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We're exhausted from the massive amount of rock brought to Iowa City (and the Quad Cities) this past extended weekend, but we're thrilled to swap stories. **Arts & Culture, 11A**

Iowa pitchers pounded in 13-run loss

The Hawkeye pitching staff took a beating at Banks Field on Sunday as Iowa dropped the weekend finale to Purdue, 16-3. **Sports, 1B**

Golfers hit Hoosier links

The Iowa women's golf team starts competition at the Indiana Invitational today, hoping to trade birdies with seven Big Ten teams. **Sports, 1B**

Can we build it?

Volunteers for a local charity build structures out of cans and nonperishable food items, including one of Muppets character Beaker. **City, 2A**

Chez IMU crowned culinary cookoff champion

Battles raged at the UI's first Iron Chef competition on April 4 between several eastern Iowa kitchens. **Campus, 4A**



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Today's webcast

- Weekend assaults
- Iron Chef competition
- Baseball loses to Purdue

WEATHER



Mostly sunny, brisk winds, turning cloudy with a 50% chance of rain in the evening.

↑ 54 °C ↓ 39 °C

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3 assaults reported

Crime tends to increase when weather is more favorable, officials said.

By Kurtis Hiatt
THE DAILY IOWAN

Three women reported being attacked by unknown men this past weekend, and two of the incidents were just a few hours apart, Iowa City police have reported.

In the most recent attack, on Sunday around 2:45 a.m., a woman said an unknown man entered her residence on the 400 block of North Dubuque Street

Downtown assaults

To learn more about this weekend's assaults, check out Daily Iowan TV on dailyiowan.com.

and assaulted her.

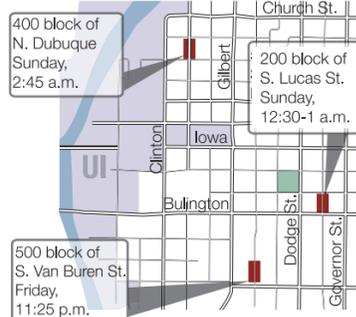
Women reporting the other two attacks said they were walking outside when their assailants approached from behind.

In one case, on Sunday between midnight and 1 a.m., a

More assaults on women

Over the weekend, three assaults were reported by women near downtown, two of which were just hours apart. Since September 2006, there have been more than 30 attacks on women around downtown.

Locations and approximate times of attacks



Source: Iowa City police

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SEE ASSAULTS, 5A

Baker new Iowa justice

By Olivia Moran
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver announced on April 4 that UI graduate Judge David Baker will replace retiring Justice Jerry Larson in the Iowa Supreme Court.

Baker, who received an undergraduate degree in sociology from the UI in 1975 and a UI law degree in 1979, will take over for Larson when he retires on May 17.



Baker
Court of Appeals

The 17 applicants for the position were announced on Feb. 25, eight of whom are graduates of the UI. On March 7, Cedar Rapids attorney Connie Alt, Baker, and Davenport

SEE BAKER, 5A



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Michaelyn Miller surveys colorful bowls of cake batter on April 2. Miller baked the cakes at her store, Cakes by Michaelyn, until retiring in 2005.

Miller really takes the cake

For the first time in print, Michaelyn Miller shares her recipe for 'rainbow cake' — a secret kept for more than 25 years — and the story behind Cakes by Michaelyn.

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

The sight of one of Michaelyn Miller's rainbow cakes could leave some leprechauns looking for gold.

And over the past 25 years, it has left hundreds of children and adults looking for their own taste of a "rainbow cake" from Cakes by Michaelyn.

Today, Cakes by Michaelyn no longer generates the colorful desserts. Miller, 57, retired in 2005 after battling two bouts of cancer in nearly 10 years.

But the history behind Cakes by Michaelyn dates back nearly three decades.

Miller began actively baking while in Germany with her husband, who was stationed there in the Army. After returning to America in 1982, the rainbow cake was conceived.

"A girlfriend and I were canning together, and she had shown me some crazy cupcakes that she had made, and I said, 'We could elaborate on that and do all the colors of God's rainbow,'" Miller said as she prepared a 13-by-9-inch version of the vibrant dessert. "I always promised when I really retired, I would divulge how rainbow cake was done."

Which is what she did this weekend. Miller's recipe begins with two boxes of Betty Crocker white cake mix — she insists that Betty Crocker mix is the only brand that will make the cake taste right.

The making of a rainbow cake

Visit dailyiowan.com for an audio slide show and video coverage of the rainbow-cake process.

'Rainbow Cake' of Cakes by Michaelyn

- What you'll need**
- Two Betty Crocker white cake mixes
 - Basic box ingredients for two cakes — eggs (whites only), oil, water
 - 2 tbsp. pure almond extract
 - 2 tbsp. golden/clear vanilla extract
 - An electric mixer
 - Cooking spray
 - "Colors" — either ChefMaster Liquid Colors or Wilton Paste Colors.
- Note: Never use red, because the taste is too bitter. Instead, use pink.**

What to do

1. Heat oven to 325 degrees.
2. Begin by preparing the cake mix per the box directions, adding the almond and vanilla extracts to the batter. Mix for roughly two minutes.
3. When the batter is finished, evenly distribute the mix into six clear bowls.
4. Add some "coloring" to each bowl of batter. Start with a small amount, mixing thoroughly until the batter has a bold, but not dark, color.
5. Grease a cake pan thoroughly with a cooking spray.
6. Drizzle the batter into the greased pan, one color at a time, using half of each colored batter.
7. Repeat with the following batters, drizzling to fill in any holes. The color pattern should be repeated twice.

8. Bake the cake according to the box directions, adding more time if necessary until a toothpick comes out clean.
9. Cool the cake, in the pan, for roughly 30 minutes. Level the top of the cake by slicing away anything protruding from the top of the cake pan.
10. Remove the cake from the pan, let cool.

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SEE CAKE, 5A

A voice from Croatia

Vujnovic's story

Check out an audio slide show and a Daily Iowan TV report on Marina Vujnovic's work and life on dailyiowan.com.

By Kelsey Beltramea
THE DAILY IOWAN

She was tidying her cozy Croatian apartment one Saturday morning when the phone rang.

"We have a message for you," the caller told Marina Vujnovic. "If you continue writing like you write, something is going to happen to you. We will break your legs."

The UI graduate research assistant remembered her response, as she sipped her single cappuccino in the Adler Journalism Building.



Vujnovic
graduate student

"I told him, 'Thanks for letting me know. I have to continue vacuuming now.'"

Vujnovic, 33, grew up near Zagreb, Croatia, during the

SEE VUJNOVIC, 3A

Croatian Writer

Marina Vujnovic, who grew up in Ivanić Grad, Croatia, is working on her dissertation on Croatia's first woman journalist.



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News

'Canstruction-do' attitude

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN

CEDAR RAPIDS — From recreations of scenes from *The Wizard of Oz* to a roller coaster complete with a Jello-box track, 12 teams went can-to-can in the third-annual Corridor Construction event April 5.

The competition, a local edition of a nationwide event, drew both student and professional groups to create the best "canstruction" — a sculpture built entirely out of canned and nonperishable foods.

Just over two hours after construction began, a team from the UI Hospitals and Clinics pathology department and Heery International had completed a 1,523 can rendition of Jim Henson's Muppets character Beaker.

"We kind of had the lab theme; he's like our mascot," said pathology clinical lab scientist Iwa Clark, noting that this is the pathology department's first year in the competition.

Composed mainly of Hy-Vee cheese ravioli and bags of fiery red Doritos serving as flaming hair, Beaker could feed 795 people on an average 2,000 calorie-per-day diet.

And he likely will. The food items — a total of 17,249 from the 12 teams — will go to the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program and distributed to area food banks.

"We do this to invite you to be creative," event-committee head Leslee Sandberg said. "But the main reason we do it is to bring together food to feed hungry people."

The event collected more than 17,000 pounds of food this year, up 3,000 pounds from last year's creations, along with

\$600 from 25-cent onlooker People's Choice votes, for local food pantries.

Judging of the creations — which will remain on display until Friday — was split into categories for student or professional teams.

The UIHC pathology's creation took the "Best Use of Labels" award — the golden ravioli cans dominating the structure — and the professional People's Choice award, no surprise to Clark.

"I mean, look at him — he's pretty cute," she said.

In the student and community group judging pool, Linda Leggat's Extended Learning Program students from the College Community School District took home the People's Choice award for their En-Can-Ted Forest — a collaborative effort of 60 fourth- and fifth-grade students.

"We're studying poverty and hunger," said Leggat, as her students put final touches on the waterfall/forest scene. "We're excited to have that many students, that many hands on it — and it hasn't fallen over yet."

Leggat's students spent \$2,700 of a \$3,000 grant to purchase the food items, and they plan to spend the other \$300 to bring even more items to a local food bank as a field trip.

Ten-year-old Alex Heald said she enjoyed being able to collaborate on the project with students from other elementary schools, compared with last year's project, when they divided the creation into segments.

"It was just fun to make whatever you want to and know it's going to a good cause afterwards," she said.

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UI Hospitals and Clinics pathology team garners two awards at annual 'canstruction' event.



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Beaker, the joint product of the UI pathology department and architectural firm Heery, stands proudly in Lindale Mall in Cedar Rapids on April 5. Beaker raised more than \$95 in monetary donations during the judging on April 5, winning the People's Choice award.

METRO

Robbery reported

Iowa City police are looking for three men who reportedly jumped a man walking by himself on April 3, reports show. The man required medical treatment.

According to police, the alleged victim was walking on a sidewalk in the 900 block of Highway 6 East around 10:45 p.m. when a trio of men approached from behind.

One man hit the victim and took cash from his pocket, reports show. They fled south through a parking lot in the same block.

The victim went to UI Hospitals and Clinics, and he was treated and released for a laceration to his forehead, police said.

Police gave the following descriptions of the alleged suspects:

All are black males around 6 feet tall, 160 to 185 pounds. One, in his 20s, was wearing an orange hoodie, black jacket, and dark-colored jeans.

Another is in his 20s with a thin mustache. He was wearing a light-colored skull cap, white hoodie, and faded jeans.

The third was wearing a dark-colored skull cap, black Dickies jacket, and dark-colored jeans.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Two charged in can-throwing incident

Two UI students face assault charges after they reportedly threw cans of food at a group of people from a sixth-story Mayflower room on April 4, authorities said.

Garrett Frey, 19, N252 Hillcrest, and William Rinn, 610A Mayflower, are charged with assault with use/display of a weapon, an aggravated misdemeanor.

UI police said Frey threw one can from the window and yelled, "Look out." A man standing below would have been hit had he not moved, reports allege.

POLICE BLOTTER

Derek Allen, 20, 500 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 12, was charged April 4 with PAULA.

Sara Berger, 19, 618 Iowa Ave. Apt. 9, was charged April 4 with PAULA.

Allyson Blondell, 20, 1125 Sandusky Drive, was charged April 4 with PAULA.

Adam Browner, 23, 1012 Newton Road, was charged April 4 with obstructing an officer.

Michael Burgh, 19, 2302 Burge, was charged April 4 with PAULA.

Larissa Cole, 19, 1200 Laura Drive, was charged April 4 with PAULA.

Shane Ersland, 31, 618 S. Van Buren St., was charged April 4 with public intoxication.

Allison Evers, 19, 1125 Sandusky Drive, was charged April 4 with PAULA.

Jose Feliciano, 25, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 3009, was charged April 4 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Benjamin Fornell, 23, 424 S. Lucas St., was charged April 5 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Randall Gilbert, 48, 2410 Lakeside Drive Apt. 6, was charged April 1 with third-degree harassment.

Kayla Haar, 18, Sioux City, was charged April 5 with unlawful use of another's authentic driver's license/ID.

Rinn reportedly threw two cans of vegetables at a group of people below.

The pair's charges are aggravated misdemeanors, each punishable by up to two years in jail and a fine of up to \$6,250.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Man charged in cocaine bust

A man faces two felonies after police allegedly found cocaine in his pocket and residence April 3, authorities said.

Arnulfo Castaneda, 34, 2107 J St., was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and a drug tax-stamp violation.

According to Iowa City police, officers served a search warrant at Castaneda's residence and reportedly found more than an ounce of cocaine, a digital scale, cash, and packaging materials.

They also allegedly discovered more than half an ounce of cocaine in Castaneda's pocket.

Possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$50,000.

A drug tax-stamp violation is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

3 faculty members receive Guggenheims

Three UI faculty members were among 190 national winners of the 2008 Guggenheim Fellowships.

Lan Samantha Chang, the director of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, Robin Hemley, the director of the Nonfiction Writing Program, and Sue Hettmansperger, a professor of art, won awards along with several UI alumni.

This year, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation —

which awards fellowships to advanced professionals in all fields but the performing arts — doled out more than \$8 million in awards. The foundation was established in 1925, and it has since granted more than \$265 million in fellowships to nearly 16,500 professionals.

Among other awards, Chang has twice been chosen for "The Best American Short Stories," and she has received fellowships from Stanford University, Princeton University, the Radcliffe Institute, the National Endowment for Arts, Yaddo, and the McDowell Colony.

Hemley is the recipient of numerous awards for his work, which has been published in nearly 10 literary magazines.

Hettmansperger has hosted one-person shows for her artwork in 2007, 2003, 1999, 1994, and 1990 in New York City. Her work is present in several museums and institutions, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, and the Art Institute of Chicago.

— by Olivia Moran

Woman charged with theft

Iowa City police arrested a woman April 4 who allegedly withdrew around \$30,000 of nonexistent funds and lost it gambling in Las Vegas.

Jen-Miaou Lin, 49, 218 Hawkeye Court, faces three felonies, including two counts of second-degree theft and one for first-degree theft.

The woman is listed as a UI graduate student and staff member in the campus directory.

According to police, Lin allegedly committed the offenses between December 2007 and January.

On Dec. 14, 2007, Lin reportedly deposited a \$4,600 self-written check

into a Bank of the West ATM and withdrew funds until she showed a negative balance of \$5,229.56.

Then Jan. 24 and Jan. 30, Lin made other ATM deposits of two more checks for \$4,800 and \$16,000 at the UI Community Credit Union. After each, she made withdrawals, including one for at least \$11,000. She reportedly owes that bank more than \$16,000.

Also on Jan. 30, Lin reportedly deposited a \$9,600 self-written check at an Iowa State Bank and Trust ATM, which she still owes the bank.

On March 18, police gave Lin 10 days to repay the bank's losses, but she had not as of March 31.

Second-degree theft is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

First-degree theft is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

Florida man charged with theft

Police arrested a Florida man April 3 after he reportedly stole \$1,165 in December 2007 from his employer, with whom he also resided, authorities said.

Paul DuPont, 26, faces two felonies for charges of second-degree theft and forgery.

According to reports sworn by officials on Feb. 25, DuPont allegedly took two personal checks from the victim's checkbook, and wrote them to himself — one for \$565 on Dec. 12, 2007, and another for \$600 on Dec. 14, 2007.

Reports show the victim did not authorize DuPont to take the money.

Second-degree theft and forgery are both Class D felonies, each punishable by up to five years in prison and fines of up to \$7,500.

— by Kurtis Hiatt

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TOP STORIES

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2. Please don't leave a message
3. Cul-de-sacs draw frowns
4. P/CP: Which of the NCAA Tournament's Final Four will win the national championship?
5. Nursing needs teachers

EDITOR'S NOTE

This weekend, it came to my attention that two *Daily Iowan* reporters were involved in purposely removing a name from the Police Blotter in February because of personal connections with that individual. The *DI* strives to be a dependable and trustworthy source for the community, and on behalf of the paper, I sincerely apologize.

As a result, those employees have been disciplined. We are now examining other means in which to prevent a recurrence of this unfortunate incident.

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Grad student recalls Croatian war

While working on her dissertation on the life of Croatia's first woman journalist, UI graduate student Marina Vujnovic shares her own war stories.

