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**WEATHER**

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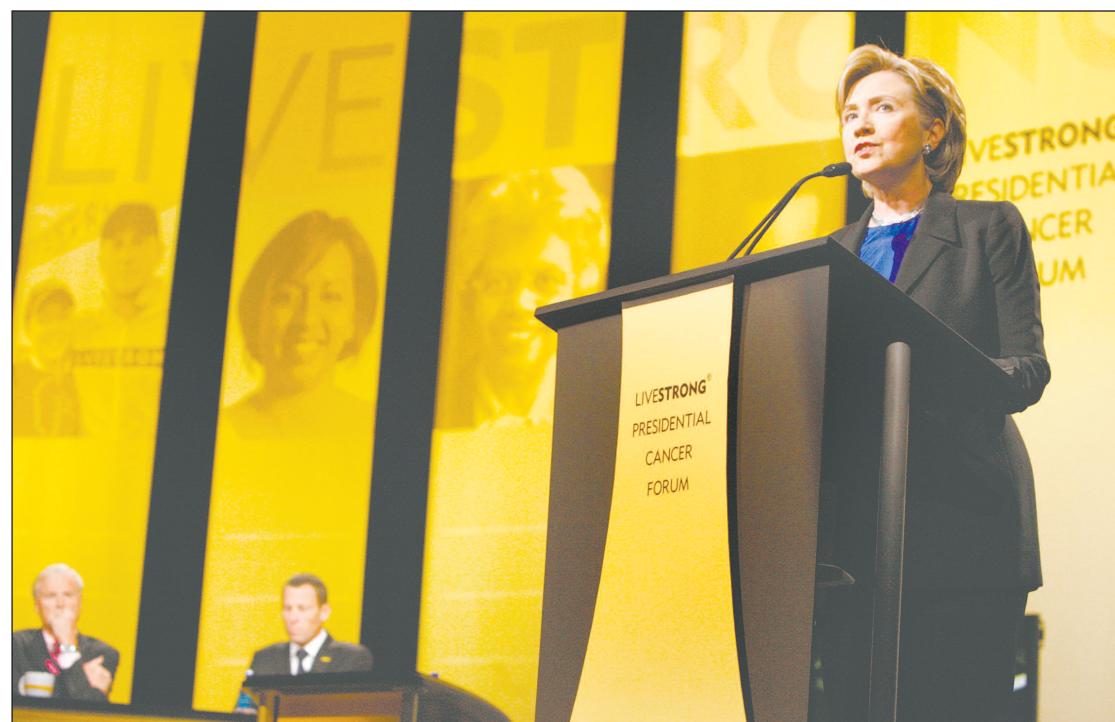
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**2008 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN**

## DEMOCRATS TARGET CANCER, HEALTH CARE



**ABOVE:** Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton outlines her plan for advancing cancer research, as well as moving the health-care system away from lobbyists, at the LiveStrong Presidential Cancer Forum on Monday in Cedar Rapids. "We need to control and manage any special-interest [groups]," she said.

**BELOW:** New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson looms over a captivated audience at the US Cellular Center in Cedar Rapids. Richardson was one of four Democratic presidential-nomination hopefuls who participated in a forum on cancer research hosted by Lance Armstrong and Chris Matthews.

Four Democratic presidential-nomination hopefuls participate in a forum with Lance Armstrong in Cedar Rapids on Monday.

**By Christopher Patton**

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Taking a break from the normal, broader campaign debate, four Democratic-nomination hopefuls convened in Cedar Rapids Monday to discuss a very specific topic: Cancer.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., was the first candidate to take the stage at the U.S. Cellular Center. She answered questions from Chris Matthews and Lance Armstrong, whose Livestrong foundation sponsored the forum.

Rodham Clinton began by praising her fellow former first ladies Betty Ford and Nancy

### Second Livestrong forum Republican candidates to discuss cancer

**Who:** Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee

**When:** 10 a.m. to noon

**Where:** U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids

Reagan for speaking out publicly about their personal battles with breast cancer. She said their actions greatly increased public awareness of cancer-related issues.

The New York senator decried what she characterized as a lack

of progress in the fight against cancer under the Bush administration. She argued that the United States needs to spend more money on cancer research and noted that the National Cancer Institute's budget has decreased in recent years.

She also attacked the Bush administration for not supporting stem-cell research.

"The president has been leading a war against science," she said.

Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., was the second candidate in the forum's lineup.

SEE LIVESTRONG, 4A

## Hawks ditch e-tickets

**By Eric Rodriguez**

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The Hawkeyes had high hopes for electronic student football tickets last year, but what they got instead was a laundry list of problems.

And for making lines into Kinnick Stadium shorter, the move was as successful as the football team's last season.

A lack of personnel to deal with crowds and ticket scams were two more reasons university officials decided to bring back the old ticket system, in which

the school prints and distributes official student tickets.

Officials also faced a series of problems with the e-mail system itself, said Jane Meyer, the senior associate athletics director.

Electronic tickets were sent to inaccurate e-mail addresses,

e-mail accounts were hacked,

SEE FOOTBALL TICKETS, 4A

### Electronic Tickets

Some problems UI officials faced when e-mailing student tickets in 2006:

- E-mail accounts were hacked and e-tickets stolen
- Overflowing e-mail accounts rejected ticket messages
- Tickets were sent to inaccurate e-mail addresses
- Numerous copies of tickets were printed and scalped
- UI personnel faced long lines of students wanting lost tickets reprinted

## UI gets 2nd threat

After the second e-mail bomb threat this month, officials decline to release who received the threats and are still unsure who sent them.

**By Kurtis Hiatt**

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Officials found no bombs on Sunday after someone sent three e-mails to UI-connected people over this past weekend asserting that Jessup Hall and another university building were being targeted, said Steve Parrott, the director of University Relations.

UI police officers arrived at Jessup at 8:15 a.m. Sunday after learning that the e-mails indicated an incendiary device in a blue plastic bag was left somewhere near the exterior of the building. The message stated that a similar device was placed near another, unidentified building, Parrott said.

"Anytime you get a bomb threat, you're going to check into it, whether you think its authentic or not," he said.

Officials evacuated the building — which had only one person inside — and a bomb technician searched Jessup, finding no explosives.

The UI administration building's door handles were wrapped in caution tape that morning; at 10:30 a.m., one officer remained on guard near the building, and a K-9 squad car was parked nearby.

Parrott said officials could not release any information on who received the e-mail or what it specifically said.

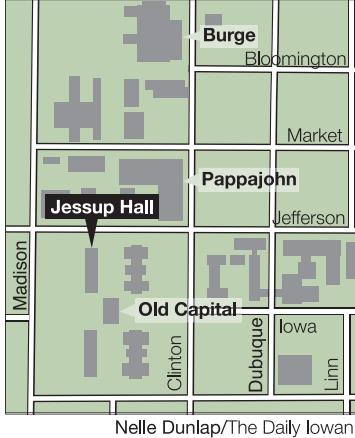
The UI Information Technology Services tried unsuccessfully to trace the e-mail to a sender, and technicians now assume the e-mail was sent through an anonymous server, Parrott said. He doesn't believe the UI police have any leads on who sent the e-mails, he said.

The bomb threat was the second this month.

On Aug. 13, the UI received an anonymous bomb threat, also via e-mail, indicating four pipe bombs had been placed on campus. After identifying a "suspicious" bag near Jessup Hall, UI officials used a water charge to explode the dusty backpack. It contained only CDs

### Threat of a bomb

UI police reported bomb threats against two campus buildings, one of which was Jessup Hall.



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

### UI hit with second August bomb threat

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and other nonthreatening items.

In that incident, Parrott said ITS officials were able to determine the e-mail was not sent from campus. They should be able to do the same check for the Sunday threat, Parrott said.

"Whoever did this knows enough about computers ... that they sent [the e-mail] through an anonymous server," he said.

The threats remain a UI police issue; Iowa City police are not involved, Parrott said.

Officials are advising members of the UI community to stay away from and report any suspicious items on campus, and they encourage anyone with information regarding the threats to notify police.

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## Prof: Gonzales to remain a lightning rod

A UI political scientist says the attorney general will remain controversial even after he resigns.

**By Kelsey Beltramea**

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Gonzales

U.S. attorney general

### More inside

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Meyer

senior associate athletics director

After a long political battle over his competence and honesty while holding the reins of the Justice Department, U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced his resignation on Monday.

David Redlawsk, a UI political-science associate professor, said the Democratic presidential-nomination candidates will continue to hammer the Bush administration over the recent development.

"Gonzales certainly has been a whipping boy for the Democrats for quite some time," Redlawsk said. "Even without him being there doesn't mean they will necessary stop."

The 52-year-old attorney general announced on Monday that he will step down from his post effective Sept. 17, ending a tenure marred by controversies, including his role in sacking nine U.S. federal prosecutors.

SEE GONZALES, 4A

## News

# Int'l studies luring students

The UI international-studies major experiences growth, and the program works to accommodate the increase in students.

**By Ashton Shurson**

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UI senior Tyler Boeyink wanted to join the growing human-rights movement — that's how he found the international-studies major.

"Hasn't done me wrong yet," the former English major said. "[The program has] a lot of great classes."

And he is not alone — international studies has become one of the most popular majors on campus.

In 2003, its first year, the program drew 233 majors; this fall's class has ballooned to more than 450 students.

Of all the degrees granted in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the international-studies major is one of the 10 most popular.

"Students at the University of Iowa are interested in engaging at an international level," said Martha Greer, the international-studies coordinator.

International studies is an interdisciplinary major, offering courses in various departments around campus. International studies is an academic program in the UI International Programs, an umbrella organization in charge of international students and study abroad, among others.



**UI international-studies coordinator Martha Greer answers calls on Monday. More than 450 students are now international-studies majors.**

"Students are interested in looking through a variety of lenses," Greer said.

Program officials have no intention of making international studies its own department or having classes attached to the specific major, she said.

With the growth in the number of students, the program is working to accommodate the increase — adding a full-time staff member to accommodate an increase in programs.

"The university is supporting the growth of the major," Greer said.

Because the classes are in several different departments, Boeyink said, it's hard to get into some. He also said sometimes he can't find enough classes in his area — human rights.

Greer said some areas do have more choices, but this is true in all UI departments.

"It's not unique to international studies," she said.

However, she said, there are course reviews and more classes are encouraged for certain areas.

While many incoming freshmen now declare international studies as their sole major, traditionally, 70 percent of the students are double majors.

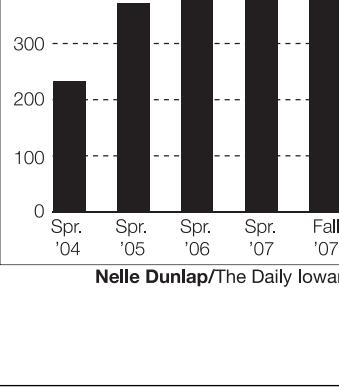
Despite the growing number of students recently, Greer said, she thinks the numbers are plateauing as it becomes a more established major on campus.

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## International Up

The UI's international-studies major has become more popular in recent years, with a growing number of declared majors.

### International Studies majors



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

## METRO

**RFK Jr. to speak at UI**

Environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is set to speak in the IMU on Sept. 12 as part of the UI Lecture Committee's lecture series.

Kennedy has worked on environmental issues across the Americas and is active in several environmental groups in the United States.

He wrote the *New York Times* best seller *Crimes Against Nature* and has fought for pro-environmental legislation.

Kennedy's "Our Environmental Destiny" speech will headline a monthlong program focused on the environment of the UI campus and Iowa City community. The program is coordinated by Iowa Health, Environment, and Lasting Security, a group of UI departments and local organizations concerned about climate change.

The 7:30 p.m. lecture will discuss the ways natural resources tie into our work, health, and identity as Americans.

Also lecturing this year is Daniel Ellsberg, who leaked the Pentagon Papers to the press in 1971.

After Ellsberg released the top-secret information on the U.S. policy in the Vietnam War, felony charges were brought against him, but they were eventually dropped.

Ellsberg will speak on Jan. 23 in Hancher.

Other lecturers include Jeff

Chang, Joshua Wolf Shenk, Marjane Satrapi, and Laurie Garrett. The series will also include a forum on Energy and National Security.

— by Carla Keppler

**Woman gets suspended sentence in endangerment**

A Coralville woman received a 60-day suspended sentence after being charged in April with child endangerment.

Laura Lee Phillips, 19, was charged earlier this year when her 1-year-old and 13-day-old children were found unattended in her apartment. Officials said Phillips left her children under the supervision of her brother, Ezekiel Phillips, who then left them in the care of an unidentified "little girl."

Police were called to the scene after receiving reports of an unsupervised child crying in the Sixth Street apartment. Laura and Ezekiel Phillips were both charged with child endangerment. Ezekiel Phillips pleaded guilty; the sentence was not filed on online court records.

Laura Phillips pleaded guilty Aug. 21 to the charge as well as giving false reports to police, online court records show.

— by Samantha Miller

**Man charged with injuring officers**

A New Hampshire man allegedly injured three Coralville police officers Aug. 25, and two were sent to the hospital.

According to police reports, officers responded to a report at the Big Ten Inn in Coralville that an individual had refused to leave. When officers arrived, Karl Anderson, 37, allegedly grabbed a wooden coat hanger and struck an officer in the head several times. He also allegedly took a police officer's baton and used it to hit the officers, Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford said.

Anderson was taken into custody and handcuffed, but he allegedly resisted again and tried to flee from the officers when they attempted to put him in the squad car. He was pushed to the ground but reportedly continued to resist, causing further injury to the officers, police said.

The officer struck with the hanger and baton was taken to a hospital and treated for a 3-inch laceration to the forehead. A second officer was injured when police tried to put Anderson in a squad car and was later hospitalized as well. The third officer was also hit by a baton, but suffered only bruises and did not require hospital treatment, Bedford said.

Anderson faces three charges, including two felonies.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

**Man injured while allegedly fleeing**

A man reportedly fleeing the authorities was hit by a slow-moving train Monday, injuring at least one of his legs, Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said.

Dominique Hilliard, 23, allegedly jumped out of a second-story window at his 840 Maggard St. residence when Johnson County Sheriff's deputies attempted to serve him with two warrants.

Hilliard ran south on Maggard Street and tried to jump onto a slow-moving train on the Iowa Interstate Railroad, Kelsay said, adding that Hilliard lost grip and fell. The train struck him, but he managed to avoid being run over.

He injured and possibly broke at least one of his legs, Kelsay said. As of Monday afternoon, an officer was still with Hilliard at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Deputies were trying to serve Hilliard two warrants — one for failure to appear in court on a driving while suspended charge and another for revocation of probation on a charge of assault causing bodily injury to another, Kelsay said.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

**POLICE BLOTER**

**Kate Anderson**, 20, 108 S. Linn St. Apt. 24, was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

**Lindsey Benshoof**, 19, 728 E. Washington St., was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

**Kelly Burke**, 19, 330 S. Dodge St. Apt. 6, was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA and public intoxication.

**Steven Dean Jr.**, 19, 922 E. College St. Apt. 4, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Hannah Duncan**, 18, Coralville, was charged Aug. 26 with unlawful use of a driver's license or identification and obstruction of an officer.

**Austin Derby**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Amanda Edwards**, 25, 2104 Davis St., was charged Aug. 27 with domestic abuse.

**Nathan Fell**, 19, Avoca, was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

**Andrew Fiorella**, 19, Chicago, was

charged Aug. 24 with PAULA.

**Kathryn Fleming**, 18, 2269 Quadrangle, was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

**Taylor Gorman**, 19, 608 S. Johnson St., was charged Aug. 26 with interference with official acts.

**Kimberly Hardin**, 19, Hiawatha, Iowa, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Lucas House**, 24, address unknown, was charged Aug. 26 with driving while barred.

