Immigration splits officials

By Shawn Gudo

With CNN’s Lou Dobbs lambasting open-border policies nightly, groups active on both sides of the issue, and both federal and state lawmakers grappling with the subject, illegal immigration hasn’t been an issue that has left the minds of many Americans—or Iowans.

Despite such opinions, the Iowa Legislature failed to pass any kind of legislation on the subject in the session that ended April 28. Although both the House and Senate offered up their own pieces of legislation, neither bill even hit the floor for debate in the opposite chamber.

“I think it’s an issue that’s going to linger, and I think people are very interested to see it dealt with, either on the federal or state level,” said Rep. Iowans would likely see the Legislature actually try to deal with the issue,” said Rep. Bob Roberts R-Carroll.

A UI Hawkeye Poll last year showed the issue to be “very important” for 43.1 percent of Democratic and 58.2 percent of Republican voters.

Rep. David Jacoby, D-Coralville, said part of the problem was the politicization of the issue.

“It’s a difficult issue, and I can say directly on that point, it was all politics and no results,” he said. “Many people were trying to stake their position, each other on amendments, even when they knew the legislation wouldn’t go into law.”

In the 2004 elections, both parties asked their candidates to support or oppose the legislation the would go into law.

By Peter Klopfenstein

The UI’s cost of coal is expected to rise 40 percent July 1, and the university is looking at alternative energy sources, including burning cut hulls. The cut hulls are burnt at the university’s Power Plant.

By Alyssa Cashman

A growing nationwide crisis is set to hit the UI campus on July 1. That is when the price of coal is set to jump nearly 40 percent, an increase that will affect the way officials think about powering the campus.

The UI burns approximately 90,000 tons of coal per year.

International coal demand is one of the largest factors pushing up costs. As countries such as China continue to see rapid industrial growth, the demand for coal goes up. American coal exports increased by 15 percent last year and are expected to go up by another 15 percent this year, according to the U.S. Department of Energy.

The UI uses a mix of Central and Northern Appalachian coal as well as Illinois-Room. The latter is cheaper than Appalachian coal, and Appalachian coal has seen a huge price increase recently.

In the past month, Northern Appalachian coal price jumped 82 percent, according to the Energy Information Administration.

With those spikes, the UI is continuing the search for alternate energy sources.

There are more long-term possibilities for alternate energy sources than immediate solutions, said Fermi Mamer, a Facilities Management senior engineer.

“One of the things we’ve really suffered from is volatile energy prices,” he said. "It’s a difficult issue, and I can say directly on that point, it was all politics and no results.”

More than 90 percent of Iowa prisoners have a mental-health condition or an addictive disorder and around one-third are at risk for suicide, according to a recent study completed by UI researchers.

The approximately two-year study—in which researchers interviewed 150 randomly selected nonviolent offenders—highlighted the growing concern of mental illness in the state’s criminal-justice system.

“It is unfortunate that the prison system is where we have so many people with a mental or addictive problem being placed in society today,” said Bruce Robison, the mental-health director for the state Department of Corrections. “I hope new people will realize the problem, but to be honest, I don’t know how soon society will change.”

Researchers evaluated each of the prisoners, who were all newly admitted to the reception and evaluation center of the Iowa Medical & Classification Center in Oakdale, by collecting their demographic and criminal history. Most participants were arrested for substance-related charges.

To evaluate the prisoners with mental illness, the clinical team employed a tool that takes more than 60 variables into consideration.

The study is the first of its kind in Iowa that Donald Black, a UI professor of psychiatry, has seen.

Black, one of the study’s lead researchers, said the study is a step toward preventing mental illnesses in the prison system.

The study on Iowa prisoners

• Researchers selected 320 randomly selected nonviolent offenders.

• Thirty percent of prisoners were rated as being at risk for suicide.

• More than 93 percent met criteria for at least one life-threatening mental illness.

• Ninety percent had substance-related charges.