VUJNOVIC
CONTINUED FROM 1A

Marija Juric Zagorka, Croatia's first female journalist, is shown here in a traditional folk dress from the area of Posavina.



Contributed photo from Marina Vujnovic

south-central European country's intense and brutal war of independence. She became a journalist amid the speech chill of its dictator's regime. And now, working on her dissertation on the life of her country's first woman journalist, she hopes to share a little-known story she said has the ability to inspire audiences around the globe — A story that rivals her own.

Vujnovic was 15 when the war began. Historic prejudices between Croats and Serbs surfaced in sporadic fighting, but after Serbia blocked the installation of a Croat scheduled to lead Yugoslavia, Croatia struck back. It declared independence, and full-scale warring began.

Soldiers developed a frontline of battle just 15 miles from Vujnovic's home.

"The first time I was woken up at night to go to the shelter in the basement, you could hear the planes flying over the building," Vujnovic recalled. "My sister and I looked at each other on the staircase, and we just started crying. I thought, 'I can't believe this. Are we going to die here tonight?'"

But later this became routine for Vujnovic, who often slept in her clothing, fearing an air raid. She recalled a soapy shower once cut short by a potential attack and an afternoon lunch disturbed by shellings targeting her town's oil factory.

The year Vujnovic started college, she remembered all the radio reports and thought about the international press clip-

pings she collected since she was 9. Then she made the decision to become a journalist.

"I wanted to make people know what's going on in my country," she said. "I followed foreign reports. But they were so incompetent in my mind, and there was such confusion surrounding the breakup of Yugoslavia. I thought, people need to know."

So she began writing. While attending school, Vujnovic joined a small local newspaper developed by a former priest and funded by a foundation that aimed to help countries make the transition from communism.

Vujnovic used her column to harshly critique the government, and threats soon followed. A person who worked for the government advised her to monitor what she was writing, because the president was reading. Vujnovic said she told the man that was wonderful news.

"But I can't say that I was not scared," she admitted. "I think I was more scared than during the war, because it was a direct threat to me."

She continued writing throughout the war but found herself in crisis upon graduation. The threats, inseparable from covering



Phoebe Webb/The Daily Iowan

Marina Vujnovic became accustomed to physical threats when she wrote about politics at a newspaper in Croatia. Now, Vujnovic is a UI graduate student researching Croatia's first women's magazine and its editor, the first female journalist in Croatia.

Croatian politics, left Vujnovic exhausted, so she took on a position as a research assistant, teaching communication classes at the University of Zagreb. On a whim, she went to the University of Northern Iowa to earn a master's degree, and she later came to the UI for a doctorate.

"Some of my step-dad's friends were so happy," Vujnovic remembered about telling them she was coming to the United States. "They were like, 'Iowa. That's great.' They know everything about John Deere."

Now she is writing the fifth chapter of her 215-page dissertation analyzing the first women's magazine in Yugoslavia and its editor, Marija Juric Zagorka — Croatia's first woman journalist.

While researching Juric Zagorka, Vujnovic uncovered a collection of around 300 letters

Marina Vujnovic

Age: 33
Born in: Bjelovar, Croatia
Future plans: Become assistant professor at a small New Jersey private school, teaching global journalism.
Inspirations: Her mother, who inspired her to think about the world in terms of "those things that really matter," and an English teacher who told her class that none of them would ever write anything important.

from the magazine's readers hidden inside a box in the garage of the editor's roommate's nephew. It was a remarkable and telling discovery, Vujnovic said.

"Marija has a will to live beyond the physical life," she said. "My digging up her stuff in a small basement where it was

just sitting there so many years speaks about her will to live."

Due in part to Vujnovic's research, the city of Zagreb plans to buy the apartment where Juric Zagorka once lived and transform it into a women's archives museum. Vujnovic said she's happy about the development, because she has come to relate to the historical figure in a personal way.

"I believe the struggles she had being a woman journalist I also experienced. Maybe to a lesser scale, but I think many women journalists still face the same paradoxes, same problems as early women journalists," she said. "There are a lot of things we neglect to learn about the past, so we can show the connection of history and today to remind people."

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Luxury Living

A taste of competition

The IMU main ballroom became a mock Kitchen Stadium last Friday as nine local chefs went knife-to-knife in the UI's first Iron Chef competition.

By Brian Stewart
THE DAILY IOWAN



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan
UI President Sally Mason, a member of the Iron Chef judging panel, prepares to dig into one of the dishes presented to her at the judge's table.

Sans cameras from the Food Network, curious connoisseurs crowded the IMU Main Ballroom on April 4 as local chefs hovered over cutting boards, racing against the clock in the UI's first Iron Chef competition.

Modeled after the popular cable TV show, the competition pitted three teams of local chefs — from the UI, New Pioneer Co-op, 22 S. Van Buren, and Cedar Rapids restaurant Zins — with the challenge of creating the best meal using a secret ingredient.

“Chopping and sautéing are fine, but what we really want to see are tackles and takedowns,” emcee Marcia Hughes said.

The event, part of a day-long “Food, Ethnic Identities, and Memory” symposium, centered on three secret ingredients — revealed to be Des Moines-raised pork racks, Crawfordsville-raised lamb racks, and Kalona-raised organic chickens.

“We all agreed we wanted to have the secret ingredients be something that was locally produced,” event organizer and UI Professor Lauren Rabinovitz said.

Working in makeshift kitchens and limited to butane burners — though the team from New Pioneer Co-op got creative with a George Forman grill — the teams demonstrated their culinary skills in front of a 150-person crowd.

The symposium and Iron Chef competition are the result of Rabinovitz's Food

UI Iron Chef Menus

Secret ingredients: Des Moines pork center-cut racks, Crawfordsville lamb racks, Kalona organic chicken

UI chefs — Winning Menu

- Berry relish with seared chicken breasts and sherry gastrique
- Boneless lamb rack with mushroom polenta and tomato chutney

Zins Restaurant chefs

- Seared lamb with rosemary-dijon glaze and vegetable slaw
- Brandy poached baby red potatoes
- Wilted spinach with onions and mushrooms

New Pioneer Co-op chefs

- Shredded beet and carrot salad with raspberry vinaigrette
- Red bliss mashed potatoes with caramelized shallots
- Grilled pork loin with rosemary, thyme, and oregano
- Braised leeks with tomato and dijon

‘My goal was to bring together students and faculty and people in the community to start some conversations about food as a chance to celebrate cooking as a form of creativity and artistic expression.’
— Lauren Rabinovitz, UI professor

and American Culture Honors seminar last semester.

“My goal was to bring together students and faculty and people in the community to start some conversations about food as a chance to celebrate cooking as a form of creativity and artistic expression,” she said.

When 60 minutes had elapsed, and the final entrées had been devoured by a panel of five judges,

including UI President Sally Mason, who commented that she might have eaten too much for lunch when watching the chefs in action, the chefs from the UI Dining Services were crowned eastern Iowa's Iron Chefs.

“It felt pretty good; I was surprised,” executive IMU chef John Moloney said, noting the three chefs don't work together on a normal basis.

Food for thought

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“It's very clear to me that the chefs at work in here are very much culinary artists,” said event judge Joe Jennison, the executive director of Iowa Cultural Corridor Alliance.

“This competition especially brings home the fact that what they do every day is art. This is art you can taste.”

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STATE

High ammonia levels found in Iowa water

DES MOINES (AP) — Spreading fertilizer on frozen ground has led to record ammonia levels in the state's water supplies, state environmental officials said.

Tests by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources have found elevated ammonia levels across the state, prompting environmental groups to push for new restrictions against farmers who use fertilizer.

“We're alarmed about the ammonia levels Des Moines Water Works has had to deal with,” said Roger Wolf, who works on river issues on behalf of the Iowa Soybean Association and a consortium called Agriculture's Clean Water Alliance. “We're trying to identify the sources so we can do something about it.”

The record levels were caused when fertilizer was spread on frozen ground, and the heavy ice cover acted like a lid, trapping ammonia that otherwise would have floated into the atmosphere, state biologists said.

The same thing happened in rivers, where ammonia from decaying plant life is endangering river life.

Randy Beavers, interim general manager of Des Moines Water Works, said the problem was so bad in early March that the plant had to draw an alternative source to provide water to the city and surrounding area.

He said plant operators were worried the couldn't add chlorine fast enough to keep up with the rising ammonia levels and kill the bacteria and pathogens.

“We consider this a very serious situation,” he said.

The elevated ammonia levels also forced the Des Moines Water Works to quadruple the amount of chlorine used to disinfect water drawn from the Raccoon and Des Moines Rivers, which usually provide the area's drinking water.

Water plants in other cities, such as Council Bluffs and Panora, have taken similar precautions.

Mary Skopec leads the state's monitoring of 79 river sites. She said ammonia levels are usually too low to measure. Levels of 0.1 parts per million is damaging to fish and the tiny creatures and plants on which they feed. In February and March, ammonia levels reached 2.6 parts per million in major Iowa rivers and several times that in tributaries, Skopec said.



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(March 6, 2008)

Take notice that the following hydroelectric applications have been filed with the Commission and are available for public inspection:

- a. Type of Application: Preliminary Permit
- b. Project No.: P-13100-000
- c. Date Filed: January 23, 2008
- d. Applicant: Midriver Power L. L. C.
- e. Name of the Project: Coralville Lake Hydropower Project
- f. Location: The project would be located on the Iowa River in Johnson County, Iowa. The Coralville Lake Dam is owned and maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: Federal Power Act, 16 USC §§791a - 825r.
- h. Applicant Contact: Mr. Kenneth D. Bickner, Midriver Power L. L. C., 539 Kimball Road, Iowa City, IA 52245 (319) 337-5645.
- i. FERC Contact: Patricia W. Gillis, (202) 502-8735.
- j. Deadline for filing comments, protests, and motions to intervene: 60 days from the issuance date of this notice.

All documents (original and eight copies) should be filed with: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20426. Comments, protests, and interventions may be filed electronically via the Internet in lieu of paper; see 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site under the "e-Filing" link. The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings. Please include the project number (P-13100-000) on any comments or motions filed.

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- k. Description of Project: The proposed project would utilize the existing U. S. Army Corps of Engineers' Coralville Lake Dam and would consist of: (1) two 70-foot-long, 180-inch diameter proposed penstocks; (2) a proposed powerhouse containing two generating units with a total installed capacity of 5.7-megawatts; (3) a proposed transmission line; and (4) appurtenant facilities. The proposed project would have an estimated annual generation of 50-gigawatts and would be sold to a local utility.
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- m. Individuals desiring to be included on the Commission's mailing list should so indicate by writing to the Secretary of the Commission.
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- o. Competing Development Application -- Any qualified development applicant desiring to file a competing development application must submit to the Commission, on or before a specified comment date for the particular application, either a competing development application or a notice of intent to file such an application. Submission of a timely notice of intent to file a development application allows an interested person to file the competing application no later than 120 days after the specified comment date for the particular application. A competing license application must conform with 18 CFR 4.30 and 4.36.
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Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary

3 tell of assaults

ASSAULTS

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woman told police she was walking north on the 200 block of South Lucas Street when a man lifted up her dress, pushed her to the ground, and tried to remove her underwear.

The woman shouted and hit the man, who then fled on foot west.

The victim in the other incident went to the police to report that she had been assaulted around 11 p.m. April 4 while walking south on the 500 block of South Van Buren Street. Her assailant reportedly pushed her to the ground and tried to remove her tights.

She shouted and hit the man, who then fled west between some buildings.

Iowa City police Sgt. Doug Hart said some crimes tend to increase at specific points during the year.

"Any time the weather gets warmer ... you do see more activity," Hart said.

Karla Miller, the executive

director of the Rape-Victim Advocacy Program, agreed with Hart, noting that there is generally an increase specifically in assaults in more favorable temperatures.

"When the weather gets nice, there are more people out and about," she said. "That's what the offender is looking for."

Miller said April is a month in which assaults are more common. However, Hart noted, a trio of attacks in one weekend is "fairly uncommon."

Since September 2006, police have recorded a slew of attacks — more than 30 — on women walking alone in or around downtown by unknown men. Authorities haven't said whether any are related. But police are continuing to talk about the attacks, Hart said.

Each woman who reported the weekend attacks gave a description of her assailant.

In the most recent incident, the woman said her attacker was a white male in his 30s, between 5-10 and 6 feet tall,

160 pounds, with short dark hair and a goatee. He was wearing a gray long-sleeve shirt with a white T-shirt underneath and dark jeans.

The woman involved in the other Sunday incident said her assailant is a white male, approximately 5-9 inches with a skinny build and brown hair. He was wearing a dark long-sleeve sweater or shirt and a stocking cap.

In the April 5 attack, the woman described the man as a white male, roughly 6 feet tall, wearing a hooded sweatshirt and nylon running pants.

Miller said she continues to advise people to decrease distractions while walking, such as listening to headphones and talking on a cell phone. She said everyone should be aware of their surroundings, know where to seek safety if necessary, and report assaults to police as soon as possible following an attack.

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A piece of cake history

CAKE

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The batter is kicked up with extra vanilla and almond extracts — one of Miller's secrets.

Then, the rainbow begins. Miller divides the batter into six bowls, mixing each with a color — sky blue, orange, leaf green, violet, lemon yellow, and pink.

"There's no rhyme or reason, no perfection," Miller said, gently layering the colors into a greased pan. "You don't have to make any sense of it."

The end result is a Cakes by Michaelyn rainbow cake — each hued batter mingling next to the others but never mixing or fading, creating a distinct color spectrum.

The last 25 years of Miller's life have been some of the most colorful, churning out rainbow cakes for devotees nationwide.

"I have had cakes picked up one day and be handed off at the Dubuque airport, at Chicago O'Hare, at JFK, at Boston, and end up in Maine for supper," she said.

On average, Cakes by Michaelyn mixed up 3,000 batches of batter annually.

When Miller retired, her collection of cake pans numbered more than 750. She owned every pan ever made by cake supply company Wilton, save two Canadian molds.

But cake pans never limited the creativity of the Millers — Michaelyn, husband Dale, and daughter Katherine.

Miller boasts about her most interesting cakes — an airplane cake "taking off" from a base cake at a 30-degree angle, a three-dimensional 36-inch long by 20-inch tall cruise ship, and, of course, the "adult cakes" inevitably ordered for bachelor and bachelorette parties.

Corporate agreements — including a long-lasting contract with the Iowa Children's Museum — helped bring even more customers to Miller's



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Sky blue and violet cake batter is drizzled into a greased pan on April 2. Icing bags sit nearby, ready to be used to frost the cake after it comes out of the oven.

business.

"I knew all of our families," Miller said about the more than 700 regular families. "I knew their kids, I knew about when their birthdays were."

When Miller retired in 2005, she passed the business along to then-customer Hanna Gugliuzza, who used the rainbow cake recipe to open North Liberty-based Dreamcoat Cakes.

Dreamcoat Cakes closed its doors in January, offering to sell the recipe to the public. Gugliuzza could not be reached for further comment.

Miller's daughter, Katherine Miller, could bake and decorate a cake to her mother's standards by the time she was 8.

"Mom always wanted the public and the people who cared to be happy," Katherine Miller said. "So it seems to me now that there's this void of the rainbow cake, we want to just give it out there. There's no need to keep it secret any longer."

And after a quarter-century creating customized cakes, Miller said she can't emphasize enough the importance of customer service.

"It doesn't matter how big of a business you are or how small of a business you are, you always give back," she said. "This

community will be good to you, or it can close you down. If you're not willing to give back, they're not going to help you get further."

Cakes by Michaelyn was destined to be charitable — Miller used to tell her parents that when she grew up she wanted to be a philanthropist. The company gave to various causes, primarily to the Children's Miracle Network.

Miller speaks fondly of her days running Cakes by Michaelyn, laughing as she retells stories of laborious cakes.

"If anybody does it from here, I hope they do it because it's fun, and I hope they do something with it and give back," she said. "Do something for somebody else — that's what makes you feel good when it's all said and done."

