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Suits don't bother Taser

Coincidentally coinciding with the dismissal of four wrongful death suits against Taser International, the Iowa City police win approval to add 18 stun guns.

About the Taser

The Taser can function as a less-lethal alternative to firearms — though less-lethal doesn't necessarily imply "never" lethal. Since Taser International's founding in 1993, 51 wrongful death or injury lawsuits have been filed against the company. They have all been dismissed.

Iowa City police will spend approximately \$1,222 for each of the 18 Tasers they were granted money to buy on June 18. The City Council granted the department \$22,000 for the stun guns.

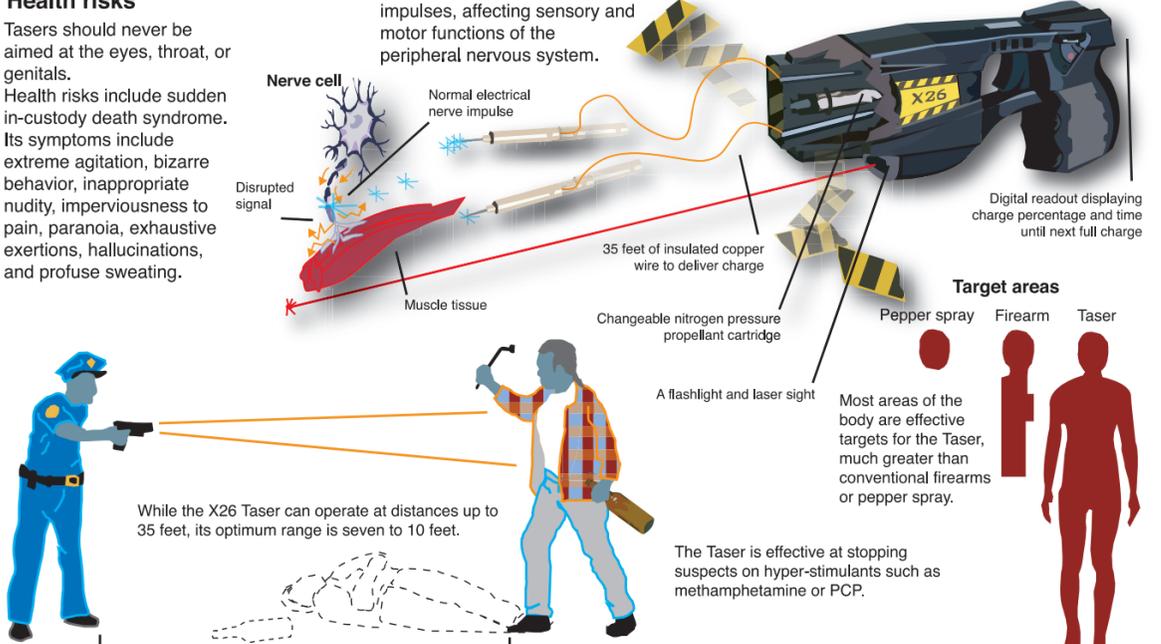
Health risks

Tasers should never be aimed at the eyes, throat, or genitals. Health risks include sudden in-custody death syndrome. Its symptoms include extreme agitation, bizarre behavior, inappropriate nudity, imperviousness to pain, paranoia, exhaustive exertions, hallucinations, and profuse sweating.

How it works

The electrical charge from the Taser disables the target by interrupting electrical nerve impulses, affecting sensory and motor functions of the peripheral nervous system.

The X26 Taser was designed to be the next generation of Taser for law enforcement; some features include:



Dylan Salisbury/The Daily Iowan

BY SAMANTHA MILLER
THE DAILY IOWAN

In a not-so-shocking development, the Iowa City police will be among the last law-enforcement agency in Johnson County to add Tasers to its officers' arsenal. They are joining the Coralville police, North Liberty police, and UI police, among others, in employing the weapon — widely touted as a less-lethal alternative to guns.

Coincidentally, this follows the dismissal of four wrongful death suits against Taser International.

Though the stun-gun company has yet to lose any of the litigation, Taser has accumulated 51 wrongful death

Charged debate

The Iowa City City Council's Taser decision raises safety and budgetary concerns. **Opinions, Page 4**

and injury suits since its founding in 1993.

But instead of taking a hush-hush approach to the numerous cases filed against it, Taser is wearing them as gold stars.

In a statement released today reacting to its 51st dismissal, Taser touted the high number, calling the latest a "company milestone." The release also maintained that Taser is responsible for a decreased number of excessive-use-of-force liability claims for police departments.

Steve Tuttle, the vice president of communications for Taser, said it's not the responsibility of the company to set up the use-of-force standards of its product — that is left for each individual law-enforcement agency. Approximately 61 percent use the weapon nationally.

"Law-enforcement officers on the scene are best able, highly trained, and equipped to determine the proper use-of-force required based on the totality of circumstances in response to any given situation," Tuttle said.

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Mason, Barta set to work together

UI President Sally Mason has work ahead of her with the athletics department.

BY ASHTON SHURSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

When UI President Sally Mason accepted her new position last week, she made sure to demonstrate her support for Iowa sports by shouting "Go Hawks."

But just cheering on the team isn't enough for the president — both the president and the athletics department work together to make sure the department runs smoothly.

"It's the front porch to the university," said UI interim President Gary Fethke. "Many people view the university through the eyes of athletics."

Although the athletics department functions primarily on its own, the university president and Athletics Director Gary Barta meet regularly and make decisions about sports together.

But before partnerships begin, a president must hire the director — which Fethke considers "the most important thing a president can do." Roughly a year ago, he hired Barta.



Mason
incoming UI president



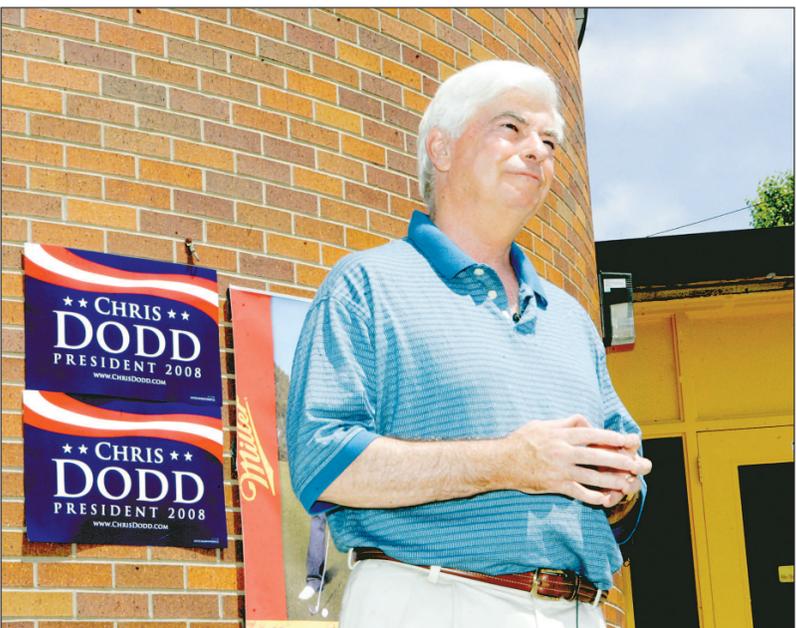
Barta
athletics director

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2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Dodd stresses using America's tools

The Connecticut senator, invoking the memory of President Kennedy, also encourages Americans to volunteer.



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

Before joining the Iowa Professional Firefighters State Convention Golf Tournament, Sen. Chris Dodd spoke at the Finkbine Golf Course on Monday. The Connecticut senator talked about his experiences in the Peace Corps and his goal of increasing the number of America's volunteers.

BY CHRISTOPHER PATTON
THE DAILY IOWAN

Campaign staffers for Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., flittered about Cedar Rapids Mayor Kay Halloran's dining room, nervously checking the time and periodically slipping out the door to make phone calls from the relative quiet of the front yard.

When Dodd arrived, the hum of conversation ceased immediately, and everyone crowded into Halloran's living room to hear him speak.

"There is more at stake now than at any point in history," the senator said. "We are precariously close to not getting it right and being the first generation of Americans to leave our children with fewer opportunities than we had."

Dodd argued that issues involving foreign affairs, energy, and the environment are among the biggest challenges the United States faces. These three issues are also intimately related to each other, he said.

"Obviously, Iraq is the overriding issue," he said. "Every day we stay in

CHRIS DODD, D-CONN., AT A GLANCE

- Served in the Dominican Republic as a Peace Corps volunteer
- Speaks Spanish fluently
- Has served in the Senate since 1981
- Worked to enact the Family and Medical Leave Act

Iraq militarily, the more dangerous it becomes for Americans. We need to utilize the tools we have as a great nation, tools we have basically abandoned over the last six years such as statecraft."

He went on to draw unfavorable comparisons between the current Bush administration and Republican administrations from the past.

"Even Richard Nixon could go to China and sit down with Mao Zedong," he said. "Even Ronald Reagan could call the Soviet Union an evil empire, but sit down with it and negotiate arms-control treaties. This administrations refuses to do so."

The Connecticut senator also touted his America Community Initiative, which he billed as a new national call to service.

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On the tee
See video of Sen. Chris Dodd's outing to Finkbine Golf Course at dailyiowan.com

Torrents of summer hit city

From June 21-23, Iowa City was hit with almost six inches of rain.

BY KYLE WEBB
THE DAILY IOWAN

After a barrage of rain poured through Iowa City over a three-day period, it may seem Steve Carell's new movie *Evan Almighty* is more documentary than comedy.

From June 21-23, the city received 5.75 inches of rain, 4.97 of which cascaded down on June 22, according to weatherchannel.com.

As of 8 a.m. Monday, the Iowa River stood at 16.5 feet. This caused the Weather Channel to extend a flood warning to Johnson County indefinitely on Monday morning, though drier days are expected by Thursday or Friday, according to the website. A flood stage is generally set at 14 feet, with 16 feet affecting agricultural land along the river and causing several feet of standing water in some places, according to the website.

Despite the rainfall, city officials were prepared to handle the mess.

"We kept the street sweepers busy sweeping up debris that was washed out from the rain," said John Sobaski, an assistant superintendent of streets. He noted that the sweepers are normally active from 11 p.m. Thursday to 7 a.m. Friday.

Sump pumps — which direct water away from households — were tested on June 22, he said.