By Clara Hogan

Remembering the Holocaust

By Lauren Skiba

Holmes E. Edlund Senior Foundation Editor Edith Flesher’s newsrooms are only those of 5 million Jews murdered during the Holocaust.

In recognition of the Holocaust Remembrance Day—Yom Hashoah in Hebrew—students read those names in front of the Hillel for 24 hours starting on Wednesday night.

“For some people, it is extremely emotional, especially for people who have relatives who died in the Holocaust,” said Adina Hemley, the student life coordinator for the Hillel.

Every hour, a new student read from a thick book of names outside Hillel with only a small light illuminating the text.

India’s coal cost to SOAR

By Clifford Olson

The Daily Iowan TV
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Daily updates

New check-back at dailyiowan.com during the day for the latest news on the UI and Iowa City.

Daily Iowaan softballs by The Iowa softball teams have won a makeshift game at home on Thursday, dropping Western Illinois, 2-0.

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UIHC officials present budget

By Kurtis Hiatt

CEDAR FALLS — UI Hospita l and Clinic officials presented an $819 million operating budget for fiscal 2009 and proposed a 6 percent rate increase, which would bring the hospital’s rates to “the right pieces and people in place,” building our leadership team, organization and the structure,” he said.

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Prof. Ronald Berger of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater gives a speech detailing how his father and uncle survived the Holocaust. In addition to the speech, people began a 24-hour reading of the names of all the people whose lives were taken during the Holocaust. For Nataly Arber, though, the experience was overwhelming. “It’s overwhelming to think of all the people whose lives were taken,” she said. “It’s a small sacrifice compared to what they went through.”

Throughout the night, strong energy was evident in the darkest of hours, giving names and voices will be heard even in the darkest of hours, giving names and voices to the people who suffered and died during the Holocaust. "There is always a shortage of alternate energy sources," Milster said. "But you can't buy this stuff. It's an expensive investment." Oat hulls cost considerably less than alternative energy sources.

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The American Heart Association recently suggested children diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder receive heart tests before they are given stimulant drugs.

But UI experts say the statement was not intended as a shotgun approach to treating symptoms of the disorder, a condition found in 3 to 5 percent of children in the United States.

Between 1999 and 2004, the Food and Drug Administration received reports that 26 children on stimulant medications suffered strokes, cardiac arrests, or heart palpitations. Nineteen children died suddenly on the medication.

The anecdotal evidence, while serious, does not imply that the medications caused complications, said UI pediatric cardiology Professor Dianne Atkins. Atkins was one of four reviewers for the heart association's report, published April 21 online in its journal, Circulation.

And because ADHD can have serious consequences, "the statement is not saying that if you have any kind of heart problem, you should not be placed on the medication," she said.

ADHD manifests in early childhood as a combination of high-level inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. First discussed clinically in 1902, the neurobehavioral disorder's prevalence has spurred fierce reactions over the issue of putting children on psychotropic drugs — drugs that affect the mind, emotion, or behavior.

Regardless of emotionally charged exchanges, however, statistics show ADHD can present serious social and health consequences. The disorder is associated with an estimated $3.3 billion in health-care costs, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In 2003, about 2.5 million children used medications to keep their ADHD symptoms under control. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, stimulants such as the aggressively marketed brands Adderall and Ritalin appear to be the most effective type.

The drugs stimulate parts of the brain to block distractions, which could allow people with ADHD to focus and stretch their attention spans.

Some heart diseases raise the risk for sudden cardiac death, according to the report. An electrocardiogram can be used to find abnormal heart rhythms and heart-muscle damage, increasing chances of finding heart conditions. But even ECGs have limited sensitivity and specificity, Atkins said.

A pediatrician, psychiatrist, or physician should also check cardiac history, family history, and blood pressure measurements, she said. While an ECG is a simple procedure, Gary Gaffney, a UI associate professor of psychiatry, voiced concerns that the heart association's report will drive health professionals to tread a fine edge — order more tests to cover liability or try to keep care costs at a minimum?

"You can do every test in the book, and you could still get false positives," he said. "Plus, we don’t test lab tests — we treat patients."