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Court gets new justice

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attorney Thomas Waterman were named the three finalists for the position. All three are also graduates of the UI College of Law.

"As a lawyer in Cedar Rapids and throughout the time he has spent on the bench, Judge Baker has demonstrated a deep interest in the lives of Iowans, and I am confident that as an Iowa Supreme Court Justice, he will continue to stand up and protect the rights of Iowans for years to come," Culver said in a statement.

Baker, 55, of Cedar Rapids, was appointed to the Iowa Court of Appeals in 2006. Beginning in January 2005, he served as a judge in the 6th District. Before his appoint-

ment as a judge, he worked in private practice for 25 years.

The Iowa Supreme Court "has most certainly been a goal of mine, at least since law school or undergraduate," Baker said.

Larson, who is leaving his position because of the mandatory retirement age, is the longest-serving justice in the Iowa Supreme Court, and he chaired the latest nomination committee.

He received his bachelor's degree from the UI in 1958, and graduated from the UI College of Law in 1960. He worked as a law clerk after graduation and was eventually the Shelby County Attorney before being appointed as a district judge. He has served as an Iowa Supreme Court justice since 1978.

Noting that all three nominees graduated from the UI,

Baker said Culver had a difficult choice to make. The nominees were required to be a resident of the state, licensed to practice law in Iowa, and able to serve an initial one-year term and one regular eight-year term before turning 72.

Supreme Court justices initially stand for re-election after one year and every eight years after that.

Baker said the new position will now give him the opportunity to work on the administrative side of the court, where he said there are a number of interesting issues.

He added that he doesn't plan to vie for a position at a national level.

"I'm very satisfied with where I am now," he said.

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Vilsack sounds warning on education

The former governor says the root of each issue the country faces can be traced back to education — and America is falling behind.

By Kelsey Beltramea
THE DAILY IOWAN

Former Gov. Tom Vilsack said he believes in accountability and he believes in education. But the measure lawmakers have used to dovetail the two in the No Child Left Behind Act has undoubtedly resulted in the dumbing down of America since its 2001 inception, he said.

"It's difficult to assess students when the single rule of assessment is a specific, high-stakes test. Now, you law students understand this," Vilsack joked with the student audience of around 70. "But that's not the reality of how things should work."

The former governor delivered the keynote address as a part of the *Journal of Gender, Race & Justice's* 12th-annual symposium on April 4. The student-run law journal hosted a weekend-long array of events to examine how current No Child Left Behind educational policy shapes students and re-segregates schools by socioeconomic class.

The act aimed to improve the performance of students across the country by requiring they achieve certain goals. But critics have faulted the initiative's funding and accountability measures since it became law. With the act on the brink of possible reauthorization, members of the journal said they wanted to bring the subject to the forefront as a component of law students' complete education.



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Former Gov. Tom Vilsack speaks to law students in the IMU River Room on April 4. Vilsack addressed the No Child Left Behind Act, the subject of the 12th-annual *Journal of Gender, Race, & Justice* symposium.

"It's not about just being able to know where Iraq and Iran are on a map but being able to understand something about the cultures of Iraq and Iran. I believe if we had a greater global awareness over the past eight or so years, we wouldn't be in this mess now."

— Tom Vilsack, former Iowa governor

Vilsack highlighted this point, telling the students not to listen to slick phrases and guarantees of politicians, such as himself, who promise a quick and easy solution to the state of America's education system.

"It's expensive, and time consuming, and hard work, but if you don't advocate for education, who will?" he said. "Who is going to have the clout and power to make a difference?"

The difference must begin with lawmakers committing to early childhood education and continue with the country producing motivated teachers who use 21st-century curricula in new buildings with new technology.

"It's not about just being able to know where Iraq and Iran are on a map but being able to understand something about the cultures of Iraq and Iran," he said. "I believe if we had a greater global awareness over the past eight or so years, we wouldn't be in this mess now."

On a recent trip to China, he said, he walked into a seventh-grade classroom and was astounded when he saw the students learning physics. Down the hall, he entered another class and was greeted by a second-grader who told him "Good morning" in clear English.

"I said, 'Wow, impressive. Now, what class is this?' " Vilsack recalled. "And they said, 'Spanish.'"

Foreign education is surpassing America's in its content and its time commitment,

Vilsack said, noting a report produced when he was governor found Iowa students only have 30 full days of learning during the 180-day school year. This is a striking comparison to foreign schools that have 30 to 40 more days per year than the average American, he said.

And the issues of global warming, terrorism, and health care cannot be combated without creative individuals who have solid education, Vilsack said. He told the law students: "You need to take this issue of education as seriously as everything else you do."

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Celebrating girls in math

By Kathleen Murphy
SPECIAL TO THE DAILY IOWAN

As a woman, Sally Mason knows what it's like to be discriminated against.

While she was working toward her Ph.D., two professors tried to steer her away from that goal because of her sex.

In her address to open the UI's Sonia Kovalevsky Day on April 5, Mason said the message the 150 attending girls needed to take home was to continue working to overcome obstacles.

The UI is of many universities to host the daylong gathering, said Paulette Willis, a UI mathematics graduate student and co-leader of this year's event. The Association of Women in Mathematics sponsors Sonia Kovalevsky Day across the country to encourage young women to continue studying mathematics.

For years the UI has had strong participation of women in mathematics. "In 2005, the UI graduate mathematics program was 32 percent female, when most programs are less than 15 percent," Willis said.

The day is also intended to assist girls in the transition from high-school to college math, she said.

Women haven't always been encouraged to pursue an interest in math. Kovalevsky, the first woman in Europe to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics, faced a huge struggle.

Against the wishes of her father, she studied at the University of Berlin under Karl Weierstraß, but at the time, women were barred from attending lectures. Kovalevsky couldn't attain a degree in Berlin as a woman, so Weierstraß presented her three dissertations to the University of Göttingen.

In July 1874, Kovalevsky was awarded a Ph.D. without ever having attended a lecture. She was the first woman ever elected into the Russian Academy, but again she faced a struggle and was excluded from attending any meetings. In 1889, she became the first woman to attain a full professorship in modern times. She taught at the University of Stockholm until her death in 1891.

After the speech, the girls went to an origami session, a fractal session, and watched *Flatland*, an animated movie about a two-dimensional world. Math games rounded out the schedule. All activities fit into the day's theme of visual mathematics.

Natalie Manhuca, a junior from West High School, attended last year's event, too.

"Being exposed to all the different kinds of math" is the best part of the event, she said. "It's challenging, but you can learn from other people. Everyone helps each other learn new ways to attack problems and ends up becoming great friends."

The first Sonia Kovalevsky Day at the UI drew only 20 to 30 students, said Heather Russell, a UI mathematics graduate student and co-leader of the event. Attendance doubled the second year, she said, while this year's attendance almost tripled.

"There are a lot of supportive high-school teachers in the Iowa area," she said. "It's their support and encouragement that makes this day possible."

"I never encountered criticism for being a girl in math; I've always felt empowered by my graduate experience here at the UI. I feel so lucky for that and want to pass that feeling on to other girls."

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Bush, Putin still divided

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President Bush waves as he and Laura Bush leave Air Force One after arriving at Andrews Air Force Base, Md., on Sunday.

SOCHI, Russia — President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin failed to overcome sharp differences over a U.S. missile-defense system, closing their seven-year relationship Sunday still far apart on an issue that has separated them from the beginning.

“Our fundamental attitude toward the American plan has not changed,” Putin said at a news conference with Bush at his vacation house at this Black Sea resort. “Obviously, we’ve got a lot of work to do,” Bush said. Despite the impasse, the two leaders agreed that Moscow and Washington would work together closely in the future on missile defense and other difficult issues.

Putin declared there were no breakthrough solutions but said “certain progress is obvious” in the long-running dispute on missile defenses. He was referring to U.S. concessions to assuage Russia’s concerns. U.S. officials said that was what they wanted to hear him say.

Bush also conferred with Putin’s hand-picked successor, Dmitry Medvedev but did not claim gaining any insight into his soul, as he had with Putin upon their first encounter. He pronounced Putin’s protégé “a straightforward fellow” and said he was eager to work with him.

Putin was asked whether he — or Medvedev, the president-elect — would be in charge of Russia’s foreign policy after May 7, when Putin steps down as president and is expected to be named prime minister.

Putin said Medvedev would be in charge, and would represent Russia at the Group of Eight meeting of industrial democracies in July in Tokyo. “Mr. Medvedev has been one of the co-authors of Russia’s foreign policy,” Putin said. “He’s completely on top of things.”

National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley, when asked later whether he thought Putin

actually was going to cede authority on Russian foreign policy to Medvedev, said: “My guess is that these two men who have worked very closely together for now almost two decades will have a very collaborative relationship. That seems to be a good thing, not a bad thing.”

Hadley, who spoke with reporters aboard Air Force One on the way home to Washington, also said he didn’t see any prospect of a breakthrough on missile defense before Bush leaves office next January. “They can leave that to their prospective successors,” he said.

At their 28th and final meeting as heads of state, Bush and Putin sought to emphasize their good personal relations, praising each other extensively. But they also both acknowledged remaining strong disagreements, principally missile defense and NATO’s eastward expansion.

Russia remains adamantly opposed to the expansion of the

alliance into its backyard, an enlargement that Bush has actively championed over Putin’s vocal objections.

The Sochi meeting came just days after NATO leaders agreed at a summit in Romania to invite Albania and Croatia to join the alliance. However, the alliance rebuffed U.S. attempts to begin the process of inviting Ukraine and Georgia, both former Soviet republics, to join, although their eventual admission seems likely.

Putin called the U.S. missile plan — which envisions basing tracking radar sites in the Czech Republic and interceptors in Poland — the hardest of U.S.-Russian differences to reconcile. “This is not about language. This is not about diplomatic phrasing or wording. This is about the substance of the issue,” he said.

Bush iterated his insistence that the plan — designed to intercept and destroy approaching ballistic missiles at high altitudes — should not be

viewed as a threat to Russia. In a clear reference to Iran, he said the system would help protect Europe from “regimes that could try to hold us hostage.”

“I view this as defensive, not offense,” Bush said. “And, obviously, we’ve got a lot of work to convince the experts this defense system is not aimed at Russia.”

Bush and Putin did issue a joint statement on missile defense as part of a “strategic framework” to guide future relations between Washington and Moscow.

The statement outlined time-worn U.S. and Russian positions but also held out the prospect for future cooperation, perhaps on a joint system. That, said Putin, represents “certain progress.”

“If we manage to achieve this kind of level of cooperation on a global missile defense system, this will be the best kind of result for all our preceding efforts,” he said.

STATE

Lack of technical experience hinders Power Board

DES MOINES (AP) — In the three months since the state opened the new Iowa Office of Energy Independence to oversee its Power Fund, board members are finding themselves wrestling with technical questions as they carefully review applications for funding.

The board has received 107 applications for a piece of the \$150 million in grants or loans. But just four applications are ready to be reviewed by the full Power Fund board when it meets on Wednesday.

The fund, approved by the Legislature last year, is supposed to speed research and development in new forms of energy.

The board’s due-diligence committee knows it’s treading into new territory with taxpayer money, and until outside consultants can be hired, its eight members are moving ahead slowly because of the lack of technical expertise. Their ability to do that may be questioned until the Legislature gives the board authority to hire outside help.

“There are so many good proposals, and they sound so good,” Power Fund chairman Fred Hubbell of Des Moines said at the most recent committee meeting. “The question is whether they’ll stand up to technical analysis.”

“These projects cut across several disciplines, such as engineering, physics, biology, and chemistry. Nobody can know enough to evaluate all of them,” Hubbell said.

Applications have ranged from research into new plastic solar panels to \$20 million for Poet LLC’s planned corn cob-grinding ethanol plant at Emmetsburg.

Then there’s the University of Northern Iowa, which wants to conduct a poll of Iowans’ attitudes toward energy, and the Des Moines Area Regional Transit, which wants money to give free rides to state workers.

Maharishi University in Fairfield wants \$2 million to test an algae bioreactor. Corporate heavyweights such as Kraft Foods, Quaker Oats of Cedar Rapids, Vermeer Corp. of Pella, General Mills, and HNI Corp. asked for money to fund conferences, education programs, or to retrofit buildings.

STATE

Iowa lawmakers face crunch

DES MOINES (AP) — Legislative leaders said they will begin the march toward adjournment this week, but they face a number of difficult issues, from proposals to expand health care to finding money for the state’s roads.

Along the way, it’s likely some key issues will fall by the wayside in the rush to end the election-year session.

“I would hope it would be in a week, but it will probably take just a tad longer,” Senate Majority Leader Michael Gronstal said on April 4. “I’m confident we’ll be out of here early.”

There’s no scheduled end to a legislative session, but lawmakers’ daily expense payments end on April 22. That move usually hastens the end of a session.

Gronstal predicted the second session of the 82nd General Assembly will be history even earlier.

There’s no shortage of work facing lawmakers, who also usually end legislative sessions with marathon days that result in much of the year’s final product.

One top issue is union bargaining rights for public workers. The Legislature already approved a measure broadening those rights for the first time in 34 years, but Gov. Chet Culver threatened a veto because he claimed the matter had been rushed to approval.

The measure is a top priority for organized labor, an important group for the Democrats who have pushed for the legislation.

“It’s obviously, in my opinion, a power grab by special-interest groups,” said Senate Minority Leader Ron Wieck, R-Sioux City. “I think the people of Iowa are getting that story.”

Gronstal said he was optimistic legislators could reach an agreement with the Democratic governor.

“We are going to find a resolution,” said Gronstal. “I think that is highly likely at this point.”

Among other high-profile issues in trouble are Culver’s call for expansion of the state’s bottle deposit law and various proposals to limit smoking in public places.

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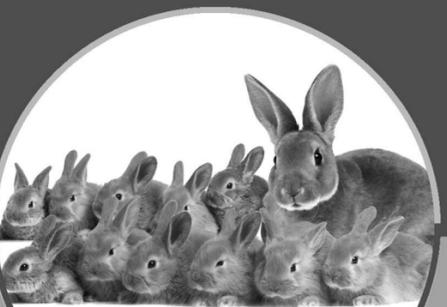
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Dean: No delegate deal before June

WASHINGTON (AP) — A deal to allow delegates from Florida and Michigan to participate at the Democratic National Convention is unlikely before summer, party chief Howard Dean said Sunday.

Dean said that was partly because presidential candidates Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama want to focus on the coming round of contests. Next on the schedule are Pennsylvania on April 22 and Indiana and North Carolina on May 6, followed by several other states and U.S. territories. Voting will end June 3.

But Dean continued to express confidence that an agreement would be reached to seat delegates from both states.

"It's going to take some time to work that out because these candidates are really focused on these primary battles in ... Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, and North Carolina, and so forth and so on," Dean told "Face the Nation" on CBS. "And so it's going to take some time to work this out."

"But I think we can work it out, and I want to work it out," he said.

During a separate interview on ABC's "This Week," Dean said "I agree" when asked whether a solution will have to wait until after the last Democratic contests in South Dakota and Montana on June 3 and after the remaining superdelegates have said which candidate they support.

The Democratic National Committee stripped Florida and Michigan of their convention delegates — a total of 366 — for holding primaries too early in the process, violating party rules. Rodham Clinton and Obama agreed not to campaign in either state, and Obama joined other candidates in removing their names from Michigan's ballot.

Rodham Clinton won both primaries, and she and her campaign have been pressing for those results to be recognized, Obama objects.

Both states have abandoned plans to hold do-over contests, but they are demanding to be included in the process. Dean has had talks with officials from both states but says Obama and Rodham Clinton must be part of any deal.

The former first lady trails Obama both in the popular



Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean gestures during an interview with the Associated press on March 27 at DNC Headquarters in Washington. A deal to allow delegates from Michigan and Florida to participate at the Democratic National Convention is unlikely before summer, Dean said Sunday.

J. Scott Applewhite/Associated Press

vote and in the pledged delegates won in primaries and caucuses, and she has said she will take her fight for the nomination to the August convention in Denver if necessary.

