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- Fabian seafood
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Partly sunny and windy, then turning cloudy with a 20% chance of rain/T-storms late.

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Officials plead for new courthouse



Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Ivan, a 2-year-old Belgian Malinois, greets visitors at the Johnson County Courthouse during Law Day on Tuesday afternoon. The special event at the courthouse served as a method for county officials to present their case for a new multimillion dollar courthouse.

The 100-year-old facility is too small and has no security, two judges say.

By Olivia Moran

THE DAILY IOWAN

Officials are saying a new multimillion dollar Johnson County Courthouse would solve the facility's serious security problems.

"There really is no such thing as security in this building," said 6th District Court Judge Douglas Russell.

The more-than-100-year-old courthouse has no escape routes and hardly enough lockable doors, and it lacks a regularly functioning metal detector, he said.

Around 20 state officials, county officials, residents, and local lawyers gathered to discuss the need for a new county courthouse at Johnson County Courthouse's Law Day on Tuesday.

The 27,000-square-foot courthouse actually should be around 70,000 square feet, Russell said. The lack of security, accessibility, and safety are all

reasons the facility is far less than adequate, he said.

Sixth District Court Judge Kristin Hibbs said security updates have taken place in the past but have never been finished.

"Money is going to have to be spent to bring it up to speed," she said.

The courthouse was built in 1901, a time, Russell said, when safety wasn't a major issue. Now, the building can't be made secure, he said.

Officials estimate a new courthouse would cost tens of millions of dollars. But John Hayek, an Iowa City lawyer, said other costs that need to be considered are those imposed on clients as a result of the inadequate facility.

Trial dates are often rescheduled because of the lack of space, Hayek said, ultimately resulting in more time preparing for a case, which means a larger bill.

Inadequate aspects of the Johnson County Courthouse

- lack of a security system
- lack of accessibility
- lack of office space
- too few courtrooms
- unsafe emergency conditions

Source: 6th District Judge Douglas Russell

"It's a problem for anybody who has any business with the court system," he said.

Assistant Johnson County prosecutor Anne Lahey said her court dates have also been "bumped," causing difficulties in scheduling witnesses.

"They get fed up frankly — even victims," she said.

Russell said the lack of space prohibits attorneys from having private conferences with their clients. Court administration offices need to be nearly doubled, and the clerk of court's office also needs additional square feet.

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Bridging the seafood gulf

A Texas-based seafood business has made the trek to Iowa City toting just-caught seafood for over three decades.

By Brian Stewart

THE DAILY IOWAN

Steve Fabian's hand dipped into a blue Igloo cooler in the Dairy Queen parking lot early Tuesday afternoon to scoop up an icy treat for a line of customers.

No, not a Dilly Bar — freshly caught shrimp from the Gulf of Mexico.

The family-run Fabian Seafood has made the 17-hour voyage to Iowa City for the past 32 years — about 320 total trips — delivering an assortment of never-frozen seafood.

"It's a good job — we get the summers off, and we get to eat a lot of shrimp," Fabian said, greeting customers.

Fabian's uncle launched the company in 1972, and Fabian joined in 1975. At the time, they focused on shrimp.

Today, the company offers a range of products, based on availability; Tuesday's offerings included red snapper, Louisiana crawfish tails, blue crab meat, fresh-shucked oysters, and, of course, shrimp.



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

Steve Fabian of Fabian Seafood weighs out pounds of shrimp for a customer in the Riverside Dairy Queen parking lot on Tuesday. Steve Fabian started selling seafood in Iowa City in 1977.

MEETING

Council OKs skywalk

By Kelli Shaffner
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa City City Council on Tuesday night gave the go-ahead to a proposed Benton Street skywalk, which will connect the Johnson County Administration Building with a county building under construction.

Jeff Davidson, the Johnson County Council of Governments administrator, presented computer-animated images of what the skywalk will look like when finished at the request of the council.

"You can see it's a very straightforward skywalk," he said. "Nothing like the one between the two biology buildings downtown."

Davidson also presented the model of what the landscaping will look like around the skywalk, as well as a nearby two-story parking ramp.

The skywalk will be 16 feet or higher, with medium-sized trees and bushes surrounding both the skywalk and parking ramp. And although Davidson said he hasn't talked to the city forester yet, the landscaping should be similar on all sides, regardless of a limited amount of space on two sides.

Councilors also passed plans for building a new salt storage facility at the South Gilbert public-works facility.

Johnson County facilities manager David Kempf said the storage facility will have more longevity because the new building will be made of timber, instead of the existing one of concrete.

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Kempf
Johnson County facilities manager

Dems praise session

Was the Iowa Legislature's just-finished session a successful one?

Depends whom you ask.

By Shawn Gude

THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa legislators may have participated in the same session, but their contrasting views on the success of the session are considerable.

The split is starker across party lines, with Democrats — who controlled both chambers, as well as the governor's office — praising such initiatives as the Smokefree Air Act and budgetary items and GOP members decrying the session as ineffective and non-inclusive.

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, lined up with his party, praising legislative progress during the session.

"I think we had a great session ... especially for health care — historic for health care," he said, pointing to the Smokefree Air Act and a health-care coverage bill for children.

The former will ban smoking in bars and restaurants as well as many other public places; the latter will extend health care to thousands of previously uninsured children.

The health-care reform bill achieved bipartisan support, with many Republicans — including Rep. Linda Miller of Bettendorf

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News

The play's the thing

A local theater group offers the opportunity for undergraduate students to showcase their work.

By Lauren Sieben
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI freshman Michael Blackmon finds that opportunities to showcase his playwriting are few and far between.

Luckily for him and other playwrights, the Free Association Student Theater actively seeks undergraduate talent, especially from the Iowa Writers Learning Community. The group put on its third Short Play Festival Tuesday night at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St.

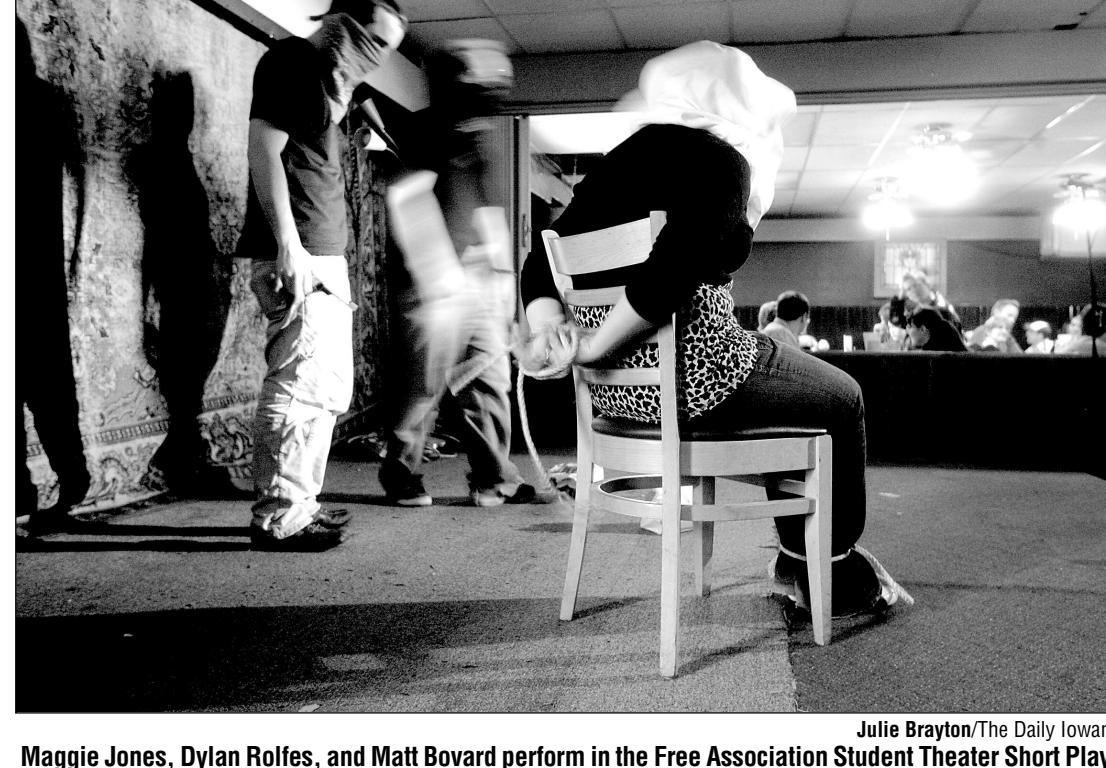
"This is probably one of the few opportunities [to showcase my work]," Blackmon said. "There's another play festival I submitted to but didn't get accepted."

The festival featured nine plays written, directed, and performed by undergraduates. Patrick DeLoach, producer and one of the founders of the theater, said that this is the fourth year of the festival and the third year it has been under the name Free Association Student Theater.

"The idea [of the festival] came about in the writers' learning community my freshman year," DeLoach said. "The point of it has always been to give playwrights a chance to get their work read and workshoped."

Plays ranged in topic and tone from a humorous piece in which an absent-minded kidnapper befriends his hostage to an emotional play about a writers' group in which one member reveals that her uncle's cancer has returned and he has little time left to live.

"You have total freedom with what you want your play to be about," said Colleen Morrissey,



Julie Brayton/The Daily Iowan

Maggie Jones, Dylan Rolfe, and Matt Bovard perform in the Free Association Student Theater Short Play Festival at the Mill on Tuesday. They performed in the play "The Trouble With Live Cargo," written by Jessica Lee and directed by Morgan Gire.

who wrote a play and also acted in the festival. "I don't know of anything else on campus that actually allows you to produce your play. There are classes where you could do a playwriting workshop, but that doesn't involve production."

Writers who submitted their work for the festival peer-critiqued each other's submissions as a part of the workshop process.

"We haven't ever had so many scripts that we've had to turn them down. The focus has always been the workshop process," DeLoach said. "People

can submit [plays] if they want, but the flip side of that is that they have to put in the work."

Play production emulates professional theater, but Morrissey said there was a little more interaction between writers and directors.

"I know that in the 'real world,' directing is pretty separate [from writing], but the producers and the directors made the decision that they wanted to have the writers somewhat involved," Morrissey said. "If [directors] changed a line, they'd ask you before they changed the line."

Although opportunities for undergraduates to participate in play production in Iowa City may be sparse, Free Association Student Theater producer and director Sam Larsen-Ferree said students who want to be involved can find the opportunities.

