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## UI NATIONAL ADVANCED DRIVING SIMULATOR



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Twila Finkelstein of the UI's National Advanced Driving Simulator demonstrates how the program works on June 16 at the Oakdale campus. Hydraulic actuators in the place of wheels reproduce the interactions between road and tires, giving the driver a realistic feeling of being on a variety of surfaces, from pavement to gravel. Finkelstein normally sits in the back of the cab when subjects operate the simulator to monitor their safety.

# Simulator driving ahead

*The UI National Advanced Driving Simulator offers services to major auto companies and NASCAR drivers and may soon be able to get itself out of debt*

BY WESLEY CROPP  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A major accumulation of debt and disorganized leadership plagued the UI National Advanced Driving Simulator — the top of its kind in the world — but program officials say reorganization and new opportunities are knocking on their door.

Since the program's revamping in March, it has been offering its services — at a price — to major motor companies and NASCAR drivers to wipe out the capitalized expenditures that previously drained its funds, new director Karim Abdel-Malek said on June 14.

The facility, which does research for the U.S. Department of Transportation, is responsible for some major changes in cars on the road, Abdel-Malek said. Currently, the UI engineers are studying electronic-stability control systems, which are available in every car in Europe but have yet to hit the United States.

"The systems compare what the driver is asking the vehicle to do with what the vehicle is actually doing," said Omar Ahmad, one of the simulator's top officials. They can apply brakes to individual wheels, which, in some instances, can even cut engine power, he said.

"We are doing research that would lead to the Department of Transportation deciding to send [electronic-stability control] to legislators," Abdel-Malek said. "They may say every car should have it."

"[Electronic-stability control] will be the most significant safety advance since the seat belt," said Garrick Forkenbrock, a research engineer for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "It is expected to save more lives than airbags." He estimates that the technology could save 8,000 lives a year.

Data from studies performed by the national safety organization

indicate that the system could reduce fatal single-vehicle crashes by 30 percent for passenger cars and 63 percent for SUVs, he said.

But despite the simulator's potential, it has been heavily criticized for consuming millions of UI dollars. Abdel-Malek said the university contributed \$11.58 million in cost-sharing for the project, which was largely funded by the federal government.

The program, which began construction in 1998, became fully operational in 2001, Ahmad said.

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# FEMA: No aid

BY DANNY VALENTINE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

No one died in Iowa City as a result of the April 13 tornadoes responsible for displacing residents and businesses, racking up \$12 million in damage, and forcing the UI to cancel classes for the first time in 15 years.

Injuries, at least the physical ones, were at a minimum.

And the total afflicted area, however severe, was only a small percentage of the city.

But these facts contributed to the June 16 decision by the Federal Emergency Management Agency not to provide tornado victims with disaster aid.

"I am disappointed," Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said on Sunday. "It's the kind of thing where the formulas are the formulas, and there is nothing much we can do."



'Hopefully, there is more we can do as a state.'

— Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City

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# City takes aim at street vendors

BY LISA BLUM  
THE DAILY IOWAN

On any given night in downtown Iowa City, it's not uncommon to get a whiff of gyros cooking in the fresh summer air or to hear the sound of grease sizzling on a hot grill — but should an Iowa City Council proposal come to fruition, some of these familiar smells and sounds could soon disappear.

An amendment to a city ordinance, approved at the June 13 council meeting, stipulates that individuals cannot park on city streets for more than 10 minutes and engage in commercial activity. The council needs to vote twice more for the ordinance to go into effect.



Bailey  
councilor



Vanderhoef  
councilor

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# LONG UI TIES TO ISLAND AREA

BY BRYCE BAUER  
THE DAILY IOWAN

In 1902, then-UI Museum of Natural History Curator Charles Nutting set out to document and collect specimens on the Hawaiian Islands for a UI exhibit to promote the area's protection.

One hundred four years later, after the advent of the airplane, the fall of the Soviet Union, and the tenure of 18 university presidents, protection for the marine ecosystems that surround and support the island finally came. On June 15, President Bush decided to create the "Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Monument."

"Our duty is to use the land and seas wisely — or sometimes not use them at all," the president said during a press conference prior to the proclamation's



Melanie Patterson/The Daily Iowan

Paintings and stuffed birds abound in the Laysan Island cyclorama in the UI's Museum of Natural History in Macbride Hall on Sunday afternoon. President Bush recently declared the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands a protected area.

signing. "Good stewardship of the environment is not just a personal responsibility, it is a public value."

While Laysan Island has been a federal bird refuge since 1909, Bush's nearly 140,000-square-mile monument works to protect the Laysan and other islands and natural flora and fauna in the area by banning the extraction of all living and non-living resources, phasing out fishing, and prohibiting the introduction of nonnative species, among other limits.

Following Nutting's original expedition, which was part of an overall U.S. government-sponsored excursion, the UI sent researchers to the island two other times, in 1911 and 1912. Those scientists collected myriad specimens to create the Laysan Island cyclorama, which, built in 1914, is the only remaining display of its kind in the United States. The cyclorama — which can be

viewed at the Museum of Natural History, located in Macbride Hall — is an attempt to re-create for the public the lush tropical visages the explorers discovered and described vividly in their notes.

"White coral sand covers almost the whole island. The glare is exceeding[ly] trying to the eyes, and the heat would be oppressive to one who found time to think of it," Nutting wrote in 1903. "Birds are everywhere and so tame that they actually have to be shoved aside with the foot."

Researchers on the initial expedition estimated 6 million to 8 million birds lived on the island, although they admitted such a number was "little better than guesswork."

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# Workshop aims at young writers

BY MATT SNYDERS  
THE DAILY IOWAN

"There are three rules for writing a novel," English author W. Somerset Maugham once observed. "Unfortunately, no one knows what they are."

While there may be no secret formula or comprehensive equation for writing a great piece of literature, the prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop is hoping to provide a solid foundation of skills for aspiring authors during its Iowa Young Writers' Studio, which will begin today and runs through July 1.

Geared toward high-school students, the two-week session includes reading seminars and writing workshops designed to hone students' skills in one of three areas: poetry, fiction, and creative writing.

Stephen Lovely, the director of the Young Writers' Studio, said the program has seen increasing popularity since its conception six years ago.

"When it started in the summer of 2000, it had only one session," he said. "It became more well-known and has had two sessions since 2003." He added the current session includes 60 students, 24 boys and 36 girls.

Class sizes are kept small — generally 12 or fewer students — for the purpose of creating an intimate setting conducive to the exchange of ideas. Daily workshops, in which students put their pieces up for group discussion, remain a cornerstone of the program.

"Students participate in two hours of seminar and two hours of workshoping, each day," Lovely said. "In seminars, the students read published work

and discuss what makes it work. In the workshops, students read each other's work and offer constructive criticism."

Aspiring writers from all over the country have made the pilgrimage to the UI campus, including Brooklyn, N.Y., natives Matt Candal and Nick Foretek.

"The goal is to become a better writer," Foretek, 17, said. "And it's a fun environment, being here with others who enjoy writing."

Foretek and Candal, both accepted into the program after submitting writing samples and letters of intent, along with high-school transcripts, are entering their senior years in high school. While unsure about their collegiate futures, they plan on staying involved in writing.

"Probably English or creative

writing," Foretek said, referring to his likely choice of major.

Counselor-teacher Vinnie Wilhelm, a Writers' Workshop graduate and self-described "professional writer-slash-hobo," has seen a few changes in the program in his four years on the job.

"The kids keep getting smarter every year," said Wilhelm, whose short stories have been published in various literary publications. "This happens as the program gets better known. I mean, these kids are much more intelligent than I am. Which makes my job awesome, because it's fun to work with them."

The second session of the Iowa Young Writers' Studio will begin July 9 and run through July 23.

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## KNOWING THE ROPES



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North Liberty resident Esther Toth jumps rope to warm up for Wes Fairchild's Cardio Kick class at Core Fitness on Sunday evening. She says she has been to many gyms around the Iowa City area, and the classes at Core Fitness are her favorite.

# Man survives dam trip

BY LEAH DORZWEILER  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Jonathan Fasselius stepped onto the Burlington Street bridge early Friday morning expecting to meet a friend and catch a cab home. Instead, he found himself plummeting into the Iowa River when he overlooked the divide separating the east- and westbound bridges.

Fasselius, 23, said he walked about halfway up the eastbound side of the bridge, where he had planned to meet a friend. Failing to find her, he decided to cross to the other side. What he didn't notice in the darkness, however, was the 3- to 4-foot gap separating the two sides.

"I thought I was just hopping over the median," he said. "I was completely blank until I hit the water."

When he resurfaced, Fasselius thrashed his way to a bridge support beam approximately 5 feet

away.

"I grabbed onto the support and started yelling for help, but I realized that was stupid, because probably no one was nearby," he said.

At that point, Fasselius determined his best option was to make it to shore on his own — despite not knowing how to swim.

"I figured out pretty fast that it was useless to fight the current, so I rolled onto my back and tried to float."

With his ears under the water, he couldn't hear the roar of the dam as he floated downstream.

"When I got to the dam, I dove with the current and swam under the water as hard as I could," he said. "I thought for sure I was drowning and going to die."

Meanwhile, Fasselius' friend, Kimberly Fensterbusch, was waiting at the bridge when she

heard a splash below.

"I heard someone screaming and saw this guy waving his hands around, going closer to the dam," she said.

A power plant fence prevented Fensterbusch from reaching the water, she said, so she flagged down a car to call 911 — all the while not realizing the man she thought had committed suicide was, in fact, her friend.

Fasselius, relatively unscathed, despite tumbling over the dam and resurfacing downstream, was trying to keep calm as he continued floating. He eventually reached the shore in under 100 yards, he said. Upon landfall, Fasselius, limping and bruised, followed some train tracks approximately 5 miles to his Coralville home. After arriving at his condo at 5:30 a.m., he called Fensterbusch to explain his absence.

"She started telling this story of a person who had committed suicide off the bridge and how all the police were there searching for him," Fasselius said. "I thought, 'Oh my God' and called the police right away."

The police were skeptical he was the person who'd fallen off the bridge, Fasselius said, unable to believe he would have survived. When detectives arrived at his condo at about 6 a.m., he had to show them his soaking, torn clothes, which reeked of river water.

Fasselius admitted to drinking several hours earlier but said he was not intoxicated when he got to the bridge.

"If I were able to swim, I probably would have exhausted my energy and drowned," he said. "You don't survive something like that — I don't know how I did."

