

SPORTS QUIZ

Who hit the ground ball through Bill Buckner's legs during Game 6 of the 1986 World Series?

See answer on Page 10.

THE GAME ISN'T DEAD

Adversity is nothing new to baseball

I'm sick and tired of hearing the talk that baseball has died.

Contrary to popular belief, baseball is alive and well, ready to reclaim itself as America's Pastime.

Sure the attendance is down, but the American people still are feeling the effects of the Reagan administration, forcing them to put a stranglehold on spending.

And what's all this talk of a reputation-tarnishing labor dispute?

Yes, there was a slight disagreement between management and its work force, and yes the players may have come across as greedy, but it's not as if Karl Marx didn't give fair warning that a strike was upon us.

Complain, complain — that's all you sports fans do. If a so-called "real" fan bothered to read Marx' "Communist Manifesto," last year's season-ending strike wouldn't have been such a surprise.

So I say let's put all this talk of baseball's collapse behind us. It's time to remember all that baseball has given us through the decades, the attributes that made the game so great.

Baseball gave us so much in the 1980s. Who could ever forget Montreal's Tim Lincecum stealing second base first so that he wouldn't break the cocaine vile in his back pocket?

The Supreme Court found the owners guilty of collusion and fined them severely for restricting player salaries around one or two million.

Bastard owners. My personal favorite: 1987. I suppose the players were so insecure with their ability that they had to turn to cheating to enhance their games.

I can't remember the last time I laughed so hard as when Howard Johnson's bat splintered into a thousand pieces to reveal it was corked.

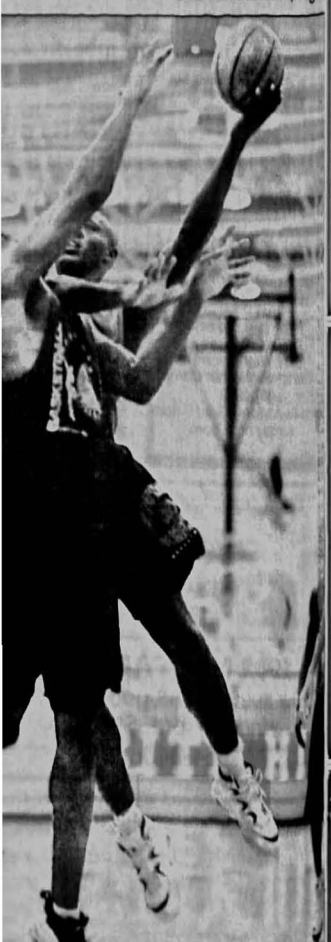
Or wait ... wait, I've got a better one.

Remember when the umpires decided to check the pockets of Twins pitcher Joe Mauer? And instead of just grabbing the concealed emery board in his hand, he threw it across the infield hoping nobody would see it?

Oh, man ... just give me a second to wipe the tears from my eyes — there, that's better.

Let's rewind a bit more, to the 1970s. My personal favorite addition to baseball: the designated hitter.

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ball) will attempt to lead his No. 1 Printing/Imprinted Sports League title this weekend.

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Active Endeavors beat Goodfellow Printing 119-111 Sunday night to capture the Prime Time League championship. See story Page 10.

NewsBriefs

LOCAL

I.C. gunman holds police at bay

Police said they are continuing their investigation of a 59-year-old man who reportedly fired two gunshots in an eastside residence Thursday night and prevented police from entering for nine hours.

The man's relatives reported the shots coming from a home at 3312 E. Washington St., and police said officers secured the area surrounding the residence and contacted the suspect by telephone.

After nine hours, the police said they entered the home, found the suspect sleeping and brought him to UI Hospitals and Clinics for evaluation.

Discharging firearms within the city limits is a misdemeanor, but Sgt. Vicki Lalla said the police had not yet decided whether to file charges.

Police said they will not release the man's name because no charges have been filed yet.

STATE

Former Iraqi prisoner returns to hometown welcome

NEW HAMPTON, Iowa (AP) — Bill Barloon's hometown made sure he has a compass to find his way around.

Two weeks after his release from an Iraqi prison, New Hampton turned its Mikkelsen Park into a welcome-home bash for Barloon, complete with gag gifts.

"The whole time we were in prison in Iraq, we knew we would be freed. We would never go the eight years, we wouldn't go the eight months," Barloon told the crowd of about 200 Sunday. "And it's people like you that kept the prayers going, kept talking about us, kept the press coming to you and you were talking to them, that got us out of there."