Rain flooded roads and parking lots last weekend, but city staff were able to clear standing water using pumps. The Iowa City Recreation Center was one of the locations affected, and the water there needed to be pumped away before the Farmers' Market could open.

In addition, lightning knocked out phone lines, causing city staff to rely on two-way radio communications.



Rebecca F. Miller/The Daily Iowan

Heavy flooding over the weekend filled Leah Regent's yard with debris from neighboring homes and 4 feet of water at the Regency Mobile Home Park on June 22. Todd Brodie (right) and his family were not affected by the flooding.

'The rain has had a little bit of impact, but not as much as the high water levels have had.'

— Chris Varo,
UI Facilities Management engineer

"Luckily, we're a pretty experienced staff since [the flood of] 1993," Sobaski said.

Traffic was not the only thing affected by the downpour — a cofferdam constructed in the Iowa River to direct water away from construction was breached.

"The rain has had a little bit of impact, but not as much as the high water levels have had," said Chris Varo, a UI Facilities Management engineer.

Many Iowa City residents suffered flooding in their houses.

"We were in the process of remodeling already, so we got the water out with some towels and a wet/dry vac," said Ashley Leonard of Iowa City.

Some of her neighbors were forced to tear up carpet and replace water-damaged furniture, she said.

"We were very fortunate," she said.

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RISING WATERS

Nearly six inches of rain poured down on Iowa City from June 21-23. Here's how it added up:

- June 21 — 0.51 inches
- June 22 — 4.97 inches
- June 23 — 0.27 inches

The Adopt-A-Drain program:

- To avoid problems in the future, a city incentive-based program is looking to residents for help in controlling floods.
- The Adopt-A-Drain program allows locals to adopt a metal-grated storm drain, vowing to keep debris off that drain, according to the program's website.

Source: The Weather Channel, city of Iowa City website

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CORRECTION

In the June 20 article "Council bans fight night," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly identified Monte Cox as the owner of the

Union Bar. Cox is actually the fight-night promoter; he has no ties to the Union. The *DI* regrets the error.

POLICE BLOTTER

Austin Derby, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Jacob Hawkins, 19, 167 Columbia Drive, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Suprenia Holcomb, 31, 1001 Cross Park Ave. Apt. B, was charged June 23 with fifth-degree theft.

Jesse Hollanbaugh, 31, 1039 Benton Villa Apt. 1, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Antonio House, 27, 913 Willow St., was charged Monday with OWI.

Trevis Huff, 31, 4437 Driftwood Lane, was charged June 23 with public intoxication.

Matthew Iglehart, 18, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Sabra Johnson, 43, North Liberty, was charged April 4 with crack-cocaine delivery.

Chelsea Leonard, 20, North Liberty, was charged June 23 with OWI.

Malanda Netser, 24, 537 Elkhorn Trail, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana and possession of a schedule II controlled substance.

Reginald Payne, 18, Coralville, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana and permitting gatherings to use controlled substances.

Dennis Ryan, 59, 1906 Western Road, was charged June 21 with third-degree harassment.

John Schoenwetter, 29, 537 Elkhorn Trail, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana and possession of a schedule II controlled substance.

Kathleen Steinbronn, 35, West Branch, was charged June 23 with a third-and-subsequent OWI and fifth-degree theft.

Spencer Stevens, 18, 1126 Rochester Ave., was charged Sunday with simple assault.

Nicholas Stubbe, 24, Glidden, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Amanda Turgasen, 28, Coralville, was charged Sunday with first-offense OWI.

Shelby Walker, 21, 819 E. Fairchild St., was charged Sunday with first-degree harassment.

Jennifer Weddington, 30, 728 Westwinds Drive Apt. 5, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Cale Wells-Mangol, 24, Washington, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Brian Wiese, 23, 303 Willis Drive, was charged Monday with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

Changes for independent study

Students registering for Guided Independent Study courses face upgraded regulations.

SARAH PLATH
THE DAILY IOWAN

Students interested in registering for UI Guided Independent Study courses could notice less leeway while registering for fall classes after those courses adopted a session-based format June 15.

The changes came about after the UI Continuing Education Program acquired an upgraded computer program to handle the information for independent-study courses.

"The registration, payment, and grade keeping was all dependent on this computer processing," said Doug Lee, an associate dean of the UI Continuing Education Program. He said that dependence got officials thinking about advancing the software.

Those interested in guided independent study must now enroll during on-campus registration times and will have two academic terms to complete the work. If the course is not completed after the first term, the student will automatically receive an incomplete grade for

the class and then will have a second term in which to complete the course.

After noticing an increase in on-campus students registering for independent-study courses, Anne Zalenski, associate director of the program, said it only made sense to change the courses in order to better align them with the UI on-campus sessions.

"We've seen a dramatic increase in on-campus students taking independent-study courses," she said. "We really wanted to meet their needs."

She also hopes the course changes would limit the amount of paperwork for the students planning to follow the independent route.

"[Students] get a Hawk ID, they get a U-bill. It simplifies things for us in the office and students," she said. "It allows us to work into the university structure."

Before the switch, independent-study courses followed a non-session-based format and students were allowed to register and begin course work

anytime during the academic school year. They had nine months to complete the course and could then ask for a three month extension as needed.

The courses are now about eight months long and have no extension policy.

"The simplest way to [explain] this is to see [the classes] as two-term courses," Zalenski said.

The June 15 switch also altered the way students pay for classes. Students can no longer pay by credit card; tuition is charged to students' U-bill instead. From there, each student can choose to pay for the class in full or split the payment into three installments during the semester for a \$20 fee.

But the new payment plan and registration periods give students the option to apply for financial aid; the prior guidelines didn't allow for such payment options.

"They can take advantage of ISIS and can apply for financial aid," Lee said.

Yet because such courses appeal to students because of

NEW UI GUIDED INDEPENDENT STUDY COURSES SYSTEM

Before June 15, students:

- Could register for independent-study courses anytime during the academic year.
 - Had nine months to complete the course.
 - Could pay with credit cards.
- After July 15, students:
- Must enroll during on-campus registration times.
 - Must complete the course in two terms.
 - Pay for courses through their U-bill and may apply for financial aid.

their flexibility, the specific registration has raised questions for some.

"The only negative thing I've heard is that students could register any time and now they can only register three times a year," Lee said.

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METRO

UI professor honored

The Association for Behavior Analysis International has named a UI child-behavior specialist a fellow — the highest acknowledgment of professional contribution in the field of behavioral analysis, according to a release.

David Wacker received the award — given to fewer than 50 people across the globe — for his medical work with the UI Children's Hospital.

"This is only the fourth year that they have awarded the fellow distinction, and so I am very surprised and honored to have been selected as a fellow," said

Wacker in a release. "I am gratified that our work in the clinics has been so well received."

His clinical concerns concentrate on children and adults with developmental disabilities. He focuses on functional analysis, functional communication training, and stereotypical behavior in his research, according to a release.

"I am delighted that Dr. Wacker has received this much-deserved honor," Michael Artman, UI Children's Hospital physician-in-chief, said in a release. "It is certainly a worthy recognition of his commitment to caring for chil-

dren and adolescents with severe behavioral problems."

— by Ben Travers

Rights center names new director

After working under an interim director for the last year, the UI Center for Human Rights has announced the appointment of a new director, effective July 1.

Downing Thomas, a professor and chairman of the UI French/Italian department, is slated to take of the human-rights group.

"I am eager to begin working with the executive board, and in particular, with senior scholar and founding

director Burns Weston to continue the center's strong record of human-rights research and education at the UI," Thomas said in a release.

William Reisinger, the dean of International Programs said he agreed with the university's decision.

"Thomas has superb qualifications for this position, and I know he will provide excellent leadership as the center moves forward," Reisinger said in a release.

Burns Weston, the founding director of the center, has served as the interim director since the death of former director Ken Cmiel.

— by Ben Travers

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New leader Mason to work closely with Barta



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Purdue Provost Sally Mason and husband Ken have a few words with Athletics Director Gary Barta in the IMU Richey Ballroom on June 21 after the state Board of Regents unanimously selected Mason to be the UI's new president.

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"Make sure the person you hire is someone you can trust and know can do a good job," said Fethke, who is Barta's direct supervisor.

If a concern arose, the two would meet to talk over the issue.

"My job is to make sure there are no surprises for the president," Barta said.

Earlier this year, a controversy surrounding the athletics department's relationship with the Iowa Lottery ultimately led to Fethke's decision to cut the tie. Barta and Fethke also both attended the final interview with new Iowa men's basketball coach Todd Lickliter.

"You have to respect the athletics director's opinion and point of view and trust that person," Fethke said.

Besides monthly updates, the president and athletics director — as well as the coaches — often see each other at events. And while the president may sometimes interact with other people in the department, her or his primary work is with Barta.

Mary Curtis, an associate athletics director, doesn't directly work with the head of the university but understands the

importance of having a good relationship between the two areas.

"We've never had a president who wasn't involved [with Hawkeye athletics]," she said, noting there is a adage at the university: There are two ways a UI president can be fired: mis-managing athletics or the hospital.

Mason and Barta spoke on the phone last week after she was picked to be president, and Mason said on June 21 that she looks forward to working with him.

During her interviews for the presidency, she said that as the Purdue provost, she created a strong relationship with the Boilermaker athletics director, Morgan Burke. In addition, Mason stressed the importance of understanding the student-athlete.

"I feel very bad for these people because they don't realize the fishbowl they live in," she said on June 14.

Barta echoed Mason's eagerness about working together.

"She understands the Big Ten and has a similar philosophy to me," he said. "I liked her passion."

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2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

Dodd stresses volunteers

DODD

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"I believe every American ought to be serving our country in one way or another," Dodd said. "I'm not suggesting that people spend two years or go into the Army, but as a candidate, I will celebrate the idea of service in our country."

He said his experience with the Peace Corps has been influential in his life. Living in the Dominican Republic allowed him to become fluent in Spanish and better understand Latin America generally, he said.

"[The America Community Initiative] covers the entire spectrum of Americans," said Taylor West, Dodd's Iowa press secretary. "It includes high-school and even middle-school students, as well as those who have just finished college. It even provides tax benefits for businesses to help their employees be able to volunteer more."



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

Reflecting on his experiences in the Peace Corps, Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., speaks at the Finkbine Golf Course on Monday about his goal to increase the number of American volunteers. Dodd then teed off in the Iowa Professional Firefighters State Convention Golf Tournament.