**Eric Jackson**, 19, 922 E. College St. Apt. B3, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Abbey Johnston**, 20, Bettendorf, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Evan Kock**, 18, Hancock, was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

**Brandon Kramer**, 19, N254 Hillcrest, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Nikolas Lapelusa**, 18, Long Grove, Ill., was charged Aug. 26 with presence on a liquor-licensed establishment after hours.

**Rachel Lawrence**, 20, Bettendorf, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Cory McDaniel**, 18, Davenport, was

charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Kevin McElroy**, 20, 529 E. Burlington St., was charged Aug. 26 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Zachary Meisch**, 18, Davenport, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Megan Mock**, 19, Davenport, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Steven Murdock**, 18, 2145 Quadrangle, was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA, possession of an open alcohol container in public, urinating in public, and public intoxication.

**Christina Nevins**, 19, 924 E. Washington St. Apt. 1, was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

**Jeffrey O'Hara**, 22, Coralville, was charged Aug. 27 with public intoxication.

**Jeremiah Petsche**, 22, 1527 Aber Ave. Apt. 1, was charged Aug. 27 with third-degree criminal mischief.

**Sara Smith**, 20, Bettendorf, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Michelle Straeter**, 20, 720 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 7, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA.

**Philip Streicher**, 19, Oelwein, was charged Aug. 25 with PAULA and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Margaret Vocius**, 19, 505 E. Burlington St., was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

**Doran Wallace**, 26, 801 Cross Park Ave. Apt. 2C, was charged Aug. 26 with assault causing injury.

**Timothy White**, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

**Matthew Wittman**, 18, Woodstock, Ill., was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

**Jaimy Sanchez Jr.**, 20, West Branch, was charged Aug. 26 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Megan Schreck**, 19, 316 S. Dodge St., was charged Aug. 26 with PAULA.

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# UI a leader in gender-ID nonbias

Eight of the top 25 colleges, ranked by *US News & World Report*, do not have gender identity in their nondiscrimination policies.

**By Clara Hogan**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

As one of the first six universities in the nation to put gender identity and sexual orientation into its nondiscrimination policy in the late 1990s, the UI helped start a major trend on campuses across the nation.

Ninety-six public institutions now offer students protection against sex-based discrimination, according to a Gender Public Advocacy Coalition's report, still marked a draft, released Monday.

That is approximately a 330 percent increase from a reported 29 universities in a 2006 study.

Despite this increase, 30 percent of the top 25 colleges ranked by *US News & World Report* are still leaving some of their students unprotected, said Brittney Hoffman, the campus director of GenderPac's Youth Network.

"Realistically, the purpose of putting these words on paper isn't to end all harassment, though that would be nice," she said. "It is to give students a place to turn to if they are harassed."

Out of these top 25 schools, eight have yet to put gender identity into their policies. Two of these are Big Ten schools: the University of Michigan and Northwestern University.

Jennifer Modestou, the director of campus relations for the UI Office of Equal Opportunity and Diversity, said that as a leader in this movement, the

university feels strongly about protecting all students.

"I think the university felt compelled to protect these persons from harassment, especially because [the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community] in particular is subject to a lot of it," she said.

Hoffman said new pressing issues include colleges placing sex-neutral restrooms in their buildings.

"Restrooms are a place where harassment takes place all the time," she said. "If there was just a neutral, single-stall restroom, there would be less room for embarrassment."

According to the 2007 report, universities such as Princeton, Harvard, and Yale have placed this sort of restrooms on their campuses.

Iowa's K-12 schools are also making changes. The Hawkeye State ranked fourth nationally, with eight schools districts including gender identity under their anti-harassment policies.

According to the report, more than one-third of college students reported being harassed or discriminated against on campus for not fitting expectations of masculinity or femininity.

"All students should feel safe at school," Hoffman said. "When school authorities take the time to put the words on paper, students feel they are respected and have people to turn to."

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## METRO

# Local drivers buckling up

Local seat-belt use is at all-time high; law enforcement steps up "Click It or Ticket" efforts over Labor Day weekend.

### Iowa drivers above nation in seat-belt use

Watch Daily Iowan Television at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) to learn more about two recent local surveys that showed 96 percent of Iowa City drivers wear their seat belts.

**By Brian Stewart**  
THE DAILY IOWAN

As law-enforcement agencies statewide prepare for an increase in enforcement efforts over the Labor Day weekend, two recent surveys from local agencies show seat-belt use is higher than the national average.

The Iowa City police and the Johnson County Sheriff's Office conducted surveys of motor vehicles this month, finding that 10 percent more drivers in Johnson County wear their seat belts compared with motorists nationwide.

The survey observed 100 vehicles at 10 different locations. Of the 1,000 vehicles surveyed, 96 percent of drivers were reported to be visibly wearing a seat belt.

The survey by the Sheriff's Office also had a use rate of 96 percent for vehicles traveling on Dubuque Street just north of Iowa City.

As of 2006, the most recent data available, 81 percent of drivers nationwide wear their seat belts.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay noted another survey completed in May in which more than 95 percent of drivers



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan  
**Autos travel on Iowa Avenue on Monday afternoon. With the Labor Day weekend approaching, law-enforcement agencies are preparing to strictly enforce the state's seat-belt law.**

were properly secured.

"[The surveys] are part of an ongoing enforcement effort that continues through September," Kelsay said, referring to Iowa's Special Traffic Enforcement Program, which increases law enforcement statewide near holidays, particularly in relation to seat-belt use.

Labor Day is one of three holidays during which agencies concentrate on seat-belt enforcement, said John Ulczycki, the executive director of transportation safety for the National Safety Council. The other two are the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving.

Iowa City police Sgt. Mike Lord said the increase in

enforcement this weekend will occur along Interstate 80 and Interstate 35, where patrols will combat speeding and enforce seat-belt laws statewide.

Ulczycki said agency campaigns such as "Click It or Ticket" have helped to boost seat-belt use more than 20 percent.

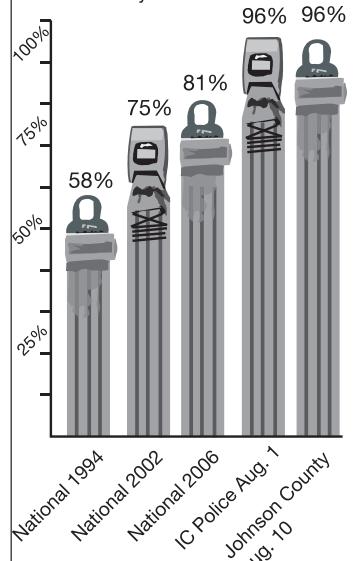
Prior to the "Click It or Tick- et" campaign, the number of people wearing seat belts in the country was at a constant 58 percent, he said.

"Those positive, pro-active messages [such as "Buckle Up for Safety"] did hardly anything to change seat-belt use," Ulczycki said. "People are more afraid of getting a ticket than they are of dying, frankly."

Iowa is one of only 25 states

### Local vs. national seat-belt use

Local seat-belt use is significantly higher than recent national averages. Seat belt use is at an all-time high as officers prepare for greater enforcement over the Labor Day weekend.



Source: nhtsa.gov, johnsoncounty.gov

Dylan Salisbury/The Daily Iowan

with a primary seat-belt law — meaning officers have the authority to ticket any person not visibly wearing a seat belt. The law may be one reason use rates in the state are higher than across the nation, Ulczycki said.

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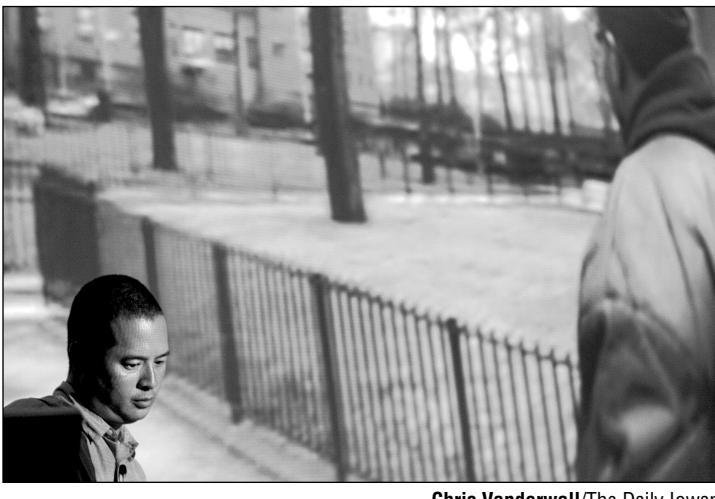
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## News

# INTO THE HIP-HOP ROOTS



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**Jeff Chang takes a break from lecturing to show clips from the documentary *From Mambo to Hip-Hop*. Chang used the film to illustrate gang migration in New York in the early '80s and how that helped to shape the birth of hip-hop.**

By Ben Fornell

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Kimbrel McCleod — a middle-aged professor with glasses and a receding hairline — concluded a low-key introduction of Jeff Chang, then demanded to know if Iowa City was “in the house.”

“I’ve always wanted to say that,” he confessed.

Chang is a journalist and historian who spoke in Shambaugh Auditorium Monday about the cultural and political significance of the musical movement called hip-hop. And during his lecture, he recounted some of the slang and single verses of hip-hop anthems so many have longed to say but couldn’t for lack of Chang-like street cred.

He first discovered hip-hop as a seventh-grader in Honolulu when the song “Rapper’s Delight,” by the Sugarhill Gang came out, he said.

“A-hip-hop-a-hip-a-to-the-hip-hip-hip, and you don’t stop,” Chang recounted to a room full of heads nodding with his beat. “I was like, ‘Whoa.’”

And with that first impression began a life of scholarship into what he feels is one of the most important political, cultural, and economic revolutions since the baby-boom generation.

“When I was thinking about writing my book, I thought, ‘Wow, this is something that’s been there at all times of my life,’ ” Chang said. “It was a common language.”

His lecture focused on the Bronx, N.Y., origins of the hip-hop sound, which rose from a landscape of young gang violence. In 1971, the Bronx gangs stopped the beatings and killings that had gripped their borough and met at a formal peace summit.

“And now it’s about style, not about representing your gang,”

Chang said. “Style becomes the redemption of these young, abandoned kids.”

He said places that were once gang headquarters became performance venues, and battles were fought between two people with lyrics, not pistols.

From there, he said, it was big business that corrupted the movement into what he called a “loud, bass-rattling onslaught of misogyny” and one audience member called “rap.”

Either way, he said, it was the 1996 Telecommunications Act that allowed such media giants as Clear Channel to purchase huge percentages of radio stations and only broadcast songs that would sell cars, shoes, and champagne.

“It’s just the engine of the lifestyle economy,” Chang said.

Today, what one hears on the radio is only a fraction of what’s happening with hip-hop, he said. Now, hip-hop is mostly a “localized culture,” he said, adding that he is encouraged by such events as poetry slams and hip-hop theater. Hip-hop is a form of poetry, he said, and art and expression — especially political speech — are at the core of the original movement.

Aaron Knodel, a freshman from Neillsville, Wis., said he doesn’t listen to much hip-hop but was fascinated to see a deeper side of the musical genre.

“I never knew about all the gangs, all the politics behind it,” he said, who was attending the lecture as extra credit for a class.

The presentation was the kickoff event for this year’s lecture series and was also part of the Welcome Week festivities.

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# Gonzales quits

## GONZALES

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Members of Congress have also called for Gonzales to be investigated for perjury in his testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Bush’s domestic-spying program.

Democratic candidates began using the resignation announcement as another opportunity to dog the Bush administration, with many calling Gonzales’ departure long overdue.

Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., called the Justice Department under Gonzales “a political wing of the Bush administration” in a statement. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., said Gonzales “subverted justice to promote a political agenda.”

Former Sen. John Edwards, D-N.C., issued four words to the press: “Better late than never.”

Redlawsk said Republican presidential-nomination candidates will continue to call for change in the White House.

“They can’t be anti-Bush directly, but at the same time, they certainly aren’t big fans of him — or they can’t afford to be big fans of him publicly,” Redlawsk said.

Former Gov. Mitt Romney of Massachusetts, who leads in Iowa polling, said in his statement that Gonzales made the “right decision” in resigning, adding that it gives Bush an opportunity to “renew the nation’s commitment to ... personnel who are dedicated to

enforcing the rule of law and protecting the American people from the threat of terrorism around the globe.”

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# Plan B sales up nationwide

By Ben Fornell  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Sales of Plan B, the "morning after pill" used for emergency contraception, are up 50 percent nationwide since it was made available to women without a prescription in August 2006, according to industry predictions.

But local pharmacists and medical personnel say sales in Iowa City have not increased, with one official citing an increase in the drug's cost as a potential factor.

Barr Pharmaceuticals, which manufactures Plan B, said sales for the pill in 2007 are approximately double the \$40 million worth sold when the drug required a prescription. At Hy-Vee, 812 S. First Ave., pharmacy manager

## PLAN B

### How to get it:

- Legal availability — Plan B is available without a prescription to those 18 and over. Those under 18 may get the drug with a prescription.
- Location — Most pharmacies should carry Plan B. It is located behind the counter instead of on the shelf; people should consult the pharmacist.
- Price — Plan B ranges in price from \$35 to \$42.99 at several pharmacies surveyed in Iowa City.

Sources: FDA, Emma Goldman Clinic, and Hy-Vee

James Mennen said he feels the over-the-counter availability of Plan B may be

more significant in smaller towns.

"If you're in a small town in Iowa, you may not feel comfortable asking your doctor for it," Mennen said. "Now, you can just go into a pharmacy and get it."

Luke Bartlett, the manager of the Walgreens pharmacy, 2214 Muscatine Ave., agreed with Mennen. He sells approximately one of the single-use boxes per week, he said.

But while sales figures are up, Barr Pharmaceuticals tripled the price of the drug when it became more widely available, said Karen Kubby, the executive director of the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St. She said this may be why the total units of Plan B sold have stayed stable at her clinic. Other local pharmacy officials said they couldn't comment on past pricing of the drug.

Barr officials declined to comment about past or present pricing information.

The two-pill package women receive when they buy Plan B is a very large dose of the hormone progestin. Medical experts say that taking the pill should only be used as a last resort, when other forms of birth control have failed or sex has been coerced.

"It provides a second chance to be responsible," Kubby said.

Large doses of hormone-based birth control have been used after unprotected sex to prevent pregnancies since the 1960s, according to Planned Parenthood. The FDA approved the pill for sale over-the-counter to women 18 years and older and to minors with a prescription.

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## STATE

### Presidential hopefuls donate to Iowa lawmakers

DES MOINES (AP) — Presidential candidates are making sizable donations to Iowa lawmakers and the state's Democratic and Republican parties.

Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois dished out \$5,000 from his PAC to each of the Democratic members of Iowa's congressional delegation, all of whom are up for re-election next year.

Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware handed out money to some state lawmakers through his PAC, including \$5,000 to the campaign committee of Iowa House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of Des Moines and \$1,000 to Senate President Jack Kibbie of Emmetsburg.

"The candidate gives contributions to lawmakers, candidates or

politicians as a way of cultivating their support," said Michael Malbin, the executive director of the Campaign Finance Institute, which is affiliated with Georgetown University.

Those donations pale compared with money the candidates are giving to the Iowa Democratic and Republican Parties before the state's caucuses.

In the first half of 2007, the Iowa Democratic Party received more than \$500,000 from presidential candidates with Hillary Rodham Clinton, Bill Richardson, Biden, and Obama each giving more than \$100,000.

Most of the money appeared to have been used to buy the party's list of previous caucus voters.