Barloon, 38, and David Daliberti, 42 were released July 16 from an Iraqi prison by Iraq President Saddam Hussein.

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READ, THEN RECYCLE

'Hellish' drug wave sweeps U.S.

Richard Cole
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Call it crank, speed, ice or "poor man's coke" — methamphetamine, already the illegal drug of choice in the West, is now spreading across the country.

It's in Wyoming, it's in the Midwest, it's in Atlanta's suburbs, said Thomas Constantine, head of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. He has seen "a tremendous upsurge in methamphetamine traffic."

Signs are everywhere. Of 100 women recently booked into the Minneapolis jail, 75 had methamphetamine traces in their urine. In rural southwest Missouri, 12 meth labs have been raided in the last two years, according to DEA spokeswoman Shirley Armstead.

In 1994, U.S. methamphetamine seizures by dosage were up 88 percent over the previous year. And the dosages were more powerful — purity jumped from 46 percent to 72 percent in only two years.

The spread can also be measured in human wreckage.

In Contra Costa County near San Francisco, methamphetamine is involved in 89 percent of domestic dispute cases, which courts refer to Dr. Alex Stalcup, former medical director of the Haight-Ashbury Free Clinic.

And 63 percent of those cases are scarred by violence, Stalcup said.

"We're sitting in the midst of a tidal wave — it's hellish," he said.

Meth-spawned paranoia — "speed psychosis" — accounts for a major share of a hostage situations in Northern California, Stalcup said.

"I have patients come in with as much as 19 to 20 days of no sleep," Stalcup said. "They are very dan-



Associated Press

A Drug Enforcement Administration agent notes the contents of a clandestine methamphetamine lab July 13, near Brentwood, Calif., east of San Francisco. DEA agents and local police raided the lab early that morning.

gerous, paranoid, talking weapons. Some hold themselves in a house,

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Man drowns in Coralville reservoir

Shawn Cole
The Daily Iowan

A Cedar Rapids man drowned in Coralville Lake Sunday, making his the second death at the local beach in less than three months.

Friends of the drowned man, Charles Dwayne Thomas, 27, said Thomas appeared to be struggling to swim, but they could not reach him in time to offer help, according to a report from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office.

Thomas and his friends were swimming at Sugar Bot-

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The party's pleasin', but pricey

Sara Kennedy
The Daily Iowan

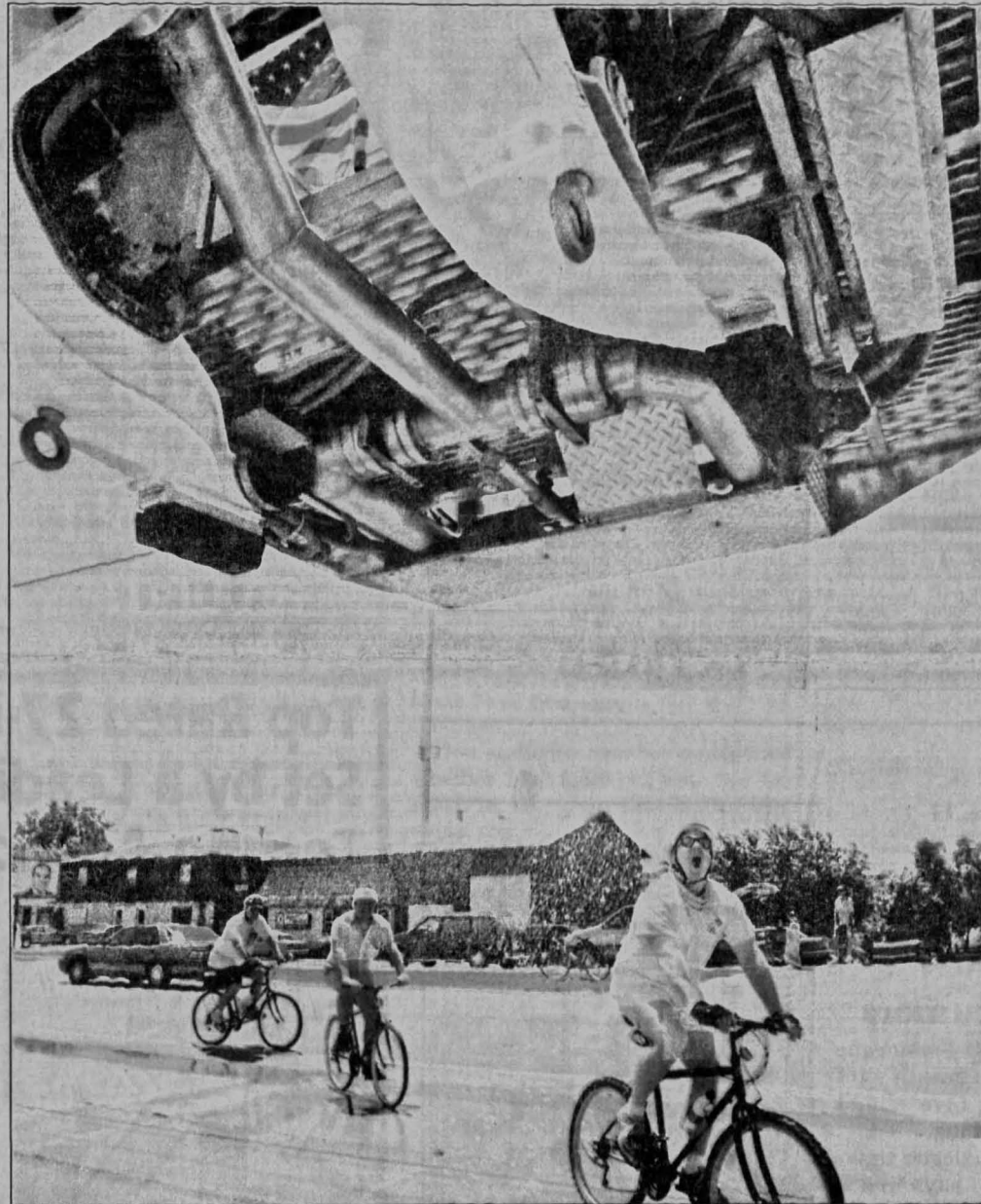
Homemade pie, beer, music, T-shirts — oh yeah, and 10,000 bicyclists — descended on Coralville Friday, almost doubling the town's population and thrilling party-seekers.

