BY EMILEIGH BARNES
THE DAILY IOWAN

Police officials said Wednesday that Prairie Lagoon feedback had received no direct threat of violence when store officials decided to close before the scheduled book reading on Tuesday.

The threat may have come in the form of an email, Kelsay said.

“The reason that we closed was because we just didn’t want a physical confrontation in the store,” said Paul Ingram, the Prairie Lagoon book buyer.

Ingram said the store was able to open to reschedule the reading, and he said that the store hasn’t received any security at Prairie Lagoon located at 15 S. Dubuque St. — since the threat.

“Is this the first time we’ve been threatened?” he said. “It wasn’t a general threat. It was a threat directed at this particular reading. I don’t think anyone’s going to come in and bomb Prairie Lagoon.”

Kelsay scheduled to read at 7 p.m. on Tuesday from her book Abortion Under Attack: Women on the Challenges Rising Choice, a compilation of essays.

But the “Live from Prairie Lagoon” event was canceled, and the store closed by 6 p.m. because of possible safety issues.

After the bookstore closed, several people gathered outside to support Jacob. Some hung signs on the door of the establishment that declared Iowa City to be a free-speech zone.

Jacob’s book focuses on the compilation of abortions and discussions about the emotional, physical, and medical complications in abortions — areas that are often ignored during the discussion.

“Jacob said her book does not take a stance on abortion, she hopes to help provide an ambivalent view to join the women’s rights movement and have no further involvement with the store.”

Rachel Mummey
The Daily Iowan
The Fox's radio host Scott McNeill interviews 5-year-old Simon Smith while mother Kathy Mahrer and brother Albert sit on the floor.

BY LAWRENCE DE GEEST
THE DAILY IOWAN

A bill Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, pushed that would increase federal Pell Grants 4 percent, from $4,050 to $4,310 per undergraduate recipient for the 2007-08 academic year, will be voted on today by the U.S. House of Representatives, according to Harkin's office.

The legislation, proposing $405 billion towards health, human services, education, and job-training initiatives, marks the first proposed federal Pell Grant increase in four years.

"This represents a long, hard fight to get adequate funding for a program that is key to America's future education programs that America depends on," Harkin said in a release.

"Pell Grants are a very important part of making a college education affordable for middle-class students. This bill represents a modest step toward getting them the help they need, but it is sorely needed," Harkin said.

The amendments to the 1992 Higher Education Act also would have required that individual grants be capped at $8,000, according to the U.S. Department of Education. However, appropriations in national spending have prevented the aid from reaching its maximum.

"It's supposed to be the common grand," said John Solow, a Mediacom subscriber in Cedar Rapids. "But the companies just can't seem to find a common ground."

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"Both sides would like to resolve it because each side is losing out," said Phyllis Peters, a Mediacom official. "But the companies just can't seem to find a common ground."

"This bill is simple a sign of the Democrats addressing which of the companies has made the silliest argument. To some, it means that this Arbitration panel that oversees the Federal Communications Commission will provide essential services."

"If the Pell Grant measure passes, it's unlikely other changes will occur in the near future, and it will still depend on the Federal Reserve's actions on the interest rate — current high rates prevent the money from getting to those who need it."

The bill will reach the Senate on the week of Feb. 12 if it passes the House, according to Harkin's office in Washington. E-mail: lawrence-de-geest-human-services@uiowa.edu

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Miracle Network

Mediacom-Sinclair fight may draw FCC’s interest

BY TERRY MCCOY AND DANA SCHUMANN
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Super Bowl may yet be blare from televisions of Mediacom subscribers in Cedar Rapids like Bob Pfeifer, 13, father Johan Smith, and brother Ammon, 20 months, wait to speak during "Radiothon," sponsored by the Miracle Network.

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"This would be the companies trying to get an edge over the other."

"People in Iowa City, regarding the FCC’s interest in having the Super Bowl on their airwaves because local Mediacom doesn’t have the Super Bowl’s signals."

"The fire was first discovered by a Coralville firefighter at 9 p.m. and stayed on scene past midnight, he said."