Controlling ADHD symptoms requires more than just medications — behavior, educational, and occupational therapy are all part of the "judicious" effort, he said. Nonetheless, he predicted recent media attention on the report could influence the UIHC’s procedures.

"I suspect we will be more aggressive about it, due in some part to the heart association's statement," he said.

Stimulant medications are generally safe, Atkins said. Parents should note signs of heart disease, such as palpitations, fainting or dizzy spells during exercise, and chest pain. If they see these symptoms, it should be discussed with a primary care physician, she said.

"You don't have to do every test in the book, but it’s nice to have something as a guide," Gaffney said.

"We have to act on these things, but it’s not a universal test for everyone."

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Local areas exceed air-quality rule

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Bone shards ID’d as Romanovs’

By Mike Eckel

MOSCOW — For nine years after Russian czar Nicholas II and his family were murdered, there were no traces of the remains of the hemophiliac heir to Russia’s throne. Then in 1991 a man claiming to be the czar’s 13-year-old son spotted a picture of a woman resembling his mother in a Parisian newspaper and believed his house was lost in Russia’s vastness, buried in secret amid fear and chaos as the country lurched into civil war.

Now an official says DNA tests have solved the mystery by identifying bone shards found in a forest as those of Alexei and his sister, Grand Duchess Maria.

The remains of their parents — Nicholas II and Empress Alexandra — and three siblings, including the czar’s youngest daughter, Anastasia, were exhumed in 1991 and reburied in the imperial resting place in St. Petersburg. The Russian Orthodox Church made all seven of them saints in 2000. Despite the earlier discoveries and ceremonies, the absence of Alexei’s and Maria’s remains gnawed at descendants of the Romanov dynasty, battery buffs, and royalists. Even if Wednesday’s announcement is confirmed and widely accepted, many descendants of the royal family are unlikely to be fully convinced. They seek formal “rehabilitation” by the government.

“The tragedy of the czar’s family will only end when the family is declared victims of political repression,” said Nadia Kizenko, a lawyer for royal descendants.

Nicholas abdicated in 1917 as revolutionary fervor swept Russia, and he and his family were detained. They were shot by a firing squad on July 17, 1918, in the basement of the Yekaterinburg house where they were being held. Rumors persisted that some of the family had survived and escaped. Claims by women to be Anastasia were particularly prominent, although there were also pretenders to Alexei’s and Maria’s identities.

People interested in the history of the Romanovs are “guilty of a food bill.

By Mary Clare Jalonick

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Farm bill’s traffic jam

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The Sheraton is a focal point in the downtown landscape, traversing over the entire downtown area with its 356-room, crown-of-crowns guest tower toward downtown businesses, but the 25-year-old hotel is showing its age. Republic Bank Co. is planning to invest $11 million in renovations, but last week, the officials also submitted a request for the city's Economic Development Committee for a little help.

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There's no doubt whether a better hotel makes for happier guests, guests who would be likely to return again, and again as well as recommend a stay to their friends or coworkers. But, well better carpet, nicer pillows, and new paint job makes a significant enough effect to give the city a return investment. And is the best way to spend millions in municipal funds? How about making more room in our schools? What about giving our hard-working police and firefighters a raise? Maybe we could buy a few new scanners or pay for some street and sidewalk maintenance.

Iowa City offered funding for the initial cost of the renovation of the hotel in the 1980s. Should a tax-incentive package be offered, he would raise the question: How many times does taxpayers have to foot the bill for a privately owned hotel? A president would be set, and even more excessiveotts, big and small, will have their hands extended for a piece of the action. It's happened before, with the tax-incentive financed hotel/Venue and Carvalho's Marriott, as where is the lure drawn? The Davidson Hotel group purchased the Sheraton knowing full well that significant innovations would be required before the hotel could be financially viable.