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## METRO

### Body found in Iowa River

Authorities recovered a body from the Iowa River early Sunday afternoon, according to the Johnson

County Sheriff's Office.

Officials were called to the scene at 2:15 p.m. after the man's body was discovered in the river near the Coralville Reservoir at the Jolly Rogers Campground, 1815 Scales

Bend Road. Agencies involved included the Sheriff's Office, the North Liberty Police and Fire Departments, and the Johnson County Ambulance Department.

Officials are withholding the

man's name until family members are notified. The Johnson County medical examiner is expected to perform an autopsy to determine the exact cause of death.

— by Matt Snyder

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Christie Banks**, 27, 16 Coneflower Court, was charged June 17 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Angel Barillas**, 19, 2018 Waterfront Drive Apt. 55, was charged June 16 with driving with a revoked license and interference with official acts.

**Katelyn Byron**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Herbert Coleman**, 39, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. C1, was charged June 14 with domestic assault with

serious/aggravated injury.

**Jeffrey Finnegan**, 24, 1409 Yewell St., was charged June 17 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Yuhuncia House**, 25, 2250 Taylor Drive, was charged June 12 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Debra Johnson**, 23, address unknown, was charged June 16 with criminal trespass, public intoxication, and interference with official acts.

**Steven Leighton**, 56, 747 Scott Park

Drive, was charged June 16 with OWI.

**William Maher**, 58, 117 W. Third St. Apt. 701, was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Shameeka Matthews**, 24, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged Sunday with OWI.

**Warren McDuffie**, 22, 2254 Black Diamond Road S.W., was charged June 16 with public intoxication.

**Michael Ohl**, 48, 1259 Shannon Drive Apt. 215, was charged June 17 with

urinating in public.

**Alexis Omid**, 23, 189 Glenn Drive, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Daminaka Pearson**, 22, Coralville, was charged with assault causing injury.

**Cody Ruess**, 20, 7 Gryn Court, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

**Jennifer Wilson**, 22, 921 N. Dodge St., was charged June 15 with assault causing injury.

**Renee Woolison**, 29, Cedar Rapids, was charged June 17 with OWI.

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# Worse than triple bogey

Lightning continues to be golf's worst hazard



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Lightning strikes during a thunderstorm over Iowa City on April 23, 2000.

BY JENNIFER SELL  
THE DAILY IOWAN

This past weekend, hacks, scratch players, and many in between spent the majority of Father's Day on the golf course. And indeed, the hot summer sun proved enough to make many forget that at anytime, with little or no notice, severe thunderstorms — and the accompanying lightning that so haunts golfers — can strike. Coinciding with the tribute to dads across the land is the commencement of the National Weather Service's Lightning Safety Awareness week, which runs through June 24. Educating people on how to keep safe during a thunderstorm is the most important step in helping to save lives, according to service's website.

As National Weather Service meteorologist Craig Cogil pointed out, the advice could prove vital. Each year, lightning kills approximately 125 people in the United States, he said.

Gary Louvar, the head golf pro for the Cedar Rapids Golf Department, has been working for golf courses in the area since 1990. He can recall only one lightning-related death during his tenure, which occurred outside the Airport National Public Golf Complex in 2005.

Because golfers are especially at risk, area courses often employ special measures to warn players of inclement weather. Pleasant Valley Golf Course, 4390 Sand Road S.E., has rangers to corral golfers when lightning is spotted. Ellis Golf Course in Cedar Rapids blows a horn three times when bolts loom on the horizon.

"Golfers can play in the rain, but once lightning is spotted, they have to come inside," said Santosh Palreddy, a Pleasant Valley pro-shop attendant.

Yet warning signals aren't always feasible — or even possible.

"Golfers may be out on the

## FAST FACTS ON LIGHTNING

- Americans are twice as likely to die from being hit by lightning than by a tornado.
- 70 percent of people struck will have long-term serious effects.
- 70 percent of lightning injuries and deaths happen in the afternoon.
- 85 percent of lightning victims are men between the ages of 10-35 who are outdoors.
- Many survivors of lightning strikes report their hair stood straight up, and they got a metallic taste in their mouth right before they were struck.
- Each year, there are more than 10,000 forest fires started by lightning.

sixth or seventh hole and see lightning, while the pros are unable to see it from the clubhouse," Louvar said.

According to the National Weather Service, victims do not carry an electrical charge, and despite popular myth, lightning can strike the same place twice.

Cardiac arrest is attributed to the majority of lightning-related deaths. In addition, physical and mental pain — including memory loss, nerve damage, and minor burns — can occur.

"The first thing to do is check if they need CPR," said Ron Stutzman, the Iowa City Fire Department Battalion Chief.

Those struck are usually treated as severe-burn victims and usually are inspected for possible damage to internal organs.

Experts say many safety precautions need to take place when a storm is spotted.

"Always stay away from windows and crouch low to the ground," Cogil advised.

Sometimes, however, people are not even safe indoors; a co-worker of Cogil's was struck by lightning in the office last year.

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# Prickly problems for Fed

BY JEANNINE AVERSA  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Four months into the job and the honeymoon is over for Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke. The stock market is gyrating. Inflation is picking up. Economic growth is slowing down.

It's an unsettling picture for Alan Greenspan's successor.

Bernanke has made it clear that his biggest concern at the moment is making sure inflation does not spread through the economy. The main remedy is raising interest rates.

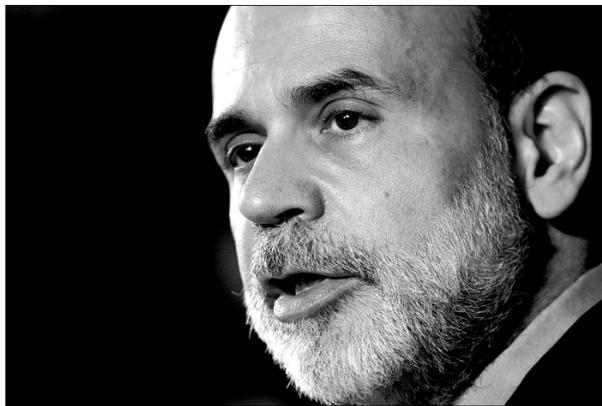
Yet, that also is Bernanke's conundrum: How high can raise rates go before they slow an economy that already is showing signs of lethargy?

"In the eyes of many, Bernanke will truly earn his stripes as Greenspan's successor if he can tame inflation and avoid a recession," said Greg McBride, a senior financial analyst at Bankrate.com.

When Bernanke took over the Fed on Feb. 1, the economy was motoring ahead. Inflation, outside a burst in energy prices, was fairly well-behaved. The Dow Jones industrials average was drifting upward, breaking the 11,000-mark in the middle of February; by early May, an all-time high was in reach.

Then the market skidded in early June, spooked by Bernanke's tough talk on inflation and the specter of higher interest rates.

Bernanke is a respected economist who spent most of his professional life in academia. Greenspan was a seasoned economic consultant who gained near legendary status as the central bank's chairman for 18½ years, and he evolved into a cultural figure during his



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Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke speaks at Texas' Fifth Regional Issues Conference at the Library of Congress in Washington on June 13.

tenure.

Greenspan and his predecessor, Paul Volcker, also faced daunting challenges early on in their jobs at the Fed.

"It seems to be the modus operandi for a new Fed chief. As soon as the new Fed chairman sits down in his chair, then the markets deal him a whole bunch of crazy things," said Richard Yamarone, an economist at Argus Research.

After just two months at the helm, Greenspan confronted his first major crisis: The stock market dropped 508 points on Oct. 19, 1987. The biggest one-day loss since the Great Depression shocked financial markets at home and abroad.

Greenspan nimbly handled "Black Monday." He quickly reassured Wall Street that the Fed would supply all the credit necessary to keep the nation's financial system functioning.

For investors, his calming public response helped bolster the markets' faith in the new chairman and ease fears he would be a political hack because of his close ties to

Washington's establishment.

Behind closed doors, Greenspan was more frank.

"I think we're playing it on a day-to-day basis. And in a crisis environment," he said in an emergency conference call with his Fed colleagues, one day after the crash. "I suspect we shouldn't really focus on longer-term policy questions until we get beyond this immediate period of chaos."

When Volcker took office in August 1979, he had to contend with crippling inflation in the double digits. For all of 1979, consumer prices spiked

by 13.3 percent. The economy, meanwhile, was losing steam.

It was eight days into his tenure that Volcker fretted to bank colleagues at a private meeting about the "crisis of credibility" the Fed faced with investors and the public.

He also worried that people would fear that inflation would only get worse. "We can't ignore the psychological problem that we have at the moment," Volcker said. The Fed, he said, needed to earn the confidence of investors and the public. "We haven't got a helluva lot of time," Volcker warned, worried about the economy slipping into recession.

Volcker is credited with eventually breaking the back of inflation by raising interest rates to levels unseen since the Civil War. But the strategy came with a price: two recessions in the early 1980s and the nation's monthly unemployment rate topped 10 percent.

Stung by economic malaise, President Jimmy Carter lost his re-election bid to Republican Ronald Reagan.

Both Volcker and Greenspan, who saw inflation creeping up when he came to office, understood the importance of getting inflation under control.



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### EDITORIAL

## Standardized tests wrong answer for teachers

Under the current administration in Washington, public education in the United States has been forced to conform to certain regulations. Key to this approach is the prevalent stress on using standardized tests to determine student progress. To ensure compliance with the No Child Left Behind Act, new Iowa elementary-school teachers will be forced to take a standardized test to receive their teaching licenses. This is a misguided policy that reveals how completely absurd current public-education reform has become.

Iowa was informed last month by the U.S. Department of Education that it faced withdrawal of education funding unless the test was implemented. Iowa Department of Education Director Judy Jeffrey, fearful of such a result, signed off on the test. She had no choice: A lack of federal money would decimate the state's public education.

Ironically, Iowa already has a far more rigorous teacher-qualification process. The current program includes evaluations in content knowledge, classroom management, lesson planning, and parent-teacher interaction. But because the plan did not include a standardized test, such as the forthcoming Praxis II, federal officials deemed Iowa to be not in compliance with No Child Left Behind regulations. Thankfully, this multifaceted and innovative approach will continue. It would be a true shame if truly responsible teacher-qualification requisites were scrapped for a bubble sheet.

