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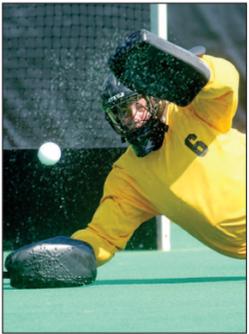
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Campgrounds see spike

Local campgrounds' business has jumped, mostly because of workers helping with flood cleanup and renovation.



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Brian Trapp and Marti Jaso relax after work at their campground overlooking the Coralville Reservoir on Wednesday. Trapp and Jaso are two of many flood-relief workers who use various area campgrounds as temporary homes.

By Jennifer Putnam
THE DAILY IOWAN

Brian Trapp's and Marti Jaso's blue and gray tents sit side-by-side at the West Overlook Campground near the Coralville Reservoir.

Trapp and Jaso are construction workers who have relocated to Iowa City to help in flood relief and rebuilding. Local campgrounds have seen flocks of workers pitch tents while in town to clean up after the flood.

Bill Kallaus, the manager of Funcrest Campground, 3981 W. Overlook Road N.E., said that he has had quite a few people from all over the place setting up camp — helping him see a definite increase in business from last year.

"We had 100 guys in two big tents here for a while," he said. The men were there to help with various

projects, including UI building renovation.

Colony Country Campground in North Liberty has also hosted a flock of workers, said Beth Saxon, co-owner. "I have turned away about 50 workers because we were full," she said.

A vast mix of people have visited Colony Country Campground. "[Some] grand people, and then not so grand," Saxon said.

Directly after the flood, the campground had several "storm-chasers," people who wanted to make fast money. They only stayed a day or two and then moved on, she said.

Now, mostly union electricians and pipefitters are staying at Colony Country Campground. "They will probably be here for two to three months," Saxon said.

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Campground numbers

Local campgrounds have hosted numerous workers for extended periods of time, including Brian Trapp and Marti Jaso.

- Funcrest Campground at one time hosted 100 males in two huge tents
- Colony Country Campground had to turn away 50 workers after the flood because it was already full
- Electricians and pipefitters are staying for two to three months at Colony Country Campground
- Trapp has been at West Overlook Campground for three weeks so far
- Jaso has lived at West Overlook Campground for one month and counting

Source: Funcrest Campground, Colony Country Campground, Brian Trapp and Marti Jaso

UI store faces crunch

By Olivia Moran
THE DAILY IOWAN

Life at the University Book Store has changed.

Since its relocation to the Old Capitol Town Center, bookstore employee and UI senior Halsey Darling said while in the midst of preparing for the August rush with limited space, it's just not the same.

"It's not as laid-back as it used to be," she said. "It's not a fun environment."

After floodwaters overran the IMU last month, the UI bookstore moved to three temporary locations in the Old Capitol mall. Employees are now struggling to work in 7,000 square feet of space; the IMU facility had 20,000 square feet, said Richard Shannon, the bookstore's general manager.

Officials estimated earlier this month that the IMU has sustained approximately \$20 million in damages.

SEE BOOKSTORE, 3

EPB, Becker looking good

Officials are confident about opening the English-Philosophy and Becker Communications Studies Buildings on time, but uncertainty surrounds Adler.



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Jason Locy, an employee of mechanical contractor August Winter & Sons, prepares a fitting for a damaged pipe in the basement of the Becker Communications Building on Wednesday. Officials hope to have the building open on Aug. 15, with further cleanup efforts continuing during the school year.

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Man bites nose

Police say a local resident lost a good portion of his nose in an altercation.

By Carla Keppler and Christopher Patton
THE DAILY IOWAN

An Iowa City man faces a felony charge for allegedly seriously injuring and permanently disfiguring another person, police said.

Donroy Merrival, 40, 863 Page St., was charged Tuesday with

willfully causing serious injury to another. Iowa City police officers responded to a residence on Wayne Avenue at approximately 10:50 p.m. on July 24 after receiving a 911 call about a physical altercation between two men.



Merrival
defendant

Police said Merrival, the caller, told authorities that a man had hit him over the head with a shovel and that he had retaliated by biting the man's nose off. Police reported that the alleged victim will be permanently disfigured because of injuries sustained in the incident. It is unclear whether he will regain use of his right ring finger, which was also damaged during the dispute.

When officers arrived at the scene, the defendant was bleeding from his head and another male was missing "a significant portion" of his nose.

Albert Cram, a plastic surgeon in Iowa City, said repairing severe injuries to the nose is quite complicated. Portions of the nose that have been severed from a person's body often cannot be successfully reattached because the blood supply is difficult to reconnect, he said.

"If the nose comes off, you almost always have to start over," he said. "But outcomes are often quite good."

SEE NOSE, 3



Grinning and bearing it

A UI student's home suffered damages in the flood, but she attempts to make the best of the situation.



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ABOVE: UI student Morgan Schiller stands behind a pile of items that are being used to reconstruct her Granada Court house on Wednesday. Schiller had to evacuate during the flood and is still working on renovating her residence.

BELOW: Morgan Schiller and Steve Mullinx stand in what is left of Schiller's living room on Wednesday. Schiller's home Granada Court was badly damaged during the flood.

By Melissa Brownrigg
THE DAILY IOWAN

Flood Facts

Here are the highlights of Morgan Schiller's flood experience:

- Her roommate heard about the mandatory evacuation 15 minutes before the police officer arrived
- She wasn't able to grab anything before leaving
- \$6,000 in belongings were ruined
- She wasn't able to go back in the house for more than a week
- 6-8 inches of water stood in her house
- Mold rose 26 inches

Source: Morgan Schiller

"Mold rose 26 inches high and basically ruined everything," she said.

Schiller said the majority of the damage was to walls, carpet, furniture, electronics, and other belongings.

An estimated \$6,000 in belongings were ruined, she said.

Although Schiller didn't have flood insurance or apply for aid from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Fonley received around \$3,500 for damaged furniture from FEMA.

A concern for Schiller is that the work won't be done when school starts. Mullinx said that finishing it before then is a "top priority."

Even with all the flood damage, she doesn't regret her choice of location.

"I still would have picked this house," she said. "The neighborhood is really quiet and a pleasant place to live. I consider what happened a freak storm."

The decision to own her house stemmed from her sister's bad



experience living in a residence hall.

"My sister didn't enjoy her experience, and I'm studious by nature, so the dorms didn't seem appropriate," she said.

The exact price on the damage wasn't available, but Schiller said as work continues, more and more things are found wrong with the house.

"The house needed improvements, so I look at it as a pretty good excuse to do so," she said.

But some tasks weren't easy to complete.

"It was hard throwing out all the small things that had memories attached to them," she said.

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METRO

Man charged with burglary

A local man arrested on charges of burglary allegedly intended to sexually assault the occupant of the residence, police said.

Francis Arant, 23, 612 S. Dodge St. Apt. 1, was charged Tuesday

with second- and third-degree burglary.

According to police reports, the defendant allegedly entered — without permission — an occupied residence on Rohret Road on Tuesday.

