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Little fed flood aid seen

Idyllwild is 'highly unlikely' to get FEMA funds, a city official says.

By Christopher Patton

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Most flood-damaged properties in Iowa City are unlikely to qualify for federal buyouts.

Buyout aid throughout Iowa is estimated to total approximately

\$43 million, said Iowa City City Manager Michael Lombardo. Iowa City alone has more than \$50 million worth of damaged homes that have been flooded this year, he said, and the total in Cedar Rapids could be around \$100 million.

"Based on that information alone, I don't perceive the ability of this program to reach even the majority of homes that have been affected in Iowa City," he said.

Though further governmental appropriations of money may be possible in the future, Lombardo said, the city cannot assume that more assistance is coming.

The federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program distributes funds based upon a formula which takes into account factors

such as severity of damage suffered and likelihood of repeat flooding. Thus, properties in the 100-year floodplain, which suffered higher water levels and also flooded in 1993, are more eligible than properties in the 500-year floodplain.

After city government officials submit the list of properties they are interested in processing through the buyout program, federal officials will conduct a benefit-cost analysis on each

property individually in order to determine which are eligible.

In the aftermath of the 2006 tornado that struck Iowa City, the Federal Emergency Management Agency did not provide tornado victims with disaster aid.

Councilors also discussed the future of Idyllwild Tuesday.

"All homes in Idyllwild are elevated above the 100-year floodplain," Lombardo said. "So it's

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ATTACKING MT. DEBRIS

Iowa City residents will move sandbags to the landfill; meanwhile, landfill workers are putting in longer hours to keep up.



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Discarded sandbags pile up in the Iowa City landfill on Tuesday. Employees have adapted various ways to efficiently deal with debris, officials said.

By Anna Lothson

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For those picking up and disposing of Iowa City's flood debris, the job is far from over.

"There is a mountain of sandbags," said Dave Elias, the city's landfill superintendent. The employees there have been working twice as hard to keep up with the flood-related materials, he said.

The mountain should grow thanks to the city's request on Tuesday for at least 300 volunteers to help clear Normandy

Drive of mounds of sandbags left behind from the flood.

Meanwhile, the city is working on obtaining a new screening machine so the sand can be recycled, not dumped into the landfill.

"Workers have had to work longer hours, and traffic near the landfill has been hectic," Elias said.

Despite the extra work, he said, instead of hiring more workers, officials have shifted the staff around in able to keep up.

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Debris disposal

Iowa City's debris cleanup efforts:

- Remove sandbags from neighborhoods
- Apply four-category system to sort flood materials
- Work with EPA to ensure safe and quick cleanup
- Reuse uncontaminated sand at landfill
- Have landfill workers work longer hours

Source: Iowa City landfill services

By Adam Sullivan

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West Overlook Beach, one of four beaches located on Coralville Reservoir, remains mostly empty, despite reopening last week and perfect beach weather.

The 10-minute drive from downtown Iowa City to the beach provides a snapshot of an area recovering from a record-setting flood.

Hazard signs, such as "Water on road ahead" and "Slow for work traffic," line every roadway.

Back in town, the UI Arts Campus is bustling — not with students and faculty, but with trucks, machinery, and the "safety orange"-clad workers who operate them.

Lower City Park is no place for a summer stroll, either. Water still covers much of the park, and what's dry is brown and lifeless. If not for pavilions in the distance and a few green trees, the park could easily be mistaken for an eastern Iowa desert.

The flood seems to have wrecked some of the summer along with the land it swallowed.

In a normal year, 87 degrees and a clear blue sky would be reason for West Overlook Beach to be packed with hundreds of splashing children, sunbathing 20-somethings, and mothers taking a moment's break to flip through a magazine. Instead, Tuesday afternoon found the Reservoir only sparsely populated.

John Reese, decked out in swimming trunks and shiny sunglasses, sat on his reclined beach chair under a white and yellow umbrella at the beach on Tuesday. Classic rock oldies spouted — quietly but audibly — from a radio in the

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More flood damage: jobs

By Melissa Brownrigg

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employers, she said, and hundreds of student employees were displaced when the building was evacuated.

Lori Berger, a human-resources manager for the IMU, said the facility employs 800 students during a normal year, though she wasn't sure whether this number had changed because of the flood.

Like many of the IMU employees, Nathan Beekman found his hours cut in half after the flood.

For a week, he was unable to work for IMU Catering, because it relocated. Now, his normal 25 to 30 hours a week has turned into 10 to 12 hours, and he has had to find a second job.

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Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan
UI junior Nathan Beekman waits for his Intro to Marketing class to start in the Pappajohn Business Building on Tuesday. Beekman, who works as a supervisor for IMU Catering, had to take a second job at a moving company after his hours were cut in half because of flood damage to the IMU.

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Kates new UIHC head

UI names Ken Kates as the new hospital CEO.

By Alayna Wilken
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The UI's choice for a new hospital director said he'll have no problem cheering for the Hawkeyes this fall. He's already been a fan of the Hawks for a long time.

UI Hospitals and Clinics officials announced Tuesday that Ken Kates will be the new associate vice president and chief executive officer for UIHC.

Although he lives in Chicago, his daughter will be a junior at the UI in the fall, a big reason to root for the Hawks and become somewhat familiar with Iowa City.

In fact, Kates has already had a personal experience at the UIHC. His daughter fell and had to be taken to the emergency room earlier in the year.

"The services were great, the staff friendly," he said. "It was a great first experience."

Kates will take over for Gordon Williams, who has been acting as interim CEO since December 2007, said Jean Robillard, the UI vice president for Medical Affairs.

Williams was initially appointed by Robillard to be an adviser to the vice president for Medical Affairs. He can now focus solely on the job he was originally hired for, Robillard said.

Kates has more than 30 years of experience working in health care, including serving as executive president and CEO at University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System, he said.

"We're quite pleased to have Ken Kates join our group here," Robillard said. "He's someone who understands our mission."

Safety is one of the major aspects the hospital emphasizes, he said, and Kates will continue to do that.

The search for a new CEO began on Feb. 5 after former CEO Donna Katen-Bahensky left in December to join the

Getting to know Ken Kates

The UI chooses Ken Kates to be the new UIHC CEO, pending regent approval.

- **Current job:** Consultant with Chicago business and financial consulting firm Alvarez & Marsal
- **Previous job:** CEO at University of Chicago Hospitals and Health System
- **Pending approval:** Will start work at the UI on Sept. 15 with an annual salary of \$540,000



Source: UI press release

University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics.

There were dozens of applicants being considered for the job, said Paul Rothman, the dean of the Carver College of Medicine. Rothman was co-chairman of the search committee for the position.

Kates was one of two finalists whom Rothman described as "both superb candidates."

"The committee is very happy with the selection by Dr. Robillard, and we think he's [Kates] going to do great," he said.

Even though Kates has been named the UI's choice, the decision must be approved by the state Board of Regents before

the appointment will take effect. Because two regents were also members of the search committee, there should be no problem with Kates' appointment, Robillard said.

Kates called the UI a world-class university with a rich history in excellence and said he was honored to be chosen.

While he's never been in an organization where there was no opportunity for improvement, he said he wants to get to know the UIHC a little better before deciding what to work on first.

If the regents approve him, he plans on starting on Sept. 15.

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Community aids int'l students

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Ken Royar is ready to open his home to international students affected by the flood.

Over the years, he has hosted more than a dozen students from around the world and, with the UI hurting for space, he's ready to do it again.

In response to a large number of incoming international students and normal options such as Hawkeye Court and Mayflower shut down, the UI Office of International Students and Scholars created a new program — community volunteers will house the students for a 10-day layover until residence halls open on Aug. 18.

Royer said there are many reasons he enjoys hosting international students.

"We learn about the world," he said. "And hopefully the students get to learn something about the United States as they interact with us."

Royer also works with Friends of International Students and is on the board of the Council for International Visitors to Iowa Cities.

He said he called to let the international students' office know that he is more than willing to house more than one student for the week-and-a-half before a more permanent housing option is available for them.



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

A worker carries garbage out of an apartment at Hawkeye Courts on Tuesday. Because of the damage done to Hawkeye Court apartments and the Mayflower dormitory, the UI Office of International Students and Scholars has developed a program to find volunteers to help house international students who return early for the fall semester.