So often how the city step in to assist failing businesses? Iowa City should do everything it can to sell out businesses especially anchor businesses in the heart of the downtown, short of writing million-dollar checks. The public does not see for private hands especially in the amounts that the Davidson is discussing. Weather considering short-term or long-term implications the conclusion is the same: tax-incentive financing for the Sheraton is not in the best interests of the Iowa City taxpayers.

FUELING MEXICAN FIRE

Comparing the political opposition to Hitler is rarely a good idea. Not only does it demean the leader's evil, but it provokes such outrage that whatever controversy was fleeing before Hitler was mentioned gets lost. In the new furor over oil company's crown-of-crowns guest tower toward downtown businesses, but the 25-year-old hotel is showing its age. Republic Bank Co. is planning to invest $11 million in renovations, but last week, the officials also submitted a request for the city's Economic Development Committee for a little help.

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There's no doubt whether a better hotel makes for happier guests, guests who would be likely to return again, and again as well as recommend a stay to their friends or coworkers. But, well better carpet, nicer pillows, and new paint job makes a significant enough effect to give the city a return investment. And is the best way to spend millions in municipal funds? How about making more room in our schools? What about giving our hard-working police and firefighters a raise? Maybe we could buy a few new scanners or pay for some street and sidewalk maintenance.

Iowa City offered funding for the initial cost of the renovation of the hotel in the 1980s. Should a tax-incentive package be offered, he would raise the question: How many times does taxpayers have to foot the bill for a privately owned hotel? A president would be set, and even more excessiveotts, big and small, will have their hands extended for a piece of the action. It's happened before, with the tax-incentive financed hotel/Venue and Carvalho's Marriott, as where is the lure drawn? The Davidson Hotel group purchased the Sheraton knowing full well that significant innovations would be required before the hotel could be financially viable.

So often how the city step in to assist failing businesses? Iowa City should do everything it can to sell out businesses especially anchor businesses in the heart of the downtown, short of writing million-dollar checks. The public does not see for private hands especially in the amounts that the Davidson is discussing. Weather considering short-term or long-term implications the conclusion is the same: tax-incentive financing for the Sheraton is not in the best interests of the Iowa City taxpayers.
The school will find out this week just how successful its campaign has been. Today is "decision day," the deadline for those who want to attend Wilkes to make up their minds. The university picks applicants featured in its ads, then drives home the message that the school gets to know its students personally and pays close attention to their dreams, their hopes and desires, their likes and dislikes, even their nicknames.

It uses the information to design highly personalized ads that are placed where students are most likely to see them: on pima bins and billboards, atop gas pumps, in movie theaters and malls, and on MTV, VH1, and Comedy Central.

"We want to promote Wilkes to people who have a "look-at-me" generation -- teens who grew up with such social networking sites as Facebook and MySpace and are comfortable sharing their most private thoughts with the world," he said.

Indeed, the ads have turned students into mini-advertisers in their schools and communities.

Briana Turnbaugh, 17, of Sugarland, Pa., said that when she went to a doctor's office for the first time, the receptionist asked, "Oh, you're the girl from the billboard."

"Scranton High senior Greg Henkel: "You give your time at the soup kitchen, the firehouse, and malls, and on MTV, VH1, and Comedy Central call you Pecka-lecka-Catholic call you Pecka-lecka."
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Soccer adds another recruit

Iowa's men's soccer program announced recently that it had signed 20-year-old Chris Black, a forward/midfielder from St. Louis, Mo.

Rainey arranged Wednesday the Hawkeye 2008 recruiting class has been

Black led her team to the 2007 state championship game, where they finished third. She played in three championships and scored 22 goals and 11 assists during her career.

She has been named the Most Valuable Player of the Missouri High School Soccer Coaches Association

Black is a native of St. Louis, Mo., and is the daughter of Crystal Black. She attended St. Ladoga in St. Louis and is a four-star recruit in her position. She was also named to the Missouri All-State team in 2007.

With her signing, the Hawkeye men's soccer team now has 16 players on its roster.

The Hawkeye men's soccer team is looking forward to a successful 2008 season, and Black's addition will help the team achieve that goal.