American public education is a mess. Huge gaps remain between

suburban and inner-city and rural school districts. Similarly, deficiencies in the system are reflected along class lines and when comparing whites with minorities. But a test is not going to ensure that this state, or this country, of teachers qualified to eliminate those gaps. The emphasis on standardized tests completely ignores the larger picture and puts ultimate faith in the ability of pencil erasers to completely remove smudges from potentially incorrect answers. It would be hard to construct a better joke of a system.

Sadly, real solutions must wait for the future. Ideas, such as teacher performance-based pay, which this Editorial Board endorsed ("A positive proposal on teacher pay," Feb. 27), herald a more intelligent approach to tweaking public education. But regulating and standardizing the guardians of our children's developing minds is a farce and one destined only to produce standardized and conformist individuals. A greater tragedy is hard to imagine.

Standardized tests do not, and will never, indicate the competence of an individual, whether student or teacher. They merely reflect how well one has been prepped and not actual intellect. The ability to retain random factoids does not demonstrate the ability to handle a classroom of children or reflect a level of maturity and leadership necessary to guide children toward a promising future. The ability to engage and enrich young minds is not found in Scantron test results. This Editorial Board wishes our policymakers would realize this truth.

### LETTERS

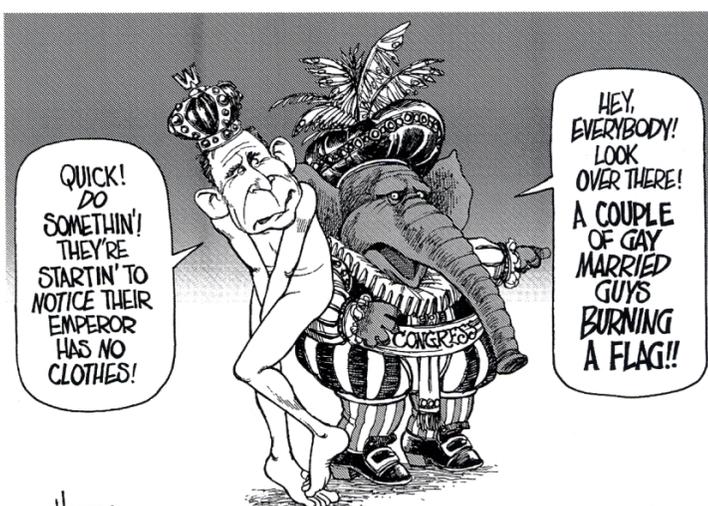
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### Consequences of car-seat law

I am writing in response to the article on the rate of compliance with the state's car-seat laws. As the mother of a child who has just graduated from her infant car seat to a toddler seat, I feel compelled to point out an issue that your article missed and that few people seem to think about. Your article implied in the first few sentences that parents may not put their children into car seats because their kids get fussy, which makes light of the serious difficulty faced by parents who, like myself, do not own cars or choose not to drive everywhere. There are many parents in Iowa who, for reasons related to disability, finance or personal choice, do not drive cars.

When my daughter was in an infant car seat, that was no problem, because her car seat fit neatly into her stroller. However, now that she is in a toddler seat, I have not found anything like that for her. It is impossible for me to bring a toddler seat with me everywhere my daughter and I go, and the car-seat laws make it unlawful for me to take a cab or get a ride home from a friend if I don't have her toddler seat with me.

While I am very conscientious about buckling my daughter into her safety seat, I think it's absolutely outrageous that the state has decided to pass a law making it illegal for me and my daughter to accept a ride home from a friend or to take a cab.



These laws intended to protect children from harm in the event of an accident make parenting while poor or disabled much more difficult and potentially criminal. More attention needs to be paid to addressing these unintended consequences of these well-intentioned statutes.

Phoebe Ball  
Law, Health Policy, & Disability Center program associate

### Defining 'experience'

It was with great humor that I read the June 15 article about the county-attorney

race (Full disclosure: I voted for Janet Lyness). Nick Maybanks' comments seemed to me to be one of the biggest cases of "sour grapes" that I have ever seen.

Maybanks' post-election criticisms seem to boil down to "I don't like what she said about me." At no point does he actually argue Lyness' statements were factually untrue. Instead, he says statements on Lyness' campaign materials were "simplistic." Well, from the perspective of a non-lawyer, either you've prosecuted a felony case as the lead attorney, or you haven't. Either you

have been directly in charge of supervising less-senior attorneys, or you haven't. Either you do have actual professional experience with civil cases, or you don't.

I'm a medical student still in school. Just because I participated on the anesthesia team for heart-bypass surgery during medical school doesn't mean that I can put on my résumé that I have "professional experience in cardiac anesthesia." Similarly, briefs or materials that one constructs as a law student or as a legal intern don't count as professional experience.

To be balanced, Maybanks ran an vibrant campaign. I was impressed by his publicity and his efforts to get out and to be visible in the community. I personally witnessed him canvassing my neighborhood on foot and participating in the UI RiverRun. Immersion and participation in the county's events and community, at all levels (not just political functions), is an important part of the county attorney's job. But community enthusiasm does not qualify one for the job.

Maybanks' comments further re-enforce the results of the election. I, and many others, it seems, felt that Maybanks was not yet ready for the job. I congratulate Lyness on her win and wish her good luck come November and beyond.

Nicholas Ettinger  
UI medical/Ph.D. student

### COMMENTARY

## Bush's Plan B: Tell Iraq to make a plan

Finally! The Bush administration has a plan for Iraq. A new one, I mean. The old plan — accept flowers from grateful Iraqis, locate weapons of mass destruction, create democracy and the rule of law, depart in five months — had definite appeal, but it didn't work out.

The new plan is that we're going to get the Iraqis to come up with a plan. That's why the president paid a surprise visit to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki this week. Bush dropped in on Baghdad's Green Zone unannounced, giving al-Maliki only five minutes' notice of his arrival.

As the president explained: "One reason I went to Iraq yesterday, no matter how secretive the trip was, was to get a firsthand feel for how those people are thinking over there ... I understand leadership ... You've got to have a plan. And that's what I found in Iraq."

In fact, he found that the Iraqis have a "plan to succeed," "a robust plan," and "a plan to improve security." They also have a "plan to bring militias and other armed groups under government control," a "plan ... to improve the Iraqi judicial system," "a plan to revitalize the Iraqi economy," and "plans on electricity and energy."

The president may have mentioned other nifty Iraqi plans too, but after I got past 20 references to the word "plan" in the transcript of Bush's post-Baghdad news conference, I lost count.

But let's not get distracted. The bottom line, for you doubters, is that Bush

really does have a new Iraq plan. It consists of making it "clear to the government there that ... it's really up to them to put a plan in place and execute it."

Now is that a plan or what? The Republican congressional leadership also has an Iraq plan. In a confidential (oops!) memo, for instance, House Majority Leader John Boehner instructed Republicans planning this week's floor debates on Iraq to ... change the subject.

It's "imperative" to shift the focus to "the dangers we face as a nation in a post-9/11 world," Boehner's memo advised.

The House Republican plan to change the subject and blame the Democrats is almost as good as the Bush plan to get the Iraqis to come up with an Iraq plan. After all, Sun Tzu famously said, "All warfare is deception" and "divert and distract" is a tried-and-true method of warfare. They don't call the Republicans the national-security party for nothing!

What's that? Diversion and distraction tactics are supposed to be used against the enemy on the battlefield, not against the American electorate? Hey, whose side are you on here?

If Bush were really serious about helping the Iraqis determine their own destiny, he would do what his critics have long urged: Develop a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. troops.

Now, that would be a plan.

Excerpted from a commentary by Rosa Brooks that appeared in the *Los Angeles Times* on June 16.

### ON THE SPOT

Should teachers have to take a standardized test to receive their teaching licenses?



"If students have to take them, teachers should too."

Shawn Meade  
UI alum



"Yes, to create some sort of national uniform-hiring practice."

Renee Russell  
Iowa City resident



"It's the government stepping in where it's not needed ... Iowa has high standards."

Christian McConn  
Iowa City resident



"If the test is required to keep federal funding, you do what you have to do."

Eric Paulus  
UI junior

# Remembering Grandpa on Father's Day

So, how did you spend your Father's Day?

I spent mine approximately 280 miles away from my actual father, who lives in my hometown of Muscatine. Nothing against him, but I ended up going with my mom to visit my grandma in Minneapolis. My grandfather died the previous Christmas, and this was to be the first real visit since his funeral.

Ironically for my mom, it would fall on Father's Day weekend.

My mother's father wasn't perfect. I've yet to meet a perfect parent or grandparent, and though I'm certain there were parents who were closer to perfect than he was, there must have been just as many who were less perfect.

My grandfather's holiday departure, however, did something that no other event had ever been able to accomplish; all of my grandparents' children were able to be together for the holiday — a feat unaccomplished since the early '70s.

Not that my grandpa would have ever been one to look to the silver lining. He was a serious, quiet man (although he could make his voice quite LOUD at times) who grew up in a relatively poor household in South Sioux City, Neb., during the Depression, sometimes working two or three jobs at a time while still attending school.

He joined the Merchant Marines upon his high-school graduation and worked in the engine rooms on the Liberty ships that transported war supplies to Europe in the latter stages of World War II. At least one of the ships he was on sank, and there were some tense moments for him paddling in the middle of the Atlantic before he was picked up by other ships in the convoy. Grandpa didn't talk about it that much, but being the inquisitive (and innocent) child that I was, it took me until I was a teenager to realize he was not always interested in talking about those times, but in my younger years, I had no problem asking him about his days as a sailor.

After the war ended, he moved back to South Sioux City and started working for a trucking company. He met my grandma during this time, and they were married in 1948. He worked in management, and after transferring to Omaha, he and my grandmother started having kids. First came Melinda in 1950, then Karen (my mother), Tom, Amy, and finally, John in 1972.

By the time my mom had the first grandchild (me) in 1983, my grandparents were living in Fridley, Minn., and Grandpa was selling industrial and commercial real estate. I was able to see him probably twice a year, which made each visit seem even more special. Some of my favorite memories of Minnesota were hanging out on the deck with him, grilling brats.

Coming back to Minnesota will always remind me of certain things about Grandpa. Long car rides with him were pretty memorable; he always seemed to know the quickest way to get to anywhere. But, as anyone in my family can attest to, long car trips often started out with a 5 a.m. wake-up call, which was agony at the time. However, as I've grown up and started going on those trips myself, getting an early start seems like a pretty good idea.