Bob Rush, a Cedar Rapids attorney and the head of the Phoenix Club, which hosted Dodd in Cedar Rapids, said he was impressed with Dodd's accomplishments and experience.

"I like his ideas about

national service," he said. "It takes some guts to advocate something like this. It's not a universally applauded idea, but it's important."

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Police ready for Tasers

'A person will have to be at a certain level of resistance. It's not like an officer is going to use a Taser at a party call.'

— Troy Kelsay, Iowa City police sergeant.

TASER

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When a Taser is employed on a subject, according to the company's website, 50,000 volts of electricity are sent through the targeted person's body, temporarily paralyzing the individual. The website warns about the possibilities of seizures, vision loss, breathing impairment, fainting, scarring, and death.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said the department is in the process of generating its own policy for Taser use — which the Iowa City Council approved unanimously on June 18. The council also OK'd using \$21,000 of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant to purchase 18 stun guns. City Councilor Bob

Elliott said the general feeling among the councilors was, "It's a good idea — let's go for it." He said, speaking for himself, that he wasn't worried about the lawsuits against Taser, because a less-lethal option than a revolver was a good thing.

Kelsay said that Tasers, as with every other weapon, will need guidelines for their use.

"A person will have to be at a certain level of resistance," he said. "It's not like an officer is going to use a Taser at a party call."

Kelsay said he foresees a fairly limited employment of Tasers



Kelsay
IC police sgt.

at the department. In most instances in which a Taser could be used, he said, the less-severe pepper-spray would probably be administered.

"There's always [concerns about injury] after the use of any force," he said. "This is why there will be part of the policy that will address [a Taser's] proper use and how the police department is going to treat [a subject] after it's used on her or him."

Kelsay added that one officer is in the process of completing specific training for Taser use and will report to police on what he learned. The department doesn't have the weapons in its possession yet.

"It's not like we just pick these up at a Police-R-Us store," he said.

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EDITORIAL

City's new stun guns raise safety, budgetary concerns

The Iowa City City Council's decision last week to approve the purchase of 18 Tasers for use by the Iowa City police raises several concerns, the first — and less important — relating to cost. Iowa City Police Chief Sam Hargadine was quoted recently as saying that the department is in need of 40 more officers to meet national standards. The City Council's decision to spend more than \$20,000 of a federal grant on Tasers is a misallocation of resources. The grant, issued jointly to the Johnson County Sheriff's Office and the city police, is worth approximately \$70,000; the funds should be used to hire more officers. The City Council's decision to spend nearly one-third of the grant on a controversial, potentially deadly weapon deemed "less lethal" than firearms is irresponsible.

Amnesty International reports that more than 70 people have died in the United States and Canada since 2001 in police-related confrontations involving Tasers. In many of those cases, Amnesty reports that Tasers were used against individuals who posed little or no threat to officers.

Misuse of Tasers has been well-documented over the past several years. Because they are considered nonlethal and, according to the manufacturer, cause "complete incapacitation" in one-quarter of a second, Tasers are becoming the weapon of choice in many police departments nationwide. In one instance, a 50,000-volt shock was used against a 13-year-old Arizona girl who threw a book in a public library.

Tasers are most harmful to individuals suffering from heart disease or

those under the influence of drugs, and those people are responsible for the majority of Taser-related deaths in recent years. An individual diagnosed with heart disease bears no physical evidence of the ailment and is therefore vulnerable to long-term health problems or death when a Taser is applied.

Tasers are now used in more than 5,000 police departments nationwide; locally, officers in Coralville, North Liberty, University Heights, and the UI police are armed with Tasers. As these weapons become more common, so will their use. In one study, use-of-force incidents at one department in Florida showed that the use of Tasers increased from zero instances to 201 over a four-year period. Over that same period, every other nonlethal tactic decreased.

The Iowa City police, along with the City Council, should make a stronger effort to hire more police officers instead of spending valuable resources on weaponry. An officer, mentally and physically fatigued from a six-day work week, may choose to use a Taser against an unruly citizen as a last resort. If that same officer — having worked fewer hours — could rely on the assistance of another nearby officer, he or she may not have to make the same choice.

The police need more officers to protect both the citizens of this city as well as themselves. Tasers, however effective they may be in subduing an assailant, will never replace the skill, knowledge, and presence of a well-trained police officer.

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DI BLOG

War on Islam?

Almost six years have passed since the purposely vague war on terror began in this country, and we're no closer to defining the slogan than we were on Sept. 12, 2001. Terrorism is, above all, a tactic that can be easily applied to more than just the Islamic community. Our nation's sad attempt at stereotyping the entire Muslim community as the enemy has terrible implications, the first involving ethnic and social bigotry.

Since 2001 the word "terrorist" has been continually and forcefully associated with fundamentalist Islam; most Americans, having little knowledge about the Islamic faith, have done nothing but accept that Islam is a dangerous and hate-filled faith. But let us remember that the Ku Klux Klan, also an illegal terrorist organization in this country, is at its base a Christian organization. I haven't met a Christian who accepts this rationale — to these individuals, members of the KKK are no more Christian than Adolf Hitler claimed to be. Average Muslims must feel the same way about their own fundamentalists.

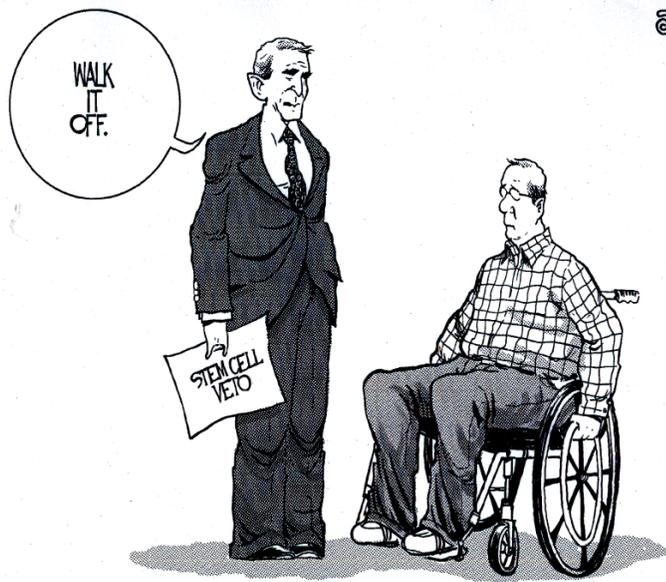
The war on terror is dangerous at face value and deadly when implemented. If our president is so hell-bent on ridding the globe of terrorism, why have we concentrated our foreign-policy efforts almost exclusively in the Middle East? Which nations dominate nightly news in the United States? Iraq, Afghanistan, and Iran.

What of the IRA in Ireland? Or FARC, a Colombian terrorist organization that murdered three Americans in March 1999?

Or what about the genocide in Darfur, where hundreds of thousands have been murdered? Is it not terrorism when women are raped beside the murdered bodies of their husbands?

Fundamentalist Islam is not the greatest threat to the United States: national ignorance promoted by our government is. Until our president, along with Congress, says otherwise, I refuse call our Middle Eastern occupation anything but a war on Islam.

Rob Verhein
DI editorial writer



COMMENTARY

Congressional Dems making slow, but meaningful progress

First gun control, now fuel economy. Congressional Democrats still have a lot of work ahead to get their groundbreaking bills past both houses and the president's desk, but you can't say they're not leading a radical change in direction.

On June 13, the House passed what could become the first major gun-control law in a decade, a bill aimed at strengthening a federal database used in background checks for gun buyers. A week later, the Senate approved an energy bill that would improve mileage for the nation's automotive fleet for the first time in nearly 20 years. Democrats still haven't forced a troop reduction in Iraq or put their stamp on the nation's backward immigration policies, but their surprising success in other areas is worthy of praise.

Not that Democrats deserve all the credit. The gun bill was a bipartisan effort that passed by acclamation after it won the blessing of the National Rifle Association, while 20 Republicans — nearly half the 43 who voted on the measure — backed the fuel-economy bill. Still, these measures would have been inconceivable while Republicans controlled both houses during the first six years of the Bush administration, a period characterized by the disgraceful decision to allow a decade-old assault weapons ban to expire in 2004 and successive energy bills focused on maximizing fossil-fuel production at the expense of the environment.

It would be nice to think that the broad Republican support for a

progressive energy bill signaled a pro-environment change of heart. Unfortunately, it probably has more to do with the high price of oil; Republicans are feeling pressure to bring gas prices down. They also rightly see dependence on foreign oil as a national-security issue. The fuel economy bill would increase the average mileage requirement for cars sold in the United States from 25 miles per gallon to 35 by 2020, expected to eventually save millions of barrels of oil a day.

Regardless of their motives, Republicans' support for the energy bill will increase pressure on President Bush to sign it, assuming it gets through the House. Bush favors better fuel economy but wants it to come at a slower pace, with loopholes to allow more gas guzzling by SUVs. The Senate energy bill has its own regrettable loophole: A strong mandate was watered down in committee, allowing federal regulators to cancel the improvements if they decide the tighter standards aren't "cost-effective." But senators beat back furious efforts by the auto industry to weaken the bill further.

There was one sour note to last week's passage of the energy bill: An amendment that would have required the nation to get 15 percent of its electricity from renewable sources was defeated. Senate leaders should revive it in the future.

This editorial appeared in Monday's Los Angeles Times.

ON THE SPOT

Should Iowa City have spent a federal grant on hiring more officers or purchasing Tasers?



"I wouldn't know what would work better as a crime deterrent."

Jay Vithalani
UI graduate student



"I think they should give Tasers to everyone. We don't need more cops."

Leah Casper
UI senior



"More officers."

Chris Herman
UI senior



"Neither. Let's spend the money on social programs."

Jody Hepperly
UI senior

Hayseed at large

We all know the stereotypical version of Iowa that persists among the enlightened masses huddling in the country's major media centers, which double as big cities.

Iowa is a flat, sleepy place, the urban legend would have it, rural, bucolic (the polite word for hayseed), full of hicks and other sorts of unsophisticated people. (In fact, according to one legend, the name "Iowa" comes from an old Dakota word meaning "sleepy heads.")

And that's the nice version. In the not so nice version, Iowa is an acronym for Idiots Out Wandering Around.