Women's tennis inks recruit

By Dani Hendrickson

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa — Justin Teolve hasn't let an uphill climb stop him from reaching the top of the sport he loves. The 2007 Iowa High School 1A singles champion has continued his success at the University of Iowa, where he's a four- or five-star in my book.

With a 2-0 lead, Riffel and the Hawkeyes defeated UNI in the fifth-annual Corridor Classic, 10-6.

Wednesday night at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Using seven runs in the first inning — in the Hawkeyes’ Corridor Classic — the second baseman

The Iowa softball team completed the home slate of its schedule in style, with a two-run win on Wednesday.

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Four near swan songs

Four Hawkeye seniors are already looking beyond the horizon of their college careers.

By Jeff Pawola

While senior night is fast approaching for the women's track and field team, Hawkeyes' seniors are also looking ahead at their last lap in Saturday's final home meet.

For seniors Kinzie Alexander, Meghan Armstrong, Tammy Kinn, and Diane Nakuru, the final home meet is a chance to touch the finish line. The Big Ten and NCAA championships are also just around the corner.

Unlike other sports with playoff formats, track and field professionals do not wait on the results of the conference championships to decide who will make it to the national meet. Instead, they may offer their top performers the opportunity to compete at the national level based on performance.

“Run to the level they all need to continue to improve. The most important thing is they can go out there and run their personal best,” assistant coach Layne Anderson said.

It’s like starting from the minute before the national meet. I think that’s the biggest motivation to succeed.

In college in any iteration, each athlete has to produce to get into the Olympics. Off the track is where athletes have learned to become successful and make a name for themselves in the national and the international Olympic team.

“I’ll actually be going to the Olympic trials for the first time, and I’m excited about it,” Alexander said.

My goal right now is to make the finals. Possibly joining her in Beijing is freshman teammate Karen, from Jamaica, and Nakuru, from Burundi.

In fact, Nakuru has already competed in the Olympics for her native country, in the 2004 Sydney Olympics. Running the 5,000-meter distance.

Similarly, Nakuru will attempt to qualify this time around in the 5,000 meters the top 20 taken.

sources: Daily Iowan, Iowa City, Wednesday, May 1, 2008

Ralph D. Russo

Hollywood, Calif. — Even a four-game playoff scenario is tough for the BCS.

Bowl Championship Series officials considered getting a four-game qualifying day to test the much-criticized system for deciding a national champion, a four-team playoff, starting in the 2012 season.

The BCS system will remain the same until at least the 2014 season.

“After a very thorough, very good discussion among the group, we have decided that because we feel at this time the BCS is an unimpeachable system of health, we feel it’s never been healthier during its first two decades. We have made a decision to move forward in the next cycle with the current format,” Atlantic Coast Conference Commissioner John Swofford said.

During five meetings of this summer, the other conference commissioners, Southeastern Conference Commissioner Mike Slive, presented a plan for a four-team playoff format, adopted by the No. 1 team in the nation against the No. 2 and No. 3 in the_Renderer bowl games. The winners would move on to play in the biggest bowl game.

In the end, only the SEC and ACC wanted to even continue the discussion of the plan.

“I’m not unhappy,” Slive said. “I think there was a lot of commitment with the 10 other conference commissioners with the exception of the Big Ten and Big 12.

Looking beyond the horizon of their college careers.

SEC Commissioner Mike Slive (left), ACC Commissioner John Swofford, and Big 12 Commissioner Dan Beebe were in the media on Wednesday during the BCS meetings in Hollywood, Fla.
BASEBALL
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“With Weil hitting her stride, now the Black and Gold are looking for the-headliners to start heating at the plate and support their pitching ace.