In past years, international students have been able to stay in many different places before the semester began — mostly apartments at Hawkeye Court, although some of the students also stayed in the IMU and Mayflower during the summer-fall break, Royar said.

Because none of these locations will be operational by Aug. 8, the three international student organizations worked fast to fill the housing holes.

Barker noted that though the program is just in the beginning

and Scholars adviser Tim Barker has been organizing the volunteers to house the global students.

"We haven't done an effort like this in the past, but because of the floods we have fewer resources available," he said.

He said despite the large number of students needing accommodations, the number of applications that have already been turned in has been overwhelming.

Barker noted that though the program is just in the beginning

stages, he has been responding to e-mails and phone calls nonstop from community members interested in volunteering their homes.

"We're looking for people who are interested in helping the international students adjust to the UI and attend classes here," Barker said.

And Royar said he's ready for that challenge, acknowledging that when the students come they have a lot of questions and predisposed notions of what Americans are like.

"When they get here they tell me, 'This isn't what I read about at home or saw on TV,'" Royar said. "They come away with a new understanding."

Helen Jameson, an assistant director of the Office of International Students and Scholars said that so far, there haven't been many concerns.

"I've been an Iowan long enough to know that Iowans come through," she said.

But despite the ease at which the new program is coming together, it's easy for the people of Iowa City and Coralville to remember what brought this about in the first place.

"If the flood had not taken place, we would have lost out on this opportunity," Royar said. "That bad thing that happened is going to create some goodwill."

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the possibility of using the railroad north of Highway 6 as a levee against future flooding.

Hayworth said he and other city officials met with executives from the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City Railway Company on Tuesday to talk over the idea. He said railway officials expressed interest in the idea but were unlikely to pay for the alterations if the city decided to move forward with the project.

Hayworth said the construction of levee along the railway would help protect more than 100 businesses from flooding as well as Highway 6 itself.

"The key is how you make [the railway] flood proof," Hayworth said.

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Coralville moves ahead with help

Coralville officials passed an ordinance to help small businesses affected by flooding.

By Ben Travers

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During a brief emergency meeting Tuesday night, the Coralville City Council gave the formal go ahead for a small-business flood-assistance program.

The program, a collaboration with the Iowa City City Council and the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce, allows a business to apply for up to \$5,000 in loans to help with flood repairs.

Iowa City and Coralville will supply \$75,000 worth of funding, and the chamber will solicit money from private sources.

METRO

Driver in accident still not found

The driver of a car remains unfound after reportedly causing a motorcyclist to crash Tuesday afternoon, Iowa City police said.

Officers responded to the intersection of Highway 1 and Hudson Avenue around 1 p.m. Tuesday after receiving reports of a crash involving a motorcycle and another vehicle.

A motorcycle was reportedly "down on the median" when the report came in.

Witnesses and the operator of the motorcycle told authorities that a vehicle southbound on Hudson Avenue stopped at a stop sign at the intersection of Hudson Avenue and Highway 1 — the crossroads which the motorcycle was approaching from the east — prior to the reported crash.

Then, as the bike approached, the car reportedly pulled out in front of it, turning eastbound on Highway 1 into the intersection, crossing directly in front of the motorcycle's path.

According to witnesses, the motorcyclist braked abruptly to avoid a collision with the vehicle, causing the bike to skid and fall on its side, police said. The motorcycle avoided hitting the other vehicle.

The car continued on Highway 1 without stopping.

The man operating the motorcycle sustained non-life-threatening injuries in the accident, responding officers said. Police documents said the man was transported to a local hospital, treated for minor injuries, and released.

Police continue an investigation to locate and identify the driver of the car.

— by Carla Keppler

3 nominated for appeals court

The three nominees were recently selected for the vacancy on the Iowa Court of Appeals.

The State Judicial Nominating Commission announced Tuesday that Fort Dodge attorney Thomas Bice, Des Moines attorney Richard Doyle, and Assistant Attorney General Mary Tabor were chosen as the three finalists out of 33 applicants.

The position will open when Iowa Court of Appeals Judge Van Zimmer retires on Sept. 4.

Zimmer, 60, of Vinton has been an appeals-court judge for nine years. He earned his undergraduate and law degrees from the UI.

Bice and Doyle received their law degrees from Drake University.

Tabor graduated from the UI's law school in 1991.

Gov. Chet Culver has 30 days to make an appointment.

The new judge will join recently appointed Court of Appeals Judge Amanda Potterfield, who filled the vacancy of Judge David Baker on July 3.

— by Olivia Moran

CORRECTION

In the July 10 article "The Pet Whisperer," the *D/I* reported that Sondy Kaska has helped 200 human clients in her private practice. This estimate referred to how many she had in a year. She said she has actually had more than 1,000 human clients and more than 3,000 animal clients over seven years. The *D/I* regrets the error.

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highly unlikely, if not impossible, for them to meet the benefit-cost analysis as it has been described to us."

However, Lombardo said, the situation in the Park View Terrace neighborhood is more mixed.

"Of the 132 homes in that subdivision, approximately 25 are actually in the 100-year flood zone," he said, so only portions of that area are likely to receive buyout money.

Regarding the Taft Speedway area, Lombardo said that neighborhood is entirely within the 100-year floodplain. Given the

depth of the floodwaters in that area, he said, it seems likely homes there will meet the substantial damage requirement.

Though it would be possible to submit a grant application for all affected properties, Lombardo expressed hesitation about doing so.

"The concern is building false hope," he said. "Is it going to be a hardship for people to rebuild a year or two from now when they realize the [buyout] won't be available?"

Iowa City City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes said including fewer properties in the notice of interest in the program wouldn't have legal consequences.

"It's hard for me to see a downside in putting them all in," she said. "We have had no indication that it would hurt you to be over-inclusive."

City Councilor Connie Champion stressed the need for the City Council to proceed with a realistic mindset, particularly regarding the 15 percent local matching funds for the buyouts.

"I would propose again that the local match come from the property owners," she said. "Our budget can't handle it — we're going to have other expenses from this flood beyond the buyout."

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Cleanup fun continues

LANDFILL

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However, some of the burden has been lifted off the city, Elias said. The Environmental Protection Agency has been working to collect appliances and hazardous waste.

He said the agency has a team in Iowa City to work on special tasks, which include collecting "orphan containers" — random containers from unknown sources.

"Tanks floated away from peoples' homes during the flood, which were mostly hazardous materials," Elias said.

However, this has not been a major concern for the city right now, he said.

To maintain faster cleanup, he said, officials have told people to use a four-pile system, or to divide their materials into four categories: appliances, household hazards, yard waste, and garbage.

Elias said that while the city expects an increase in waste as cleanup continues, people should not be worried about the landfill reaching capacity.

"There are still eight years left in the current one, and we are in planning to setting up the next one, which would extend that time to 25 years," he said.

Iowa City has been more prepared for this natural disaster than in the past, said Rick Fosse, the city public-works director.

"The 1993 flood, 1998 wind-storm, and 2006 tornado have made us better able to respond to these problems," he said.

While cleanup after the tornado employed a two-pile system, the city has switched to using four piles, he said. This has greatly increased the speed of cleanup, he said.

While many business have suffered financially from the flood, Hawkeye Waste Systems has seen an increase in its num-

ber of customers, said operations manager Chris Dohrer.

"We have added more drivers and the number of containers," he said.

Directly after the flood, however, Hawkeye Waste did experience some problems, he said.

"We lost two of our containers in the river, but we were able to get new ones within 24 hours," he said.

Because it was able to recover quickly, the business experienced little delay, Dohrer said.

The city has requested volunteers Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the intersection of Normandy and Manor Drives to help remove sandbags, according to a release.

Residential-property owners can take sandbags directly to the landfill, or pile them at the curb, and city crews will pick them up.

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Flood changes some jobs

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"There was no way I could have paid my rent or the necessities I need to live," he said.

Jonna Eiffert, a supervisor for IMU Catering, said the business lost 20 staff members because of graduation and the flood.

Usually three big events are catered by the business each day, she said. Since the flood, the service has around one event per day.

"We just don't have the amount of space or capacity to cater these big events," she said.

The estimated 40 to 50 employees average two shifts, or around 10 hours, a week.

Although Beekman is receiving fewer hours, he wants to remain loyal to IMU Catering.

"I know they need me, because half of the regular student captains went home," he said.

While the IMU was hit hard with water, the Blank Honors Center remained dry, perched as it is atop a hill. But the program has experienced some turbulence.