We who live here can shrug all this off like so much stray rainwater. We know that most Iowans live in cities and towns, not on farms, and that while the hogs and cattle might outnumber the people here, that's probably preferable to living in a place where the taxis outnumber the people (not that you can ever get one). And those who have been on RAGBRAI can attest that Iowa is not exactly what a cognizant person would call flat.

We know about the excellent schools and the high literacy rate. We know about the vibrant arts scene (at least in Iowa City), and we know there's never a good reason to go to Des Moines (unless you're having trouble sleeping).

We also know that Iowans are more sensible than this: the latest *Newsweek* poll shows that 41 percent of Americans still believe Saddam was involved in 9/11. And 20 percent still think we found Saddam's WMD. We Iowans go "Hoo-hah" at that.

And besides, we always have Missouri to make fun of.

(The old standby always works; you meet a Show Me person and jovially tell her or him that if Iowa were to cede its lowest tier of counties to Missouri, it would raise the literacy rate in both states. It's a great ice-breaker.)

So that's all well and good, and then, along comes Steve King to show the country the stumbling bumpkin side of Iowa.

Yes, Iowa Republican Rep. Steve King, who is not the famous author, but he is to many a horror story, has struck again. King (who represents Iowa's 5th District, which should be part of Nebraska) has achieved some level of notoriety in the past. He once compared illegal immigrants to stray cats and on another occasion, to livestock. He once said his wife would be safer in Iraq than in Washington, D.C., and he once hailed right-wing nut Sen. Joe McCarthy as a "Hero for America."

His latest foray into big-brain country is his amendment to the State and Foreign Operations bill that would prohibit House Speaker Nancy Pelosi from using government funds to travel to Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria.

Pelosi, you'll remember, ruffled some Republican goose down (which can be a real downer) by traveling to Syria a few months ago to meet with officials. It didn't seem to bother the conservative folks that, a day or two previously, a bunch of Republican congressmen had traveled to Syria to meet with officials.

And King apparently isn't all that concerned about Republican travel. The folks at Talking Points Memo contacted King's congressional office to ask whether the amendment covered, say, Republicans Eric Cantor, David Hobson, Darryl Issa, and Frank Wolf (all of whom traveled to Syria) and got this answer:

"The measure only applies to one position — the speaker of the House."

So, let's see. If Nancy Pelosi travels to Syria, et al., bad, bad, bad — but if Republicans to it, that's all well and good.

You can hear the laughter echoing around Washington, D.C. — about King, of course, but also about the state of Iowa. One Talking Points Memo reader even brought up the acronym slur, referring to King as just another Idiot Out Wandering Around, tainting the whole state with King's genius.

King's amendment, of course, went down to crushing defeat, 337-84. Only 84 of 201 Republicans backed the amendment.

The state does all this work on its image, with literacy and education and high tech, and then the Nebraskans out in the 5th District elect Steve King, and it all goes down the toilet.

It's enough to make you want to move to Missouri. ■

Beau Elliot, in his spare time, wonders whether shipping the 5th District to Nebraska would raise the literacy rate in both states. We told him he has too much spare time.



BEAU ELLIOT



Check out blogs.dailyiowan.com/arts to read *DI* blogger Kate Casper discuss her encounters with the "Ugly American" stereotype in Pau, France.

It was the tone of her spiteful announcement that made me judge her. With signs of a wealthy background sewn in every thread of her J. Crew, Lacoste, and Ralph Lauren ensembles, this girl was spoiled."



ARTS & CULTURE

BOOK REVIEW

DISSECTING DISASTER

What if a tragedy is just a tragedy? In *F5*, Iowa City author Mark Levine uses the most severe tornado outbreak ever recorded to question our need to see disasters, against all evidence, as both unusual and meaningful.



JENNA SAUERS

The subtitle of Mark Levine's new nonfiction book, *F5*, informs one that what follows will be a story of "DEVASTATION, SURVIVAL, AND THE MOST VIOLENT TORNADO OUTBREAK OF THE 20TH CENTURY." Which kind of makes it sound like a breathless Sebastian Junger or Jon Krakauer title, with a typical tragedy-porn narrative of death and a few plucky humans who overcome, against all odds, etc. But Levine has more on his mind than just a macho yarn stuffed with cliffhangers that tumble toward the inevitable life-affirming ending.

F5 is about the ways we think about disaster. We tend to think, Levine writes, that "the changes [disaster] wrings are accompanied by the terrible, clarifying knowledge that its seeds have been drifting in the everyday air all along." Levine's project, in part, examines the traditional catastrophe narrative of disaster as natural retribution to see how that narrative squares with experience. The writer mounts a compelling case that it doesn't.

The tragedy in Levine's sights is the largest and most severe series of tornadoes ever recorded. On April 3 and 4, 1974, 319 people died in the "Super Outbreak" of 148 tornadoes spread over 13 states and the province of Ontario. The storm system birthed six F5 tornadoes, 24 F4s, and 35 F3s.

Levine pursues his topic on both a macro and a micro scale. The book opens with a

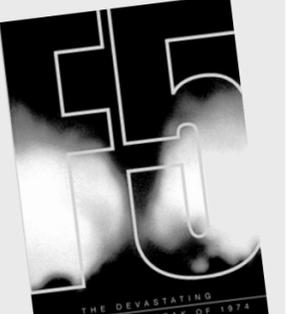
map of Limestone County, Ala., and a list of some of its residents on the day an F5 and an F4 struck in the same half hour. Levine limns these individuals — a high-school couple and an electrical lineman, among many others — in detailed, elegant vignettes. Levine's research is such that we learn his characters' family histories, take-home pay, criminal and military records, and innermost desires, building up an intimate, idiosyncratic community portrait.

But the narrative also makes sudden shifts to a broader view — we learn the history of tornado detection in the United States and the story of Tetsuya Fujita, the meteorologist who developed the Fujita scale. Within pages of being introduced, he leads a group of students around Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 to study the burn patterns of the nuclear blasts. Fujita serves as perhaps the quintessential theoretician, so enthusiastic about the science of his subject and so detached from its human externalities that, in a bar on their last night of collecting data at the sites of the Super Outbreak, he tries to get his research assistant to join him in a toast to tornadoes.

Levine inhabits his context, jumping like the unpredictable downbursts of wind that Fujita discovered from Nixon's troubled presidency to Hank Aaron's pursuit of Babe Ruth's record to the early '70s trend of disaster cinema. The writer's project seems contradictory at first; he demonstrates that disasters happen all the time and that we ought not mistake catastrophes for instruments of fate. But in offering such a detailed look into the lives of the Limestone County residents, it's hard to read *F5* as a collection of stories with no significance beyond themselves.

Levine finds a middle path: He doesn't write about

READING
Mark Levine
 reads from *F5*
 When: 7 p.m. today
 Where: Prairie Lights,
 15 S. Dubuque
 Admission: Free



individuals to bend nature into a convenient narrative arc, but he doesn't box himself into the conclusion that just because disasters are common as dirt, they are somehow insignificant. *F5* is a disaster counter-narrative: The traditional disaster story treats individuals as symbols; Levine makes them into people. He liberates his characters from being forced to make us feel better about the human spirit or the power of community. There are suicides, more tornadoes, cancer deaths and people who, years after the outbreak, speak of getting something from the basement, forgetting momentarily that the basement and the home they are imagining were long ago destroyed.

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Record Reviews

BY JOHN C. SCHLOTFELT
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Ryan Adams
Easy Tiger
 ★★½ out of ★★★★★

Ryan Adams has made a career of wearing his heart on his sleeve and baring his soul for the spotlight. It's doubtful, though, whether he's ever read himself (or his persona) as well as he does on the *Easy Tiger* single "Two": "I've got a really good heart/I just can't catch a break."

No one can dispute Adams' good intentions. However, since his solo debut, *Heartbreaker*, in 2000, he hasn't been able to "catch a break" from critics: *Goodnight Rose*, a forced rasp on the dreary stop-start of "The Sun Also Sets," and a snarling drawl on the clunky, jokey "Halloweenhead."

Adams hits his stride when he sounds most like himself, as on the nearly bluegrass "Pearls on a String" and the highly introspective closer "I Taught Myself How to Grow Old."

Easy Tiger feels like a stellar odds 'n' ends collection ("Off Broadway" was included on 2001's rarities compilation *Suicide Handbook*), showcasing Adams' range and disparate tastes, but nothing holds it together as an album.

Stand outs: "Pearls on a String," "I Taught Myself How to Grow Old"

Pharoahe Monch
Desire
 ★★½ out of ★★★★★

Pharoahe Monch has been reading up on his history since his last record and solo debut, 1999's *Internal Affairs*. Monch steeps *Desire*, his long anticipated follow-up, in the evolution of black music in America, from the gospel-tinged "Intro" to the R. Kelly-sized epic tale of infidelity in "Trilogy." Between the birth of black culture to its most recent output (somehow, *Trapped in the Closet* has been canonized), Monch does his best Chuck D on "Welcome to the Terrordome" — more of an homage than a cover — and falters trying to capture some Nas magic, personifying a bullet on "When the Gun Draws."

Monch has also developed an affinity for singing in his eight-year hiatus. *Desire*, much like many commercial rap records, is loaded with hooks, but it veers away from the modern R&B come-ons toward classic soul and gospel wails such as those on "Push" and the title track.

The real highlight comes, however, when Monch shows Outkast how *Idlewild* should have been done on the shimmying speakeasy-boast "Body Baby." Instead of trying to get the two — hip-hop and ragtime — to meet messily in the middle, Monch (who also produced the track) rolls over the hand-claps, horn stabs, and rickrolling piano that characterized steamy jazz.

Stand outs: "Desire," "Let's Go," "Body Baby," "Push"

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Beastie Boys
The Mix-Up
 ★★½ out of ★★★★★

Somewhere Steven Soderbergh is listening to *The Mix-Up* and planning *Ocean's 14*.

This time around, MCA won't pass the mike to Adrock. There are no shout-outs or boisterous wordplay on the Beastie Boys' first full-length instrumental project, *The Mix-Up*. Here, it's all about the groove.

The boys from the boroughs sound closer

LOCAL SHOW

Melts in your banana, not in your mind

When you listen to Melt-Banana, you listen to the musical equivalent of a swarm of bees attacking a carnival.

A 16-year veteran of Tokyo's explosive noise-rock scene, the four-piece has emerged as one of Japan's most exciting bands to date. It has forged a tumultuous alloy of chaos and pop, combining nuclear-war tension with the cartoonish eclecticism seemingly inherent in Japanese pop culture.