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When DJ XXL moved to Iowa City in 1989, he was already a seasoned hip-hop artist. Born in Puerto Rico and raised in California, the now middle-aged man slipped in and out of various West Coast hip-hop groups, infusing himself into all aspects of the culture, becoming a DJ who dabbled in break dancing and graffiti art. And when his hip-hop "crew" moved out to Iowa City, he followed, bringing his passion for DJ-ing to a college town accustomed to local roots and bluegrass music, the occasional club track, and jazz. "To me, hip-hop is a nonviolent movement expressed through 'turntablism,' rapping, graffiti, and break dancing." — DJ XXL

DJ-ing, a sometimes overlooked aspect of hip-hop culture, is perhaps its most fundamental element. But on the nights XXL and his crew showed up in Iowa City to turn tables, the art of mixing hardly went unnoticed.

"[Our shows] were the place to be," said XXL, born Joseph Cool. "We gained a huge following — fraternities of all kinds, football players, really anyone who loved hip-hop would turn up."

Along with regular gigs in bars, hip-hop enjoyed a prominent spot on KRUI, with XXL hosting the hip-hop-centric "State of Yo" on Friday nights. But even with success on its side, the aggressive image of hip-hop took its toll. Citing increased violence, the bigger downtown bars began refusing to allow DJs to perform, leaving hip-hop to fade into a quiet legality, echoing a national trend.

Can hip-hop culture make a play in an Iowa City atmosphere filled with bar-crawlers and juke-joint hipsters? It was once on its way but lost momentum. Now, with the help of passionate artists and the reopening of the Industry and Public Space One, hip-hop artists hope it can rise again.

Local Hip-Hop Happenings

**DJ XXL**
- **When:** 9 p.m. every Tuesday
- **Where:** Industry, 211 Iowa Ave.
- **Admission:** Free with bar cover

**Uniphonics**
- **When:** May 31, 9 p.m.
- **Where:** Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn St.
- **Admission:** TBD

**Copywrite, with Animosity, Coolzey, and Dangerzone**
- **When:** May 16, 9 p.m.
- **Where:** Picador, 330 E. Washington St.
- **Admission:** TBD

**A.V. Collective with the Bridge, Howell**
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**From Thursday evening to Sunday night — the Weekend in Arts & Culture**

**Bashful Transportation**
Iowa City’s own Shame Train rolls into the Mill Friday at 9 p.m., and though many more bad railroad puns could be used to justify the CD release party for. One knows she’s not going to let the music sell it. We’re sure the members would direct you to their MySpace page for more.

**Most radio-rap sucks**
But "80 Hours on Air" won’t offer any of that lame, Sold-ya-boi B.S. This Friday from 5 to 6 p.m. on KRUI, the DJ’s staff will after half-hour hip-hop interviews and jams without all that Spidermaning and ugh. If only Nas could just release Illmatic again. Then the hip-hop world would be ours again.
**Saturday 5.3**

**MUSIC**
- “Sleep Blind,” noon, Iowa House 242, Washington
- Pete Quatro (of Dispatch) and Dick Pratts, 9 p.m., Pica-van-Jules, Center for New Music

**TALKS**
- "Most of Us Have a Load of Mistakes," noon, IMU second-floor room
- "From the Large Apple: A Love Letter to 9/11," 7 p.m., IMU Recital Hall
- "The Arab American Experience," noon, IMU first-floor room

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**LECTURES**
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- "Dance Night," 6:30 p.m., Hy-Vee, 1600 S. First St.
- "Dance," 8:30 p.m., Space/Place

**NEW MOVIES**
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- The Hangover
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**ART**
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- "2008 Spring Exhibition," 5 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 S. Second Ave.
- "Heroes," 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 207 E. Second St.
- "Blue Mountains," 7 p.m., Mayo United Methodist Church, 210 S. Second St.
- "Life as a Con Sketch Artist," 7 p.m., Old Capitol parking ramp 4

**KIDS**
- "Java Blend," 8 p.m., University of Iowa Union Room

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- **Lectures:**
  - 3:30 p.m., IMU second-floor room
  - 8 p.m., Space/Place

- **Dance Events:**
  - 6:30 p.m., Boone Hall, Old Brick
  - 6:30 p.m., Hy-Vee, 1600 S. First St.
  - 8:30 p.m., Space/Place