Since Orientation changed from a two-day event to one day, the time and opportunities to speak to incoming students has been compressed. Now, the usual morning session is shorter and gives less information.

"The information directly given to [incoming students] is not as great as it would have been," said Atul Nakhasi, a Honors student employee.

The shorter Orientation forced the Honors Program to juggle its employees' schedules. This caused a slight reduction in hours for some, but an increase for those picking up more shifts.

Manish Aggarwal, another Honors student employee, said the smaller paycheck doesn't faze him, because he wasn't expecting the job to be his primary source of income.

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sand at his side. His daughter, Madison, 15, stood at the water's edge around 75 yards away.

Reese said he didn't mind being one of only about a half dozen people at the beach.

"It's quiet; you have it to yourself," he said.

Reese, a North Liberty resident, is well aware that his hometown offers an aquatic center with an outdoor pool. However, he's willing to make the trek to the beach.

"I prefer to lay out on the sand instead of concrete and grass; you can do that at home," he said. "It's nice and pleasant. A little music, a little water, a little sand."

The flood forced the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — the group in charge of operating and maintaining Coralville Dam and the Res — to close recreational areas before the start of the beach season. As early as May, the beach and its parking lot were immersed in water.

John Castle, the Coralville Reservoir operations manager, estimates that the beach's closure, paired with closed boat ramps, cost \$25,000 to \$30,000 in lost revenue.

Ron Fournier, a spokesman for the Corps, said several



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Michael Syphrit, 8, of LaPorte City plays in the sand at a Coralville Reservoir beach on Tuesday, July 12 marked the first day the beach opened to the public in 2008. The late opening date has resulted in an estimated \$25,000 loss in income, officials say.

other recreation sites in the Rock Island District have been closed because of flooding, and they will require work before they are available to the public.

"We have to clean up debris and make sure there are no hazards," he said. "We have to ensure that it's safe and operable."

After the water receded at the Res, Corps officials were left with a mud-caked beach. After days of intense cleanup, they reopened the beach on July 12.

"The parking lot was covered in mud. The bathrooms and

changing rooms were muddy. That all had to be cleaned and power-washed," Castle said. "We had to rake the beach so there wasn't a layer of mud covering it."

Brown grass and the faint scent of stagnant water are understandable considering the area was underwater just weeks ago. So, while the beach isn't in perfect condition, one thing will keep Reese coming back for the rest of the summer:

"It's hot as hell," he said.

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Editorial

Policy on inked cops only skin-deep

The Des Moines police have recently joined their West Des Moines brethren and instituted a policy that will leave a considerable number of its officers covered up.

The policy prohibits tattoos, branding, intentional scarring, and any other forms of body art from being exposed on the face, head, neck, hands, arms, and legs. Those officers with tattoos on their forearms are required to cover them up with long sleeves.

For Chris Morgan, a West Des Moines police officer, this means that he is required to sweat out his long shifts of directing traffic in the miserable 90-plus degree humidity of Iowa summers in long sleeves, all in the name of upholding a neat, clean, and presentable image. "I get so hot out there when I'm directing traffic. I've sweated through my shirt and my vest," he told the *Des Moines Register*.

The reasoning behind this policy change is the concern for reflecting an image that is professional. However, with tattoos becoming increasingly mainstream and accepted, it seems they don't detract from that image so severely that they would require covering.

Coralville Police Chief Barry Bedford, however, thinks otherwise.

"To a lot of people, tattoos carry a very negative perception of character and lifestyle that may not be complimentary to the police department ... Some tattoos can be very offensive."

Although not all are. Swastikas and other offensive material require bans, but an endearing heart reading "MOM" is objectionable to no one.

The line must be drawn; exceptions can be made. In no way do tattoos prevent or interfere with anyone's ability to perform on-the-job duties. The tattoos on Morgan's arms don't affect how he does his job; rather, the policy does. He is forced to comply with a policy that will bring him certain

discomfort and exhaustion, thereby affecting the performance of his duty. Instead of concerning themselves with what looks professional, police officers should be worried about how they can perform professionally.

At least one officer is. Stewart Barnes, the president of the Des Moines police union, filed a grievance against the policy on July 8. He believes it is an unreasonable change.

"I think it could have potential for narrowing the pool of eligible officers," he told the *Register*.

If the policy deters up-and-coming tattooed candidates from becoming some of Des Moines' finest, then it is doing more harm than good.

Barnes believes that tattoos have even helped him with his job at times. Because young people are more accepting about forms of body art, Barnes finds that tattoos can develop a common ground with them. Many have even asked him about his own. The meaningful door of dialogue between cop and kid should not be closed. If departments are opposed to officers having tattoos because they carry "negative perceptions of character and lifestyle," then the question must be asked: Are tattooed citizens, of the younger generations or otherwise, immediately profiled and stereotyped because of this negative perception?

Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, has developed some clarity on the issue of tattoos and police. For his department, tattoos are banned if they include "wording or images that may be perceived as offensive to the staff or to the public." Thus the requirement for covering them varies on a case-by-case basis, and this view should be adopted by other departments and workplaces. Cover the swastikas and "Thug Life" gang signs, but please: Let the Confucius quotations (in their native language) and tribal bands (as cliché as they might be) stay.

Muslims, cartoons, & satire, oh my

It's another one of those sky-is-falling weeks, sad to say. The end times are clearly nigh, wherever that is. The president opened our coastline (well, not ours *per se*; you might remember that Iowa has very little coastline) to oil exploitation, because what the country really needs right now is a bunch of ugly derricks ruining the view and saving us almost nothing in gas prices.

(Congress has displayed a heartening reticence to act on the president's latest dippy suggestion.)

America's financial system is about one snide remark away from total disaster, thanks — as I understand it — to a couple of very irresponsible country folk named Freddie and Frannie.

But no, that's not the worst of it. Apparently, the cover of this week's *New Yorker* makes fun of Barack and Michelle Obama. Now there's something we can all pay attention to without disturbing our corporate overlords!

Full disclosure: I'm a *New Yorker* subscriber. I also listen to NPR, drink espresso drinks, and would be driving a Prius if I had the money, so if you can think of some liberal stereotypes I haven't fulfilled yet, please let me know. I have not yet gotten my copy of the offensive cover, however. (And whom do I talk to about that, anyway?) Said cover, as I'm sure you already know, depicts Sen. Barack and Michelle Obama as Muslim terrorists, in a funny, if heavy-handed satire of the staggeringly dumb rumors that the senator is some sort of secret Muslim.

There's nothing we in the media like more than inflating some nonsense issue into screeching prominence, because it helps us conceal the fact that we don't understand the more complicated ones and are frequently too lazy to figure them out. Front and center: The incredibly true story of Fannie and Freddie, those star-crossed, federally sponsored pseudo-corporations whose very natures are the subject of some debate. What's a "government-sponsored entity" when it's at home? Are we headed for another Great Depression? Why must taxpayers ante up every time some greedy half-wits in the financial sector cause a massive collapse? (It's not enough that they rob us; we have to pay for the privilege, it seems.) You see discussion of issues like this in maybe 10 percent of the nation's newsprint and almost none on its public airwaves. Sometimes it seems like the media attention paid to a given issue is inversely related to how important it actually is.

So let's leave aside the planned ruin of our coastlines and a possible impending descent into Hooverville and discuss the ins and outs of the terrorism cover. To me, the only particularly interesting thing about it is the fact that both campaigns have denounced it. You'd have thought that the Obama camp, at least, would have been clever enough to ignore it, for a couple of reasons: First, next to nobody reads the *New Yorker*, and second, don't you think that the people who do know satire when they see it? Some of these people actually profess to understand the cartoons, for God's sake! Now that takes a refined sense of irony, not to mention maybe a bong hit or two.

Seriously, I actually like the *New Yorker* cover, in part because I've always thought that humor is the best weapon against deceit and fear. These idiotic rumors fly around — believed by a sizable chunk of the population, no less — that Sen. Obama is some kind of clandestine Muslim, and they never seem to lose traction, no matter how facially ridiculous they are. So, like most good humor, the cover takes the concept to its logical, if absurd, extreme.