Dean also has urged the superdelegates — the nearly 800 elected and other Democratic officials who are free to vote for whomever they choose — to take a position soon after the voting ends to avoid a convention fight. More than half the superdelegates have said which candidate they will support.

With only two candidates remaining, Dean said the nominee should be evident by June 1.

"Unless this is a dead heat, there's no reason to go to Denver, if the unpledged delegates will make their preferences clear and the voters will make their preferences clear, which they will by the third of June, then we'll know who our nominee is and we can win," Dean said on CBS.

States use prescription drug 'recycling' programs

NEW YORK (AP) — The struggle to keep soaring medical costs in check is feeding an increase in state programs that collect unused prescription drugs to give away to the uninsured and poor.

Some states allow donations of sealed drugs from individuals, while others only accept pharmaceuticals from institutions, such as doctor's offices or assisted-living homes. Drugs are typically vetted by pharmacists to cross-check safety, then distributed by hospitals, pharmacies, or charitable clinics.

The type of drugs donated run the gamut and include antibiotics, antipsychotics, blood thinners and antidepressants.

At least 33 states have laws to allow or study drug recycling programs, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Most state programs are just a few years old or still in the test stages, but officials envision huge gains.

In Iowa, David Fries, CEO of the Iowa Prescription Drug Corp., said the

program has the potential to double or triple in the near future. Officials in Tulsa, Okla., also see plenty of room for growth.

Busloads of women, children taken from Texas polygamist compound

ELDORADO, Texas (AP) — Authorities who removed 219 women and children from a polygamist compound were struggling Sunday to determine whether they had the 16-year-old girl whose report of an underage marriage led them to raid the sprawling rural property.

Many people at the compound, built by followers of jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, are related to one another and share similar names; investigators said in some case they were giving different names at different times.

Investigators on Sunday bused them out of Eldorado, nearly 200 miles northwest of San Antonio, as other law-enforcement agents continued to search for more children and evidence at the 1,700-acre compound, the former site of an exotic game ranch.

State troopers armed with a search warrant raided the compound on April 4 to look for evidence of a marriage between the girl, who allegedly had a baby at 15, and a 50-year-old man. Under Texas law, girls younger than 16 cannot marry, even with parental approval.

The women and children were taken out of the compound April 4 and 5, and they had been staying in a local church and civic center.

Anti-China protesters almost snuff Olympic flame

LONDON (AP) — Demonstrators

grabbed at the Olympic torch, blocked its path, and tried to snuff out its flame Sunday in raucous protests of China's human rights record that forced a string of last-second changes to a chaotic relay through London.

The biggest protests since last month's torch-lighting in Greece tarnished China's hope for a harmonious prelude to a Summer Olympics celebrating its rise as a global power. Instead, the flame's 85,000-mile journey from Greece to Beijing has become a stage for activists decrying China's recent crackdown on Tibetans and support for Sudan despite attacks on civilians in Darfur.

One protester slipped through a tight police cordon early in the day and managed to grip the torch before he was thrown to the ground and taken away by police.

"Before I knew what was happening, this guy had lurched toward me and was grabbing the torch out of my hand and I was determinedly clinging on," former children's television host Connie Huq told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

"I do feel for the cause," she said. "I think that China have got a despicable human-rights record."

Somali official: Pirates have docked hijacked French boat

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — France has made contact with pirates who hijacked a French luxury yacht off Africa's eastern coast with 30 French and Ukrainian crew members on board, the French foreign minister said Sunday.

Approximately 10 suspected pirates stormed the 288-foot Le Ponant on April 4 as it was returning, without passengers, from the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean. The pirates then guided the vessel down Somalia's eastern coast.

The hijacking comes amid a surge in piracy in the seas off the chaotic Horn of Africa nation, where a weak and impoverished government is unable to patrol its territorial waters. Pirates have seized more than two dozen ships off the country's coast in the last year, typically demanding high ransoms to free their hostages.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner told France-Inter radio that France was in contact with the pirates.

"We have established contact, and the case may take a long time," he said, without providing more details. Asked whether France would consider paying a ransom, he responded, "We'll see."

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VA credit-card use questioned

By Hope Yen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs employees last year racked up hundreds of thousands of dollars in government credit-card bills at casino and luxury hotels, movie theaters, and high-end retailers such as Sharper Image and Franklin Covey — and government auditors are investigating, citing past spending abuses.

All told, VA staff charged \$2.6 billion to their government credit cards.

The Associated Press, through a Freedom of Information request, obtained the VA list of 3.1 million purchases made in the 2007 budget year. The list offers a detailed look into the every-day spending at the government's second largest department.

By and large, it reveals few outward signs of questionable spending, with hundreds of purchases at prosthetic, orthopedic, and other medical-supply stores.

But there are numerous charges that have caught the eye of government investigators.

At least 13 purchases totaling \$8,471 were charged at Sharper Image, a specialty store featuring high-tech electronics and gizmos such as robotic barking dogs. In addition, 19 charges worth \$1,999.56 were made at Franklin Covey, which sells leather totes and planners geared toward corporate executives.

Government reports in 2004 said these two companies, by virtue of the types of products they market, would "more likely be selling unauthorized or personal use items" to federal employees.

Many of the 14,000 VA employees with credit cards, who work at headquarters in Washington and at medical centers around the nation, also spent tens of thousands of dollars at Wyndham hotels in places such as San Diego, Orlando, Fla., and on the riverfront in Little Rock, Ark.



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Pedestrians walk by a Sharper Image store in Beverly Hills, Calif., on Feb. 27. Veterans Affairs employees last year racked up hundreds of thousands of dollars in government credit-card bills at casino and luxury hotels, movie theaters, and high-end retailers such as the Sharper Image.

One-time charges ranged up to \$8,000.

On at least six occasions, employees based at VA headquarters made credit card charges at Las Vegas casino hotels totaling \$26,198.

VA spokesman Matt Smith said the department was reviewing these and other purchases as part of its routine oversight of employee spending. He noted that many of the purchases at Sharper Image and other stores included clocks for low-vision veterans, humidifiers, air purifiers, alarm devices, and basic planner products.

Smith said all the casino hotel expenditures in 2007 were for conferences and related expenses. He said the spending was justified because Las Vegas is a place where "VA is building a new medical center and an increasing number of veterans are calling home."

"The Department of Veterans Affairs, like many public and private groups, hosts conferences and meetings in Las

Vegas due to the ease of participant travel, the capacity of the facilities, and the overall cost associated with hosting a conference," he said.

According to VA policy, purchase cards may be used at hotels to rent conference rooms or obtain audiovisual equipment or other items for VA meetings. They should not be used to reserve lodging. Auditors long have urged the VA to adopt policies to encourage use of free conference rooms. Auditors previously faulted the agency for booking rooms at expensive casino hotels without evidence it first had sought free space.

In the coming weeks, auditors at the Government Accountability Office and the VA inspector general's office are to issue reports on purchase card use and spending controls at the VA and other agencies. The reports are expected to show lingering problems at the VA, which auditors cited in 2004 for lax spending controls that wasted up to \$1.1 million.

Ellis, vice president of the watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense. "If you're staying at a hotel at a strip in Vegas, you better have a pretty good reason for why a taxpayer should be funding the stay."

"It's not like the VA hasn't gotten into trouble for credit card abuses in the past," he said. "I find it hard to justify any government purchase from Sharper Image — unless you get something really goofy, it's going to be cheaper elsewhere."

Penalties for misuse of government credit cards range from suspension of the credit card to a reprimand and disciplinary action. Employees may be criminally prosecuted for fraud. More serious cases in recent years involved purchases of computers, televisions, DVD players and other items that were then sold to friends or kept for personal use.

"It's all being looked at," said Belinda Finn, the VA's assistant inspector general for auditing, in a telephone interview. Pointing to Sharper Image purchases in particular, Finn said many of the VA expenses identified by the AP raised serious "red flags."

"For a lot of the transactions on purchase cards, to be effective you really need to keep a close watch," she said. "It's really the first-level supervisors who know what's going on the most."

Congressional leaders said the expenditures were troubling.

Rep. Harry Mitchell, chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs subcommittee on oversight, said he would question VA officials about the purchases at a hearing set for July. Mitchell, D-Ariz., said he feared there may be "a growing culture of wasteful spending at the VA."

He noted that former VA Secretary Jim Nicholson had awarded more than \$3.8 million

in bonus payments to senior officials despite their roles in crafting a flawed budget that fell \$1 billion short.

"It seems irresponsible that while our veterans are waiting months for doctor's appointments, the VA is spending thousands of dollars at Las Vegas casino hotels and high-end retail shops instead of seeking out more affordable or cost-free alternatives," Mitchell said.

Sen. Daniel Akaka, who heads the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, said he planned to closely review the upcoming audit reports to see if spending controls needed to be tightened.

"I remain concerned that the federal government may end up paying more than necessary when employees purchase items one-by-one," said Akaka, D-Hawaii. "While I am confident that the vast majority of these charges are appropriate and legal, I urge VA to aggressively investigate allegations of fraud."

Over the years, lawmakers and watchdog groups have pointed to the potential abuse of government purchase cards, particularly at large agencies such as Defense, Homeland Security and VA, where card spending for goods ranging from defibrillators and prosthetics to Starbucks coffee has climbed from \$1.7 billion in 2003 to \$2.6 billion today.

In the past, purchase cards have been improperly used to pay for prostitutes, gambling activity and even breast implants.

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Iraqis confront al-Sadr's party

By Hamza Hendawi and Qassim Abdul-Zahra
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BAGHDAD — Iraq's major Shiite, Sunni, and Kurdish parties have closed ranks to force anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to disband his Mahdi Army militia or leave politics, lawmakers and officials involved in the effort said Sunday.

Such a bold move risks a violent backlash by al-Sadr's Shiite militia. But if it succeeds, it could cause a major realignment of Iraq's political landscape.

The first step will be adding language to a draft election bill banning parties that operate militias from fielding candidates in provincial balloting this fall, the officials and lawmakers said. The government intends to send the draft to Parliament within days and hopes to win approval within weeks.

"We, the Sadrists, are in a predicament," lawmaker Hassan al-Rubaie said on Sunday. "Even the blocs that had in the past supported us are now against us, and we cannot stop them from taking action against us in Parliament."

Al-Sadr controls 30 of the 275 parliamentary seats, a substantial figure but not enough to block legislation.

Al-Rubaie said the threat was so serious that a delegation might have to discuss the issue with al-Sadr in person. The young cleric, who has disappeared from the public eye for nearly a year, is believed to be in the Iranian holy city of Qom.

In a rare public signal of dissent in Sadrist ranks, al-Rubaie complained that "those close" to al-Sadr "are radicals, and that poses problems," suggesting that some of the cleric's confidants may be urging him toward a showdown.

"We must go and explain to him in person that there's a problem," he said.

U.S. officials have been pressing Iraq's government for years to disband the militias, including the Mahdi Army.

All major political parties are believed to maintain links to armed groups, although none acknowledge it. Some groups, including militias of Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's Dawa



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Family members mourn for Musa Hamed, who was killed during clashes in the Shiite enclave of Sadr City, Baghdad, on April 5.

party and al-Sadr's chief rival, the Supreme Iraqi Islamic Council, have been integrated into the government security services.

That put them nominally under the government's authority, although they are believed to maintain ties to the political parties and retain their command structures.

Uprisings in 2004 by al-Sadr's militiamen ended through mediation by top Shiite clerics. Shiite leaders then attempted to bring the Sadrists into the political mainstream, offering them Cabinet posts and deferring to them on some major security issues.

But attacks by Shiite extremists continued, allegedly carried out by pro-Iranian splinter groups.

The militia issue took on new urgency after al-Maliki launched a major operation March 25 against Shiite extremists in Basra and fighting quickly spread from the

southern port city to Baghdad and elsewhere.

The Sadrists believed the Basra crackdown was aimed at weakening their movement before the fall elections. They insisted al-Maliki was encouraged to move against them by their chief Shiite rivals — the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council.

U.S. and Iraqi officials insist the crackdown is directed at criminal gangs and splinter groups supported by Iran.

Al-Sadr ordered his fighters off the streets March 30 under a deal brokered in Iran. But the truce left the militia intact and armed and did not address the long-term threat.

"We want the Sadrists to disband the Mahdi Army. Just freezing it is no longer acceptable," said Sadiq al-Rikabi, a senior adviser to al-Maliki. "The new election law will prevent any party that has weapons or runs a militia from contesting elections."

WORLD

Rocket attacks on US targets in Baghdad kill 3

BAGHDAD (AP) — Suspected Shiite militants lobbed rockets and mortar shells into the U.S.-protected Green Zone and a military base elsewhere in Baghdad on Sunday, killing three American troops and wounding 31, officials said.

The attacks occurred as U.S. and Iraqi forces battled Shiite militants in Sadr City in some of the fiercest fighting since radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered a cease-fire a week ago. At least 16 Iraqi civilians were killed and nearly 100 wounded in the fighting, according to hospital officials.

A military official said two U.S. troops died and 17 were wounded in the attack on the Green Zone, which houses the U.S. Embassy and the Iraqi government headquarters in central Baghdad.

Another American service member was killed and 14 were wounded in the attack on a base in the southeastern Baghdad area of Rustamiyah, the official said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

The U.S. military said separately that an American soldier was killed Sunday in a roadside bombing in the volatile Diyala province north of Baghdad. A U.S. soldier assigned to the division operating south of the capital also died Sunday from non-combat related injuries, according to a statement.

The deaths raised to at least 4,018 members of the U.S. military who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

A senior U.S. military official, also declining to be identified for the same reason, said the rockets were fired at the Green Zone from Sadr City, while the mortar shells came from another predominantly Shiite neighborhood in eastern Baghdad, New Baghdad.

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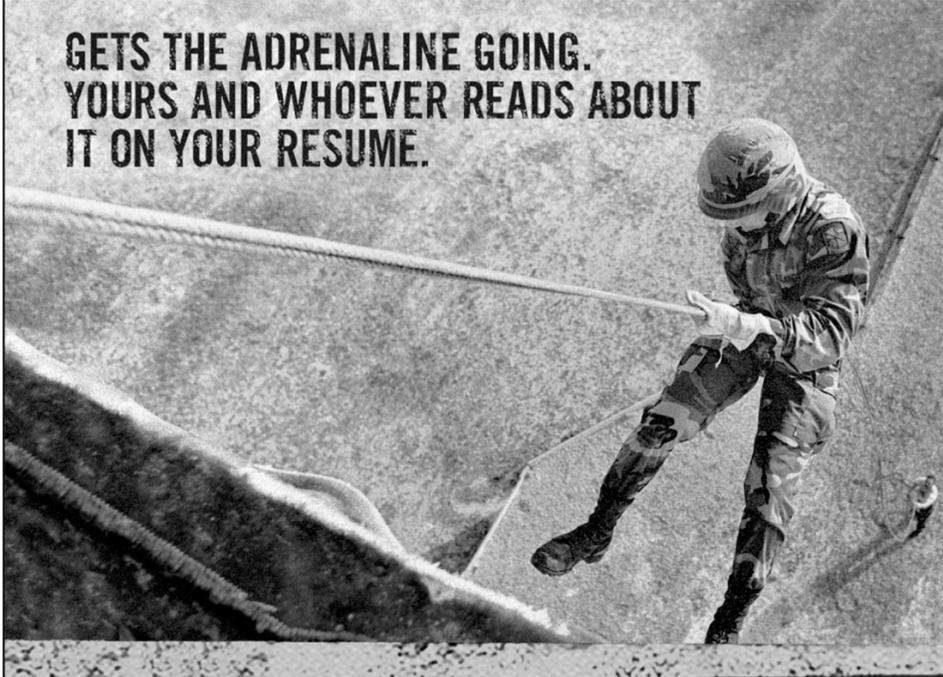
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Arts & Culture

Even though the homework and obligations we neglected this week are beginning to pile up, the procrastination was completely justified: The Mission Creek Midwest Festival, a music extravaganza that spawned from a similar San Francisco event, blew through town this weekend, ruining both grades and ear drums in its path.