After a month-long stint on Tool's wildly popular stadium tour, Melt-Banana will headline at the Picador, 330 E. Washington, today at 9 p.m. The band plans to finish the summer by tearing up smaller venues throughout the West.

If concert-goers overlooked Melt-Banana on June 19 in Cedar Rapids during Tool's rare Iowa appearance, then tonight they can witness the spectacle face-to-face.

"[Melt-Banana] played Gabe's a couple of years ago — so did DMBQ," said Doug Roberson, the Picador's booking agent. "But we rarely book bands from Japan. Maybe once every couple of years."

— by Brent Johnson

Melt-Banana began crisscrossing the United States in May to support its sixth studio album, *Bambi's Dilemma*. Although *Dilemma's* foray into power pop and high-octane disco surprised many longtime fans, the band still rips through minute-long blasts of the same punk noise that defined its earlier recordings. Melt-Banana's precise instrumentation remains intact, as do the machine-shop atmospherics.

After 15 years of nonstop touring, the band now deftly traverses through numerous genres, from free-jazz, '60s psychedelia, and American grind-core to video-game soundtracks and hip-hop. Recently, Cartoon Network exposed Melt-Banana to a wider audience by featuring "Hair-Cat (Cause the Wolf is a Cat!)" as the theme song to "Perfect Hair Forever" on *Adult Swim*.

The band's newer, slightly more accessible sound may alienate old-school Melt-Banana fans attracted to its earlier riotous music. But the group's trademarks — Agata's slash-and-burn slide guitar and female vocalist Yasuko Onuki's frenzied chirping — remain unchanged.

— by Brent Johnson

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DAILY BREAK

"We have to understand you can fight the war [on terrorism] and lose everything if you have no civil liberties left when you get through fighting the war."
— Royce Lamberth, a U.S. District Court judge in Washington and a former presiding judge of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court.

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ANDREW R. JUHL

Things that did and didn't impress me about the four teenagers spending their weekend at the lake cabin next to ours

- That two teenage boys and two teenage girls persuaded their parents to let them spend an entire weekend alone at a lake cabin. (Impressed.)
 - Boy No. 1's massive, muscular upper body. (Impressed.)
 - Girl No. 1's massive, non-muscular upper body. (Impressed.)
 - Boy No. 1's inability to start a campfire. (Unimpressed.)
 - The ludicrous amount of lighter fluid Boy No. 1 brought along to compensate. (Impressed.)
 - Boy No. 2's mastery of heretofore unheard-of expletive-noun combinations. (Impressed.)
 - The foursome not beginning to drink until after 9 p.m. (Impressed.)
 - Three of the foursome being thoroughly schnockered by 10:30. (Unimpressed.)
 - Girl No. 2's Zen-like, beer-sipping reaction to her friends' drunkenness. (Impressed.)
 - Boy No. 1's suggestion that he and Girl No. 1 "Uh, do it outside by the fire. Under the stars and shit." (Unimpressed.)
 - Girl No. 1's ready acceptance of Boy No. 1's proposal. (Unimpressed.)
 - Girl No. 2's Zen-like, beer-sipping reaction to her friends' boisterous and half-exposed copulating. (Impressed.)
 - Boy No. 1 and Girl No. 1's combined speed, agility, and lack of shame while casting off the sleeping bag they were having sex in once it caught on fire. (Impressed.)
 - Girl No. 2's Zen-like, beer-sipping reaction to the above occurrence, as well as her use of Boy No. 2's passed-out body as a footstool. (Marriage material.)
- Andrew R. Juhl didn't start the fire; he just roasted his wienie over it. E-mail him at: andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu.

horoscopes

Tuesday, June 26, 2007
— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll get into more trouble than it's worth if you pick a fight with someone you live with. Keep your emotions out of the equation. Money can be made, and opportunities taken advantage of, by taking care of legal, financial, or medical issues.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Being anxious will lead to mistakes. Take your time, and be sure of what's required before you begin. An older relative or child may pose a problem. Deal with such matters swiftly, then move on.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let emotional deceptiveness distract you from what you have to accomplish today. Overreacting will only cause setbacks. Hold off pointing a finger. If you blame someone without enough proof, you are likely to be proven wrong.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are due for a change, so ready yourself for something good. A chance to excel with a creative project you've been working on is looking positive. An emotional response or appeal will help you out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Plan to enjoy yourself today. Don't let pending problems get to you or stop you from having fun. It's more important to plan a trip or get together with friends than to let annoyances or petty differences stand in your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may be all tied up with detail, but today, you must move on to the next stage. Someone may try to push more work or responsibilities your way. Be firm; stick to what is important to you, and everything will turn out fine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't fear change, especially if it has to do with your vocation, or studies, or location. You will thrive in a new setting and be given greater freedom to develop your talents. A new way of doing things will show how capable you are of taking charge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be feeling a little emotionally down, but if you can overlook the obvious and move on to something creative, you will excel. Publishing, promotion, and productivity are all in a high cycle. Travel will pay off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep secrets, especially about legal or financial matters. You don't want anyone to get wind of your strategy. The element of surprise will work to your advantage. Now is not the time to initiate change.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): State your point of view, and you can change the way others view you and what you are trying to do. A money matter can be resolved, and taking care of a pending legal matter will rid you of some of the stress you've been feeling.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't let your heart rule your head. Keep things to yourself for now to avoid discord. It's time to change your image and your goals; you can achieve far more than you think if you try.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You can make changes that will help you emotionally, mentally, and financially. Don't let someone else's overindulgence or outspokenness stop you from seeing your full potential. Press forward, even if you do face obstacles.

ON THE ROAD



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan
Thora Brown regulates afternoon traffic at the construction site on the corner of Newton Road and Elliott Drive on Monday. Brown and co-workers Dick Slede and Ruth McMurrin communicate by radio to alert each other about traffic, including motorcycles and Cambuses.

UITV schedule

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1 A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives	4:30 Code Stroke: Emergency Treatment of Stroke	8:30 Live from Prairie Lights 15th Anniversary Special
2 News from Germany (in German)	6 American Leisure Time, John DeGraaf	10:30 TBA

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today's events

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- **Bicyclists of Iowa City 2sday 2wheeler**, 9 a.m., Napoleon Park
- **Public Forum, Candidates for dean of the UI College of Pharmacy**, 9 a.m., Pharmacy Building Zopf Auditorium A
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Story Time Tuesday Club**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Iowa Summer Writing Festival, "Elevenes,"** 11 a.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
- **Burgers and Blues**, 11:30 a.m., IMU River Terrace
- **DeGowin Blood Center Blood Drive**, 12:30-4 p.m., IMU Sun Porch
- **Teen Summer Reading Program, Mystery and Suspense Book Discussion**, 1 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **North Liberty Adult Summer Reading Program: Get Cake @ Your Library**, 6:30 p.m., North Liberty Community Center, 520 W. Cherry
- **Coralville City Council Meeting**, 7 p.m., Coralville City Hall, 1512 Seventh St.
- **Inclusive Ballroom Dance**, 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," Mark Levine, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Mayflies**, 7 p.m., Riverside Casino and Golf Resort, 3184 Highway 22, Riverside
- **Movie Night**, 7 p.m., Alexis Park Inn, 1165 S. Riverside
- **North Liberty City Council Meeting**, 7 p.m., North Liberty City Council Chambers, 25 W. Cherry
- **Second Summer Concert Series**, 7 p.m., Iowa City Rehabilitation and Health Care Center, 3661 Rochester
- **Severance**, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou
- **The Merry Wives of Windsor**, 7 p.m., Riverside Theatre Festival Stage, Lower City Park
- **Actors Dance Theatre**, 8 p.m., Old Brick
- **Iowa Summer Music Camp, Jazz Combo Concert**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **Red Herring**, Iowa Summer Rep, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- **Melt-Banana**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Free Dance Party**, 10 p.m. Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
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by Scott Adams



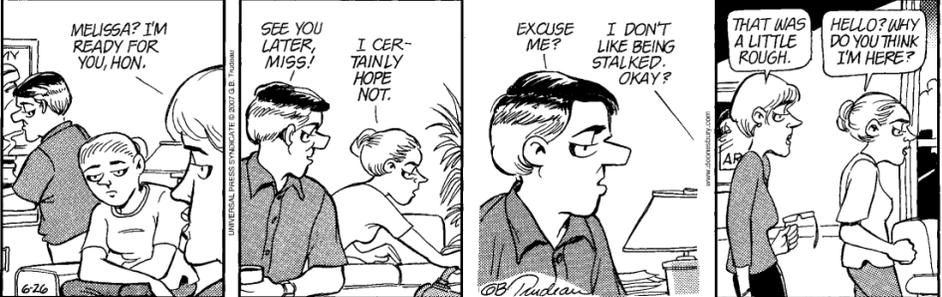
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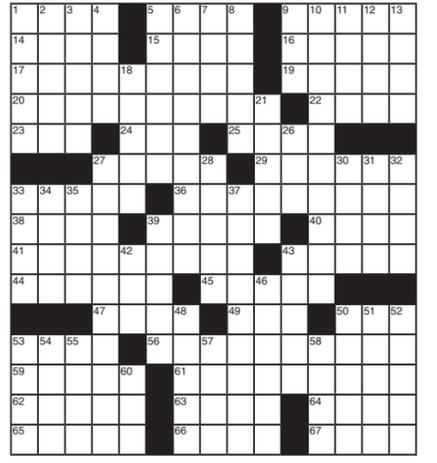


The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

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- Across**
- Baseball's Rose
 - Struck, old-style
 - Violin master
 - Zimbalist
 - Nike competitor
 - ___ Hari (infamous spy)
 - Native New Zealander
 - Super-easy decision
 - Carpet cleaner target
 - Tightwads
 - Dino whose body was more than 30 feet long
 - Vote in a legislative body
 - Official, informally
 - In ___ (as found)
 - Noted Charlton Heston role
 - Aunts' relatives
 - Reverent
 - Put too much pressure on
 - Gremlins and Pacers
 - Eyelid woes
 - "Dumb ___" (old comic strip)
 - Get the sniffles
 - Place with a "do or dye" situation?
 - Having an uninterrupted series of steps
 - Like 5:00 or 6:00 a.m., say
 - P.T.A. concern: Abbr.
 - Gray general
 - Full-bodied quaff
 - Electrical letters
 - Really, really dumb
 - Kitchen wrap
 - Recycled metal
 - Score with two balls
 - Body art, slangily
 - Singer Horne
 - "That's a lie!"
 - Accessory for Miss America
 - Places to tone bodies
- Down**
- Garden bloom
 - Conjure up
 - Part of the lower body skeleton
 - Make, as a salary
 - Beams
 - Unabomber's writing, e.g.
 - Major Calif.-to-Fla. route
 - Fruity desserts
 - Grp. called after an accident
 - Big Easy bash
 - Surf sound
 - Buffalo's body of water
 - Flirt
 - Hairdos for Jimi Hendrix and others
 - Trig ratios
 - "My country, ___ of thee"
 - G.T.O.s, e.g.
 - Flair
 - Hip
 - Money since 2002
 - "South Park" boy who's always crying "Oh my God, they killed Kenny!"