There are probably other reasons why the Muslim whispering campaign has had such success. (And by the way, let's not even get started on how crazy it makes me that being a Muslim is such an abhorrent thing to so many Americans.) I'd be willing to bet that there are more than a few people in this country who will accept any rationale, however flimsy, to avoid admitting that they're not comfortable voting for a black man. In that sense, then, the *New Yorker* has actually done a service to the electorate by forcing some to examine their biases.

If more people stopped paying attention to the nonsense, we'd all be a lot better off. ■

DI columnist Jonathan Gold would like to take this opportunity, if anyone from the *New Yorker* is reading, to say "hurry up and get me my magazine." E-mail him at: jon.gold01@gmail.com

Letter

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Springing eternal?

The word "hope" stems from the Old English word "hopian," which means to "wish, expect, look forward [to something]." It has been used in the political vernacular since at least 1959, when Frank Sinatra melded the Cahn/Van Heusen song "High Hopes" with John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential bid, "High Hopes (with John Kennedy)." Over the years, the Democratic Party has alchemized the political use of the word "hope" into pure gold, but what does this enigmatic word mean to each of us personally? Certainly, we all want to be hopeful, Democrats and Republicans alike, as to feel hopeless is truly a bleak proposition.

So when the Obama campaign trotted out the old Arthur Schlesinger Jr. (Kennedy's Harvard crony) phrase "The Politics of Hope," it left me scratching my head. For starters, I am always amazed at the Democratic Party's ability to rehash old Kennedy campaign tactics and make them appear anew. In my own political work, I have never found them to be examples of campaign genius or in the least bit authentic, but regardless, they often work, and most American voters



have such a short memory anyway. Why reinvent the wheel? So while I have pondered the meaning of this esoteric word "hope," I have never really understood it in less than its broadest sense until Sen.

Barack Obama's campaign co-opted the phrase. I have always thought of it, in political terms, as a collective hope for peace and prosperity, but that all changed for me yesterday.

Yesterday, I took my two small children swimming, and while we were at the pool, I witnessed an African-American boy (approximately my son's age) disciplining his younger siblings. He did so gently and in such a manner to which I found myself impressed by his abilities. Then I heard him say to no one in particular, "when I grow up, I am going to be like President Obama." This was a hope that was tangible and real, inspiring in a way in which only a small child full of hope can inspire. Could a child from a "minority" ever be so hopeful as to say those words prior till this point in our political and national history? So I am asking you all, as Americans, to bring this "hope" to every child who may be a "minority" or trying to overcome some type of socioeconomic obstacle. For if we fail to do so, then the very words of our Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal," are merely a farce, and I will not raise my sons to believe that those historic words ring hollow. I will cast my vote this November for Barack Obama.

Tony Grego
Iowa City resident

Guest Opinion

Department of Defense doesn't like playing by the rules

The Defense Department has defied the Environmental Protection Agency in a way that could threaten the EPA's ability to regulate federal agencies. *Washington Post* reporter Lyndsey Layton recently detailed how the Pentagon has refused to allow the EPA to oversee cleanup of three sites on the Superfund list of the country's most polluted places, including Fort Meade in Maryland. Pentagon officials have asked the Office of Management and Budget and the Justice Department to intervene, in effect requesting an oversight body separate from the EPA. If the Pentagon is successful in thwarting EPA oversight, other federal agencies could follow suit.

The standoff is the result of a breakdown in negotiations over how to clean up Superfund sites. The Pentagon insisted that it was devoting billions of dollars to clean up contaminants and was proceeding as rapidly as possible. When the EPA set strict timetables, the Pentagon balked, refusing to comply with the EPA's "final orders." In the case of a private entity, the EPA can sue and impose fines of up to \$28,000 a day for each violation. But because the EPA can't sue another federal agency under executive-brach policy, it cannot force the Pentagon to comply.

The Defense Department has said it will continue to clean up contaminated sites, but it has a questionable environmental track record and

should not be in the business of self-regulation in this area. The Pentagon is the nation's biggest polluter, responsible for 129 of the nation's 1,255 Superfund sites. The military has released toxic chemicals known to cause cancer and other serious health problems into the soil and groundwater at the three sites in dispute. The three sites have been on the Superfund list for 10 years; the military has known about the pollutants at Fort Meade for two decades. The Army has spent more than \$84 million to clean up 32 of the 51 contaminated locations at Fort Meade since 1984. But this hasn't been enough to keep Fort Meade off the Superfund list.

Congress has repeatedly granted the EPA unequivocal jurisdiction over federal agencies. Other federal agencies, including NASA and the Energy Department, have recognized the EPA's authority and complied with orders without incident. It is no wonder, then, that five senators, including both of Maryland's, sent a letter to Defense Secretary Robert Gates urging the Pentagon to comply. Private citizens could file a civil suit to enforce EPA orders. But it shouldn't have to come to that. The Pentagon should back down and let the agency do its job.

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

Robert Lucas, the first territorial governor of Iowa, isn't the only reputable Iowan to call the 1844 house at Plum Grove home. To find out more about the host of Midwesterners who graced the residence in its early days, and for more about the history of Plum Grove, wander over to the website at www.uiowa.edu/~plumgrove/.

Arts & Culture

A dinner Of The Ages

At historic Plum Grove's tasting party tonight, guests will dine as though it's 1844.

By Tara Atkinson Gunyon
THE DAILY IOWAN

Something like a gingered carrot-pea or chilled cucumber soup might sound as if it belongs on a pricey menu in a trendy new restaurant, but, as the master gardeners at historic Plum Grove know, these recipes are old news.

Around 200 years old, actually.

These courses are just two of 16 items, all prepared from 19th-century recipes, to be served tonight at the Taste of the Heritage Gardens at the Plum Grove Historic Farm, located at 1030 Carroll St., just off Kirkwood Ave. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. and will also feature a tour of the 1844 home of Robert Lucas, Iowa's first territorial governor, a walk through the heirloom gardens, a performance by the Post Office Brass Band, and even an appearance of Lucas' ghost. In addition to the vegetarian-friendly tastes from the garden, Dane's Dairy will provide ice cream. Perhaps even more surprising than the age of the recipes is the cost of the event — a mere \$5 donation, proceeds from which will fund the gardens, provide a scholarship for training new master gardeners as well as a horticulture scholarship at Kirkwood Community College, and purchase prizes for the county's 4H fair.

This year's Taste of the Heritage Gardens will be the 13th-annual party hosted by Plum Grove, and it is still the only one of its kind.

"There are master gardeners in every state in the Union, but this is the only place where there's a tasting," said master gardener Betty Kelly.

Plum Grove offers three gardens, one with vegetables, another of flowers, and a wild-flower bed. Though all offer variety — the vegetable garden has more than 30 types of vegetables and herbs in just one corner — they aren't terribly large. This, Kelly said, is because of a law regarding state-owned property that says a garden can't be planted until an archaeological dig has taken place on the site at least three times.

"Back then, this would have been at least half an acre to raise enough food for everyone," Kelly said.

Approximately 300 people are expected at the tasting. To feed everyone, roughly 30 master gardeners, who also prepare the food, purchase produce from local farmers based on what's in the garden. Every dish, however, includes at least



Master gardener Betty Kelly smells some herbs at the Plum Grove Historic Farm on Monday.

Just Like Great-Great-Great-Grandma's Cooking:

"Taste of Heritage Gardens" 2008 Menu

Soups:

- Ginger Carrot Pea
- Cold Cuke
- Corn Chowder



Veggie:

- Snap Beans & Tomatoes
- Tomato Bread Pudding
- Succotash



Baked German Potato Salad

Salads:

- Summer Salad
- Beet Cabbage Salad
- Tomato Cucumber Salad



Breads:

- Early Colonial
- Buttermilk Soda
- Rhubarb Bread



Desserts:

- Apple Pan Dowdy
- Ginger Bread Cake
- Overnight Butterscotch Cookies

Source: Plum Grove

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1030 Carroll St.
5:30-7 p.m. today
Cost: \$5 donation

one ingredient grown in the heritage gardens.

"We want to teach people to eat the old dishes and eat vegetables from that century and not the hybrids that are just going to die out," Kelly said.

Those inspired by the event to cook themselves will be able to purchase all of the recipes in a cookbook for only 50 cents. They will also find a few recipes



Master gardener Betty Kelly examines some herbs in one of the gardens at the Plum Grove Historic Farm on Monday. A 16-item menu has been prepared for Taste of the Heritage Gardens, which will take place at Plum Grove this evening.



