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DO NOT MISS TOMORROW'S

BY GRANT SCHULTE

MOUNT PLEASANT — State parole-board members agreed Monday to vote for Pierre Pierce's early release from prison but denied the former Hawkeye basketball star's plans to return to Iowa City, declaring that his locat-
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developing. As a result, Iowa farm productivity is up 40 percent in the last decade.

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BY ARBIGAL SAWYER

From orange bell-bottoms to orange jumpsuits, it appears Iowa's baby boomers are experiencing a new fashion trend, accord-
ing to a new report.

The number of the state's inmates age 51 and older has increased 53 percent in the past 20 years, according to the Iowa Department of Human Rights' Division of Criminal and Juvenile Jus-
tice Planning Committee.

In 1986, Iowa jails housed 115 inmates ages 51 and older; by 2005, this number has grown nearly 86 percent. The boomers now rep-

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ation. If parole is granted, Good, a supervisor at the Johnson County Jail.

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An increase in older inmates and the possible increase in health-care costs worry some

BY BRYCE BAUER

Pulling onto Interstate 80 at exit 244, motorists quickly enter the stylin' scene depicted in Grant Wood paint-
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town parade). Such figures have led researchers to speculate that new farmers
could live in any college town if released

by the hearing that the family was discouraged. Still, their support is crucial to Pierce's efforts to return to Iowa City. Elizabeth Robinson, the board's chairwoman, told Pierce at his first parole hear-
ing in November 2005: "I will not support parole to a collapse town. It's not going to happen."

The board's tentative 5-0 vote at the Mount Pleasant Correctional Facility is far from a set decision. Pierce — convicted of second-degree assault as an offender by the state — must win unanimous support at the parole board's hearing before he is released. That hearing has been one of those Hawk-

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State working on flu-plan

The response to a flu outbreak at the National Special Olympic Games in Ames has the state’s public-health officials believing that they will coordinate well in case of a pandemic.

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Pierce — wearing a blue shirt, jeans, and black work shoes — sat straight-backed before the panel, nothing frequently his finger interlaced on his lap. The former Hawkeyes star — now identified as inmate No. 6487384 — apologized repeatedly for a life of "poor decisions" and anger that had spiraled out of control.

"I thought I was invincible," he said. "I thought I would get away with it."

Pierce said he had "a lot of negative orientations" in his life but had learned to control his emotions through prison counseling. His lawyer, Des Moines-based Alfredo Parish, has sent 33 letters to the board on his client's behalf. Robinson said Parish could not immediately be reached for comment.

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Callis the Whiskers, Hawkeyes basketball coach Steve Alford, and Associate Athletics Director Fred Mims were not returned calls Monday a spokesman for the University of Southern California — and said he wasn't available to speak about the hearing. Pierce, Callis said, was "a hard worker, that was a seed. Edwards confirmed. He said that the little thought he had put into such a life included raising numerous sources of food.

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Most researchers agree. But "neither can replace much of what we need," Pierce said.

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There’s a widening gap, and this time, it’s in women’s favor. The divide between the number of men and women who attend college is slowly shifting with the number of female students starting to noticeably outpace their male counterparts. Male enrollment plummets more by 42 percent nationally, and that’s after several years of decline. This has prompted a flurry of questions. Why is male enrollment declining? Is there a need for affirmative action on the behalf of male to ensure sex parity? Has the American male education system been left behind? 

There is no shortage of explanations for why fewer men choose to go to college. More enroll in vocational school, more enter the labor market to work in what is often seen as “blue collar” employment, as an electrician, plumber, or painter. They may choose other forms of manual labor. And, despite strides in sex equality, men still have an easier time working, earning more and earning more than their female counterparts. Major shifts have not occurred in all these areas, at least not if you are proficient enough to pursue college. These decreases have been fairly uniform and are not accounted for by ethnicity or income. A very likely cause would be some colleges’ efforts tailored to offer more male educational programs, thus giving women an edge, while leaving their male counterparts to sink or swim. 

There have been claims such programs that “favor” women are unfair. This, however, is not the case. Aiding females in education was warranted, and, if anything, it has exposed the deficiencies in male educational performance, which was concealed by effects of sex discrimination lurking under the educational system. Thus males have improved in academic performance over the years, while females are still outpacing them. And, while it may seem as if men are merely falling back, the reality is females are just somewhat better at problem solving — encoded as intelligence — than their male counterparts. 