Puzzle by John Halverson

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33 Big donors to office seekers

34 G3 or G4 computer

35 Eight: Prefix

37 Enterprise warnings

39 Clean with elbow grease

42 Made a fool of

43 Get some shuteye

46 Same old stuff

48 Prices

50 One selling TV time, e.g.

51 Hotelier

52 Author Ferber and others

53 Members' body: Abbr.

54 Mob boss

55 "Dagnabbit!"

57 Final Four org.

58 Suffers bodily woes

60 Hero of "The Matrix"

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UISG ready to work

Although the UI presidential search caused some division among student-government officials, they're excited about new President Sally Mason's appointment.

RYAN GRESAVAGE
THE DAILY IOWAN

The search for the next UI president, which resulted in the hiring of Purdue University Provost Sally Mason, sparked some heated debates in the undergraduate student group, UI Student Government officials say.



Mason
UI president



Andersen
UISG president

discuss student issues for the coming year — such as tuition, student diversity, and overall student experience at the UI.

The three also attended a dinner with Mason that night, with the new president stopping by the UISG office the following morning to further discuss goals.

"Out of the two days she was here, she met with students at least three times," Andersen said.

Anderson and Szeluga felt that having a consistent presidential presence would lead to increased university involvement and support of extensive UISG goals and projects.

"With a new president, long-term goals become possible," Anderson said.

Michael Charles, the student-organization liaison, said a permanent president has a more vested interest in student government.

"It's much easier [for a permanent president] to interact and actually help us develop our own plan for students over the next several years," he said.

NEW PRESIDENTS

Recently appointed UI President Sally Mason and UISG President Barrett Andersen have a big year ahead of them. Here are some of their goals:

- Increasing safety for students
- Volunteerism
- Student Outreach
- Student/government relations

UISG also convened June 23 for a summer retreat that focused on goal-setting for the school year. The meeting took place at the residence of William Nelson, the director of the UI Office of Student Life.

"The retreat focused on goal-setting and brainstorming ideas we want to accomplish as a student government," Andersen said.

The goals included safety, public relations, and senator initiatives.

After the split of UISG into the undergraduate student government and the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students in February, the creation of new positions, and the election of a new UI president, the coming months promise to bring new challenges.

"This year is going to lead to a lot of changes — the branches are going to have to work as one," Szeluga said.

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Board to discuss academic progress

BY BRIAN STEWART
THE DAILY IOWAN

For the third year, Iowa City School District officials will present to the School Board the "Academic Ends Policy Annual Report," tracking student achievement in the district over the past several years.



Plugge
superintendent

The report uses test scores from the Iowa Test of Basic Skills, administered to grades three through eight, and the Iowa Test of Educational Development, taken by students in grades nine through 11, to measure performance of students in several different ways. Comparisons are drawn between the data of a particular group of students as they progress from one grade to the next, called "cohort comparisons," as well as between scores for a specific grade from year to year, for example comparing third-graders in 2005 to third-graders in 2006.

District Superintendent Lane Plugge said the results of this year's report were, overall, satisfactory.

"We haven't seen any big changes from last year," he said, noting that achievement levels have grown at the expected rate.

The district developed the annual report in 2005 to answer three items: How the district as a whole is performing in relation to national standards, the performance of students in the upper quarter, middle half, and lower quarter of the district, and if students' scores are increasing yearly at the level of the national standard or better.

The district's goals focus mainly on increasing achievement levels from year to year. In addition, the board's policy states that the "performance of the average student in the bottom quarter" should increase yearly, while the performance of students in the top quarter should remain the same, if not increase.

Steve Dunbar, the director of the Iowa Testing Programs, which develops the Iowa Test

of Basic Skills, said he feels the district is using a reliable method to examine its progress.

"I think test scores are trustworthy measures of general trends at the school district level," he said. "[They] are appropriate ways to help them measure how they're achieving."

The report's results will help the board analyze areas in which improvement may be needed, Director of Instruction Pam Ehly said. The board may ask about increasing staff development in those problem areas, she said, re-examining the curriculum and the materials instructors are using as well as how much time is being spent teaching those areas.

"Those are all good, healthy questions the board should be asking if we're not up to standards," said Ehly, who will present the report at tonight's meeting. "[The report] has reliable, valid data, and it's really good for the district's internal analysis."

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Suicide bomber kills 4 U.S.-allied sheiks



Hadi Mizban/Associated Press

An Iraqi policeman stands in the bombed-out lobby of the Mansour Hotel in Baghdad on Monday. A suicide bomber apparently targeting a meeting of U.S.-allied Sunni sheiks penetrated layers of security and blew himself up in the lobby on Monday, killing four of the tribal leaders and at least nine other people, police reported.

BY CHARLES J. HANLEY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — A stealthy suicide bomber slipped into a busy Baghdad hotel Monday and blew himself up in the midst of a gathering of U.S.-allied tribal sheiks, undermining efforts to forge a front against the extremists of Al Qaeda in Iraq. Four of the tribal chiefs were among the 13 victims, police said.

Iraq's prime minister quickly vowed renewed support for Anbar province's tribal leaders after the noontime explosion, which also wounded 27 people and devastated the ground-floor lobby of the high-rise Mansour Hotel.

"We are sure that this crime will not weaken the will of Anbar sheiks," Nuri al-Maliki said in a statement.

The stunning terror strike in the heart of Baghdad, by a killer penetrating layers of security, was one of a wave of suicide and other bombings that killed at least 46 people across Iraq on Monday — another day of unrelenting violence raising questions about the ability of the reinforced U.S. military to stem the bloodshed here.

In northern Iraq, 13 Iraqi policemen died in what the U.S. military described as a furious bomb and small-arms attack by insurgents on a security post shared by police and U.S. paratroopers.

In Baqouba, north of Baghdad, meanwhile, a week-old U.S.-Iraqi offensive pressed on, street by street, to drive insurgents from the city's western side. Beginning late Sunday, U.S.-Iraqi forces clashed with insurgents in the central market area, an Iraqi army officer reported.

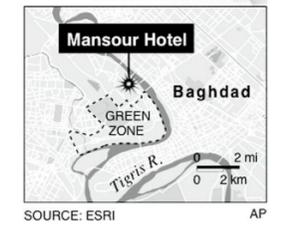
"It's going to get harder before it gets easier during the search," Brig. Gen. Mick Bednarek, the U.S. commander of the operation, told reporters. "We are going into areas we didn't have the troops to go in before."

The U.S. command reported that two U.S. soldiers were killed Monday in separate attacks in the Baghdad area.

The bomber at the Mansour Hotel, on the west bank of the Tigris River, struck as the lobby bustled with members of news media organizations based at the hotel and other guests, witnesses said.

Suicide attacks

Four U.S.-allied sheiks were killed Monday at a Baghdad hotel. The attack was among other deadly bombings in Iraq that day.



Among them were a group of sheiks associated with the Anbar Salvation Council, an alliance of Sunni Muslim tribes that have turned against the Al Qaeda in Iraq's extremists in a bid to drive them from the western province of Anbar.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

By The Associated Press				
East Division	W	L	Pct	
New York	42	32	.568	
Philadelphia	39	36	.520	
Atlanta	39	38	.506	
Florida	36	40	.474	
Washington	32	44	.421	
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	44	32	.579	—
Chicago	36	39	.480	7½
St. Louis	33	40	.452	9½
Houston	32	44	.421	12
Pittsburgh	31	44	.413	12½
Cincinnati	29	47	.382	15
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	44	33	.571	—
San Diego	42	32	.568	½
Los Angeles	43	33	.566	½
Colorado	38	38	.500	5½
San Francisco	32	42	.432	10½

Monday's Games

No games scheduled
Today's Games
 Washington at Connecticut, 6 p.m.
 San Antonio at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
 Chicago at Seattle, 9 p.m.
 New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press
BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
 MLB—Suspended New York Mets C Paul Lo Duca for two games and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions after being ejected in a June 23 game against Oakland.
American League
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Assigned OF Greg Porter from Arkansas (Texas) to Salt Lake (PCL) and LHP Brad Beck from Arkansas to Rancho Cucamonga (CAL).
 OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed RHP Kiko Calero on the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Kevin Mellito to Sacramento (PCL). Recalled LHP Dallas Braden and RHP Ruddy Lugo from Sacramento.
 TEXAS RANGERS—Recalled RHP Scott Feldman from Oklahoma (PCL). Placed RHP Vicente Padilla on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 22.
National League
 MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with LF-1B Matt LaPorta.
 NEW YORK METS—Signed INF Tyler Vaughn and INF Jose Alvarez.
 PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES—Signed INF Tyler Machi, SS Jesus-Villegas-Andino and LHP Jacob Diekmann.
 PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Activated RHP John Wasdin from the 15-day DL.
 ST. LOUIS CARDINALS—Placed LHP Tyler Johnson on the 15-day DL.
 SAN DIEGO PADRES—Signed OF Daniel Payne, RHP Jeremy Helner, C Emmanuel Quijles, 3B Justin Baum, OF Angel Mercado and RHP Dylan Axelrod.
 WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Purchased the contract of INF D'Angelo Jimenez from Columbus (IL).
Midwest League
 QUAD CITIES SWING—Announced 1B Tim Dorn has been assigned to the team.
American Association
 COASTAL BEND AVIATORS—Signed RHP Juan Jimenez.
 LINCOLN SALTDogs—Signed LHP John Kaminski.
 PENSACOLA PELICANS—Signed RHP Jarrod Matthews. Released LHP Matthew Creighton.
 SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS—Released C Zach Goldberg, C Mike Richardson and RHP Ryan Dupic.
Can-Am League
 BROCKTON ROX—Signed INF Steve Wyland.
 NORTH SHORE SPIRIT—Traded C Wally Rosa to Atlantic City for a player to be named later. Signed INF Robert Tewksbury.
 QUEBEC CAPITALES—Released RHP Mathieu Demontigny and Tom Kurkovic.
Golden Baseball League
 LONG BEACH ARMADA—Signed RHP Andrew Layfield.
 ORANGE COUNTY FLYERS—Released INF Gabriel Mayorga.
 KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Released C Dustin Hicks.
Northern League
 GARY SOUTHSIDE RAILCATS—Released LHP Cole Stipovich.
 KANSAS CITY T-BONES—Released C Jeremy McIntire.
 WINNIPEG GOLDFEYES—Released RHP Greg Bicknell.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
 DETROIT PISTONS—Announced G Chauncey Billups opted out of the final year of his contract, making him an unrestricted free agent.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
 CHICAGO BEARS—Released DT Tank Johnson. Signed DB Nathan Vasher to a five-year contract extension through the 2012 season.
Canadian Football League
 EDMONTON ESKIMOS—Signed DL Stevie Baggs. Released SB Deitan Dubuc, SB Mookie Mitchell, OL Tim O'Neill and RB Jarrod Winkel.
Arena Football League
 GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE—Fired Sparky McEwen, coach.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
 DALLAS STARS—Made qualifying offers to RW Marius Holtet, LW Jussi Jokinen, D Vadim Khomitski, RW Junior Lessard, C Joel Lundqvist, RW Antti Miettinen and C Mike Ribeiro.
 FLORIDA PANTHERS—Signed G Craig Anderson to a two-year contract. Made qualifying offers to RW Rob Glatkovic, D Steve Montador, D Noah Welch, C Stephen Weiss, C Kamil Kreps and C Janis Sprukts.

