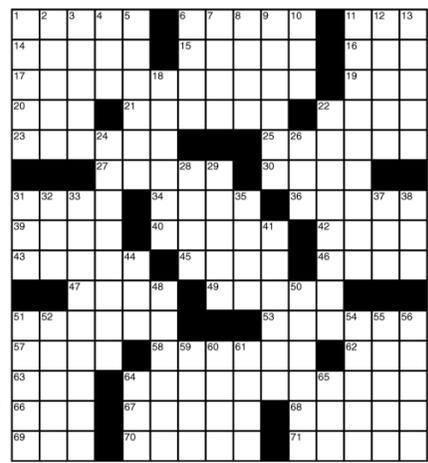
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- Across**
- Like the Niagara around Niagara Falls
  - Counterpart of comedy
  - Feed seed
  - Entertain
  - Smidgens
  - Actress Peebles
  - Open-textured cotton fabric
  - AOL or MSN
  - Stayed out of sight
  - Allergic reaction
  - Fillet of \_\_\_
  - Gift-giver's urging
  - Showed boredom
  - Impressive grouping
  - Possible result of slamming on the brakes
  - 31 Señor's "Positively!"
  - 34 Without a guarantee of condition
  - 36 Battery terminal
  - 39 List-ending abbr.
  - 40 "\_\_\_ or plastic?"
  - 42 F.B.I. agent
  - 43 Scarfs (down)
  - 45 Folk singer Seeger
  - 46 E-mail command
  - 47 Uses a pew
  - 49 Relief from the sun
  - 51 Alpine dwelling
  - 53 Discourages
  - 57 Marathon, e.g.
  - 58 Say, as the Pledge of Allegiance
  - 62 By way of
  - 63 Feel feverish
  - 64 The start of 17-Across or 11- or 33-Down
  - 66 A/C meas.
  - 67 Make amends
  - 68 Clear the blackboard
  - 69 Bro or sis
  - 70 Capital of Oregon
  - 71 Descartes and others
- Down**
- Like a he-man
  - Beatinik's "Got it!"
  - Napped leather
  - Mao \_\_\_-tung
  - Polite affirmation
  - What high rollers roll
  - Part on stage
  - Completely, after "from"
  - Shipboard pals
  - Cigarette's end
  - Russian church feature
  - An usher walks up and down it
  - Sealed up, as a package
  - Lure into a crime
  - Backyard apparatus for kids
  - Manicurist's tool
  - Letters before an alias
  - "Rush!" on an order
  - "Holy cow!"

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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L	A	S	E	R	S	E	E	D	L	E	S	S	



- ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
- Use needle and thread
  - "What was \_\_\_ do?"
  - Jazzy Latin dance site
  - Third son of Adam and Eve
  - Actor Aykroyd
  - Bring to a halt
  - Entertain with a tale
  - Sault \_\_\_ Marie
  - Rock layers
  - More profound
  - Grouchy sorts
  - Port-au-Prince's land
  - Perrier rival
  - Get the soap out
  - Wise ones
  - Environmental sci.
  - Dunce cap, geometrically
  - Talked-about twosome
  - 64 Profs.' helpers
  - 65 Opposite of post-

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