Now that he's gone, it definitely seems odd to be sitting in what used to be "his" house, trying to type a bunch of words that can't possibly do justice. My grandpa wasn't always the best father or grandfather, and, as any human, he made mistakes. But growing up with him like I did and experiencing his death as an adult helped me remember all the good times I had with him. He was always my grandpa, with the special quirks and eccentricities of a generation that millions of grandchildren like me were able to experience. ■



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## CALENDAR-WORTHY

**A Beautiful Man**, by Joe Jennison. Pride Festival, 10 S. Gilbert St., \$10.

## ARTS &amp; CULTURE

# L'Enfant makes realism look like child's play

*In writer/directors Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardennes' newest film, L'Enfant, Bruno, a small-time thug, decides to sell newborn son Jimmy on the black market. Winner of the Palme d'Or at the 2005 Cannes Film Festival, the drama is constructed with enough hand-held realism to make you thankful your dad was never this hard up for cash.*



## FILM REVIEW

by Soheil Rezayazdi

### L'Enfant

**When:**

7 p.m., today

**Where:**

Bijou

★★★½ out of ★★★★★

Most films that strive for realism end up on the exact opposite end of the spectrum — as a transparent, highly constructed work from a director desperate to be renowned for his quirky, true-to-life narratives. Simply, these are the films that try too hard.

Set apart from that pack is *L'Enfant*, a drama so effortless and convincing in its realism that it seems unadorned, as if the filmmakers merely took out their cameras and started filming in silence. The film takes its rather unbelievable premise — that a selfish, impoverished man would sell

his newborn baby to a black-market adoption agency without consulting the child's mother — and renders it utterly believable and captivating through its slow, digressive pace, understated performances, and unobtrusive visual style.

This man is Bruno (Jérémy Renier), a small-scale crook apathetic about his girlfriend (Déborah François) Sonia's newborn son, Jimmy. The first time we see Bruno and Jimmy alone, for example, Bruno uses the baby as a prop to attract pedestrians while he panhandles. After hearing from a fellow delinquent that children are a hot item on the black market, Bruno — without any cues given to the viewer — abruptly decides to go through with the plan the following day.

The bulk of the film consists of a string of nightmarish events that happen to Bruno as a result.

A simple yet powerful morality tale, *L'Enfant's* realism is its primary attraction. For many films, real equals gritty; real equals trembling camera-work, constant profanity, gore, and exhibitionistic long takes. *L'Enfant*, by mostly avoiding these quasi-realist clichés, is often dull and inexplicable — yet enthralling for a viewer with adequate patience.



Publicity photo

**Bruno (Jérémy Renier) calculates the street value of his son, as the child's mother, Sonia (Déborah François), nuzzles unknowingly.**

In one of the film's many lengthy interludes, the camera fixes on Bruno as he muddies his shoes and jump-kicks a brick wall, leaving a stamp of his brown footprints. He does this several times, and we're left only to watch in confusion. Where ruthless editors would trim such moments of excess,

writer/directors Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne revel in them. Far from self-indulgent, these digressions give the film a strong sense of authenticity, while offering insight into Bruno's trivial, childlike existence. His brick-wall antics and other moments of downtime (in another scene,

he amuses himself with a metal rod for far longer than you can imagine) show him to be a man who runs from responsibility only to go drink, sell stolen goods, splurge what little money he has, and idly play by a river.

Renier plays Bruno as a plausible, not entirely evil,

jerk, particularly during these narrative lulls. With each unrelenting shot of Bruno as he waits for phone calls or his child to be taken, a lesser film would have had him burst into tears with Oscar-baiting histrionics. Instead, he just stares, his face an empty vessel. The film's lack of music, in addition, complements his cold, expressionless gaze. In the few instances where any sort of emotion pierces through Bruno's exterior, we're never sure if he's sincere or if he's just upping his lying, manipulative ante. Even in the film's raw final image, the tears remain shrouded in a haunting, tantalizing ambiguity.

Shot with a handheld but altogether steady camera and naturalistic but not poor lighting, *L'Enfant's* visual scheme differs from similar stripped-down works, such as those from the Dogma 95 movement. Where those films draw attention to their tarnished, unconventional visuals, *L'Enfant's* style and verisimilitude are not tricks from the filmmakers to grab your attention. Instead, the film's blank-slate aesthetic serves only to further Bruno and Sonia's story, not the Dardennes' careers.

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## Dixie shunning Chicks

*Some venues for the group's upcoming tour are reporting slow sales, possibly because of political fallout*

BY GEOFF BOUCHER AND RANDY LEWIS  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The members of the Dixie Chicks will continue their struggle to figure out where their own Mason-Dixon Line lies on a map of America's arenas.

The reason is that ticket sales for their upcoming road run, the Accidents & Accusations Tour, have not as gone as expected; in many Southern states and Midwest markets, the group has not been forgiven for perceived political sins of the past. Industry watchers say some radio stations are extending their boycott of the group's recordings to include advertising bans for Dixie Chick concerts.

"Obviously, there are political overtones to this as well," says Gary Bongiovanni, editor of

'The tour is not being postponed or canceled at all.'

— **Kathy Best**,  
group spokeswoman

*Pollstar*, the concert industry's trade publication. "It personally bothers me when I hear that two country stations in Atlanta have refused to accept advertising for the show at Philips Arena, which, at this point, is not selling well. These shows are in September, so I think it's a little early to be panicking."

There are two major country-music stations in Atlanta, Kicks 101.5 and Eagle 106.7, and airplay statistics show that neither has played a Chicks song since 2003, when singer Natalie Maines fired

the insult heard 'round the world at President Bush from a stage in England.

The Dixie Chick members don't appear to be losing their heads, but they are recalibrating their Accidents & Accusations Tour. "The tour is not being postponed or canceled at all," said group spokeswoman Kathy Best. "There is a reshuffling of dates ... There will be some cancellations, due to rerouting and additional dates being added."

It's not as simple as avoiding cities with a Southern accent; the new music by the Chicks has been yanked in Miami and Salt Lake City.

"In the first two weeks, their new album has sold 800,000 copies, and it's a No. 1 record, so you know there's an audience for the Dixie Chicks," Bongiovanni said.

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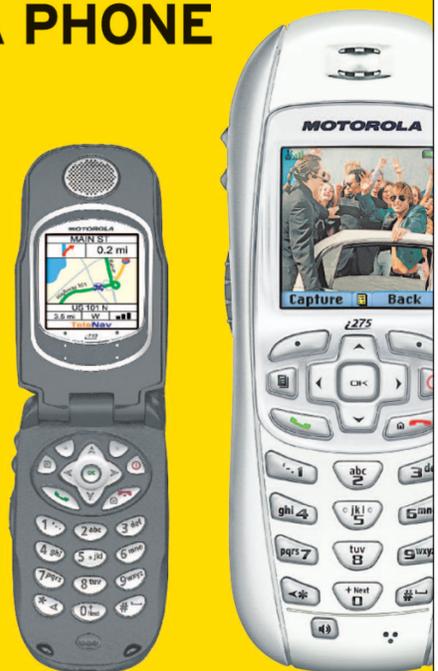
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— James Mulva, the chairman of ConocoPhillips Co.

## the ledge

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

- My personal record for pissing people off is six in five minutes.
  - About 9 p.m. each night — even if I haven't done anything physically exerting that day — I get a little gamey.
  - I swallow gum instead of spitting it out. I get constipated frequently. I'm not sure if the two are connected.
  - When future reference: Whenever I say I like the way a certain shirt or sweater looks on you, I am complimenting the way that certain shirt or sweater makes your breasts look; the sooner that's understood, the better.
  - Despite any laws or posted signs to the contrary, I firmly believe the world is my urinal.
  - If I were an instructor at Starfleet Academy, Kirk would have been out on his ass after cheating in the Kobayashi Maru scenario.
  - I have consumed beer in the shower, and that was nowhere near my lowest point.
  - I find boobs simply amazing, and I will touch them for the simple lack of anything better to do.
  - People who end sentences with prepositions are not people I want to be friends with.
  - I will stick my finger wherever the heck I want to stick it.
  - I eat an inordinate amount of cheese. Did I mention I get constipated frequently?
- Andrew R. Juhl bites his fingernails, not because he's stressed or uncomfortable, but because he enjoys the pain; the pain lets him know he's alive.  
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Andrew Juhl has Hulk-Hogan-style leg-dropped The Ledge. Hulkamania's running wild now, brother!

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 Where do you look for a late-night snack downtown?

A restaurant. Sidewalk vendors. A gas station. My friend's fridge at after hours. I don't eat late at night.

**Last week's results:**  
 Is it OK for adults to play in the Pedestrian Mall fountain?

- Always (49%)
- Never (18%)
- Only when playing with their children (23%)
- Only when it's really hot (10%)

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## today's events

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- **Adult Summer Reading Program**, 9 a.m., Cedar Rapids Public Library, 500 First Street S.E.
- **Sunday Matinee: Adventures of Milo & Otis**, 10 a.m., Cedar Rapids Public Library
- **Gallery Exhibit, Carl Flick, Amana Painter and Friend of Grant Wood**, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Amana Arts Guild
- **Gallery Exhibit, Whimsical Needlework of the Amana Villages**, 10:30 a.m.-5:45 p.m., Amana Arts Guild
- **Toddler Story Time with Nancy**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Little House on the Prairie Day Camp**, 1 p.m., Cabins at Upper City Park
- **World Wide Web Basics**, 1 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Book Explorers Book Discussion Group**, 3 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., S.T. Morrison Park, Coralville
- **Coralville Public Library, Story Time with Sara**, 7 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Hiawatha Public Library Story Time**, 7 p.m., Hiawatha Public Library, 150 W. Willman
- **Juneteenth Celebration**, 7 p.m., African American Museum & Cultural Center, 12th Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids
- **L'Enfant**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Raku II for Adults**, 7 p.m., Ambroz Arts/Cedar Rapids Recreation Department, 2000 Mount Vernon S.E.
- **Belly Dance for Fun and Fitness**, 7:30 p.m., Ambroz Arts/Cedar Rapids Recreation Department
- **Open Mike with Jay Knight**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Belly Dance for Serious Dancers**, 8:30 p.m., Ambroz Arts/Cedar Rapids Recreation Department
- **Duck Season**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Monday Night Blues Jam with Outta da Blooz**, 9 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