PRIME TIME SUMMER LEAGUE

Horner looks forward to tryout

HORNER

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Horner believes he learned a lot from being overseas, saying that it helped him with life in general. The biggest challenge was being much farther away from his folks, he said.

"I've always been kind of a homebody," the Mason City native said. "I only lived two hours and 15 minutes away from my hometown, so seeing my parents, I got to see them at least once or twice a week, pretty much every week."

"Now I was away, and I think I saw them once over Thanksgiving the whole year."

On the hardwood, Horner had to deal with playing by the rules overseas and the possibility of guarding players nearly twice his age. While off the court, it was more about growing up and surviving on his own.

"You live on your own in college, but you have roommates and guys who you've known for a long time," he said. "I think the big thing that helped me out over there was that I had a lot of Americans on my team, so it was a pretty easy transition."

Two of his traits that are apparent to the people who know him best are his leadership and work ethic. Iowa junior-to-be Tony Freeman had the task of filling Horner's shoes last season, and he said playing alongside



Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan
 Jeff Horner sits in on the huddle for the Asoyia/Hodge team during a Prime Time game at the North Liberty Community Center on Monday.

Horner helped him grow.

"Jeff cares so much about everything," Freeman said. "He cared about his teammates, he cared about if we won or lost or whatnot."

"Just having him on my side, knowing that he had my back through every situation, not just on the basketball court, but if I had problems off the court with school or what not or any social problems, his leadership and his work ethic just gave me that confidence and that motivation, knowing that I can do it."

Larson not only believes Horner can make it in the NBA but that he hasn't even reached his peak as a basketball player.

"I think it tells people that if you love the game, there's a way to keep doing it," Larson said. "I think he's still got hopes of the NBA, and I think he should have those hopes, because I think there's a lot of development in his game yet to come, and it will be interesting to see how far he can go along that line."

For now, though, Horner's

intentions are to leave the same kind of impressions on the Rockets that he has left in both Iowa and Europe in what he called the first of three steps toward securing a spot alongside the likes of Tracy McGrady and Yao Ming.

"I'm very excited to even get a chance to play with Houston and just to show other NBA teams what I have," Horner said. "Hopefully, I get a lot of playing time, but we'll see what happens."

"It's a dream come true."
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	48	26	.649	—
Toronto	38	37	.507	10½
New York	36	37	.493	11½
Tampa Bay	33	41	.446	15
Baltimore	32	43	.427	16½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	45	30	.600	—
Cleveland	44	31	.587	1
Minnesota	38	36	.514	6½
Chicago	30	42	.417	13½
Kansas City	31	46	.403	15
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	49	28	.636	—
Seattle	39	33	.542	7½
Oakland	39	36	.520	9
Texas	31	45	.408	17½

Monday's Games
 Texas 8, Detroit 3
 Cleveland 5, Oakland 2
 Chicago White Sox 5, Tampa Bay 4
 Toronto 8, Minnesota 5
 Kansas City 5, L.A. Angels 3
 Boston at Seattle, late
Today's Games
 Texas (Koronka 0-2) at Detroit (Robertson 4-6), 6:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Haren 9-2) at Cleveland (Lee 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 4-5) at Baltimore (Guthrie 4-1), 6:05 p.m.
 Chicago White Sox (Garland 4-5) at Tampa Bay (Shields 6-2), 6:10 p.m.
 Toronto (Marcum 4-2) at Minnesota (Baker 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
 Boston (Gabbard 1-0) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 4-4), 9:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (Meche 4-6) at L.A. Angels (E.Santana 5-7), 9:05 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Detroit	10	2	.833	—
Indiana	10	3	.769	½
New York	7	6	.538	3½
Chicago	6	7	.462	4½
Connecticut	5	8	.385	5½
Washington	3	10	.231	7½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Sacramento	9	4	.692	—
San Antonio	8	4	.667	½
Phoenix	8	7	.533	2
Los Angeles	6	6	.500	2½
Seattle	6	6	.500	2½
Minnesota	4	10	.286	5½
Houston	2	11	.154	7

Palmer impressive again

PALMER

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Palmer, who transferred to Iowa after his freshman season at Seton Hall, followed former Iowa assistant coach Billy Garrett to Iowa City. But with the departure of head coach Steve Alford, the basketball program cleaned house and Garrett left for a position with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi after only one season with the Hawkeyes.

"My first thought was it was a bad situation," Palmer said. "I really liked Alford, but right now I couldn't ask for a better coaching staff. [New assistant coach Joel] Cornette has been pushing me really hard to improve."

I felt our team improved, even though we're 0-3 now. People were fighting.'

— J.R. Angle, Prime Time player

Palmer was disappointed to see Garrett leave but said he's happy for his former coach.

"He's in a great situation with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, as the associate head coach," Palmer said.

Palmer will share the court at Carver next season with J.R. Angle, who scored a game-high 28 points to lead Deli Mart Monday night.

"I felt our team improved, even though we're 0-3 now," the junior-to-be said. "People were fighting. Whenever you can have an inside presence [like Coleman], it opens it up

the outside."

Though the outcome wasn't what he wanted, playing against Palmer was nothing new for Angle.

"We always go up against each other in practice every day," he said. "I'll just have to hear about it from him tomorrow."

Angle said his focus this summer is on getting stronger.

"We're in the weight room four times a week," he said, adding that he's gained 10 pounds since April. "The Big Ten's a very physical league, so you can never be too strong."

While his focus is on Iowa City, Palmer will have an eye on New York later this week for the 2007 NBA draft. Kevin Durant, Palmer's teammate at Oak Hill Academy for a season in high school, is expected to be one of the first two picks in Thursday's draft. Durant was the AP collegiate Player of the Year last season at Texas, and he was the first freshman to win the Naismith Award for the country's top college basketball player.

"I love that kid," Palmer said. "I talk to him every day, and I'm very happy for him. [Playing in the NBA] has always been his dream since he was just a kid. And hopefully, one day, I could be there, too."

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Big Ten TV worries Dingell

BY KEN THOMAS
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell said Monday he was concerned about the ability of fans to watch Big Ten sporting events on a new television network debuting this summer.

Dingell, D-Mich., wrote Big Ten Commissioner Jim Delany with questions about the Big Ten Network, which is expected to launch sometime in August.

The congressman said many constituents have expressed worries about being able to watch University of Michigan football games this season, because none of the state's cable systems carry the network.

"While I understand the motivation on the part of the Big Ten Conference and its member schools to create a new all-Big Ten cable channel, I am increasingly concerned about the migration of previously free, over the air content to a pay television tier," Dingell wrote.

Dingell, whose committee has jurisdiction over telecommunications, asked Delany about the status of negotiations with cable systems, whether they would be concluded before football season and how the conference reached the \$1.10-per-household monthly rate from cable systems for the network.

He also noted that all 13 of Michigan's football games last season were available on either free, over-the-air broadcast or on cable channels widely available to subscribers.

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— John Dingell, House Energy and Commerce Committee chairman

Requesting details for each school, he asked how many of the games will be on free or basic cable TV.

A conference spokesman did not immediately comment Monday on the letter.

The Big Ten and Comcast Corp. have been at odds over the price of the new network and whether it should be offered on basic cable. The network has agreements with about 40 smaller cable companies and DirecTV, but not Comcast, which has 5.7 million subscribers in the eight states with Big Ten schools.

The Chicago-based network, which is co-owned by the conference and Fox Sports, plans to show all the conference's football games that aren't broadcast elsewhere. It also plans to broadcast numerous other events, including at least 105 regular-season men's basketball games.

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Bears dump Tank Johnson

JOHNSON

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"A lot of people within our organization gave extra time and energy to support Tank: players, coaches, and our front office," Bears coach Lovie Smith said in a statement. "We did our best to establish an environment for him to move forward. Ultimately, Tank needed to live up to his side of the deal."

Last December, police raided the 300-pound defensive tackle's suburban Chicago home and found six unregistered firearms — a violation of his probation on an earlier gun charge.

That charge stemmed from

Johnson's 2005 arrest after a Chicago nightclub valet reported seeing Johnson with a handgun in his SUV. He subsequently pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor charge.

Two days after last December's raid, Willie Posey, Johnson's bodyguard, was shot and killed in an early morning fight while he and Johnson were at a Chicago nightclub.

Johnson was suspended by the Bears for one game for being at the club. He played in the Super Bowl as the Bears lost to Indianapolis.

In March, Johnson began his two-month jail stint and during his time he was visited by numerous teammates and members of the Bears staff.

"I went to go see him a couple

of times when he was there. As far as the situation now, it's very unfortunate," defensive back Nathan Vasher said.