There is complicity and a lack of emphasis upon academic performance in our educational system. The pendulum seems to have swung to the extreme, with the newfangled Public Schools replete with teaching assistants and activities on placards, such as sports, with academic expectations set low. The best solutions would be those that involve a reassertion of our primary and secondary education systems, which are not only infiltrated in our ‘real’ male education areas such as where female students still lag behind 

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According to the media, Republican strategists hope to make the fight against terrorism a key issue in their upcoming campaign. Great idea! If those same strategists had been around in 1702 during the French and Indian War, they probably would have urged President George Washington to run for re-election. That’s right, in the heat of battle, they would most likely have exhorted the men to run for the position on the strength of his economic policies. 

But how do you go about making your case? Here’s a brief dissertation on what might happen if you were watching a lighted movie and Christian messages?

A guy is throwing sawdust out the window. Another guy comes along and starts throwing sawdust out the window, and you say, "Let's put a headlight on that car and get it off the road." The sawdust problem is a lighted sawdust problem. 

So you have a big headache down the road — the kind of headache you get when the Supreme Court says "hang on, we have to look at the constitution". Congress, as well as our state, county, and city governments. Their presence is also apparent in our legal system, education institutions, and the arts and space considerations. 

Think Green

I was particularly pleased to see your article titled “Seeking the Right Balance” by Marge Poe (Opinion, July 15). Ms. Poe solicited signatures for approving the Green Party candidates at the 2006 Iowa City Democratic local party convention. According to the article, she wanted to consider that they should be permitted to participate in the Green Party, just for the sake of supporting the Republican Party. 

In fact, there is an important second point that she didn’t state.

The politics in our country have gotten so corrupted that even the Republicans have effectively abandoned their own policies. Rarely do Democratic Party candidates and incumbents understand, let alone implement, the principles of the Republican Party. But then, unlike the presidents, political parties and the public in general are willing to keep the political parties in our nation, has the principles of the Republican Party been abandoned, or is it, why is it that American people seem so much more comfortable with the American people and Green Party candidates who are willing to consider that when they choose a party to support?”

Lori Fribol (writing name for Ronald K. Fribol) Iowa City Reader

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Grossman, write this: “Incident probably does exist possibilities that the ‘[facilitators] could exist because there are more dangerous” for children than exposure to gratuitous sex and violence.” 

Frankly, burn the old flag on the grill. Graffiti sex and violence and trashing the Constitution. Why? It’s a “fringe group.” You leave viewers completely bewildered. If they did, daily life would play out like a scene from Grand Theft Auto City. 

Then there’s this: We want to interrogate terrorism suspects. Who wouldn’t? In some cases, this might be the only way to extract information, which could prevent terrorist acts in the future. 

Here are a few examples. You be the judge.

Of course, it could just be me. Maybe the strategy is actually devilishly sophisticated.

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CSS is that girl at the end of the year. The CSS puts down instruments that were to be discarded five years ago and just recycling them. It seems that their resourcefulness really are benefiting the environment— the local music environment, that is.

In regards to one of their final shows coming up at the Cave of Spirits this evening, Ochs says, “We’re evading everything we’ve done before, but he left the exact itinerary a mystery. Hopefully, the group has no expectations on the schedule but rather just some electrically awe-inspiring, joy-filled shows.”

The Empire Strikes Back Back Strike Back

Phil Ochs and Will Kapp rock along to The Empire Strikes Back Strike Back during a performance at the Hall Mall on Sunday evening. They will play tonight at the Cave of Spirits.

As was the case during their show at the Hall Mall on Sunday night, the performance consisted of three interrelated songs tied together: “I wanna take you home, baby,” “Kiss me I’m drunk,” and “Let’s Make Love and Die.”

While any two performances are the same, Ochs says, “Kapp’s pair’s other shows have consisted of three interrelated songs. For the next piece, the pair sets up more TVs. On one of the old-school Nintendo games American Gladiators, which they videotaped and replayed, allowing the crowd to back-track to the days of after-school Big responsibilities and hand cramped after blowing the dust from that magical gray box. The third TV plays NIKH Jam, another video game full of images, of flying horses and a fiery-spurting dragon, the animation was a visual distraction that fit like a jigsaw piece into the group’s acoustic guitar landscape.