"They pay to use our services, which in turn helps us put on the first-in-the-nation caucuses," said Mike Milligan, the executive director of the Iowa Democratic Party.

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## Richardson focuses on first-responder health care

By Mike Glover  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CEDAR RAPIDS — Democrat Bill Richardson Monday proposed a \$500 million plan to ensure that police and firefighters receive generous health-care benefits after they retire.

Richardson's plan focused on police and firefighters who want to retire from their physically demanding jobs after 20 years of work. Such retirements often are clouded by the cost of health insurance, which can fall more heavily on individuals when they leave their jobs.

Richardson, who unveiled his plan Monday at a meeting with Cedar Rapids area firefighters, criticized President Bush, charging that he has sought to publicly identify with popular first responders while undercutting programs designed to increase their numbers and benefits.

"His administration has failed to protect those who protect us and in doing so he has failed his sworn duty to protect this nation," Richardson said in remarks released to the Associated Press.

Richardson said Bush has sought a 50 percent cut in a program paying for new equipment for firefighters and has opposed increasing the number of police and firefighters.

"Year after year, Mr. Bush has tried to slash the resources for first responders," Richardson said.

His plan would pay for health coverage for first responders from the time they retire until they become eligible for Medicare. He would split the cost between the federal government and state and local governments, a move he estimates would cost the federal government \$500 million a year.

'Studies show what we have known all along: Firefighters are far more likely than other Americans to contract these illnesses because of the hazards inherent to their jobs.'

— Bill Richardson,  
Democratic  
presidential candidate

The plan also would cover emergency medical technicians who frequently work from fire stations.

By courting police and firefighters, Richardson is targeting a large and politically active network that can be influential in local politics. Sen. John Kerry, the 2004 Democratic presidential nominee, got

considerable mileage from his endorsement by the firefighter's union in the last election cycle.

Richardson also proposed creating a "rebuttable presumption" for those suffering from heart or lung disease, some cancers and infections, arguing that such medical conditions are job-related and making it easier to collect benefits.

"Studies show what we have known all along: Firefighters are far more likely than other Americans to contract these illnesses because of the hazards inherent to their jobs," Richardson said. "Sick firefighters should not have to jump legal hurdles to get the compensation they deserve."

The same standards should apply to those seeking disability payments for back injuries, smoke inhalation, burns, and muscle and joint disorders, Richardson said.

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## News

# After months of controversy, Gonzales quits

## Controversial Top Bush Administration Resignations

Attorney General Alberto Gonzales, who on Monday announced he would resign in three weeks, was just the latest of many Bush administration officials who have quit over the last few years.



Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Associated Press

### SOME OF THE MOST NOTABLE:

Ashcroft  
former attorney generalBrown  
former FEMA directorMiers  
former White House CounselRumsfeld  
former defense secretaryRove  
former top adviser and deputy chief of staff

**Nov. 10, 2004 — John Ashcroft, Bush's first attorney general**, resigned along with Commerce Secretary Donald Evans, becoming the first two members of the president's Cabinet to step down before the start of Bush's second term. Ashcroft, a key supporter of the USA Patriot Act, drew fire from libertarians and liberals for his privacy and civil-liberties stances.

**Sept. 12, 2005 — Michael Brown, former director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency**, left office in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Bush had initially praised Brown's management of the storm. Critics later questioned his qualifications for the position heading the nation's high-profile, first-responder agency.

**Jan. 4, 2007 — Harriet Miers, former White House counsel**, submitted her resignation just before the U.S. attorney dismissals received major public attention. The White House had suggested that the plan to remove and replace attorneys came from Miers, but investigations confirmed that Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' chief of staff recommended the ousting. Miers — whom Bush had nominated to the Supreme Court but later recused herself — was cited in July for contempt of Congress for failing to appear before the House Judiciary Committee about the matter.

**Nov. 6, 2007 — Donald Rumsfeld, former Defense secretary**, signed his letter of resignation from the Bush administration the day before the Nov. 7 elections, and the president announced Rumsfeld's departure on Nov. 8. Some have suggested that Bush asked Rumsfeld to resign when his plan for Iraq did not match the president's to escalate the war. Regardless, Rumsfeld had endured continued criticism from many over his general handling of the conflict.

**Aug. 13, 2007 — Karl Rove, who was Bush's top adviser and deputy chief of staff**, resigned amid pressure from the Senate Judiciary Committee to appear personally and testify about his knowledge of the controversy of the dismissal of nine U.S. attorneys. His resignation will become effective at the end of the month.

**Aug. 27, 2007 — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales** announced his resignation, saying it will be effective in three weeks. Gonzales has been accused of unethically firing nine federal prosecutors for political reasons, and he faces a possible perjury investigation for testimony he gave Congress about Bush's warrantless wiretapping. Critics also have complained about Gonzales' opinion that the Geneva Convention's rules of the treatment of prisoners were "obsolete."

— by Kelsey Beltramea

By David Espo  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' resignation Monday after months of draining controversy drew expressions of relief from Republicans and a vow from Democrats to pursue their investigation into fired federal prosecutors.

President Bush, Gonzales' most dogged defender, told reporters he had accepted the resignation reluctantly. "His good name was dragged through the mud for political reasons," Bush said.

The president named Paul Clement, the solicitor general, as a temporary replacement. With fewer than 18 months remaining in office, there was no indication when Bush would name a successor — or how quickly or easily the Senate might confirm one.

Apart from the president, there were few Republican expressions of regret following the departure of the nation's first Latino attorney general, a man once hailed as the embodiment of the American Dream.

"Our country needs a credible, effective attorney general who can work with Congress on critical issues," said Sen. John Sununu of New Hampshire, who last March was the first GOP lawmaker to call on Gonzales to step down. "Alberto Gonzales' resignation will finally allow a new attorney general to take on this task."

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said, "Even after all the scrutiny, it doesn't appear that Attorney General Gonzales committed any crimes, but he did make management missteps and didn't handle the spotlight well when they were exposed."

Democrats were less charitable.

Under Gonzales and Bush, "the Department of Justice suffered a severe crisis of leadership that allowed our justice system to be corrupted by political

influence," said Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who has presided over the investigation into the firings of eight prosecutors whom Democrats say were axed for political reasons.

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said the investigation would not end with Gonzales' leaving.

"Congress must get to the bottom of this mess and follow the facts where they lead, into the White House," said the Nevada Democrat.

Gonzales also has struggled in recent months to explain his involvement in a 2004 meeting at the hospital bedside of then-Attorney General John Ashcroft, who had refused to certify the legality of Bush's no-warrant wiretapping program. Ashcroft was in intensive care at the time.

More broadly, the attorney general's personal credibility has been a casualty of the numerous controversies. So much so that Sen. Arlen Specter, senior GOP member of the Judiciary Committee, told him at a hearing on the prosecutors that his testimony was "significantly if not totally at variance with the facts."

Gonzales made a brief appearance before reporters at the Justice Department to announce his resignation. "Even my worst days as attorney general have been better than my father's best days," said the son of migrants.

Gonzales told the Senate Judiciary Committee as recently

as July 24 that he had decided to stay in his post despite numerous calls for his resignation.

Several officials said the attorney general called Bush at his ranch on Aug. 24 to offer his resignation. Bush did not attempt to dissuade him but accepted with reluctance, they said. The president then invited Gonzales and his wife to lunch Sunday.

Gonzales was one of the longest-serving members of a group of Texans who came to Washington with Bush more than six years ago at the dawn of a new administration.

Karl Rove, the president's chief political strategist, announced his resignation last week. Presidential counselor Dan Bartlett and Harriet Miers, the former White House counsel who was forced to withdraw her nomination for the Supreme Court, left earlier in the year.

Gonzales, too, was once considered for the high court, but conservatives never warmed to the idea and he was passed over.

His appointment as attorney general more than three years ago marked the latest in a series of increasingly high-profile positions that Bush entrusted him with.

A Harvard-educated lawyer, Gonzales signed on with Bush in the mid 1990s. He served as general counsel and secretary of state when his patron was governor of Texas, then won an appointment to the state Supreme Court.

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## COMMENTARY

# Gonzales demonstrates perils of cronyism

By Dan Balz and Michael Abramowitz  
WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — Few attributes are more highly prized in President Bush's White House than loyalty — and few have exacted a higher toll on the president and his political standing. Monday's resignation announcement by Attorney General Alberto Gonzales underscored once again the damage that can be done when loyalty becomes paramount in presidential decision-making.

Rarely has a Cabinet-level resignation been so anticipated, coming long after Gonzales' credibility had been irreparably undermined by controversy. After he seemingly could do no more harm to the administration, Bush's friend and longtime confidant finally called it quits.

Yet the resignation was almost as surprising as it was long expected. Bush repeatedly expressed confidence in his embattled attorney general, and Gonzales had stubbornly refused to yield to the political reality that his presence at the Justice Department meant continued conflict with Democrats and some Republicans in Congress as well as further investigations into the inner workings of the administration.



Evan Vucci/Associated Press  
President Bush walks away after commenting on the resignation of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Monday, in Waco, Texas.

"Getting him out of there is about four months or five months late," said one Republican strategist, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to offer a candid appraisal of the situation. "It re-emphasizes that this thing is broken."

If Gonzales' were the only case of loyalty overwhelming political hardheadedness in the Bush administration, there might be little more to his resignation than the fall from grace of a public official whose inspirational life story had almost a storybook quality to it. Gonzales rose from a childhood of poverty to a succession of distinguished appointments, culminating in his confirmation as the first Latino attorney general in the nation's history.

But his case is not unique — and that is what has confounded Bush's allies. The same pattern occurred with former Defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld. Long before Rumsfeld tendered his resignation on the eve of the 2006 elections, many of Bush's advisers had concluded that he should go. But the president refused to give satisfaction to the retired generals and Democratic officials publicly calling for his dismissal.

So, too, with Bush's unexpected decision to nominate then-White House counsel Harriet Miers to the Supreme Court in the fall of 2005. Her selection produced a firestorm on the right, as conservatives and others accused the president of

cronyism and challenged Miers's credentials to sit on the highest court in the land.

Like Gonzales, Miers eventually faced reality. She asked that her name be withdrawn from consideration — but only after an extraordinary month that further deflated the president's political standing at a time when he was on the defensive because of the slow White House response to Hurricane Katrina.

"It's clear that it has hurt Bush to have hung on to somebody who by all accounts was clearly failing in his job," said Kenneth Adelman, a former Reagan administration official who suggested that Bush has had a misplaced sense of loyalty to such advisers as Rumsfeld and Gonzales.

"You're loyal to the mission. You're loyal to performance. You're loyal to the country," Adelman said. "You should always be nice to people, but there are more important things than being nice to your friends. You have to keep your eye on the mission and the performance in completing the mission."

Fred Greenstein, a

Princeton University scholar of the presidency, said he believes that Bush may be more calculating than his critics suggest, noting that he was one of the key figures in helping push Chief of Staff John Sununu out of his father's administration. "His DNA has been to stick by his people," Greenstein said. "Then he moves or he bends and denies that he has done that."

Other Bush associates and former administration officials said the president has been heavily influenced by what he saw as personnel disarray during his father's term — and feels it is important to stick by his people. "He has just seen good people lynched politically," said Mark McKinnon, the president's longtime media adviser. "He was a close observer of his father's administration and previous administrations."

Bush's comment Monday seemed to reinforce that view. Saying he had reluctantly accepted his attorney general's resignation, he noted pointedly: "His good name was dragged through the mud for political reasons."

Gonzales leaves behind a trail of debris. His image has

been badly tarnished. His refusal to resign sooner further soured the already acidic relations between Congress and the White House. His Justice Department, in the words of Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., became dysfunctional.

It may be too late to wonder how much of this could have been avoided, but it is clear when it started. Gonzales was promoted from White House counsel to attorney general at a moment when Bush believed he had limitless political capital, in the weeks after his re-election victory, when two other White House advisers — Condoleezza Rice and Margaret Spellings — were also given new jobs leading the State and Education Departments.

Bush knew he could trust Gonzales with one of the most sensitive posts in any administration. But in doing so, the president left himself vulnerable to charges that he was politicizing the Justice Department — and as controversies mounted, Gonzales proved incapable of insulating himself or his department from those charges.

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## News

# Abu Ghraib case to jury

**By David Dishneau**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT MEADE, Md. — Jurors began deliberations Monday at the court-martial of the only U.S. military officer charged in the Abu Ghraib detainee-abuse scandal, after the defense accused a witness of lying on the stand to deflect blame.

Army Lt. Col. Steven Jordan, 51, never appeared in the inflammatory photos of U.S. soldiers with naked and abused detainees at Abu Ghraib, but he was the highest-ranking officer at the Iraq prison at the time and was accused of fostering the abuse.

If convicted on all four counts against him, he could be sentenced to 8 1/2 years in prison. The jury deliberated for about 4 1/2 hours Monday afternoon before recessing for the day.

During closing arguments, Jordan's lawyer took aim at one of the government's top witnesses, saying that Maj. Donald Reese falsely testified that Jordan condoned prisoner nudity as an interrogation technique. Reese commanded the 372 Military Police Company in Iraq.

"Maj. Reese is not telling the truth," defense attorney Maj. Kris Poppe said, citing contradictory testimony by others. "To deflect blame is a time-honored tradition, and that's what he did."

Reese's testimony was among the government's strongest evidence supporting the charge that Jordan, of Fredericksburg, Va., willfully failed to train, supervise and ensure that soldiers under his control followed interrogation rules. Reese was reprimanded for his leadership failure at Abu Ghraib; he has since been promoted to major.

Earlier Monday, a prosecutor said in the government's closing that Jordan is not being court-martialed for what he did during his brief assignment as director of the Abu Ghraib interrogation center — but for what he didn't do.

"It's about what he divorced himself from doing," Lt. Col. John P. Tracy told the panel of nine colonels and one brigadier general. "He didn't train. He didn't supervise."

Tracy reminded the panel repeatedly that Jordan was the senior officer at Abu Ghraib in September and October 2003, when witnesses said they saw detainees naked and handcuffed in their cells. Tracy also said Jordan was the senior officer inside a prison cellblock on Nov. 24, 2003, during at least part of an episode that ended with a dog being brought in to intimidate a detainee during questioning.

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# Iraqi pols reach deal; Sunnis skeptical

**By Robert H. Reid**  
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BAGHDAD — Sunni politicians applauded goals set down in an agreement hammered out by the country's top leaders under intense American pressure but expressed doubt Monday whether the U.S.-backed prime minister would actually see them through.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki and four other senior leaders declared Sunday they had reached a consensus on a number of issues, including freeing detainees held without charge, easing the ban on former Saddam Hussein supporters in government posts, regulating the oil industry, and holding provincial elections.

No details were released, and most measures require parliamentary approval.

But in a step toward implementing the deal, U.S. and Iraqi officials announced that coalition forces would increase the number of detainees released during the Islamic holy month of Ramadan, which begins next month.

"Releases will start as early as this week and continue through the end of Ramadan," the U.S. command said in a statement. It did not say how many would be freed.

President Bush hailed the agreement, saying it "begins to establish new power-sharing agreements."

"These leaders ... recognize the true and meaningful reconciliation that needs to take place," Bush said in a brief statement Monday upon arrival in Albuquerque, N.M. "They recognize this is a process. Yesterday's agreement reflects their commitment to work together for the benefit of all Iraqis to further the process."

However, the deal did not persuade the main Sunni Arab political bloc to take back the government posts they abandoned this month over differences with al-Maliki, a Shiite.

The Sunni walkout has paralyzed the government ahead of a crucial report to Congress by Ambassador Ryan Crocker and Gen. David Petraeus, which will likely determine the fate of the troubled U.S. military mission in Iraq.

