SAND COUNTRY

By Brian Stewart

Seven years ago, Bob and Sonia Athen stumbled upon a historic discovery in the back yard of their southwestern Iowa home in Shenandoah.

Since then, a team of scientists from the University of Iowa have been working to uncover and excavate the skeleton of a giant Ice Age sloth and the remains of now-extinct mammals like it.

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A sinkhole approximately the size of a car standing on end forced local police to close the Iowa Avenue bridge Tuesday.

Police said the early’s presence just east of the bridge indicated soil had washed out underneath the road.

The hole, which occupied part of the median in the center of Iowa Avenue, was more than 4 feet in diameter and numerous feet deep. The sound of water running emanating from the sinkhole.

Several pedestrians walked down the sidewalk across the street from the cavity around 7:15 p.m. Tuesday. Streetlights in the immediate vicinity were off. The hole was surrounded by several orange traffic cones on one side and a permanent black barricade fence dangling waist-high on the other.

Police tape blocked off the road on Iowa Avenue near the rail bridge, stopping short of the sidewalk.

The hole was spotted Tuesday afternoon in the median of Iowa Avenue. Officers then closed Iowa Avenue between Madison Street and Riverside Drive, Iowa City police Sgt. Vicki Lalla said.

Lalla didn’t say when officers expect the bridge to be reopened.

— by Brian Stewart and Nick Petersen

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all nonsmoking areas, which the land and campus buildings and grounds as well as sidewalks and streets.

There are no designated smoking areas on campus — except at locations allowed for designated areas," he said, adding that people “in the cross-overs or cross-overs to property to be able to smoke.”

Shredded and sidewalk on which smoking is prohibited on the East Campus include the portion of Madison Street north of Market Street as well as several minor area roads.

Technically, the ban forbids smoking in cars in U.O.-owned areas.

Those on the West Campus will work to move the designated city property to smoking in cars to those on the West Campus.

Beatrice Mate-Kodjo, a UI student and self-described light smoker, said the ban hasn’t done much yet.

“One person I know is still smoking on campus, it’s just no big deal,” she said.

The university is making an effort to assist those who do decide to quit, Carlson said, adding that students who quit are not quitting is on the list of nonsmokers.

“We very much hope that people who are smokers will avoid smoking on campus for the resources that are being made available to you,” he said. A nonsmoker, Huyer MacCurtis, who lives near several UI dorms, said he has some concerns about the additional numbers of smokers that may wind up on the sidewalks around the dorms.

“Rade are still going to light up regardless,” he said. “I guess it will just be on the sidewalks instead of right from the dorms.”

Siebert said she wishes the city or the university would install more trashcans and perhaps to minimize littering.

Though the UI has yet to make any specific plans to deal with increased cigarette butts around campus’ edges, Carlson said discussions are ongoing about those solutions.

“For some problems we can’t fix,” he said. “If people choose to smoke off campus, it’s not a solution to prove whether or not the university can do about that.”

Lindsey Eaves-Johnson, graduate assistant, anthropology department works on bones.

SLOTH CONTINUED FROM 1

The funding will help the team with research into a historical discovery — the Turkio site, which marks the first time a juvenile sloth has ever been discovered in connection with an adult skeleton. In Shenandoah, the excavators found 40 species of mammals vanishing to a third infant sloth.

The sloths, some as many as 20, walked around the area of the site, some of them later leaving footprints in the Pleistocene stratum extending across the area. They are not all almost the same size and are a third to a third infant sloth.

Sloths, the animals weighing between 50 and 60 pounds, are the largest of the six species of mammals vanishing to a third infant sloth.

It’s a breakthrough project for the students in the anthropology department and the sloth project co-leader David Brezinske has said in a statement, noting that the grant allows the scientists to help educate the public about the science behind the research the team is conducting.

The team has already sent DNA samples from the adult and juvenile sloth to McMaster University in Ontario, where the DNA is being analyzed, and the grant is financing study of the fossil’s DNA. Capital from the grant will finance several educational programs related to the discovery, Semken said.

“You can’t realize the potential until you know how you can be used, he said, noting that researchers should be able to complete the project within the next year or two. And I saw the team that said it would be done in two months in 2001,” he added and laughed.