"Sens. John Blegen and Dan Franklin have introduced legislation to increase the Pell Grant.

"Because the address falls within 2,000 feet of a school or daycare, the law says it must have an exit, said Stannard.

"The most recent of which came in early January, when Iowa’s congressional delegation wrote a letter to the two companies to mediate their differences in arbitration."

"This time, it would be essential, as are all measures to damage what the senators say to do," said Phyllis Peters, a Mediacom subscriber. "I don’t know how it could disregard this."

"In Iowa City, regardless of the FCC’s action, will still be able to watch the Super Bowl because local Mediacom officials did not return repeated calls from the Associated Press."

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Metronet

In Corvalis, fire officials said an over-heating lamp was the likely cause of fire that destroyed a new home and claimed the life of a 31-year-old man.

"The lamp was being used as a nightlight in the child’s play area at the residence. 17005 Deer Valley Road, according to Corvalis police Lt. Mark Stannard said on Wednesday. Although both dogs were saved, removed from the area, one dog suffered injuries from smoke inhalation and was still at the vet on Wednesday, Stannard said.

"The man was pronounced dead at 8:06 p.m. and remained on scene through late Tuesday evening, Stannard said.

"The cause of the fire is currently under investigation."

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Police blotter

Timothy Naberezny, 23, Corvalis, was charged Wednesday with second-degree offense, OWI and driving while revoked.

Danh Kuhle, 20, E1O Church St., was charged Wednesday with serious assault or aggravated domestic assault causing injury.
Huckabee promises conservative resonation

**BY NEAL SAUERBERG**

**TIPTON** — David Stone drove down from Anamosa just to hear his early presidential favorite speak. In his opinion, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee’s stance on controversial topics increases the Republican’s appeal to Iowans. “Huckabee will kill Giuliani,” Stone said. “Giuliani is pro-abortion, pro-gay, and anti-9/11. That’s not going to play in Iowa.”

The governor may back on such supporters as Stone to cut him in the race to nab the 2008 Republican presidential nomination. In fact, Huckabee said he chose to run because he can’t feel a Republican candidate whose message resonates with Iowans.

Over soup, sandwiches, and apple pie at the Stoplight Cafe in downtown Tipton on Wednesday, Huckabee introduced himself to eastern Iowans and agreed his message — what he described as being based on faith and his “modest” childhood. But the 51-year-old pointed out that he did not succeed in the predominantly Democratic State of Arkansas by force-feeding people a right-wing agenda.

In 2000, Tree named him one of the top five governors in the nation. When he was governor, the percentage of medically uninsured Arkansas children decreased from 18 percent in 2003 to 9 percent the next year. Confronted that Americans do not look at the nation through a partisan lens, the former governor said that elected, he would encourage cooperation among people of different political beliefs on issues such as education, social security, and health care.

The importance of providing affordable medical treatment is one issue the governor knows about firsthand.

An avid marathon runner, Huckabee dropped 110 pounds after developing Type 2 diabetes in March 2003.

Carrying his message of personable accomplishment over into policy, he said the United States needs to focus on preventing illness rather than waiting until it is too late.

“People say it’s expensive to look at preventative health care, but I think it’s more expensive not to,” Huckabee said.

It would be another catastrophic mistake, he said, if Americans stopped appreciating the tremendous medical advances from the men and women in the health care field.

“This is a great country because of veterans,” he said. “I think all of us owe it to the next generation to preserve and care for those who gave their all for our country.”

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**UI takes issue with sustainability grade**

**BY MATT NELSON**

A Cambridge, Mass.-based study criticized the University of Iowa’s sustainability grade in 2007 report. The study will increase the awareness of university members of both political parties, encouraging cooperation among the schools and other institutions.

Schnoor, a professor of environmental engineering, said the university may respond to the survey and newsletter. “As part of the endowment, the UI is investing in a future painted by the institute’s report,” Schnoor said.