Master gardener Betty Kelly casts her shadow in one of the gardens at Plum Grove Historic Farm on Monday.

from the corner of the flower garden that grows edible plants, for teas and medicinal concoctions, even one labeled "Revitalizing the Libido" (hint:

it involves ginger).

It seems we're more like our forefathers than we thought.

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BRAVO FOR 'RUNWAY' (FOR NOW)



By Jake Jensen
THE DAILY IOWAN

Fierce. Fabulous. Ferocious.

Three words often used to describe that behemoth of a reality show "Project Runway." For four seasons, aspiring fashion designers have sewn, stitched, and sweated for the chance to make it big. The fifth installment will premiere today at 8 p.m. on Bravo, but what should be a joyous occasion will be bittersweet.

For behind the (usually) beautiful garments created in the competition, things are getting ugly. In April, news broke that after season five, "Project Runway" would abandon its home on Bravo — a channel centered on all things fabulous — for Lifetime, land of cheesy movies and constant reruns of "Reba." This means that season six, slated to begin in November, will be the first on the new channel.

Breach-of-contract lawsuits were filed, but aside from all of the legal woes lies the most important question of all: Will the show continue to provide catty drama, fab fashions, and enough catch phrases to keep the pop-culture lexicon alive and well? Here are three reasons I think season five will be the last good one:

1. IT'S STILL ON BRAVO.

Despite its current penchant for tepid reality-show spin offs (look for "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" coming soon), Bravo's fashion-conscious, art-centered,

gay-friendly programming has helped "Project Runway" become the hit it is today. Such shows as "Top Chef" and "Shear Genius" complement the artistic atmosphere. But Lifetime's only fashion-related — or art-related, for that matter — show is "How To Look Good Naked," hosted by Bravo alum Carson Kressley. "Runway" will seem out of place sitting next to "Health Corner" on the schedule.

There's also the stereotype attached to the Lifetime network: soapy, melodramatic, and male-bashing. As a male poster on tvguide.com commented, "I am not going to start watching Lifetime, a chick-flick channel, because ['Runway'] is there."

That attitude is likely shared by thousands of fans who may feel alienated when the move happens.

2. IT'S STILL IN NEW YORK CITY.

Another big move that "Project Runway" is making is its filming locale. Each season thus far has had New York City as its glamorous setting, but the show

"Project Runway"

When: 8 p.m. today

Where: Bravo

Why to Watch: The fifth season, the show's last on the Bravo network, could be the start of a downward slope as the Peabody-award-winning program moves to the all-too-sappy Lifetime.

will head to the sunnier skies of Los Angeles for season six. The City of Angels is known for a few chic districts — Rodeo Drive, for example — but as a whole, it lacks the international fashion cred and edginess that the Big Apple has.

3. IT STILL HAS CROSSOVER POTENTIAL.

Alumni of the show have found varied success in the actual fashion industry, but several of them have made appearances on other Bravo series. The show's most recent winner, 22-year-old Christian Siriano,

offered catwalk advice to the contestants on "Make Me a Supermodel," for instance. Since Bravo's lineup offers numerous style-oriented shows, the most savvy of competitors can always return to the network that gave them their initial 15 minutes if real-world success proves difficult. There are far fewer opportunities for doing this successfully on Lifetime. Read: "Reba."

So, what can Lifetime do to ensure the integrity of the show remains intact? For starters, keep fatherly design mentor Tim Gunn in the forefront. I, along with many others, watch "Project Runway" as much for him as for the clothes. His insightful fashion advice has guided the show's competitors to victory — and coined some of its most famous slogans along the way. Gunn lives in New York, so his involvement in the show could possibly be limited. As long as the new network lets him do his thing, an aura of familiarity is automatically installed.

There is no way to know what Lifetime will do to "Project Runway" when it takes over, but there is one thing of which I am certain: I will enjoy tonight's premiere to its fullest, because it may just be the last time I can do so. Lifetime must not tamper with a proven formula: Let the designs be dramatic, and the designers even more so.

Or, in the words of Tim Gunn, Make it work.

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Daily Break

horoscopes Wednesday, July 16, 2008

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may get away with using brute force in the beginning, but as the day progresses, it will work against you. Put out good vibes, and you will see your popularity grow. Don't let the criticism of someone you are close to get to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): There isn't anything you can't do if you try hard enough. Trust in your own judgment, your ability, and your track record. Someone you care for may confuse you. Find out what it's all about instead of criticizing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Put a little effort into your place. You have to take pride in where you live and how. Make plans that include a little love and affection. Reconsider your current relationships.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can pull weight if you speak up. Travel may not be your thing, but today, it will lead to opportunities. Your intuition is strong so make whatever adjustments are necessary for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get lazy when there's a lots to do and much to gain. Hard work will pave the way to your success. You are Leo the Lion — a fierce but generous leader. Give your all.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Take things as they come, but if someone tries to meddle in your affairs, put an end to it quickly. Use your charm, sensitivity, and common sense to show others you are quite capable of handling your own affairs. Don't argue; take control.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Sharing is not a good idea. If you present something before you have the kinks ironed out, you will get a no. Put more time into creating something that requires no explanation for others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You have to have enough faith in what you are doing and who you are to move forward, even if you don't have everyone's blessings. A change of location or scenery will inspire you to make a few very important changes to your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take a back seat if someone gets aggressive or difficult to handle. If you decide to wage war, you can expect the fight of a lifetime. Instead, take care of your personal papers in case you need to deal with legal matters.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are in a high cycle that can bring you your dreams, hopes, and wishes if you go after them with the same vigor you have used in the past. Victory is in your corner; an important milestone can be achieved.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Someone important may be watching what you are doing. Don't get nervous — use this opportunity to prove yourself. Play your part well, and you will make a lasting impression that could change your life. Push for perfection.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An important connection can be made. Don't hesitate to form partnerships or look at the possibility of working with someone who can complement your talents. Look at your present circumstances, and realize that accepting help is not a bad idea.

“Never grow a wishbone, daughter, where your backbone ought to be.”

— Clementine Paddleford

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ANDREW R. JUHL

Fascinating Facts, not left well-enough alone:

- George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams were all avid collectors of marbles. So was Ronald Reagan, but he eventually lost all of his.

- In 1976, an LA secretary named Jannene Swift officially married a 50-pound rock. This actually isn't that out of the ordinary; a lot of women are married to heavy, inexpressive, and emotionless objects.

- If you flip a coin 10 times in a row, the odds that you will get heads all 10 times is 1,023 to 1 — but the odds that you need a hobby are way above that.

- Studies of the Dead Sea Scrolls indicate that the Bible passage known as the “Sermon on the Mount” is actually an ancient Essene prayer dating hundreds of years before the birth of Christ. So, according to the Jesus, plagiarism is OK. So take that, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Board Disciplinary Review Board!

- It takes 17 muscles to smile, 43 muscles to frown, and approximately 286 muscles to kick the ass of the next person who mentions this to me.

- During menstruation, the sensitivity of a woman's middle finger is reduced. This explains why she has to compensate by using it more often.

— Andrew R. Juhl took the above factoids from 2,201 Fascinating Facts, by David Louis.

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COOL SHAKES IN THE PARK



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Patrick Cooling power-washes the Riverside Theatre Festival Stage in Lower City Park on Tuesday. Cooling works for the city Parks and Recreation Department.

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today's events

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- **Stories in the Park**, 10:30 a.m., Willow Creek Park
- **Summer Writing Festival, Eleveness Literary Hour**, 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Summer Lunch**, noon-1:30 p.m., S.T. Morrison Park, Coralville
- **Sarah Prineas, Children's Books**, 1 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Teen Tech Zone**, 1-4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Market Music**, 5-7 p.m., Chauney Swan parking ramp
- **Iowa City Farmers' Market**, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Chauney Swan parking ramp
- **Taste of the Heritage Gardens**, 5:30 p.m., Plum Grove Historic Farm, 1030 Carroll St.
- **Wednesday Night at the Lab**, 6 p.m.,

- Osher Center; location to be announced upon registration: www.centeronaging.uiowa.edu/olli
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,” Micheal Prritchett, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Songwriters in Residence**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Iowa Summer Rep, Rabbit Hole**, 8 p.m., West High Auditorium, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- **Bid D's Karaoke Jamz**, 9 p.m., Grizzly's Southside Pub, 1210 Highland Court
- **Comedy Night**, 9 p.m., Summit Restaurant & Bar, 10 S. Clinton
- **Hillgrass Bluebilly Presents: Bob Lay III**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Karaoke Night**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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Smith rolls ankle



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's JoAnn Hamlin fights for the ball during Game Time action in North Liberty on Tuesday. Hamlin's team, Wiese/Premier, beat McCurrys/Cullen, 87-61.

