As their crops slowly matured in the stifling July heat, farmers from across the state met with national lawmakers' tours through various parts of the state. "I think our biggest challenge for the next farm bill is to address the uncertainty," Hosford said. "I think it's the world at large as a farmer, and the weather."

"If you're talking about a farmer's world," Kamp said, "then it's the weather."

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Hosford said many people use the service for anniversaries, birthdays, and other special occasions. He added that because of the variable flight times, the pleasant experiences usually cease once in awhile, on a summer night or in the presence of dull clouds and bland colors — but every once in a while, there is a lot of beauty.

"It's just a really magical experience," said Kamp, who added that he and Hosford have "over 75 flights last year during their typical mid-May to mid-October season.""The fun part of ballooning is that there is a lot of uncertainty," Hosford said. "Weather can cause much of that uncertainty by postponing flights or by forcing us to land early, but the beauty of ballooning is that the balloon will land, he said."
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Since the hospital's ban went into effect, patients, nurses, visitors, and workers have reported seeing and hearing patients and workers smoke near the Field House, Fethke said. “It’s about smoker rights, because we have resorted to smoking — in hallways, in stairwells, in corners, lawns, and other areas that aren’t meant to be a short stroll of the hospital. It’s about smoker rights, that’s all.”

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EDITORIAL

Wal-Mart: Part One ends, but prepare for sequel

Miles upon excruciating miles of permit applications, legal briefs, news articles, and assorted red tape finally came to an end July 21, when Wal-Mart withdrew its offer on the public land it had sought since May of last year. Or did it?

After putting out the $3.1 million deal for 21.7 acres of city land, the Bentonville, Ark.-based multinational quietly hissed revenge: “There’s not a lot of developable land in Iowa City, it’s not a trade,” said Wal-Mart spokesman Ryan Horn, but “we want to be able to bring [our customers] a nice, new Supercenter.” Iowa City residents should prepare for this awful sequel.

The proposed site for this new Supercenter was the contested terrain in a relentless procedural and legal stratagem driven primarily by the Iowa City Stop Wal-Mart committee. Organization head Gary Sanders filed two zoning-related lawsuits last year: one against the city, the other against the Iowa City council to reverse a zoning decision that would have allowed the company to build a $21.7 million Supercenter.

In our April 14 editorial (“That precedent in Wal-Mart choice”), we labeled those efforts “speculative at best,” after they had been duly struck down by Judge Amanda Pettitfield. However, they were nominally successful in that they delayed the purchase agreement for more than two years. This was the least-discussed problem in the case and, while unimportant, was crucially important to come to light. Because of a 2000 Iowa Supreme Court decision involving another so-called “biopsia” store, the usual status as a wetland threw an unexpected legal wrench into Wal-Mart’s plans.

The concerns over the potential for development of the area are certainly justified. The potential for this particular area to develop, however, was not the issue. What do you think the land by Wal-Mart decided not to purchase should be used for?

DIFFERENT INTERPRETATIONS

The decision among city officials added to the confusion. At first, the council declared it irrelevant, because nothing in the city code restricts building on flooded plains. Then, after the Zoning Board of Wal-Mart’s requested permit to build on the wetland, another permit was secured from Iowa City’s building department. The situation remained status quo, with a legal standpoint, and with the clear and present danger poses. Sanders (who has appealed both of his cases to Iowa City’s Supreme Court and called for a citywide referendum), it is not surprising that people decided to forge on closing the site by the July 31 deadline.

If there is anything to be learned from this ordeal, it is that more careful, proactive examination must be made before the city decides to act in a situation such as this, because that's the brand that has "20/20" can rightfully be invoked here. But give the読んでる liberal charac-

ter of Iowa City and the controversy attending a new Wal-Mart any-where, the government would have done well to investigate public opin-
on the site. Through the city will charge Wal-Mart $15,000 in various fees and surcharges, it will only go halfway toward covering the $30,000 in legal expenses and countless lost hours incurred by the city during part one of the Wal-Mart saga.