Some key Sunni figures dismissed the agreement as a stalling tactic by al-Maliki to ease pressure from Washington.

"Our position is that this meeting represents a new phase of procrastination and does not honestly aim at solving the problems quickly," said Khalaf al-Ilyan, a leader of the Sunni bloc, the Iraqi Accordance Front. "I think that no real or practical solution will come out of this."

Another Front leader, Adnan al-Dulaimi, said the accord included "good decisions that would serve the whole Iraqi people."



This image made available by the Iraqi Government on Monday shows (from left to right) Iraqi Vice Presidents Adel Abdul Mahdi and Tareq Al-Hashimi, Iraqi President Jalal Talabani, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, and Kurdistan's autonomous region leader Massoud Barzani during a meeting in Baghdad on Sunday.

"But we doubt that they will be implemented," he said. "All our experience with al-Maliki indicates that this is another new set of delaying measures. They give you a glimmer of hope, but at the end of the day you get nothing but promises."

With opposition to the war mounting in the United States, American diplomats have been pressing for the Iraqis to demonstrate political progress ahead of the Sept. 15 report to Congress.

U.S. officials are confident

they can point to progress in curbing violence, but Crocker has expressed frustration over the lack of movement toward political reconciliation among the Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish factions.



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# Seismologist made mine-collapse 911 call

By Jennifer Dobner and  
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HUNTINGTON, Utah — A seismologist who detected ground tremors was the first to notify authorities of the cave-in that trapped six miners, even before mine officials called for an ambulance, according to 911 recordings.

University of Utah seismologist Walter Arabasz made his call about a potential problem at the Crandall Canyon mine early on Aug. 6, four minutes before mine officials made their call.

The 911 tapes obtained Monday by the Associated Press showed that from the earliest moments, scientists suspected the shaking came from a mine collapse, not a natural earthquake, as mine co-owner Bob Murray has maintained throughout the ordeal that has entered its fourth week.

"Just from the general character of the seismic event, it looks like it might be a coal-mining event," Arabasz said on the tapes.

Also Monday, bad weather delayed drilling on a seventh hole and also postponed plans to drop a \$100,000 robotic camera into an earlier hole for a long-shot effort to locate the men.

"There's a lot of rain," Colin King, an attorney for the families, said after a briefing from federal mine safety officials. He said the road had been washed out in places.

As the saga entered a fourth week, Emery County authorities released tapes that described the early hours of the disaster.

The first 911 call came at 3:47 a.m. from Arabasz in Salt Lake City, 120 miles north of the mine. At 3:51 a.m., a mine employee called for an ambulance.

"We had a big cave-in up here, and we are probably gonna need an ambulance. We're not for sure yet because we haven't heard from anybody in the section," a voice identifying himself as Mark Toomer told a 911 dispatcher. "But we're mostly likely going to need one up here."

Arabasz told the dispatcher the seismic event registered as 4.0 magnitude at 2:48 a.m., and it was 3.1 miles west-southwest of the mine entrance. The severity of the event was later revised to 3.9 magnitude.

The six miners have not been heard from since the cave-in, which filled a mine shaft with rock and coal in the area where the men were working. No one knows whether the men survived the collapse.



A family with words of hope written on their car window for the six miners trapped in the Crandall Canyon Mine enter the Desert Edge Christian Chapel in Huntington, Utah, on Sunday.

Kenny Crookston/Associated Press

Mine officials and federal regulators have worked unsuccessfully to locate the miners, drilling a half-dozen vertical holes into the mountain in hopes of finding signs of life.

Horizontal tunneling through

the tons of debris inside was halted Aug. 16 after a second cave-in killed three rescuers, including a federal safety inspector, and injured six others.

It was unclear when drilling of

the seventh hole would be fin-

ished. If the camera works, images were expected later Monday.

The camera is similar to one used to search the wreckage of the World Trade Center after the 2001 terrorist attacks in New York City. It can take

images from about 50 feet away with the help of a 200-watt light. It can travel 1,000 feet and has some ability to move around the rubble.

It was not known for certain if the camera would fit into the

mine or how deep it would have to go to reach the miners.

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## News

# More teens as caregivers

By Michael Alison Chandler

WASHINGTON POST

GREENSBORO, N.C. — After her first day of classes this week at the University of North Carolina's campus here, Aleyna Castillo crossed a field, passing joggers, and cyclists, and students sprawled on the grass reading in the sunshine. She didn't linger at her brick dormitory. The Middleburg, Va., teenager got into her car and drove 15 minutes to her other home.

There, in a darkened bedroom, her mother lay propped up in bed, a fan humming. Castillo brought a damp washcloth for Lynn Turner to wipe her flushed face with and a toothbrush with a Dixie Cup to spit into. She brushed her mother's hair and offered strawberries to supplement her breakfast of Pop-Tarts. Castillo's 9-year-old cousin, Anthony McNeil, dribbled a soccer ball down the hallway. "Change your shirt," she hollered after him.

Castillo, 18, is one of many teenagers across the country who are caregivers for ill or disabled relatives — a little-known group that labors under unusual stress and with few resources. Her mother has multiple sclerosis, a degenerative neurological disease that has left the 40-year-old in a wheelchair, unable to work, make dinner, or shower without help. For the past year and a half, Castillo has bathed her, prepared her meals, emptied her catheter bag, and given her two dozen kinds of medication. She helps take care of Anthony, too, getting him off to school and reminding him to take out the trash.

So when Castillo was accepted to her top-choice university, she decided she would not go alone. "I can't totally abandon my mom," she said. "She needs me." While others from the Class of 2007 at Dominion High School were packing a few suitcases to go to college, Castillo boxed up her home's contents — from her mother's hospital to Anthony's video games — and moved the whole family to Greensboro.

As many as 1.4 million children in the United States from age 8 to 18 care for a chronically ill or disabled relative, according to a 2005 survey by the United Hospital Fund and the National Alliance for Caregiving. Children provide companionship, run errands, and balance checkbooks. Some change feeding tubes or adult diapers.

Mood swings and antisocial behavior are more common among teenage caregivers than their peers, the study found. And one in five young caregivers misses a school or after-school activity to help a family member. Still, there is little



Andrea Bruce/Washington Post

**After her first day of college classes at University of North Carolina-Greensboro, Aleyna Castillo, 18, prepares lunch for her mother, Lynn Turner, who suffers from multiple sclerosis. For the past year, Castillo has bathed Turner, emptied her catheter bag, and given her medicine. "I can't totally abandon my mom," the teen says. "She needs me."**

recognition of the adult-size jobs so many youths perform throughout the United States, and there are few public services to assist them.

The population of young caregivers will probably grow as Americans start families later in life and as medical advances enable patients to live longer and at home, say demographers and caregiving experts. Single parents rely on children more, as do immigrant parents who count on the younger generation to help with translation and navigate the health-care system. Children from low-income families are most likely to provide unpaid medical care, experts said.

Multiple sclerosis, typically diagnosed in young or middle-age adults, has long been recognized as a disease with a profound effect on children. But children also help parents or grandparents with Alzheimer's disease, drug addictions, mental illness, HIV, brain injuries, and cancer.

Such children share feelings of "stress, isolation, and fear, thinking they are the only ones," said Connie Siskowski, a registered nurse who started what is believed to be the nation's first program to identify and assist caregivers in public schools, in Boca Raton, Fla. "When there is a serious illness, there's also the fear of not only what's going to happen to that person but what's going to happen to me."

Castillo was 9 when Turner, a single mother, received her diagnosis. "I thought she was going to die," Castillo recalled.

The self-described tomboy cowered each week when her mother gave herself a shot to slow the progression of the

disease. "At first, she cried," Turner recalled. "Then she was like, 'Hey Mom, let me do that.'" Turner showed her daughter how to plunge the syringe deep into her thigh, a scary procedure that soon became routine.

For the first few years, Castillo noticed few changes. Her mother still baked banana nut bread and took her shopping and to basketball games. In 2000, Turner married a fast-food manager. Two years later, the family grew again, when Turner became the legal guardian of Anthony, a freckled 4-year-old who was put in foster care when his mother, a crack addict, left him alone in a hotel room.

But as the family was coming together, Turner's health began to fade. By the time Castillo was in middle school, fatigue gripped her mother. Turner stumbled when she walked, started using a cane, then a walker. Her husband, scared by the changes, left.

By Castillo's senior year at Dominion High, her mother was in a wheelchair. After a series of slips and falls, she had to leave her state government job and was relying on a disability check of about \$2,700 a month, nearly half of which went toward health insurance.

That year, Castillo's day began at 6:30 a.m., when she awakened Anthony in the bed across from hers and went down the hall to check on her mom. She emptied the bedside

"pee bag" and brought her mom breakfast and lunch. At school, Castillo she used every minute of study hall to finish homework. Later, she worked at a daycare center, then hurried home to warm up frozen dinners. She usually set a card table next to her mom's bed so the family could eat together.

Anthony pitched in, too. He often brought Aunt Lynn a peanut butter and jelly sandwich after school or cold tea. When Castillo helped her mother into the car, Anthony loaded in her wheelchair. Sometimes, he crouched to guide her foot through the door.

Over time, Castillo's skills grew. She learned to move with her mother, to push her knees back so she wouldn't collapse, to still her legs when they shook with muscle spasms. She stayed calm when her mother cried out in unsteady panic.

Despite these demands, Castillo kept her focus on college. After a tough junior year, she aced 12th grade with almost all A's. Many other students saddled with such responsibilities do not fare as well. They struggle with grades or attendance or drop out of school, Siskowski said.

"It would have been very easy for her to make excuses, to say, 'This is so hard,'" said Dominion High's assistant principal, Michelle Quirin. "But she stayed focused on the future."

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# Study: U.S. obesity rates continue to rise

By Kevin Freking  
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WASHINGTON — Loosen the belt buckle another notch: Obesity rates continued to climb in 31 states last year, and no state showed a decline.

Mississippi became the first state to crack the 30 percent barrier for adults considered to be obese. West Virginia and Alabama were just behind, according to the Trust for America's Health, a research group that focuses on disease prevention.

Colorado continued its reign as the leanest state in the nation with an obesity rate projected at 17.6 percent.

This year's report, for the first time, looked at rates of overweight children ages 10 to 17. The District of Columbia had the highest percentage — 22.8 percent. Utah had the lowest — 8.5 percent.

Health officials say the latest state rankings provide evidence that the nation has a public-health crisis on its hands.

"Unfortunately, we're treating it like a mere inconvenience instead of the emergency that it is," said Dr. James Marks, senior vice president at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a philanthropy devoted to improving health care.

Officials at the Trust for America's Health want the government to play a larger role in preventing obesity. People who are overweight are at an increased risk for diabetes, heart problems, and other chronic diseases that contribute to greater health-care costs.

"It's one of those issues where everyone believes this is an epidemic, but it's not getting the level of political and policymaker attention that it ought to," said Jeffrey Levi, the organization's executive director. "As every candidate for president talks about health-care reform and controlling health-care cost costs, if we don't home in on this issue, none of their proposals are going to be affordable."



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**Unidentified pedestrians walk across the street in a popular retail section of Providence, R.I., Monday. Residents in Rhode Island tend to walk more and depend less on their cars, and Rhode Island was among the bottom six states in adult obesity.**

be safe places to be active. That's not just a class issue. We've designed suburban communities where there are no sidewalks for anybody to go out and take a walk."

To measure obesity rates, Trust for America's Health compares data from 2003-05 with 2004-06. It combines information from three years to improve the accuracy of projections. The data come from a survey of height and weight taken over the telephone. Because the information comes from a personal estimate, some believe it is conservative.

Indeed, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

released a study last year noting a national obesity rate of about 32 percent — a higher rate than was cited for any of the states in the Trust for America's Health report. The CDC's estimate came from weighing people rather than relying on telephone interviews, officials explained.

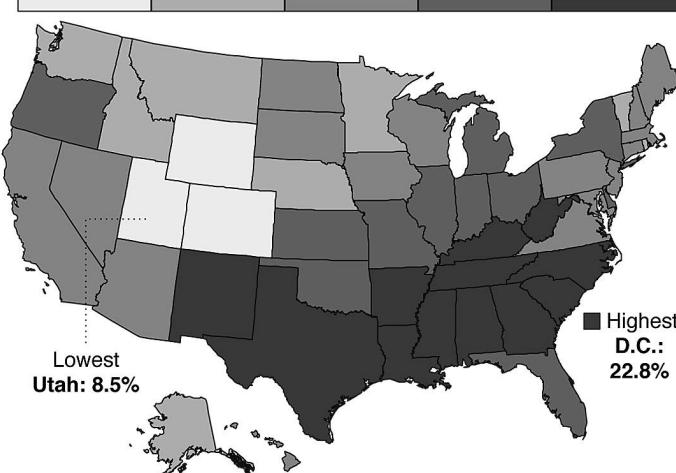
Generally, anyone with a body mass index greater than 30 is considered obese. The index is a ratio that takes into account height and weight. The overweight range is 25 to 29.9. Normal is 18.5 to 24.9. People with a large amount of lean muscle mass, such as athletes, can show a large body mass index without

## Overweight rates high in South

West Virginia, Kentucky and the District of Columbia had the highest percentage of overweight children ages 10-17.

**Percentage of overweight children ages 10-17, 2003-04**

Less 10 12 14 16 More



SOURCE: Trust for America's Health

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having an unhealthy level of fat.

A lack of exercise is a huge factor in obesity rates. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found last year that more than 22 percent of Americans did not engage in any physical activity in the past month. The percentage is greater than 30 percent in four states: Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, and Tennessee.

Meanwhile, Minnesotans led the way when it came to exercise. An estimated 15.4 percent of the state's residents did not engage in any physical exercise — the best rate in the nation.

Still, the state ranked 28th overall when it came to the percentage of obese adults.

Another factor in obesity rates is poverty. The five poorest states were all in the top 10 when it came to obesity rates. An exception to that rule was the District of Columbia and New Mexico.

Both had high poverty rates, but also one of the lower obesity rates among adults.

Poverty can lead to less safe neighborhoods, which deter children from playing. It can lead to fewer grocery stores offering fruits and vegetables, and it can lead to greater reliance on fast food, officials said.

"It seems the cheapest foods are the worst ones for you," Marks said.

Officials said the report is not designed to stigmatize states with high obesity rates but to stir them into action.

"These are the states where the urgency is the greatest. They need not to wait for others to lead. They need to become the leaders," Marks said. "It's the only way that they can restore the health of their children and their families. It's the only way that they can improve their economic competitiveness."



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## News

# Existing-home sales drop, causing concern

**By Martin Crutsinger**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sales of existing homes dropped for the fifth-straight month in July, while the number of unsold homes shot up to a record level.

Many analysts said the worst slump in housing in 16 years is likely to deepen in coming months, reflecting the recent turmoil in credit markets, which has caused lenders to tighten their standards.

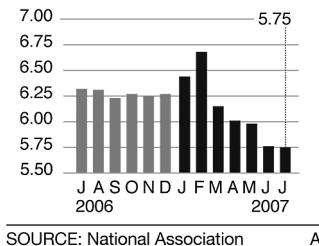
The National Association of Realtors reported Monday that sales of existing homes dipped by 0.2 percent in July compared with June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.75 million units.

The median price of a home

## Home sales

Sales of existing homes in millions of units:

Seasonally adjusted annualized rate



SOURCE: National Association of Realtors

sold last month slid to \$230,200, down by 0.6 percent from the median price a year ago. It marked the 12th-consecutive month that home prices have declined, a record stretch.

The deep slump in housing,

combined with recent severe turmoil in financial markets, has raised worries about a possible recession. But many economists believe the Federal Reserve will ward off a full-blown downturn by reducing a key short-term interest rate should financial market conditions fail to stabilize.