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Poison Control Center guitarist Patrick Tape Fleming and his bandmates open for headliner Cursive at the Mill on April 4. Cursive frontman Tim Kasher toured through Iowa City in September 2007 with his other band, the Good Life.



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Birth Rites' fans wait for the band perform at the Picador on April 2. Birth Rites, a local Iowa City band, opened for indie-experimental quartet So Many Dynamos.

BELOW: Spoon performs at the Capitol Theater in Davenport on April 3 as a part of a joint Mission Creek-Daytrotter concert. White Rabbits and the Walkmen opened for the Austin, Texas, band, which released its sixth full-length album, *Ga Ga Ga Ga Ga*, in 2007.



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ABOVE LEFT: Vocalist and tambourine player JDK Blacker of San Francisco-based the Blacks, performs with his band at the Mill on April 4. The Blacks opened for headliner Cursive.

FAR LEFT: Hip-hop trio MC/VL perform at the Yacht Club on April 2. The band rocked the South by Southwest Festival in Austin, Texas, last month before returning to the Midwest to open for the Glowing Glass.

LEFT: Guitarist Mike Noyce of the band Bon Iver plays for a crowd in the IMU Black Box Theater on April 5. Bon Iver, fronted by vocalist Justin Vernon, was headliner for the first concert at the venue, which also featured performances from Sam Locke-Ward, Caleb Mit'n, and Caleb Engstrom.



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Editorial

CPR training must be taught in high school

If someone stops breathing and collapses onto the ground, do you know what to do? Do you know CPR? Will you injure them if you push too hard, or worse, will you not do any good if you don't push hard enough? Do you call 911 and hope someone else knows how to perform mouth-to-mouth? Do you feel helpless?

The recent news from the American Heart Association regarding cardiopulmonary resuscitation is good, and it will likely help us all to help each other. The heart association, after consulting three recent studies, has concluded that continuous chest-compression CPR is as effective in treating cardiac arrest in adults as standard CPR. Continuous chest compression is "pushing hard and fast in the middle of the victim's chest, without stopping until emergency-medical-services responders arrive," according to Dr. Michael Sayre, the chairman of the heart association statement committee. Bystanders may be hesitant to take action, should they observe a collapse, because they may be afraid to cause further injury or are apprehensive about mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Others may simply lack specific CPR training and not know what to do. Continuous chest compression is incredibly simple to understand and easy to apply, and it's likely that this new knowledge of its effectiveness will further increase the chances of cardiac arrest victims.

As encouraging as this endorsement of hands-only CPR is, it doesn't mean traditional CPR methods, including mouth-to-mouth, are to be

abandoned. Continuous chest compression should not be used for infants or children, for adults whose cardiac arrest is from respiratory causes (such as near drowning), or for an unwitnessed cardiac arrest. The millions of dollars and countless hours spent on full CPR certification through the American Red Cross and other organizations have not been wasted. If anything, these efforts need to be increased. Ensuring that future generations of Americans know how to perform these life-saving methods is critical, and the best way to facilitate this education is to mandate it.

High school teaches us how to drive, cook, and do simple math. Why not learn how to save a life? National education standards are difficult to agree on, and even more challenging to enforce, but requiring students to learn comprehensive CPR for all situations and for victims of all ages can and must be accomplished. Some states already require CPR testing at the high-school level, but a national initiative is needed. While individuals must be responsible for continuing to recertify themselves, the first step is to learn these skills early in life. By mandating the teaching of these skills in the classroom we will be ensuring the likelihood that, in the future, everyone will have the ability to prevent the loss of life. Everyone will have a better chance of surviving a heart attack, drowning, or other heart-stopping incident. Everyone will be safer, and no one will be helpless. Traditional CPR must be taught in every high school in the country.

The quietest Americans

I took a trip to Menards Saturday. I got lost on my way — how was I supposed to know it had moved? I ventured to the old location out on Highway 1, only to be confronted by a mega-car sale and two men from the dealership dancing at the intersection. I wanted to shield my eyes from their bright neon jackets — Huge sale! Huge sale! — but couldn't help but watch the train wreck that was their dancing.

When I finally spotted the new Menards, I was taken aback — it's huge. I literally spent 20 minutes wandering aimlessly about the superstore, jaw-to-the-floor shocked at the huge ceilings and never-ending aisles. I was entranced, totally enthralled by being able to get keys made while designing a kitchen and staring at planks of wood.



ANDREW SWIFT

But then I saw the cookies. Cookies? In Menards? Upon looking into the matter further, I noticed there is an entire grocery section. It's a hardware store! I felt immensely aggrieved.

Yes, it is convenient to buy food-stuffs while shopping for doors. But it just doesn't go together. The American quest for bigger, easier, and simpler is erasing complexity and entrenching uniformity — at great cost.

It is not that we want our lives to be easier — though no doubt we deserve a few breaks here and there. But our society has a terrifying zeal for eradicating anything outside the box. Our suburban neighborhoods all look the same, with our gas-guzzling SUVs clogging parallel roads. We gentrify our cities by destroying their character — unless you think Times Square always had a Disney store.

We strive for happiness at all costs, rejecting the vibrancy of the ebbs and flows in life. We cast aside the necessary doubts, unflinchingly believe what we hear, and immerse ourselves in our own lives, ignoring the reality around. Ironically, we watch reality TV but seek at all times to kill the real thing.

We create myths that have nothing to do with reality. We are told the Detroit Tigers are unstoppable even though their bullpen is dreadful and their lineup aging, injury-prone, and due for regression to the mean. Our newspapers — a shell of their former selves, after media heads started caring more about their profit margins than informing the public — report that the surge did great things for Iraq while failing to mention the bigger reasons violence declined: Chiefly, that Muqtada al-Sadr took the Mahdi Army off the streets and ethnic cleansing in Baghdad is largely completed.

In Iowa City, this teeming mass of debauchery, the other America exists on the margins. Saturday night, while on Tour De Bars — Facebook it if you want to know more — we stopped at Kandyland, on Maiden Lane. I felt out of place — or rather, that we were intruding on their turf.

I consider myself a supporter of free trade as economic policy and love to talk about re-education programs for those who lose their jobs. But too often it seems that we never put a human face to our thoughts — we talk about job creation versus job losses on a balance sheet and forget that lives of real people are hugely impacted by our policies.

Kandyland made me feel for Frank Sobotka, the union head from season two of "The Wire" who tried to stem the tide against the stevedores. (What? You thought I wasn't going to put in another reference about the show?) Sitting in a bar of "working stiffs," as Sobotka would say, showed the other side of America so rarely talked about.

I thought about the Greyhound Bus Station in Chicago that was the final leg of my vacation abroad over winter break. We do such a "good job" of hiding our poor that actually seeing an existence outside of white, upper middle-class America was refreshingly jarring.

Menards is one of many examples of these super-duper, giant sized behemoths — Wal-Mart, Target, etc. Prices are cheap; you can get nearly anything you need — what could be wrong? This is a fallacy, and worse, it's an appealing lie. Everything is getting bigger, but inside is only a hollow core. ■

DI columnist Andrew Swift is currently receiving therapy from seeing those two guys dance. E-mail him at: andrew-swift@uiowa.edu, but please! No sudden moves.

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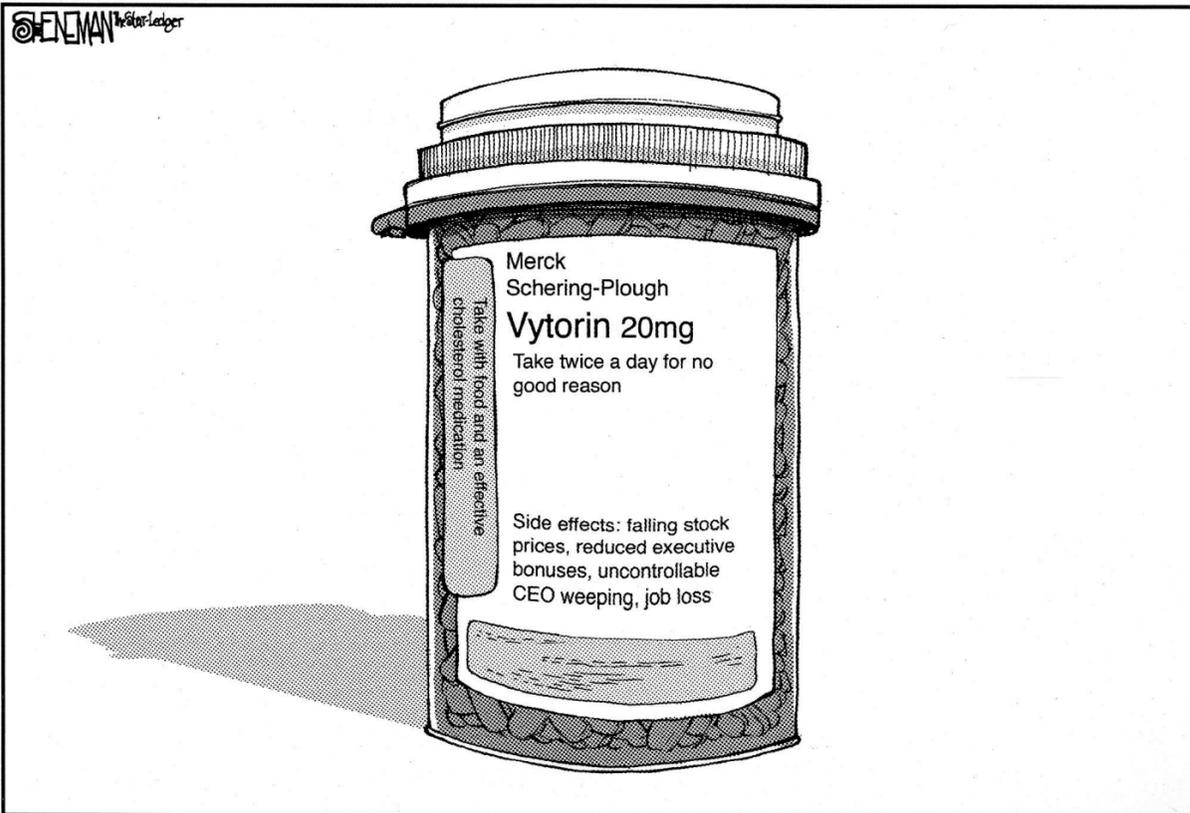
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CORRECTION

Mariel Bryden, who wrote the guest opinion "The theft of peace" in Friday's DI (April 4), was incorrectly identified as a graduate student. Bryden is a UI senior. The DI regrets the error.



Commentary

A novel idea for an old problem: Force politicians to stop ducking

The federal budget is on an autopilot course to ruin. Spending on the three big entitlement programs — Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid — grows automatically, consuming a large and growing share of the budget with benefits that flow mostly to the elderly. Meantime, there is almost no public discussion about the tradeoffs involved: Would the money be better spent on education, homeland security, defense, or infrastructure? Even before the baby boomers retire, more than \$4 out of every \$10 go to these programs; if health-care spending increases at the current rate, within 40 years, Medicare and Medicaid alone will amount to as large a share of the economy as the entire federal budget composes today.

Absent intervention, the country faces three unpalatable scenarios: running dangerously high deficits, squeezing spending on other vital needs, or raising taxes to levels that could threaten economic growth.

Meanwhile, the easy-sounding fixes peddled by right and left are not going to solve the problem. Eliminating government waste, growing the economy, getting health-care costs under control, rolling back some or even all of the Bush tax cuts — all of these are important elements of a solution, but the unpleasant fact is that the country has promised more than it is going to be able to deliver. No wonder you're not hearing much about this from the presidential candidates.

Last week an impressive and ideologically diverse collection of economists and budget experts proposed an intriguing mechanism for forcing lawmakers — and the next president — to focus on the problem. The group, whose members come from think tanks ranging from the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute to the Heritage Foundation and the American

Enterprise Institute, would take Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid off autopilot growth and require lawmakers to set 30-year budgets. These would be reviewed every five years to determine whether the costs are set to remain within the allotted limits. If not, there would be automatic adjustments — the experts' paper doesn't specify what those would be — unless lawmakers acted to override this trigger.

This is not, and was not intended to be, a solution to the problem of runaway entitlement spending. The group, not surprisingly given its ideological scope, does not offer answers to the toughest questions: What should the spending levels be? What benefits should be cut, taxes raised, or provider payments reduced? Rather, the paper offers a mechanism to force Congress and the president to face up to these difficult policy choices. There are legitimate worries about whether this mechanism would function as intended. Tax breaks, too, are on an automatic course; why not require that they be revisited as well? Would the trigger mechanism really work — or would lawmakers just vote to waive the limits?

These and other questions are worth debating with the serious people (they include three former Congressional Budget Office directors, two Democrats and one Republican) who worked for nearly two years on the proposal. As one of them, Alice Rivlin, said when the proposal was unveiled, "We're hoping to start a conversation. If you don't like our proposal, tell us what you think should be done — because continuing the status quo is simply not an option."

This editorial appeared in Sunday's Washington Post.

On the Spot

Do you know CPR?



"I did in high school, but I haven't renewed it."

Joe Pray
UI senior



"No. It's not something I'd just go and learn."

Ben Lewis
UI senior



"Yeah, we learned it in a class in high school."

Jade Miner
UI sophomore



"Yeah. I'm a lifeguard, so I can certify people."

Steve Lorenz
UI sophomore



DI Recommends

Playing football. If *Leatherheads* wasn't enough reason to pick up the sport, the weather is starting to get nice, and it's time to shed those pounds gained over winter hibernation. So grab a ball, some friends, and yell, "Hike!"

Arts & Culture

When in doubt, punt



MOVIE REVIEW

by Meryn Fluker

Leatherheads

When:

1, 3:55, 6:30, 9:05 p.m.
1:20, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45 p.m.

Where:

Sycamore Cinema 12; Coral Ridge 10
★★★ out of ★★★★★

Leatherheads is a love letter to professional football's often forgotten early days — before rules, instant-replay, and seven-figure salaries. George Clooney (who also steps behind the camera as producer and director) stars as longtime professional player Jimmy "Dodge" Connelly, who, with his team, the Duluth Bulldogs, is barely holding on in a league that's fading fast because of a lack of funding and little fan interest.

College football, on the other hand, is hotter than ever, with packed stadiums and loads of press coverage. Enter Princeton University football star Carter Rutherford, played adeptly by John Krasinski of NBC's "The Office," who is riding high on a wave of publicity following an inspiring tale of how he single-handedly forced a unit of German soldiers to



Publicity photo

John Krasinski (left) and George Clooney play old-school pigskin in *Leatherheads*. Despite the duo's affable charm and witty script, the film's plot definitely fumbles.

surrender during World War I. Seeming too good to be true, the Chicago Tribune puts fiery reporter Lexie Littleton (Renée Zellweger) on the case to figure out if Rutherford is a bonafide American hero.

Wanting to energize his team, currently perched on the edge of financial ruin, Connelly makes Rutherford an offer he can't refuse: Join the Bulldogs, earn a fat wad of cash, and

bring the nation's attention to professional football. Rutherford agrees and a waterfall of slapstick craziness ensues. Of course, there's a love triangle, sexy Littleton woos Rutherford in the hopes of getting him to reveal what really happened on the battlefield, while Connelly and Littleton engage in some of the most flirtatiously antagonistic dialogue since such cinematic classics as *Pillow Talk*.

The result is an uneven romp that unsuccessfully tries to exist in two worlds: *Leatherheads* wants to be a chronicle of professional football's rough-and-tumble beginnings, yet also aspires to be a whip-smart, snappy romantic comedy. The film attempts to foster real nostalgia for a time that doesn't exist: Clooney's 1925 is a time of racial harmony and economic strife only seen through the eyes of professional football teams, and Littleton faces only aesthetic sexism in the form of light jabs from colleagues (never mind that she's offered a position as assistant editor of the Tribune, as if the '20s were the age of women's liberation).