"Tank is one of my closest friends here in Chicago. It's really hard to see him go through some of the things that he has. But I think sometimes the Bears were kind of pushed into a corner because we had been able to support him throughout this whole ordeal. I think you have to be accountable for your actions and the Chicago Bears had to do what was needed."

Vasher said he was surprised that Johnson would be involved in another incident.

"I was really convinced that Tank had more than thought about the time he did in prison

or just every other compromising situation that he has been in, not to jeopardize that any further," Vasher said. "It's disheartening for something like that to happen."

Last month, Johnson pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor weapons charge stemming from the December raid as part of a deal with prosecutors that kept him from serving more time in jail. He was ordered to serve 45 days, which he served concurrently with the sentence for violating his probation.

Johnson was chosen by the Bears in the second round of the 2004 draft out of Washington. He played in 46 games, starting 15.

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NEWTON, Iowa — The inaugural Iowa Corn Indy 250 will likely be remembered for its demolition derby beginning, the large, enthusiastic crowd, and the traffic.

Tons of traffic. It was the major issue facing many of the more than 35,000 fans who made the trip to Newton on Sunday to see the biggest auto race in Iowa's history. Some roads were backed up for miles in the hours leading up to the race.

Newton Mayor Chaz Allen said the heavy rains that plagued the area last week rendered some of the farm fields for planting unusable. That caused a chain reaction that led to significant delays for the fans.

"The fields got really wet and muddy, and it changed the parking plan up a bit, and then it got backed up from there," Allen said. "That will all be corrected. That won't be an issue going forward."

At times, IndyCar drivers found the Iowa Speedway's track to be just as congested as the roads outside. The track's steep banking and high-speed, short oval setup, along with unfavorable weather for Indy racing, helped cause three accidents in the first 100 laps that knocked seven cars out of contention.

Drivers realized during test runs that the track would yield little space for movement. But the unseasonably chilly temperatures left tires colder than usual, and more than a few drivers found themselves unable to get a firm grip on the track's grooves.

Slick wheels knocked out one of the pre-race favorites, Dan Wheldon, on the first lap. He took Tommaso Checcotto with him.

"I think I was trying to go too quick for the temperatures of the tires and got loose," Wheldon said.

Early leader Helio Castroneves lost the top spot when he spun out shortly after leaving the pits during a restart. In the 85th lap, shortly after slapping



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Scott Sharp (8) avoids a crash as Dan Patrick (7) gets tangled with Ed Carpenter (20) and Sam Hornish Jr. (6) on lap 100 of the Iowa Corn Indy 250 race at the Iowa Speedway in Newton on Sunday.

on a pair of new tries, Tony Kanaan fishtailed through a turn and crashed.

The worst of it came in the 99th lap, when Danica Patrick rubbed tires with Ed Carpenter, leading to a four-car wreck that changed the course of the race.

"It's a cold day, and the tires are really hard," Patrick said shortly after crashing.

"Everyone is having problems on the restart, because we don't have enough temps in the tires."

Chief race official Brian Barnhart told drivers during a pre-race meeting to run the track with the finesse of a super speedway, not the aggressiveness they'd normally use on a short oval.

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Milwaukee 6, Houston 1
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Andy Gonzalez

MLB

White Sox 5,
Devil Rays 4

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Rookie Andy Gonzalez went 4-for-5 and drove in two runs to help the struggling Chicago White Sox snap a five-game losing streak Monday night with a victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Jim Thome, Paul Konerko, and Josh Fields also drove in runs for the White Sox, who finished with 12 hits — two shy of their season high — after being limited to two runs and two extra-base hits while losing three straight to the crosstown Cubs over the weekend.

Gonzalez had an RBI double and three singles after going 6-for-33 with one RBI in his first 15 games. His run-scoring single off Casey Fossum (5-7) erased a 4-3 deficit in the sixth, but his bid for a perfect night at the plate ended when he struck out in the eighth.

Left-hander John Danks (4-6) allowed four runs and four hits in five innings to win for the time in more than a month. He had been 0-2 with three decisions in five starts since beating Oakland on May 22.

The Chicago bullpen protected a 5-4 lead for the rookie, with Nick Masset, Matt Thornton, Ryan Bukvich, and Bobby Jenks each working a scoreless inning. Jenks earned his 19th save in 21 opportunities with a perfect ninth.

COLLEGE SPORTS

10 football players
disciplined by
Penn St.

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Ten Penn State football players have been disciplined by the university for their roles in an off-campus fight in which at least two people were hurt.

The university confirmed Monday that four players were temporary expelled from July 1 through the end of the summer semester in mid-August for their roles in the April 1 fight.

Players' names were not released because of federal confidentiality laws, Penn State spokesman Bill Mahon said.

Defense attorneys, however, have identified the four as safety Anthony Scirrotto, defensive lineman Chris Baker, linebacker Jerome Hayes, and cornerback Lydell Sargeant. The attorneys said last week that their clients had been expelled for Penn State's second summer session.

The sanctions from Penn State's judicial affairs office did not cover football practice, Mahon said, so the players will be permitted to participate when preseason drills begin around Aug. 6.

TV TODAY

MLB — White Sox at Devil Rays, 6:10 p.m., CSN
Rockies at Cubs, 7:05 p.m., WGN
NCAA — College basketball skills competition, 7 p.m., ESPN2
NBA Draft — NBA Draft preview, 12:30 p.m., ESPN
Tennis — Wimbledon, early round play, 7 a.m., ESPN2

PRIME TIME SUMMER LEAGUE — Former Hawkeye Jeff Horner talks summer hoops and his hopes of making the NBA, and a pair of in-state big men battle in Prime Time action Monday night in North Liberty.

Horner rocketing along



Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

Ex-Hawkeye Jeff Horner tries to get around sophomore guard Tony Freeman during a Prime Time game at the North Liberty Community Center on Monday.

BY BRENDAN STILES

THE DAILY IOWAN

Before Jeff Horner attempts a crack at making the Houston Rockets' roster in July, the former Hawkeye star will use what time he has to leave lasting impressions on those involved with the Prime Time League.

Horner finds coming back to his home state and the place where he made his name to be "fun," even after spending the past year playing professionally in Belgium.

Among the things he enjoys about Iowa is the familiarity and recognition he has received from Iowa fans.

"They've been awesome throughout my four years," he said. "Even now, you see them down here, and they all come up and say, 'Hi,' to you, and you

recognize all of them, and things like that."

Prime Time director Randy Larson, who is also Horner's coach this summer, recalls the first time he got to see the potential the guard had.

"When I first saw him, I was coaching high-school basketball, and he was an eighth grader," Larson said. "I went back and told my head coach, 'I just saw the best basketball player in the state of Iowa.'"

"What I liked about him was that from day one, he played the game the right way. He's a tremendous hustler, he is fearless, he'll take any shot no matter how much pressure's on him. He shoots from great range, which always adds that element of spectacular."

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The Hawkeye globetrotter

Jeff Horner has certainly kept his travel agent busy this summer. The former Hawkeye has jumped the Atlantic in June, and it won't be long before he lifts off again — this time, for an NBA summer-league gig with the Houston Rockets. Here's a quick look at where he's been and where he's headed:

- **Bree, Belgium**
August 2006-June 18, 2007
Euphony Basket Bree
- **Las Vegas**
July 6-15
Houston Rockets, NBA Summer League
- **Iowa City**
June 18-July 6
Prime Time League
- **Iowa City**
July 16-?



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BEISSER LUMBER 112, DELI MART/IOWA CITY READY MIX 110

Palmer wins big-man battle

BY SAM MARTIN

THE DAILY IOWAN

Deuces were wild Monday night at the North Liberty Community Center.

Iowa sophomore David Palmer and UNI's Eric Coleman, both of whom wear No. 2 in the Prime Time League, squared up in a back-and-forth big-man battle before Palmer's Beisser Lumber team earned the win, 112-100.

Palmer scored 27 points, including a show-stopping dunk with 3:17 to play that stuck an exclamation point on the victory.

Coleman and Palmer battled all game, with the 6-6 UNI star putting up 23 points for Deli Mart/Iowa City Ready Mix team. But Palmer's squad held the lead for most of the game. A five-point halftime lead was extended to 20 points with a flurry of 3's on both sides.



Rachel Mummy/The Daily Iowan

Iowa sophomore David Palmer posts up during a Prime Time game at the North Liberty Community Center on Monday. Palmer is playing for the Beisser Lumber team this summer, which beat the Deli Mart/Ready Mix team, 112-100.

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NFL

Bears
cut
Tank

'We made it clear to him that he had no room for error ... the effort needs to come from both sides. It didn't, and we have decided to move on.'

— Jerry Angelo,
Bears general manager

BY RICK GANO

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Tank Johnson tried the patience of the Chicago Bears numerous times. Still, they provided support, visited him in jail, and gave him more than enough chances to turn his life around and advance his career.

But after his latest run-in with the law in Arizona, the Bears had seen enough, and it was time to let him go.

The Bears, saying they were "embarrassed" and that Johnson had "compromised the credibility" of the team with his latest incident, released the defensive tackle Monday.

Johnson was waived three days after he was pulled over by police in Arizona. He already had been suspended for the first eight games of the 2007 season for violating probation on a gun charge. He spent two months in jail and was released in May.

"We are upset and embarrassed by Tank's actions last week," general manager Jerry Angelo said in a statement. "He compromised the credibility of our organization. We made it clear to him that he had no room for error. Our goal was to help someone through a difficult period in his life, but the effort needs to come from both sides. It didn't, and we have decided to move on."

Police in the Phoenix suburb of Gilbert said Johnson was stopped for driving 40 mph in a 25 mph zone at 3:30 a.m. on June 22, and the officer made observations that led him to believe Johnson was impaired.

Sgt. Andrew Duncan, a police spokesman, said Johnson was arrested for "DUI Impaired to the Slightest Degree" but was released without being booked or charged.

Duncan said Johnson was taken to the Gilbert police station, where officials drew blood for a blood-alcohol content test before his release. He described Johnson as "very cooperative."

Test results aren't expected for up to two weeks, and they would be sent to Gilbert town prosecutors for consideration of any charges.

Johnson had called his suspension an "opportunity for me to move forward." NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell had said the suspension could be reduced to six games if Johnson had no further involvement with law enforcement and underwent counseling.

Johnson
former Bears'
defensive tackle

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