After traveling 343 miles in six days, riders on the Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) reached Coralville Friday morning with anything but the next day's 47-mile ride into Muscatine on their minds.

"Catfish, sweet corn, tomatoes, lasagna, pork chops, pancakes," said Jerry Battani of Ankeny, Iowa, listing the food he's eaten during the week. "We try to stop in small towns, because there's more homemade stuff. Everybody's stopping for pie. You just eat, eat, eat."

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RAGBRAI rider Jerry Battani



Carly Delso-Saavedra/The Daily Iowan

A makeshift waterfall was waiting for Friday's RAGBRAI riders, thanks to the Coralville Volunteer Fire Department. While many riders, as well as pedestrians, took advantage of the water, there was one overall exclamation — "Oh, my God! It's so cold!"

Coralville food vendors tried to sustain the binging tradition by providing everything from barbecued ribs, pizza, subs and Chinese food to potato salad, ice cream, funnel cakes and baked beans.

Battani said most of the \$20 he spent each day was for food. He said this was much more than what he spent during his last ride — in 1983. Other than cost increases, though, Battani said the atmosphere hasn't changed over the years.

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the showers cost money. It's become commercialized. In '83, it was churches selling pies and Boy Scouts selling lemonade — now it's Pizza Hut. People know they can make money off it."

Variety also extended into the T-shirt market, with more than 50 different RAGBRAI XXIII shirts available. Styles ranged from a Jim's Journal take-off, which read "I went on RAGBRAI XXIII and had a pretty nice time," to shirts reading "Support Iowa Wild Life," with a drawing of bicyclists beneath it.

Also available were RAGBRAI XXIII tank tops, bike shorts, bowling shirts, sweat-shirts, baseball shirts, polos and bicycling shirts. About four different Coralville RAGBRAI T-shirts accompanied the official "Ride the Tide with Coralville Pride" shirt.

Although the T-shirt and food prices have risen over the years, and RAGBRAI has become a business owner's dream, Yvonne White, a member of Team Skunk, said the riders don't get sucked into the profit-seeking atmosphere.

"It has become a little more commercialized, but with 10-12,000 people, you don't have to be part of the commercialization," she said. "Heading out with the people is the true spirit of RAGBRAI and is what brings people back every year."

Battani agreed bonding with fellow riders makes the grueling ride worthwhile.

"Other years, I'd do a couple days here and there," he said. "But it's not the same if you're not part of it, setting up tents and taking them down, taking showers and suffering in the heat."

