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Two other World War II parachute company veterans were in the White House Friday. They are: "There's no end to the problem that we're facing," said one of the veterans, who asked to remain anonymous because of the sensitive nature of the situation.

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**By Andrew Masse**

Fueling up the pump just became more of a drain on our pocketbooks. Again.

It's no surprise, an inflation expert at the meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries in Vienna, the organization said Thursday that the average price of a gallon of gasoline will rise 10 cents in the next 30 days.

Sen. John Warner, a Republican from Virginia, said the increase in fuel prices is high demand, he said. People are driving more, which increases the price of fuel.

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Although almost half of Iowa colleges and universities are in the state, the price of gasoline is still high. In fact, in the past year, the price of gasoline rose to $1.60 per gallon.

In Iowa City, the average price per gallon is $1.57. The national average is $1.48 per gallon.

Students say they are trying to drive less and save. Some are walking more and taking fewer long trips.

"I live to go home more, but it's a lot more expensive now," said UI freshman Nick Grover.

UI junior Jenny Landon said she опы for walking and riding her bike around town instead of driving and paying high prices for fuel. "I don't have the money to pay for gas. It's too expensive," she said.

Others, such as Bethany Bochtz, are driving less, which decreases car fuel efficiency.

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based on one of its "Friday Night Live" characters.

The studio had planned the comedy series as one of its major movies for com-

ing summer and fall of 1999, but later moved it to March 2000.

"We believe that Michael Myers, the character we created, owns the rights to the

scenery and the rights to the building under contract," said Universal spokesman

Ralph Young.

"Without our family or any help, this character did not get as far as he

has," said Universal president, David Foster.

"He's been portrayed by our

actors under the guidance of our directors and do not have the rights to

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By Corinne Kramer

The Daily Iowan

As of July 1, the State Room will close its doors to the public and focus instead on monthly plans to host special events.

Located on the second floor of the State Room has seen part of the IMU's social and entertainment scene since 1977. The restaurant has been a popular venue for Karberg events and special services.

The decision to close the restaurant was made to improve the State Room's facilities and services. The restaurant will no longer offer a buffet and dinner menu, instead, it will offer a limited menu and facilitate for special events. Black said a new buffet-style option will be offered in the future.

The State Room will also have a new menu to serve for private banquets, parties, and receptions.

"I think they should keep it open to more people than just large groups," Black said. The change in the operations will see improvements in the State Room's menu and services. The decision to make the State Room a facility for special events is a result of feedback and a desire to improve the facility. The change in the operations will also see improvements in the State Room's menu and services. The decision to make the State Room a facility for special events is a result of feedback and a desire to improve the facility.

Show ing pride by mingling

Gay Pride Month will be highlighted by a number of events.

By Kelly Dobene

The Daily Iowan

Gay Pride Month kicked off at Iowa City last week with an "Old Capitol Gay Pride" event on Friday, June 2. The event was organized by the Gay Lea­ sbian Resource and Action Center and featured performances and music.

The celebration will continue every Friday evening beginning at 8 p.m. outside of the IMU. There will be floats, jugglers, and music. The event is free and open to the public.

A calendar of events for Gay Pride Month can be obtained by contacting Flying Monkeys Resources Ltd. (366) KIA.)

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Some restrictions apply.
Missile-defense plan could blow up in the U.S.' face

President Bush's crusade to develop antiballistic missile defense has thrust the United States once again onto the world stage. In a May 10 White House press briefing, the president announced the start of missile defense research and development. This move could deploy intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of hitting American targets from 3,000 miles. Now Bush's position is solid and the debates over the deployment of radar and missile defense systems also have heightened American fears of missile proliferation in the nation's face.

But do these developments actually pose legitimate threats to the national security of the U.S.? In the early 1990s, the then-Senator Joseph Biden (D-Del.) warned that, "The day may come when our leaders will have to fight a nuclear war.

command-and-control systems also have heightened American fears of missile proliferation in the nation's face. By the time the Cold War ended, the United States and the Soviet Union had deployed more than 1,000 nuclear weapons each, making it very likely that a nuclear war would end in mutual annihilation. Thus, it was in the 1990s, when the scale of the nuclear arsenal was at its peak, that the nation's leaders faced the greatest threat of nuclear war.

President Reagan envisaged satellite-bound lasers shooting down the so-called rogue states), would launch its arsenal lest it face certain destruction. President Bush recently reaffirmed that the United States would not be constrained by the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty — as we should have been. Russia has joined other nuclear powers in endorsing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty. That alone is not enough, not only to fulfill the test ban but now to start a defensive arms race.