- **New Movies:**
  - Iron Man
  - Snowcapped Carolinas
  - The Hangover
  - The Heartbreak Kid
  - C. Vivian Stringer, Iowa's women's basketball coach
  - The Last Airbender
  - In Search of the World's Missing Girls

- **Miscellaneous Events:**
  - Neon Knits, noon, Harmony Library
  - Knitting Nurse, 1 p.m., IMU River Room
  - Know the Score Live, with John Krajewski, 2 p.m., Radisson Hotel
  - Living in the Land of Tigers, 2 p.m., Kids Art Forum

- **Art Events:**
  - It’s First Friday in Downtown Iowa City, 5 p.m., Chautauqua Downtown, 218 E. Washington St.
  - 2008 Spring Exhibition, 5 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 S. Second Ave.
  - Heroes, 6:30 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 207 E. Second St.
  - Blue Mountains, 7 p.m., Mayo United Methodist Church, 210 S. Second St.
  - Life as a Con Sketch Artist, 7 p.m., Old Capitol parking ramp 4

- **Kids Events:**
  - Java Blend, 8 p.m., University of Iowa Union Room

**What are you reading?**
- Department of History
- Department of Religion
- Undergraduate Student Government
- Iowa City Public Library
- IMU Union

**What should you read?**
- Reading in the Sand (review)
- The Last Airbender (review)

**What to do this weekend?**
- Stay in or go out?
- Attend a concert or see a movie?
- Enjoy the outdoors or stay indoors?

**Events to consider:**
- Iron Man screening
- Snowcapped Carolinas screening
- The Hangover screening
- The Heartbreak Kid screening
- C. Vivian Stringer, Iowa's women's basketball coach discussion
- The Last Airbender screening
- In Search of the World's Missing Girls screening

**Other events:**
- Iowa City Playhouse - The Two Gentlemen of Verona
- University of Iowa Wind Ensemble - Spring Concert
- University of Iowa Orchestra - Spring Concert
- University of Iowa Dance Ensemble - Spring Concert
- University of Iowa Jazz Ensemble - Spring Concert
- University of Iowa Percussion Ensemble - Spring Concert
- University of Iowa String Ensemble - Spring Concert
- University of Iowa Choral Union - Spring Concert
- University of Iowa Opera Ensemble - Spring Concert
- University of Iowa Theatre Ensemble - Spring Concert
- University of Iowa Film Studies - Spring Film Series
- University of Iowa English Department - Spring Reading Series
- University of Iowa Art Department - Spring Art Exhibition
- University of Iowa Music Department - Spring Music Festival

**Tips:**
- Use public transportation to minimize your carbon footprint.
- Consider carpooling to save money and reduce traffic.
- Support local businesses by dining at restaurants and purchasing from shops.
- Volunteer at local organizations to give back to the community.

**Questions:**
- What’s your favorite book? Why?
- What’s your favorite movie? Why?
- What’s your favorite TV show? Why?

**Actions:**
- Join a book club to explore different genres and perspectives.
- Attend a movie screening or film discussion to gain new insights.
- Volunteer at a local community organization to make a difference.
- Take a walk in a nearby park or nature reserve to enjoy the outdoors.
- Read a book or watch a movie that challenges your perspective.

**Conclusion:**
- This weekend offers a diverse range of events, from concerts and lectures to art exhibits and movie screenings. Whether you prefer to stay indoors or explore the outdoors, there is something for everyone. Enjoy your weekend!
HIP-HOP BEATING ITS WAY BACK TO IOWA

A few years later, then-REIU radio personality Sid the Kid started bringing local and Midwestern hip-hop acts to perform on air, encouraging a culture of local interest. One of those, on the weekends, was a group of kids from high school who had been organizing Battle of the Bands hosted at local venues. The Kid used his connections to put together a local band, and Iowa City started creating a real audience for hip-hop music. The kidr started moving around local stages, and encouraging local rappers to perform in the area. In 2008, the city council passed a resolution to make hip-hop an official city style. But the Kid didn’t stay long. In order to see how the magical atmosphere had changed in the city, the Kid had to move back to its roots, focusing on the underground scene. The Kid has since formed in Iowa City say the sub-scene exists ever since.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IS THAT HIP-HOP CAN BE ANYTHING, AND IT CAN BE EVERYTHING — ANONYMOUS