"Everybody's happy. It's not really suffering, but by Saturday everybody's ready to get home. It's roughing it for a week. The last night should be a lot of fun, because everybody's glad it's over with."

Due to a recent illness, White decided to act as support instead of a rider on her 11th RAGBRAI so she could still be involved.

"There are people from all across the country who have moved away and come back for RAGBRAI," she said. "There are so many

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PUMFREY DISAGREES WITH EMPLOYEES

I.C. fire chief quits amid labor dispute

Patricia Harris
The Daily Iowan

Iowa City is short one UI president, a women's head basketball coach and now a fire chief.

Iowa City Fire Department Chief Jim Pumfrey resigned after a long dispute over possible additions to firefighter duties on weekends and holidays.

Pumfrey, who had been chief since June 1991, resigned Friday in a letter to Iowa City Manager Steve Atkins. Fire Marshall Andy Rocca will be his temporary replacement. Pumfrey cited disagreements with fellow firefighters about work hours in the letter, which has been his only comment about his departure.

"Over the past few months, the city manager and I have had the opportunity to discuss ongoing labor issues within the department," he wrote in the memo. "I have informed him that, in my opinion, the hours-of-work issue, in particular, was so divisive that I did not believe it was possible to develop a harmonious working team under my tenure as fire chief."

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firefighters to do specific tasks on weekends and holidays, in addition to reporting for duty in anticipation of possible fire calls. Those tasks would have included inspection of buildings and other non-fire call-related responsibilities, Atkins said. The issue had gone to arbitration, and the ruling had been in Pumfrey's favor.

However, Pumfrey's effort cost him in terms of his standing with

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REBEL SERBS RETREAT

Defeated fighters move out of Croatia

Hrvoje Hranjski
Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia (AP) — After a week of defeats by the Croatian army, rebel Serbs in Croatia retreated Sunday and promised not to attack government troops in an effort to prevent attacks on their stronghold.



Associated Press

U.S. Army Ranger Lt. Col. Banky, of Baltimore, Md., prays together with Sarajevo Roman Catholics during an afternoon mass in Sarajevo Cathedral Sunday.

But the Croatian government immediately served notice it wanted top-level negotiations on its own

terms, and suggested war was an option if the Serbs refused.

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PRESIDENT ACCUSED OF COLLECTING CAMPAIGN FUNDS

Clinton linked to Whitewater lease

John Solomon
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — While Arkansas governor, President Clinton resolved a dispute over a state lease by confirming a recommendation to award the contract to his Whitewater business partner over the repeated objections of a state agency.

The president's role, acknowl-



Clinton

ed last week by a Clinton confidant and a former state official, marks the first known instance in which Clinton was involved in a state decision that financially benefited Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan.

Madison was owned by Clinton's Whitewater partner, James McDougal, and subsequently went broke.

Clinton's role in the state lease comes to light as the Whitewater independent counsel is studying an attorney's 1987 memo describing third-hand an allegation that Clinton promised state lease business to McDougal in exchange for a

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Local Interest

DEVON ALEXANDER

College: A plot to keep us from graduating

After four long years (and a summer's worth) of college, I've had some good times and some not-so-good times, but all of my experiences have lead me to believe one thing: College is a conspiracy. It is; I saw the guy on the grassy knoll behind Hillcrest Residence Hall the other day. College is a conspiracy to keep students and their new ideas out of mainstream society.

When I came to college, I thought, "Boy! These people are going to help me get on through college, while I enjoy myself, and then give me a hand easing into the real world."

Yeah, right. Now, you all may not believe me, but how many people do you know who get through college in four years? Not many. In fact, there are so few, the Iowa state Board of Regents decided to pass a law or something, requiring us to finish school sooner.

If you don't, they get more money and we get the shaft. What else is new?

Seriously, though, let's take a look at what I mean. You start school, and at orientation, the university presi-

dent and your adviser tell you how great it is. They're lying.

So you move into a residence hall, with a roommate who the university has scientifically discovered will drive you completely crazy, so you either kill him or her and go to jail — or turn to alcohol or drugs.

As if the crappy living space isn't enough, with all the rules and the Gestapo guard, the university makes us eat in the residence hall cafeteria.

The food is bad enough that it makes students spend their money on real food, depleting their funds early in the year. And with all of the starch and grease on the menu, who thinks the "freshman 15" is a coincidence?

I heard university officials try to make the food worse, so students gain 30 or more pounds and thereby lose motivation to do anything but exercise, which keeps them from studying, and therefore, graduating.

