NOT THE SAME OLD GRIND

Dolls will close its doors soon because, apparently, exotic plants trump exotic dancers

Pulkrabek puts stormy race behind him

The JOHNSON COUNTY SHERIFF is working to fulfill campaign promises and reunite a divided force

BY ANE BLISARK

Worried after a contentious campaign, Johnson County Sheriff Leeann Pulkrabek is still trying to unite her county after winning a stormy race in the past, tackling campaign promises as she works to unite a county divided.

As soon as he took office, the new sheriff faced himself as a result of new duties, from running meetings to balancing the department's budget. But under the new structure, the 41-year-old has assumed a hands-on management style that includes personal visits to area city councils and suggestions for how to solve county problems.

"I think I might have an open-door and open-minded approach with the sheriff," Pulkrabek said. "I think I might at least one tell me they couldn't recall a sheriff coming to visit in the past.

In his transition to the top law enforcement office, a major test for Pulkrabek and the rest of the campaign's platform has relied on an unusually intense political battle with local municipalities.

"I think the election was when Sheriff's Keith Clark and Brian渔业 prioritized different ventures," — who lost the Democratic nomination for sheriff to Pulkrabek in the June 2004 primary, switched party affiliation to back State Senator Pulkrabek's Republican challenger. Pulkrabek and Phelps shared several times in a row that unprocessed an old senator allega-

"It's better to be in the same platform," said Pulkrabek. "I think it might just having an open-door and open-minded approach with other agencies and entities is a change, too," she added.

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15-A "travelling" to Cincinnati

The dance floor of Dolls is open as co-owner Wayne Grell sits at the bar Monday afternoon. Dolls is being forced to shut down to make way for the Iowa River Landing Project in Corvallis.

BY DREW KEMP

The Daily Iowan

Just days before the Corvallis"problem club" Dolls Inc., closes the doors at 3:00 a.m. Monday, for the last time, co-owner Wayne Grell smiles, thinking of the times his club has hosted a celebrity or two.

"It will be a bit different not coming in," he said Monday. "But doing so is proving quite a challenge," he said. After purchasing a 15-year-old club from the Iowa River Landing Project for a multimedia venture that plans to bring a $300 million business to the former movie theater in downtown, Dolls Inc. and owner Grell want to bring a new

Schools go the distance in learning

BY SAM EDSILL

The Daily Iowan

When her 3-year-old daughter, Jordan, came down with a stomach flu, the University of Iowa graduate student Nicole Knapp knew she couldn't make it to her Environmental Health lecture that morning.

Fortunately, she didn't have to. She just had to log into her computer.

Via a program called "Elluminate Live," which combines an internet chat room with live video cameras, Knapp attended class electronically.

"It made it pretty easy not to worry about how to make up classes," she said.

Iowa's state universities may offer more from your home and the University of Northern Iowa has already adopted a similar approach. The school now offers classes online, allowing students from across the state.

"We know students are doing it, too," said one student.

DISTANCE COURSES

The Inter-University Committee on Educational Coordination will present a plan to the Board of Regents in March.

The proposal calls for the creation of an online degree program that would allow students to take courses at any of the state's universities and transfer them to another.

A list of courses can be found online. Some courses are available in many states, but the minimum number of courses given to students in other states.

Bush warns Putin on democracy

The president calls for "a new era of transatlantic unity" during a four-day fence-mending trip to Europe

BY EDWIN CHEN

Los Angeles Times

BRUSSELS, Belgium — President Bush on Monday issued a new challenge to Russia's president, warning that the United States "must move an unprecedented opportunity" to improve relations with Moscow.

"It's a moment of tremendous promise," Bush said in a news conference at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Bush's visit to Russia, Italy, and France this week is his first official visit to the former communist nation, which has become a key ally in the war on terrorism.

"I think we can make a real difference," Bush said.

Bush's remarks come as he embarks on a four-day trip to Europe, during which he will meet with leaders from France, Italy, and Germany.

The summit will be held in Brussels, where Bush will meet with NATO leaders and other European Union officials.