In his opinion, the main of the mainstream gets crowded, and there’s no room for the local acts. It’s hard to know the breadth of the city’s hip-hop scene. But when the Kid says that hip-hop is everything, you can see how much talent is there. The Kid said. "The art of improv can make it more interesting, and it can make the situation more unpredictable." But the Kid said, "The art of improv can make it more interesting, and it can make the situation more unpredictable." But the Kid said, "The art of improv can make it more interesting, and it can make the situation more unpredictable." But the Kid said, "The art of improv can make it more interesting, and it can make the situation more unpredictable." But the Kid said, "The art of improv can make it more interesting, and it can make the situation more unpredictable."
To senior Amy Jacobus, doing homework on the Pedestrian Mall means more than just reading for class or taking wireless from the Tobacco Bowl, 111 S. Dubuque St. — as a choreographer, she and her dancers took observations from the Ped Mall and turned them into a piece to be performed this weekend in the dance department’s annual Undergraduate Dance Concert.

Jacobus’ work, “In Attention to Inattention,” isn’t the only one that has elements audience members might find familiar. Other dances in the show feature other easily relatable attributes: One selection that features John Lennon’s “Imagine” explores a longing for peace that is easy to connect to current events; another explores gender issues; one is about bridesmaids.

“In this year’s show, a lot of the dances really relate to things we’re all dealing with right now,” Jacobus said. “Even if it isn’t the way we act in everyday life because it’s kind of abstracted, they are images that we’ve seen and can relate to as students.”

The Undergraduate Dance Concert is produced by the dance department every year in North Hall’s Space/Place, a venue that hosts similar performances and thesis concerts nearly every weekend. To decide what will end up on the final program, a board of three dance professors views the submitted pieces. The professors provide feedback to the choreographers about continuing their development and then select the ones that, as Professor George De La Peña said, they consider “most ready to be performed.” The criteria, he said, include invention, craft, concept, and creative exploration — the overall length of the evening, however, is also taken into consideration.

Jacobus, who performed in the concert last year, praised the relatively shorter length of this year’s show as one of its strengths. “It can get a little lengthy,” she said.

Of the 23 pieces adjudicated, Jacobus’ is one of nine selected for this year’s show. When her piece was up for review, she was told that one of its strong points was that audience members could relate to it.

“It’s a sense of snatches that my dancers and I collaborated on that depict the everyday, especially college life,” she said. “The work itself is a collage of kind of pedestrian experiences about how we perform in our everyday lives, not just on the stage.”

Jacobus’ dancers will perform in jeans using shoe boxes, planners, and cell phones for props. Her score likewise reflects the contemporary everyday.

“If I actually had a very funny way of going about selecting my songs,” she said. “I went on my iTunes, and I wanted to find some songs that mentioned the everyday and repeating things, so I typed in keywords.”

If only all dancing to iTunes were stage-worthy.

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Seeds of the WORKSHOP in an unlikely place

In focusing attention toward the Iowa Writers’ Workshop, the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center’s exclusively local library pays due place.
Dear LOUIS,

I feel like your name is entirely inappropriate for you. I don't know what you do, but I'd have thought you might want to change names or maybe just go by Louis. It's a bit overwhelming to call someone LOUIS! When I hear it, my mind just fills in a lot of blanks. I have no idea what kind of person you might be. I'm sure you're nice and all, but I can't think of anything else.

LOUIS

Dear Louis,

I hate paparazzi. I think they can take a seemingly innocuous event like a scuffle outside a club, dressing in sweats, gaining five pounds, and simply looking drunk (after drinking) and turn it into cause for rehab. I also hate the gutter press. I hate people . I hope to never turn it into cause for rehab. I also hate the gutter press. I hate people . I hope to never

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