It doesn't really matter if you study or not, because with some of the advisers hired by the university, students are guaranteed to never know which classes they should take toward their major, much less actually get to take them.

But what fun are classes when there is so much else to do? Like going to the res, drinking, going to the res, drinking, playing pinball and drinking?

I happen to know a university researcher developed alcohol as a means of keeping students unmotivated and sickly. Think about it ... a substance impairing students' judgment so much they relieve themselves in public and making them so sick they can't go to class the next day. You can't graduate if you can't go to class.

So what do you do? You go to the Union and charge stuff, and sign up for a credit card at a special student rate. But no college students I know ever have any money, right? So they get jobs.

Most colleges have a deal struck with students' hometowns, making it impossible for them to make a living and remain full-time students. So, students take fewer classes and work more hours to pay for their credit cards.

Ah-ha! Then, when students make a little extra cash, they get excited, because then they can eat real food, drink more booze and live like quasi-human beings. So they "take a semester off," to work full-time.

And the university has them where it wants them — that much further from graduation and a real job. In case that strategy doesn't work, though, (like for students whose parents foot the bill), the university has a back-up plan.

They invented caffeine (another addictive drug), and put it in coffee or

espresso and made it into mocha java or other tasty sensations. They tell students it is good to pay \$3-\$4 a cup for coffee, and teach some of them to open coffee houses.

And students go there and hang out. But it is always too hot, or too cold, or too loud or too full of people you know to get any studying done. So even the students whose parents pay for their tuition get caught in the trap. You can drop out anytime you like, but you can never leave.

And therefore, no new ideas can be developed and disseminated among the general populace, and the university gets money forever, until its "students" are a mass of lifeless suckholes who have nothing to do except go to parties hosted by other students who are at least 10 years younger, and mooch their beer and steal stuff to sell for extra cash.

Wait a second, I forgot my Prozac this morning. OK, that's better. The university is great. I love it here. I never want to leave. Maybe I could get a job at the Union and take one class. I don't want to go into the real world anyway, because it's really the government that is a conspiracy.

Yeah, that's it. By the way, who invented Prozac, anyway?

Quotable...

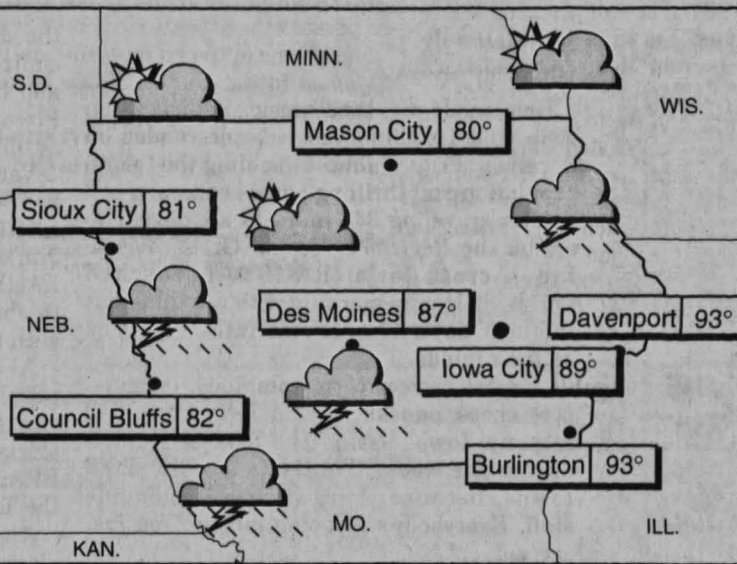
"At certain times, man has to fight against each other and nations against nations and peoples against peoples, but when the war is over they become friends."

71-year-old **Kaoru Hasegawa**, a former kamikaze pilot who came to the United States for apologies and forgiveness

IOWA Weather

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Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



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TODAY

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TONIGHT

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TUESDAY



NEWSMAKERS

Actor Selleck avoids parading political views

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Tom Selleck says it's not easy being a quiet conservative among loud liberals.

The former "Magnum P.I." star says celebrities such as Barbra Streisand should stop grandstanding their liberal views.

"I like Barbra a lot, but she should shut up," Selleck says in the Aug. 5 issue of *TV Guide*.

Selleck, who's coming off a three-year hiatus from his acting career, says he's made a point lately of keeping his conservative views under wraps, yet he finds he's constantly associated with them.