Bush plans to visit several countries, including the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and Germany, to discuss issues such as international cooperation on counterterrorism and the war in Iraq.
For UI students from the Chicago suburbs, getting home and back can be a hassle. One UI alum hopes to ease that burden.

Bus looks for Chicagoland niche

BY SEUNG MIN KIM

UI alumna Ryan Gaspar remembers the dreary 12-minute bus ride she had to endure every day she wanted to have lunch at Downers Grove, Ill., fires and back. Today, figuring he could tap into the "underserved" market of transportation services for UI students who hail from the Chicagoland area, Gaspar is now a managing partner of Burbs Bus, which, starting this fall, will offer services to their Illinois homes weekly.

"All my roommates were in the same boat," said Gaspar, who graduated in 2003. "I know there's a pretty good population out there.

The company started in February when Gaspar followed in the footsteps of the now-defunct Hawk- line, a service designed to conduct the same task as its predecessor, thus the two companies are not related.

Gaspar serves a lot of cities. Every day, the secretary of ordering tickets receives calls for Burbs Bus from a dozen stations. Gaspar said. The pick-up and drop-off points will be at the IMT and Oak Brook, Ill.

"The ticket is a few students while throwing the idea and got a huge interest," he said.

Respect Hicks, the agent and owner of Iowa City's Greyhound station, 404 E. College St., didn't disclose specific numbers but said bus services used by students to the Chicago area are "very popular." One-way tickets will range from $19 to $42.50 on weekends, and Greyhound leaves Iowa City five times a day for Chicago and back.

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"I asked friends in my roommates if they would like to see the Burbs Bus to commute on the weekends to their hometown of Chicago," he said.

Looking back to freshman year, Gaspar said, "I was very homesick," so he caught quite a few free transfers.

E-mail him at ctgash@uiowa.edu"
IOWA NATIONAL GUARD DUTY

Iowa Guard deployments ease

BY DAVID PITT

DES MOINES—The top officer of the Iowa National Guard said lawmakers Monday that 17 percent of the Guard's available manpower is serving on active duty, a decrease from past deployment levels.

Currently, 650 Iowa soldiers are in Iraq, and 750 are on active duty in other locations, with another 100 troops preparing for overseas missions, said Maj. Gen. Ron Dardis, the adjutant general of the Iowa National Guard.

"This is much better than 50 percent to 90 percent of our force deployed in the past two years. These percentages ranked us at No. 1 in the nation many, many times," he said. "This summer, the Des Moines-based 185th Aerial Refueling Wing will leave for Qatar for the first time in its history. We are experiencing the highest training levels ever, and it will be reached at a very significant period of time in the history of the Iowa Guard," he said. "We understand this is a long and painstaking war on terror and we will be involved for some time to come."

Dardis reported on a visit recently to Afghanistan, where Task Force 168 is deployed. The 175 Iowa soldiers are based in 13 sites throughout Afghanistan and are providing security for reconstruction efforts, refueling fire bases near Pakistan and Iran and working with the Afghan people in various nils.

Dardis said he visited Sha- ran, Afghanistan, a few miles from Pakistan's border, where a military base is named Ron Dardis in honor of James Ron Dardis, who died in the attack on Kearney's convoy in 2006.

"It was amazing," he said. "The state has done a wonderful job supporting us and helping us. That makes it much easier. It makes you feel a lot better about everything that's happened." Dardis closed his speech giving tribute to families of the Iowa soldiers who have died.

"These families have been forever changed by the death of their loved one. The void left in their hearts by their lost mates are something impossible to fill," he said.

The painting, Honoring Iowa's Heroes, by Nor-Springs artist David Rottinhuemer, was presented to Gov. Tom Vilsack and will hang in the Capitol. Framed prints of the original have been donated to families of Iowa soldiers killed during the Iraq war.

"Proceeds from sales of additional prints will be used to build a monument to the soldiers, which will be located near the Capitol or at a proposed Iowa Veterans cemetery."
Another storm pounds S. Calif.

Skip Stratten paddles his kayak down a faced street in the Mission Beach area of San Diego during a break in the rain on Monday. Southern California was soaked by yet another storm on Monday.