## horoscopes

Monday, June 19, 2006  
 — by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** You'll be able to get things done today. Your energetic approach will tire — and impress — the people you are with. You'll be able to enhance your look, making your chores a little easier.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Look at the big picture, and you will realize that the little aggravations aren't worthy of upset. You will have to keep a secret if you don't want to have a falling out with someone you are close to. A residential move, property purchase, or fixing your place up will turn out well.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't initiate changes in your personal life. Your intuition will help you understand the dynamics of a situation that is currently influencing your life. Don't spend money that you don't have.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You aren't one to welcome change, but today it will be to your benefit. Someone you meet will turn out to be a very influential person in your life. You can put your talent to good use.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Don't overspend. A change of location will do you good. Visiting someone who has always been able to help you see things the way they really are will be of help. A partnership can be formed.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You have plenty to deal with today — money, legalities, and health. Do whatever is required of you to tie up loose ends and move on. A secret meeting will bring greater clarity.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Visit someone you find interesting or knowledgeable. Don't spend money on items that promise to work miracles. A financial problem can be avoided if you budget.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** There is plenty you can do to spice things up professionally and personally. Don't sit idle waiting to see what everyone else is going to do. Step out with confidence, and don't let fear of failure hold you back.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You should be booking your next vacation or taking off to a destination that has intrigued you for some time. You can combine a business trip with visiting someone you don't get to see very often.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't talk about emotional matters with friends or relatives. You aren't likely to get good advice, and someone will probably start a rumor regarding your situation. Instead, go directly to the source.
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**8** PATV Reserved  
**8:30** Nancy Cree Keyboard Highlights  
**9:30** Minutes  
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**11:50** As Seen on the Television  
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**4** Applications of Biology  
**5:40** Composing Celebrity: From Catherine the Great to Princess Diana  
**6:30** Ueye No. 3  
**7** "Live from Prairie Lights," Elijah Wald
- 8** Applications of Biology  
**9:40** Composing Celebrity: From Catherine the Great to Princess Diana  
**10:30** Ueye No. 4  
**11** "Live from Prairie Lights," Elijah Wald

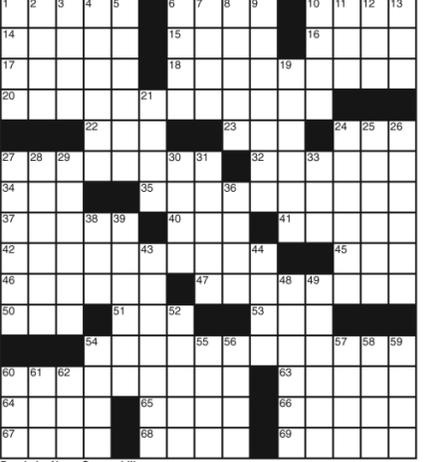
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  - "That was close!"
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  - Island near Lanai
  - Narrow path
  - Atkins diet no-nos
  - Pickpockets' targets
  - Worker with polish and a 23-Across
  - Furthermore
  - Tattered cloth
  - Pitching star
  - Acts like
  - Sprinkle with spices
  - 60's war zone, briefly
  - Her talk is, like, totally ...
  - Colorado resort
  - \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil
  - "Me, too!"
  - Southern fellow
  - Nav. rank
  - Make certain
  - Reacts angrily toward
  - Chicago-to-Tampa dir.
  - Bumped into
  - Anonymous John
  - Madonna, with "the"
  - Shady, as a street
  - Full of vigor
  - Worker's compensation
  - Ration (out)
  - Glowing coal

- DOWN**
- Circle segments
  - Former Iranian ruler
  - Fire fancier, for short
  - Comment at the end of a long, hard day
  - Big name in small planes
  - Prefix with dextrous
  - Brother of Abel
  - Sovereign
  - Primer type
  - Clever tactic
  - Computer in "2001"
  - Conclusion
  - "Scream" director Craven
  - Old-fashioned types
  - Modern viewing option, for short
  - Actors' lines to no one in particular
  - Eclipse phenomenon
  - Sign up
  - Since way back when
  - Bricklayers
  - Levy
  - Simplicity



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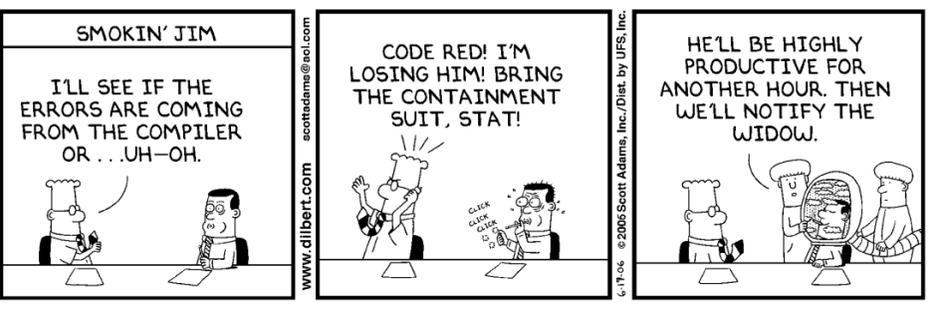
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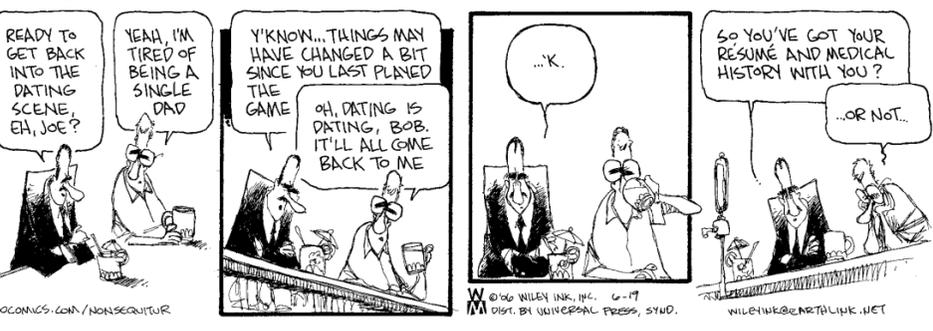
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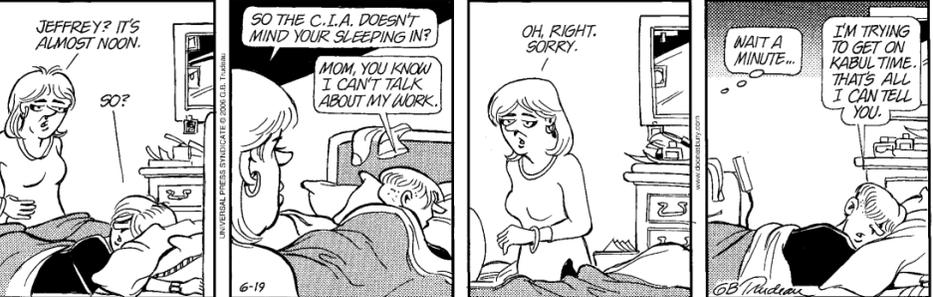
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# Troops move against Taliban

BY JASON STRAZIUSO  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHRAN VALLEY, Afghanistan — U.S. soldiers descended on a mountain ridge Sunday, quickly setting up fortified posts and mortar positions overlooking a key Taliban transport route as the coalition pressed a major offensive that has killed dozens of suspected militants.

It was the first time in several years that soldiers from the U.S.-led military force have ventured into Baghran Valley in the northern part of Helmand province.

Troops poured out of CH-47 Chinook helicopters in the early morning and scouted the mountain for militants.

The position will allow U.S. forces to block the movement of Taliban fighters and supplies, said one of the officers, Lt. Col. Chris Toner.

More than 10,000 coalition soldiers are spread out over four southern provinces — Helmand, Uruzgan, Kandahar, and Zabul — in Operation Mountain Thrust, a blitz aimed at quelling a surge of Taliban attacks. It is the largest offensive since the 2001 ouster of the Taliban regime.

“We are the focus of Mountain Thrust right now,” said Capt. Jared Wilson. “This is the decisive part of the operation, because if we do not get on the mountain, we will not be able to accomplish this mission.”

Before boarding the helicopters, Wilson warned his troops about the dangers of the operation.

“I want you to understand the seriousness of what you are about to do. We are landing fully loaded CH-47s on the top of a mountain. This is a highly dangerous mission. On the top of those dangers, we’re going to an area where no one has been for years,” he said.

Their new encampment is remote — more than 60 miles from the nearest ground forces — but Wilson said that serves as an advantage.

“The enemy did not suspect we would come up here. They believe they have a safe haven area up here, because it has been untouched by coalition troops for years,” he said.

Once down on the mountain ridge, soldiers went to work setting up defense positions and firing mortar rounds into the valleys to test their equipment and check ranges.

Standing guard with an M-16 rifle on a ridge line, Spc. Daniel Borisow, 23, from Akron, N.Y., looked down into the valley at a smattering of mud huts. He said he was ready to fight.

“For once, we are in the position where we’re going to take the fight to the enemy, instead of us rolling through [in Humvees] and them attacking us,” he said.

The open-ended offensive aims to hunt down Taliban fighters blamed for an onslaught of ambushes and bombings in recent months, the worst spate of militant violence since 2001.

More than 500 people — most of them militants — have been killed in the past month, as insurgents launched increasingly bold attacks on coalition forces. More than 90 suspected militants have been killed the past few days, the coalition says.

# U.S., Iraqi troops mass near Ramadi

BY SOLOMON MOORE  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

BAGHDAD — U.S. and Iraqi troops set up new positions over the weekend on the outskirts of Ramadi, a city in Al Anbar province that has become a haven for the Sunni Arab-led insurgency, in an effort to bottle up guerrillas who have largely controlled the city in recent months.

“We are focusing on numerous sites used by the insurgents to plan and conduct terrorist attacks and store weapons,” Lt. Col. Bryan Salas, a Marine spokesman based in Fallujah, said on Sunday. “We have also set up additional checkpoints to restrict the flow of insurgents, but citizens will still be able to enter and leave the city.”

Salas said U.S. troops from one brigade and Iraqis from two brigades are taking part in the operation. A Marine brigade is generally composed of approximately 2,500 troops,



Hadi Mizban/Associated Press

Iraqi soldiers inspect the scene after a bomb left in a plastic bag on a minibus exploded, killing three passengers and wounding 15 others in eastern Baghdad on June 17. A series of explosions struck commercial areas in Baghdad, killing at least seven people and wounding dozens, dealing a blow to the massive security operation launched earlier this week by the Iraqi government to secure the capital.

led by a colonel.