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Minnesota, which received a B-, is only 100 public and private schools with the largest endowments in Canada and the United States. The total endowments were equal roughly $35 billion. “We want to spark a discussion on campuses across the country about sustainability,” said Mark Orlofski, the institute’s executive director. “We want this to serve as a tool to move our country to a more sustainable future......consider current initiatives, such as the UI’s Energy Strategic Plan, which is ready for public approval from university officials,” Jackson said.

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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors reviews its five-year road plan

**ROAD-CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

If they did the improvements that they wanted, it would turn into the Grand Prix.

**John Burzak, Johnson county resident**

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to remove $5.8 million from the current five-year road plan to improve Sharon Center Road and sentences 2-1 to remove $4.4 million from the current five-year road plan to improve Prairie Du Chien Roads, which were approved every four years. The project has pre- pared to be put into the plan, which must then be approved by both the supervisors and the state Department of Transportation by April 15.

Two weeks ago, supervisors voted 2-1 to remove $2.8 million from new five-year road plan to improve northern Johnson County and Prairie Du Chien Roads, which were approved every four years.

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Residents and business owners asked city planners on Tuesday to install more streetlights and conduct traffic studies on what some referred to as pedestrian ‘obstacles’ in the North Side Marketplace.

The requested ways to improve pedestrian safety in the area — bounded by Bloomington and Jefferson Streets and Dubuque and Gilbert Streets — included installing “countdown lighting” at the intersection of Jefferson and Linn Streets. In addition, Doug Alberhasky, the store manager of John’s Grocery, 401 E. Market St., said he was interested in having additional street lighting in the area.

Alberhasky said he would pay for the lights himself, as long as they were well fitted into the area.

Businesses are important for the city, he said, and not just in terms of property taxes.

“Nobody wins when there’s a vacancy,” he said. “It’s a historic night for the students,” said Sen. Michael Portman, D-Michigan, who heads the group of Tennessee National Guard troops at an oversight observation post Jan. 3 on the U.S. side of the Arizona-Mexico border. No one fired a shot, and the confrontation ended when American troops retreated to contact the Border Patrol. The gunman then fled into Mexico.

The bill would require schools to report harassment incidents to the state and indicate what the school did in response. Lawmakers have questioned why the rules prohibit soldiers from opening fire unless they are first fired upon.

“Nobody wins when there’s a vacancy,” he said. “It’s not like some picnic down there,” Bonner said. "It’s not like some yacht on the water. They’re in the middle of the desert, you know. They’re having to fight for their lives..."
EDITORIAL
Recognize black history throughout the year

During the next few days, Black History Month will be marked by a shift in the curricula of classrooms across the country. Out will come the hum- ble heroes and bigoted Martin Luther King. For 28 days, middle-school students will open their textbooks to the select passages mentioning the civil rights leader. Too bad. In the next month, Jews, Catholics, and Protestants will learn about the Holocaust, Jesus Christ, and Martin Luther. It is unfortunate that only through the designation of a month to communemorating civil rights will we ever come close to heritage education.

Many Americans want to be able wash their hands of the dark periods of our history associated with the black experience. Packaging the memories as a lesson too painful to learn about in such a manner seems to subdue the guilt associated with them. Studying these events and people will- ingly acknowledging that they help us gauge our history’s failure and fulling the content of this important part of American history with- in the context of the actual course of history has the unfortunate effect of narrowing our views of “black” history to slavery and its legacy and opera- ting against and after the civil-rights movement.

Looking at the Harlem Renaissance and the Million Man March as events belonging to a different category than the others we as a country have highlighted at different times, black history is marginalized in these areas. Relegating these to the sidelines of American history textbooks and taking them out of the con- text of the general course of American history are distorting. To celebrate a “black” history is to imply that there’s a “white” history, thus, this country, running parallel to, but never crossing paths with, the other.