"Theater is the easiest thing in the world to put on — granted, with a lot of headaches," he said. "The Mill is a great venue, and there are a lot of great smaller venues, but you can also just do it in the parking lot."

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HIV/AIDS numbers rising

HIV/AIDS cases on the rise in Iowa.

By Lauren Skiba
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Though it has been out of the spotlight lately, HIV/AIDS is hardly going away. In fact, it's increasing.

A recent Iowa Department of Public Health release stated that from 2006 to 2007, Iowa faced the highest increase of HIV diagnoses it has ever experienced, at 12 percent.

"In a state like Iowa, where HIV is not very common, a lot of people just don't think it can happen to them," said Randy Meyer, Iowa's HIV/AIDS/hepatitis program manager.

It's beginning to show, especially among older populations who were unaware they contracted the disease earlier in life. The age group with the largest increase was ages 45 and older. Senior population numbers for sexually transmitted diseases continue to increase because people are still remaining sexually active years after they are unable to have children.

"They think, 'I don't have to worry about pregnancy, I don't have to worry about anything,' and that's not true," said Karen Kubby, the executive director of

the Emma Goldman Clinic, 227 N. Dubuque St.

Mayer said another reason older people are finding they have HIV may very well be because a person can go eight to 10 years without seeing or feeling any symptoms of HIV/AIDS. Meyer calls this group late testers — people who are diagnosed with AIDS within a year of being diagnosed with HIV.

"A number of years ago, people would have blotches on their skin, you would see people wasting away, losing a lot of weight," Mayer said. Because of medication breakthroughs, the virus is less noticeable, "so people just don't think about it," he added.

But this idea may have strong consequences. Kubby said she is worried about people who are too "nonchalant" about contracting HIV/AIDS. Mayer feels the same.

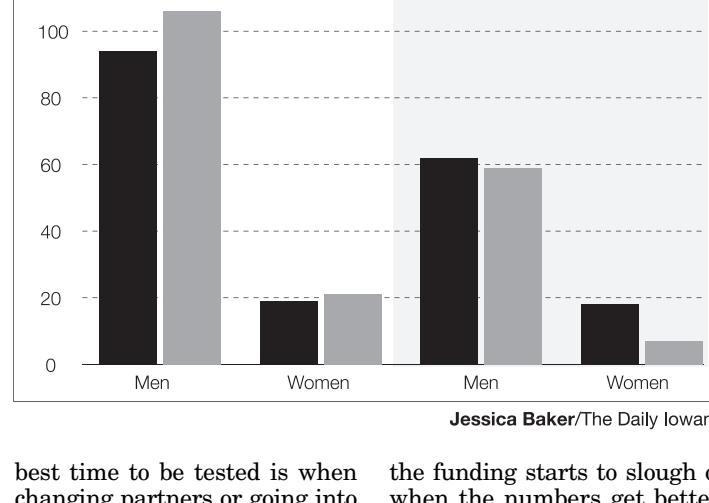
"People have become complacent about protection. They think it's not a serious concern, that medication can fix [HIV/AIDS]," Mayer said.

The group that is seeing the highest increase is men having sex with men, said Mayer. Data show that for four years, the number has continued to increase.

Kubby emphasized that the

HIV and AIDS diagnoses in Iowa

From 2006 to 2007, Iowa saw an increase in HIV diagnoses but a slight decrease in AIDS diagnoses.



Jessica Baker/The Daily Iowan

best time to be tested is when changing partners or going into a new relationship. To curb the increase, she wants to see consistent programming and prevention education for all ages. But Kubby said there is a problem with this idea.

"I think what's been happening is when there is a lot of money pumped into HIV awareness and safer sex and consistent use of condoms, we see the numbers dropping, but

the funding starts to slough off when the numbers get better," Kubby said.

But Mayer hopes that the new statistic will get some people's attention. This, he said, along with community-level programs will hopefully start to curb the raising HIV diagnoses.

"We're aiming to change the norms around sexual behavior," he said.

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METRO

Ex-UISG candidate arrested

A former UI Student Government presidential candidate was arrested Monday for allegedly stealing two bullhorns from a local store.

Vernon Jackson, 21, 838D Mayflower, was charged with fourth-degree theft and failing to appear in court on another charge.

Jackson was being held at the Johnson County jail Tuesday morning on a \$3,500 bond. He was released after the bond was posted

later that day.

According to police reports, Jackson rented two hand-held bullhorns from Aero Rental, 227 Kirkwood Ave., on Feb. 25. He was reportedly told to return them no later than March 3.

Police said that as of April 9, he had not returned the merchandise, which is valued at \$250.

Aero Rental allegedly left messages on Jackson's answering machine March 4 and March 8, and Jackson replied that he would return them.

Police said that after Jackson failed to return the bullhorns, the store called him March 11, sent him a letter March 21, and called him again March 31.

Fourth-degree theft is a serious misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,875.

Jackson ran for UI Student Government president on the Student Power slate this year but did not win. He is the former president of the UI Black Student Union.

Jackson reportedly failed to appear April 23 for a pretrial hearing on a charge of assault causing bodily injury. In the January incident, Jackson was allegedly involved in a fight at the 3rd Base Sports Bar, 111 E. College St.

Jackson also has a disorderly-conduct charge for fighting/violent behavior and a trespassing charge, both simple misdemeanors, stemming from a June 24, 2007, incident at Brothers Bar & Grill, 125 S Dubuque St.

— by Clara Hogan

fifth-degree theft.

Jonathan Gordon, 25, 209 Holiday Road, Apt. 309, was charged April 8 with second-degree theft.

Bradley Lane, 19, 344 Slater, was

charged April 25 with unlawful use of another's driver's license.

James Loughlin, 20, 637 S. Johnson St. Apt. 7, was charged April 25 with PAULA.

Leigh Roto, 23, 325 E. College St. Apt. 1614, was charged Monday with driving with suspended/canceled license.

POLICE BLOTER

Joshua Dobbs, 22, Wellsburg, Iowa, was charged Sunday simple assault and public intoxication.

Sheena Ford, 20, 475 Westwinds Drive, was charged Monday with

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2. UIHC sued in death
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4. Hawks get first 2009 oral commitment
5. Smog-death linked

CLARIFICATION

In the April 29 article "Coming through bigotry," it was reported that in Vernon Jackson's "experiment" at an Iowa City bar, his white friend was "wearing the same style of hat" as Jackson's when bar employees asked him to remove it. It was the same hat, not the same style — Jackson's friend wore the hat in, then gave it to him.

PUBLIC NOTICE OF STORM WATER DISCHARGE

The Iowa Army National Guard plans to submit a Notice of Intent to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to be covered under the NPDES General Permit, General Permit No. 2 "Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity for Construction Activities.

The storm water discharge will be from construction of a readiness center and its associated buildings and parking areas located in township T79N, Range R07W, S1/2 of SE 1/4 of section 12. Storm water will be discharged from non-point sources to the following streams: unnamed tributary of Clear Creek.

Comments may be submitted to the Storm Water Discharge Coordinator, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, Environmental Protection Division, 502 E 9th Street, Des Moines, IA 50319-0034. The public may review the Notice of Intent from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the above address after it has been received by the department.

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CITY COUNCIL

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Councilors discussed the ending budget for fiscal 2008, which Iowa City Director of Finance Kevin O'Malley said was better than expected, even though it came to a net loss of \$2 million.

"This is a probably a little better news than what we originally thought," said Dale Helling, interim city manager.

The council also talked about the amount of bonds to be used in different aspects of

the city, with the largest amount set at \$6.8 million. It will go toward construction and improvements to streets and city parks as well as to the fire, police, and public works departments.

O'Malley warned of a probable emergency spending need for the city's radio system, which is set to be repaired today.

"I know the timing is bad," he said. "But this is if the duct tape doesn't work."

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Session praised and criticized

LEGISLATURE

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— signing on to the initiative. Miller, a registered nurse, said the coverage extension was the best piece of legislation to come out of the session.

"It will make a lasting impression on health care for all Iowans," she said. "For me, that was the highlight."

Sen. Joe Bolckom, D-Iowa City, echoed his fellow Johnson County senator, adding a few other perceived positives he saw come out of the session: legislation on renewable fuels, increasing salaries for public university faculty, and the statewide sales tax for local school infrastructure.

Republican leaders, including the Senate minority leader, had different thoughts on the session. Sen. Ron Wieck of Sioux City said he would've liked to see illegal immigration reform, property tax alterations, and a smaller budget.

"The budget is too large, and I really don't think that there was any process in determining the priorities," he said.

Miller also criticized Democrats for leaving her party out of negotiations on key bills, saying she had more complaints with the process than substantive policies passed.

"The majority apparently decided to keep things behind closed doors ... When you bring up an issue like that, you're always going to get a reactionary reaction," said Miller, highlighting the collective-bargaining bill and the new prison to be built in Fort Madison.

But Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville, said a certain loss of power is just part of being in the minority party.

"I think part of the problem is, it's still an adjustment that they're in the minority and do not have as strong of a say in the agenda for the year ... I think that the people that tell you that are struggling to have constructive relationships with the other party," Jacoby said.

Culver's reaction

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver released a statement on the session over the weekend. Here's what he had to say about its productiveness:

"As the Legislature adjourns and the members return home to their districts, the people of Iowa should be proud of the condition of the state and what we have accomplished. Here in Iowa, we have worked hard to create the best quality of life in the nation, and the results speak for themselves ... In addition, in a tight budget year, we were able to offer tax relief to more than 1 million Iowans across the state. I'd like to thank the Legislature for its leadership, dedication, and willingness to put partisanship aside to get this important work done for the people of Iowa."

Wieck also had objections to the legislative process — he said GOP members weren't shown the overall budget until late in the session — but admitted the overall problem is more with the Legislature than a specific party.

"No one steps forward to change it," Wieck said.

Next year's session will begin Jan. 12, 2009.

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New courthouse wanted

COURTHOUSE

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In the next 30 years, officials said, they expect the Johnson County Courthouse to need 16 court rooms, rather than the current six.

In Story County, Russell said, inmates who need escorts to the courthouse are provided with a separate pathway when entering and leaving a courtroom. In Johnson County, inmates roam the general lobby area, and they are housed in the library before a hearing.

Johnson County Board of Supervisors Chairman Rod Sullivan said in a perfect world, the jail and courthouse would be connected, but an interconnected facility simply won't fit in downtown Iowa City, he said.

"We always have more than we can do," Russell said. "We need to put some urgency in the process."

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Ben Roberts/The Daily Iowan

Johnson County Courthouse visitors enjoy popcorn during Law Day on Tuesday afternoon.