But economists said the report on existing home sales signaled further trouble ahead, given a big jump in the inventory of unsold homes which rose by 5.1 percent to a record level of 4.59 million homes.

Based on the July sales pace, it would take 9.2 months to exhaust the number of single-family homes on the market, the highest level in nearly 16 years, and 11.9 months to

exhaust the level of condominiums on the market. The months supply of condos sitting on the market is 45.1 percent higher than a year ago.

The rising glut of unsold homes is putting downward pressure on prices. The median price of an existing home, the point where half of homes sold for more and half for less, has now fallen every month for a year, something that has not occurred before on Realtors' records going back to 1969. Economists said to expect more price declines in coming months.

"We are literally swimming in an ocean of homes for sale," said Mike Larson, a real-estate analyst with Weiss Research Inc. "Until we work through

this extremely large inventory glut, we're not going to see any momentum in home prices."

Analysts said the financial

market turbulence that has occurred in August will mean further downward pressure on home sales as big investors such as hedge funds grow more leery about purchasing mortgages that have been packaged into securities for fear that the rising number of defaults will mean they won't get repaid.

Even before the latest market turbulence, banks and other lenders were tightening up on their loan standards in response to rising delinquencies, especially on subprime loans extended to borrowers with weak credit histories.

"With fewer buyers qualifying

for loans and lots of unsold houses out there, that makes a choice recipe for further sales declines this fall and into the winter," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC.

Hoffman said there is a growing threat that the severe slump in housing and sagging consumer confidence will weigh on consumer spending in the second half of this year, presenting a significant risk to the overall economy. But he said he believed the country would be able to avoid an outright recession because the Federal Reserve will decide at its next meeting on Sept. 18 to cut the federal funds rate, the key benchmark rate for millions of consumer and business loans.

# 'Diaper-free' movement gains fans

**By Rodrique Ngowi**

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SUTTON, Mass. — Thirteen-month-old Dominic Klatt stopped banging the furniture in the verandah, looked at his mother, and clasped his right hand around his left wrist to signal that he needed to go to the bathroom.

His mother took the diaperless tot to a tree in the yard, held him in a squatting position, and made a gentle hissing sound — prompting the infant to relieve himself on cue before he rushed back to play.

Dominic is a product of a growing "diaper-free" movement founded on the belief that babies are born with an instinctive ability to signal when they have to answer nature's call. Parents who practice the so-called "elimination communication" learn to read their children's body language to help them recognize the need, and they mimic the

sounds that a child associates with the bathroom.

Erinn Klatt, who began toilet training her son at birth, said he has not wet his bed at night since he was 6 months old.

"The nice part is ... really getting the majority of poops in the toilet versus having to clean that," Klatt said. "I don't have to wake up at night and change diapers or have wet sheets anywhere. That's really nice."

"And being able to travel without a big, bloated diaper bag is terrific."

Some parents and toilet-training experts are skeptical.

"They teach them from birth? Oh, my God," said 40-year-old Lisa Bolcato as she held her 5-month-old daughter, Rose, at a park on Boston Common. "When you're getting two hours of sleeps between feedings, I don't think that you have the time to do it. You just make sure that your child's healthy and happy and well-fed."

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# Fires force dozens of evacuations in Greece

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Firefighters rushed helicopters and buses Monday to evacuate more than two dozen villages threatened by towering walls of flames that had killed 63 people while ravaging swaths of forest and farmland in Greece's worst wildfire disaster in memory.

Four days of devastating blazes from the northern border with Albania to the southern island of Crete unnerved and angered Greeks, drawing strong criticism of the government's response and setting off widespread suspicions and finger-pointing.

The government, which declared a state of emergency, implied the destruction could be part of an orchestrated campaign of arson. But environmental experts expressed skepticism.

People used garden hoses, buckets, tin cans, and branches in desperate — and sometimes futile — attempts to beat back flames and save their homes and livelihoods.

Frightened people called television stations pleading for help from the beleaguered fire service, and helicopters or vehicles were sent to several villages to evacuate threatened residents, although some insisted on staying to fight the flames.

A helicopter flew five people out of Prasidaki in southern Greece, fire department spokesman Yiannis Stamoulis said. Another was sent to the village of Frixia, but residents there refused to leave, he said.

The destruction was so extensive that authorities said they had not had time to tally the amount of burned land — or the number of people injured. Sixty-three people were known dead.

A woman and her four children killed Friday, their charred bodies found with the woman's arms around the youngsters, might have been safe if they had stayed at home. It was the only house left untouched in the village of Artemida in the western Peloponnese. The house's white walls and red tile roof were unscathed, surrounded by blackened earth.



Nikolas Giakoumidis/Associated Press

**Firefighters are shown in front of a blaze outside Andritsena village in Peloponnese peninsula on Monday. Several villages in the area were evacuated as massive forest fires, fanned by strong winds, swept through swathes of southern Greece, leaving more than 63 people dead since Aug. 24.**

Fanned by strong, hot winds, flames raced through grass and trees parched by three heat waves since June. Fires engulfed villages, forests and farms and scorched woodland around Ancient Olympia, birthplace of the Olympic Games.

New fires broke out faster than others could be brought under control, leaving behind a devastated landscape of blackened tree trunks, gutted houses and charred animal carcasses.

The destruction and deaths infuriated Greeks, who already had been stunned by deadly forest fires in June and July, and the disaster appeared likely to

dominate political debate before parliamentary elections Sept. 16. Many people said the government did not react quickly enough.

## 3 NYC fire officials reassigned after fatal WTC blaze

NEW YORK (AP) — Three senior fire officials responsible for inspecting the condemned skyscraper where two firefighters died were stripped of their commands and reassigned Monday, and the Fire Department ordered intensive inspections of buildings under demolition.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg also announced that a preliminary investigation indicated that careless smoking by construction workers started the deadly Aug. 18 fire at the former Deutsche Bank building, which was heavily damaged in the 9/11 attacks and was being dismantled and cleaned of toxic debris floor by floor.

Two firefighters died of cardiac arrest while trying to battle that blaze.

After the fire, the department acknowledged that it did not have a plan in place to fight fire at the tower and that it had not inspected the building's standpipe system, which connects fire hoses to its water supply, in over a year, even though it should

have done so every 15 days. Inspectors found pieces of the standpipe disconnected in the tower's basement.

Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta on Monday ordered deputy chiefs to inspect all buildings in their divisions that are under construction or demolition and to review all plans to fight fires at every building in their area.

## Study: School defibrillators may not be worth cost

SEATTLE (AP) — A nationwide push to put portable defibrillators in every school, a response to several high-profile student deaths, may not be worth

the cost, a new study concludes.

The survey of emergency response to schools in the Seattle area over 16 years found that students suffered cardiac arrests only 12 times and a third of these children had known heart problems.

Most of the cardiac arrests at schools between 1990 to 2005 involved adults — teachers, volunteers or people just walking on school property. And they occurred much more often in high schools and middle schools than elementary schools.

"I certainly have no objection to [automated external defibrillators]," said one of the researchers, Dr. Tom Rea, of the University of Washington's Harborview Medical Center. He's also medical director for King County Medic One, the county's emergency medical service.

But not every school has the money for a defibrillator, which each cost an average of \$1,000 to \$3,000, not including the cost to train school staff, he said. They decided to do the study after several states mandated the purchase of defibrillators for schools and others were considering similar measures, he said.

## Russian prosecutor: 10 arrested in killing of journalist

MOSCOW (AP) — Under pressure to solve the contract-style killing of journalist and Kremlin critic Anna Politkovskaya, Russia's chief prosecutor announced Monday the arrest of 10 suspects, including a Chechen crime boss and five law-enforcement officers.

Prosecutor General Yuri Chaika refused to say who was suspected of ordering the Oct. 7 shooting of Politkovskaya, whose tireless chronicling of the killings, kidnappings and torture of civilians in war-scarred Chechnya had angered the Kremlin and the Moscow-backed Chechen leadership.

But he said that only someone living outside Russia would have an interest in killing Politkovskaya, with the aim of discrediting President Vladimir Putin and destabilizing the country ahead of national elections.

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## Editorial

# Fred Thompson still waiting in the wings

Former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson of "Law and Order" fame visited the Iowa State Fair two weeks ago, escorted around the livestock exhibits by Sen. Charles Grassley while chatting about immigration and judicial nominees. Thompson worked crowds at the Midwest Republican Leadership Conference on Aug. 25 in Indianapolis and received verbal barbs from GOP presidential-nomination candidate Mike Huckabee later in the afternoon. A visit to [Imwithfred.com](http://Imwithfred.com) asks for campaign donations, supporter information, and contains a running list of the latest Thompson stump speeches. All of this, even though he has yet to declare his candidacy for the nomination.

Liberal blogger Lane Hudson, the man responsible for posting improper e-mails sent by former Rep. Mark Foley to a 16-year-old House page, filed a complaint with the Federal Elections Commission last week, accusing Thompson of violating the FEC's "testing the waters" clause. In an effort to make the finances of a campaign more transparent, the clause prohibits noncandidates from fundraising for a general campaign, allowing budgets only to be used on exploratory committees until an individual has actually declared her- or himself a candidate and filed the corresponding paperwork. The clause also gives specifics that discriminate between a candidacy and an exploratory committee. Hudson might have had a point, because on Sunday, Thompson spokesman Mark Corallo told

the media that the proper forms will be filed at the end of August to make Thompson's expenditure information available to the public.

The usual field of candidates doesn't always develop as early as it has for next year's election, and there's no reason Thompson must declare himself a candidate within the same time frame as John McCain, Rudy Giuliani, or Huckabee. But if the amount of press and the size of the following that Thompson has garnered so far are any indication of how much money he has raised, Hudson's concern may have been valid. Being an official candidate isn't the issue, but making the financial process of such a (possible) candidacy open to the public along with one's (possible) opponents is. Considering the importance of the office, it would seem critical to have a set of rules and guidelines to follow concerning the election process. Thompson dismisses those who say he is waiting too long to enter the race: "I wasn't around when they made those rules, and I'm not abiding by them."

Thompson should hope that no one reads too much into his apparent blasé attitude toward FEC rules. Doubtless, his supporters would remind such an individual that, as president, he would regard the rules of the job with much more respect. Thompson has read the script, knows his role, and was long ago cast for the part by supporters and the media. When filming begins is yet to be determined.

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## DI Blog

### Confusing cause and effect on Iraq

Of all bizarre rationales, arguments, and statements President Bush has uttered over the previous six years, none have matched the complete rewriting of history he managed Aug. 22. In a speech at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' annual convention, he twisted history on its head with comparisons between the two conflicts.

To his credit, Bush did recognize that there are numerous similarities. The catch: The evidence he referred to wholly contradicted the argument he put forth. Yes, there is likely to be a humanitarian disaster if the United States precipitously withdraws. This indeed caused strife in Cambodia.

What Bush didn't say was that U.S. policy during the Vietnam War created the vacuum that allowed the Khmer Rouge to come to power. If the Nixon administration hadn't carpet-bombed Cambodia, the context for the future massacres wouldn't have existed. If the United States hadn't embroiled itself in the Vietnamese civil war, there wouldn't have been any "boat people."

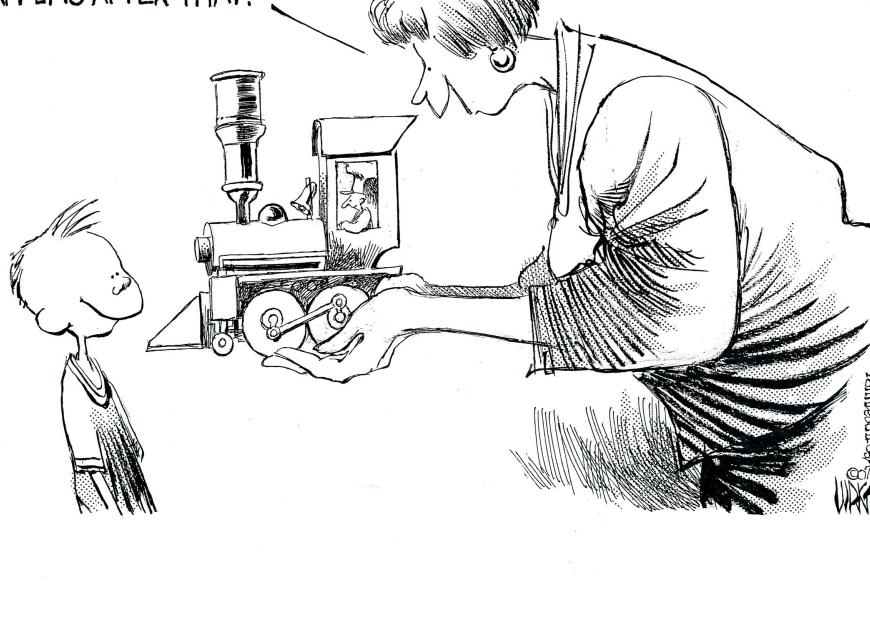
— Andrew Swift  
*DI* columnist

If Bush really wants to use this point, he should carry it to its conclusion: Any further humanitarian disaster in Iraq will be the result of his unnecessary, pathetically run war. Furthermore, if the Iraq war had never been undertaken, there wouldn't be any clamoring by massive numbers of Iraqi refugees, fleeing en masse to wherever will take them.

For all his caring about a possible human catastrophe, Bush failed to compare what would happen regionally if we withdrew with the actual results in Vietnam. He has continually argued — correctly, in my view — that withdrawal would prove disastrous for U.S. interests. But to be fair, Vietnam hawks argued that withdrawal would start a "domino effect" of Southeast Asian countries turning Red. Obviously, this failed to happen.

This administration ran from Vietnam comparisons in the early years of the war, claiming the situations were totally different. Now, it asserts that Vietnam is a model for why we must stay. And some said John Kerry was the flip-flopper.

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## Commentary

# Overhauling children's health coverage

President Bush and congressional Democrats are battling over how high up the income scale states should be allowed to go in offering health insurance to poor children under the decade-old program known as the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Now, the administration has moved to short-circuit the legislative debate and, in effect, impose by administrative fiat a limit of 250 percent of the federal poverty level, approximately \$43,000 for a family of three.

States were told this month that they will no longer be allowed to enroll children whose families earn above 250 percent of the poverty level unless they can prove that they have managed to cover 95 percent of children below 200 percent of the poverty level and unless they require that children who previously had private health insurance wait a full year without coverage before enrolling in the children's health program. The debate is a complicated one, because offering coverage for children in higher-earning families risks displacing existing private insurance. But for the children's program, the administration's income cap is too strict, given variations in the cost of living and the price of health insurance. Its linked coverage target is too hard to reach — few states even come close. A year is too long a time for a child to go uninsured. And the administration's way of implementing a major policy shift that would affect at least 19 states and the District of Columbia is too highhanded.

Certainly, insurance efforts ought to concentrate — as the competing children's health-program measures that have passed the House and Senate do — on covering children in families with the lowest incomes. Certainly, states that offer

children's coverage above 200 percent of poverty, the limit the Bush administration is pressing for in Congress, ought to require — as most now do — that families pay premiums and that the premiums rise as incomes go up.

Evidence suggests that families enrolling their children in the program aren't doing so because it's more convenient or cheaper than paying the cost of private insurance but because it's the only real option they have. The average monthly premium paid by employees for family coverage has risen from \$135 in 2000 to \$248 in 2006. Meanwhile, the share of companies offering health coverage has dropped — from 66 percent to 61 percent — and coverage is even scarcer at companies that employ a greater number of lower-paid workers.