"I have tried since 1980 not to get on my soapbox. And where has it gotten me?" he said. "I've become a bumper sticker. I'm considered the heir to Charlton Heston for the conservative leadership of Hollywood."

Elton John claims personal items not intended for auction

LONDON (AP) — Elton John's trash may be another man's treasure, but he still doesn't want it put up for sale.

Some of the star's old platform shoes, shirts and ties provided by his former housekeepers go on the

block at Bonham's auction house Thursday, along with similar items from John Lennon and Mick Jagger.

A statement issued by John's agent said most of the collection "can only be described as everyday household goods and bric-a-brac," and described the items as "discarded rubbish" or "gifts" that were never intended for sale.

But auction house spokesman, Ted Owens, called John a legend and said, "One person's bric-a-brac is another person's memento."

Billy Joel adds to benefit concert festivities

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — Billy Joel wasn't on the program, but he couldn't resist joining Bonnie Raitt and Don Henley at a benefit concert for senior rhythm and blues musicians.

Joel stepped to the microphone and sang, "I'm in a Newport state of mind" — a variation on his tune "New York State of Mind" — at the Newport Rhythm and Blues Festival.

Saturday's event, which drew about 5,200 people, also featured early blues performers including Ruth Brown, Irma Thomas and Sam Moore of Sam and Dave.

The concert benefited the Rhythm and Blues Foundation which, says Raitt, helps senior blues musicians "while we're all still around to enjoy it."

Former 'SNL' actress denies nervous breakdown rumors

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — Janeane Garofalo says her five-month stint on "Saturday Night Live" didn't exactly leave her laughing.

"It's hard to say dialogue that's not funny," Garofalo says in the Aug. 5 issue of *TV Guide*.

Garofalo was "anxious and depressed" while working on the NBC comedy show, but she says she was never on the verge of a nervous breakdown as was reported.

Hole singer contends buying drugs would be impossible

NEW YORK (AP) — Courtney Love says she couldn't get drugs even if she wanted to.

"Nobody would deal to me. Like if I wanted to do drugs, I couldn't get them, because I'm me, and it's too much of a risk," Love says in the upcoming issue of *Rolling Stone* magazine.

Love — the widow of Nirvana star Kurt Cobain, who committed suicide in April 1994 — tours with her own band, Hole. She was hospitalized for an overdose last month.

"I can be a little naive about saying, like, what my drug usage is because you're supposed to say



Associated Press

Dining out

Actor and restaurateur Sylvester Stallone waves to customers at Planet Hollywood, New York, Saturday. Stallone, having completed filming his new movie, "Assassins," stopped in for lunch.

that you never do anything," she said. "I don't think God necessarily put us here to be sober all the time, but I also don't think he put us here to be junkies."

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UI creates community Internet workshops

Shawn Cole
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From e-mail to telephone directories, the Internet offers amazing opportunities for growing businesses, and UI workshops will guide local businesses onto the information superhighway.

UI librarian Sheila Kreth said the Main Library will offer workshops to Iowa businesses on how to find, access and use the thousands of information sources springing worldwide.

"(Our goal) is to help people find what is actually out there," she said. "The workshops) will introduce what's available — government information like census data, all kinds of stock information and other various kinds of information."

Information is available on virtually any imaginable topic, including the Library of Congress database, weather reports and free on-line articles from *The New York Times*.

The Web is also becoming increasingly commercial. Paul Soderdahl, an information arcade staff member, said an Iowa business could publish a page and receive orders from someone in Italy.

"It's an outlet for letting the public know about the service that business provides," Soderdahl said.

Although help with accessing the Internet has been available to an academic community for years, Kreth said many in the private sector wanted to learn more about it.

The workshops will be conducted by Dave Martin, head of the College of Business Administration library, and Soderdahl.

Although this is a pilot program, Kreth said it will be offered again throughout the year if it is successful. Registration fees, she said, should pay for the UI's workshop costs.

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UI library staff will offer three different workshops: Introduction to the Internet (Aug. 1), publishing World Wide Web pages (Aug. 8 and 9) and accessing business and government resources (Aug. 3). The cost will be \$70 for one workshop, or \$60 each for more than one.



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RAGBRAI at the bar

More than 10,000 RAGBRAI bikers made a stop in Coralville Friday for fun and rest. Some evidently pedaled the extra five miles to the Iowa City bars for more fun than rest.

Harkin blasts GOP Medicare cuts

Shawn Cole
The Daily Iowan

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin visited eastern Iowa on the 30th birthday of Medicare, warning elderly Iowans Congress Republicans are planning a "surprise party" for the program that will hurt thousands of Iowa residents.