'Seafood express' serves Iowa City

SEAFOOD

CONTINUED FROM 1A

The company uses four routes throughout the central United States to truck fresh seafood to each day's stop. As Fabian and his 20 employees venture farther north, new batches of fresh seafood are delivered by air to replenish the trucks.

Fabian's route, which lasts nine days and stops in Iowa City and Cedar Rapids, notifies customers by postcard and e-mail several days before the truck's arrival.

On Tuesday afternoon, a steady stream of people filled the parking lot to wait in line with their postcards, which contained a coupon.

The postcard system also helps Fabian track his customers — one client's postcard's coding indicated she'd visited the Iowa City location nearly 150 times.

On average, Fabian's truck gets close to 200 customers each day, most of whom Fabian calls

by name and recalls personal details.

"We used to eat dinner at her house a long time ago," he said of one client, before asking the next if her daughter was still living in Madison, Wis.

Most of Fabian's clientele are individuals, not restaurants, he said.

"The problem with restaurants is they want a certain size [of shrimp] for their menu," he said. "We don't catch it all the time — it's just not worth it."

The business isn't an Internet company and doesn't ship seafood, Fabian noted.

"With those, you don't know where you're getting it from and if it's really fresh or if it's been frozen," he said. "[We're] an all-family business."

But the company website does offer customers cooking directions and suggested recipes for each of the seafood items.

Fabian said his company has also felt the effects of rising gas and food costs.

The price of a wholesale pound of shrimp has jumped \$1.25 since last fall, and Fabian's gas expenditures are up by 60 percent, he said.

Frequent customer Jan Hollis has bought from the company for "pretty much the whole time" it has been selling in Iowa City. The North Liberty resident typically picks up some shrimp for that night, and crab for the following day, trying not to freeze any.

"I'm from Maryland, where blue crab is a big item in the Chesapeake Bay, and this is the next best thing," Hollis said.

She said she'll continue to patronize the Fabians in the future.

"They're just great people," Hollis said. "They're here rain or shine, and I just love doing business with them."

Fabian's next scheduled visit to Iowa City is May 27.

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Fabian Seafood Selections

In Iowa City every four weeks:

Shrimp

- in season April-November
- fresh wild-caught, not farm-raised, white and brown shell-on, headless gulf shrimp

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- in season May-November
- fresh picked, fully cooked

Oysters

- in season during spring and fall
- fresh shucked from approved and inspected sources

Crawfish

- in season April-June
- fresh peeled and deveined tails from Louisiana, partially cooked

Red Snapper

- in season during spring and fall, depending on quotas
- fresh, whole, pre-gutted red snapper

Flounder

- in season late fall
- fresh, whole, pre-gutted flounder

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News

Americana on the selling block

By Anne D'Innocenzio

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NEW YORK — The for-sale listings on the online hub Craigslist come with plaintive notices, such as the one from the teenager in Georgia who said her mother lost her job and pleaded, "Please buy anything you can to help out."

Or the seller in Milwaukee who wrote in one post of needing to pay bills — and put a diamond engagement ring up for bids to do it.

Struggling with mounting debt and rising prices, faced with the toughest economic times since the early 1990s, Americans are selling prized possessions online and at flea markets at alarming rates.

To meet higher gas, food, and prescription-drug bills, they are selling off grandmother's dishes and their own belongings. Some of the household purging has been extremely painful — families forced to part with heirlooms.

"This is not about downsizing. It's about needing gas money," said Nancy Baughman, the founder of eBizAuctions, an online auction service she runs out of her garage in Raleigh, N.C. One former affluent customer is now unemployed and had to unload Hermes leather jackets and Versace jeans and silk shirts.

At Craigslist, which has become a kind of online flea market for the world, the number of for-sale listings has soared 70 percent since last July. In March, the number of listings more than doubled to almost 15 million from the year-ago period.

Craigslist CEO Jeff Buckmaster acknowledged the increasing popularity of selling all sort of items on the web, but said the rate of growth is "moving above the usual trend line." He said he was amazed at the desperate tone in some ads.



Nancy Baughman (left) and husband Daren Baughman display items that they will sell on their online auction service, eBizAuctions, in their Raleigh, N.C., home on April 25. Nancy Baughman said that over the past four months, she has worked with mostly desperate sellers, instead of mostly casual ones.

In Daleville, Ala., Ellona Bateman-Lee has turned to eBay and flea markets to empty her three-bedroom mobile home of DVDs, VCRs, stereos, and televisions.

She said she needs the cash to help pay for soaring food and utility bills and mounting health-care expenses since her husband, Bob, suffered an electric shock on the job as a dump-truck driver in 2006 and is now disabled.

Among her most painful sales: her grandmother's teakettle. She sold it for \$6 on eBay.

"My grandmother raised me, so it hurt," she said. "We've had bouts here and there, but we always got by. This time it's different."

Economists say it is difficult to compare the selling trend with other tough times because the Internet, only in wide use since the mid-1990s, has made it much easier to unload goods than, say, at pawn shops.

But clearly, cash-strapped people are selling their belongings at bargain prices, with a flood of listings for secondhand cars, clothing and furniture hitting the market in recent months, particularly since January.

Earlier this decade, people tapped their inflated home equity and credit cards to fuel a buying binge. Now, slumping home values and a credit crisis have sapped sources of cash.

Meanwhile, soaring gas and food prices haven't kept pace

with meager wage growth. Gas prices have already hit \$4 per gallon in some places, and that could become more widespread this summer. The weakening job market is another big worry.

Christine Hadley, a 53-year-old registered nurse from Reading, Pa., says she used to be "a clotheshorse," splurging on pricey Dooney & Bourke handbags. But her live-in boyfriend left last year, and she has had trouble finding a job.

Piles of unpaid bills forced her to sell more than 80 items, including the handbags, which went for more than \$1,000 on a site called AuctionPal.com. Now, except for some artwork and threadbare furniture, her house is looking sparse.

Homicide warrents released

By Olivia Moran

THE DAILY IOWAN

Recently released search warrants contend that Curtis Fry was using slurred speech as he knocked on doors in the Van Buren Street apartment complex where Jerome "Patrick" McEwen resided, the 75-year-old man police have accused Fry of killing that night.

Fry's brother, Cory Fry, reported him missing in the early morning hours of Feb. 7, telling police he last saw his brother running toward 513 Bowery St. — where the two were staying for the night — which would lead him past McEwen's apartment at 513 S. Van Buren, the search warrant said.

McEwen was found dead at his home at approximately 3:44 p.m. on Feb. 7 with apparent blunt-force trauma to his head. In a search warrant, McEwen neighbor Mark Illian reported that at approximately 12:30 a.m. he heard an individual talking with slurred speech and using profanities for approximately 30 minutes. Ten minutes later, Illian heard a bump on his door and then a knock. He reported that he looked out his peephole and observed a 6-3 white male weighing approximately 280 pounds who had brown hair.

Fry has brown hair, is six feet tall, and weighs 200 pounds, according to police reports. Illian said he believed he heard the male say "Let me in" and "I can't walk." He then observed the individual falling down and believed he fell down a stairwell.

Holly Schreck, another neighbor, said she heard loud noises coming from the bottom floor of the building around 2 a.m. She reported that the next day, she noticed the door to McEwen's apartment was "cracked, and the lock was broken."

Schreck later discovered McEwen in his apartment unresponsive and informed neighbor Lauren Nestor. Nestor also reported that she heard 10 minutes of banging on a door around 2 a.m.

The search warrants show that police recovered Fry's wallet from the scene, in addition to what officials believe to be some of his clothing.

Bloody white T-shirts were found in a pile, a bloody handkerchief was found on a bed, and blood-stained pillowcases were also recovered. Investigators also took numerous swabs of "suspected blood."

Autopsy results show that McEwen's injuries included blunt-force fractures of the face, a fractured thyroid cartilage, brain bleeding, a left rib fracture, and apparent defensive wounds of his hand, according to a statement. Although at the time, the cause of death is undetermined, the search warrant read.

Fry voluntarily turned himself into police. He is charged with second-degree murder, a Class B felony, which carries a mandatory sentence of 50 years in prison.

He pleaded not guilty to the charge on Feb. 28. His trial is set to begin on Nov. 3.

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Not swearing by it

By Rachel Weber
THE DAILY IOWAN

Shiv! UI text messengers using T9 on their cell phones can't type any *ducking* swearwords.

T9, a predictive text software embedded on most mobile devices, allows text messengers to begin typing a word, and it fills in the rest using an algorithm that detects letter combinations that are frequent in words, said Laurie Baars, the senior marketing manager for Nuance Communications Inc. — the company that owns T9 software.

But, as numerous UI students know, their favorite four-letter words and more cannot be found in the software.

T9 allows users only type using one key per letter, Baars said, estimating that T9 software is embedded in 3.2 billion mobile devices worldwide and has been a standard feature on most cell phones since the late 1990s.

A team of linguists created the software's database using

algorithms, or rules for forming words, Baars said, and they then erased any profanity the algorithms created at the request of consumers and mobile device manufacturers.

Nuance has gotten recent complaints from consumers in Germany for having Nazi-related and anti-Semitic words programmed in the T9 software. Swedish consumers have also complained about compound profanity, in which the word in question is a combination of two non-profan words, she said.

However, Baars said, "if the word is truly offensive in the culture, we will take steps to remove it from the software."

As a result, UI students and other text messengers get some funny words when they're trying to type a swear word.

"Everytime I go to write the word 'f---', it says 'duck', so I have to go back and change it," UI junior Alison Wengryn said. "It happens a lot."

She often uses T9 to type messages and doesn't realize until after she has sent it that T9 used words she didn't mean to type, she said.

"One time I was trying to call someone a pussy, and it called them a puppy," she said.

Kelly Anderson, a UI sophomore, also said she had problems texting naughty words with T9.

"If I were to say 'shit', it would come out as 'shiv,'" she said.

Problems such as these discouraged UI senior Brady Knudson from using T9 when text messaging.

"That thing often fills in something you don't want," he said.

Baars said that even though swearwords have been erased from the database, users can add the swearwords or any other words they want with the user database functionality.

UI senior Scott Norman said he's texted enough profanity for his phone to learn the words. Though the swearwords aren't usually the first ones to appear, Norman said he can find them when he hits the "next" button.

The T9 system still has problems learning some of his friends' nicknames, he said, but

T9

How the program works

- T9 predicts words before users finish typing them in text messages on their mobile devices.
- The software uses algorithms to determine frequently occurring letter combinations in words.
- The program also allows users to only push digits one time for each letter (Example: Users press 5 for "L" instead of 555).