Police said that during an interview with the defendant, he admitted

to investigators that he entered the residence with the intention to commit a sexual assault.

Nothing was reported stolen and no one was injured during the incident.

As of Wednesday, Arant was being held at Johnson County Jail on a cash-only bond of \$65,000.

Second-degree burglary, a Class C felony, is punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of as much as \$10,000. Third-degree burglary is a Class D felony and is punishable by up to five years in prison and up to a \$7,500 fine.

— by Carla Keppler

STATE

Prosecution rests in Bentley trial

OSCEOLA, Iowa (AP) — The prosecution in the James Bentley sex-abuse trial rested Wednesday after witnesses testified that they heard Bentley talk about abusing Jetseta Gage.

A former cellmate of Bentley's testified that Bentley told him he

was "going to get away with it" because Jetseta couldn't testify against him.

The 10-year-old Cedar Rapids girl was kidnapped and killed by Bentley's brother, Roger Bentley, in March 2005. Roger Bentley is serving a life sentence for the crime.

The cellmate, Sam Dunn, is a convicted sex offender who shared a Linn

County jail cell with James Bentley.

Scott Rawson, convicted of assaulting a police officer in 2006, testified that he was in the cell block next to Bentley's in April 2006 and overheard him arguing about the abuse charge.

Rawson said Bentley yelled that he didn't rape Jetseta and that he planned to "take it to court" because the girl was dead.

Teresa Gage, Jetseta's grandmother, also testified Wednesday, telling jurors that Jetseta was scared and emotional, and bit herself, banged her head on the wall, and pulled her hair out. Jetseta also made "dreamcatchers," yard craft charms based on American Indian creations. The American Indians believed they protected children from nightmares.

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5. Jennys wait for Iowa City shelter

POLICE BLOTTER

Andy Anderson, 35, 919 N. Dodge St. Apt. A, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Linnel Blount, 41, North Liberty, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Marcel Gant, 32, Broadview, Ill., was charged Tuesday with possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Michael Iiif, 22, 620 S. Dodge St.

Apt. 2, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Rob Nichols, 36, 2005 Union Road, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Barbara Travis, 20, 333 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2111, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Tremel Wilkins, 19, 1958 Broadway Apt. C11, was charged Tuesday with littering and public intoxication.

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Taking a bite out of crime

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Reconstructing a nose requires a surgeon to rebuild the nose's layers, including a bony framework as well as external and internal skin, Cram said. The bone used to supply a rigid structure to support the new skin is often grafted from the injured person's skull or ribs, he said.

However, Cram said, such procedures are very expensive and take a long time to complete. Blood-flow from the surrounding tissue to the new skin generally takes about six weeks to develop, he said.

The man whose nose was bitten said the two men were drinking together in his apartment when Merrival turned violent. He told police that he asked Merrival to leave, but he refused.

He told police that when Merrival wouldn't go, he picked up a shovel and again instructed him to leave his apartment. The defendant again allegedly refused.

Officers reported that the defendant told them that when the other man hit him over the head with the shovel, he bit his nose off. A portion of the alleged victim's lip was also bitten off during the incident, police said.

'I've only had three cases of bitten noses in 34 years of surgery. But it is generally associated with drinking.'

— Gary Burget, plastic surgeon

Gary Burget, a plastic surgeon in Chicago, said cases where one person bites off another person's nose are not common.

"I've only had three cases of bitten noses in 34 years of surgery," he said. "But it is generally associated with drinking."

The biggest challenge, Burget said, is making the reconstructed nose look like an ordinary nose.

"The nose does two things: It breathes, and it looks good," he said. "If you can accomplish both of those, you can help a patient out a lot."

On Wednesday, Merrival was being held at the Johnson County jail on a \$30,000 cash-only bond.

Willful injury resulting in serious injury is a Class C felony, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

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Flood workers camp out

CAMPGROUNDS

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Although Trapp and Jaso have not been in Iowa City for that long, they are certainly not storm-chasers. Trapp has been here for three weeks so far, and Jaso for about a month.

West Overlook Campgrounds officials said they have had quite a few workers similar Trapp and Jaso. "They're staying anywhere from six weeks to two months," said Colleen Vargason, a gate attendant.

The campground itself was flooded for a while, she said. It has 189 sites, and only 70 were usable, she said. "Several people who were displaced after the flood took most of those spots," Vargason said. "And the rest went to workers."

Though Colony Country Campground is more than happy to host workers for flood relief, it leaves only a small section for actual vacationers.

"We have to keep turning people away to save sites [for families]," she said. While Trapp is looking to pull up his stakes and get back to his permanent home



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan

Brian Trapp and Marti Jaso have a few beers at their campground overlooking the Coralville Reservoir after work on Wednesday. Trapp, from Vining, Iowa, and Jaso, Rock Island, Ill., have been at the campground for about a month.

in Vining, Iowa, soon, Jaso said he'll stay as long as there are ways he can help out on the

flood cleanup.

"It's not just about the money," he said. "It's an

adventure, not a job."

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UI bookstore girds for rush

BOOKSTORE

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In the bookstore's temporary locations, empty portable bookshelves fill one of the stores, UI apparel fills another, and electronics are in the third store.

"In all honesty, the temporary relocation has created more work for us," Shannon said. "We're doing our best to make it go as smoothly as possible."

Come August, Shannon said, the rush for next semester's textbooks will turn the near empty store and apparel store into strictly an area to buy books. Space for the apparel, however, has yet to be determined.

UI senior Cynthia Lucas, a bookstore employee, said all employees are now trained to work the cash registers for the chaotic weeks to come.

"It's going to run kind of smoothly, but I think we're gonna have some kinks," she said.

Shannon said bookstore officials created an extensive marketing campaign aimed at creating awareness of the store's new home. Employees met this

week, he said, to discuss the best way to relay information to current and incoming students.

Cambuses, city buses, the UI website, and advertisements will all be factors in spreading the word, he said.

Jeff Coe, a recent UI graduate and bookstore employee, said he doesn't think the store will lose an enormous amount of business because of the confusion, although a group of student employees said buying textbooks at Iowa Book or online this semester is starting to seem like a better idea.

Lucas said an additional concern this summer was the lack of hours. After volunteering for 40 hours per week, she said she's so far working an average of 12 at the store.

"We've done our best to keep everybody up to par on hours," Shannon said. "We've had to make some hard decisions, but our first priority is to allocate the books."

The UI semester will begin on Aug. 25.

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BUILDINGS

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Journalism and Mass Communication Building have been relocated to other classrooms on the main campus.

Rocklin said using the new locations will be different and in some ways "not as satisfying."

"We hope for the best but are prepared for the worst," said Joe Kearney, an associate dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences who has been working with Facilities Management during renovation.

"We are optimistic [for buildings] to open on time, but we are prepared for them not to be," he said.

EPB was the only of the three buildings to suffer classroom damage. Contractors are replacing drywall inside each room on the basement level.

Shar Maher, a program assistant to the registrar, said, "The basement will be functional but not glamorous."

Students may have to deal with skeleton classrooms, Maher said, because it is unclear which technologies will be available upon reopening.