All those cultural missteps would be fine if *Leatherheads* wasn't vying for some sort of historical accuracy or validity. The script is written by seasoned sports journalists Duncan Brantley and Rick Reilly. The dialogue is packed full of sharp quips, alone enjoyable enough to be worth the price of admission. Clooney does a fine job of playing an aging, but passionate, football player who'll do anything to delay giving up his glory days. His chemistry

with Krasinski, who is pitch-perfect as Rutherford, all but overshadows the boring and predictable love-triangle.

Zellweger is likable, but just not likable enough, and she is left in the dust by charm monsters Clooney and Krasinski, who are clearly more in tune with the fast-paced dialogue and comic rhythm. The film runs long at almost two hours, and more time should have been spent giving the two male leads more time together to show how funny and well-suited they are to play off each other.

Leatherheads is a romantic comedy for sports fans, and audiences will enjoy the Stogie-like antics of the film's stars (there's even a character named Curly). In short, the film is a lot like Zellweger — while imperfect, it's still cute, fun, and easy to watch.

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today's RECIPE



STEGOSAURUS PIZZA

WHAT YOU NEED

- 1 can of pizza dough
- 1 can of pizza sauce
- Package of mozzarella cheese
- Toppings to taste: pepperoni, sausage, veggies, pineapple, anchovies, etc.

WHAT TO DO

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Crack open the can of dough, then roll out onto ungreased cookie sheet. Shape dough into the general shape of a stegosaurus (or, really, whatever your personal favorite dinosaur is), then top it with the usual order of sauce, cheese, and toppings. Bake in oven for 10 minutes, or until the top of the pizza is browned and delicious-looking.

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SOFTBALL

Softball takes three of four

It was a big weekend for the Iowa softball team: It split two games with No. 5 Michigan and swept a double-header from Penn State to improve to 25-12 overall and 4-2 in Big Ten play.

The weekend began with a 2-1 win over the Wolverines on April 4 in Ann Arbor. The Hawkeyes' offense set the tone in the top of the first inning, when junior Colleen McGlaughlin belted a two-run homer that scored sophomore Lindsey Digmann. Junior pitcher Brittany Weil fanned six Wolverines en route to her 14th complete game of the season. Michigan won the next meeting, 3-0, holding the Hawkeyes to only four hits in the contest.

Against Penn State, Iowa took the first game, 5-2, thanks in large part to strong performances by Digmann and sophomore Katie Brown. Brown went 3-for-4 and knocked in three of the Hawkeyes' runs, while Digmann scored two runs while going 2-for-4. In the second contest, Iowa won, 6-4, by scoring five runs in the fifth inning.

—by Brendan Stiles

TENNIS

Women's tennis drops two

In its second loss to a ranked foe over the weekend, the Iowa women's tennis team dropped a 4-3 decision at No. 71 Michigan State on Sunday.

Each team earned three singles wins, but Hawkeye losses at the Nos. 1 and 3 doubles positions handed the decisive fourth point to the Spartans. Ranked 46th nationally, Iowa (11-6, 2-4) is now 1-6 when dropping the doubles portion of a meet.

The Hawkeyes' three wins came from seniors Milica Veselinovic (No. 2), Kayla Berry (No. 6), and freshman Alexis Dorr (No. 3). Veselinovic's victory was her 22nd this year, putting her just four wins away from the record for singles wins by a senior.

On April 4, No. 20 Notre Dame came to Iowa City to hand the Hawkeyes a 6-1 defeat. The Irish swept doubles play and went 5-1 in singles. Veselinovic netted Iowa's lone win, beating Brook Buck (9-7, 7-5).

The competition only gets tougher for the Hawkeyes, who will host No. 1 Northwestern on Saturday.

—by Brian Cardile

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PURDUE 16, IOWA 3

Boilermakers blast Hawks



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa infielder Justin Toole covers first base on a close play against Purdue on Sunday at Banks Field. The Boilermakers pounded Iowa pitching to end a four-game series with a 16-3 victory.

Purdue pounds Iowa's pitchers for 16 runs, and the Hawks fall to 1-7 in the Big Ten.

Highlights, photos online

Check out [dailyiowan.com](#) today for a photo slide show and highlights from the Hawkeyes' disappointing 16-3 loss to Purdue on Sunday.



By Diane Hendrickson

THE DAILY IOWAN

Purdue took advantage of shifting winds and Iowa's control problems as it defeated the Hawkeyes, 16-3, Sunday in the finale of the four-game series, Iowa's most lopsided defeat this season.

The Boilermakers took three games, dropping Iowa to 8-17, 1-7 in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes have lost eight of their last nine.

Iowa's problems started with the first batter. Justin Brauer misplayed a ball off the bat of Brandon Haveman for a double.

PURDUE 16, IOWA 3

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WP — Ivanic (2-0)
LP — Erdman (1-3)
SV — Cook (1)

A wild pitch allowed the Boilermaker right fielder to get to third, and he scored on a Ben Wolgamot single. Hawkeye coach Jack Dahm got the bullpen up as Hawkeye pitcher Nick Erdman continued to struggle with control, but a double play got him out of a bases-loaded jam after giving up two runs.

"I didn't see [Erdman's] confidence that he normally has out there," catcher Tyson Blaser said.

The Hawkeyes had runners on second and third with one out in the bottom of the frame,

but consecutive strikeouts killed the rally.

The Boilermakers exploded with a six-spot in the second. Erdman gave up three hits and two walks before being lifted for George Rasiarmos. Dan Black greeted him by launching the first pitch over the left-field fence for a grand slam and an 8-0 Purdue advantage.

Erdman, who came into the game with an 8.31 ERA, was responsible for seven runs in 1½ innings, allowing six hits and three walks.

After a strong season last year, Dahm believes the pitcher over-thinks his approach when he starts to struggle.

"We could see he was struggling; everything was up," Dahm said. "We didn't want to

SEE BASEBALL, 3B

Mossey tries to end slump

Three Hawkeyes send shots over the fence, but the struggles continue for one Iowa senior.

By Ryan Young

THE DAILY IOWAN

With the passing of each game, senior shortstop/closer Matt Mossey has found himself sinking further down the Iowa lineup, and his .222 average has been plummeting right along with him.

Mossey leads the Hawkeyes in strikeouts with 30, and he

added five more ring-ups over the weekend.

"He's striking out quite a bit because he's not seeing the ball very well right now," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said. "When you're relaxed, good things can happen to you, but when you start pressing, you just get a little bit tight and not see the ball

SEE MOSSEY, 3B

Men's tennis disappointed with split

Two weekend Big Ten meets dealt the Iowa men's tennis team (10-7, 2-4) an undesirable split.

By Bobby Loesch

THE DAILY IOWAN

From stinging defeat to a somewhat healing victory, the 52nd-ranked Iowa men's tennis team split a pair of must-win Big Ten meets over the weekend.

On paper, Iowa was the favorite against unranked Minnesota and 70th-ranked Michigan State, but the April 5 contest against the Golden Gophers didn't go as planned. The Hawkeyes, lost 4-3.

"It feels like we haven't got all of our energy out there," said Iowa's Christian Bierich. "Everyone hasn't played his best tennis.

It's just frustrating to see ... In doubles, it's especially frustrating."

Doubles play, the main vice of the Hawkeyes, continued to cause the team problems throughout the weekend. Despite a 5-2 victory over Michigan State the next day, the doubles point remained unclaimed as the Spartans took two of three matches to secure the point.

"Doubles we still haven't gotten corrected," said Iowa head coach Steve Houghton.

The poor showing against Minnesota didn't translate to Sunday, as Iowa won an impressive five of six singles matches in

beating Michigan State. The victory gave Iowa its first Big Ten win since Feb. 2 and doubled Iowa's conference win total from the 2007 season.

"It's good," said No. 1 singles player Bart van Monsjou. "We're definitely heading in the right direction in the Big Ten."

Van Monsjou's weekend was pretty reflective of the team's — he lost his match to Minnesota's Raoul Schwark (No. 88) but defeated Nick Rinks (No. 105) from Michigan State. Sitting at No. 69 in the nation, van Monsjou is aiming for a top-55 finish

SEE MEN'S TENNIS, 3B



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Hawkeye tennis player Patrick Dwyer returns the ball against Michigan State during a doubles match in Iowa City on Sunday. Although Dwyer and doubles partner Gregory Holm were defeated in the match, the No. 52 Hawkeyes downed the Spartans, 5-2.



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Philadelphia	2	4	.333	3
Central Division	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Milwaukee	5	1	.833	—
St. Louis	5	1	.833	—
Cincinnati	4	2	.667	1
Chicago	3	3	.500	2
Pittsburgh	3	3	.500	2
Houston	2	5	.286	3 1/2
West Division	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Arizona	4	2	.667	—
Los Angeles	4	2	.667	—
San Diego	4	3	.571	1/2
San Francisco	1	5	.167	3
San Francisco	1	5	.167	3

Northwestern 5, Michigan State 4
 Penn State 10, Michigan 1
 Ohio State 8, Minnesota 7
Today's Game
 Illinois at Indiana

BIG TEN SOFTBALL

Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games	W	L	Pct.
Northwestern	6	0	1.000	20	9	690	
Michigan	7	1	.875	32	4	889	
Purdue	4	2	.667	27	10	730	
Minnesota	4	2	.667	21	10	677	
Iowa	4	2	.667	25	12	676	
Michigan St.	4	2	.667	19	15	559	
Penn State	3	5	.375	26	13	667	
Illinois	2	4	.333	20	20	500	
Ohio State	2	6	.250	23	14	622	
Wisconsin	1	7	.125	11	28	282	
Indiana	1	7	.125	10	26	278	

Crawford still believes

Hawkeye coach Kelly Crawford is sticking by her prediction that the Iowa will finish top four in the Big Ten.

By Scott Miller
 THE DAILY IOWAN



Crawford coach

Since the beginning of the season, Iowa women's golf coach Kelly Crawford was telling anyone who would listen that her team was ready — ready to start winning tournaments, ready to get out of the cellar of the Big Ten, and ready to become one of the elite teams in the conference.

Today and Tuesday, Crawford hopes that her lineup — senior Jill Marcum, juniors Tyrette Metzendorf and Becky Quinby, and freshmen Laura Cilek and Brianna Coopman — can get the team out of this last-place ranking while playing the 6,620-yard, par-72 course.

But here's the funny thing about predictions: They stick with you. Even through an up-and-down fall season, in which the Hawkeyes finished no higher than fourth, they stick with you. And even through an inconsistent spring season, in which Crawford has seen her team finish as high as first and as low as ninth, they stick with you.

"I've got a lot of players who have tremendous talent, but we're just not getting it done in the competition," Crawford said. "Hopefully, they want to show these other Big Ten teams that we don't deserve to be at the bottom of this ranking right now."

Despite all of this, the second-year head coach still believes in her players. But she contends that they're running out of time — only two tournaments remain before the Big Ten championships.

In the team's previous two tournaments — events that Crawford believes her team should have won — the Hawkeyes have put up team scores 321 and 319 at the Gainesville Shootout and 322 at the Shamrock Invitational. To compete, Crawford says that her players need to keep these high numbers off the board.

One of those tournaments is the Indiana Invitational, which starts today at the Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Ind. Because this tournament features seven Big Ten teams, Crawford said, it's a good measuring stick for how the Hawkeyes will do in the conference championship in three weeks.

"We just need to put of some good numbers," she said. "And if the other teams beat us, they beat us. But I don't want teams beating us because we're not playing our best golf. We should be a team that's putting numbers up in the low 300s, and we're struggling to break 320."

"We're going to see a lot of Big Ten teams here, and we're going to kind of get a feel for where we're stacking up," she said. "We've got to have a good showing for our confidence [going into the last two tournaments of the year]."

Whether her players keep these high numbers off their cards, Crawford is sticking by her prediction. This is her team's year. Her players are ready; it's just about showing it.

Right now, the team's confidence could be at an all-time low considering that the Hawkeyes are ranked dead last in the Big Ten, according to national rankings. "That's certainly not a place at all I think we should be," Crawford said. "We are such a better team than that. I'm hoping that by being at the bottom right now, it's fired them up — that they're mad, that they're angry, that they're embarrassed, and that they

"I think we still believe that we can reach our goal of finishing top-four in the conference," she said. "We're not playing to our ability. I still believe that we can have a good showing [at the Big Ten championships]."

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Today's Games
 Pittsburgh 9, Florida 2
 Cincinnati 8, Philadelphia 2
 Atlanta 3, N.Y. Mets 1
 Milwaukee 7, San Francisco 0
 St. Louis 3, Washington 0
 Chicago Cubs 3, Houston 2
 Arizona 5, Colorado 2, 10 innings
 L.A. Dodgers 3, San Diego 2
Today's Games
 Philadelphia (Hamels 0-1) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 0-0), 11:35 a.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Lilly 0-1) at Pittsburgh (Gorzelanny 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
 San Diego (Maddux 0-0) at San Francisco (Cain 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Wellemeier 1-0) at Houston (Rodriguez 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Florida (Miller 0-1) at Washington (Redding 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
 Atlanta (Glavine 0-0) at Colorado (Cook 0-0), 7:35 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Loaiza 0-1) at Arizona (Haren 0-0), 8:40 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	4	1	.800	—
Toronto	4	2	.667	1/2
Tampa Bay	3	3	.500	1
New York	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Boston	3	4	.429	2
Central Division	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Chicago	4	2	.667	—
Kansas City	4	2	.667	—
Cleveland	3	3	.500	1
Minnesota	3	4	.429	1 1/2
Detroit	0	6	.000	4 1/2
West Division	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Los Angeles	4	3	.571	—
Texas	3	3	.500	1/2
Oakland	3	4	.429	1
Seattle	2	4	.333	1 1/2

Today's Games
 N.Y. Yankees 2, Tampa Bay 0
 Toronto 7, Boston 4
 Baltimore 3, Seattle 2
 Kansas City 3, Minnesota 1
 Texas 10, L.A. Angels 4
 Cleveland 2, Oakland 1
 Chicago White Sox 13, Detroit 2
Today's Games
 Seattle (F.Hernandez 0-0) at Baltimore (D.Cabrera 0-0), 2:05 p.m.
 Minnesota (Blackburn 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Vazquez 0-1), 3:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Hammel 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
 Cleveland (Carmona 1-0) at L.A. Angels (Saunders 1-0), 9:05 p.m.

NCAA WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR

At St. Pete Times Forum Tampa, Fla.
Sunday, April 6
 Stanford 82, Connecticut 73
 Tennessee 47, LSU 16
National Championship Tuesday, April 8
 Stanford (35-3) vs. Tennessee (35-2), 7:30 p.m.

NCAA MEN'S FINAL FOUR

At The Alamodome San Antonio
Saturday, April 5
 Memphis 78, UCLA 63
 Kansas 84, North Carolina 66
National Championship
Today's Game
 Memphis (38-1) vs. Kansas (36-3), 8 p.m.

