#### Tax break good; more pay better

By Gigi Voit

A proposed bill in the Iowa Legislature that would increase the state tax deduction for those who donate, even more than they do now, is opposed by some and supported by others.

"We have a lot of work to do," said a 25-year-old state tax deduction supporter. "We can use it to help people who are struggling financially."

"This is a good bill," said another supporter. "It will help more people and make a bigger difference."
Nothing to sneeze at: flu

By Rebecca Sallen

An increase in the number of confirmed influenza cases last week shows that flu season is under way. Health Services may be the peak of the season.

"Lisa James, the Student Health Service manager, said that of the five cases approximately three cases of influenza were reported by the peak of the week. Student Health Services reported a decrease in the number of patients due to improved control of the virus with anti-flu medication.

"Last year, the flu season hit campus around the same time this year, but this year, it's different," James said. "This year, the peak may not occur until the summer of the year.

Influenza cases confirmed by Student Health Services were not as high as last year, with only five cases confirmed in the week of November 6. Of those, 10 cases were confirmed in the week of November 13, which was the peak of the season. Student Health Services.

The peak of the season is not always the same each year. The number of influenza cases in Johnson County and the nation are down this season, Wilmoth said. "It's the first time that we've seen this number.

"I don't think that this season is going to be as severe as last season. The weather has been so nice, we haven't been inside as much."
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By Sharon Thimer

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As it wound its way through Congress, the $8.3 trillion emergency spending plan today seeks billions of dollars for special projects, known as earmarks — from $8 billion and $6 billion for state and local governments to $1 million for city projects.

With many money bills that added to a budget proposal by the end of the session, that total was judged insufficient by lawmakers and state officials who want their states — and a large number of the sponsors who benefit from the pork — to get their projects funded in the final spending bill.

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Dancing the lights out (and back on again)

DANCE MARATHON

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Saturday morning, the Jumbo bottles of lotion and Relief for tired feet were strewn about the arena. There, dancers would be reliving feet worth $2,425.94 one month later. "I think it was clear to us that he wasosto be managed and the university paid for this," Mr. Lay said.

"They come in six to eight hours a day, screaming and crying," Brenneman added.

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Officials push warlords on accepting Afghan cease-fire

By Larry King
Associated Press

GARDEZ, Afghanistan — Afghan and U.S. military leaders, joined by American officials, on Thursday urged more than 100 warlords to end fighting that has divided the provincial capital, two days after the latest round of two-day fighting left 15 dead.

With fighting continuing throughout the country, the delegation hoped to meet with rival factions in Gardez, a town of approximately 200,000 people that is divided, they say, into six distinct factions, each vying to be in control of the town.

"There are six factions here that desire to control Gardez," the delegation said.

Asia Times Online, a center dedicated by the New America government of Afghanistan, on Sunday said Reza Khan, the leader of Islamic state in Gardez, Afghanistan, Afghan and U.S. mediators, joined by American officials, were divided in their assessment of the situation.

"There was a small meeting of Afghan and U.S. officials, who agreed to send a joint team to Gardez to try to find a solution to the crisis," the delegation said.

On Jan. 30 and Jan. 31, mediators for the United Nations exchanged artillery fire with forces loyal to Gardez's real ruler, an option which they rejected.

But before meeting the mediators, Khan said he was ready to talk to the United Nations mediator — an appointment that was nullified.

Peruvian delegates delive into U.S. support of intelligence chief

By Doug MacFarlane

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But as always, there are people who choose not to play by the rules. President Bush has declared that prisoners taken during the fighting in Afghanistan are not POWs and therefore not entitled to the protections anyone with the slightest hint of the Geneva Convention would expect. That judgment was made in February, but in any case, it is apparent to everyone involved that nothing about a war has changed in the interim.

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Guest Opinion
The vanishing magic of farming

Commodity growers are driving the cash crop market harder than a racehorse that was fueled with overproduction, governmental intervention and political influence. Farmers have been making a living in the past by selling commodity crops and livestock at a profit, but today, even the best, most productive farms are fighting a losing battle for survival. When the number of genuine commodity crops and livestock drops below the demand for food, the market becomes a "polarization market" for the investor, speculating on either a large increase or a decrease in prices. The price of feed is so high that even a small decrease in demand can wipe out the profit for the investor. So it goes. Such a severe problem, it's a political one.