"Some classrooms may only have a chalkboard to work with," Maher said, and the floor may be bare concrete. Typically, basement classrooms at EPB are equipped with overhead projectors and computers.



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Workers walk through through the EPB basement on Wednesday. Many of the classrooms on the lower level of EPB suffered heavy damage and were gutted and sanitized, and now must be rebuilt.

Officials were less certain they could open the Adler Journalism Building by the same date, but they said they are going to try.

The key difference between Adler and the EPB were the mechanical systems. In the EPB, the damaged equipment was largely auxiliary, which made cleaning it much easier said Dan Heater, the director of building and landscape services with UI Facilities Management.

The Adler has one large air-handler unit in its basement that services the building.

The entire system — ducts and all — must be thoroughly cleaned to ensure safe air quality.

Workers dressed in ghost-white suits and safety masks climbed into overhead ductwork on Wednesday to scrub the inside and clean any liners or insulation that could contain hazardous particles.

"We will literally get in there with a toothbrush," Heater said.

After cleaning, the sheet metal is coated with an antimicrobial, mold-resistant product for long-term protection.

A small spider crane rests in the rotunda of Adler, which is being used by crews to reach and clean all the ductwork.

Facilities Management staff members have developed a protocol for dealing with lined and unlined ducts.

Created by a team consisting of several UI departments and the university's insurance carrier, the protocol ensures that the ducts are either cleaned appropriately or replaced.

Heater said that all all contractors performing campus renovation must comply with the protocol or they will not be awarded the contract.

Although uncertain about Adler and Becker specifically, Maher said, overall contractors are ahead of schedule with rebuilding.

Raymond Dix, Miron Construction's field superintendent for the Adler and Becker job, said that construction and material delivery is on schedule.

Meyer said there are extra incentives in his company's contract to have certain portions of Adler completed by Aug. 15.

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Editorial

Is trans-fat ban a step in the right direction?

YES

NO

California's recent decision to ban trans fats from foods is a marvelous idea that will hopefully catch on to other states soon. In terms of heart health, trans fat is one of the most dangerous food ingredients around. Unsaturated fats are useful to the body when eaten in moderation, but trans fat is never useful, raising low-density lipoprotein, or the "bad cholesterol," and lowering the high-density lipoprotein, or "good cholesterol," in the body.

Trans fat is made when manufacturers turn liquid oils into solid fats. The FDA says trans fats are mostly found in cakes, cookies, crackers, breads, and other baked goods. This process is designed to aid the shelf life of products but can be avoided. It is used because it is cheap, and it makes food taste better than it is.

However, as a society, what is cheapest should not weigh in when considering what is put into our bodies. Most people have priorities, such as eating healthily and having a diet that establishes a healthy body. Most manufacturers have one priority — to sell — and what they are able to sell to us as (mostly) unwitting consumers should be restricted to things that will not make us sick, unhealthy, or overweight under the guise of ease or tastiness.

For consumers, part of the problem is the lack of knowledge available about what they are eating. For example, according to the FDA, one doughnut contains more trans fat, more saturated fat, and more cholesterol than a tablespoon of shortening. This means that one tiny breakfast item is worse for a person than eating an entire spoonful of, well, fat. If people knew what was in some of the foods they were eating and how bad for them it really was, they would want to ban these disease-causing, chemically altered fats also.

California state leaders deciding that the food manufacturers of the world should not be able to coax citizens into eating foods that may slowly kill them is a revolutionary concept. Forcing manufacturers to take into consideration the health of individuals instead of their pocketbooks seems like a good start.

More things should be taken into consideration, such as a restriction on the amount of sodium that can be in a serving of an item. Or the percent of cholesterol allowed in food products. Most foods in moderation are naturally healthy. It takes manufacturers to add sodium, preservatives, hormones, manipulated fats to make it dangerous. And it takes leaders to make health the main concern of our society.

— Editorial writer **Michelle Schacherer**

Despite the health benefits that banning the use of trans fats may offer, the anti-trans fats bill is flawed.

The ban itself is a very important step for the state of California. Joining several cities across the nation that have banned trans fats from their ingredient lists (New York City, Seattle, and Philadelphia), California, often the pioneer of change and development, is fighting for a healthier state. The importance of this is astounding for a state with an obesity rate of 22.7 percent. Plus, heart disease is one of the leading causes of death in both California and throughout the nation.

Beginning in 2010, trans fats will become illegal in California. A restaurant caught using these fats will be forced to pay a fine ranging anywhere from \$25 to \$1,000. The same will apply to retail baked goods in 2011. To reduce the health implications of using trans fats — heart disease and the destruction of "good" cholesterol just to name a few — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger set the anti-trans fats bill into motion.

Trans fats are only a tiny piece of a much larger, much more complicated puzzle. Although they do contribute to the onset of health complications such as heart disease, trans fats cannot be framed as the only culprit of bad health. Sugar, for instance, can be just as damaging to individual health as trans fats. The rate of diabetes in this country is astounding — 23.6 million people suffer from the disease. Of those people, 5.7 million are unaware that they are diabetic.

And it's not just going to a fast-food restaurant and ordering off the menu board that creates a problem. Most people know that fast food isn't one of the more healthy dietary choices anyway. But consider such food items as breakfast cereal. Children especially and their parents are led to believe that cereals are a healthy choice for the most important meal of the day. "Our cereal has natural ingredients," cereal advertisers scream. "Our cereal has all of the best vitamins and minerals to start the day right." But what they all fail to mention is the high sugar content of many of their products. With foods like these, no wonder the United States has so many cases of diabetes. If the use of sugar in products is also such a major problem, then why aren't lawmakers also attacking (and perhaps banning) the use of refined sugars in food products?

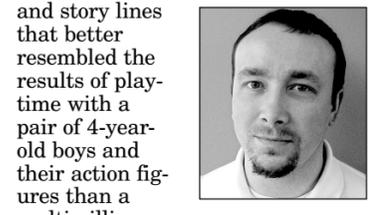
There is something almost humorous about watching someone eat a doughnut or maybe even watching a smoker puffing away on a cigarette while parts of the country such as California scramble to remove all trans-fat rich foods from their shelves and menu boards. We all know that these things are horrible for our health. But in many cases, that doesn't stop us from doing them anyway. How many times have we been told that smoking may cause lung cancer? How many times have we been told that obesity can cause a slew of health complications that can eventually become fatal? But if these things are all so bad for us, why aren't there laws banning or at least restricting these types of products?

Perhaps the focus should not be on one element of unhealthiness, such as trans fats. Maybe the focus should be on the product itself. Striving to create healthier products, not just to remove certain faulty ingredients from the product, seems to be a much better solution. Trans fats are definitely not the only things to blame for our poor health. And even though a bill banning trans fats may be a good first step, there is simply no way this bill can have any effect on the health of Californians and even other Americans until other health elements (such as sugar content) are examined.