Source: Laurie Baars, senior marketing manager for Nuance Communications Inc.

he still prefers it to manually entering texts.

"Once I learned how to use the T9, it goes so much quicker," he said.

Profanity isn't the only thing T9 has can't find, said UI junior Elyse Logan.

"Don't" comes out as "foot", so that's kind of weird," she said.

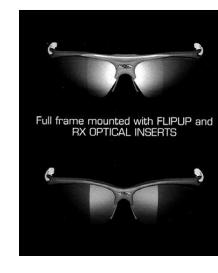
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Obama disowns Wright

By Mike Glover
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WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Barack Obama said last month he couldn't disown his former pastor. Turns out he could — and did.

Obama, trying to tamp down the political uproar over the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, went before the cameras Tuesday to denounce the minister's comments as "giving comfort to those who prey on hate." He also took exception to Wright's contention that Obama has made certain comments in the presidential race simply because he's a politician.

He said their relationship had been damaged to the point that it will never be the same.

"If Reverend Wright thinks that that's political posturing, as he put it, then he doesn't know me very well," a visibly angry Obama said in a news conference. "And based on his remarks yesterday, well, I may not know him as well as I thought either."

Obama was reacting for a second-straight day, this time stepping up his criticism of Wright after the minister's appearance Monday at the National Press Club in Washington. Wright's remarks revived the issue of his relationship with Obama — over two decades as pastor of a church in Chicago — just as the Illinois senator is coming off a loss in Pennsylvania to Democratic rival Hillary Rodham Clinton and trying to win over white working-class voters in Indiana and North Carolina in next Tuesday's primaries.

"I am outraged by the com-



Democratic presidential-nomination hopeful Sen. Barack Obama listens to a question from the media during a news conference held in Winston-Salem N.C., on Tuesday. Obama distanced himself from his former pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, saying, "I am outraged by the comments that were made and saddened by the spectacle that we saw yesterday."

Jae C. Hong/Associated Press

ments that were made and saddened over the spectacle that we saw yesterday," Obama said.

His strong words come just six weeks after Obama delivered a sweeping speech on race in which he sharply condemned Wright's remarks but did not leave the church or repudiate the minister himself, who he said was like a family member. "I can no more disown him than I can disown the black community," Obama said of Wright at the time.

After weeks of staying out of the public eye while critics lambasted his sermons, the former

pastor of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago made three public appearances in four days to defend himself.

On Monday, Wright criticized the U.S. government as imperialist and stood by his suggestion that the United States invented the HIV virus as a means of genocide against minorities.

"Based on this Tuskegee experiment and based on what has happened to Africans in this country, I believe our government is capable of doing anything," he said.

Perhaps even worse for

Obama, Wright suggested that his congregant secretly concurs with his views.

"If Sen. Obama did not say what he said, he would never get elected," Wright said. "Politicians say what they say and do what they do based on electability, based on sound bites, based on polls."

Obama stated forcefully that he doesn't share the views of the man who officiated at his wedding, baptized his two daughters, and provided the inspiration for the title of the senator's book *The Audacity of Hope*.

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Editorial

Step away from the Twinkie

At the beginning of the 20th century, the average life expectancy for Americans was 47 years. By the end of that century, Americans were living around 30 years longer. Recent studies, however, warn that rising obesity rates might trigger a downward trend in life expectancy. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, surveys indicate that — beginning around 1980 — obesity rates started rising sharply. A survey conducted between 1976-80 revealed that 15 percent of adults aged 20-74 were obese; in the 2003-04 survey, obesity rates climbed to 32.9 percent. For children aged 6-19, obesity rates have tripled over the same time period. It is now clear that Americans are exercising less, eating more, and becoming less healthy as a result.

Type-2 diabetes, which is most common among adults 40 years or older, is becoming more prevalent among children. This is inexcusable. Combating child obesity will require more than just minor adjustments. Instead, entire lifestyle changes will be necessary — and they begin at home and in school. Cookies, cupcakes, and other snacks remain cheaper than wholesome fruits and vegetables. Unfortunately, studies such as those mentioned above are beginning to reveal the adverse effects of those choices. With the steady rise in food prices adding to already difficult financial times for many families, the situation is certainly

frustrating. A quick trip to the grocery store shows just how skewed food prices have become: Little Debbie Snack Cakes, on average, cost just over \$1 per box. Fresh blueberries, meanwhile, currently cost \$4.99 for 4.4 ounces, and a pound of organic strawberries (on sale) runs \$5.99. For many families, consistently purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables might be difficult; still, paying a little more now may help to avoid dangerous health issues later in life.

Childhood obesity is a danger that cannot be ignored any longer. No longer is being overweight simply an issue of appearance or founded on concerns of childhood name-calling. Obesity can lead to high blood pressure, heart disease, and even certain types of cancer (including both breast and colon cancer). Our children deserve an opportunity to live long, healthy lives, yet obesity threatens to deprive them of this. According to the CDC, 10-14 percent of adults living in Iowa were obese in 1990; in 1995, those rates rose to 15-19 percent; in 2006, 25-29 percent of adults in our state were obese.

Childhood obesity can often lead to adult obesity, which in turn leads to more serious health issues later on in life. If we do not act soon, another generation of children may become just another statistic for future researchers to study.

Letter

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But for the grace: Remember the neediest

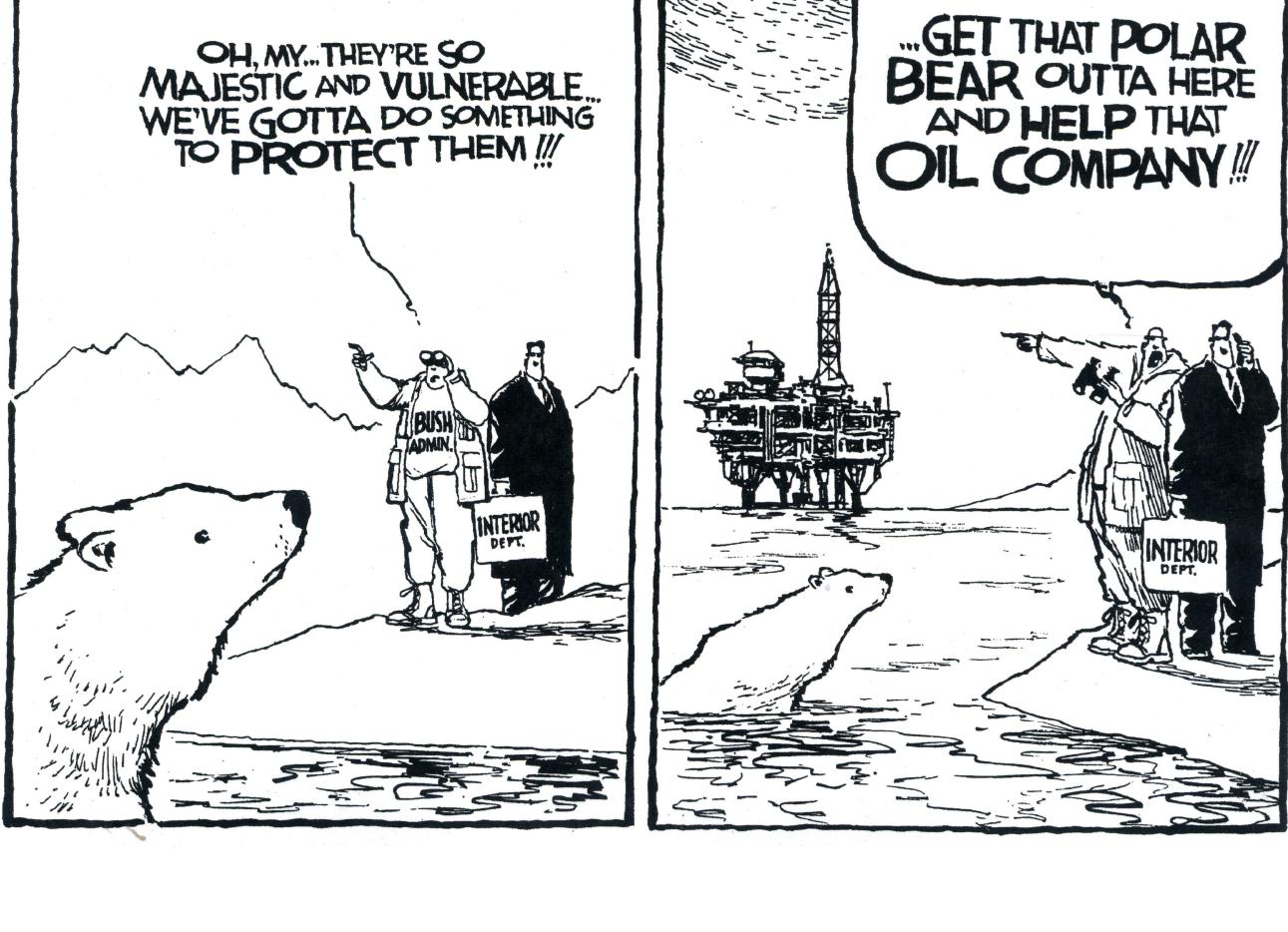
Is it cliché to say you should imagine yourself in someone else's shoes, or is it a piece of wise advice that sounds tired for being ignored so often?

I am part of a group of nursing students from the University of Iowa who visited our community's services for the homeless or working poor population. We offered conversation and recreation for the population. We talked with a lot of sincere, honest people who deserved to be talked to as if they're people — because they are.

Inadequate health care, foreclosures, abusive relationships, and especially a lack of affordable housing are causes of homelessness. Stating that the problem is a gap between earning potential and cost of living seems obvious, but many of these people have jobs, families, some have disabilities; they're just trying to make things work. These causes are community issues. It's unreasonable to think that a handful of nonprofit organizations will take on our community responsibilities.

More and more of us are one medical crisis or a late payment away from severe distress. We should applaud the efforts of the local nonprofits working with the homeless. I saw some great programs. But we also need to work as a full community to bridge the gap for the working poor. Recognizing how close we all are to one another and that we all share a common dignity is a great place to start.

Lana Dobson
UI senior



Commentary

Non-solutions for non-problems

It's likely that this week's decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to uphold Indiana's voter ID law will spur debate in other states about whether to adopt similar provisions. The short answer is, they should not. And if they do, they should not use the Indiana law as a template.