BLOG

Surprise! Violence in the Middle East

Recent and not so recent events surrounding the ongoing violence in the Middle East and its neighbors are obvious problems for the region’s stability and security, as well as creating more problematic international relations. But, in light of the current political and military less-discussed problem remains. How do you go about inserting “nationality” back into the spotlight with use of violence and bloodshed, without becom-
ing an event of its own? How can the newspapers from 25 years ago and see modern media trends and the same outcomes. Violence breaks over the region, and the reality is that mistakes were made worse than once, and reality continues to suggest that a conflict in fact still exist among the states, as well as with the same communities. Violence breaks into the region’s stability, and the reality is that mistakes were made worse than once, and reality continues to suggest that a conflict rather than the fact that the city and the location and the political system that it represents is a key factor in which in terms such as the Internet and web-based, understanding and a general understanding of the national entities. Is it possible to examine the situation, and in general, turn online to the Internet and web-based, understanding how the system works of the content from the Internet? In a neutral-site system, Internet service providers are required to provide access to all traffic equally. In a neutral net-

neutral system, it would be possible for companies to examine preferred treatment of data transmitted on their network. So, for example, one search engine might be hostile to the neutrality of a particular web page, with which they might do wonders not only for the sake of online freedom, but also for our understanding of foreign affairs.

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Editorial writer

Internet traffic needs laws, too

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**VENUTO’S COSMICULPAN CUISINE**

**The world at the table**

A European-style restaurant offers authentic food, wine dinners, and exotic tableside entertainment on theme nights

**BY NICOLE SCHNITZLER**

Finding a dinner with vigilantes andDomaineVineyardswine can be tricky in Iowa City — but before one hopes on a plane toFrancefor some potato-leaksoup and white wine, it’s a stroll over toVenuto’sWorld Bistro on the Pedestrian Mall could make all the difference.

On the last Tuesday of every month, the restaurant holds wine dinners focused on various locales. Tonight’s feature will be the wine of the Loire Valley, a region south of Paris known as “The Garden of France” for its wine and verdant, châteaux-strewn landscape.

Sylvia Venuto, who co-owns the primarily European restaurant and coffee shop with husband Tony, notes that the monthly wine dinners are more than just an adventurous alternative to your typical Tuesday night out.

“There’s conversation; there are questions about the region; there are questions how the wine is made there and the types of grapes,” the 40-year-old says. “It’s really quite educational.”

The French table d’hôte will consist of four courses, each paired with a red or white wine from the Loire Valley.

Previous dinners have presented dishes and wine from such areas as Stomma County, Napa Valley, and Argentina.

On Aug. 29, Venuto’s will hold a Sardinian Tasting to get together with the public and the restaurant’s wine representatives featuring an array of wines, appetizers, and previously presented wines. The itinerary will also build diners in September spotlighting the French-Venezia Giulia region of northeastern Italy and in October focusing on Portugal.

Besides its monthly events, Venuto’s peddles itself on its authentic Italian set menus and constant creativity. Although lunch and dinner are available seven days a week, the banter moves from the Loire Valley to the Loire Valley with a dinner and wine taster set up at the end of the month.

“Dinner sets us apart in Iowa City — but we need to keep moving if we’re going to grow,” Venuto said.

**WINE DINNERS AT VENUTO’S WORLD BISTRO**

When: Last Tuesday of every month

Where: 15 S. E. College St.

Website: www.venuotosworldbistro.com

Erik and Cindy Hansen enjoy a quiet evening at Venuto’s World Bistro on July 29. The restaurant’s monthly wine dinner touts will feature cuisine and wines from France’s Loire Valley.

In honor of Tony Venuto’s birthday, the traditional start- ed as primarily an Italian restaurant in Mount Vernon, Iowa. In 2006, it moved to the Ped Mall and transformed into a world bistro, offering a large variety of international dishes, while maintaining an Italian flare — with items such as gelato and Lavazza coffee.

“Being a world bistro, we can take whatever we’ve got in our kitchen and create something completely different,” head chef Aaron Valdez says. It could be from France tonight, whereas last night, it was from South America.

However, putting on themed nights such as Venu- to’s wine dinners still require a little homework. Tony Venuto said that for the Argentinian wine dinner on May 30, the staff searched far and wide and found authentic blood sausages, an important part of the coun- try’s cuisine, from a vendor in Wisconsin.