The second concern of pursuing the U.S. in the international community will be related. Last week, Russian President Vladimir Putin predicted that the nuclear arms race could continue for the next 20 years if Washington decided to develop a missile defense system. Finally, the astronomical cost of the system will divert federal funds from other critical programs.

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Study pins AIDS origin to 1930s

A Los Alamos scientist says the disease evolved from a simian virus.

By Seth Bregi

WASHINGTON — AIDS evolved from a long-ignored strain of cancer in Africa between 1915 and 1941, the Los Alamos study is constant.

Researchers investigating the source of a great change in HIV in recent decades are preparing to publish a new study suggesting that the current strain originated from a common ancestor that first evolved from a simian virus in central Africa between 1915 and 1941, with the strain being present in the 1930s and 1940s, according to the Los Alamos study.

The study suggests that the current strain of HIV may have evolved from a simian virus that caused cancer in chimps in the 1930s and 1940s.

This early strain of HIV may have spread to humans as early as the 1930s, but it is not clear how long it took for the virus to spread from chimps to humans.

Researchers have been trying to understand the origin of HIV for decades, but the answers have been elusive.

The Los Alamos study suggests that the current strain of HIV may have evolved from a simian virus that caused cancer in chimps in the 1930s and 1940s, as suggested by other studies.

The study was published in the journal Science on Wednesday.
Strolling through an evening of art

Iowa City residents have the chance to see the Englert Theatre this spring. The Englert has the unique opportunity to showcase the work of residents and other local artists. The Englert Theatre has recently undergone a transformation and is now open for business.

The Englert Theatre has been completely renovated and now features a new stage, lighting, and sound system. The theatre also has an improved seating arrangement, making it more comfortable for audiences. The theatre is now able to host a wide variety of events, including plays, concerts, and movies.

The Englert Theatre has also begun a new Seasonal Series, which features a variety of local and regional artists. The series includes a range of performances, including music, dance, and theatre. The Seasonal Series is a great opportunity for residents to experience the arts in their own community.

In addition to the Seasonal Series, the Englert Theatre also hosts a number of special events, such as film series, book readings, and art exhibits. These events are open to the public and are a great way to support local artists and the arts community.

Overall, the Englert Theatre is a great resource for residents and visitors alike. It is a welcoming and inviting space that is sure to provide an enjoyable and entertaining experience for all who attend.
Hawkeyes to open season in Juergens' hometown

MAQUOKETA (AP) — The Hawkeyes will open the regular season next fall with a nationally ranked opponent.

Iowa, which has followed a modest practice of opening with a game against one of their seniors, Eric Juergens, the state's only national champion, will go to high school at Des Moines Public Schools.

The Hawkeyes took the team, 34, making a high school or two six-running convents national champions.

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Synchronizing your bat mitzvah

By Kimberly Woody

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The collection will share the spotlight with an early painting. Mast said. "They're basically representational, too."

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Quick Hits

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— Jack Nicklaus, who will play Pebble Beach in what likely be his final U.S. Open appearance.

Rocker arrives for assignment in minors

By Howard Troxel

Noah's Ark

Jason Giuly

From Boston

To the minors

Jason Giuly, 28-year-old Venezuelan, has signed with the Texas Rangers on Monday and is expected to arrive in time to play Tuesday night. Giuly was acquired by the Rangers in the trade that sent labrum injury victim Mark Remillard to the Cleveland Indians.

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Giuly was hitting .277 with 6 home runs and 27 RBI in 117 games for the Indians this season. He had 38 saves last season for Cleveland.

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Young expected to announce retirement Monday

By David Borgen, Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO, Calif. — After months of avoiding, deciding and doing almost everything but walking away, the two-time league MVP had the San Francisco Giants in a Triple Crown title race in 2001, will announce his retirement Monday. He's played longer than without the benefit of physical therapy for a quarter century, the result of an injury that cost him the entire 1989 season.

His wife sounds, on occasion, a condition of amnesia, and the 38-year-old two-sport wonder doesn't talk about it and doesn't dwell on it either.

He's made up his mind, one source said Thursday. "The day has been set," the other source said. "The only issue is whether he'll announce it in Baltimore where he's been staying or in San Francisco this weekend."

Manager Bob Melvin said Friday that whatever pitcher Walsh chooses to announce his retirement Monday, "He would have to make an announcement Monday. Walsh wouldn't say anything else. He made up his mind."

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In the last 20 years, the Indians have had 35 starting pitchers, including Walsh, and have attended eight post-seasons. Walsh started eight games this season, and was the only player in the starting rotation to complete a game.

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