Since this mainstream version of our country has diminished the use of monitoring bracelets. This fig- ure was based on a study by the state’s two largest prison systems, which showed that 1,000 out of every 100,000 parolees were arrested in 1995, but only 500 out of every 100,000 parolees were arrested in 1996. It is extremely important to understand that these statistics do not take into account the parolees who were released in the same year. Therefore, a more accurate representation of the data would be that there was a 20% decrease in parolee recidivism rates from 1995 to 1996.

A clever estimate of the decrease in recidivism rates is the number of parolees who were arrested in 1995 and 1996. If 1,000 parolees were arrested in 1995, and 500 were arrested in 1996, the decrease in recidivism rates from 1995 to 1996 would be 50%. This is a significant decrease, as it indicates that the monitoring bracelets were effective in reducing the likelihood of parolee recidivism.

The potential for monitoring bracelets to help reduce recidivism rates is promising, but it is important to consider the limitations of these devices. For example, monitoring bracelets may not be effective for all parolees, and they may not be able to reduce recidivism rates in all cases. Additionally, monitoring bracelets may be expensive to implement and maintain.

Overall, the use of monitoring bracelets is a promising tool in reducing parolee recidivism rates. However, it is important to consider the limitations of these devices and to continue researching and developing new strategies to help reduce the likelihood of parolee recidivism.

LETTERS

TO THE EDITOR

The recommendations of the 2003 task force are essentially the same as identified by the 2007 consultants: the need for more information and means of communication and policies that control the number of inmates and increase staff safety.

As an example of this aspect of the 2007 recommendations, keep in mind that Webb is a freshman senator. He had barely been in the Senate for two months, and he was not familiar with the details of the debt ceiling negotiations. The government was on the verge of default, and the Senate was facing a critical vote. It is not surprising that the government would be concerned about the debt ceiling, given the potential consequences of default.

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BLUEx2010: The response of a crime victim to Dr. Vance’s question about vampires and the police shows that there is a lack of communication between these two groups. The police are often the first to arrive at a crime scene, but they do not always have the resources or training to handle such situations.

Once the police have arrived, they often rely on the victim to provide information about the crime. This can be challenging, as the victim may not be able to provide all of the information that the police need to investigate the case. In addition, the victim may be frightened or traumatized, making it difficult for them to provide clear and accurate information.

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A study published by Indiana University found that the most diverse of these schools is the University of Michigan, with 26.6 percent minority faculty members, and the least diverse was the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities at 11.8 percent, according to the 2004 report.

Among these numbers, the UI landed at the second-lowest position, with 12.9 percent of faculty members being part of a minority group. Since the study was released, the number of UI minority faculty members rose to 15 percent in 2007, according to the Office of the Provost.

Many believe Iowa's geographic position may be the cause of the low numbers. "We have to do more to project ourselves out there," said Marcella David, the special assistant to the president for Equal Opportunity and Diversity, said Venise Berry, an associate professor of journalism.

"The university needs to make sure qualified minorities of all kinds are recruited when it comes to advertising available jobs," he said.

Although diversity is important, he said, the most important quality when looking to hire faculty at the UI is that they're qualified. "You can still see patterns in different committees and university functions, said Venise Berry, an associate professor of journalism. "We try to counsel our younger faculty members on how to divide their time among teaching, research, and service."

"It will attract a lot more minority students," said UI associate vice chancellor for student affairs, Berry said it is "vital individual departments maintain several programs aimed at recruiting minority students," said UI associate provost, Michael Kuhrt, said. "It will attract a lot more minority students."
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RECRUITS

Hawks lose, gain recruits

The Iowa football team lost one committed recruit but gained another from the Ohio state defensive Player of the Year. Bruce Davis only committed to the Hawkeyes last Tuesday, only hours after accepting an offer from Ball State. It looked as if the three-star recruit wasn’t going to get an offer, but after Brian Smith changed his mind, he suddenly became available.

“Suddenly, afternoon, we had [Davis] was a Ball State commit — now he’s a Hawkeye,” Tom Brands said. “To have a guy that he has the ability, the potential to be a big player, that was a huge, huge gain for us.”