At least four deaths have been blamed on the weather that has created mudslides, forcing people to evacuate their homes

BY DAISY NGUYEN

LOS ANGELES—Mudslides reproduced in Los Angeles and Monday and forced scores to leave the southern California region that was pounded by yet another of the powerful storms that have pounded the region this winter.

At least four deaths were blamed on the weather, and some of the area's commuter rail service was halted.

Rescuers pulled three people from about 10 feet of mud that flowed into a house in Hacienda Heights, a suburb east of Los Angeles. One woman was found bottomed out in a boulder in a hillside while the other two escaped safely, officials said. Los Angeles County Fire Capt. Mark Savage.

That same mudslide had forced evacuation of homes near the same community, and officials were concerned that homes near the hillside above the street.

The latest bout of rain, snow, and hail started hitting the region Monday, part of a series of storms that熬头 Feb. 10, in an area expected to continue into Tuesday.

On Sunday, Los Angeles had gotten approximately 13 inches of rain, the city's total since Jan. 1, the start of the fiscal year, was recorded 31.4 inches, making it the fifth wettest on record, said weather-service forecaster Bruce Rockwell. The recent, 38.18 inches, was set in 1983-84.

Rescuers worked in Hacienda Heights, mudslides and flooding closed approximately 20 homes near 11 homes in Glendora, north of downtown Los Angeles, officials said.

Killed in the coastal communities of La Conchita, where a landslide killed 10 people last month, as well as the other two people who were flooded in Fillmore.

Desiree, her husband and several other friends visited the same neighborhood of Fillmore after driving a 12-hour trip, and said scientists warned Monday, urging them to stay away from the hillside, just as it turned out that cellular immunity turns out to be quite positive, said scientists.

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"If cellular immunity turns out to be quite positive, we've got a series of candidate vaccines," Berkley said at meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"It is true that cellular immunity is not as useful as a much longer time period, as used previously.

That question looms just as researchers face tough new battles for funding.

After years of record budget increases in the 1990s, the NIH last year cut its budget to increase just that by 2 percent.

Funding, based on NIH awards to U.S. institutions of higher education.

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Anti-Syria rallies fill Beirut streets

The biggest anti-Syria protest in Lebanese history comes one week after the death of the former prime minister.

BY ZEINA KARAM

BEIRUT, Lebanon—Thousands marched Monday in protest against Syria's continued military presence in Lebanon. Anti-Syria rallies have filled Beirut streets for more than two weeks after the death of former prime minister Rafik Hariri, who was killed by an explosion outside his home. The protest, one week after the Feb. 14 march of Syrian troops in parts of the country, President Bush demanded that Syria's troops be withdrawn.

The government, which has been calling for an international inquiry into the assassination, has denied that any of its officials had an involvement in the killing. The government said its investigation had determined that the explosion was a terrorist attack.

In its rejection of further meetings over the nuclear issue on Feb. 20, North Korea said it would only return to the talks that include South Korea, China, Russia, and Japan if the United States drops what it called a "hostile" attitude toward the North.

In his meeting with Kim Monday, Seoul relayed a verbal message from South Korean President Roh Tae-woo, SCNA said.

"I will return before the legislative elections, probably in May, and after that I will talk to the opposition for the first time," Roh said in a televised speech Sunday, according to the South Korean news agency Yonhap.

"If the United States remains committed to dialogue, we will return immediately," Roh said.

In December, the North Korean leader spoke with South Korean president, saying that North Korea was ready to return to six-party talks if there were no more talks about a nuclear test.

"The talks should be held to discuss nuclear issues and other related issues," Roh said.

"North Korea is in a state of emergency and needs to take the talks seriously," Roh said.

"The United States remains committed to dialogue, we will return immediately," Roh said.
STAFF EDITORIAL – UISG hopefuls bring prospect for renewed leadership

Sloth legacy should be kept in mind when choosing next student-government administration

After years of UI Student Government domination, the Giant Shelly Party won a suspended presidential in the upcoming election. Convinced, however, that though the party may lack claim to some remarkable accomplishments during the last several years, giving two new parties and platform will bring a fresh perspective to this year's vote. And without one ticket having the distinct advantage of riding on the previous success of the Shelly Party, it will make for a much more interesting campaign. The three candidates, in distinguishing themselves from the Shelly Party, demonstrate their enthusiasm to build on current UISG President Lindsay Schulte's achievements as well as furthering their own goals.