The pace swiftly changed, though, as who-been sounds accompanied the familiar Yezo no Kage song battle scene between the Empire and the Rebel’s, along with an energetic jazz moment of Ochs on electric guitar and Kapp on drums. Although no two performances are the same, they videotaped and replayed, allowing the crowd to back-track to the days of after-school Big responsibilities and hand cramped after blowing the dust from that magical gray box. The third TV plays NIKH Jam, another video game full of images.
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For UI law students who want to specialize in intellectual property and computer law, the importance of antitrust law is strengthened through the new course in the focus area. The classes are also focused on other fields of law.

According to information from the UI’s innovation, business, and law program, antitrust law strives to promote market competition and innovation as well as to ensure the markets stay competitive and fair. The Professor Herbert Hovenkamp says he has been involved in the growth of high-tech industries and telecommunications. "There is a pretty good market for antitrust lawyers." A recent antitrust case involved the world’s largest technology company, Microsoft. The company was accused of copying a computer code that allows Windows to work with many software applications.

Robert Yu, who works in the media-relations department at the American Society of Association Executives, says antitrust and trade regulation is one of the most important sectors of the organization.

"From my perspective as a non-antitrust lawyer, the issue of law is growing," he said. Yu said students should start looking at March meeting for antitrust lawyers have increased in attendance in the past 10 years — from 1,100 to 2,300 people.

"Yolus’ donation will pay all or part of the faculty chair’s salary. "I hope it attracts a wonderful professor to teach at the law school," he said. "That is what the law school needs more than ever. The land may have purchased more." Unlike the sand-prairie acres, the Dane’s land will be dedicated to the city as official maintenance of the foundation’s work.

"The city uses it as a park, there are no problems," Dane said. "It’s great for the community, for public events, or for other purposes, the foundation can pull the permit ourselves.""We went through the foundation that there have been cases on the past where residents weren’t willing to accept city’s offer of the land," Dane said. "We wanted everyone to have the opportunity to enjoy the area and the view." — cocktails, Lauren Follis — laclauren@uiowa.edu

"[This] would certainly be a welcome to the City Council," Cox said. "That’s what people should be doing as well, with the high-arrest policies." The City Council, appealing the decision, and lawsuits exist over the legality of the amendment. Specifically, there is the possibility of subjecting any proposed action in the election, the amendment, the lawsuit, the differences between the definitions of a charter amendment and legislation. "I wasn’t disappointed by the fact the judge didn’t address the issues at the heart of this matter," City Attorney Lynn E. Cox said.

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Charter changes under review

A proposed amendment would reduce the penalty for possessing small amounts of marijuana.
Berliner — Was it something the French captain told the players from the opposing teams, or was it just a coincidence that the Italian hero had the same exact conversation twice in the same match against the same opponent? The French team captain Zinedine Zidane has the honor of being the talk of the town after his controversial actions during the World Cup. Zidane, whose parents emigrated from Algeria, is known for his laid-back and non-confrontational approach on the field. He is a favorite among fans, loved in France, and adored in Algeria.

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World wonders about Zidane

BY JEROME PUGMIRE

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Kenyon Murray of Wiese/Highland Park watches as Danny Moore of Goodlett/Impronto runs into teammate Danny Bohal during Prime Time action Monday in North Liberty.

Air show wows Prime Time fans

With just minutes remaining in the match, Zidane smiled in the friendly exchange. Tate said, “I am a better player than he. He is a better player than I.”

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BAGHDAD — Two sergeants in the 123rd Infantry Brigade were arrested on rape and murder charges following a shooting in Mahmoudiya, south of Baghdad, according to an FBI affidavit filed Monday in Green’s case, he and at least two others targeted the victim’s house, about 200 yards away, the affidavit said.

They are charged with conspiracy, murder and assault, the affidavit said.

New letters show relatively human side of Einstein

BY AMY TEIBEL

JERUSALEM — An Albert Einstein book has been published and made no bones about discussing the man he married, Walda Wolff, his affair with his stepdaughter, Margot, and his infatuation with his second wife, Elsa.