— Editorial writer **Amanda Bailey**

The great dark hype

Since Heath Ledger's death, we've all witnessed endless swooning over the loss of such a young talent. The irrelevant tripe of the gossip rags and entertainment "news" shows have been crammed full of cries for a posthumous Oscar for what was rumored to be a brilliant last performance as the Joker. *The Dark Knight* further raised the bar after the Batman series was brought out of the urinal trough by its predecessor, *Batman Begins*, which marked a high-point for DC comics' on-screen efforts. It was a welcome movement away from gaudy codpieces, suits with steel-tipped nipples, and an array of stunts and story lines that better resembled the results of playtime with a pair of 4-year-old boys and their action figures than a multimillion-dollar comic-book franchise.



NATE WHITNEY

Great things were very much expected from here on out.

Let me stop for a second and say that I'm not an entertainment writer, nor do I pretend to know the finer workings of Hollywood or what constitutes good film. I'm paid for my opinions on politics, social issues, and whatever else the evil libral media (sic) have collectively chosen to attack our president for on any given day. But I also have my moments, times where I'd rather watch old "Tom and Jerry" cartoons than Jim Lehrer or Brian Williams. When I spent \$550 on an Xbox 360, I didn't feel it necessary to defend my actions to my parents or anyone else. I miss my childhood, and at 29 I miss being (relatively) young, and at times that's easy to witness.

My point is that there are times where you have to stop being an adult (although there are some who know me — and some who don't [notably my readers] who would say it's time for me to be an adult) and opine on the things that were important to you as a kid. Well Batman was pretty damn important in the hierarchy of young Nathan Whitney, right up there with the Chicago Cubs and the ability to make an impeccable fart sound with my right hand and left armpit. With this in mind, I simply cannot let *The Dark Knight* go without using my weekly space to say, What the hell? This is what I waited for?

Insanity is spending \$9 on a movie ticket (or is insanity charging \$9 for a movie ticket?). Insanity is driving to Davenport to see a film when a gallon of gas costs considerably more than a gallon of milk, but I refuse to patronize the shoddy little theaters in our area. And just how does a college town attract two Wal-Marts and three Starbucks, but not have a massive multiplex? That's a whole different column. Insanity is also a good way to describe the expectations I had for this film, due to my own lofty thoughts of Christian Bale and the rejuvenated Batman franchise but also because of the aforementioned Hollywood hype machine that was in fifth gear before trailers even leaked onto the Internet.

It's not that I hated *The Dark Knight*, but I was amazed at the complete mess of a movie it was. Normal films have undulating story lines, swaying steadily up and down like the motion of the waves on the sea. Eventually a climax is reached, and the film ends. Not this movie. This movie was one continuously climbing story, desperately clawing at air, scrambling to achieve what gravity tells us it cannot. Each scene trying to trump the previous one, each getting more and more ridiculous and grabastic than its predecessor. "Ooh, yes," the film taunted me, "a newborn baby is driving this big rig loaded with spent nuclear fuel right through that playground of children during a hurricane! But in the next scene, all that happens while the baby is wrestling a live alligator in the cab of the big rig!" *The Dark Knight* was a hopelessly long clutter, a compilation of over-reaching pomp and a script that forgot to take its blood pressure medication.

So there weren't any babies driving trucks in *The Dark Knight*, but you get my point. And while it had a solid ending and a jaw-dropping performance by Heath Ledger, it wasn't enough to save the movie, at least not for me. Everyone else I talked to loved it. Maybe it's me, and maybe I'm being too harsh, but that's what being a jaded little boy does to you. Heroes sometimes let you down, and you don't learn that until you grow up. ■

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Guest Opinion

A deficit of discipline

The irresponsible borrowers and lenders who sparked the current economic downturn have something in common with the federal government: None of them can be trusted with a buck. And all Americans will ultimately pay the price for their financial recklessness.

An estimate released Monday by the White House placed next year's federal budget deficit at a record \$482 billion. As a percentage of the economy, it's still not as bad as the deficits from the 1980s and early 1990s, but that should comfort no one. Washington managed to climb out of that hole only after the government imposed a program of painful tax hikes, which combined with a fast-growing economy in the mid-1990s to produce federal surpluses in the closing years of the Clinton administration. That all ended with the election of George W. Bush.

The Bush administration tried to spin Monday's grim budget news as fallout from the economic-stimulus package approved by a bipartisan congressional majority in February. The \$600-per-taxpayer rebate certainly didn't help, costing the Treasury \$168 billion, but it's by no means the source of the deficit problem. That goes back several years — to when Bush and a compliant Congress launched an invasion of Iraq costing hundreds of billions of dollars and, rather than raise taxes to pay for it, continued to cut

them. The \$482 billion figure actually understates the size of the shortfall because it doesn't include \$80 billion in war costs. Washington's uncontrolled spending at the beginning of the decade made deficits almost inevitable, but the growth of the shortfall is being worsened by a troubled economy.

Americans' willingness to accept the war was enhanced by the fact that so few were asked to sacrifice anything to fight it, but the sacrifice wasn't avoided, only deferred. Excessive government debt is dangerous for the same reason that excessive personal debt is: An ever-increasing share of future budgets will be eaten up by interest payments, leaving less money for everything else, and when times get hard, the belt-tightening could become brutal.

The mortgage crisis taught financial institutions a tough lesson about undisciplined behavior, and the ones that survived are gradually putting their houses in order; we wish the same could be said for the government. Neither party's presumed presidential nominee has a realistic plan to curb the deficit. That's only to be expected during the campaign season, when vows of low taxes and rich entitlements are key to winning votes. The next president simply will not be able to deliver both, despite such claims.

This editorial appeared in Tuesday's *Los Angeles Times*.

Little progress since 35W bridge collapse

By Robert Tanner, Steve Karnowski, and Frank Bass
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — A year after the worst U.S. bridge collapse in a generation brought calls for immediate repairs to other spans, two of every three of the busiest problem bridges in each state — carrying nearly 40 million vehicles a day — have had no work beyond regular maintenance.

An Associated Press review of repairs on each state's 20 most-traveled bridges with structural deficiencies found just 12 percent have been fixed. In most states, the most common approach was to plan for repairs later rather than fix problems now.

The bridges reviewed by the AP — 1,020 in all — are not in imminent danger of collapse, state engineers and highway officials say. But the officials acknowledge the structures need improvement, many sooner rather than later.

The collapse of the eight-lane Interstate 35W bridge into the Mississippi River on Aug. 1, 2007, killed 13 people and brought immediate calls for repairs to bridges across the nation.

The failure to follow through was not because of lack of effort, officials said. Soaring construction costs, budget shortages, election-year politics, a backlog of bridge projects,

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— Pete Rahn, Missouri transportation commissioner

competing highway repairs, and bureaucracy often held bridge work to only incremental progress.

The AP gathered information on repair status from 48 states and Washington, D.C. In six states, data could not be obtained for some locally owned bridges. Louisiana and Nevada failed to respond.

The AP findings:

- Sixty-four percent of the bridges received no work beyond regular maintenance, though most were targeted for some kind of future work.

- Twelve percent had their structural defects fixed — usually through a major rehabilitation or outright replacement.

- An additional 24 percent have seen a partial improvement, either through a short-term repair to temporarily address the defect or an ongoing project that is not yet complete.