Smith changing his commitment to Notre Dame on Tuesday — Notre Dame offered just last August, but after his dad’s heartwrenching death, the position of the Hawkeyes fell to the coach of Notre Dame to commit to his four-star defensive tackle.

Hawks are named an academic All-American leader in the Big Ten, and won an NFL championship — which the Philadelphia Eagles won in the Super Bowl.

Rebekkah Gardner scored 17 to help Iowa to a 76-53 win over Wisconsin on Wednesday to seal the Hawkeyes' 12th place finish in the Big Ten.

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Women's tennis ready to rebound
The Hawkeyes will have a double shot of adversaries as it squares off against Indiana State on Friday and 47th-ranked Denver on Feb. 4

BY BOBBY LOESCH
THE DAILY IOWAN

After a tumultuous weekend in which Hawkeyes' women's tennis team squandered its lead against Michigan and was upset by Louisville, the 58th-ranked Hawkeyes (1-1) will return to Iowa City for their first home dual meet of the spring season.

Iowa will go up against unranked Indiana State (0-1) at 6 p.m. on Friday at the regrouping for its 36th-ranked Denver on Feb. 4.

Although on paper Denver is higher ranked, Hawkeyes junior Jacqueline Lee stated in a press meet, with meets, with the team's recent loss to the University of Louisville.

"It's very much equal," she said, "So we're not expected to win, as we are against Indiana State. You can't really go in with that mindset. It's been last weekend when we lost to Louisville."

With first-year coach and head coach Greenan and hand out credit to both opponen
t, the real story was the team from the Hawkeyes Wednesday.

In the Jan. 29 poll, Denver was ranked 36th, and Denver began its spring competition two weeks later, in the Jan. 30 poll, with a win against unranked Washington at 49th-ranked Arizona. Its only loss of the season is to the hands of Illinois (17th).

This leaves Iowa — playing with home court advantage at the recently constructed West Campus Tennis and Recreation Center — as underdog.

Greenan was quick to point out the season is still too young for accurate polls.

"There are a lot of matches to be played before we figure out where we really are," he said.

Senior Hillary Mintz was also quick to prohibit the rankings.

"I don't think they mean equal," she said. "On any given day, any team can beat anybody. There's a million variables, random events have an effect on the teams. While the Pioneers have had two head to head victories against Iowa, the women of Denver came out victorious both times — including a win over the Hawkeyes last year.

"Not going to be easy," said Lee, who has played at No. 1 sin
ces since the first week of this season. "All I'm looking to do is push to my potential. I know if I do that, then I'm performing well.

Greenan,whose squad is com
ing off a win, describes it as "a war," feel like his players will be ready to compete, noting that his team's performance is more than meets the eye.

Greenan will have to come out of that "war" still pretty healthy, physically, he said. "Maybe stronger, mentally hopefully, well be a lot better in the end."

The third-year coach probably won't give any "We must protect this house" or "This is our home court" going into this weekend because of his team's performance thus far.

"We're not going to be easy," he said.

On the other hand, some of the Hawkeyes feel strongly about beating the Blue Devils next weekend.

"I've been watching these teams for over two years," Greenan said. "This is our special place. I would like to make them earn it, and make them pay. Yay, we're at home at last! That's going to be tough."

If the Hawkeyes can execute in the way they want to, Indiana State will be a team that could be issuing that statement in the near future.

Yoshiro Ishikawa, The Daily Iowan
Badgers tie the game at 59. But Tucker, who led Wisconsin (21-2, 7-5, 6-2 Big Ten) a 53-43 lead with pointer that gave the Hoosiers (16-7) a two-point takedown and three-pointer in the second half, she said. There were times you could just look at me and I was standing there. It wasn't so much a wake-up call. It was more so that everyone was really going to be concentrating on me, and they're going to be looking at me and shutting me down. I have to work as hard as ever or triple as hard.

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Iowa took over the game with a 20-1 run, holding the Wolverines scoreless during a 25-second stretch, and took its second half lead on Haluska's second-half shooter.