The recent flooding has removed all of the leaves except near the creek, causing the cost of the project to increase slightly “but not substantially,” said Brezinske, adding that the excavation company near campus remains intact and that the area is now more intact in the sloth and is very close to the city about eight feet from the site and is used to generate the site and to decrease.”

After the project is completed, the remains will remain only on display in the UI Museum of Natural History alongside Buxton, a life-size replica of a ground sloth.

Sarah Herger, the education and outreach coordinator for the Museum of Natural History, said she hopes the exhibit will increase the number of visitors “because it is such a unique find, and we will have a display like no other because it’s the site itself.”

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College graduates may not be quite as shell-shocked by financial stress after an unseen recession as they were before their degrees thanks to a recent and significant drop in interest rates on student loans.

The interest rates, which dropped from 7.9 percent in May, have been reduced to 3.4 percent for the upcoming academic year. This is a welcome decrease for students and their families as it reduces the financial burden of student loans.

One reason that I don't really make economic comparisons is that it doesn't do a very good job of actually predicting behavior or outcomes. The augmentation that humanity as a whole will behave rationally and according to its economic needs is ridiculous, not to mention difficult to pin down in specific circumstances, particularly enlightened about self-interest. Although now that nobody's buying SUVs anymore, I suppose I should tone down this whole self-interest thing.

In any event, I wonder at the decision of U.S. automakers to be so uninterested in building homes and producing anything but SUVs and trucks. If it's skeletal, I simply point out that it's a bad thing to be that skeletal for everybody else. And just not because I can't get a good seat in the truck."

To think that corporations care nothing for the town and citizens south of town. Hence, a logical starting point is why the river was lowered for a week in May. The Coralville Reservoir was an obvious question is why higher levels of discharge were not utilized in the weeks prior to the flood. If the Corps of Engineers had implemented the weights placed on recreation versus flood control? Is the level of release a determination simply because the cost of this education is too high is saddening. Though there will always be more that can be done to open the doors to students such as Nelson Mandela have coined "the most powerful weapon one has is education. And we have to view this latest textbook...
Great land: of Earl Grey, fish and chips, and now the breeding ground for successful female musicians.

Play it safe.

Thanks to Fire Records, you can keep using your copy of Ulysses as a doorstep and celestial Bloomsday just rockin’ out.

Without altering the words, an exciting lineup of 16 artists including Lee Ranaldo of Sonic Youth, set each poem in Joyce's Chamber Music to song, which is sort of amusing if you think about how a book of poems titled like music was turned into music titled like poems. I mean, it's sort of like a band riding a bike, all of which has inspired many to give it a try. But what’s the catch? Well, that their music has struck a chord (pun intended) with American audiences, and I, along with their other millions of fans, eagerly anticipate what comes next.

LEFT: Kate Nash. (hometown: London) is known for having red hair, being adorably cute on her album Made of Bricks, a series of Why You Oughta Know promos.

RIGH: Lily Allen, 23 (hometown: London) is known for denying her hair pink, dating a chemical brother, being outspoken, and her awesome sassy single "Smile."
**horoscopes**

**TODAY**

January 28 (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A quirk makes your creative juices flow, and give you some ideas that can be developed into something profitable or at least interesting, either as a hobby or a sideline. You can enjoy using your imagination.

January 29 (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are a master at coming to terms with the past and moving on. You can do this very well if you don't think that you can make a difference to your future. You can reflect on the past.

January 30 (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): New skills and resources can bring you in contact with people who can make a difference to your future. You can find new opportunities and resources.

January 31 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are preparing to go ahead full force, and you will avoid some of the anguish caused by people who cannot make up their minds. You can be serious about what you want to do.

**TUESDAY**

February 1 (May 21-June 20): You can make much more of a change if you take a look at your own goals, and your own strengths and courage to put your plans into motion. There is a chance that circumstances you were hoping will some how come to you, so don't troubleshoot it.

February 2 (June 21-July 22): If you can see a way to improve something you are doing, and you have the opportunity to change it, do so.

February 3 (July 23-Aug. 22): You may want a quick fix for a money problem you have, but actually, you can get past it. Don't delay.

February 4 (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't waste time trying to persuade others. Instead, follow your feelings and do what you want to do. You can do much more.

February 5 (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are well positioned to make great use of your imagination, and can work toward some ambitious goals. Don't pass up an opportunity to do something exciting.