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After Smith's departure, the 3-3 Wiese/Premier cruised to victory with an onslaught of 3-pointers. The team knocked down 10 treys, more than a third of its points.

Incoming freshman Kelly Krei, who delivered nine points and a team-high six rebounds for Wiese/Premier, said the team's game plan panned out perfectly.

"He [Coach Wilcox] just told us to play well on defense and then let that carry over to our offense," Krei said.

And boy — did it ever carry over.

Iowa junior-to-be JoAnn Hamlin collected 22 points,

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going 10-for-19 from the floor. When Hamlin got stuck, she executed what Wilcox wanted to do all night — kick it to the outside.

"One of the neat things right now is that we are really starting to come together as a team," Wilcox said. "I think a lot of it, the last two games we've played real well, and I think a lot of it starts from going inside out — getting good looks from the outside."

The outside looks seemed to come easy not only because of strong play down low but because Wiese/Premier had

more energy and intensity than its opponents.

"We really wanted to run this team, and I think we did that tonight," Cermak said. "We beat them down the floor quite a bit."

Wilcox was happy to see his team handle the top team in the league.

"That was the first-place team, and we were able to jump out to a big lead," Wilcox said. "I was telling the girls that we were up by 38 with over 10 minutes to go in the game.

"We really executed by limiting our turnovers, playing good defense, rebounding, and then from there, we did a nice job out on the offensive end."

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"Olympic Volunteers Here to Help," and inside, at least 10 English-speaking Chinese college students sit around plastic tables stocked with maps and bottled water. Their job is to answer any question a newly arrived foreigner might have. They are told they're the first impression many will have of Beijing, so they wear perpetual smiles and would give any English-speaking tourist the shoes off their feet if the visitor complained of blisters.

My first encounter with the volunteers made me feel like a foreign dignitary.

I'd taken a long, draining bike ride from Tsinghua's campus into downtown Beijing. On the way back, I got badly lost. I was tired, thirsty, and in need of a map. I spotted a volunteer kiosk.

As I approached, I was immediately swarmed by a crowd of English-speaking volunteers, all in their 20s. What did I need? Did I want water, a free hat, some coupons for Olympic gear?

I told them in Chinese that I was headed for Tsinghua and would like to see a map. They refused to speak back to me in Chinese, instead practicing their English.

"No problem," one of them told me. "We will have someone hop on a bike and show you back to Tsinghua."

There was no arguing. One of the volunteers smiled, unlocked his bicycle and told

me to follow him. It was at least an hour bike ride back to Tsinghua.

The entire way, my chaperone rode carefully by my side, always between me and the nearest vehicle lane. When a car came rushing by, he urged me toward the sidewalk, separating me from the traffic with his own body.

When we got to my dormitory, I thanked him profusely, but he would not accept.

He was a volunteer, he said. It was his duty to act on behalf of the Chinese people, to make his nation proud.

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Ausdemore leads balanced attack

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"It was hard to get open tonight," she said. "That's what made it so great to see other people step up."

Among the others who stepped up for Hy-Vee/Pelling was incoming Iowa freshman Kamille Wahlin. The smooth lefty scored 18 points on an array of pull-up jumpers and floaters in the lane, including a few right-handed floaters. The point guard also dished out a game-high seven assists.

She said the key to her success was getting into the paint.

"I was trying to attack and create," she said. "When I can get in the lane, I can either score or dish."

Hy-Vee/Pelling dominated in every facet of the game, including outrebounding Imprinted/Goodfellow by seven. The key stat, however, was assists.

The winning team dished out 11 more assists than its counterpart. In addition to Wahlin's seven dimes, Hy-Vee/Pelling got three assists apiece from Strand, Coe College guard Sarah Anciaux, and Southeastern Community College guard Gabbie Binion.

Strand was a force inside. The Eagle had a double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

"It felt good," she said. "We

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played as a team. My success was because of my teammates stepping up."

Also scoring in double-figures for Hy-Vee/Pelling was former Jefferson College guard Melanie McCreight (13 points) and Anciaux (12).

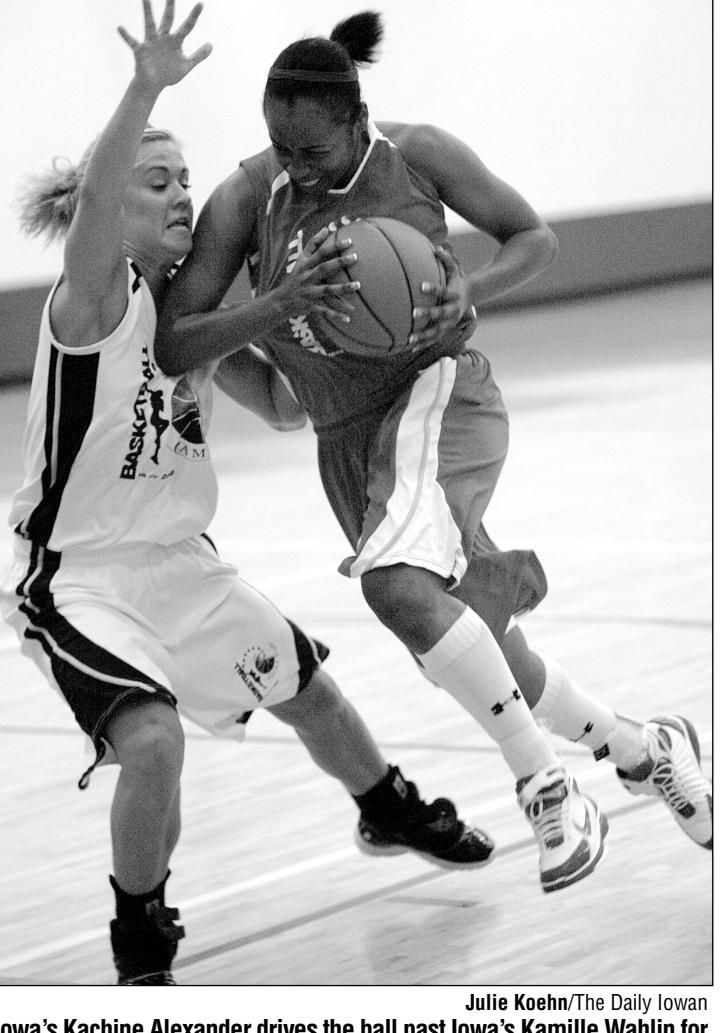
The win moves Hy-Vee/Pelling to a 4-2 record and into a tie with McCurrys/Cullen for first place.

"I hope we can keep playing like we did today," Wahlin said. "This game was one of our best of the season. We hope to build off of it."

Iowa guard Kachine Alexander led Imprinted/Goodfellow, scoring 13 points while playing her usual tenacious defense. Iowa freshman-to-be Hannah Draxten hit a pair of 3-pointers and finished with 10 points, along with six rebounds. Central College guard Ashley Gerst was the only other Imprinted/Goodfellow player in double figures, with 10 points.

The loss drops Imprinted/Goodfellow to a 1-5 record and further cements its spot in the cellar of the league standings.

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Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan
Iowa's Kachine Alexander drives the ball past Iowa's Kamille Wahlin for a lay-up during Game Time action in North Liberty on Tuesday. Alexander's team, Imprinted/Goodfellow, lost to Hy-Vee/Pelling, 92-71.

TRACK & FIELD

Track coach gets lifetime ban

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Track coach Trevor Graham received a lifetime ban from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency Tuesday for his role in helping his athletes obtain performance-enhancing drugs.

Graham has been banned from participating in any event sanctioned by the U.S. Olympic Committee, the International Association of Athletics Federation, USA Track and Field, or any other group that participates in the World Anti-Doping Agency program.

He was convicted in May of one count of lying to federal investigators about his relationship to an admitted steroids dealer. He's still awaiting sentencing and has asked a judge to toss out his conviction.

"As greater progress is being made in the fight against doping in sport, accountability is extending beyond athletes to include coaches, agents, and others who are complicit," U.S. Olympic Committee spokesman Darryl Seibel told the AP in an e-mail.