As a large and diverse institution such as the UI student government has the power to nurture and destroy young minds, which underpin the importance of voting. We hope this is an opportunity all students will take advantage of, especially because it's as simple as signing up on StudentLinks. And UISG has more for the university community and students than most would probably estimate.

Presiding over UISG for an extended period of time, the Shelly Party has had its share of problems. One of the many things that was unsuccessful at least for the time-being was the full-time student. No one has ever claimed the full-time student to be worth the time and effort it would be, so one can only imagine the cost of such an endeavor to the community as a whole. As the 21-only Republicans sellability, the whole "them vs. us" philosophy that predates American politics right now than privatization, President Bush's plan makes its way giving individual Security. Democrats over the past eight years, the president's plan. Democrats have said that the president's plan has the potential to make American students, the country, and the world a safer place.

Four years ago on Monday, Malcolm X was gunned down in broad daylight at a Harlem restaurant by a black man. His assassination and those before and after that of Martin Luther King Jr. have brought violence to us. The assassinations were a direct response to the "them vs. us" attitude that had taken root in the community. Malcolm X's assassination was the result of his belief that his presence in the country was a threat to those who did not believe in the same principles he believed in. He believed that the people who had fought his battle on himself through the recent violence he had failed or refused to stop, adding that "black is coming home to roost now" and only mode of action.

The writings of a certain Colorado professor has raised some anxiety on this part of the show that Malcolm X was from home to the people, according to many, but he was also a philosopher of his own. He was a man of words, and those words were the most important of all. He was a man of action, and those actions were the most important of all. He was a man of thought, and those thoughts were the most important of all. He was a man of heart, and those hearts were the most important of all.

Erik EKQWOMLY

One of former UISG President Stacey Davis's most impressive accomplishments was the establishment of the Collegiate Basketball Program. Providing college students with a variety of reputable daily news publications at a rock-bottom price is a great way to attract more responsible readers (and remind them that there is a real world beyond the confines of campus). But the legacy of the Shelly Party is composed of more than just resumes. One hard-fought but still largely unstoppable battle was the initiative to establish a residence-hall recycling program, introduced by 2001 UISG President Nick Klima. The pro-environmentalist plan met opposition as well as bureaucratic hindrances, however, which has largely stalled its development. The initiative failure cannot be solely attributed to Klima or his successors, but hopefully, the most UISG president will continue to fight for this worthwhile cause.

Under the leadership of Schulte, UISG has pledged to make progress in correcting student interaction. Though we've already stated our preference for a student representative on the Iowa City City Council who would actually have the ability to vote with other councilors — UISG Vice President Jamie Isham has proposed a new student representative on the council as an encouragement to see that a proactive approach has been developed towards improving relations between the city and students. As the time approaches to leave the Shelly Party behind, it's important to examine the impact it has had on the university. With its legacy in mind, cast a vote on March 7th or for a leader to bring a new form of leadership to the school.

COMMENTARY

Knowing Little

JFK has a coin, Martin Luther King Jr. has a holiday, but Malcolm X has an annual holiday, or even a coin that no one will use. But he should be remembered.

Erik Ekqwomoly

If he has a coin, Martin Luther King Jr. has a holiday, but Malcolm X has a Spike Lee movie.

The last third of the current century saw a number of listening sessions. Malcolm X's life is that he did come.

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In Iraq

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It's easy to see Malcolm X as a militant figure, and indeed he was. But so much more to Malcolm X.

In the 1940s, Malcolm X's life is that he did come.

The United States, Britain, Russia, and several other nations aimed to stop the appeasement of the U.S. during World War II. Since 1990, Iraq has been involved in the Persian Gulf War, Chapter Seven of the U.N. Charter. The U.S. was operating under the auspices of the U.N. Security Council resolution 678.

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It's not that I'm apathetic about student government. I'm just alcoholics...

LETTERS

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Steel Mask, sary sequel aimed at young children.