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The problem is created when we get tired, not taking a break and finishing.
Bonds’ contract hits snag

NEW YORK — Barry Bonds’ contract with the San Francisco Giants was rejected Wednesday, a day after he signed a one-year, $15.8 million deal with the team.

Bonds, 42, is making a comeback and agreed to the contract Monday. But talks between the club and the player’s agent, Bob Borris, were unable to come to terms.

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“Player also acknowledges and agrees that he will not receive, oppose, or otherwise challenge any club action to terminate this contract as a result of player’s indictment for any criminal acts (specifed) ... nor will he cause or authorize anyone to perform any act in connection with this contract under (that section) ... to proper grounds for termination of this contract,” Bonds’ contract states.

Although the contract language was read to the Associated Press by a person with knowledge of the agreement, the language being eliminated.

Although it is not my policy to comment on the specifics of an individual player’s contract, the repeating Barry will allow the Giants to get out of his contract if he is indicted on the federal steroid investigation is inaccurate,” said “The collective bargaining agreement governs the work relationship between the owners and players, not the Giants’ unilateral assertions.”

As a news conference Wednesday to announce the 2009 All-Star game was played at Yankee Stadium, Commissioner Bud Selig wouldn’t address a question about Bonds’ plate if Bonds breaks Hank Aaron’s home run record. Bonds has 754 home runs, 25 shy of Aaron’s mark.

“I think I’ve spoken on that simply and clearly as I’m going to,” Selig said. “I’ve said that as we’d handled it the way we’ve handled everything else, and that’s all I have to say on that subject right now.”

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Colts riding Dallas Clark's spark

The former Hawkeye tight-end is key to Indianapolis' success in Sunday's game

BY RICK GANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI — Peyton is the main Manning in the Super Bowl. Everyone knows that — even Chicago's two Mannings.

The Bears have Ricky Manning Jr. and Danieal Manning, who will be manning the secondary Feb. 4 and trying to disrupt the Colts air attack spectacularly.

Ricky Manning, whose first season with the Bears has been as eventful as it has been productive, has fielded questions for these days on what it's like to be one of the other Mannings.

"It was funny at first," he said. "You kind of get used to it, being redundant." Danieal Manning, a rookie, has found the topic plenty familiar, too. He's never met Peyton Manning.

"But I have spoken with his brother Eli and joked a little bit with him about it," Danieal Manning said.

For the Bears to win Feb. 4, they'll have to defend Peyton Manning's passes to Reggie Wayne, Marvin Harrison, and Dallas Clark.

Colts asked late-season acquisition Rocky Prater to fill the void. When Prater injured his hamstring, Clark had to assume the No. 1 job when he returned against Miami in the regular-season finale.

He's delivered masterfully. In three playoff games, Clark has been the Colts' top receiver, catching 17 passes for 283 yards, an average of 16.6 per grab.

Against Chicago on Feb. 4, his primary job will be either pulling defenders off Wayne and Harrison or blocking linebackers out of the middle.

The Bears understand the predicament because Clark is not a typical tight end.

"He's got great hands, and I look forward to it," if he 'gim,' lineman Lennie路Briggs said.

Clark has brought more than speed to the Colts' offense.

Lest at-foot-4 and a generator-252 pounds, Clark has proven an adequate blocker when asked. But here, he started at linebacker before getting switched to tight end, a move Colts safety Bob Sanders — a former college teammate of Clark's — said turned him from a fourth-string player into an NFL prospect.

"He was OK, but he was a better tight end than linebacker," Sanders said. "I don't think he's a natural tight end, but it was a really good move for him."

It also worked out for the Colts.

Clark's upbeat attitude has provided a calming influence in the locker room, too. And while his most notable contributions have come on the field, without him the Colts may not have made it to the Super Bowl.

"The coaches did a good job of being patient with me," he said, "and I finally reached the point where I could play, and now I feel great."

Mannings for all seasons

That's where Ricky Manning, Chicago's nickel back, and Danieal Manning, a starting safety — they are not related — will be happy. Ricky Manning has a head start. He's already been in a Super Bowl with the Carolina Panthers, and he has a knack for playing well when the game is a big deal.