Military officials have for weeks played down the significance of combat preparations

in the area, which included the arrival of 1,500 additional U.S. troops. Last week, Maj. Gen. William Caldwell IV said

operations in Ramadi were increasing in order to clear away insurgents who were obstructing the development of local security forces but that he did not foresee a “Fallujah-type” operation taking place there.

In 2004, the United States led two assaults on insurgents in Fallujah that were among the biggest battles since the beginning of the conflict, in 2003.

The U.S. military also continued to search early today for two U.S. servicemen who were reportedly abducted by guerrillas after an attack on a checkpoint south of Baghdad. Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshair Zebari told CNN’s “Late Edition” on Sunday that two U.S. soldiers who disappeared after an attack June 16 on a U.S.-run checkpoint near Yousifiya, south of Baghdad, were abducted by a group of insurgents.

U.S. military officials have

declined to confirm whether the soldiers were kidnapped and are listing the pair as “duty status unknown.”

Meanwhile, the Iraqi government announced Sunday it would release 300 prisoners from Abu Ghraib prison Monday, another in a series that began earlier this month and will eventually free 2,500 people. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki has called the move a token of reconciliation aimed at appeasing Sunni Arabs, who dominate the insurgency and are disproportionately incarcerated, relative to their overall population. There are nearly 28,000 prison inmates in Iraq, according to government officials.

Iraq’s Parliament met Sunday and decided to create 25 oversight committees for various government ministries. The committees are intended to check corruption and limit the influence of political factionalism.

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### NATIONAL LEAGUE

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East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	43	25	.632	—
Philadelphia	34	35	.493	9½
Washington	32	39	.451	12½
Florida	29	37	.439	13
Atlanta	30	40	.429	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	42	26	.618	—
Cincinnati	37	32	.536	5½
Houston	36	34	.514	7
Milwaukee	35	35	.500	8
Chicago	26	42	.382	16
Pittsburgh	26	44	.371	17
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	36	33	.522	—
San Diego	36	33	.522	—
Arizona	35	34	.507	1
Colorado	34	35	.493	2
San Francisco	34	35	.493	2

**Sunday's Game**  
St. Louis 4, Colorado 1

**Today's Games**  
Arizona (Vargas 6-4) at Pittsburgh (Duke 5-6), 11:35 p.m.  
Cincinnati (Arroyo 8-3) at N.Y. Mets (O. Hernandez 4-5), 6:10 p.m.

**Tuesday's Game**  
Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.

Seattle 5, San Francisco 1  
Oakland 5, L.A. Dodgers 2  
Boston 10, Atlanta 7

**Today's Interleague Games**  
Washington (Armas 6-3) at Boston (Snyder 0-0), 6:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs (Marshall 3-5) at Cleveland (J. Johnson 3-7), 6:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees (R. Johnson 8-5) at Philadelphia (Myers 4-3), 6:05 p.m.  
Detroit (Bonderman 6-4) at Milwaukee (Davis 4-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Oakland (Haren 6-5) at Colorado (BKim 3-4), 8:05 p.m.  
L.A. Angels (Escobar 5-7) at San Francisco (Cain 5-5), 9:15 p.m.

**Tuesday's Interleague Games**  
Washington at Boston, 6:05 p.m.  
Chicago Cubs at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.  
Florida at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.  
Arizona at Tampa Bay, 6:15 p.m.  
Toronto at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m.  
Detroit at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.  
Minnesota at Houston, 7:05 p.m.  
San Diego at Texas, 7:05 p.m.  
St. Louis at Chicago White Sox, 7:05 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.  
Oakland at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.  
Seattle at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.  
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### AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	29	.567	1
Toronto	37	32	.536	3
Baltimore	32	39	.451	9
Tampa Bay	29	41	.414	11½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	46	24	.657	—
Chicago	44	25	.638	1½
Minnesota	34	34	.500	11
Cleveland	31	37	.456	14
Kansas City	19	49	.279	26
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	38	31	.551	—
Texas	38	32	.543	½
Seattle	34	37	.479	5
Los Angeles	31	38	.449	7

**Sunday's Interleague Games**  
Florida 4, Toronto 1  
Washington 3, N.Y. Yankees 2  
N.Y. Mets 9, Baltimore 4  
Chicago White Sox 8, Cincinnati 1  
Minnesota 8, Pittsburgh 2  
Philadelphia 8, Tampa Bay 5  
Milwaukee 6, Cleveland 3  
Kansas City 7, Houston 4  
Texas 10, Arizona 7  
Detroit 12, Chicago Cubs 3  
San Diego 7, L.A. Angels 3

### COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

At Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha, Ne.  
Double Elimination

**Friday, June 16**  
Bracket 1  
Clemson 8, Georgia Tech 4  
North Carolina 7, Cal State Fullerton 5, 13 innings

**Saturday, June 17**  
Bracket 2  
Rice 6, Georgia 4  
Miami 11, Oregon State 1

**Sunday, June 18**  
Cal State Fullerton 7, Georgia Tech 5, Georgia Tech eliminated  
North Carolina 2, Clemson 0

**Today's Games**  
Game 7 — Georgia (47-22) vs. Oregon State (44-15), 1 p.m.  
Game 8 — Rice (56-11) vs. Miami (42-22), 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, June 20**  
Game 9 — Clemson (53-15) vs. Cal State Fullerton (49-14), 4 p.m.  
Game 10 — Loser Game 8 vs. Winner Game 7, 8 p.m.

**Wednesday, June 21**  
Game 11 — North Carolina (52-13) vs. Winner Game 9, 4 p.m.  
Game 12 — Winner Game 8 vs. Winner Game 10, 8 p.m.

**Thursday, June 22**  
Game 13 — If necessary, 4 p.m.  
Game 14 — If necessary, 8 p.m.

# NBA FINALS Heat up 3-2 in NBA Finals

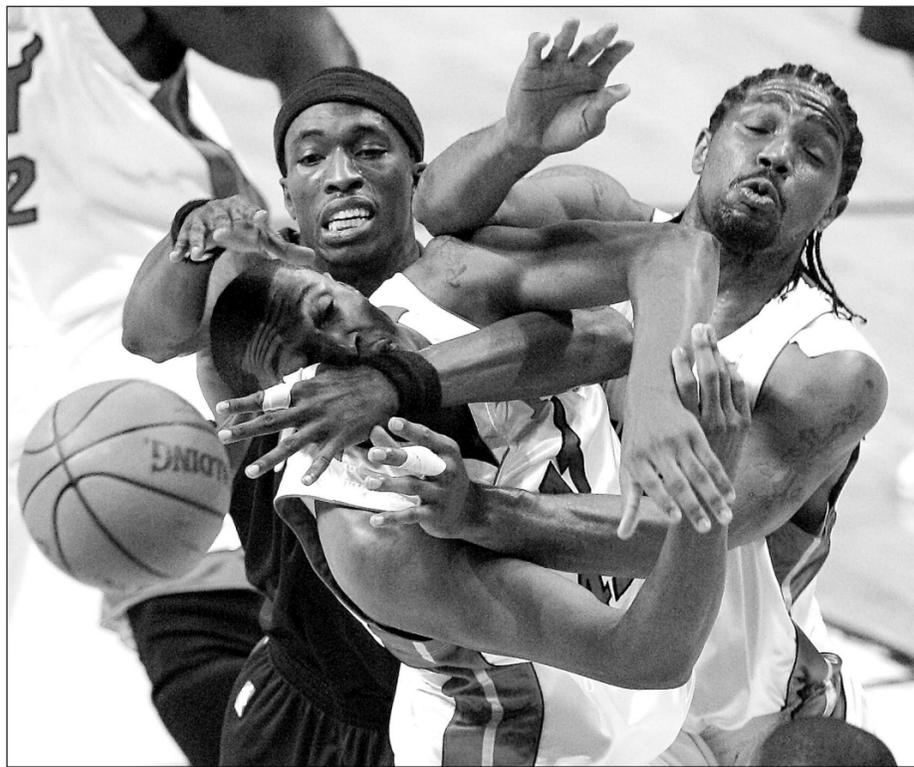
**NBA FINALS**  
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with them when they went home. Up 2-0 after two easy victories in Dallas, all that was left for them to do was show up and wave to their fans along the parade route that had already been revealed.

Then the Mavs learned something: The NBA finals were a whole lot harder than maybe they believed after those double-digit victories to open the series.

"This has been a new experience for pretty much all of our guys except maybe one or two," Johnson said before Sunday's game. "So a lot of the things that we talked to them about before the series, they really didn't understand it until we got here to Miami."

They do now. On the verge of a 3-0 lead and a certain title — no NBA team has ever blown that advantage — the Mavs had one of the biggest fourth-quarter collapses in finals history to lose Game 3.



Wilfredo Lee/Associated Press  
Miami's James Posey (center) battles for a loose ball with teammate Udonis Haslem (right) and Dallas Maverick Josh Howard during the first quarter of the NBA Finals Game 5 in Miami on Sunday.

# Reporter tries his skill at skilletts



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Sam Bitz, 11, left, and brother Joe, 13, of St. Charles, Iowa, watch intently during a round of chicken bingo at the National Skillet Throwing competition on June 17, in Macksburg, Iowa. Sam holds a trophy she won for the 60- to 69-pound tractor pull held earlier that day.

### SKILLET THROWING

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My goal in Macksburg was simple — to find some way into the tournament. I strolled into town at around 11:15 a.m., with nearly two hours to find a team kind enough (or dumb enough) to take me in.

I should make something clear from the get-go. There are small towns in Iowa, and then there are *small* towns. Macksburg has roughly 125 people. There's not even a gas station — only a post office, a cafe, a bar, a Methodist church, a ministore, and a co-op where farmers can buy and sell goods. Whoever popularized the notion of Iowa as a bunch of small, quiet farm communities must have been thinking of Macksburg.

First I met MC Darrell Jensen, who with his slicked-back gray hair, glasses, and a cigarette hanging out of his mouth, looked like the perfect drinking buddy for my dad.

He let me throw a practice skillet and I knocked the ball off on my first try — that wasn't so hard. Jensen took my name and cell-phone number, promising to get back to me. The competition is all about fun, he told me, as well as some fan participation. "One thing you can count on is people will get a lot of shit

today," he said.

I hooked on with a 24-year-old named Cory and his team, Kiddoo Trucking. Cory felt I needed a little extra incentive to throw well.

"If you suck, we're going to kick your ass," he joked.

At about 5-8 and more than 200 pounds, he easily could have.