While the justices split 6-3 over the constitutionality of the Indiana law requiring voters to present federally or state-issued photo identification at polling places, there was no dispute over the fact that in-person voter fraud is not a significant problem. As a matter of policy, the ID law is simply not needed; most voter fraud is committed through absentee ballots, and a requirement to present identification at polling places does nothing to address that. Nevertheless, the justices upholding the Indiana law concluded that the state had "important regulatory interests" in furthering methods to better ensure fraud-free elections; those in dissent saw the Indiana law as an impermissible burden that probably would disproportionately disenfranchise poor, elderly, and minority voters.

Indiana has arguably the most onerous voter ID law on the books. Voters who do not have a government-issued ID are allowed to cast a provisional ballot at their neighborhood polling places, but they then must travel, within

10 days of the election, to their county courthouses to file affidavits attesting to their identity. Indiana's poor voters can also file indigence affidavits stating that they are unable to afford birth certificates or other documents required to obtain state-issued photo IDs. Those most at risk of disenfranchisement are disabled, elderly, or poor citizens — especially those in the 21 Indiana counties with no public transportation.

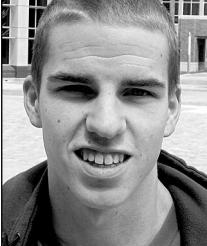
There are approaches under consideration or in use in other states that protect the integrity of elections while reducing the risk of disenfranchisement. Florida, for example, accepts a wider range of identification, including student IDs or IDs issued by employers. A longer roll-out period before photo identification is required at the polls would give voters more time to acquire the proper identification.

The Supreme Court this week upheld Indiana's law against what was essentially a pre-emptive challenge. The onus is now on the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and state watchdog groups to keep a close eye on the effect of the law. If, in practice, the law has the feared discriminatory effects, these groups should not hesitate to renew their challenge of it.

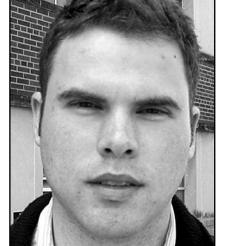
This editorial appeared in Tuesday's *Washington Post*.

On the Spot

How often do you purchase fresh fruits and vegetables?



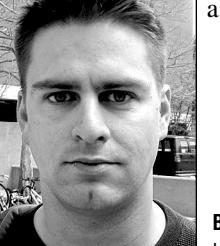
"Once every two weeks."



"About once a week."



"Pretty often. About every week, actually."



"Once or twice a month."

Potholes, lobster pots

I think society's awareness of global warming could be compared to a lobster who is just beginning to notice all the fat French guys in tall white hats walking around: "Oh, hey, uh ... that's not good. Oh my god, Frank's all red! What happened?"

Because we are well and truly screwed if something isn't done *right now* to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions. When so much of the world's population lives right there on the shoreline, any rise in sea levels — which is already happening — is potentially disastrous and ought to be a central issue in the presidential race.



JON GOLD

Our relationship with fossil fuels is abusive on so many levels. Our entire economy depends on a massive daily supply of it, but it's a finite resource, and we're quickly running out. So we keep coming back, and oil screws us over every time.

Instead of doing something sane like pouring massive amounts of money into renewable energy research that actually goes somewhere, Hillary Rodham Clinton and John McCain want to ... *drum roll* ... cut gas taxes. (Actually, it's just a holiday: They want to suspend federal fuel taxes from Memorial Day through Labor Day.) Um, what? If the price of something goes down, doesn't that tend to make people more likely to use it, not less?

Alone among the big three presidential contenders, Barack Obama has come out against this silly plan, pointing out that it would save the average consumer approximately \$30: "Half a tank of gas ... that's [Sen. McCain's] big solution," the *New York Times* quotes him as saying. I can't remember the last time I heard a serious presidential candidate argue against tax cuts in an election year. What a pleasant, honest surprise.

And in the news outlets? A rare holiday with reason ensued. In a heartening change of pace from the mainstream "political" media's obsession with Jeremiah Wright, and other useless tripe, they're actually covering this as a real issue. The *Times*, the *Washington Post*, MSNBC; all of them have in-depth issue analyses on the web as of early Tuesday afternoon. The upshot is this: The tax holiday sounds nice, but it won't save individual consumers much money and will suck away something like \$10 billion (!) in federal highway funding, turning the interstates in to a giant, sinuous system of potholes. So you'll save a tank of gas but have to buy new tires every few days. Brilliant. Anybody doubting the importance of infrastructure spending should try to remember what happened to a bridge in Minneapolis less than a year ago.

In fairness, Rodham Clinton says that she'd make up the difference by imposing a windfall tax on oil companies, whose executives are too busy swimming through personal oceans of money to notice how badly their anarchic capitalism has screwed the rest of us. But Obama, too, says he would impose a windfall tax and put the proceeds toward "[helping] low-income families pay their energy bills," according to CNN.com.

I think that a temporary gas tax increase is needed, to help pay for alternative energy research and decrease consumption — which might even have the odd effect of driving prices at the pump down, long-term. This is why redistributive taxation works: The government can make our tax dollars do things that they could not otherwise do.

The problem with that idea, of course, is that the voters don't vote based on long-term, so they'd hear "tax increase" and hate it immediately, which is nothing compared to what the immensely wealthy and influential oil industry would do to any politician crazy enough to get behind it. (It might involve sleazy attack ads, or at least tarring and feathering.)

But seriously, this is how it is supposed to work. This whole democratic system only works if the people are informed and engaged. If they're not, we are a democracy in name only.

It was a brief holiday with reason for the media and political establishment, however. Our top stories a little later on Thursday afternoon seem to be Miley Cyrus' pubescent semi-nudity, some crazy creep in Austria who held his family in a dungeon, and a controversy over sex and nudity in Grand Theft Auto IV. Thank you for bearing with us during that boring spell of meaningful news coverage. We now return you to your regularly scheduled bullshit. ■

D/I Opinions Editor Jonathan Gold still doesn't like those GTA games, no matter how awesome you think they are. E-mail him at: jon.gold01@gmail.com.

Arts & Culture

Homegrown comeback

The newly revived Public Space One, a downtown community arts venue, welcomes founder Miguel Soria of Monadnock tonight with a performance that brings together the past and budding future of the project.

By Claire Lekwa

THE DAILY IOWAN

"Bathwater"

No Doubt

This song is a classic. The beat of the drums and bass is perfect for a boot-stomping good time.

"Dance Tonight"

Paul McCartney

My "dance like no one is watching" song. It's perfect for cheering someone up.

"Don't Stop the Music"

Rihanna

I'm not an "American Idol" fan per say, but my friend Whit sat my butt down and had me watch the opening dance of Idol Gives Back, and I am so glad he did.

"Staying Alive"

Cursive

Graduation is powerful player on the Scrabble board.

— compiled by Paul Asjes

today's PLAYLIST



ELIZABETH STEELE

Steele is acting in the play *A History of Bad Ideas*, written by Greg Machlin. The performance, May 7 at 5:30 and 9 p.m., is part of the New Play Festival.

"THE WAY I AM"

Ingrid Michaelson

A love song that I'd like to sing and mean every word.

No mystery in writer's return

Eager to visit the Writers' Workshop she left behind, mystery writer and novelist Martha Grimes returns tonight to discuss the Workshop and her latest book, *Dakota*.

By Cole Cheney

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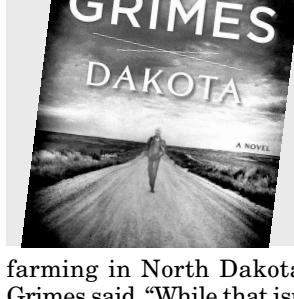
READING

Martha Grimes

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Admission: Free



farming in North Dakota," Grimes said. "While that isn't the only place with such poor animal treatment, I loved the setting of the state."

While righteous in its intent and a step in another direction for the seasoned author, the tale features a stalker, a hired gunman, and a tri-state chase, resonating her past of a renowned mystery writer. Regardless, Grimes undercuts the success of her latest book and career.

"I'm not renowned," said Grimes, who received a B.A. and an M.A. from the University of Maryland. "I'm visiting because I taught here and my son went here, and the program is nice enough invite me back."

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from the BLOG

IMISSED THE GOOD PART, AND I REALIZED

I'm here to add even more evidence to the heaping pile of reasons why I'm not a hipster. I'm



not even hip. Stop reading if you're anyone whose image of me as cool will forever be tarnished by even more proof that I couldn't get into a club if I founded it. Who's

ready for a hot plate o' nerd?

I like Coldplay.

Scratch that. I LOVE Coldplay. In honor of the band's newest single, "Violet Hill," which drops today and is available as a free download (taking yet another page from Radiohead's book?), I'm going to share my fixation with the band.

I think Chris Martin is hot, his high falsetto is mesmerizing, his piano parts breathtaking, and the band's soft-piano-rock is deep. Is it wimp-rock, like so many have

said? Maybe. But is it substantial? Definitely. Coldplay is the future of pop-music. The group is holding the pop-rock banner higher than anyone, and doing it with more talent, better songwriting, and more appeal than any of its peers. I also can't hate any band that is social active and politically aware (I'll save that diatribe for a U2- or R.E.M.- related post, though).

Continue reading *DI* reporter Meryn Fluker's Coldplay gush at

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News

Bush blames Dems for economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, hoping to inoculate his party and his presidential legacy from election-year anger over the economy, heaped criticism on the Democratic-led Congress on Tuesday for "letting the American people down."

He said he'd consider a summer suspension of federal gasoline taxes. But he offered no new ideas for a range of economic worries now facing the country, from record gas prices and soaring food costs to rising inflation, layoffs, home foreclosures, and a credit crunch that even has sparked fears of a college-student-loan squeeze.

He rejected a new economic-stimulus package, saying the tax-rebate checks that began going out this week from a \$168 billion economic aid plan adopted in February must first be given time to work. He also rejected bipartisan suggestions that the government stop filling the nation's Strategic Petroleum Reserve while oil costs so much, saying it involves such a tiny amount of supply that doing so wouldn't push prices down.

Instead, the president tried to shift the focus to Congress, saying he long ago sent lawmakers proposals to deal with many of the nation's economic problems, only to see them sit or be replaced with approaches that he deems unacceptable.

"Many Americans are understandably anxious about issues affecting their pocketbook," Bush said in a White House news conference, held outdoors in an unseasonably cold and windy Rose Garden. "They're looking to their elected leaders in Congress for action. Unfortunately, on many of these issues, all they're getting is delay."

Army study: Recruits who get in despite bad conduct promoted faster, stay longer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Soldiers who need special waivers to get into



President Bush looks back as he leaves the East Room at the White House on Tuesday after delivering remarks during a National Volunteer Week event.