"I think senior citizens have got to understand that there is an all-out assault by the GOP to cut Medicare and other programs," he said.

Harkin spoke Saturday at the Senior Issues Conference at the Cedar Rapids Kirkwood Community College campus, cautioning senior citizens that proposed cost reductions would cost Medicare recipients more than \$400 yearly, despite Republican claims Medicare would not be cut.

"Some will say, 'We're not cutting Medicare,'" he said. "Only in D.C. will they say we're not cutting, but you'll have to pay \$427 more per person."

Medicare is one of the most costly social service programs run by the federal government, and a critical part of the debate on whether to roll back the "welfare state."

Iowa would be hit especially hard by Medicare cuts, Harkin said, because of its high proportion of senior citizens — first in the nation for people over 65 and third for people over 65.

Additionally, many Iowa hospitals are very close to bankruptcy, and would be threatened by less Medicare reimbursement, Harkin said.

"Some rural hospitals take 80 percent of their money from Medicare," he said. "If they cut Medicare, they'll close the door on local hospitals in Iowa."

Harkin said those who think Medicare has been a "colossal failure" are wrong, and told the story of his father, who, after working as a coal miner, was forced to travel to Des Moines for charity treatment from

said, referring to a graph showing the \$245 billion cost of proposed tax cuts was just less than the \$270 billion savings from Medicare cuts. Harkin said the Medicare cuts would, in effect, pay for the tax cuts.

He also lambasted the decision to give the Pentagon more B-1 bombers, and said "one senior citizen will pay more for budget deficit reduction than the entire Pentagon."

One way to save money, Harkin said, was to eliminate waste, fraud and abuse.

"(We should) get updated computers to catch double-billing, and require competitive bidding," he said. "A \$20 million computer system could save \$400 million in the first year alone."

Although one audience member said he thought waste and fraud were mainly anecdotal problems, most others seemed to agree with Harkin.

"I was favorably impressed," said Margaret Bradow, a retired Cedar Rapids resident. "His ideas seemed down-to-earth and made good sense."

Bradow and many others said they have always supported Harkin, but the speech managed to impress others who had not.

"I didn't know that (Medicare) was this big an issue," said Walter Huber Sr., a retired Cedar Rapids resident. "I didn't support him (in the last election), but he's a good boy. I could support him in the future."

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Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa

Mercy Hospital.

"I often think, if (my father) had had Medicare, he would have lived longer and the quality of his life would have been much higher," Harkin said. "I think it is a mark of a decent, caring society that we don't dump people who worked hard all their lives and fought our wars on their feet."

One audience member questioned whether \$400 more per year was too much to ask, given that health care costs are rising at 7 percent and Medicare is consuming more and more of the federal budget.

Fairness must be put first, Harkin

Political powerwriter offers glimpse of Washington trend

Shawn Cole
The Daily Iowan

One of America's most influential women shared her insider's view on changes happening in Washington — and how they might affect students — in Cedar Rapids Saturday.

"I think there should be worry about the programs that will be wiped out and gutted, like direct student loans and affirmative action," said Helen Thomas, a White House correspondent for 35 years.

"I profited from affirmative action," she said. "I think every woman did. (Women need it) as long as we have inequality problems that must be faced."

Thomas spoke out on the GOP agenda and dozens of other issues in a speech during a Senior Issues Seminar at the Cedar Rapids Kirkwood Community College campus.

About 400 senior citizens filled the auditorium to hear her present "A Conversation with Helen Thomas," during which she answered questions ranging from why the media is so liberal to who her favorite first lady was.

Thomas went to the White House with John F. Kennedy in 1961 as a United Press International correspondent, and started the tradition of closing press conferences with "thank you, Mr. President."

She was the only newspaper woman to accompany Nixon to China in 1972, became the first female president of the White House Correspondents Association and was named one of the 25 most influential women in the United States by the *World Almanac*.

This was not Thomas' first trip to Iowa — in the 1930s she traveled to Des Moines to attend a national high

school journalism conference.

"I had a wonderful time," she said. "I have fond memories of Iowa, but it was cold as hell."

Her speech covered so many topics that at one point she said, "Miss Know-it-All has come to town."

Thomas said eliminating welfare would be wrong, and criticized past and present politicians who would eliminate social programs.