"For athletes, this announcement underscores the importance of making good decisions in choosing whom to associate with."

FOOTBALL

Mattison honored

His Hawkeye career may be over, but the accolades continue to come in for former defensive end Bryan Mattison.

Mattison has been named the recipient of the 2008 Michael J. Rabold Distinguished Player Award. The award is presented annually to college football players who have not only participated in the Indiana High School North-South All-Star Game but have also found ways to stand out both on and off the gridiron.

He is the second Hawkeye to win the award; the first was Levi Mitchell in 1972.

— by Brendan Stiles

During his senior year at Penn High School, the Mishawaka, Ind., native was named the 2002 Indiana Defensive Lineman of the Year, as well as voted the Best Prep

Defensive Lineman in Indiana by the Indianapolis Star.

Mattison, who is seeking a spot on the New York Jets' 53-man roster this summer, finished his career at Iowa with 171 tackles, 33 of which went for a loss, and a total of 20 sacks. At the conclusion of the 2007 season, Mattison made the Big Ten's all-academic squad and was presented the Hayden Fry Award.

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Baseball parades its stars

By Ben Walker
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Bob Gibson wore a smile, rather than a scowl.

Known for throwing hard, high, and tight, the no-nonsense pitcher presented a much different face Tuesday. He waved to thousands of fans and beamed for their snapshots as a parade of Hall of Famers rolled through midtown Manhattan in a prelude to the All-Star game.

Hey Gibby, going soft on us at 72? Not even one glare for the crowd?

"I really am getting tired of it," the St. Louis Cardinal great said. He was joking, sort of.

"I didn't do half the things they said I did," he said. "They said I was always knocking guys down and hitting guys. But I won a game or two in there."

Gibson and Gary Carter rode together for the 1½-mile route up the Avenue of the Americas — and down baseball's memory lane.

Yogi Berra, George Brett, and 40-some Hall of Famers took part, too, sitting in the back of shiny pickup trucks. The two-hour procession included the present stars playing in Tuesday night's showcase at Yankee Stadium.

Bob Feller recalled the first All-Star game held at the big ball yard in the Bronx — it was 1939, and the 20-year-old fireballer threw 3½ scoreless innings to preserve an AL win.

On that day, the men who would become monuments were on the field. Joe DiMaggio homered, and an ill Lou Gehrig



Seth Wenig/Associated Press

David Ortiz waves to the crowd during the MLB All-Star Game Red Carpet Parade in New York on Tuesday before the All-Star game that evening in Yankee Stadium.

was an honorary captain.

"I was not much in awe," said Feller, the oldest living Hall player at 89. "I had good stuff that day. I threw that overhand high fastball out of the bleachers. We figured the National League hitters hadn't seen it."

Outside of Cooperstown, baseball hadn't seen such a galaxy of stars for quite a while.

Fans who were at Fenway Park for the 1999 All-Star game still rave about the scene that night for a rousing salute to Ted Williams. Tough guy Larry Walker teared up, Mark McGwire leaned in for a listen,

and Tony Gwynn steadied Williams for the ceremonial first pitch.

Then again, All-Star games often are about moments more than results. Reggie Jackson hitting the light tower, Cal Ripken homering in his final game, Pete Rose running over Ray Fosse.

Baseball hoped this blend of old and new would create a lasting image at a ballpark in its last season.

Gibson spent very little time at Yankee Stadium.

"Only pitched there once," he said, matter of factly.

The part he left out: That one time was Game 5 of the 1964 World Series, when he struck out 13 while going the distance in a 10-inning win.

Hank Aaron gladly shared his favorite memory at the park — Milwaukee winning Game 7 of the 1957 World Series for his only championship. That was about enough time in New York for him.

"This is not the easiest city to play in," he said. "You can't shuck 'n' jive the people in this city."

On this sunny afternoon, everyone got an easy ride.

Magic's Howard ready to go

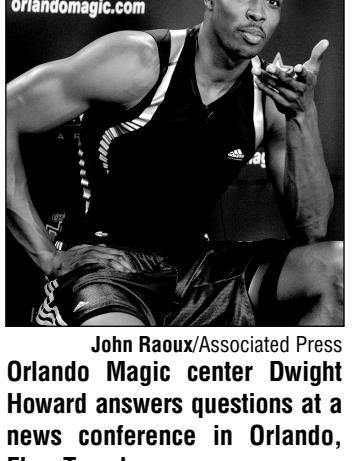
By Travis Reed
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard has been brushing up on his Chinese.

He can say "hello" and "I love you." Soon, he and his Olympic teammates hope, the All-Star center this summer will add "gold" to that list.

"Everybody wants to see us win, and they're counting on us to win," he said Tuesday, preparing for the men's basketball training camp in Las Vegas next week before the team heads to Beijing. "We've really got to be focused over there, and we've really got to keep a level head and stay humble. I think that's the biggest thing, since I started playing with the USA team three years ago, it's making sure all of us stay humble."

Howard also said he's healthy and ready to go. He was held out of practice late last month with a stress fracture to the sternum, an injury he suffered in the Orlando



John Raoux/Associated Press
Orlando Magic center Dwight Howard answers questions at a news conference in Orlando, Fla., Tuesday.

Magic's five-game playoff loss to the Detroit Pistons.

"I tried to play as much as I could through the pain in the playoffs," he said. "I really didn't know anything about it until after the playoffs, that I injured it."

"I got sandwiched — my shoul-

ders went in, and it popped," Howard said. "It wasn't a good feeling. But I'm happy to be completely healed and ready to go."

Howard, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, and Jason Kidd started for a team that went unbeaten in the Olympic qualifying tournament last year. But he is the only true center on the 12-man roster trying to redeem the United States after a bronze-medal disappointment in 2004, when Argentina won the gold.

It was the first time America failed to win in basketball since the country began using pro players in the 1992 Olympics — and only the fourth time in history. The roster was full of NBA superstars who could fill a highlight reel but never put it together as a team, something Howard said coach Mike Krzyzewski has consistently warned this team about.

"The biggest thing is respecting the other team. Everybody has put us on a pedestal, and sometimes people or teams can

get too confident, and they end up losing," Howard said. "We know what we're playing for. We're playing for, one, respect around the world, and also we're playing to get the USA back on top."

Howard, entering his fifth pro season at age 22 after getting drafted out of high school in 2004, barely remembers the original Dream Team. He was only 6 years old when Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Magic Johnson, and company enjoyed a barely competitive romp to the gold. He had a Wheaties box commemorating the victory, but as a kid pictured himself on the podium as a sprinter or relay runner.

Instead, it will be as the post anchor of the country's most celebrated and famous Olympic athletes.

"Winning the world championship for the USA team is for everybody in America," Howard said. "It's not just you taking it back home and saying, 'I got a gold medal.' It's 'We got a gold medal. We all did it together.'

Manning has injured knee

The Indianapolis QB is not expected to miss a regular-season start.

By Dave Goldberg
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peyton Manning's streak of 160-straight starts doesn't appear in serious danger after minor knee surgery.

But the superstar quarterback's medical problems — an infected bursa sac in his left knee — only adds to the long injury list the Indianapolis Colts will face when they open training camp July 25.

Not only will Manning be unavailable, but so will defensive end Dwight Freeney, wide receiver Marvin Harrison, and safety Bob Sanders, the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year last season.

The Colts say Manning can make a "full and complete return" in four to six weeks. That means, at worst, he can open the season against Chicago the night of Sept. 7, when the Colts unveil their new stadium in a replay of the 2007 Super Bowl. Given Manning's durability, there's a chance he could play the last exhibition game or two.



Tom Strattman/Associated Press
Indianapolis Colts' quarterback Peyton Manning looks for someone to pass to during a playoff football game against the San Diego Chargers in Indianapolis on Jan. 13. Manning has now injured his knee, and the Colts' injury list grows some more.

"There is no sense of any untoward condition with this," team President Bill Polian told the Associated Press on Tuesday.

Still, it leaves the Colts with Jim Sorgi as the only

experienced quarterback when the team goes to training camp. Also on the roster are Josh Betts, Ben Roethlisberger's backup at Miami of Ohio, who spent last season on the

practice squad, and Adam Trafalis, an undrafted rookie from San Jose State.

Polian said he will not sign another quarterback.