The worst were in Indiana, Oklahoma, New Hampshire, and South Carolina, where work was conducted on only one of each state's 20 most heavily traveled structurally deficient bridges.

"At some point, relying on miracles is not going to be the best way to manage our system," said Pete Rahn, the transportation commissioner of Missouri. "I would pray we don't have to have another disaster to bring about the right attention to this. I see very little political will there."

Adds Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell: "The Minneapolis incident obviously caused people to stand up and take notice, but I think it got dwarfed by the bad economic news."

"There's plenty of blame to go around," said Rendell, who has joined a national campaign to demand more federal investment in infrastructure. He argues the federal government bears a larger share than states, which are struggling to make do with limited help.

Rahn, one of many state transportation officials interviewed who said it is long past time for Congress and the states to invest in bridges and roads, blames the federal government most of all.

But as Congress debates highway spending, some members criticize states for not



Jim Mone/Associated Press

An investigator stands on a gusset, a plate used to connect trusses, on the collapsed Interstate 35W bridge as another takes photos in Minneapolis on Aug. 9, 2007.

devoting enough highway money to bridges. Also, the Bush administration has promised to veto the latest \$1 billion proposed increase, itself a fraction of the estimated \$140 billion needed for repairs on bridges alone.

"Thirteen people were killed,

and not much happened," said engineer William Schutt, a critic of the status quo of bridge assessment and repair. "Who's to blame? Congress, the American people — for putting up with it."

Bridges deemed structurally deficient have elements that

need monitoring and parts that need to be scheduled for repair or replacement. The designation does not necessarily mean a bridge is unsafe, although it is one of the factors used to determine when a bridge is at risk, and which ones qualify for federal money.

STATE

Groups seek limits on Mississippi, Gulf pollution

DES MOINES (AP) — Environmental groups in nine states petitioned the federal government on Wednesday to set and enforce pollution standards in the Mississippi River basin and the Gulf of Mexico.

The petition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency followed Monday's announcement that the dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico is the second largest to date at 8,000 square miles.

The dead zone is an area of water where oxygen levels are too low to support marine life. It's caused every year by nitrogen and phosphorus pollution that flows into the Gulf from the Mississippi River, much of it from fertilizer runoff from farm fields.

Officials from the groups said the dead zone will continue to grow unless standards are set for nitrogen and phosphorus pollution. The organizations are all from states bordering the Mississippi River — Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wisconsin.

The groups said the EPA has dropped the ball in enforcing a rule it made in 1998, which required states to set standards for nitrogen and phosphorus pollution in the Mississippi River by 2003.

States have been slow to adopt such standards, prompting the groups to ask the EPA to intervene.

"Our feeling is there has been a dead zone at the EPA almost as big as in the Gulf of Mexico," said Jeff Grimes, assistant director of the water resources program at the New Orleans-based Gulf Restoration Network. "They have the responsibility to act. The deadline came and went a long time ago, and most of our states don't have standards ... and aren't enforcing any limits."

Grimes warned that without limits that are enforced, the Gulf of Mexico could face an ecological catastrophe.

"We're looking at a total ecological shift in the Gulf as far as what lives there," Grimes said.

Grimes said the Gulf is in danger of becoming a low-oxygen area that could damage one of the nation's largest fisheries. If rules aren't created and enforced soon, he said, it could be too late.

"The fear is that we're going to reach a tipping point where you can no longer fix things," Grimes said. "If we can reduce the pollution going into the Gulf of Mexico from the Mississippi and reduce the size of the dead zone, we can reduce the catastrophe."

The EPA is required by law to respond to the petition within a reasonable period of time, but Grimes said there is no definition of what's reasonable.

Enesta Jones, an EPA spokeswoman, said the agency would "review the petition and respond in a timely manner." She declined further comment.



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In flood limbo

Morris Dailey and Keiko Otsu lost almost everything in the flood, and they are debating what to do next.

By Jennifer Putnam
THE DAILY IOWAN

Morris Dailey and Keiko Otsu were all set for a summer trip to Paris to visit his family. Instead, they watched the Iowa River consume their house's entire first floor.

"It's not been my favorite summer, by far," said Dailey, a UI associate professor of pathology.

He was awakened by pounding on his door in the early morning hours of June 12. It was his friend who had come to get them out.

"The police forgot about us," he said.

In the chaos of getting out, they left behind all of their possessions inside their house of 22 years.

Otsu, a UI biochemistry research assistant, said water filled the first floor to the ceiling. They hadn't anticipated that the garage would flood. They found 5 feet of water in it.

"In 1993, the garage was fine," Dailey said. "So we stored many items in there."

Luckily, some possessions were salvageable, but many had to be thrown out. They invested in a pressure washer to clean those items that weren't completely destroyed, including an antique table and chair set.

"The first flood in 1993 was not as bad, and I was a lot younger, so it was easier to deal with things physically," Otsu said.

She said it would take \$12,000 alone to rewire the house. But the house will have to basically be stripped down to its frame.

They do have flood insurance, but it will not cover very much, she said. Their homeowner's insurance does not cover flood damage.

As they clean out their house, several concerns and frustrations are on their mind.



Ryan Formanek/The Daily Iowan
Keiko Otsu and Morris Dailey relax at their temporary home on Wednesday. After their Normandy Drive home flooded, a chance encounter allowed them a home for summer while another UI faculty member is abroad.

"There is no reliable information on what to do now," Dailey said. The property "is certainly worth nothing now."

Dailey and Otsu have been looking at several studies done on property damage by floods. They found in one study that three years after the flood, the property value usually goes up to pretty close to what it was before.

"That is with just one hit, though," Dailey said.

There are currently no completed studies done on what property value will be after two floods hit in a relatively small span of time, such as the 1993 and 2008 floods, Dailey said.

"We don't know what to do," Otsu said. "It would take an astronomical amount of money to fix the house. Then selling it will be hard because people won't

want to move to a floodplain."

Dailey said they are debating whether to fix the house or abandon it. Their house is one of the lowest on Normandy Drive, Otsu said.

"We usually get water before anyone else does," she said.

Raising the house could help protect it from any future floods, she said. The problem is that their house is split level, which makes it more difficult to raise.

"However, this seems to be the only way to salvage the house," she said.

The flood that ruined their summer will likely keep causing them problems.

"It's very difficult to swallow," Otsu said. "Especially a second time."

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NATION

44-pound cat needs a new home

BLACKWOOD, N.J. (AP) — Talk about New Jersey's fat cats.

A 44-pound feline was found waddling around July 26 without a collar in Voorhees, and officials at the Camden County Animal Shelter hope she gets a nice — hopefully, diet friendly — home.

"She's built like a quarterback," said Deborah Wright, a shelter volunteer and current foster owner of the kitty. "I mean, how do you lose a 44-pound cat?"

Shelter officials are calling the porky cutie Princess Chunk.

The largest tabby on record weighed 46 pounds, 15 ounces. That cat, which lived in Australia, died in the 1980s. The Guinness World Records has since dropped the category, fearing cat owners might harm their animals in an attempt to break the record.