A recent study of the children's health-program recipients in 10 states conducted by the Urban Institute for the Department of Health and Human Services found that 28 percent had private coverage at some point in the six months before they enrolled in the program. Of those, half — 14 percent — reported losing coverage involuntarily, because of job loss, their employer's decision to stop offering health insurance, or some other change in circumstance. "This suggests that relatively few [program] enrollees could have retained private coverage and that even fewer had parents who felt the option was affordable," the researchers concluded.

Granted, the risk of parents dropping private coverage to sign up for the program is greater for parents with higher incomes. But there is a risk, too, when society allows children to remain uninsured.

This editorial appeared in Monday's *Washington Post*.

## On the Spot

Is it too early to be talking about the election?



"Definitely not. It's never too early to be informed."



"No. Never too early to be concerned about the nation's future."



"I don't care as much. It kind of annoys me."



"It's not too important to me right now."

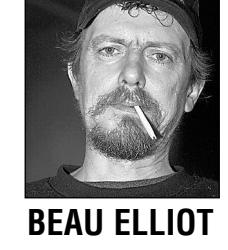
# Big Nothings

The great thing about going on hiatus is that so many nearly phantasmagorical things happen.

Though sometimes, they seem to be nothing.

Take our universe. (You pretty much have to; it's the only universe we have. And we didn't even elect it — how fair is that? It's as if there were a resident of the West Wing whom we didn't elect.)

Meanwhile, back in Never Never Land, not that we probably ever left it, scientists have apparently discovered the Big Nothing. As AP put it, astronomers have found a "cosmic blank spot [with] no stray stars, no galaxies, no sucking black holes, not even mysterious dark matter. It is 1 billion light years across of nothing."



**BEAU ELLIOT**

That would be 6 billion trillion miles, in case you're contemplating a road trip. I'd say stock up on beverages, because 6 billion trillion miles of nothing kinda makes Kansas or Nebraska seem like a blip in the road. Not to mention put the space between the Cowboy in Chief's ears in perspective.

Not that most people are accustomed to referring to "perspective" and "George W. Bush" in the same sentence.

In other news from the phantasmagorical front involving things smaller than 6 billion light years of nothing (which is more than all the episodes of "Seinfeld" laid end to end, unbelievable as that may seem), John McCain is apparently seeking the vote in the Bermudas, Mitt Romney seems to be against birth control, and the Bush administration just discovered Vietnam.

McCain, whose campaign for the Republican presidential nomination is famously faltering, was in the famous tax-haven Bermudas recently, seemingly promising to work against U.S. legislation against such tax havens. Or as the *Royal Gazette* of Bermuda (via Talking Points Memo) put it: "... [McCain] said he understood the concerns of the insurance and reinsurance sectors about draft legislation proposing a clampdown on U.S. business operations in so-called tax havens."

Given that Bermudans don't actually have a vote in the United States, to whom was McCain actually speaking? It could not have been the U.S. corporations looking for (or enjoying) tax havens. Could it?

Remember the good old days when McCain was thought to be a "maverick" Republican?

Hmm. Remember the older good old days when McCain was one of the Keating Five in the great S&L scandal?

Meanwhile, Romney, speaking to a National Right to Life get-together, told the anti-abortion folks that he fought "to define life as beginning at conception rather than at the time of implantation." This according to Cristina Page, a spokeswoman for birthcontrolwatch.org in the *Baltimore Sun*.

The backstory is that the anti-choice crowd is not satisfied with Republican presidential candidates merely opposing *Roe v. Wade*, they want the Republicans to oppose such birth control as the Pill, too. This because they believe pregnancy starts at fertilization, not implantation in the womb.

Which, of course, makes about as much sense as believing the Earth is flat. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, for instance, says pregnancy begins at implantation.

It's a tad sad — well, who expected much better? — to see Romney pandering to this pregnancy-begins-at-fertilization blather. Maybe he was brainwashed.

Oh, wait. That was his father. And the subject was the Vietnam War.

Speaking of which, after many years of the Cowboy in Chief, the Stealth President, and just about every other administration official denying that the Iraq war was anything like the Vietnam War — because most Americans read "Vietnam War" and think "quagmire" — last week, the Cowboy said Iraq was like Vietnam.

What? Iraq is officially a quagmire now, too?

Well, that's probably not what Bush the Younger meant. But his comparing a U.S. withdrawal from Iraq with the American withdrawal from Vietnam is more Earth-is-flat phantasmagoria. Or as historian Robert Dallek told the *Los Angeles Times*, "We were in Vietnam for 10 years. We dropped more bombs on Vietnam than we did in all of World War II ... And we couldn't work our will. What is Bush suggesting? That we didn't fight hard enough, stay long enough? That's nonsense."

Yeah, well. As painful history has demonstrated, if there's one thing the Cowboy in Chief has a Ph.D. in, it's nonsense.

It all kinda makes you wish for the Big Nothing, doesn't it? ■

**Beau Elliot** thinks (ha, we laugh) that the 6 billion trillion miles of nothing should be named the Gertrude Stein Memorial Blank Spot: There's no there, there.

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# Arts & Culture

## 150 years of wool

By Tessa Ruddy  
THE DAILY IOWAN



"I get hooked on various musical artists and then tend to listen to their body of work, rather than just individual songs. I love classic rock and roll, rhythm and blues, and jazz, especially."

- "Deacon Blues" — Steely Dan
- "Helpless" — k.d. lang  
"I will listen to almost anything k.d. lang is willing to sing"
- "It's in the Way That You Use It" — Eric Clapton
- "Kiss and Tell" — Bryan Ferry
- "Whipping Post" — The Allman Brothers
- "I appreciate music for its artistry (a great guitarist or incredible vocalist) or because I enjoy its energy or the way in which a group clearly plays in sync with each other and to perfection."
- "Sapphire" — Larry Carlton

In the hot, humid summers of the 1930s, a haunting rhythmic drone poured from the open windows of the Woolen Mill in Amana, Iowa. Daily life in Amana and Middle Amana — two of the communities' seven colonies — moved to the cadence of churning machinery as wool moved through the carding, dying, weaving, and finishing departments, spinning out two-tone blankets and spools of yarn.

But with the abandonment of the communal way of life — shared ownership of the shops, farmland, and mills, with individual needs provided by the community — near the end of World War II, the Amana Colonies slowly began to evolve into a tourist attraction.

This year, the Amanas will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the woolen mill, 800 48th Ave., which continues to sustain the former communal community's economy and German heritage. In commemoration of the mill's birthday, Joanne Beltz, a recently retired mill employee of 32 years, designed a special, limited-edition plaid blanket. In conjunction, the Amana Heritage Museum will host an exhibit through December, located at 4310 220th Trail in an old school house and kitchen, recounting the history of the woolen mill and its employees.

"It's not just Amana history, it's American history," said Cindy Slaymaker, the manager of operations at the Woolen Mill. "I think that they're able to embrace their heritage and share it with others is really important."

The exhibit recounts the history of the mill, which is located just down the street,

### Exhibit

**What:** Men of Cloth: Amana's Woolen Industry  
**When:** Through December  
**Where:** Amana Heritage Museum, 4310 220th Trail  
**Admission:** Free

### Other Amana places to visit

While in the Amana Colonies, wishing the Woolen Mill a "Happy Birthday," you should also check out:

- Amana General Store, 4423 220th Trail
- Fern Hill Gifts & Quilts, 103 220th Trail
- Lehm Books & Gifts, 4536 220th Trail
- Schnitzel Ice Cream, 759 48th Ave.

through black and white photography. Today, only one of the mill's five original buildings still stands, the others destroyed by a fire in 1923. The mill only produces blankets with equipment purchased in the early 1980s; a creel, machinery that prepares the yarn to be woven, stands in the center of the open room and is flanked by a series of looms — another machine that weaves the enormous spools of wool into blankets. The mill also sells cotton and wool merchandise of all types, including sweaters, gloves, and shawls from across the United States.

The Amana Woolen Mill operates five days a week, employing only two full-time employees and one part-time worker. Although the mill no longer manufactures and dyes

its own wool, as in the old days — buying wool from Wisconsin and cotton from South Carolina — it does produce around 10,000 blankets a year.

Today, the Amanas earn almost all of their revenue from tourism. Of the approximately 10,000 blankets that are made annually at the mill, around 85 percent of the profits come from tourists, Slaymaker said.

"We're the only operating mill in Iowa," she said. "If it weren't for tourism, I don't believe the mill would still be in operation."

Although this aids in preserving the history of the German immigrants who first settled in Ebenezer, N.Y., and later in eastern Iowa, not every resident is as enthusiastic about the town's dependence on tourism.

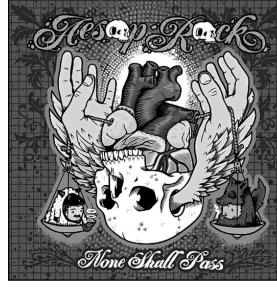
"It's a tourist trap as far as I'm concerned," said Betty Waters, her maiden name Shoup, a guide at the Amana Heritage Museum.

Like many high-school graduates, she left the small town of Amana in search of an education. Fifty years later, the 79-year-old returned to her hometown to be close to her grandchildren. Standing in one of the museum's old brick buildings — her former junior high — Waters talked about what it was like to come back after so many years.

"This was a junior high when I was a kid, and all these homes that are now businesses were all private residences," she said. "So from the time I left to the time I came back, this has become a tourist attraction. But if you didn't have the tourists, what would you have?"

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### Record Reviews



#### AESOP ROCK

*None Shall Pass*

★★★ out of ★★★★★

"Flash that buttery gold, jittery zeitgeist / Wither by the watering hole, water patrol."

As long as you carry a dictionary with your iPod, Aesop Rock's new album *None Shall Pass* (released today on Definitive Jux Records) might just blow your English professor's vocabulary out of the water.

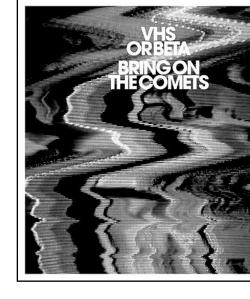
Aesop has managed to set himself apart from much of the hip-hop industry's biggest names.

Shifting the attention away from himself, *None Shall Pass* references common human experiences and relationships through his signature clever, enigmatic wordplay, rather than the self-promoting image his peers 50 Cent or Ludo exude. Despite the brainy lexicon, Aesop doesn't seem to take himself too seriously. His Myspace page even touts his influences simply as "people who light shit on fire."

The second half of the album features much stronger songs, such as brassy-backed "Citronella" ("Nothing says charm like an armored car taking the clone-farm 'tards to the arms bazaar"). "Dark Heart News" and "Coffee" are easily the best two tracks on the album, with their intense, catchy beats and totally ill lyrics.

Aesop has produced another solid album chock-full of driving rhythms and spewing ultra-articulated lyrics — that is, if you can decipher those cryptic flows.

**Ann's Pick:** "Dark Heart News" — by Ann Colwell



#### VHS OR BETA

*Bring on the Comets*

★★★ out of ★★★★★

Sorry, Scissor Sisters — I do feel like dancing.

Bring on VHS or Beta's new album, *Bring on the Comets*, released today on Astralwerks Records. Since its second album erupted onto the scene in 2004, VHS or Beta has hooked the genre-shifting desires of dance club, '80s style, and electronica music.

"Can't Believe a Single Word" and "Burn It All Down" boast fist-pumping energy levels and a Billy Joel-esque pop piano in the undertones. "Bring on the Comets" reaches the same dance appeal as many of the other songs while transitioning nicely back and forth with an epic U2 feel.

It's the Killers meets the Cure meets late-night top-40 radio dance remixes — and that's the best way to describe it. It's fun, but fairly nondescript as avant-garde music goes.

The tracks progress smoothly throughout the album, but VHS or Beta could benefit from a little direction. There's a lot crammed into these songs, which is great for variety, but on most of the tracks, I just wanted to continue enjoying one beat without some ambitious melodic move interrupting the fluidity of the tune. It's good background music, but nothing earthshattering.

**Ann's Pick:** "Burn It All Down" — by Ann Colwell

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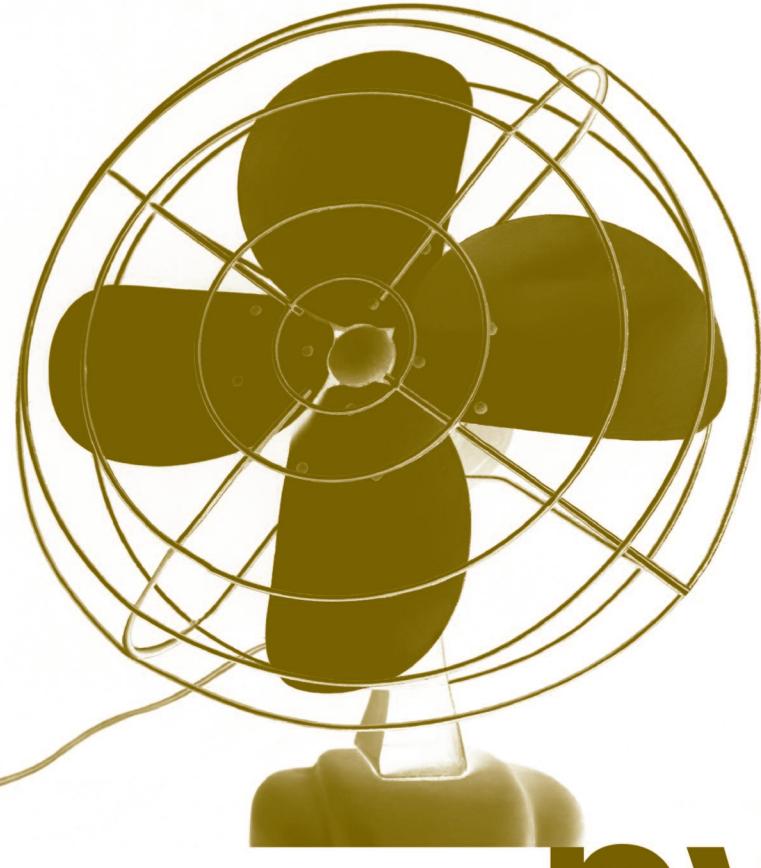
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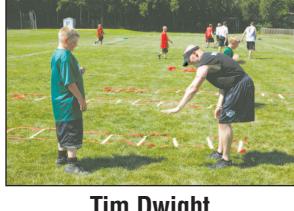
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 Detroit 16, N.Y. Yankees 1  
 Cleveland 8, Minnesota 3  
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 Atlanta 13, Florida 2

Philadelphia 9, N.Y. Mets 2  
 San Diego 3, Arizona 1  
 L.A. Dodgers 5, Washington 4  
 San Francisco 4, Colorado 1  
**NFL**  
 Atlanta 24, Cincinnati 19

Tuesday, August 28, 2007



Tim Dwight

## NFL

### Dwight, two other Hawks released

After spending the off-season on the physically unable to perform list following his ninth year in the NFL, former Hawkeye wide receiver Tim Dwight was released by the New York Jets on Monday.

Having served as a wide receiver and kick returner in his one and only season with New York, an injury hampered Dwight late last year and proved too much to overcome in attempting to make this year's roster.

In a article on the Jets' website, New York coach Eric Mangini said it wasn't easy to let the ex-Hawkeye go.

"This is tough no matter who it is," he said. "It's hard to tell someone he's not making the team. Tim, having a relationship and knowing him for a while, knowing the type of person he is, the character he has, it's always that much more difficult."

Two other Hawkeyes were also released on Monday. The San Diego Chargers cut safety Miguel Merrick and offensive lineman Mike Jones.

— by Charlie Kautz

## IOWA FOOTBALL

### Mediacom to air Hawkeye game

Iowa fans and Mediacom subscribers concerned that they will miss the Hawkeyes' season-opener against Northern Illinois, which will originally was scheduled to air only on ESPNU at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, got some good news early this week.