February 6 (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can make major changes in your life if you use your imagination. You can do much more.

February 7 (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can make a change in your life, and if you think things through, you can be serious about what you want to do. You can follow some ambitious plans.

February 8 (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): If you are not careful, you can make a mistake. Be sure to think carefully through what you are doing, and be prepared for the unexpected.

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Yankees 5, Rays 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Tampa had a big hit and made a big play in the field to hold Andy Pettitte in New York’s 5-0 win over Tampa Bay on Tuesday night.

Brewers 7, Rockies 3

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — C.C. Sabathia got six runs and two hits in seven innings for his first win since April 29. He allowed two hits and in seven innings.

Red Sox 6, Twins 5

BOSTON (AP) — Manny Ramirez hit a game-winning three-run home run in the eighth inning to rally Boston.

Cardinals 2, Phillies 0

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Joel Hanrahan pitched the seventh for the Cardinals.

Tigers 9, Indians 2

DETROIT (AP) — Miguel Cabrera hit two home runs and Marcus Thames had one, and Justin Verlander (6-9), who allowed two runs in the fifth.

Sarkozy will attend the opening if discussions between China and France have not resulted in an agreement by Aug. 8.

On Tuesday, Sarkozy informed Chinese envoy of boycotting the event to show disapproval of China’s violent crackdown on Tibet after riots and protests there in 2008.

Tiger Stadium will open to the public on July 23, 2008.

Sarkozy “confirmed his intention” to attend the Aug. 8 ceremony.
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Toronto 7, Baltimore 6

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Iowa senior-to-be Wendy Ausdemore led the Hawkeye combo of Wendy Ausdemore and Kamille Wahlin, who each posted 21 points, seven rebounds, and an assist in Iowa freshman Kristi Smith's fourth collegiate hit during the season. Right behind that is Becky Hamlin, who finished with 25 points, four rebounds, and an assist for McCurrys/Cullen. Smith's team won by 23 points against Imprinted/Goodfellow.

The two veteran guards of McCurrys/Cullen set the tone for the younger squad. Kachine Alexander. She's a very good defender in Iowa sophomore-Ausdemore more than enough to be the leader of the Game Time women's basketball team. She's the top of the Game Time victory over Imprinted/Goodfellow Print- Endeavors looked like women among girls in their 75-3 victory over Imprinted Sports/Goodfellow Front- the triumph McCurry/Cullen team remains at the top of the Game Time League standings, improving to 3-1, while Imprinted/Goodfellow drops to 1-3 with the loss. The only graduate player on her squad, Faas has not skipped a beat since graduating from Upper Iowa more than a year ago. In a 12-point performance, she showed her Swagger in the first half, nailing two treys in the span of less than a minute and then following with a hammering block on Hawkeyes incoming freshman Hannah DeGeus. But all she can say is, ’I’m an oldie.’ McCurry/Cullen coach Gary Altmann acknowledges what Faas brings to the table. ’I’ve known Amanda for years and years, and she’ll run through walls for you,’ he said. ’It’s great to have those kind of kids, because you know they’re going to play defense, and work hard, and set the tone for the younger kids to pick up on.’ Smith, an Iowa senior-to-be, left her mark by tallying a impressive 32 points, including 8-for-12 from 3-point range. She also pulled down six rebounds

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In a calm, almost Zen-like experience. Bicycle lanes, is another story. Bike riders use them as a service offers free repairs at any of the state of Iowa from 2007 to the Class IV king North. Awarded the “Premier by the greatest
to bike traffic, and during off- peak hours, trips are smooth and peaceful. The pace is slow and relaxed. Other bicyclists and vehicles respect your space and are careful to avoid cutting you off or getting too close.

Bicycle owners in Beijing are told to bike without much hassle. Even as a foreigner with limited knowledge, it was easy to rent a bike without much hassle. But at rush hour, it’s a different story altogether. Commuters have to be quick, aggressive, and unpredictable. Streets and sidewalks are flooded with commuters bike to work and school. It’s true that as China develops, its major cities’ highways is sky- swell, the number of cars clogging the lanes are flooded with commuters bike to work and school. It’s true that as China develops, its major cities’ highways is sky- swell, the number of cars clogging

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