He, his wife, Pam, his brother Brandon, and his 12-year-old stepdaughter Amber made up our team. The park had swelled to five or six times the size of the town. We were the eighth team to go, and, of course, I was the first thrower. Despite my perfect record going in, I missed the ball every time. Cory got six points for us, and Pam got one, giving us seven.

The time in between rounds was such a blur. I took copious notes, my notepad always ready. It would be impossible for me to tell you everything that happened during the breaks — which were drenched in wit and wisdom — so here are a few of the best moments:

*After the first round, Cory asked if I had a wife or any kids. After replying I was only 20, he referred to me as a "slow breeder."*

*I talked for 15 minutes with the mayor's wife, Ruth Eivins. She shared a Macksburg saying. "If you take the bottom two tiers of Iowa and give them to Missouri, it would raise the IQ*

*of both states," Eivins said. "Luckily, we're in the third tier."*

*I bought a square for chicken bingo. In this game, a wooden board is made up of 64 squares, and you pay \$1 to put your name on a square. After the board is filled, a chicken is caged on top, and wherever the chicken poops, that person gets the pot. Sadly, I didn't win.*

*Cory showed me his green 2007 John Deere model 8320 tractor. With the back tires at about 6 feet and the front ones at 4 feet, it was an absolute monster. Eventually, we rode to his house around three miles outside of town, and he let me drive the behemoth back. Driving a 25,000-pound tractor at maximum speed (about 26 mph) is something I won't forget soon.*

We got back to the park just in time for our second round of throws. This time I aimed for the middle dummy, which was about a foot and a half taller than my previous adversary. My first throw hit the dummy, but the ball didn't fall.

"Matt, relax," Jensen said into the microphone. "Hey everybody, Matt's a reporter from the University of Iowa, let's give him a hand."

I waved toward the crowd. What did I just do? Who did I think I was, Ryne Sandberg throwing out the first pitch of a Cub game? I felt pretty stupid

at that point, but I still had two throws left. My career as a skillet ringer was winding down.

Second shot missed, just wide right — Jensen chimed in again. "Earlier, Matt took a practice throw and hit it [the ball] on his first try," he said. "He thought this was going to be easy."

He was right. I did. I figured I'd hit the ball at least once. OK, moment of truth. This last throw was important, not only because it could help our team, but also because I wanted to avoid catching a beating.

With all that pressure raining down, I hit the ball square and knocked it off. I earned our team five points and got a congratulatory high-five from Jensen in the process. Cory added two points, and Pam added one, giving us eight points for that round and 15 total.

Unfortunately, we didn't make an appearance in the finals — 28 points was the cutoff for the top 10. I watched from a set of bleachers as Team X-Bar from Truro, Iowa, eventually won.

After throwing a skillet, playing chicken bingo, and driving a ginormous tractor, I could settle for not winning nationals. My only regret was I couldn't fit more into this story. Thanks for everything, Macksburg.

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# Mickelson melts down in Open

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAMARONECK, N.Y. — Phil Mickelson was poised to take his place with Tiger Woods in the record books. Instead, he joined Jean Van de Velde in the sad chapter of major championship collapses.

All in a New York minute. The transformation was shocking and sudden late Sunday afternoon in the U.S. Open. When the new Phil who was going for his third-straight major turned into the old Phil with a stubborn, reckless attempt to get himself out of another jam.

He went for a par that would have won at Winged Foot.

He wound up with a double bogey that made Geoff Ogilvy the first Australian to win this title in 25 years.

"I still am in shock that I did that. I just can't believe that I did that," Mickelson said. "I am such an idiot."

The winning stroke in the toughest U.S. Open in 32 years was a 6-foot par putt that Ogilvy made on the 18th hole, which appeared to be good enough for second place. The last image was Mickelson making a mess of the 72nd hole in a major meltdown.

The celebration didn't take place on the 18th green, but in the clubhouse, after Ogilvy signed for a 2-over 72 and then watched an incredible sequence unfold, just as stunned as everyone else.

"I think I was the benefi-

ary of a little bit of charity," Ogilvy said.

The 29-year-old Aussie didn't stand around waiting for handouts, though. Resilient as ever, he battled to the very end.

Ogilvy chipped in from mangled rough on the 17th hole to save par, then overcame a miserable break on the 18th when his tee shot came to rest in a divot. The approach lost power as it reached the green, tumbling down the false front, and he did well to pitch up the hill to about 6 feet behind the cup.

He made the putt, unlike Colin Montgomerie and Jim Furyk before him.

"It's pretty hard to believe," Ogilvy said, a comment that went a long way at this U.S. Open. "Obviously, you dream about winning a major championship. To have it actually happen, once it sinks in, it's pretty special."

Even so, this was Mickelson's major to win, and the first one he threw away.

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# UI has ties to island

## BIRDS

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Walter Fisher described in 1903 the tame phenomenon of the island's winged inhabitants in what could be called a disastrously prophetic statement.

"Where we went, we were free to watch and learn and were trusted by the birds," he wrote. "It seems a most touching and unique experience and one that demonstrates all too forcibly the attitude of wild creatures that have not yet learned that man is usually an enemy."

In the time between the initial and subsequent excursions, the island faced a devastating series of events.

In the late 1800s, the mining of guano was conducted on the island, but the resources were effectively exhausted by the time entrepreneur Max Schlemmer purchased the property rights to the island in 1904. In an effort to turn a profit, he allowed plumage hunters to kill and remove the feathers of the easily trapped birds inhabiting the island and also introduced the non-native rabbit.

The rabbits — as they are known to do — multiplied unencumbered on the island and devastated the life-supporting vegetation. In response, the 1912 expedition killed more than 5,000 of the furry jumpers in what proved to be a futile effort to remove the species.

Eventually, the rabbits exhausted most of their food supply and — along with the help of a 1923 exploration — were wiped out. The 1923 scientists began a decade-long restoration of the island — but not before three bird species went extinct. Today, the island is protected from unauthorized visitors, and the three extinct species, along with many others, can be viewed in the cyclorama.

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# FEMA gives tornado victims no aid

## FEMA

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Although no federal dollars will be handed out, the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce received a private \$50,000 grant to help small businesses, and the State Historical Society has \$250,000 available to restore historic homes.

"Hopefully, there is more we can do as a state," Mascher said.

She was told by federal disaster inspectors that the factors — including others, such as the number of affected citizens without insurance — would be plugged into a formula to determine whether the city was eligible for assistance.

'My own general opinion is that FEMA has been hard-pressed by the hurricanes. I have sympathy for people who are under a number of parameters that make it difficult to aid people.'

— **John Rapson, UI music professor who housed UI faculty members whose house was destroyed in the tornadoes**

"It certainly did a lot of damage where it hit, but it did not hit the whole city," she said. "In that regard, I am glad we did not get the aid."

Formula or no formula, some Iowa City residents and businesses are still without homes, and several state representatives are unhappy with the result.

John Rapson, a UI music professor, housed UI faculty

members Philip and Susan Lutgendorf, who are still without their 911 Iowa Ave. residence. Rapson doesn't blame the federal inspectors but a government that makes it hard for an organization to dole out relief money.

"My own general opinion is that FEMA has been hard-pressed by the hurricanes," he said. "I have sympathy for people who are under a number of

parameters that make it difficult to aid people."

"What I disagree with is the administrative policy on domestic spending," he added.

Gubernatorial candidate Rep. Jim Nussle, R-Iowa, was more critical of the disaster organization.

"Why is there no FEMA assistance for Iowa students and families whose homes and businesses were destroyed by

this horrific tornado, when \$1.4 billion in Katrina aid was wasted on lavish vacations to Hawaii and the Caribbean, season football tickets, adult videos, and even a sex-change operation?" he said in statement released June 16.

As of now, the Iowa City City Council and the UI have not discussed what they will do in the absence of federal money.

"We're waiting to find out what we need to do now," said City Councilor Amy Correia. "Certainly, anytime there are damages of this magnitude, it puts other projects further down the line."

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# City may hit street vendors

## VENDORS

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Any opposition to the ban among councilors appears unlikely; they approved the measure 7-0. The ordinance would be enforced by police on patrol in the evenings, as well as on a complaint basis.

Councilor Regenia Bailey said complaints have been fielded from sidewalk vendors, who feel those selling food from the streets are engaging in unfair competition.

Councilor Dee Vanderhoef said parking spaces and meters should be used to encourage shopping downtown, and feeding meters for extended periods of time in order to sell food may not be fair to Pedestrian Mall vendors.

"If they are paying only \$5 a day to feed a meter, they're getting pretty cheap rent," she said. "The people on the Ped Mall have to go through a process and pay a fee."

To receive space for a Ped Mall or sidewalk cart, applicants must pay a \$750 annual permit fee. Upon receiving a permit, vendors are subject to restrictions on hours of operation and insurance regulations.

Tony Altimus, the owner of Aladdin's — which sells gyros out of a stand on the Pedestrian Mall and out of a truck, often perched outside of the Sports Column — said he finds the council's proposal unfair.



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**Tony Altimus (left) holds a quesadilla while Mike Alshari (center) dishes up a kebab for some patrons on June 17.**

When he sought to expand his Greek-inspired venture, all of the prime Ped Mall spots were taken by new vendors, he said. Forced to find an alternative venue, he obtained a health permit from the city and began selling from his truck.

"The city told us we didn't need anything else," Altimus

said, adding he would be more than willing to purchase a permanent parking space if money is the issue.

"Let us buy a space," he said. "Assign spots, just like the Ped Mall."

Assistant City Manager Dale Helling said the city is currently aware of just one vendor selling from a parking space, and it will

soon alert the owner of the possible ordinance.

Meanwhile, Altimus feels the city needs to focus on bigger issues.

"They're trying to stop the small businessman," he said. "We're trying to make a living, just like everyone else."

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# UI simulator looks to rebound

## SIMULATOR

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Since 2000, however, the simulator has accumulated a \$7 million deficit, Abdel-Malek said. When it was first tested and everything checked out to be working correctly, a contract was signed, he said. But the document contained no warranties, leaving the UI to foot the bill for any repairs or upgrades. The simulator needs to run at approximately \$2.7 million a year to break even, he said.

"How we make our money at [the simulator] is by people driving it," the UI engineer said.

More specifically, profits come after contracted companies log hours specifying how much time they will need for their research. Over the last month, the simulator has logged 180 hours at a rate of \$1,000 an hour, Abdel-Malek said, and the simulator's financial situation is brightening.

"This year is guaranteed to break even," he said, "if the machine continues its reliability."