Manuel Balce Ceneta/Associated Press

the Army because of bad behavior go AWOL more often and face more courts-martial. But they also get promoted faster and re-enlist at a higher rate, according to an internal military study obtained by the Associated Press.

The Army study late last year concluded that taking a chance on a well-screened applicant with a criminal, bad driving, or drug record usually pays off. And both the Army and the Marines have been bringing in more recruits with blemished records. Still, senior leaders have called for additional studies, to help determine the impact of the waivers on the Army.

"We believe that so far the return outweighs the risk," said Army Col. Kent Miller, who headed the team that conducted the study.

The information has not been released to the public, but the AP obtained a copy of the study.

The statistics show that recruits with criminal records or other drug and alcohol issues have more discipline problems than those without records. Those recruits also are a bit more likely to drop out of the Army because of alcohol.

Rescuers amazed that 6 twisters caused no deaths in Va.

SUFFOLK, Va. (AP) — It was a scene of haphazard destruction that stretched for 25 miles: Row upon row of homes reduced to sprays of splintered lumber, shopping centers stripped to bare metal, parking lots

turned into junk yards. And yet no one died.

"The only thing I can say is we were watched over and blessed," Fire Chief Mark Outlaw said.

As shaken residents and rescuers returned Tuesday to survey what's left, they were amazed by both the scope of the damage and their good fortune. Even among the 200 people who were injured, most suffered only cuts and scrapes.

Authorities said people in the tornado's path had plenty of warning and were fortunate that the twister struck in the late afternoon, rather than at night, when most residents would have been sleeping.

The extra few minutes provided enough time for people in the storm's path to huddle in bathrooms

SAFETY NOTICE

Over the past year there have been several assaults on women in the Iowa City area. Please remember the following safety tips from the University of Iowa Police.

Safety tips while you are walking

- Everyone has the right to live free of unwanted attention, harassment, and abuse. You will be safest in well lit areas where there are groups of people. Look and act confident while you are walking, be aware of your surroundings, trust your instincts and don't be concerned about appearing rude if you feel threatened.
- There is safety in numbers; make it a habit to walk with others.
- If you regularly jog or cycle vary your route and time. Stay on well lit roads and main paths with open spaces where you can see and be seen by other people. Avoid wooded areas and adjust your routine to daylight hours if possible.
- Recognize that the use of a cell phone or personal stereo may distract you from paying attention to your surroundings and persons acting suspiciously.
- Avoid consuming alcohol or other substances that may impair your judgment or your ability to react to a confrontation.
- Let someone know when you are intending to leave and arrive at a particular destination.

If you think someone is following you go to the nearest place where there are other people and/or a place that is well lit. If you have a cell phone call the appropriate Police Department: (ICPD (319) 356-5275 or UIPD (319) 335-5022). If you have speed dial capabilities, program these numbers into your cell phone. It is important to know your location when calling anyone for assistance so they know where to respond. Of course, in cases involving emergencies call 911.

If someone tries to take your property from you remember, your physical safety is more important than any material object.

Often times doing something to bring attention to the situation can deter an attack. If you are attacked yell or scream for help. Use phrases such as "leave me alone" or "call the police" it is instinctive and instantaneous.

Although the recent assaults have not occurred on University property, the Iowa City and University Police are working together and consider each report of assault and attempted sexual assault a threat to our community and will be vigorously pursued. Anyone with information regarding these incidents is strongly encouraged to call the Iowa City Police. Any incidents occurring on University property please call the University of Iowa Police. We must work together as a community to stop these and other crimes.

Safety tips for your residence

- Lock your doors and windows.
- Remember that just because a door or window locks, it doesn't necessarily mean it is secure. Make sure that the door or window can't be opened if it is locked.
- Contact your maintenance person to get things fixed if they are broken.
- Keep blinds closed at night.
- If you park your car close to your residence and if you have a remote key alarm, keep your car keys next to your bed as you sleep. In the event someone breaks in; activate the panic alarm on your car. It may be enough to scare them away.
- Be aware of your surroundings when approaching your residence and when you are leaving. Call police if you see suspicious people that are hanging around.
- Report any outside lighting that isn't working to the responsible person.
- Have your door key out and ready as you approach your residence.

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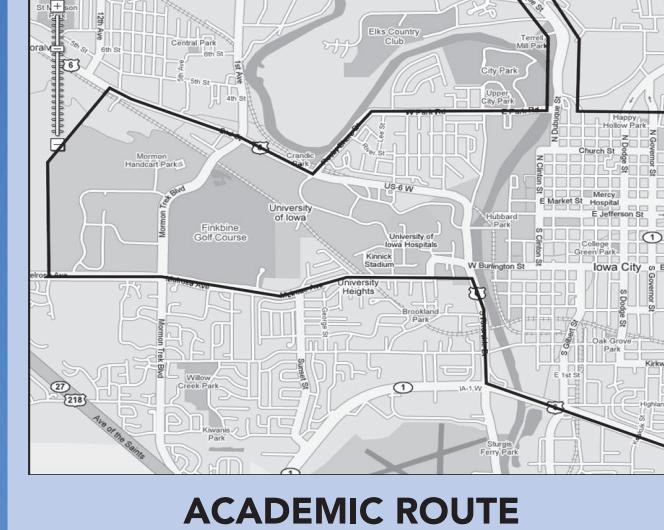
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- NITE RIDE academic route will be an alcohol free service meaning we will not cater to anyone who has been drinking any amount of alcohol.

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 Detroit 98, Philadelphia 81
 New Orleans 99, Dallas 94
 Houston 95, Utah 69
 San Antonio 92, Phoenix 87

MLB
 Philadelphia 7, San Diego 4
 N.Y. Mets 5, Pittsburgh 4, 11 innings
 Washington 6, Atlanta 3
 L.A. Dodgers 7, Florida 6

Milwaukee 10, Chicago Cubs 7
 St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 2
 Houston 6, Arizona 4
 Colorado 3, San Francisco 2
 Boston 1, Toronto 0
 Detroit 6, N.Y. Yankees 4
 Seattle 7, Cleveland 2
 Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 4
 Minnesota 3, Chicago White Sox 1
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 L.A. Angels 2, Oakland 6

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**TENNIS****Men's tennis misses tourney**

The 2008 NCAA Tournament bids were announced Tuesday afternoon, but unfortunately for the 54th-ranked Iowa men's tennis team (13-10, 5-7), its name was nowhere to be found in the 64-team field.

Headlining the bracket is top-ranked Virginia, followed by No. 2 Ohio State, which is fresh off a Big Ten Tournament title won at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday.

Six Big Ten teams made the cut — No. 15 Illinois, No. 16 Michigan, No. 33 Wisconsin, No. 38 Indiana, and No. 39 Penn State will join the Buckeyes.

The Hawkeyes, which placed seventh in the Big Ten right behind Indiana, represent the best-of-the-rest from the excluded Big Ten teams.

Another notable tournament selection is No. 46 Drake, which, at 24-0, boasts the longest regular-season winning streak in the nation. The Bulldogs made the field via an automatic bid after capturing their third-straight Missouri Valley championship.

— by Bobby Loesch

FOOTBALL**Penn State names five captains**

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Five seniors will serve as Penn State football captains this season, including injured standout linebacker Sean Lee.

Lee will be an honorary captain in 2008 as he recovers from a right knee injury suffered during spring practice. He expects to return to the field in 2009.

Anthony Scirrotto was elected a defensive captain along with defensive end Josh Gaines.

Scirrotto pleaded guilty in February to a misdemeanor for his role in an off-campus fight last year. The safety has said he has learned his lessons from that ordeal, and teammates have praised his leadership abilities.

The offensive captains are center A.Q. Shipley and receiver Derrick Williams.

TV TODAY**MLB**

• Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., ESPN

NBA PLAYOFFS

• Eastern Conference, first round, game 5, Washington at Cleveland, 5 p.m., TNT

• Eastern Conference, first round, game 5, Atlanta at Boston, 7:30 p.m., TNT

NHL PLAYOFFS

• Conference semifinals, game 4, Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., Versus

• Conference semifinals, game 4, San Jose at Dallas (joined in progress), 8:30 p.m., Versus

IOWA VS. WESTERN ILLINOIS

TODAY, 7:05 P.M., PEARL FIELD

Softball's home finale



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa pitcher Amanda Züst winds up to deliver a pitch against Northern Iowa at Pearl Field on April 23. The Hawkeyes face Western Illinois today at 7:05 p.m. in their regular-season home finale.

The Iowa softball team will play its regular-season home finale tonight against Western Illinois.

By Brendan Stiles

THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa softball team was supposed to conclude the home portion of its schedule on Tuesday with a double-header against North Dakota State.

However, the Bison had to postpone their trip to Iowa City because of inclement weather affecting previous games it was slated to play in Fargo.

As a result, the Hawkeyes are playing their home finale this evening against Western Illinois, with the first pitch scheduled for 7:05 p.m. at Pearl Field.

Iowa (35-17, 12-6) is coming off two unsettling defeats at the hands of Big Ten foe Indiana on Sunday, and it seeks to regain its swagger.

"I think it was great that we were able to find a makeup game," junior Colleen McGlaughlin said. "It's our last home game, and it's always good to have home games. It's great that Coach [Gayle Blevins] could find another one

Blevins
coach

and just get us some more good competition and more good practice going into our final Big Ten game."

While tonight's contest would normally be considered "Senior Night," neither of Iowa's two seniors, catcher Emily Nichols and infielder Summer Downs, will be in the lineup for the Hawkeyes because of what Nichols called "a prior engagement."

Even though there's a slight possibility Iowa could be one of the host NCAA regional sites when the NCAA Tournament

SEE SOFTBALL, 3B

Not down

By Eric Mandel

THE DAILY IOWAN

Emily Nichols comes early and stays late. She would never say her senior season has been a disappointment, though it certainly hasn't gone as she's expected.

Left field, right-center, straight-away center — the sweet-swinging Hawkeye can still bomb softballs with the best of 'em.

For the Iowa softball home-run king, the problem has been relieving pressure after cranking out a monster 2007 cam-

paign and being the ninth overall selection in the National Professional Fastpitch Draft by the Chicago Bandits.

So much pressure that it stole focus on doing what she does best — hit the ball hard.