Mediacom and ESPN reached an agreement Monday that will allow Saturday's game between the Hawkeyes and Huskies to air simultaneously live on the Mediacom Connections Channel.

The game, which would have been blacked out for viewers without ESPNU, will now reach more than 300 communities in Iowa and 150 communities in northern Illinois free of additional charge.

— by Charlie Kautz

## MLB

### Phil Garner, GM Purpura fired

HOUSTON (AP) — Fewer than two years ago, the Houston Astros were celebrating their first National League pennant. On Monday, they were starting over.

Manager Phil Garner and general manager Tim Purpura were fired by owner Drayton McLane, who said the franchise "needed a fresh start" after a plunge to the bottom of the NL Central.

Bench coach Cecil Cooper was appointed interim manager, and team President Tal Smith will serve as interim general manager.

"I felt for a number of reasons, we needed new direction, invigoration, to play with more enthusiasm and play more like a champion," McLane said.

The Astros slumped to 58-73 this year, nine games behind the division-leading Chicago Cubs. They've lost five of their last seven home games to lowly Washington and Pittsburgh.

## TV TODAY

**MLB**  
 Brewers at Cubs, 7:05 p.m.,  
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## IOWA SPECIAL TEAMS

# LOOKING TO BE VERY SPECIAL

With a new punter and kicker, the Hawkeyes look to have a dramatic improvement with special teams in 2007.



By Brendan Stiles

THE DAILY IOWAN

Since the day Kirk Ferentz took over as head coach at Iowa, special teams have always been key to Hawkeye successes and failures.

In 2002 and 2004, when the Hawkeyes won Big Ten titles, the special teams made plays at the most critical of times, whether they were blocked punts, returns for touchdowns, or pinning opponents inside their own five.

Last season was anything but special.

Iowa didn't return a single punt or kickoff for a touchdown in 2006. In fact, the longest punt return last season went for 31 yards, while the longest kickoff return went for 37 yards.

It gets worse. The Hawkeyes also didn't block a single kick in 2006, and as for field goals, kickers went a combined 14-for-20 last season.

Plays made by special teams alone were enough to make Ferentz sick to his stomach.

"Special teams-wise, it was an area where I really felt we regressed a year ago, which was disappointing," he said.

This year, the Hawkeyes will break in both a new punter and a

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Wesley Cropp/The Daily Iowan

Iowa kicker Austin Signor kicks a field goal in Iowa's scrimmage on Aug. 18 at Kinnick Stadium. Signor, a sophomore, was used frequently last year on kickoffs because of his powerful leg.

## POINT/COUNTERPOINT

With Dominique Douglas and Anthony Bowman suspended,

# Which Hawkeye receiver will step up early this season?



### Young wideouts enter lead roles

Watch Daily Iowan Television at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) to learn more about the young corps of receivers hoping to step up for Iowa this week.

#### ANDY BRODELL



Brodell  
junior

Trey Stross and James Cleveland bring untested talent to the field, but their youth and inexperience clearly fall short against the experience of junior Andy Brodell.

If the title of leading receiver were open for job interviews, Brodell's records and statistics should land him the job, no questions asked.

What does Brodell have that younger receivers do not?

Here's your sign, Brodell detractors — experience and an enormous amount of natural ability. Brodell's statistics read something like this — 44-yard reception against Montana in the 2006 season-opener, a touchdown and 51 yards against Ohio State.

Moving forward to the Alamo Bowl, when no other receiver could post more than 40 yards and nary a single touchdown, Brodell flew past Aaron Ross of the Texas secondary. Brodell posted 159 reception yards and a 63-yard touchdown, an Iowa bowl-game record. Oh, did I mention that over the season, Brodell posted 724 receiving yards, the best for the 2006 team?

Frankly, the only reason people do not dismiss the Hawkeyes' performance at the Alamo Bowl is mostly because of Brodell. Without his breakout game, what would people remember?

Easy. A 26-10 Texas victory and a very unrespectable Iowa bowl-game appearance. Instead, he scored twice and break an Iowa bowl-game record, and left everyone with something to speculate upon until Saturday plays Northern Illinois on Saturday.

Brodell should and will step up to fill the shoes left by Dominique Douglas and Anthony Bowman.

— by Jonathan Groves

#### JAMES CLEVELAND



Cleveland  
redshirt freshman

Before Dominique Douglas broke onto the Big Ten scene as Doug-E-Fresh, there was James Cleveland.

The Texas native was Kirk Ferentz's first-ever recruit to enroll at Iowa a semester early, and the Internet was buzzing with Hawkeye fans waiting to catch a glimpse of Cleveland's potential.

Yet, after competing with the team in the spring, Cleveland was absent from the football field in the 2006 season.

With Douglas now the invisible one, Cleveland has gone to center stage on Hawkeye fans' radar.

Already in contention for the third receiver spot, Cleveland was going to be a factor in Iowa's aerial attack before the suspension of Douglas and Anthony Bowman, anyway.

Now, he will be depended upon.

Because the Baytown, Texas, receiver is listed as a split end, not a flanker, as is Douglas, it will be Trey Stross who is thrust in the starter's role opposite Andy Brodell.

But with career numbers of 13 catches for 189 yards and one touchdown, Stross isn't the established possession receiver Ferentz and Company expect to have at the position this year. Stross and the rest of the staff will need help.

This is where Cleveland becomes a factor.

With Brodell already established as the speed receiver, Cleveland's skill set should allow him to become an expected visual for Jake Christensen early this season.

— by Sean Monahan

#### TREY STROSS



Stross  
sophomore

A key mantra of the Kirk Ferentz era has been "the next man in," a willingness of Hawkeye players to always be ready to step up when the person ahead of them on the depth chart is unable to play.

We've seen it in years past at running back (the scrappy Sam Brownlee being my favorite, and honestly, no relation), and defensive line (think all of last season).

This season, with the indefinite suspension of wide receivers Dominique Douglas and Anthony Bowman, Trey Stross needs to be that "next man in" and step up at wideout for the Iowa football team.

While he can't be expected to replace everything Douglas brought to the table, Stross definitely has the talent to help fill the void.

His best game in 2006 was against Indiana, when he led the team with six receptions for 67 yards in the loss. He finished the 2006 season with at least one catch in each of the last three games, including a key touchdown that pulled Iowa to within three against Wisconsin.

For the year, Stross had 13 receptions for 189 yards and a touchdown in 2006. Those numbers will have to improve for the Hawkeyes to pose an aerial threat this season.

With one season under his belt and an off-season in which he's bulked up, the sophomore needs to become a focal point for quarterback Jake Christensen.

— by Mike Brownlee

# NOT SO LONELY AT THE TOP

In the fourth and final part of our Big Ten preview series, the DI picks the Michigan Wolverines to win the Big Ten with Wisconsin finishing second.



Wisconsin QB Tyler Donovan is tackled by Hawkeye Miguel Merrick on Nov. 11, 2006, in Kinnick Stadium. The No. 16 Badgers dropped the Hawks, 24-21.

By Brendan Stiles

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## BIG TEN'S BEST

### 2. Wisconsin (12-1, 7-1 Big Ten last season)

Entering 2006, expectations on the Wisconsin campus were pretty low, with Bret Bielema taking over football coaching duties from Barry Alvarez.

What a difference a year makes.

After winning its second-consecutive Capital One Bowl, expectations have skyrocketed, and with 16 starters returning, the Badgers' mindset expects nothing short of a Big Ten title.

"Our fans out there, they expect us to win all our games,"

## Predicting the Big Ten

In today's final installment of a four-part series, the DI discusses the front-runners in the Big Ten, Michigan and Wisconsin.

11. Michigan	6. Indiana
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sophomore running back P.J. Hill said. "Games are not easy to win, so it's all about us working hard, and then going out there and wanting it more than the

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## SPORTS 'N' STUFF

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	73	57	.562	—
Philadelphia	68	62	.523	5
Atlanta	68	64	.515	6
Washington	58	74	.439	16
Florida	57	75	.432	17

## Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	66	63	.512	—
Milwaukee	65	50	.500	1½
St. Louis	63	64	.496	2
Cincinnati	60	70	.462	4½
Houston	58	73	.443	9
Pittsburgh	57	72	.442	9

## West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Arizona	74	58	.561	—
San Diego	71	59	.546	5½
Los Angeles	68	63	.519	5½
Colorado	67	64	.511	6½
San Francisco	60	72	.455	14

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# Seeking special improvement



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**Quarterback Jake Christensen holds the ball for sophomore Austin Signor during the Hawkeyes' open scrimmage on Aug. 18 in Kinnick Stadium. Signor started against Montana in the first game of the 2006 season.**

## SPECIAL TEAMS

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new kicker. But the best bit of news involving special teams might be that senior Daniel Olszta will return as the team's long snapper this year, something that should help the transition for the new Hawkeye specialists.

Although Ferentz has spoken publicly in high regard of the experience he brings to the unit, Olszta prefers to deflect any type of spotlight placed on him.

"I'm just trying to do the best I can, and I kind of want to be unnoticed," he said. "As a long snapper, you kind of want to go unnoticed."

Redshirt freshman punter Ryan Donahue was the clear-cut choice to replace Andy Fenstermaker. One note of

significance with Donahue is that unlike most specialists, who usually walk on to a Division-I team, Donahue came to Iowa on scholarship ranked as one of the best high-school punters in the country.

Donahue said he gained a lot from observing Fenstermaker on the sidelines last season and noticing the type of mindset a punter needs to have.

For him, the biggest challenge over the off-season was with consistency.

"You got to be consistent in college," he said. "We're all just trying to do the same thing. We're just trying to be more consistent and get as good as we can. With punters, it's height and distance, and consistency doing that."

Working on timing with Donahue throughout the off-season, Olszta has come away

impressed with his ability.

"Ryan has been willing to work with me, and he has improved immensely since he has gotten here," Olszta said. "I'm really impressed with that."

The battle at placekicker went down to the wire between sophomore Austin Signor and redshirt freshman Daniel Murray, but just last week, Signor was selected as the Hawkeyes' starting kicker for Saturday's game against Northern Illinois.

But unlike Donahue, the pressure will be nothing new for Signor. He came in for an injured Kyle Schlicher and started Iowa's 2006 opener against Montana, where he was perfect with two field goals and five extra points. Signor was also used frequently on kickoffs last season because of his powerful leg.

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That powerful leg could be very critical this season. The NCAA has put a new rule in place that moved the kickoff back five yards to the 30-yard line.

When reflecting back on his opportunity against Montana, Signor called it "indescribable."

"It was definitely an experience," Signor said. "It was nerve-racking as can be at the beginning and calmed down finally once the game started."

The Hawkeyes also announced on Aug. 24 that junior Andy Brodell will return punts Saturday, with senior Damian Sims and red-shirt freshman Paul Chaney Jr. taking the kickoffs.

Chaney is expected to miss at least one week with a minor toe sprain.

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## PREDICTING THE BIG TEN

# Wolverines and Badgers on top

## BIG TEN

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other team."

Hill played a monster role for the Badgers last season as a freshman, rushing for 1,569 yards on 311 carries and scoring 15 touchdowns en route to the Badgers' 12-1 overall record. Also returning for Wisconsin is Travis Beckum, who is considered by many to be the nation's best tight-end.

On offense, Wisconsin's only losses were tackle Joe Thomas and quarterback John Stocco. Bielema's plan is to start senior Tyler Donovan at quarterback after he won the position battle with transfer Allan Evridge. Donovan made two starts last season, including a 24-21 victory at Iowa.

"It was big," he said. "That's obviously not the only reason I came back, but I can't leave without beating Ohio State. You can't go down as one of the best classes in Michigan history unless you beat Ohio State, so it was something I was definitely hungry for and came back for."

One of those is running back Mike Hart, who was named the Big Ten's Preseason Offensive Player of the Year. Hart said his desire to get one win over the Buckeyes did play a part in his returning for his senior campaign.

"Tyler was able to go into a hostile environment last year out at Iowa and get his first victory," Bielema said. "That's my alma mater, and they called me names I had never heard before, so to go in there and win your first game as a starter is huge."

"It's very hard for me, as a coach, not to envision him being the guy."

Wisconsin will have its biggest game at Camp Randall Stadium against Michigan on Nov. 10, but also has road dates with Penn State and Ohio State, a team it hasn't played since 2004.

**1. Michigan (11-2, 7-1 Big Ten last season)**

For years, the Michigan Wolverines have been among the nation's elite. But in the most critical part of the season, Michigan crumbled, losing its last three to Ohio State, as well as its last four bowl appearances.

The Wolverines lost plenty on the defensive side of the ball to the NFL, but among those returning are linebacker Shawn Crable and defensive tackle Terrance Taylor, who is considered by some to be the second coming of Alan Branch.

Much like its Big Ten enemy to the south, the Wolverines come in on the offensive side of the ball with seniors that are determined to finally get the Ohio State/bowl-game monkey off their backs.

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Also returning for the Maize-and-Blue is quarterback Chad Henne, who has started every game of his Michigan career. He is someone coach Lloyd Carr has plenty of faith in.

"He has always been a guy that has been very passionate about the game," Carr said. "He's a student of the game, he's smart, he's tough, he's competitive."

"I'll take Chad Henne any day, and I think he'll play this game for a long time."

Combining the backfield of Henne and Hart with receivers Mario Manningham and Adrian Arrington, along with senior offensive tackle Jake Long, the Wolverines have the parts to make them destined to win their first Big Ten title in three years in what could be Carr's final year at the helm.

Rumors have swirled about Carr retiring at season's end, but no such word has officially been confirmed by anyone associated with Michigan, including Carr himself.

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## MLB

# Byrd, Martinez help Indians slow Twins

CLEVELAND (AP) — Paul Byrd beat Minnesota once again, Victor Martinez homered, and Cleveland turned a triple play in slowing Minnesota's climb in the AL Central.

Byrd (13-5) allowed three runs in six innings to move to 4-0 this season and 10-3 in his career against the Twins.

With runners at first and second in the top of the seventh, Indians reliever Rafael Perez came on and got Mike Redmond to hit a hard grounder to third baseman Casey Blake, who fielded it and quickly stepped on the bag.

Blake then threw to second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera, whose relay to first baseman Victor Martinez easily beat the slow-footed Twins catcher.

Martinez hit a two-run homer in the third off Carlos Silva (10-13). Kelly Shoppach and Travis Hafner each added two RBIs for the Indians.

## White Sox 5, Devil Rays 4

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose Contreras got his first win as a starter in two months, and rookie Josh Fields put the White Sox ahead with Chicago's fourth home run of the seventh inning.

Contreras (7-16), who leads the major league in losses, had dropped nine-straight starts since beating Florida on June 18. He allowed four runs and eight hits in seven innings, improving to 5-0 in his career against Tampa Bay.

Tampa Bay starter Edwin Jackson took a 4-0 lead into the seventh before A.J. Pierzynski, Jermaine Dye, and Juan Uribe homered consecutively to make it 4-3.

Danny Richar doubled to finish



Tony Dejak/Associated Press  
Minnesota Twin shortstop Jason Bartlett looks toward first base after forcing out Cleveland Indian Casey Blake at second base on Monday in Cleveland. Bartlett was unable to complete the double play.

Jackson and, one out later, advanced on Dan Wheeler's wild pitch. Wheeler (0-2) fanned Jerry Owens for the second out, but Fields lined his 17th homer to give Chicago the lead.

because the Cleveland Indians also won to maintain a 2 1/2-game lead.

New York, meanwhile, has lost five of seven games and fallen eight games behind AL East-leading Boston.