As a rookie, he made those interceptions in the NFC championship game victory over the Eagles following the 2003 season.

This season, he tied for the team lead with five interceptions and also picked off Matt Hasselbeck in a playoff victory against Seattle.

All that after a rocky start with his new team.

He pleaded no contest in September to a felony assault stemming from an altercation at a Los Angeles restaurant last spring in which a man was punched and kicked. The incident occurred fewer than two days after Ricky Manning signed a five-year, $21 million offer sheet with Chicago, one the Panthers didn't match.
BY PAUL SORENSON

The stalwart victor stands in the middle of the ring, blood still dripping from a gash in his head. He takes deep breaths, his muscles growing more defined with each labored gasp, each drip of sweat. While his opponent, once similarly draped with strength and machismo, eyes the ring in defeat, the winner kneels down and raises his arms as the cameras focus on the flashes of flame emitted by an eruption of fireworks.

On the other side of the television screen, Eric Rath and Joseph Favia sit on a futon, trying to wash down the last traces of a Terminator pizza with Diet Cokes. "Damn — that's the best [Royal] Rumble I've seen in a long time," said Rath, who paid $40 to stream the annual pay-per-view to a TV-connected computer in his Quadrangle dorm room.

Rath and Favia are among the millions of fans of World Wrestling Entertainment. While much of its popularity has been lost since the late-1990s glory days of the "Monday Night Wars," when the organization faced weekly competition from the Ted Turner-owned World Championship Wrestling, professional wrestling still has an avid following in national and international sports entertainment — even among UI students.

In fact, World Wrestling Entertainment may be reaching more young men than ever before: The company's stock value is the highest it has been since the late-90s, and international sales of the organization's products nearly tripled in the last four years. World Wrestling Entertainment will hit close to home on Saturday, when a Road to Wrestlemania event arrives at the U.S. Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids, drawing an expected crowd of nearly 4,000 from all corners — and the spaces in between — of Iowa.

One thing is clear: These stereotyped and spandex-wearing men (and women) are not a cultural force to be ignored.

While most UI students only consider professional wrestling an embarrassing pastime in middle school, the World Wrestling Entertainment continues to be a cultural force worldwide. But as it continues to receive criticism about its violent portrayal of ethnicity and sex, the question remains: What does this form of entertainment say about America?
SCANDINAVIAN/ NORDIC FEST

The Maia Quartet will celebrate its namesake, Hans Christian Andersen’s character Maia in the fairy tale “Thumbelina,” during February with a Scandinavian/Nordic Festival encompassing chamber music, dance, philosophy, film, and lecture.

**THURSDAY 2.1**

**Maia Quartet**, 8 p.m., Chappell Recital Hall

**Lectures**

- **Gates of Heart Truth:** Women and Heart Diseases, 1 p.m., Production Planning Building, 913 S. Linn
- **Public Rhetoric Class:** 5-10 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn

**FRIDAY 2.2**

**Verbal Kent and Cockey, 9 p.m., Picador**

**THEATER**

- **Maia Quartet and the Iowa Faculty of Music:** 8 p.m., Mill Library, 123 S. Linn

**DANCE**

- **Dances with Wolves:** 8 p.m., Mabie Theatre

**DANCE/FACTOR-FACULTY Dance Concert, 6 p.m., Space/Place**

**WORDS**

- **“Live from Prairie Lights”**
- **Amy Stewart, non-fiction, 10 p.m., Public Library**

**FILM**

- **Unfinished Life, 6 p.m., Princeton Lights**
- **Dance with Wolves, 8 p.m., Mabie Theatre**

**SATURDAY 2.3**

**MUSIC**

- **Alesana, Bless, The Fall, and Second Day: To Remember,** 6 p.m., Picador

**DANCE**

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**SUNDAY 2.4**

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Loosely only as “an entertainment company,” Meadows was intrigued, even though, as she remembered, “I figured it was something slightly seedy.”