"I think I put too much pressure on myself in the beginning, and that was my downfall,"

Nichols
senior

SEE NICHOLS, 3B

IOWA (16-25, 6-14) VS. NORTHERN IOWA (25-13, 11-4)

TODAY, 6:30 P.M., CEDAR RAPIDS, RADIO: 800 AM KXIC

Hawks face Panthers again in Classic

Jack Dahm's Hawkeyes aim to secure bragging rights against Northern Iowa in tonight's Corridor Classic.

By Ryan Young

THE DAILY IOWAN

The rivalry between Iowa and Northern Iowa is about to get a little more fierce.

Out to prove they are the best Division-I team in the state tonight, the struggling Iowa baseball team (16-25, 6-14) faces a senior-laden UNI squad (25-13, 11-4) during the fifth-annual Corridor Classic in Cedar Rapids at Veterans Memorial Stadium.

A week ago, the Hawkeyes ventured onto Panthers' home

field in Waterloo, broke a three-game losing streak with a 5-2 win, and handed Iowa skipper Jack Dahm his 400th victory.

Intensity is expected tonight when the Hawkeyes and Panthers begin round two at 6:30 p.m. Tickets range from \$9 for premier seating to \$6 for lawn seating.

Senior Matt Mossey is Iowa's probable starter, expected to pitch no more than two innings.

"The guys are pretty jacked up, pretty excited about it," junior Justin Toole said. "Getting a

win against UNI would be big heading into Minnesota this next weekend."

Last week's meeting with the Panthers did give the Hawkeyes a boost during their weekend road series with Michigan State. Iowa opened with a 16-2 triumph.

But the Hawkeyes' extra fuel appeared to have been depleted through the following three games; the Spartans went on to take the series, 3-1, scoring 33 runs in the process.

SEE BASEBALL, 3B

Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan
 Iowa's Matt Mossey tags out Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Jesse Hart at Banks Field on April 22.



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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Florida	15	11	.577	—
New York	14	11	.560	1/2
Philadelphia	15	12	.556	—
Atlanta	12	14	.462	3
Washington	10	17	.370	5 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	16	10	.615	—
St. Louis	15	11	.607	—
Milwaukee	15	11	.597	1
Houston	13	15	.464	4
Cincinnati	12	16	.429	5
Pittsburgh	10	16	.365	6
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arizona	19	8	.704	—
Los Angeles	13	13	.500	5 1/2
San Francisco	12	16	.429	7 1/2
Colorado	11	16	.407	8
San Diego	10	17	.370	9

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 7, Diego 4

N.Y. Mets 5, Pittsburgh 4, 11 innings

Washington 6, Atlanta 3

L.A. Dodgers 7, Florida 6

Milwaukee 10, Chicago Cubs 7

St. Louis 7, Cincinnati 2

Houston 6, Arizona 4

Colorado 3, San Francisco 2

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (McGelann 1-3) at N.Y. Mets (O.Perez 2-1), 12:10 p.m.

Cincinnati (Harang 1-3) at St. Louis (Looper 3-1), 12:15 p.m.

Houston (Chacon 0-0) at Arizona (Johnson 1-1), 2:40 p.m.

Colorado (Jimenez 1-2) at San Francisco (Sanchez 2-1), 2:45 p.m.

Atlanta (Jurrjens 3-2) at Washington (Hill 0-0), 3:35 p.m.

San Diego (Young 1-2) at Philadelphia (Moyer 1-1), 6:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 0-4) at Florida (Olsen 3-0), 6:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (Suppan 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 3-0), 7:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	15	11	.577	—
Boston	16	12	.571	—
Tampa Bay	14	12	.538	1
New York	14	14	.500	2
Toronto	11	16	.407	4 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	14	11	.560	—
Kansas City	12	14	.462	2 1/2
Minnesota	12	14	.462	2 1/2
Cleveland	12	15	.444	3
Detroit	12	15	.444	3
West Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Los Angeles	17	11	.607	—
Oakland	17	11	.607	—
Seattle	13	14	.481	3 1/2
Texas	9	18	.333	—

Tuesday's Games

Boston 1, Toronto 0

Detroit 5, N.Y. Yankees 4

Seattle 7, Cleveland 2

Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 4

Minnesota 3, Chicago White Sox 1

Kansas City 9, Texas 5

L.A. Angels 2, Oakland 0

Today's Games

Chicago White Sox (Masset 0-0) at Minnesota (Blackburn 1-1), 12:10 p.m.

Toronto (McGowan 1-2) at Boston (Matsuzaka 4-0), 6:05 p.m.

Seattle (Washburn 1-3) at Cleveland (Lee 4-0), 6:05 p.m.

Detroit (Bonderman 1-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 3-2), 6:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 3-1) at Baltimore (Albers 2-0), 6:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Bannister 3-2) at Texas (Millwood 1-2), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (Eveland 3-1) at L.A. Angels (Santana 4-0), 9:05 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Monday, April 28

Philadelphia 3, Montreal 2, Philadelphia leads series 2-1

Tuesday's Games

Pittsburgh 5, N.Y. Rangers 3, Pittsburgh leads series 3-0

Dallas 2, San Jose 1, OT, Dallas leads series 3-0

Detroit 4, Colorado 3, Detroit leads series 3-0

Today's Games

Montreal at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

San Jose at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.

Detroit at Colorado, 9 p.m.

BIG TEN BASEBALL

Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Michigan	17	3	.850	31 10 .756
Purdue	16	4	.800	25 17 .595
Illinois	11	9	.550	25 17 .595
Ohio State	10	9	.526	22 18 .550
Northwestern	10	10	.500	19 23 .452
Penn State	10	10	.500	19 23 .452
Michigan State	7	12	.368	17 22 .436
Indiana	6	14	.300	18 24 .429
Iowa	6	14	.300	16 25 .390
Minnesota	6	14	.300	16 26 .381

Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Southern Illinois	3	Illinois	.2	
Michigan 7, Western Michigan 4				
Today's Games				
Iowa at Northern Iowa (Cedar Rapids) 6:30 p.m.				
Penn State at Villanova				
UW-Milwaukee at Northwestern				
Eastern Michigan at Ohio State				
South Dakota State at Minnesota				

BIG TEN SOFTBALL

Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Michigan	16	2	.889	44 .898
Northwestern	16	2	.889	32 .711
Iowa	12	6	.667	35 .673
Minnesota	7	7	.500	24 15 .615
Michigan St.	8	10	.444	26 21 .510
Illinois	8	10	.444	29 28 .509
Purdue	7	9	.438	32 20 .615
Penn State	6	10	.375	33 20 .623
Ohio State	7	13	.350	31 .585
Indiana	6	12	.333	16 33 .327
Wisconsin	3	15	.167	15 38 .283

Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Alabama 6, Northwestern 5, 8 innings				
DePaul 5, Northwestern 3, 5 innings				
Today's Games				
Western Illinois at Iowa, 7 p.m.				
Akron at Penn State				
Florida State at Michigan (2)				
Southern Illinois at Illinois				
UW-Green Bay at Minnesota (2)				
Ohio State at Ohio State (2)				

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Atlanta (Jurrjens 3-2) at Washington (Hill 0-0), 3:35 p.m.

San Diego (Young 1-2) at Philadelphia (Moyer 1-1), 6:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 0-4) at Florida (Olsen 3-0), 6:10 p.m.

Milwaukee (Suppan 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 3-0), 7:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

By The Associated Press

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Recalled LHP Garrett Olson and RHP Bob McCrory from Norfolk (IL).

Opted INF Brandon Fife to Norfolk.

Designated RHP Greg Aquino for assignment.

DETROIT RED SOX—Activated 3B Mike Lowell from the 15-day DL.

Designated RHP Matt Albers for assignment.



Nichols not finished just yet

NICHOLS

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Nichols said. "I didn't really need to prove anything to anyone, and that was what I thought I needed to do. But I really didn't."

After being named to 2008 USA Softball Player of the Year Watch List and returning as Iowa's career home-run record holder, Nichols was expected to put up the same shimmering numbers that made her the team co-MVP.

Through 138 at bats this season, though, Nichols has managed just 30 hits, giving her a .217 batting average. Her four home runs and two triples rank second on the team, but last year's No. 3 hitter was shifted down to the seven spot. She has driven in only 19 runs and scored only 14.

"It was kind of like, 'Oh my god, here comes this big season that I've got to do something,' but if I could do it all over again, I would try to change my mindset," she said.

Last year, besides being the team co-MVP and Barry Bonds minus the asterisk, the Portland, Ore., native was the team's Gold Glove winner, led the team in batting average (.400), slugging percentage (.679), hits (76) and RBI (48).

She even managed to stay above a .400 batting average

throughout the entire season. This season, she's only sniffed the air above .200 in recent weeks.

"I don't think it had anything to do with my ability," she said. "I used to think, 'Oh my gosh where did it go?' But my coaches keep telling me it's there, and I think it's starting to come back again."

The coaches have been there to work extra with Nichols, but the catcher said her teammates have been her main supporters, helping her get through the struggles.

"I think coming in she had a lot of expectations put on her by a lot of things she's done in the past and going into the pro league," said junior Colleen McGlaughlin, who took over as the team's most successful hitter (.329 batting average, four homers, and 29 RBIs). "But I think she knows it's important not to focus on those things and just play her game."

As the Hawkeyes near the Big Ten Tournament, they know how important a peaking Nichols would be to a conference title run.

And now that her back is cleared of monkeys, don't be surprised to find those hard hit balls will likely find their way behind the fence.

"I don't care where it goes — the ball just has to be hit hard," she said.

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Softball faces W. Ill.

'We just want to build on consistency, just making sure we're working well as a team. I think we're set.'

I think we're going to do really well, so I don't think we need to work on a lot of big things.'

— Emily Nichols, senior



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Summer Downs hits a ball down the line as Heidi Daumen leads off third at Pearl Field against Northern Iowa on April 23.

MLB

Yankee star ARod going on DL

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez is going on the 15-day disabled list with a strained right quadriceps, leaving the New York Yankees without two of their most important players.

Rodriguez joins injured catcher Jorge Posada on the DL. The Yankees are waiting for additional opinions on Posada's ailing throwing shoulder before determining whether he needs surgery.

A three-time AL MVP, Rodriguez was sent for an MRI exam Tuesday that revealed a Grade 2 strain. He was put on the DL for the first time since July 2000 with Seattle, when he had a strained right knee.

This is Rodriguez's fifth career trip to the disabled list.

"If it's a Grade 2, it's going to be at least the two weeks. That's why we're doing it," general manager Brian Cashman said.

The Yankees said it hadn't yet been determined whether Rodriguez would officially be placed on the disabled list Tuesday or Wednesday. Regardless, his stint on the DL can begin Tuesday because the team played without him — and Posada — in a 6-4 loss to the Detroit Tigers.