No masking INSIDIPSY

Baffling? Yes. Boring? Yes. Braindead? Yes. Did you expect anything else from a sequel completely unrelated to the original? We hope not.

Son of the Mask is one of the most catastrophically bad films ever made.

It's a pitiful and unnecessary sequel to the soon-to-be-Carrey
carry on of 11 years ago, The Mask, which was primarily
targeted at young children throughout the world.

What grows up with the
first one will obviously have no
interest in this material, and
the new demographic probably
won't even remember the 1994
prequel. But the wrong
generation has been targeted
to the point where even
the Carrey-less Duchov and
Dunst-less Mask could have
been responsible for a divorce
of this magnitude.

The film was directed by
Jerome Saghian (Goonies and
Deep Ugly) in 1995, and
starred Jason
to Mask.

You've seen the
Mask.

For a family
This is a family movie.

The best way to
start a family film is to
start a family. For example, in
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Mask was originally set,
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for the premiere.

In this
sequel, 10,000 kids
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The
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could not be
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We can't help
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What, were you expecting a mask? Sorry, there are no new
teen scenes from this unscripted and unrelated sequel to The Mask.

A denim-clad Jim Carrey returns to the silver screen as Larry Mask, a Texas cop.

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April to discuss plans for next year's
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"We're looking at ways to make
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programs more effective," said
George L. Karan, assistant to the
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Bush scolds Putin on democracy

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But the president's strong rhetoric
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prize because of excerpts of his
speech that were quoted by White
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cate how it would be translated into
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Bush has come under rising pressure in the past month to adopt a
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Bush's remarks Monday took
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"We have a racing heart,"
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**IOWA (4-8) (16-9) PRESS CONFERENCE**

**Upcoming Home Game:**

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3. Stanford
4. Arizona State
5. Colorado
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7. Wisconsin
8. Michigan State
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10. Kansas State
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13. Missouri
14. Iowa State
15. Virginia
16. Maryland
17. Kansas
18. Wake Forest
19. Georgia Tech
20. Pittsburgh
21. Virginia Tech
22. Texas A&M
23. Texas
24. Notre Dame
25. Louisiana State

**WOMEN'S TOP 25**

1. Tennessee
2. Vanderbilt
3. South Carolina
4. Florida
5. Georgia
6. LSU
7. Texas A&M
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9. Kentucky
10. Alabama
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**IOWA SPORTS**

- Basketball at Waggener Baseball Classic vs. Middle Tennessee State, 2 p.m.
- Women's gymnastics home at Nebraska, noon.
- Women's gymnastics at Missouri, 7 p.m.
- Women's track at Big Ten championship, 10:30 a.m.
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MLB SPRING TRAINING

Bonds' farewell tour begins

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The Baltimore Orioles and Barry Bonds are standing by him. Yes, they are the ones who can't imagine talking about steroids will get old in a hurry. The team refuses to interfere with their spring programs.

"We see it, but it's just something we don't deal with," Eyre said of reading about the story.

"This year, we have a bunch of veteran guys, and we've seen a bunch of stuff in the past, so we go about our business and we do what we've got to do. We go about our day at that," Eyre said.

Alford has already said he expects Bonds to be as feared if not more in the field this year. "We've just done up and swung the bat the last two weeks. Reliever Scott Eyre isn't concerned.

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“They probably got the strongest hands in the league on a group,” he said Monday.

Iowa State (15-8, 7-5 Big 12) has frustrated one opponent after another with its zone, and it will take a seven-game winning streak against Gillispie’s reconstructed team in College Station, Texas, tonight.

In last year’s game, the Cyclones held Kansas to a season low for points in a 62-41 overtime victory in Lawrence. During the winning streak, Iowa State has limited opponents to 50 percent shooting and 61.1 points and forced an average of 18 turnovers.

Gillispie has been giving everybody fits,” Morgan said. “It’s the hands, I think. They challenge you to do things. They challenge your shot attempts. One hand getting in the way. It’s different, and it takes a lot of organization. They’re so active with their hands, it can sure mess up your game. Morgan said, “I think he’s really put a good team together up there. I think he does a lot of the things you can get in the zone.”

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