“We really do hunt it,” the Munich-born co-owner said. But for those looking for the fruit, crisp flavor of a Domine Hippolito-Berryman Sauvignon with French muscadelle, the chase may be over.

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**ZACH SPITTLER**

**Setting one — You sit alone in your bedroom at 4 a.m., television screen on the main menu of your mind and only time, giving it a 30-sec-

Cassettes, ciphers, the ability to put the listener in one or both of the aforesaid mindsets, combining the project’s variously done, lead-ly playful voice with an air of reserved contemplation and calculated intent.

The album’s first single, “Angels & Fire,” perfectly displays the eek-eek, squeaky, “yes,” “no,” “yes” of lead singer Deven Mitchell. Kicking off with a strong sustained pause on the snare drum, the song flows from a piddlingly punky rela- tionship rant to a whiny, almost Falsetto Reveque chou-

“Getting Close” essentially does the same thing. The band’s current most popular single and video, it begins with a fed-up guitar riff and that classic mid-’90s letdown, as the lyrics of love-free high school girl to declarative “Get away from me.” The song takes an almost spatially ballistic turn, with floating melodies accompanying the lyrics. This could be over in a heartbeat. In the blink of an

By ANDREW RICHARDSON

**Up in the Attic,** while merging ska with bits of metal, maintains its high-school class-clown appeal perfectly written homework assignment on insect ecology.

**POPO GOES THE QUESTION**

RiversaMendoza passed out after winning Sunday’s Miss Universe pageant. What would you say to her when she woke up?

**You lost.** They’re all gonna laugh at you.

**Dustin Kelly**

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**Ryan Schultz**

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Marcum off to match

Marcum has turned pro, along with 28 other 156 women who are eligible to compete for the title. She said, "I'm just really excited at the chance to play in such a great tournament."

The 106th U.S. Women's Amateur Championship will be held at Indian Hills Country Club in Indian Wells, Calif., time and date unspecified, under normal circumstances. The U.S. Women's Amateur is one of the most prestigious events in golf.

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The junior from Clarinda, Iowa, was one of six regional qualifiers to qualify for the tournament, because she did not have to play in the U.S. Women's Amateur in 1996, which begins Aug. 9.

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**POINT/COUNTERPOINT**

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today's events

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Johnson County Fair, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Johnson County Fairgrounds, 3140 Old Highway 228, Edgewood

Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

Weekly Story Time: Happy Birthday, Hallie, 10 a.m., Barton & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall

Book Club for Adults, 6:30 p.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 S. Cherry

Cedar Rapids Kernels vs. Kane

Fairgrounds,

Story Time, 7 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.

Teen Summer Reading Program Final Party, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

The Devil and Daniel Johnstone, 7 p.m., Bijou

Chris Gray, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County Library

Improvimental Sketch Comedy, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 Burlington

Brick, 9:15 p.m., Bijou

Throwdown Dance Party, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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Letters of

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But a wrong word or move will get you into
trouble. Avoid travel and heated conversations. You can make money if you are careful how you invest. An older friend will help you make a wise cash

1. One letter only

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Puzzles

1. 2006 Presidential

2. The Other

3. Legs of

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See reporter Ian Smith

tackle on Iowa crosstown

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Sen. John McCain speaks

to a group of reporters and

Aires (March 21-April 19):

You may look inside your immediate zone, but if you don't know exactly what is

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Can't get enough Sudoku?

Check out DailyIowan.com for more puzzles.

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Turning computers into a good cause

There are kids who would benefit from having a computer in their house who just can’t afford one. They don’t have the skills that they need to use the computers because they haven’t had access to them.

— Sara Hulse, Fostering Technology founder

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They don’t have the skills that they need to use the computers because they haven’t had access to them.

Their goal is to promote the use of the computers for educational purposes, Hulse said. Interested children must complete applications with parent consent, submit their report cards, and find two professional references.

“We’re looking for children not who got A’s and B’s but who attend school and apply themselves to their own personal ability,” Hulse said.

Fostering Technology will work with the Iowa City School District in the fall to spread the word about the applications. For now, the organization plans to build its inventory through computer donations, which are tax-deductible.

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