Princess Chunk's owner has until Saturday to reclaim her. After that, the weighty pet will be eligible for adoption.

Wright plans to speak with a veterinarian to put Chunk on a diet. For now, Chunk's diet consists of dry and wet cat food.

"I'm about to put a leash on her and walk her," Wright said. "She could pass for a dog."

Hot topic: sunscreen for crops

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — Just like people damage their skin in the sun, fruits and vegetables also can get nasty burns. That's why farmers are increasingly applying sunscreen to their crops to prevent skin blistering, heat stress, and blemishes.



Al Schell, Courier-Post/Associated Press
A 44-pound cat who is in need of a loving home is seen on Monday in Sicklerville. The cat was found outside, without a collar, in Voorhees, and is being cared for at the Camden County, N.J., Animal Shelter.

"With the costs of production going up, growers are looking to increase their margins wherever they can," said farmer Ed Lagrutta, an adviser for Western Farm Services who farms 20 acres and runs tests on hundreds more.

Sunspots on a Granny Smith apple can mean the difference between the lowest price for juice or the more lucrative fresh fruit market. As for nuts, last year buyers paid on average 3 cents a pound more for sunscreen-protected nuts than untreated ones, said Lagrutta.

Climate change and drought in Australia and California's Central Valley have meant challenging growing conditions for farmers that are affecting the quality, yields, and price of produce. Sunscreens alleviate at least one worry for farmers, who lose money with each fruit or vegetable that develops sun damage.

"Under climate change, heat stress will become a bigger issue for plants, especially when it creates new heat-released disease," said Eric Wood, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Princeton University.

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are invited for participation in a research study.

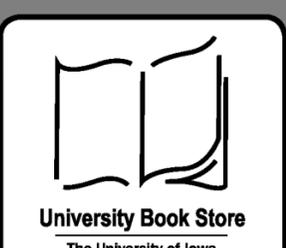
Researchers are studying the effects of chronic marijuana use on brain structure, function, and mental abilities. The study involves a lengthy screening appointment, followed by two overnight hospitalizations at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Volunteers are compensated for participation (and for out-of-town travel). Brain imaging studies are done and volunteers take achievement tests and tests of various mental abilities. Volunteers must be current marijuana users, be from 18 to 60 years old, be right-handed and be within commuting distance from Iowa City, Iowa. Information about the identity of volunteers will be treated confidentially.

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New danger: texting



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Giancarlo Yerkes, a 30-year-old advertising employee, crosses a street in downtown Chicago while text-messaging with his cell phone on Tuesday. In an alert issued this week, the American College of Emergency Physicians says based on reports from emergency-room doctors around the country, the number of text-messaging pedestrians, bicyclists, Rollerbladers, and even motorists who aren't so fortunate is rising.

By Lindsey Tanner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO (AP) — The warning came too late for Barack Obama's adviser: Don't walk and text at the same time.

Obama aide Valerie Jarrett fell off a Chicago curb several weeks ago while her thumbs were flying on her Blackberry.

"I didn't see the sidewalk, and I twisted my ankle," Jarrett said. "It was a nice wake-up call for me to be a lot more careful in the future, because I clearly wasn't paying attention, and I should have."

Jarrett got off easy and didn't need medical attention.

But in an alert issued this week, the American College of Emergency Physicians warns of the danger of more serious accidents involving oblivious texters. The ER doctors cite rising reports from doctors around the country of injuries involving

text-messaging pedestrians, bicyclists, Rollerbladers, even motorists.

Most involve scrapes, cuts, and sprains from texters who walked into lampposts or walls or tripped over curbs.

Still, ER doctors who responded to a recent informal query from the organization reported two deaths, both in California. A San Francisco woman was killed by a pickup truck earlier this year when she stepped off a curb while texting, and a Bakersfield man was killed last year by a car while crossing the street and texting.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has no national estimate on how common texting-related injuries are. But among the reports it has received: A 15-year-old girl fell off her horse while texting, suffering head and back injuries, and a 13-year-old girl suffered belly, leg, and arm burns after texting her boyfriend while cooking noodles.

Giancarlo Yerkes texted his way across a busy Chicago street Tuesday and escaped unscathed. But the 30-year-old advertising employee admitted he once walked straight into a stop sign while texting and bumped his head.

Yerkes said that he texts while walking to maximize his time, and that the emergency doctors' warning probably won't stop him.

"There's a lot of things you shouldn't do — this is another one on my list," Yerkes said.

James Adams, the chairman of emergency medicine at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago, said he has treated minor injuries in several texters.

"Common sense isn't always common," he said.

Sometimes even among doctors.

"I have to admit that I started a text while I was driving, and then I said, 'This is so stupid,' so I stopped," Adams said.

Undergrads battle to complete research

Undergraduates from all over the world present their summer research at UI conference.

By Alayna Wilken
THE DAILY IOWAN

The flood didn't stop undergraduates from exhibiting their summer work at the Summer Undergraduate Research Conference, although it almost prevented some of the research from being done at all.

"This is the end-of-the-year main event for our summer programs," said John Keller, dean of the Graduate College.

The third-annual conference showcased the research done over the summer by undergraduates at the UI, many of whom are from other schools. More than 120 students presented their findings at the Sheraton Hotel's Amos Dean Ballroom on Wednesday afternoon.

One of the programs participating in the conference was the Summer Research Opportunities Program. At one point canceled because of the flood, some students came back to finish what they started.

"This was the craziest summer ever," said Edmarie Guzmán-Vélez.

Guzmán-Vélez, a student at the University of Puerto Rico, came to the UI with the research program at the beginning of June. Days after moving in, she was told she had 30 minutes to get ready to evacuate

Burge and was on her way back to Puerto Rico.

But two weeks later, she traveled back to Iowa again. The UI helped her find lodging off campus, and she continued with her research.

"We did a pretty good job with the amount of time we had," she said.

Guzmán-Vélez worked at UIHC, studying how the brain retrieves abstract knowledge as opposed to concrete knowledge. A series of word tests asked volunteers to distinguish abstract words from concrete ones. For example, she used "health" as an abstract word, while "duck" was a concrete word.

One patient with damage to a part of his brain could not correctly identify abstract words but not concrete ones, suggesting that there is a certain part of the brain that only deals with concrete words.

The findings showed that it is much harder to retrieve abstract word knowledge. The study's participants included paid volunteers as controls and patients from UIHC with brain lesions.

The objectives of the conference were to provide an outlet for students to share their work with the public and also provide an opportunity for students to practice communicating

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— Jennifer Masada,
director of external
relations for the
Graduate College

knowledge about their research to others.

"It's one thing to do research; it's another thing to articulate it," said Jennifer Masada, director of external relations for the Graduate College.

Masada said the summer programs give students experience for how to succeed in a graduate program. The one-on-one work with mentors also gives students a reference to contact in the future, she said.

That the students were able to finish their projects while missing two to three weeks of research was amazing, Masada said.

"It was a formidable challenge for the students coming back; they had the ability to adapt and persevere," she said.

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Daily Break

“A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.”