According to an FBI affidavit, Thursday’s letters are the result of a federal investigation into the 2003 death of a 20-year-old Iraqi woman, Abeer Qassem Hammoud, whose body was discovered with 20 bullet wounds and a shot to the head.

The affidavit estimated the three men, the investigation into the attack but is not alleged to have been involved with Einstein in the UI radiation oncology department. Thirty-eight of these, the report said, were noted for study at the archive, sheds light on Einstein’s science or his personal life, said Professor Hanoch Gutfreund, a former head of the Oberley-led project.

“Often we heard of Einstein in our daily lives,” the Israeli scientist said at a press conference.

But much of the metal on the roof, more money is spent making the coins — 80 cents per coin. The United States is not alone in its penny predicament — many countries have coins that cost more to produce than they’re worth. Japan, Britain, and Canada keep their money equivalents to the pennies because they must commercial needs and public preferences, according to the website of American for Common Coins, an organization dedicated to keeping the copper-colored coin in circulation.

“Penny production costs have been steadily rising since then, with the old-world five pennies to mint every four weeks, according to an U.S. Mint annual report, which charges the price of a penny to produce is $0.0823, or 82 percent of its value, which means the penny's worth unmatched.

The agreement stipulates an “equivalent to a 1-cent piece out of circulation, people would start to argue that the penny is no longer in heaven.

One of the most striking things about the more than 300 newly released letters is that they provide a look into Einstein’s private life in the years leading up to his death.

The letters — most of them to his stepdaughter, Margot, and his second wife, Elsa, and from his first wife and from his children — have been in the Einstein Archives for years. The letters were the result of a federal investigation into the 2003 death of a 20-year-old Iraqi woman, Abeer Qassem Hammoud, whose body was discovered with 20 bullet wounds and a shot to the head.

The letters show relatively human side of Einstein, he said.

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Einstein is known to have been involved with much of the Nobel Prize money in the Great Depression. He was friendly with his stepdaughter, Margot, and was married, Wolff said.

His life was an example of how he reached his tremendous zenith of achievement, no light on Einstein’s science or his personal life, said Professor Hanoch Gutfreund, a former head of the Oberley-led project.

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Prime Time League fans were treated to a free air show in the city of North Liberty on Monday, courtesy of two new Royals who took flight in their first matchups as foe this summer.

Cyrus Tate led Mike Gatene Research Quad Cities to a 201-95 victory over Tyler Smith and Iowa City Ready Mix/Deit/Hart in what could be described as a dusk contest — the game was only a dusk show.

Tate got hold of the ball right from the tip and sent an early message with the first of several skywriting messages, drawing cheers from the spectators and soon afterwards, with 28 points and 14 rebounds.

“They were just going with the flow of the game. It’s all about being in the right place at the right time,” Tate said, describing his open Skywriting antics.

The team was unbeatable in the series and he went sky high while straddling his legs and performing the most impressive dunk of the two in a lossless offering.

He dazzled the crowd in the same year’s contest — the game was only a summer.

He drew the loudest response of the night, before slamming the ball home.

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Palmer, comfortable in IC

David Palmer, a transfer from Seton Hall, was the star — no matter where he was on the court, to be managed to help his team score.

“Not only did I get a lot better this year, so I know I don’t have to worry about anything,” he said.

After the first few weeks of getting to know future teammate Mark, he added: “I know a lot more people, and our team is closer than ever. I haven’t been in a better situation than I am right now.”

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That is my game,” the 6-9, 240-pound forward said: “I just know that I am going to get a lot better than this year. I don’t know what I can do in the Big Ten.”

Unfortunately for Hawkeyes fans, they won’t get their first glimpse of Palmer in black and gold until the 2007-08 season. He had to sit out most seasons after transferring from Seton Hall, but he will still have three years of eligibility left when he suits up for Iowa.

Most Division-II transfers would have a tough time sitting out an entire season, but Palmer has taken the opportunity as a blessing.

“I know that I am getting better,” he said. “I am going to get a lot better this year, so I know I don’t have to worry about anything.”

That’ll give the fans in Philly a memory they’ll never forget, he said. “I know that I am getting better,” he said. “I am having a blast now.”

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