Verlander (14-5) struck out six and walked two over seven innings in his best start since throwing a no-hitter on June 12 against Milwaukee. He has won three of his last four starts.

Mussina (8-10) might've pitched himself out of the rotation, lasting just three innings and giving up six runs, nine hits and a walk. Mussina has allowed 19 earned runs in 9% innings — an ERA of 17.69 — in his last three starts, his season ERA rising from 4.50 to 5.53.

## Phillies 9, Mets 2

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Chase Utley had three hits, including a solo homer, in his first game since having hand surgery one month ago, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the New York Mets on Monday night in the opener of a pivotal four-game series.

J.D. Durbin had a career-high six strikeouts in 6 1/2 innings, Pat Burrell and pinch-hitter Tadahito Iguchi hit two-run homers and Jayson Werth was 4-for-4, helping the Phillies move within five games of the NL East-leading Mets.

Matt Diaz hit a solo homer, doubled twice, singled and scored three runs. Chipper Jones had three hits and scored three runs, and Kelly

Johnson hit a solo homer.

Scott Olsen (9-12) lasted just four innings for the Marlins. He gave up 10 runs, six earned, and 11 hits. Olsen fell to 1-5 in seven starts since he was arrested July 21 for driving under the influence and resisting an officer.

Lance Cormier (1-4) pitched seven innings for the Braves, allowing two runs and six hits.

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# Vick apologizes

Atlanta Falcons quarterback admits to 'bad judgment' and 'bad decisions' in first public statements on dogfighting.



**Bob Brown**, Richmond Times-Dispatch/Associated Press  
Atlanta Falcon QB Michael Vick looks down as he prepares to address the media after pleading guilty to a federal dogfighting charge in Richmond, Va., on Monday.

**By Larry O'Dell**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND, Va. — Looking somber and speaking "from the heart," Michael Vick apologized Monday for "using bad judgment and making bad decisions" and vowed to redeem himself after pleading guilty to a federal dogfighting charge.

"First, I want to apologize for all the things that I've done and that I have allowed to happen," the star quarterback said at a news conference following his appearance in U.S. District Court to formally enter the plea.

Sentencing was set for Dec. 10; Vick could be sent to prison for one to five years. Vick was suspended indefinitely by the NFL last week.

In Atlanta, the Falcons said they would not cut Vick immediately because of salary-cap issues. The team intends to pursue the \$22 million in bonus money that he already received in a record \$130 million contract signed in 2004.

"We cannot tell you today that Michael is cut from the team," owner Arthur Blank said. "It may feel better emotionally for us and many of our fans, but it's not in the long-term best interests of the franchise."

Vick made his first public statements on the dogfighting ring and said:

"I made a mistake of using bad judgment and making bad decisions. Those things just can't happen. Dogfighting is a terrible thing, and I do reject it."

He singled out NFL Commissioner

## BIG TEN FOOTBALL

# Spartans look to fresh for help

**By Tim Martin**

ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST LANSING, Mich. — New Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio won't waste any time testing some of the members of his first recruiting class.

The Spartans plan to start freshman wide receiver Mark Dell against Alabama-Birmingham in the season opener Saturday. Punter Aaron Bates also will start as a true freshman, and several other newcomers are expected to get some playing time at Spartan Stadium.

That would burn a potential redshirt year for the first-year players, but Dantonio — trying to revitalize a Michigan State program coming off three-straight losing seasons — isn't worried about it.

"If they're ready to play, we'll play them," Dantonio said Monday at his weekly press conference.

Dell — a 6-2, 185-pounder from Farmington Hills — also is listed as the Spartans' first-team punt returner. But Dantonio said a few other players could be in the mix as well.

Most of the true freshmen who could play early this season are on defense, all listed on the Spartans' depth chart as backups as of Monday. They include cornerback Chris Rucker, linebacker Greg Jones, and defensive linemen Oren Wilson and Antonio Jeremiah. Junior-college transfer Michael Jordan, a sophomore, also is expected to contribute along the defensive front.

They would provide depth to a defense already expected to start two redshirt freshmen, Jon Misch and Eric Gordon, at linebacker.

True freshman quarterback Nick Foles, along with redshirt freshman Connor Dixon, is listed as a backup to junior

starter Brian Hoyer and could play depending on how Saturday's game progresses.

### Taylor, Sheets compete for Purdue RB job

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Kory Sheets was one of the nation's hottest running backs early last season.

The Purdue speedster scored 10 touchdowns in his first four games and was among college football's leaders in all-purpose yardage, prompting Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis to call him the team's "lead dog" before their Week 5 matchup.

By the end of the year, Sheets had lost much of his playing time to backup Jaycen Taylor. This spring, Purdue coach Joe Tiller declared Taylor the starter, saying Sheets needed to mature.

Now, the juniors are vying for the starting job — a competition that could benefit the Boilermakers.

"It helps us a lot," Sheets said. "It motivates us to do better. We both want to play, and if one of us wants to play more than the other, we're going to have to outwork each other, and that's always good."

Last season, Sheets ran for 780 yards and 11 touchdowns and caught 28 passes for 213 yards and two scores. Taylor, a junior-college transfer, ran for 677 yards and four touchdowns and caught 26 passes for 261 yards.

Sheets scored 21 touchdowns in his first 15 games at Purdue, but three in his last nine.

"Last season, I started off really good and was scoring all those touchdowns and getting the yards," Sheets said. "Toward the middle and the end of the season it was like, 'Where is Kory Sheets?' You've got to be more consistent and carry that through the whole season."

Both worked hard in the off-season to prepare. Taylor is stronger, though he hasn't added much weight to his 5-10, 186-pound frame.

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# Daily Break

## horoscopes Tuesday, August 28, 2007

— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You need to get away from it all. A place you can relax and ponder over what you want to do next is in order. Don't be fooled by changes going on around you at work. It is as you see it.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Someone may be falsifying information. Don't give to a charity or group you know little about. Stick to what you know, and refrain from overreacting. A surprise is in the works.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Be patient, especially when dealing with colleagues and family. Emotions will be running high, and saying something you'll regret is evident. Focus more on kindness, generosity, and getting along with others.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): You've got so much going for you, so don't waste it procrastinating or thinking you can't. You should be discovering new things that you can turn into a profitable venture. It's time for change, even if you are reluctant to make one.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): You should be concentrating on financial matters, closing deals, and completing settlements, investments, or contracts that are pending. Place your calls, and corner the people who need to do their part. Don't get angry if someone doesn't come through — replace her or him.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Things may be up in the air today, especially where partnerships and personal matters come into play. Stand your ground, but don't do so with force. You will get much further ahead if you take a quiet but steadfast approach.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take off, and do something different or exciting that will stimulate your imagination and captivate your mind. You are due for a change, so surround yourself with new people, places, and pastimes. The experiences you have today will change the course of your life.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take a bold stance, stick to your plans, and present what you have to offer. You may not grab everyone's attention, but the people who do get what you are doing will be fascinated. Their comments will help you tie up whatever has been left undone.

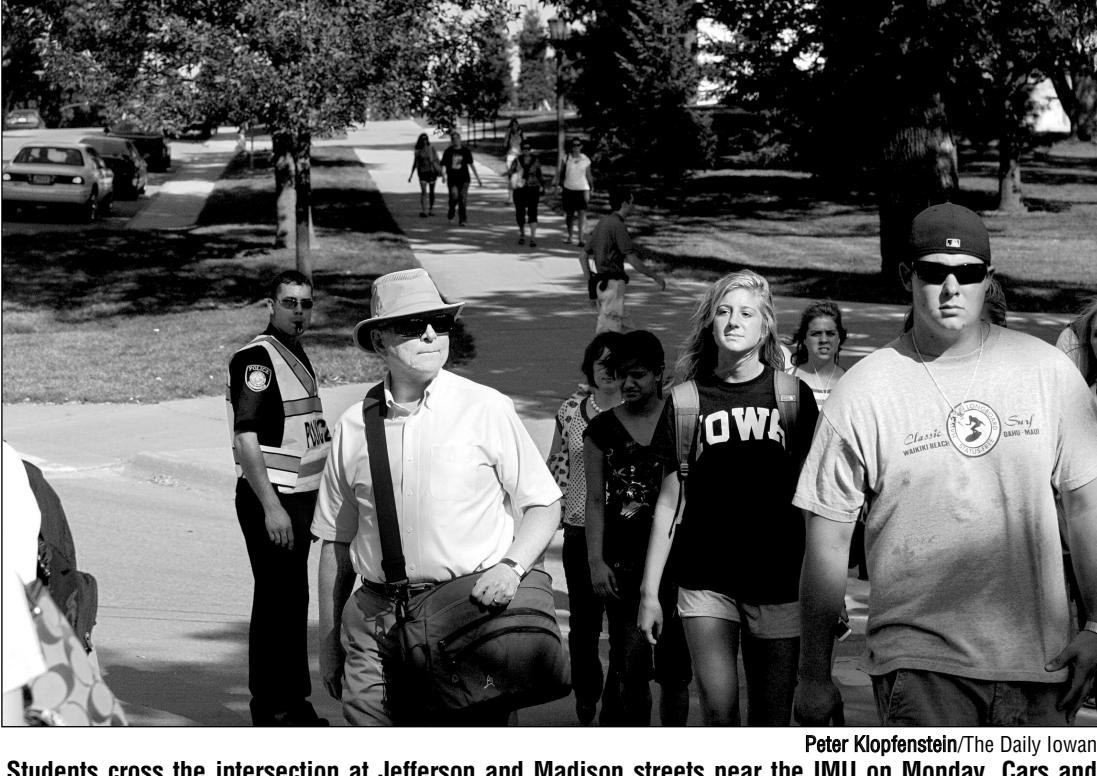
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't even think about spouting off or causing a ruckus. You are better off taking a wait-and-see approach and keeping your thoughts to yourself. You will save the peace and avoid unnecessary turmoil.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Things are turning around for you. The deals that appeared to be taking so long to play out are now likely to go forward, allowing you the freedom to move on. Contracts, agreements, and money matters can all be tended to.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be very careful how you word things. Someone may try to misquote or misinterpret you. A love interest will entice you, but if you aren't free to play in that arena, don't let the temptation take over.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Emotions will be hard to control. Don't let them overrule what you have to do professionally or educationally. A partner or someone you like may surprise you with her or his decision to make alterations that will influence you.

## OPENING DAY



**"I need to grow up."**

— Michael Vick, after pleading guilty to a federal dogfighting charge. See the story, 4B.

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**ANDREW R. JUHL**

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• In every group project, there's always one person who screws around and doesn't do any work. Be that person (the anal, pre-med chick will pick up the slack).

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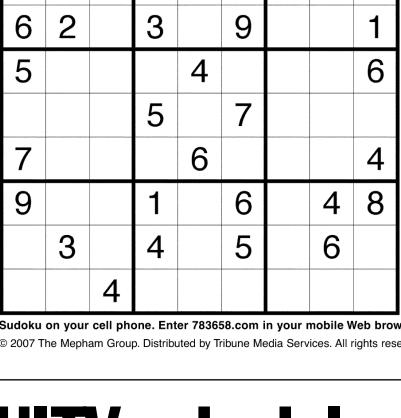
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- **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Seminar**, "Centrosomes, cilia, and the cell cycle," Tim Stearns, Stanford University, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen Science Building
- **Livestrong Presidential Cancer Forum**, Lance Armstrong Foundation, 10 a.m.-noon, U.S. Cellular Center, 370 First Ave. S.E., Cedar Rapids
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Tai Chi Fundamentals**, 10:45 a.m., Kahraman Dance Studio, 330 Second St.
- **Welcome Week, Kick-Off Classic**, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., IMU River Terrace and North Side
- **Basic Finances for Seniors: a CPA's Perspective**, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Beginning Yang Style Tai Chi**, noon, Kahraman Dance Studio
- **Welcome Week, Transfer Student Welcome**, 12:30-1:20 p.m., C130 Pomerantz Center
- **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Seminar**, "Centrosomes, cilia, and the cell cycle," Tim Stearns, 3 p.m., 5-669 Bowen Science Building
- **"The Quest for Rational**

- **Therapeutics**, Elizabeth Chrischilles, 3:30 p.m., 2117, Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility
- **Library-Community Writing Center, with UI writing tutors**, 4-6 p.m., Public Library second-floor training lab
- **Welcome Reception for Art-History Majors, Graduate Students, and Faculty**, 5 p.m., Art Building West Atrium
- **Welcome Week, Black Student Union Chill Out & Grill Out**, 6:30-8 p.m., City Park
- **Aviation-Themed Movie Night**, 7 p.m., Alexis Park Inn, 1165 S. Riverside Drive
- **Inclusive Ballroom Dance**, 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Lamrim Buddhist Center General Program**, Kelsang Wangden, 7 p.m., Lamrim Buddhist Center, 505 E. Washington
- **Actors Dance Theatre**, 8 p.m., Old Brick
- **Welcome Week, Chuck Milligan, hypnotist**, 8 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Edi Okri and the Afrocentrix**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **The Detroit Cobras, Dan Sartain, and The Willowz**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
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- 12:30 p.m. Football Coach Kirk Ferentz's Weekly News Conference
- 1 A Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Andy Stern
- 2 News from Germany (in German)
- 3 From Monks To Masters, Medieval Religious Text, Raymond Mentzer
- 4 Department of Dance presents *Golden Lyre of Ur*
- 5 Dine With Chef Wolfman — Lunch and a Cooking Show
- 6:30 Football Coach Kirk Ferentz's Weekly News Conference
- 7 From Monks To Masters, Medieval Religious Text, Raymond Mentzer

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8 Department of Dance presents *Golden Lyre of Ur*

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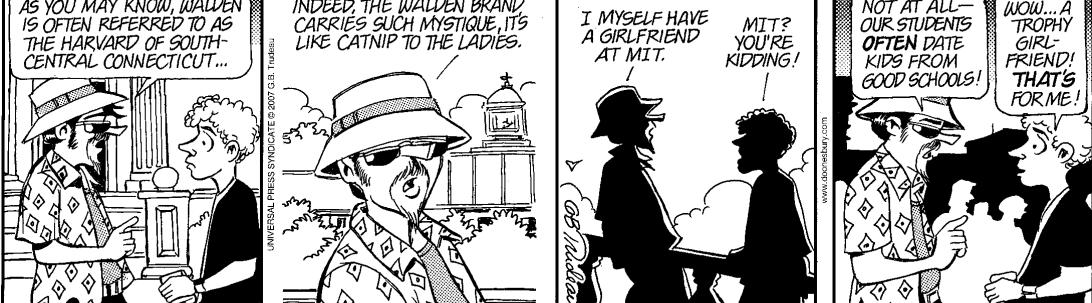


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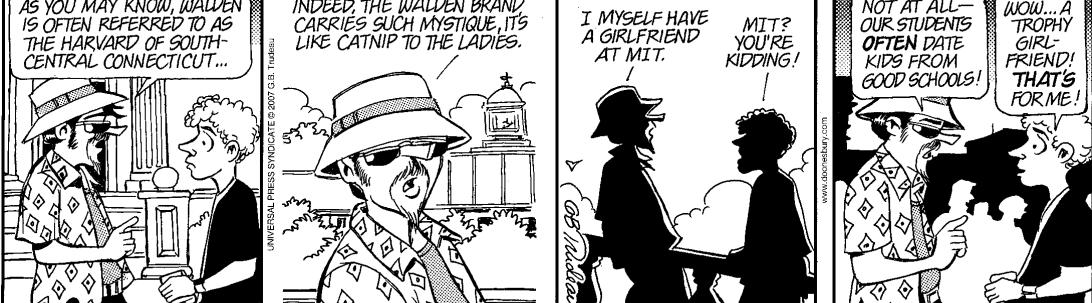
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