Sorgi has never started a game in four NFL seasons and has played mainly in relief of Manning in blowouts or in late-season games when the Colts have clinched playoff berths and seedings. In 14 games, he has completed 77 of 126 passes for 751 yards, six touchdowns, and one interception.

A bursa sac provides a cushion between bones and tendons around most major joints in the body. They can become inflamed, which is what happened to Manning.

It is not unusual for athletes to play with inflamed bursa sacs. In 1987, Joe Montana played most of the season with one around his throwing elbow. He finished the season, 12 games that year because of a strike, with 31 touchdown passes, then a San Francisco team record and the best total of his 16-season Hall of Fame career.

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MLB

Whew – AL in 15

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball's All-Stars came to say goodbye to Yankee Stadium — and what a long goodbye it was. In a game that started Tuesday night and faded well into Wednesday, Justin Morneau slid home just in time on Michael Young's sacrifice fly in the 15th inning, giving the American League a 4-3 victory that extended its unbeaten streak to 12. Young ended a 4-hour, 40-minute marathon at 1:37 a.m. EDT, with the grand old ballpark half-empty. It was a good thing, too — neither team had any pitchers left in the bullpen.

The NL was given a pregame pep talk by Hall of Famer Ernie Banks, whose motto is: "Let's play two." And they nearly did, matching the longest All-Star game ever.

Center fielder Nate McLouth threw out a runner at the plate in the 11th inning, and National League pitcher Aaron Cook wriggled out of three jams to help keep the All-Star game tied 3-all after 14 innings Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium.

Tampa Bay rookie Evan Longoria tied it for the AL with an RBI double off Billy Wagner with two outs in the eighth. Longoria squandered two chances to win it later, however, and the Americans couldn't take advantage of a record three errors by Florida second baseman Dan Uggla.

The NL was trying to snap an 0-10-1 skid in the Midsummer Classic since its most recent victory in 1996 at Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium. Brandon Webb, who threw 108 pitches over seven innings Sunday for Arizona, struck out two in the 14th for the NL.

VIKING INVASION

Greenway to pitch in on recovery

Before Minnesota Vikings linebacker Chad Greenway heads to training camp, the former Hawkeye will make a stop in Iowa City on Friday.

Greenway, along with Vikings owner Zygi Wilf, will be at City Park from 11 a.m. to noon to help clean up the park's baseball fields and remove debris from the flood. Viking staff members and cheerleaders are also expected to be at City Park on Friday to help with the effort.

Fans of both the Minnesota Vikings and Iowa Hawkeyes are being encouraged to help with Friday's cleanup. Those who would like to offer Greenway and Wilf assistance are asked to take the Lower City Park entrance and park at the baseball diamonds on the City Park side.

After the cleanup, Wilf and Greenway will present a check for \$30,000 to the United Way of Johnson County Flood Relief Fund, made courtesy of Greenway's Lead The Way Foundation and the Wilf family. Greenway also plans to sign autographs for fans afterwards.

TV TODAY

CYCLING

- Tour de France, Stage 11, 7:30 a.m., VERSUS
- MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

• AAA All-Star Game, 6 p.m., ESPN2

Team loses Smith, game

McCurrys/Cullen not only lost Tuesday's contest, the team lost its leader as well to an ankle injury in an 87-61 defeat

GAME TIME
♀ LEAGUE
By Krisanne Ryther
THE DAILY IOWAN

Once the leader fell, so did her team.

Kristi Smith came out hot in the beginning of the first half in Tuesday night's Game Time matchup, scoring the first 13 points for McCurrys/Cullen Painting/Active Endeavors. She seemed to be unstoppable until Dan Wiese Marketing Research/Premier Investments turned up the intensity to win Tuesday's battle, 87-61.

Smith, an Iowa senior-to-be, was hitting shots from every angle and looked as if she was going to carry McCurrys/Cullen on her back. Fewer than three minutes into the game, she had nine points, but her offensive surge was halted after she scored at the 12:21 mark of the first half. Smith didn't hit another shot until she rattled in a 3-pointer at the 17:35 tick of the second half.

"We were going to trap her, but then we just started hedging out on the screens," said sophomore-to-be Kelsey Cermak, who finished with six points in the victory. "We were just trying to help out on screens a lot more and kind of get out there."

The 4-2 McCurrys/Cullen squad shot a measly 35 percent from the floor, making only 21 shots the entire game. To make matters even worse, Smith rolled her ankle at the 14:12 mark in the second half when her team was down 67-34. Smith lay under the basket grimacing in pain until she was carried off the floor, and she didn't return for the rest of the game.

"I'm not sure what her status is," Cermak said. "But I think she's OK — she's a pretty tough girl."

SEE SMITH, 7

PLAYER OF THE GAME:

JoAnn Hamlin, Wiese/Premier:
22 points



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's JoAnn Hamlin takes a shot against New Orleans' Ashley Gorsh during Game Time action on Tuesday in North Liberty. Hamlin's team, Wiese/Premier, won against McCurrys/Cullen, 87-61.

Ausdemore leads Hy-Vee

GAME TIME
♀ LEAGUE
By Mike Brownlee
THE DAILY IOWAN

PLAYER OF THE GAME:

Wendy Ausdemore,
Hy-Vee/Pelling:
20 points, 8 rebounds

After a back-and-forth first half, Coralville Hy-Vee/L.L. Pelling/Lucky Pawz asserted itself early and often in the second half on the way to a 92-71 blowout of Imprinted Sports-wear/Goodfellow Printing in Game Time League action Tuesday night in North Liberty.

Hy-Vee/Pelling used a balanced attack in the romp, getting double-digit scoring from five players.

"Everybody stepped up; everybody contributed," Hy-Vee/Pelling forward Wendy Ausdemore said. "That's what we like to see. What a great team win. Awesome."

One of the keys to Hy-Vee/Pelling getting the victory was its ability to quell any uprising the team in red tried to wage. Whenever Imprinted/Goodfellow built momentum — with a brief run, a 3-pointer, or a steal — Hy-Vee/Pelling had an answer.

SEE AUSDEMORE, 7

Hawkeyes Wendy Ausdemore and Kamille Wahlin key a balanced attack as Hy-Vee/Pelling dominates Imprinted/Goodfellow.



Julie Koehn/The Daily Iowan

Iowa's Kelsey Cermak goes up for a shot against McCurrys/Cullen during Game Time action on Tuesday in North Liberty. Cermak's team, Wiese/Premier, won, 87-61.

Beijing COMMENTARY

City full of helping hands



NICK COMPTON

THE DAILY IOWAN

Every Wednesday, DI reporter/columnist Nick Compton will have a commentary about his summer experience in Beijing, China, where the 2008 Summer Olympics are set to take place in August. This is the fourth of Compton's commentaries.

BEIJING — The Olympics are quickly approaching, and the Games' organizers are mobilizing the Chinese masses like it's a second revolution.

According to the Olympic Organizing Committee, this year's Olympiad will be the most expensive on record. Venues are spread all across eastern China — Tianjin, Shanghai, Qingdao, Hong Kong, Qinhuangdao, and Shenyang are joining Beijing in welcoming Olympic athletes and competitions.

The amount of construction and infrastructure reform spurred by the Games is daunting. In Beijing alone, at least 20 brand-new sports stadiums, press centers, and training facilities were built to the tune of nearly \$40 billion.

When China was awarded the right to host the '08 Olympics in 2001, the nation beamed with pride. It was billed as The Middle Kingdom's "Coming Out Party." Thousands of years of guarded isolationism and the persistent repulsion of Western ideals and culture had come to an end. What started as a slow trickle of reform under Deng Xiaoping in the early 1980s has become a full-throttled boil of change.

China is no longer a sleeping dragon, and the average Chinese citizen leaped at the opportunity to show the world the country's true face. More than 1.3 million Chinese applied to volunteer at the Olympics. They took English-proficiency tests, were quizzed on Olympic history, and were given strict morality tests. Only 300,000 were selected.

Now, those 300,000 are slowly manning their posts and undergoing training before the onslaught of foreigners arrives. They are doing everything from custodial work at the venues and ball-shagging at tennis facilities to meal preparation at the press centers and translation services for the athletes.

The most visible presence of the Chinese volunteers, fewer than 30 days before the Games begin, is in the ubiquitous blue kiosks that dot Beijing's streets at every major subway stop, bus station, and shopping center.

They have canvas tops, English signs that say

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