"In the Reagan era, we interviewed Ed Meese," she said. "He said, 'Poverty is anecdotal — people go to the soup lines because they don't want to pay for lunch.' I don't think we can be a great society when people starve."

Thomas, who has had close relationships with every president since Kennedy, attributed President Bill Clinton's early falterings to inexperience.

"Clinton had a lot to learn, but they all did," she said. "You go on, carry on. We don't elect saints. I think (Clinton) has a side emphasizing the greatness of family, and warning against teenage pregnancy."

The O.J. Simpson trial, she said, hasn't been getting an outrageous amount of media attention.

"I'm hooked (on the Simpson trial)," she said. "We have it on in our little booth at the White House every day. We've all learned about the law."

And to a question about whether a rabbi's allegation that Diane Sawyer was Deep Throat, she said, "Impossible."

(Sawyer) was not in the Oval Office, she didn't have that kind of access," she said. "If I had known who Deep Throat was, I would have published it years ago — the scoop of a lifetime."

LEGAL MATTERS

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Magistrate

Public intoxication — James R. Storm, Chariton, Iowa, fined \$50; Clint C. Price, Cedar Rapids, fined \$50; Mark C. Plettenberg, Brooklyn Park, Minn., fined \$50.

Simple assault — Victor J. Farnstrom, 2502 Bartlett Road, Apt. 1C, fined \$50.

Disorderly conduct — Philip D. Miller, 714 Iowa Ave., fined \$50; Clint C. Price, Cedar Rapids, fined \$50.

The above fines do not include surcharges or court costs.

District

Second-degree theft — Betty A. Wilson, address unknown, preliminary hearing set for Aug. 4 at 2 p.m.

Assault causing injury — Neil C. Berger, 1705 Prairie Du Chien Road, Apt. 10, preliminary hearing set for Aug. 10 at 2 p.m.

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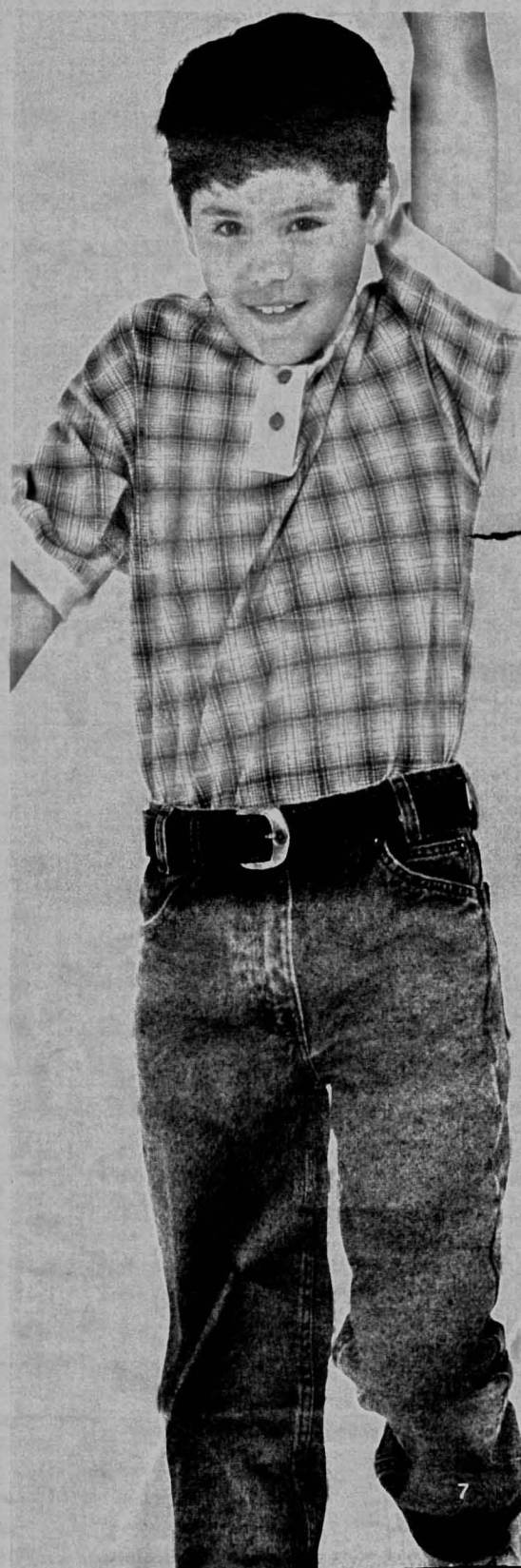
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