She answered the ad. Despite a gut reaction of disinterest, the business, *Meadows* was reassured by the owner of the agency, whom she described as “gypsy and non-threatening,” and she took the job as receptionist, remaining there for six months.

“I thought it would be an interesting way to see a different side of Utah culture, which you certainly don’t get from the more Mormon side of town,” she said.

Though six months proved to be more than enough time for Meadows, who eventually felt simply because of the consistently depressed atmosphere — “It was a sad way to see humanity,” she said — the material in a way that I felt I could use it in fiction.”

What resulted was a blend of the fictional and the truthful: the settings of both Salt Lake City and the escort office in particular are fairly close to life, and Meadows reports two main secrets as being comparable of the women she herself “called out.”

The plot of the novel revolves around Jane, recently uprooted from New York thanks to a particularly bad breakup. Initially, Jane is content to remain in her post as receptionist and merely watch at the myriad of experiences the other women in the business, such names as Diamond, Sunflower, and the particularly biblical Jeanett — have while they go out. Soon, though, she begins working as a full-fledged escort herself, on an effort to forget the occurrence in her personal life.

So far, no one in the novel has recognized herself, or, as Meadows puts it, “No one wanted to be reminded of her job.”

After moving with her husband, a screenwriter, to Madison, Wis., around a year ago, she began touring in support of *Calling Out*, and she will finish up her reading schedule tonight at Prairie Lights Books, 15 E. Dubuque St.

“I’m a big bookstore lover,” she said, and having visited Iowa City one time before, she added, “*Prairie Lights* is such a great bookstore, that was just on my stopping list.”

“Calling Out” has been well-received, both in reviews similar to tonight’s and in the press — even in one rather unexpected place, she said.

“I got reviewed by a Mormon journalist,” she said, “and I expected it to be pretty scathing. However, she reports, there’s a much greater sense of pride in having Salt Lake City as the setting for a novel than outrages over either its sexual content or semi-critical stances on the church itself.

Question-and-answer sessions following the readings remain Meadows’ favorite part of the touring experience ("I know I can’t mess up"). One response she got stumped her momentarily: A listener once asked “if I was the difficult not to be conducive while writing about characters in a rather seedy atmosphere. This, she eventually responded, was simply part of the pleasure of writing — "exploring characters you don’t see every day or who don’t live in your life.”

Of course, of these characters act as glorified living in Meadows’ life, be it for only six months, because they make no differences in the novel. *Calling Out* never once comes off as judgmental, either of the Mormon community or the sex workers. Instead, she says, the novel is entirely heartfelt, funny, and uncommon in the best of ways.

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Eric Rath throws up his arms while watching the World Wrestling Entertainment's Royal Rumble with friends (from left) Demetrius Rogers, Austin Strajack, and Joseph Favia on the Quad on Sunday.

"I always thought his assistant was funny — he would come into the ring speaking all in Arabic." But it doesn't mean much to see similar trends in more respected entertainment. When criticizing the World Wrestling Entertainment's dealings with ethnicity, consider the show "24": male-centered, violent, and ethnicized. Similarly, consider the show "24" as an example of entertainment that reinforces the conception of masculinity and femininity are constructed, not biological facts. With a character and story-line development system based largely on fan-focus groups, the cartoon-like wrestlers we see on television are exactly what some Americans want — what some of us believe is correct.

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No stretch to argue that when it comes to independent rappers, MF DOOM chalks up the greatest name recognition. More than a mere fan of the genre,-count the Count — he's even turned that love into a lyrical style similar to the one he and his childhood friend had started honing on his own, even before the Count was a hip-hop credentialed album musician, and have built a fan base on the candy-coated, xylophone- and bongos-tinted rhymes of the MC who kicks off flow with words — non-hip-hop-heads were treated to the thrill of dense, cartoonish lyricism. As the early 2000s, found him-self wondering if he shouldn't — non-hip-hop-heads were treated to the thrill of dense, cartoonish lyricism. As the early 2000s, found him-self wondering if he shouldn't...