Since Abdel-Malek took over the program in March, he has focused on opening up and broadening its customer base — first from within the UI.

"One thing I did was invite faculty to be involved," he said Wednesday. "They're already bringing grants in from [the simulator]."

In addition, industry moguls such as Ford Motor Co. — whose officials toured the facility on June 14 — have become interested in the technology.

The simulation's quality is measured in percent fidelity,

meaning how real it feels when you are using the system. Home video-game devices run at approximately 5 percent fidelity, and Ford's current simulators run at around 50 percent, Ahmad said. The UI facility, however, runs at 98 percent fidelity.

"Ours is the highest fidelity in the world," Ahmad said about the simulator, which mimics tire-soil interaction in real time.

"Companies are coming for the real-time simulation technology," Abdel-Malek said.

Ahmad said that in addition to the world-renowned simulator, clients are drawn because of the UI's full-time experts at the facility. Professional drivers are also interested in capitalizing on the technology.

"A famous NASCAR driver flew in to drive two hours on it and then flew back" Abdel-Malek said. He said the driver is in discussion with UI researchers about re-creating a virtual race track and using the simulator as training.

With opportunities such as those that the simulator has garnered in recent months, some say it appears likely to rise above its deficits.

James Cremer, a UI computer-science professor, said the shakeup of leadership at the program has had a significant effect.

"The sad thing was that this great resource, with great people working there, was seen as a closed center," he said. "And now with the re-organization, its exciting to see faculty turning back to it and realize its full potential."

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**Garland's bat outshines arm**

CINCINNATI (AP) — Down to his last strike, Jon Garland figured a fastball was coming. His guess was right, his swing was right on. And the result was downright rare. Garland hit the first homer by a Chicago White Sox pitcher in 35 years on Sunday, the best of his many good moments in an 8-1 victory that completed a three-game sweep of the Cincinnati Reds. Garland (6-3) had a lot of good moments on the mound, allowing only four singles while pitching into the ninth inning. Naturally, those were overshadowed by one swing. "We were all laughing," catcher A.J. Pierzynski said. "He talks a lot of trash about hitting." His two-run shot in the eighth off reliever Esteban Yan was his first career homer and the first by a White Sox pitcher since Steve Kealey's on Sept. 6, 1971, against Minnesota — two years before the AL adopted the designated hitter.

**Prior debut turns into debacle**

CHICAGO (AP) — Kenny Rogers won his 200th game, and the Detroit Tigers tied a club record with eight home runs in a 12-3 victory over the Cubs on Sunday, ruining Mark Prior's season debut for Chicago. Chris Shelton and Brandon Inge both homered twice for Detroit, which hit four of its homers off Prior. Rogers pitched eight innings, allowing two runs and four hits, while striking out two. Prior, who missed the first 2½ months of the season with a strain in his right shoulder, lasted just 3½ innings and allowed eight runs, matching a career high set May 1, 2005, against Houston. The four home runs tied a career high set against Philadelphia, on July 30, 2004. Curtis Granderson led off the game with a home run for the first time in his career, Carlos Guillen added a three-run shot, and Shelton hit a two-run homer, as the Tigers grabbed a 6-0 lead in the first inning. Vance Wilson knocked out Prior with a two-run drive in the fourth that made it 8-1.



Prior pitcher

**HAWKEYE FOOTBALL**

**Football player hit with OWI**

Iowa City police arrested Iowa football player Austin Postler early Sunday morning and charged him with OWI. The incident occurred at the intersection of Gilbert and Washington Streets. Postler, an offensive lineman, joined the Hawkeyes as a redshirt walk-on in 2004 but did not see game action either that season or in 2005. The Iowa City native earned two letters as an offensive and defensive lineman at West High School, where he also wrestled and threw the shot put and discus. The 6-5, 277-pound Postler is not expected to compete for a starting position in 2006.



Postler Hawkeye

— by Tyson Wirth

## Four top Prime Timers to watch

With the Prime Time League set to tip off today in North Liberty, The Daily Iowan previews four players worth watching in this summer's competition. Their unique talents make them the best Prime Time has to offer.

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: ADAM HALUSKA, IOWA**

There is no person better to build a team around this summer than Haluska, so it should come as no surprise he was selected No. 1 overall by coach Nate Frese and the Asoyia/Steindler Orthopedic Clinic squad. "He is an all-conference type of player; his teammates love him; you can't say enough good things about Adam," said Prime Time Director Randy Larson. He needs to be a leader for the new faces on the Iowa team, and after playing a critical role in Iowa's success last year, Haluska's teammates and coaches know just how qualified he is for this job. He will enter his senior season as the returning leader in minutes played, points per game, rebounds, assists, and free-throw percentage from 2005-06. "They know they are going to get 100 percent every night. They know they are going to get this many points. They know they are going to get this effort," Frese said. "I don't think you're ever going to get a down night from Adam."

**BEST SHOOTER: ADAM HALUSKA, IOWA**

So, Haluska's my prediction for best player. Did I mention he's my best shooter, too? Haluska averaged 31 points per game last summer, finishing second only to Greg Brunner's 37.6 points per contest. The senior-to-be also scored the second most points of all Hawkeyes in 2005-06, just seven points shy of Brunner. Frese has built his team around Haluska and his ability to put points on the board any way he can. "He can score from anywhere. He can shoot from the outside. He can penetrate," said Frese, who also describes Haluska as a "natural scorer." Not only can he shoot from the field, but if he gets fouled, he will make you pay. His 84.8 free-throw percentage was tops on the team last year. He will be the linchpin of the Hawkeye team next season, and there is no question in Frese's mind, when the games on the line, Haluska will be his go-to guy. "He creates so much havoc for an opposing team's defense that he has got to touch it if there are fewer than five seconds left."

**TOUGHEST DEFENDER: MIKE HENDERSON, IOWA**

Iowa associate head coach Craig Neal said strength, speed, quickness, and will to compete are all characteristics of Mike Henderson that have helped mold him into the standout defensive player he is today. "When he first came here, he was not a defender, and he acknowledges that, and he got better," Neal said. "Now, he has become one of the better defenders in our conference." Henderson has been a dependable player in Prime Time in years past, and he averaged more than 20 points, seven assists, and seven boards per game last summer. When you add his skills as a defender to the mix, you have a very solid all-around player. Ray Swetalla made Henderson the third player taken from Iowa and the No. 5 overall pick in the draft. Although Henderson will be the lone representative of the Hawkeyes on the LL Pelling/Westport Touchless Autowash team, he will be joined by his former teammate and current Northern Iowa guard Carlton Reed.



Henderson guard



Haluska guard/forward

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**NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: TYLER SMITH, IOWA**

When he signed his letter of intent in April, he became the most anticipated Iowa recruit in years, and when he makes his debut this summer, a lot of people will finally get a chance to see him play for the first time, including his coach. "I've never seen him play, but everyone has had great things to say about Tyler," said Kevin Lehman, the coach of the Deli-Mart/Iowa City Ready Mix. Lehman used the No. 2 overall pick to select Smith and give his team a player with size who can score and rebound. Smith led Hargrave Military Academy to a 28-2 record last year, averaging 20 points, 10 rebounds, and five assists per game. He will be a key factor to Iowa's success this upcoming season. Neal views Smith's time at Hargrave and the upcoming games this summer as firm stepping stones into his inaugural Hawkeye campaign. "This will be a smooth transition, as far as playing against guys who have played in the Big Ten," he said. "It should be a good opportunity for him to make the transition so that he's ready to go in the fall."



Smith forward

**READY TO BREAK OUT: KURT LOOBY, IOWA**

You can count the years of organized basketball he has played on one hand, but that won't stop Kurt Looby from being one of the dominant defenders this summer and next season for the Hawkeyes. After two seasons at Tyler Community College in Texas, Looby landed in Iowa City last year, where he redshirted for Iowa. In the three-plus years since being handed a basketball at a camp in his native Antigua, Looby has made strides in his game and become a more polished player. He has even drawn comparisons with Erik Hanson in terms of shot-blocking ability. "He has always been a shot blocker," said Neal. "He has progressed nicely in that year off, and, hopefully, that will help this year, when the season starts." Expectations are high this summer for the 6-10 Looby. He was one of the first big men taken when he was drafted 11th overall for the Beisser Lumber/Highland Park team.



Looby center

## Not quite flash in a pan

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*The National Skillet Throwing competition in Macksburg, Iowa, offers something different*

BY MATT BECKER  
 THE DAILY IOWAN

I've done a lot of things with a skillet. I've scrambled eggs, burned grilled cheese, and even made decent pancakes, sometimes. But throwing a skillet? Unless a burglar broke into my house and it was the only weapon available, I couldn't possibly conceive any situation where I would need to try it. That all changed on June 17 in Macksburg, Iowa. The Madison County town, roughly 40 miles southwest of Des Moines, has hosted the National Skillet Throwing Championships for the last 30 years. I know what you're thinking: "Did you say skillet throw? What the heck is a skillet throw?" Let me explain the rules. In skillet



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

**Kathy Raymond of Winterset, Iowa, rears back to fling a steel skillet at a set of stuffed dummies at the National Skillet Throwing competition in Macksburg, Iowa, on June 17. Macksburg's annual celebration also features a morning tractor pull and chicken bingo, which puts an especially messy twist on the original game.**

throwing, there are three stuffed dummies of varying heights lying 30 feet from a black line. For necks, the dummies have plastic tubing, and on top lie basketballs. The throwers stand behind the line and try to knock the balls off the dummies' heads with skillets. If a ball is knocked off on the fly, the throwers

receive five points. If they hit a dummy and the ball falls off, they get one point. If they hit a dummy and the ball stays, no points are awarded. And the skillet must be thrown underhand — no overhand or sidearm throws.

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## NBA FINALS HEAT WIN IN OT

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MIAMI — Avery Johnson complained about the refs, and his biggest adjustment — changing his team's hotel from South Beach to Fort Lauderdale — seemed more suited to a travel agent than a coach of the year. And now that his Dallas Mavericks are headed back home, perhaps they can show him what they really came to do in the first place — play championship basketball. The Mavs didn't do enough of it in Miami — certainly not in crunch time — and now are on the verge of losing a series that not long ago seemed one-sided in their favor. Dallas fell into a 3-2 hole with a 101-100 overtime loss to the Miami Heat on Sunday night in Game 5, despite possibly playing its best all-around game of the series. Less than a week ago, it seemed that the Mavs would be bringing a trophy



Wade guard

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