BIG TEN BASEBALL

Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games	W	L	Pct.
Michigan	7	1	.875	17	9	680	
Purdue	6	2	.750	13	14	481	
Illinois	5	2	.714	16	8	667	
Ohio State	5	3	.625	16	9	640	
Indiana	3	4	.429	14	11	560	
Minnesota	3	5	.375	13	14	481	
Michigan St.	3	5	.375	11	14	440	
Northwestern	3	5	.375	7	14	333	
Penn State	3	5	.375	8	17	320	
Iowa	1	7	.125	8	17	320	

Friday's Games
 Iowa 2, Michigan 1
 Illinois 11, Penn State 1
 Michigan State 4, Ohio State 3
 Minnesota 7-5, Indiana 3-2
 Purdue 5, Wisconsin 2
Saturday's Games
 Michigan 3, Iowa 0
 Penn State 13, Illinois 0, 5 innings
 Michigan State 5, Ohio State 3
 Purdue 4, Wisconsin 3
Sunday's Games
 Iowa 5-6, Penn State 2-4
 Michigan 8-5, Illinois 0-0
 Northwestern 7-6, Ohio State 0-0
 Purdue at Minnesota, (2) canceled
 Indiana 5-0, Wisconsin 3-3

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Eastern Conference	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
y-Pittsburgh	47	27	8	102	247	216
x-New Jersey	46	29	7	99	206	197
x-N.Y. Rangers	42	27	13	97	213	199
x-Philadelphia	42	29	11	95	248	233
N.Y. Islanders	35	38	9	79	194	243
Northwest	W <td>L<td>OT<td>Pts<td>GF<td>GA</td></td></td></td></td>	L <td>OT<td>Pts<td>GF<td>GA</td></td></td></td>	OT <td>Pts<td>GF<td>GA</td></td></td>	Pts <td>GF<td>GA</td></td>	GF <td>GA</td>	GA
z-Montreal	47	25	10	104	262	222
x-Ottawa	43	31	8	94	261	247
x-Boston	41	29	12	94	212	222
Buffalo	39	31	12	90	255	242
Toronto	36	35	11	83	231	260
Southeast	W <td>L<td>OT<td>Pts<td>GF<td>GA</td></td></td></td></td>	L <td>OT<td>Pts<td>GF<td>GA</td></td></td></td>	OT <td>Pts<td>GF<td>GA</td></td></td>	Pts <td>GF<td>GA</td></td>	GF <td>GA</td>	GA
y-Washington	43	31	8	94	242	231
Carolina	43	33	6	92	252	249
Florida	38	35	9	85	216	226
Atlanta	34	40	8	76	216	272
Tampa Bay	31	42	9	71	223	267

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	54	21	7	115	257	184
x-Nashville	41	32	9	91	230	229
Chicago	40	34	8	88	239	235
St. Louis	36	12	8	80	193	218
Colorado 4, Minnesota 3, SO	26	13	97	213	199	
Philadelphia 2, Pittsburgh 0	26	13	97	213	199	
New Jersey 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, SO	26	13	97	213	199	
Anaheim 3, Phoenix 2, SO	26	13	97	213	199	
End of Regular Season						

NHL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
 No. 1 Montreal vs. No. 8 Boston
 No. 2 Pittsburgh vs. No. 7 Ottawa
 No. 3 Washington vs. No. 6 Philadelphia
 No. 4 New Jersey vs. No. 5 N.Y. Rangers
WESTERN CONFERENCE
 No. 1 Detroit vs. No. 8 Nashville
 No. 2 San Jose vs. No. 7 Calgary
 No. 3 Minnesota vs. No. 6 Colorado
 No. 4 Anaheim vs. No. 5 Dallas

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
 BOSTON RED SOX—Activated RHP Josh Beckett from the 15-day DL. Designated RHP Kyle Snyder for assignment.
 DETROIT TIGERS—Optioned OF-INF Ryan Raburn to Toledo (IL). Purchased the contract of RHP Francis Beltran from Toledo.
 KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Purchased the contract of RHP Hideo Nomo from Idaho Falls (Pioneer). Optioned C Matt Tupman to Omaha (PCL).
 LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Activated RHP Scot Shields from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Rich Thompson to Salt Lake (PCL).
 NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated LHP Andy Pettitte from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Jonathan Albaladejo to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
 DIFelice from Durham (IL).
National League
 ATLANTA BRAVES—Activated RHP John Smoltz from the 15-day DL. Optioned LHP Jo-Jo Reyes to Richmond (IL).

Gymnasts boost national rank

The Hawkeyes couldn't climb the Big Ten ladder but take a step up in national rankings.

By Lars Headington
 THE DAILY IOWAN

In the toughest conference in college gymnastics, the Hawkeyes maintained their improved level of performance over the past month, but they were unable to elevate their scores enough for a high finish at the Big Ten championships.

strongest on floor, earning fifth while hoisting a score of 59.35, a new school mark in the event. Junior Geoff Reins led the Hawkeyes on floor, setting a new individual Iowa mark with a 15.35 for sixth place overall.

On vault, Reins posted Iowa's highest individual performance in any event on the first day, finishing with a fourth-place tie behind a 16.0 score.

Sophomore Jon Buese led Iowa on parallel bars with a 14.4 to tie for 17th overall in the event, but the Hawkeyes' compiled just a 54.75 team score — making it difficult to climb back from sixth place in the standings.

"We started on vault, and we did well," Dunn said. "We kind of self-destructed on [parallel bars] a little bit, but we got back into it, did a real good job on high bar and floor, and we were pretty good on horse and rings, too."

The Hawkeyes, led by senior Curt Kleffman's 14.55 sixth-place individual finish, placed fifth as a team on pommel horse behind a 56.5 score.

Two Hawkeyes posted career highs on rings; sophomore Reid Urban matched his personal high — as well as Iowa's all-time mark — with a 14.7. Junior Diego Mercado-Austin eclipsed his old mark with a 14.6 on the event.



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye gymnast Geoff Reins flips through the air during a floor routine on Jan. 27, 2006. Over this past weekend, Reins took sixth place in the floor routine and third place on the vault, helping the Hawkeyes finish sixth at the Big Ten championships.

On the bar, Kleffman — who also compiled an 85.3 to finish eighth in the all-around — tied for 16th with a 13.95 for Iowa's highest score of the day on the event.

Based on their first-day performances, two Hawkeyes advanced to the second day of individual competition April 5.

Kleffman put up a 14.25 on pommel horse to take sixth in the event, while Reins had the standout performance on the day for the Hawkeyes.

The Buffalo Grove, Ill., native posted a 14.65 for sixth on floor and topped his vault score from the previous day with a 16.2, good for a third-place finish.

"[Reins'] floor exercise the first day might have been just a touch better than it was the

second day, but both routines were very good," Dunn said. "The vault was very good the second day. In fact, the two vaults that beat him were just amazing."

"Those three were just miles ahead of the rest of the field."

With a fourth-straight score in the 340s and a move up in the rankings, Dunn is confident in his team's ability and position to make an impact at the upcoming NCAA qualifier.

"We didn't have the meet we had hoped to have, but it's still within us to have our best performance," he said. "I think competing in the evening session at NCAAs, we should be in a position to get our highest score of the year."

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MLB

Lee's homer pushes Cubs past Astros

CHICAGO (AP) — Derrek Lee found his power stroke quickly this year.

Lee hit a tiebreaking homer in the seventh, Carlos Zambrano struck out seven in seven innings and the Chicago Cubs beat the Houston Astros, 3-2, Sunday.

Lee connected against Oscar Villarreal (0-2) for his first third homer of the season. The Cubs first baseman finished 2-for-3 with a walk and his one out was a long fly to deep center. He didn't hit his first homer last season until the 21st game and finished the season with only 22.

The Astros had tied it when Miguel Tejada hit his first homer with Houston leading off the seventh.

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One bright spot: Hawk long balls

MOSSEY

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real well.”
On Sunday, in the Hawkeyes’ 16-3 loss, Mossey had a disappointing outing. He was 0-for-4 with a strike out (looking) and a double play.

In Iowa’s series opener against Purdue on April 4, the transfer from North Dakota State went 0-for-4 with a pair of strikeouts. During Iowa’s double-header the following day, Mossey went a combined 1-for-4 with another pair of strikeouts and a walk.

Throughout his three years

as a Bison, he batted .294 as a freshman, .320 as a sophomore, and .295 as a junior.

“He has the ability,” Dahm said. “We’ll get him going.”

Long balls for Iowa

Home runs have been a rarity for Iowa’s batsmen 25 games into the season. But three different Hawkeye hitters homered during their four-game weekend series with Purdue.

During the first game of Iowa’s double-header with Purdue on April 5, freshman Kurtis Muller launched a game-winning three-run shot in the third inning for his first collegiate

home run. He ended the conference contest batting 2-for-3.

Junior third baseman Kevin Hoef also managed his first homer of the season immediately after in the same game. His was a solo shot over the left-field fence.

Against the Boilermakers, Muller and Hoef led the Hawkeyes offensively. Before Hoef went 0-for-4 on Sunday, the Hawkeye leadoff hitter had a pair of 2-for-4 outings to add to his .320 average.

“I’m just trying to keep it as simple as I can,” Hoef said. “Just try to do the little things right.

That’s what he have to work on right now.”

Meanwhile, the rookie Muller was 0-for-3 in Sunday’s Purdue finale, but in the double-header nightcap, he hit 2-for-4. He is just shy of .300 with a .284 average.

Senior centerfielder Caleb Curry was Iowa’s main run producer against the Boilermakers on Sunday. His two-run blast on a 3-2 count in the third inning was the only offense the Hawkeyes managed for five innings until they managed a third run in the ninth.

“It just got up in the wind and

took off,” Curry said of his homer. “I ended up getting two strikes on me, and I just choked up, got on the plate. He ended up coming inside, and I just kind of let my hands to the work.”

Relatives of Hawkeyes at UIHC

The sister of freshman infielder Zach McCool is currently in serious condition at the UI Hospitals and Clinics after she was involved in a car accident in Manchester, Iowa, Dahm said.

Dahm said McCool’s mother

was in the Banks Field stands and received a phone call during the Hawkeyes’ double-header on April 5. She then relayed the information to a nearby trainer, who told Dahm.

The fifth-year head coach went with McCool to visit afterwards.

“She’s in rough shape right now,” Dahm said. “I think there’s been some improvement today.”

McCool’s father is also at the Iowa City hospital with an undisclosed infection.

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Long weekend for baseball

BASEBALL

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let that game get out of hand early ... I thought our guys continued to battle. We had some good at bats, but we just couldn’t put anything together.”

Iowa relievers didn’t fare any better than Erdman. Purdue put runs on the board in the third, fifth, sixth, seventh, and ninth. The Hawkeyes couldn’t retire Purdue in order in a single inning and allowed a season-high 20 hits. Every Purdue starter scored a run, and all but Drew Madia recorded a hit.

“The pitchers weren’t hitting too many spots today, but also give them credit, they hit the ball wherever we threw it,” said Blaser, who went 3-for-3 at the plate.

The Hawkeyes got on the board on a Caleb Curry home run in the third. Trailing by 14 in the bottom of the ninth, Wes Freie led off with a double and scored on a Kody McManis single for Iowa’s third run.

The other games of the series were tightly contested. In the first matchup, Iowa took a scored six runs over the first two innings but only managed one hit over the rest of the game in an 8-6 loss. In the first game of a double-header April 5, the Hawkeyes took a 6-2 lead in the third inning. Purdue rallied for five in the sixth, but the Hawkeyes held on to win, 7-6. It was a 3-3 game in the nightcap, but Purdue’s Jordan Comadena singled home the winning run in the top of the seventh.

Although facing an uphill climb to get back into the thick of the conference standings, the Hawkeyes know momentum can shift in an instant.

“We just need one game, we just need one play, one pitch, something to get a spark, and we can turn these seven losses in the Big Ten into seven wins,” Curry said. “It’s just a matter of getting on a roll, getting some positive things going.

“There are a lot of games left.”

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Iowa pitcher George Rasiarmos watches as in Matt Mossey dives and misses the ball against Purdue on Sunday at Banks Field. Purdue defeated Iowa, 16-3.

Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Memphis to test Kansas defense

The Jayhawks’ defense shut down North Carolina and will try to control high-scoring Memphis in tonight’s championship game.

By Andrew Bagnato
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Two statistics stood out in Kansas’ 84-66 victory over North Carolina in the national semifinals.

The Tar Heels shot a season-low 35.8 percent from the floor, and they had 18 turnovers, four more than their average.

Chalk those uncharacteristic numbers up to Kansas’ relentless defense, especially early in the game, when the Jayhawks seemed to be playing with six or seven defenders.

The trick for Kansas will be duplicating that effort against the speedy Memphis Tigers in Monday’s national championship.

“We will need to have our best defensive performance,” guard Russell Robinson said Sunday.

Kansas is perhaps best known for its balanced, up-tempo attack. But the Jayhawks also excel on defense.

Were it not for a big stop at the end of the regional final against Davidson, Kansas might not even be playing for its third NCAA title. Clinging to a 59-57 lead in the final seconds, the Jayhawks blanketed Stephen Curry, forcing him to give the ball up to a teammate who missed a hurried heave.

On Sunday, Kansas coach Bill Self wasn’t divulging how he’ll try to tame the Tigers, who average 80 points per game, 14th nationally. But Memphis coach John Calipari said his team will be ready for anything, even a zone.

“It doesn’t matter what they play,” Calipari said. “We want to attack. We’re going to try to attack the rim.”

The closer the shot, the higher the percentage. But Kansas makes it tough on opposing shooters.

Kansas ranks third nationally in field-goal percentage defense, limiting opponents to 37.9 percent shooting from the floor.

As North Carolina prepared for Kansas, coach Roy Williams told his team not to take quick shots, and they did. He also warned them about the Jayhawks’ relentless pressure on ballhandlers.

“We talked about that you have to be strong with the ball,” he said. “We let them take it away from us twice, just reach in and take our ball.

“Defensively, they’re marvelous athletes, they really are,” Williams said.

The Jayhawks concede 61.3 points per game, 20th in the country; they limited North Carolina to 66 points, matching its lowest total this season.

The Jayhawks block 6 shots per game, 12th in the country; Kansas blocked nine shots against North Carolina, tying a national semifinal record.

Two Jayhawks guards — Robinson and Mario Chalmers — rank in the top 50 nationally in steals.

Kansas used its defense to harry the Heels into one of their worst performances in recent memory, at least early on. At halftime, North Carolina had more turnovers (10) than buckets (9).

It’s probably not realistic to expect the same performance against Memphis. But that’s what the Jayhawks want.

“I think definitely defense is going to play a major role in this



Charlie Neibergall/Associated Press

Kansas players walk off the stage as coach Bill Self continues to speak at a news conference at the college basketball Final Four on Sunday in San Antonio. Kansas will play Memphis in the championship game tonight.

game,” Kansas center Sasha Kaun said. “We have to have transition defense, stopping them when they come down on the fast break. As long as we have great energy, we’ll be just fine.”

But Kansas spent a lot of energy Saturday night. Will the Jayhawks be able to recharge in time for the final, which tips off less than 48 hours later?

“Last night was hard, no doubt about that, but I’m not worried,” Kaun said. “We are going to relax today to get ready for this. That is the nice thing about knowing it’s the last game. There is no excuse to hold

anything back.”

Brandon Rush is expected to guard red-hot Tigers guard Chris Douglas-Roberts, who is averaging a team-high 23.6 points per game in the NCAA tournament. Rush also shadowed Curry in the Davidson game.

“I love being in that role, just trying to limit one of the star players,” said Rush, who scored a team-high 25 points Saturday night.

Douglas-Roberts isn’t Memphis’ only scoring threat. His backcourt partner, freshman Derrick Rose, is averaging 21.4 points per game in the tourney.

Tennis gets unwanted split

MEN’S TENNIS

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to make NCAAs individually.

“I’ll probably drop in the ranks a little bit,” he said. “But I’ve still got my opportunities.”

After winning in the No. 3 spot against Minnesota, Bierich found himself playing No. 2 against Michigan State — and the move paid off. The junior dismantled Alex Forger (6-0, 6-1). He said he discovered he was playing No. 2 about “five seconds” before the match.

“I really don’t care,” he said when asked if he preferred No. 2 over No. 3. “I have my game plan. I will stick to it. Whoever I play? He needs to deal with it.”

Losing to Minnesota could be a big blow to Iowa’s goal of securing an NCAA Tournament bid. Iowa has four meets left on the schedule —

No. 35 Wisconsin, Northwestern, No. 74 Purdue, and No. 17 Illinois — and is a probable favorite in just two of the four.

“If we win three out of four, our chances [of making NCAAs] will be real good,” Houghton said. “Anything less than that, our chances are going to be real dicey. We’re underdogs to Wisconsin, underdogs to Illinois. The other two I’d be disappointed if we didn’t win.”