— Sir Winston Churchill

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Speak from the heart, and get to the bottom of whatever is going wrong in your life. You may not like everything you hear, but at least you can assess your situation and make the necessary changes.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take a deep breath and relax before you say or do something you may regret. Love is on the rise, so put your all into a meaningful relationship. This is not the time to accept challenges but rather to have fun. Be good to yourself.
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't blow situations out of proportion or overreact to something that may be a figment of your imagination. Concentrate on bringing more happiness to your life. A new look at a vocation that interests you will give you greater insight.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Jump into a job by putting things in place ahead of time. A strategic phone call or e-mail will help you get the lowdown. An opportunity will open up because of your enthusiasm and timely progress.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone will be willing to put her- or himself on the line for you. Take whatever help is offered. Trying to do everything yourself so you can take all the credit will not go over well with your peers.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Becoming emotional or difficult to deal with will cost you professionally. Love is in the stars, but don't give in to someone who may be giving you a line or exaggerating about what he or she has to offer. Don't bend to someone for the wrong reason.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on what you can do, not what you can't. Something a little unorthodox will grab the attention of someone who can potentially contribute to your most recent project. Love problems will arise if someone isn't being honest.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Pay off debts, and collect what's owed to you, but don't spend foolishly, trying to impress someone. There is no time to waste when it comes to making money, and it's certainly not a good idea to be frivolous.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't let your connection to someone cause you grief financially. Pay what you must for what you want, but don't get involved in a joint venture or a fast cash scheme. A conservative approach has worked best for you in the past, and it will today, too.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Surprise someone you love, and you will be rewarded in a most unusual way. A change in the way you deal with a partner will help give you the upper hand and position you well for future joint ventures.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Participate in social events that allow you to network in your industry of interest. You have plenty of good ideas, and if you push hard and act aggressively, your enthusiasm will draw partners, financing, and the support needed.

GROWTH INDUSTRY



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At the busy intersection of Market and Dubuque Streets, Hillel boasts one of the largest perennial gardens in Iowa City. Among the variety of flowers and produce are purple coneflowers, zinnias, purple basil, peppers, and cucumbers.

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- Kids Rule Summer Film Series, 10 a.m., Coral Ridge 10 Theatres, Coral Ridge Mall
- Preschool Story Time, "The Grouchy Ladybug," with Mary Piper, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Thursday Wee Read, 10:30 a.m., Coraville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- Summer Writing Festival Elevenses Literary Hour, 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East
- Rummage in the Ramp, noon, Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- Teen Tech Zone, 1 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Government and You Listening Post, 3 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Coralville Farmers' Market, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St.
- Bicyclists of Iowa City Thursday Evening Leisure Rides, 6 p.m., College Green Park
- Music in the Park, 6:30 p.m., S.T. Morrison

- Party in the Park, 6:30 p.m., Creekside Park, Coralville
- Love Songs, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou, Van Allen Lecture Room 2
- Drinking Liberally, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Free Karaoke, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- Pool & Pitcher Night, 8 p.m., Grizzly's South Side Pub & Grill
- Big D's Karaoke Jamz, 9 p.m., Gus' Food & Spirits, 2421 Coral Court Suite 4
- Bike-In Theater, 9 p.m., Public Access Television, 206 Lafayette St.
- Gemini Karaoke, 9 p.m., Speak Easy, 171 Highway 1 W.
- Jesse Lacey, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- Sangria Night, 9:30 p.m., David's Place, 100 S. Linn
- Thursday Night Karaoke, 9:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville



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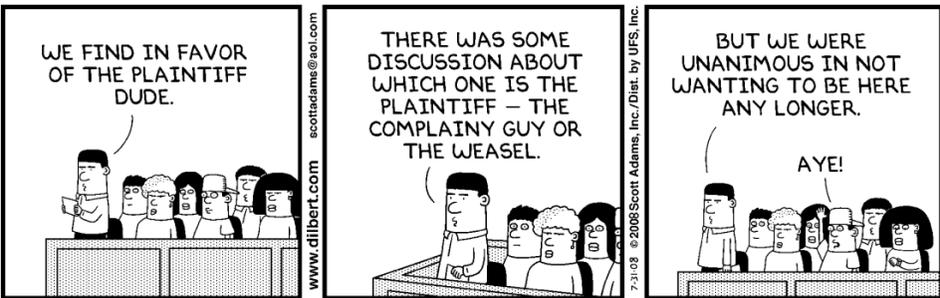
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- 12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
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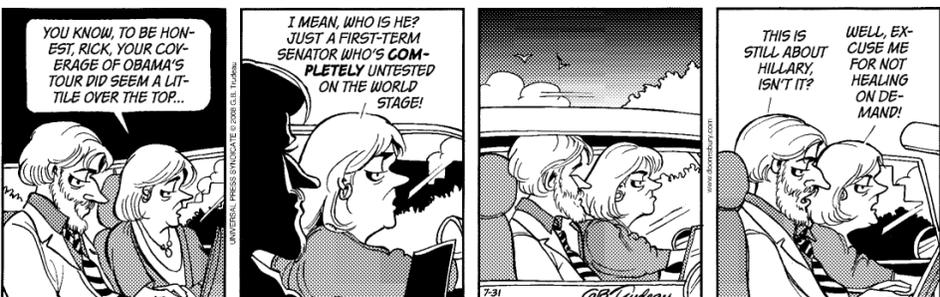
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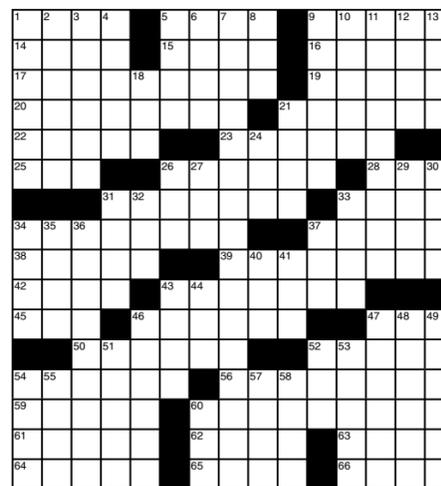
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- Across**
- 1 Omani's money
 - 5 It circles Hades nine times
 - 9 Pro Football Hall of Fame coach who once played for the New York Yankees
 - 14 Spanish pronoun
 - 15 Runoff site
 - 16 Airport rental option
 - 17 Rube's opposite
 - 19 Circle lines
 - 20 Lets out
 - 21 New York's _____ Building, tallest in the world in 1930
 - 22 Agonizes (over)
 - 23 Submarine base?
 - 25 Want ad letters
 - 26 Graduated
 - 28 Figs. in sports reports
 - 31 See 7-Down
 - 33 "Paradise Lost," e.g.
 - 34 "Upidstay" language
 - 37 Girl's name that's a butterfly genus
 - 38 First name in erotic writing
 - 39 Tow truck tool
 - 42 Two- or three-year-old, maybe
 - 43 Product introduced by 7-Down in 1971
 - 45 Photography abbr.
 - 46 "_____ Mistress," 1982 horror flick
 - 47 One for the road
 - 50 1974 hit by Mecedades
 - 52 Dog from Japan
 - 54 Check attachments
 - 56 What may be paid when someone dies
 - 59 Make _____ with the devil
 - 60 Extra shuteye
 - 61 Bank manager?
 - 62 Stud fee?
 - 63 River to the English Channel
 - 64 Push (oneself)
 - 65 Wee, informally
 - 66 Liz Taylor's husband before Fisher