Rodriguez has been bothered by the injury since getting hurt April 20 in Baltimore. The third baseman missed three games last week, then returned for a four-game series at Cleveland. But he was removed for a pinch hitter in the eighth inning of Monday night's 5-2 win over the Indians and said he felt a "pull" while running the bases.

'I think there is definitely a little bit of urgency. Not too much. We still have a chance [of making the Big Ten Tournament]. We just have to go out there and play Hawkeye baseball, and we should be fine.'

— Kurtis Muller, outfielder

Baseball takes on UNI

BASEBALL

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Dahm said pitching is at the top of Iowa's improvement list, noting that several walks, wild pitches, and hit batters contributed to the high number of allowed runs over the weekend.

"We just gave up too many free bases," he said. "I think it's been pretty obvious that when we get a well-pitched game, everything else kind of falls into place for us."

"Our pitchers understand that. It's just a case of going out there and executing."

But with the Big Ten Tournament less than a month away and such teams as Michigan, Purdue, and Illinois standing in the top three of the conference standings, there isn't much time for the Hawks to collect themselves during the final stretch of the regular season.

The Hawkeyes sense this, but they aren't getting nervous just yet.

"I think there is definitely a little bit of urgency," freshman outfielder Kurtis Muller said. "Not too much. We still have a chance [of making the Big Ten Tournament].

We just have to go out there and play Hawkeye baseball, and we should be fine."

Notes: Because of flooding at Modern Woodmen Park in Davenport, the Quad Cities River Bandits — the Single-A minor league affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals — will finish their three-game home

stand with the Lansing Lugnuts tonight at Banks Field, according to an article on the team's website.

The game is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m. Tickets will be offered to fans at a discounted price of \$5.

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**MLB****Baseball All-Star tickets to have starry prices**

NEW YORK (AP) — Fans will pay starry prices for this year's All-Star game at Yankee Stadium.

Tickets will be priced at \$150-\$725 for the July 15 game, Major League Baseball announced Tuesday. That's up from \$75-\$285 for last year's game at San Francisco and \$10-15 for box and reserved seats the last time the All-Stars were at Yankee Stadium, in 1977.

Tickets for the Home Run Derby and workout day on July 14 are \$100-\$650, an increase from \$50-\$225 last year. Tickets for the Futures game on July 13 are \$50-\$225, up from \$22.50-\$125 last year.

Registration to buy tickets for the All-Star game and Derby began Tuesday on [mlb.com](#), and a drawing will be held June 16.

Smoltz goes on DL with shoulder problem

WASHINGTON (AP) — Atlanta pitcher John Smoltz went on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday with an ailing right shoulder, though the Braves were told he can get over the problem without surgery.

Smoltz was examined in Birmingham, Ala., by Dr. James Andrews, who diagnosed a severely inflamed biceps tendon and inflammation of the rotator cuff in the right shoulder. The 40-year-old pitcher went on the DL retroactive to Monday.

Andrews injected Smoltz's shoulder for the inflammation and prescribed rest and rehabilitation until he is pain free, the team said. The Braves aren't sure when Smoltz will return.

Tom Glavine was activated after going on the DL for the first time in his career with a hamstring problem. He was set to start the series opener against the Nationals on Tuesday night.

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horoscopes Wednesday, April 30, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may be able to fool someone into thinking you know more than you do, but eventually, you will have to brush up on your skills. Don't discuss an emotional matter around anyone not directly involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A little charm, generosity, and selflessness will go a long way. Someone you least expect will praise and support what you want to do. An older friend or relative will put things in perspective so that you understand what you are up against.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Jumping to conclusions or saying you can do something impossible will not bode well. Let things unfold naturally. A look at your attributes may lead to a better position — but remember, you may have to pick up some new additional credentials.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't waste time. The more hard-headed you are about advancement and following through with your plans, the further you will go professionally and personally. Once you get started, you will be difficult to stop.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't try to buy love or let it cost you. Work at your own pace and on your own goals. Keep your plans undercover. A contract or offer will need adjustments before you can move forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plans to have some fun with someone special should be in the works but not at the expense of a responsibility you have to fulfill. Make sure the person to whom you are making a commitment is on the same page.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get all worked up over nothing. Leave any trivial matters or minor problems with people alone. Everyone is likely to overreact, overindulge, or argue for the sake of arguing, making matters worse. Avoid controversy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Do whatever it takes to stand out or to be unique in your field. It will be originality that leads to success. Don't let anyone push you or lead you to believe you have to do things differently.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone may tamper with your heart and your emotions. Hide your feelings, and take note of what's going on. If you don't like the way you are being treated, call it as you see it and move on. Protect your heart and your bankbook.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is a lot going on that will tie you to your past. Don't be afraid to look back if it will help you get ahead. You know what's best for yourself and what you can handle. Money is in the picture, and redecorating will turn out well.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do what you can to talk your way in or out of a situation you don't want to face. Now is not the time to gamble with your heart or your money. Love is in the stars — be honest, or trouble will follow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Remain calm, or someone will think you are unpredictable and unreliable. Personal and professional gains can be made but only if you are responsible and quick to react. You will be a competitive participant.

“You're so vain, I bet you think this campaign is about you.”

— Chuck Todd, the NBC political director, summing up the Rev. Jeremiah Wright's recent series of speeches, which have made him the center of attention in the Democratic presidential-nomination race.

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SCOTT PACANOWSKI

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• We could all adopt African children and raise them in our mansions.

• Couples could finally start referring to themselves as one person instead of two.

• One could go insane and become even more famous. We all know that same people are way to boring to be famous.

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Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Two-year-old Sterling Schumacher hangs on a rope ladder at the playground on the Pedestrian Mall on Tuesday. Sterling was out with her father, Kyle Schumacher, enjoying the warm weather while waiting for her mother to finish work.

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

- Story Time for Preschoolers, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Center, 520 W. Cherry
- Iowa City Foreign Relations Lecture/Luncheon Series, “CARTHA: Global Entrepreneurship with Iowa Roots,” Usha Balakrishnan, noon, Congregational Church, 30 N. Clinton
- Fourth-Annual Gene F. Lata Biochemistry Undergraduate Honors Symposium, 1:20 p.m., 5-669 Bowen Science Building
- Bicyclists of Iowa City Ride, 5:30 p.m., Hills Elementary, 301 E. Main
- The Casualties, the Krum Bums, Dylan Shiv & the Shanks, 5:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Lorene Drive, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- Pizza from Scratch, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- Story Time for All Ages, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- AIDS Advocacy Update and Strategy

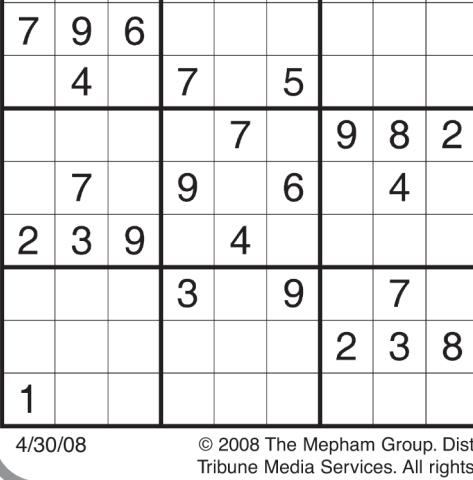
- Session, 7 p.m., C131 Pomerantz Center
 - Environmental Advocates Meeting, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
 - Free Pool, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
 - Songwriters in Residence, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
 - So Now You Can Knit, 7 p.m., Crazy Girl Yarn Shop, 1150 Fifth St., Suite 152, Coralville
 - University and Concert Bands, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
 - Reading and talk about writing poetry, genre fiction, and literary fiction, Martha Grimes, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
 - Comedy Night, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
 - Karaoke Night, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
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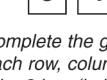
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 5 UI Programs
 5:30 Celebration of Excellence & Achievement Among Women

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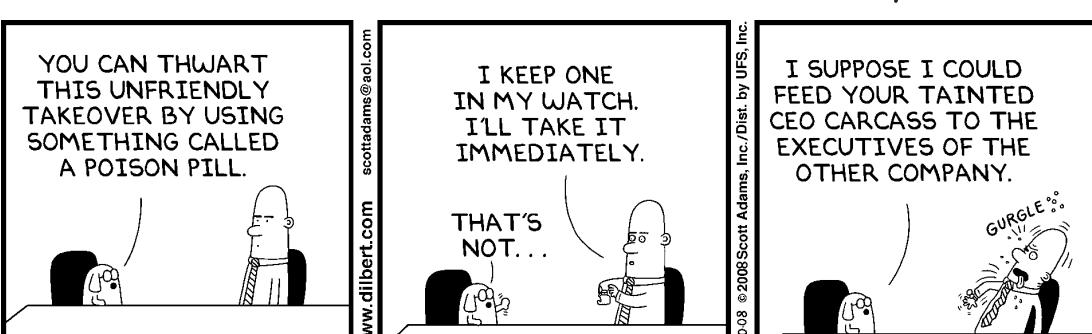
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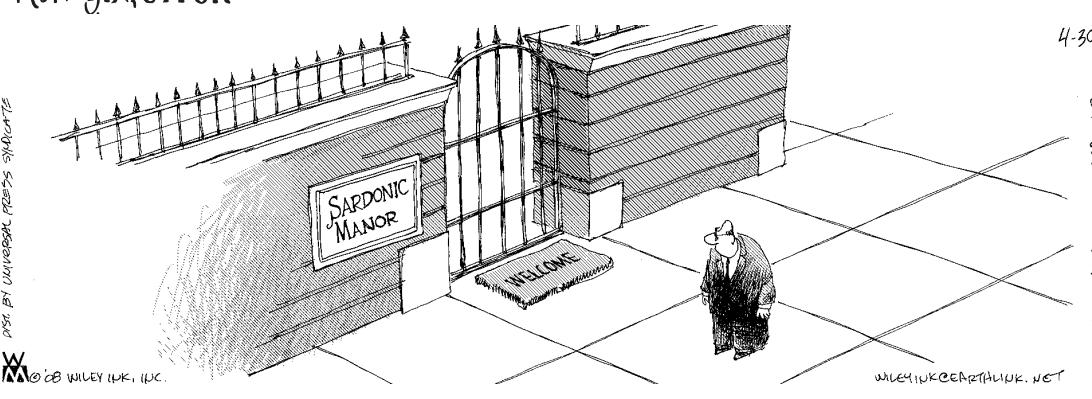
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