Iowa’s next opportunity comes on April 12-13, when the Hawkeyes have back-to-back road meets against Wisconsin and Northwestern.

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Sports

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Men's track

The Iowa men's track team began their annual season with four first-place finishes and three qualifiers for the NCAA Midwest Regional.

Competing in the Auburn, Ala., Andy Napier won the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:03.85, a regional qualifying time. The junior's collegiate best places him seventh all-time in school history.

Sophomore Adam Hairston won the 800 meters in 1:50.72 but missed a regional qualifying time by less than a third of a second. Sophomore Ray Varner placed third in the 400-meter hurdles, clocking a regional-qualifying 51.70. Freshman Chris Barton ran 47.31 in the 400 meters, falling 0.11 seconds shy of the regional mark and finishing in third place.

At the Central College Invitational, junior Matty Gorman placed first in the triple jump, bounding 49-2½ for a collegiate-best and regional-qualifying mark. The performance ranks fifth in Iowa history. Redshirt freshman Josh Bean placed second in the event, jumping 48-8, a mark ranking seventh on the school list.

Brendan Camplin won the 5,000 meters in 15:20.42, a collegiate best.

— by Alex Johnson

Freestyle (24.08), 22nd in the 100 butterfly (57.56), and 26th in the 100 freestyle (52.79). Salhus didn't qualify for the Olympics, but Hawkeye head coach Marc Long said he gained valuable experience at the meet.

"To get this kind of experience early on in his career will help as he progresses," Long said. "It was a great opportunity to go back to his home country and compete."

Another Hawkeye freshman, women's swimmer Verity Hicks, qualified the 2008 Oceania Swimming Championships in Christchurch, New Zealand. She qualified for the meet at New Zealand's Olympic trials March 28-30.

— by Mike Brownlee

Women's track

The Iowa women's track and field team had a weekend that saw a 17-year-old record broken, two national qualifiers and three regional qualifiers.

Senior Diane Nukuri broke the 10,000-meter record previously recorded in 1991 by more than 10 seconds. She finished fourth at the Stanford Invitational in a time of 33:17.01 while qualifying for the NCAA championships in June.

NCAA in the 10,000 meters, Meghan Armstrong qualified for the 2008 championships in June.

Senior Racheal Marchand qualified in the 5,000 meters at the Stanford invitational. Competing at the Auburn Tiger Classic, senior Tammilee Kerr and junior Renee White jumped respectively.

Marchand finished 18th, Kerr placed second, and White placed fourth.

— by Jeff Pawola

Swimming

First-year Iowa swimmer Richard Salhus completed three days of Olympic trial competition in South Africa over the weekend.

Competing in four events, Salhus' best finish was in the 200 freestyle, where he was 15th with a time of 1:57.87. It was the only event in which he advanced to the semifinals.

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Daily Break

“For government travel and other spending, you have to be mindful of the appearances you’re creating. If you’re staying at a hotel at a strip in Vegas, you better have a pretty good reason for why a taxpayer should fund the stay.”
— Steve Ellis, vice president of the watchdog group Taxpayers for Common Sense. AP reports that on at least six occasions, employees based at VA headquarters in Washington made government credit-card charges at Las Vegas casino-hotels totaling \$26,198.

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horoscopes **Monday, April 7, 2008** — by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will get what you want if you don't get angry and pushy or ask for the impossible. Do something nice for someone you like, or you may be faced with a disgruntled friend or partner who is disappointed in your lack of understanding and support.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Travel, learning, and communication are all at your beck and call. Don't waste a moment when you have so much to gain. Put your plans into motion, and show how powerful you can be.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You must keep secrets if you don't want to get into trouble today. A slip of the tongue or an innuendo will cause a rift. Focus on your home or putting money into a worthwhile investment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Please get all the information required before you complain. It is likely you will spout off without knowing the facts. The odds are against you if you get puffed up over nothing or something that really shouldn't concern you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let emotional issues cloud your vision, causing you to miss out on something. Love and romance are in the picture, so don't ignore the signs and signals. A little travel will enhance your reputation and expand your friendships.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is so much waiting for you if you allow yourself to have fun. Get out, meet people, travel, communicate, or attend something that interests you. You will gain new friendships and the possibility of a fascinating adventure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Put your efforts into your home and family. Money can be made if you are in the market for real estate or upgrading your current surroundings. With a little creative accounting, you can make your money grow. Love is in the stars.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A closer look at one of your partnerships will show you what needs attention. Don't let someone come between you and what means the most to you. Take care of emotional matters and business before someone else does it for you.

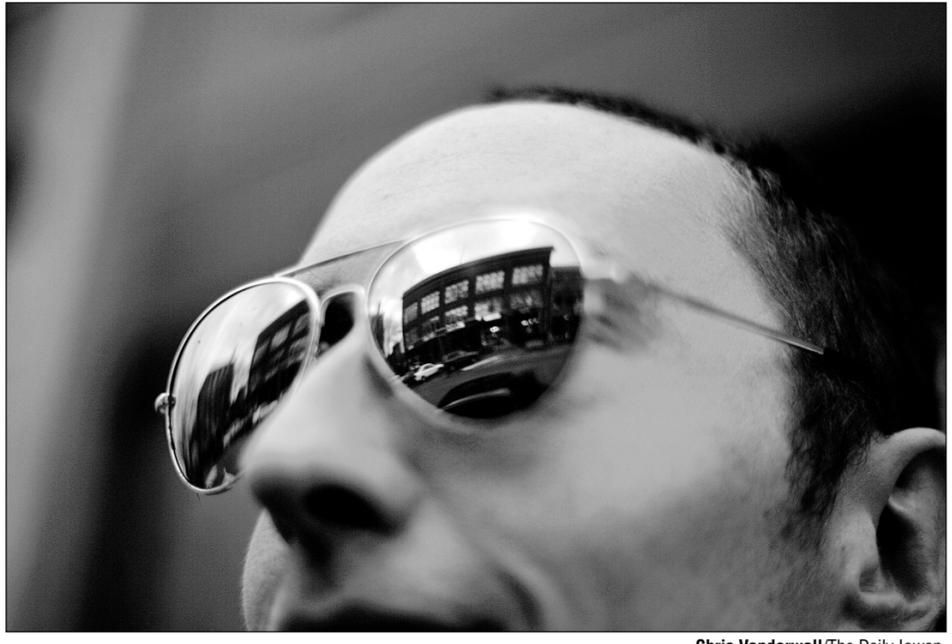
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may not feel like working, but it's important that you get things finished before you have fun. Your love life is looking good, and a romantic time can fill the evening hours. Be well-organized and inventive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your intentions may be stellar, but if you aren't sensitive to the needs of those who love you, whatever you do will be a waste of time. Focus on winning the hearts and respect of the people in your life who really count.

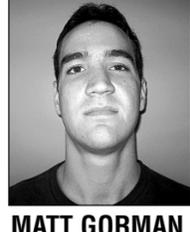
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Be careful what you say to whom and how many promises you make. You may find yourself in a quandary if you can't live up to the expectations you've set. Do as much as you can for others, and don't complain about what others do in return.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You must move forward with your plans and not let anyone's negativity stop you from doing your thing. Once you realize your potential and power, the rest of what needs to be done will be easy. Press forward.

GRAY-SCALE



Iowa City resident B.J. Beranek wears sunglasses on an overcast, rainy Sunday on Dubuque Street. Today should be cooler, windy, and sunny, with rain returning Tuesday and Wednesday. April showers, etc.



MATT GORMAN Random things that I wrote

- Sage advice: The more people need to use your bathroom, the less you should let them.
- My New Year's resolution: Come up with more current-events jokes
- Science's newest controversy: Optimistic Scientists: Studies show that 50 percent of people see the glass as half-full.
- I went to a hair place to get my hair dyed, but the lady there refused to serve me because it was black. What a colorist!
- I saw some people collecting money downtown with shirts that said "Help kids with cancer." I'm not sure how they think cancer is going to help kids, but I gave them a pack of cigarettes just to be nice.
- "I think I have an irrational fear of irrational fears, what do they call them ... oh yeah, phobiaahhhhhhh!"
- Someone once described to me a game called "Super Uno" as "Uno to the seventh power." It was exactly the same as Uno.
- I'm very particular about my grammar. Some people might call me an anal linguist.
- A weird conversation takes a turn for the weirder: "So have you ever had sex with a corpse?" "A human corpse, no ..."
- I heard somebody refer to the 2008 Olympics as the "Genocide Olympics," but I was disappointed to learn that it's just because China supplies arms in Darfur ... I was really looking forward to going for the gold in/watching the 800-eter gas-chamber dash.

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today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: daily-iowan-calendar@uiowa.edu

- **Electronic (e-file) Tax Filing**, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30-11 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Greek Week Blood Drive**, 1-5 p.m., IMU
- **AARP Event, Seniors Against Investment Fraud**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Iowa Regents Semester in Scotland Information Session**, 4:30 p.m., 2520B University Capitol Centre
- **Opening reception for Taking Care, a photographic essay by Nancy Hauserman**, 5-7 p.m., UIHC General Hospital Patient and Visitor Activities Center
- **Affirmationists Toastmasters Meeting**, 5:30 p.m., W401 Pappajohn Business Building
- **"Avoid Identity Theft and Understanding Credit Scores"**, 6 p.m., IC Public Library Meeting Room A
- **Marvelous Monday, music for kids**, 6:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St., Coralville
- **Opening reception for work by Danielle Sigler, B.F.A. Honors student in ceramics**, 6:30 p.m., Art Building Checkered Space Gallery
- **"Live From Prairie Lights," Rachel Zucker and Arielle Greenberg, poetry**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **DanceJam with Kalimbanan and the**

- **Yahoolist Drummers**, 7:30 p.m., Universalist Society of Iowa City, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Greek Week Sing**, 8-10 p.m., Pentacrest
- **Classics Department Lecture, "Paving the Way: Modern Theories of Spatial Analysis and Domestic Floor Mosaics of the Hellenistic Age," Alexis Christensen**, 8 p.m., Art Building West
- **Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St.

- ONGOING**
- **A Community of Writers: Creative Writing at the UI**, Old Capitol Museum
 - **Barbara Dale Hanes, paintings**, UIHC eighth floor
 - **Beautiful Gardens, prints**, Modela, 323 E. Market
 - **Bold, Bright, and Beautiful**, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington
 - **Boobs, Boxes, Letters, Words, and Headlines: Works by Satomi Kawai, Eric Ramirez, Krysten Wegner, M.C. Ginsberg**, 110 E. Washington
 - **Cheryl Jacobsen: Inevitable**, Hudson River Gallery, 538 S. Gilbert
 - **Debra Debra: Coldframe**, paintings, Iowa Artisans Gallery, 207 E. Washington
 - **From Prairies to Cornfields: Iowa Children's Book Authors**, Old Capitol Museum
 - **Grant Hamilton, photography**, UIHC eighth floor

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1** Chinese Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Jane Smiley
- 2** News from Germany (in German)
- 3** "Live from Prairie Lights," William Blake's Birthday
- 4** Elmer DeGowin, M.D.: Blood Transfusions in War & Peace, Ronald Straus
- 5:30** Pentagon Papers Trial Re-Enactment, UI College of Law
- 6:30** UI School of Journalism, African

- Secret Society
- 7** "Live from Prairie Lights," William Blake's Birthday
- 8** Elmer DeGowin, MD: Blood Transfusions in War & Peace, Ronald Straus
- 9:30** News from Daily Iowan TV
- 10** UI School of Journalism, African Secret Society
- 10:30** News from Daily Iowan TV
- 11** "Live from Prairie Lights," William Blake's Birthday

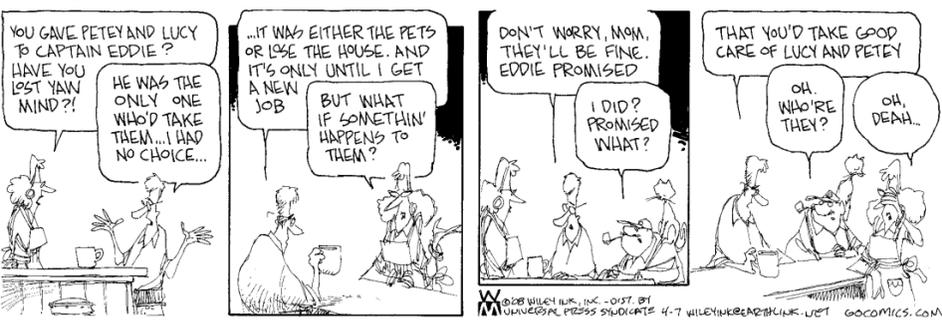
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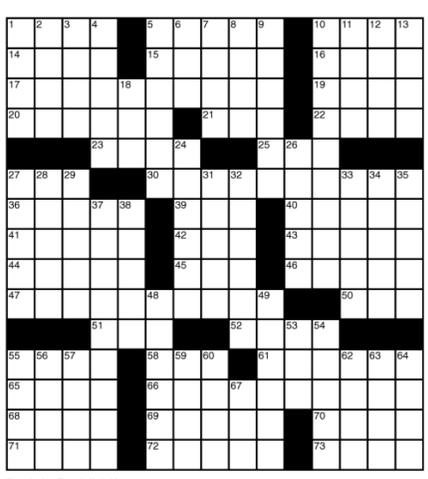
The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 Boston orchestra
- 5 Seaboard collectible
- 10 30 minutes, in the N.F.L.
- 14 Once more
- 15 God of the Koran
- 16 Mixed bag
- 17 X-rated dance
- 19 Miniature plateau
- 20 Top secret?
- 21 "Thar ___ blows!"
- 22 Something to cram for
- 23 Banjo picker
- 24 Org. that publishes American Hunter
- 27 Some Caribbean music
- 30 Beach find
- 36 Referred to
- 39 ___ Speedwagon (1970s-'80s band)
- 40 Rotgut
- 41 "___ of Two Cities"
- 42 Fabergé collectible
- 43 Acquire, as a debt
- 44 ___ badge, boy scout's award
- 45 Dover's state: Abbr.
- 46 ___ jacket, 1960s fashion
- 47 Initial power source
- 50 One of a D.C. 100
- 51 401(k) alternative, for short
- 52 Oodles
- 55 Object of the actions suggested by the starts of 17-, 30-, 47- and 66-Across
- 58 "You've ___ Mail"
- 61 Lose all one's money in gambling
- 65 Thomas Edison's middle name
- 66 Pinto
- 68 Plane assignment
- 69 Ryan of "The Beverly Hillbillies"
- 70 Julia Roberts's role in "Ocean's Eleven"
- 71 Goller's target
- 72 Krupp Works city
- 73 Alphabetize, e.g.

ANSWER TO PUZZLE

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- Down**
- 1 It might be checked
- 2 Not fooled by
- 3 Llama country
- 4 Slide, as a credit card through a reader
- 5 Supplies, as food for a party
- 6 Cheer for El Cordobés
- 7 "Ah, me!"
- 8 Part of a girl scout's uniform
- 9 Finis
- 10 1990 Macaulay Culkin film
- 11 The "A" in A-Rod
- 12 Kudrow of "Friends"
- 13 Cappuccino head
- 18 ___ brain (nitwit)
- 24 "Streets of ___" (classic cowboy song)
- 26 Bird that comes "bob, bob, bobbin"
- 27 Little rascal
- 28 Ben Franklin, famously, in an electrical storm
- 29 Arcade game maker
- 31 Israeli desert
- 32 Sharp turn on a golf course
- 33 Sources of Scottish streams
- 34 Sky-blue
- 35 Twice-seen TV show
- 37 Competitor of "The 5th Wheel," in reality TV
- 38 Scare off
- 48 Chatterbox
- 49 Spoiled
- 53 Scrooge's cry
- 54 Dalmatian markings
- 55 Laundry
- 56 Margarine
- 57 White House office shape
- 59 Crew's control?
- 60 Cookbooks
- 62 Cookie with a cream center
- 63 Stalingrad's land, for short
- 64 The "T" of S.A.T.
- 67 U-turn from SSW

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