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All that could've been but wasn't

By Richard Linklater

All And That Could Have Been About to Happen is a Nine Inch Nails live show with the added bonus of not having to deal with the inevitable drunken fans that are a staple of many Ministry of Finance. The songs were recorded during the demise of the bar to the support of the group's growing, yet aging, fan base. The result is a live excursion of ... a Nine Inch Nails and the band seem to create music as material from the previous three albums. Despite the 74-minute running time and the abundance of familiar songs, there is still something new.

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The Patriots had twice lost in the Super Bowl, but this time they emerged victorious.

"We were in it to win it," said Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. "We knew we had the team, the coaching, and the talent to do it."
MISSOURI CEASES CV: Spartans spank Illini

By David Leveck Associated Press

For the second time this season, the Ohio State Buckeyes have lost to the University of Illinois Fighting Illini, this time in a basketball game. The Illini won with ease, 86-55, at Champaign’s Assembly Hall on Sunday. It was one of the biggest upsets in recent memory, as the Buckeyes were ranked No. 3 in the country. The Illini, on the other hand, were unranked.

The Illini opened the game with a dominant 22-0 run, holding the Buckeyes scoreless for the first 7 minutes of the game. The Buckeyes were unable to score until 7:45 left in the first half, when they finally scored a basket. The Illini led 35-7 at halftime and continued their dominance in the second half, leading 65-22 with 11:30 left in the game. The Buckeyes were never able to get within single digits of the Illini, and the game was over by the end of the third quarter.

The Illini’s defense was relentless, holding the Buckeyes to just 29% shooting from the field and 33% from three-point range. The Buckeyes’ defense was no match for the Illini’s offense, which scored 49 points in the first half and 37 in the second. The Illini had 16 assists and 10 turnovers, while the Buckeyes had just 8 assists and 16 turnovers.

The Illini’s leading scorer was Rayvonte Rice, who finished with 17 points on 7-10 shooting from the field. The Buckeyes’ leading scorer was Keita Bates-Diop, who finished with 13 points on 5-12 shooting from the field.

The Illini (18-3, 7-1 Big Ten) are now tied with Michigan for first place in the Big Ten standings. The Buckeyes (14-7, 5-4 Big Ten) are now in fourth place.

Iowa Women’s Basketball

By Rosalyn Goldsworthy

The University of Iowa women’s basketball team defeated the University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks, 61-56, on Sunday afternoon at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes improved to 16-1 on the season and 7-1 in the Big Ten Conference.

Iowa scored their first 11 points of the game in the first three minutes and never looked back, cruising to an easy victory. The Hawkeyes led 33-24 at halftime and shot 50% from the field for the game.

Junior guard Megan Gustafson led all scorers with 18 points and 11 rebounds, while senior forward Bakari Gross added 10 points and 10 rebounds.

The Hawkeyes host the University of Minnesota on Thursday night at Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Golden Gophers are led by senior guard Duana Jerkins, who averages 16.5 points per game.

Northwestern Women’s Basketball

By Nicole Goldsworthy

The Northwestern University women’s basketball team defeated the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers, 72-63, on Sunday afternoon at Welsh-Ryan Arena. The Wildcats improved to 13-4 on the season and 3-1 in the Big Ten Conference.

The Wildcats scored 39 points in the first half and never looked back, cruising to an easy victory. The Golden Gophers led 32-30 at halftime but were outscored 42-33 in the second half.

Junior guard Bryant Frazier led all scorers with 17 points and 4 assists, while senior forward Alex Atchley added 14 points and 7 rebounds.

The Wildcats host the University of Michigan on Thursday night at Welsh-Ryan Arena. The Wolverines are led by senior guard Franz Wagner, who averages 13.5 points per game.

South Dakota State Women’s Basketball

By Kaitlyn Goldsworthy

The South Dakota State University women’s basketball team defeated the University of South Dakota Coyotes, 67-58, on Sunday afternoon at the DakotaDome. The Jackrabbits improved to 15-2 on the season and 3-1 in the Summit League.

The Jackrabbits scored 38 points in the first half and never looked back, cruising to an easy victory. The Coyotes led 30-26 at halftime but were outscored 37-32 in the second half.

Senior guard Allie Schulte led all scorers with 16 points and 8 rebounds, while junior forward Tori Jankoski added 14 points and 7 rebounds.

The Jackrabbits host the University of South Dakota on Thursday night at the DakotaDome. The Coyotes are led by freshman guard Hailey Beverage, who averages 10.5 points per game.
Iowa women's gymnastics team overcomes Golden Gophers
By Jennifer Long

Troubling times continued as the Hawkeyes fell to their third-straight Big Ten loss when Minnesota defeated them on Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

"Obviously, we're excited any time we can get on the hardwood, especially from a competitive aspect," Minnesota's head coach Pam Borton said. "But I think it's a real good job on our part to get two home wins." The Gophers started things off with a vengeance, scoring the first four minutes before Iowa came back. Iowa started with a basket from Kristi Faulkner and was tied up twice during the first eight minutes before the Hawkeyes pushed back to grab the lead at 21-16.

"(Iowa) is a tough place to win," said the Hawkeye. "It's not easy, especially with such a young team, but we had success there." Instead, the Hawkeyes will have to wait until February 5, when the Gophers come to Carver-Hawkeye Arena for a showdown with Iowa State. The Hawkeyes can't make a decision about кто will win the game.

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Iowa's Kristi Faulkner launches a pass upcourt during the Hawkeye's loss to Minnesota Golden Gophers on Sunday at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

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Despite a few weaknesses and nervous moments, there was no let-up in the Hawkeyes' effort. After three falls before Iowa's Northwestern loss, the Gophers put up their best effort of the season. Their improved defense seems to have paid off, as they defeated the Hawkeyes in their first Big Ten game of the season. The Gophers outscored Iowa 28-26 in the first half and 38-26 in the second, leading to a 15-2 victory in the final score.

The Hawkeyes showed some signs of improvement early in the game, as Jevon's 7 points (25) helped keep them in the lead. But they couldn't maintain their momentum, scoring only 12 points in the second half.

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Perez's triple bogey gives Gogel victory

By Doug Ferguson

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Ross Perez made a big uppercut to celebrate.

His right arm flew over the gallery and into a 17th to take a one-stroke lead with seven holes to play.

Six hours later, Perez had a four-stroke lead and was closing in on his big scalp.

He holed a 25-foot birdie putt on the 17th to take a one-stroke lead over the group or four shots back on the field, including Tiger Woods, who tied for the low round of the day.

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Mike Zadick took over from the 29, and the Patriots were on track to duplicate last season's improbable run. But in the last two minutes of the second quarter, they could not pull away and New England got the break it needed. In overtime, New England made its first touchdown of the season, and the Patriots had one more chance to get the break it needed.

**Iowa wrestler wins NCAA title**

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Brockman from Menomonie, Wis., placed second in the 125-pound class with a 2-0 outcome over Ohio State's John Manz on Sunday. Brockman's win was his third consecutive NCAA title and cemented his status as one of the nation's top wrestlers. Brockman's victory in the 125-pound class brought Iowa's total to 17 NCAA titles, tying the school record set by the Hawkeyes in 2010.

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Luke Becker, 10-2, and Cory Underwood, 13-3, both fell in the quarterfinals, with Becker losing to Jack Hardy and Underwood losing to Jordan Karr. Underwood's loss was particularly disappointing, as he had been one of Iowa's top performers during the season.

**Iowa rebounds to beat Badgers**

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The Hawkeyes were victorious in the final period, with a 3-2 win over the Badgers. Iowa's Aidan Calvillo scored the winning goal with under a minute to play, lifting the Hawkeyes to their first major tournament victory of the season.

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In the first half, the Hawkeyes took the lead with a goal by Andrew Weatherby, but the Badgers responded with two goals of their own. In the second half, Iowa regained the lead with a goal by John Sorensen, but Wisconsin tied the score once again. The teams entered the final period tied at 2-2.

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The Hawkeyes were awarded the title after Brockman's victory. The win was a significant achievement for the team, as it marked the end of a successful season and capped off a year of hard work and dedication.

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