- Down**
- 1 Disqualify in court
 - 2 Enjoys a lot
 - 3 Potsdam Conference attendee
 - 4 Knocks to the ground
 - 5 Short moments
 - 6 Receipts
 - 7 Legendary name in 31-Cross
 - 8 See 37-Down
 - 9 Sarcastic laugh
 - 10 Bank feature
 - 11 Orchid variety
 - 12 Gallic girlfriend
 - 13 It may be "bon"
 - 18 Cyclades isle
 - 21 Reunion group
 - 24 Phone greeting in Central America
 - 26 Former fleet member
 - 27 Cub's home, for short
 - 29 One of the Jacksons
 - 30 Word with brain or price
 - 31 Dart
 - 32 Some batteries
 - 33 Canal near Rome
 - 34 Gait
 - 35 Privy to

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Puzzle by David J. Kahn

- 36 "Ben-Hur" extra
- 37 With 8-Down, one who grew up on MTV, maybe
- 40 Discontinued Saturn
- 41 Some QB protectors
- 43 Whom Taylor defeated for president in 1848
- 44 Giant among Giants
- 46 Wedding band, maybe
- 47 "De Ore" writer
- 48 Take care of
- 49 Scraped
- 51 Kitchen gizmo
- 52 Suitable
- 53 Lock opening
- 54 Prone to freckles
- 55 Ne plus ultra
- 57 Grub
- 58 Chop _____
- 60 Actress _____ Ling of "Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow"

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Stretching in goal to meet her goals

OLYMPICS CONTINUED FROM 12B

"First and foremost, she's obviously a great athlete. But more importantly, she's just a phenomenal team player," the coach said. "She's just someone that you want on your team."

Iowa waved goodbye to Weinberg after she graduated in May 2005. But her field-hockey days did not come to an end with college; she made the USA national team before she even passed her last exams as a student. In fact, she and former Hawkeye All-American Sarah Dawson both made the squad.

"During that time, I traveled back and forth from Iowa to Virginia Beach to train and also had sessions with Tracey Griesbaum and Lisa Cellucci while I was still in school," Weinberg said. "Being on the U.S. national squad the past three years has definitely prepared me for this level of play."

The laid-back outdoor lover says she and her teammates have played against teams from all over the world, which has given her a taste of what may come in Beijing.

"Training on a daily basis, along with playing in games overseas and major international tournaments, has given me the experience necessary at this level," she said.

The experience that Weinberg speaks of was the key to her in-

tation to become an alternate for the U.S. Olympic squad.

GETTING THE INVITATION

In most cases, gaining status and qualifying for the Olympics requires a tryout of some sort. However, that wasn't the case for Weinberg, who was joined on the Olympic squad by Rachel Dawson, a sister of Weinberg's former Iowa teammate Sarah Dawson. Weinberg's "tryout" was her three years of proving herself to her coaches — Lee Bodimeade and Steve Jennings. The former All-American and three-time All-Big Ten selection padded her goalkeeping résumé and used her membership on the USA field-hockey squad as a stepping-stone for her invitation to be a member of the Olympic team.

"I found out I was an alternate for the Olympic team during an individual meeting with my head coach, Lee Bodimeade, and assistant coach Steve Jennings," the former junior Olympics bronze medalist said. "They told me that they were only taking one goalkeeper on the roster of 16, but that I would be traveling as an alternate in the event that Amy Tran were to get injured."

Tran has been a part of the U.S. national team since 2003, two years longer than Weinberg. Her veteran rank and exceptional ability to guard the net has placed her as the starter. The Iowa grad agrees with her coaches' decision to have Tran at No. 1.

"I have played under the best

'I have played under the best goalkeeper in the world for three years now, and I am prepared to step in at any moment if the situation arises. My role on this team is not a starter, but I need to expect the unexpected.'

— Barb Weinberg, alternate goalkeeper

goalkeeper in the world for three years now, and I am prepared to step in at any moment if the situation arises," she said. "My role on this team is not a starter, but I need to expect the unexpected."

"It may happen tomorrow, or it may never happen, but my preparation each day needs to be consistent."

And her preparation is nowhere near easy.

"We are in a heavy training phase right now," said the Louisville Male High School alum. "We were in Holland and Germany for three weeks practicing, running, lifting, and playing games against the best teams in the world."

"There were days when we had an intense practice or conditioning session and then played a game later in the day. It was intense, but it's what's necessary to play with the best in the world. Now, we are focusing on being at our peak performance at the start of the Games."

However, all of the fierce training may not translate into playing time for the goalkeeper, who went five games in college without allowing a goal. She unfortu-

nately may not be considered as an Olympian under Olympic rules and regulations if she doesn't step onto the field.

Griesbaum doesn't buy into those rules.

"I feel for her there," the Iowa head coach said. "But in my mind, she has put herself in a position to be the second-best goalkeeper in the country at a pretty young age. I think it's phenomenal, and it says a lot about her."

LOOKING AHEAD

When Weinberg's goalkeeping days are over and done, she may dabble in the coaching scene. With degrees in psychology and health and sports studies, plus an immense knowledge and background of field hockey, the two-time MVP of her high-school team will undoubtedly make a positive addition on any team's staff. Weinberg has even started coaching a little bit. She assisted the coaching staff at Iowa last fall, being an influential ingredient to the Hawkeyes' 17 wins and Big Ten Tournament title.

"Barb is a great asset to our program. I can't say enough

great things about her," current Hawkeye goalkeeper Lissa Munley said. "Since Barb graduated, the field-hockey program has seen continual positive growth."

Munley became the starting goalkeeper after Weinberg graduated. She knew coming into the program that it would be a difficult job to replace an All-American, but she is continually trying to emulate what Weinberg has done at Iowa and in her career outside the university.

"Barb definitely made a name for herself while she was at Iowa, and I knew I had some big shoes to fill," Munley said. "I am grateful that I have had the chance to play with Barb several times and ask questions."

"I would love to play at the level Barb has reached, and she is one of the people who has helped get me this far."

The help that Weinberg has given to Iowa has been welcomed with open arms from all who are involved. Griesbaum, who said Weinberg is one of the best talents she has ever coached, appreciates what she has done for her program, but she thinks the program has given just as much right back to Weinberg.

"I think Iowa has really been a great platform for her, and it has kind of gone both ways," Griesbaum said. "I think she's helped the [Iowa's] program, but I think the program and being a part of Iowa athletics and field hockey has really helped her to get prepared for the next level."

Schedule of Events:

- T Aug. 10 – USA vs. Argentina
- Aug. 12 – USA vs. Japan
- Aug. 14 – USA vs. Germany
- Aug. 16 – USA vs. New Zealand
- Aug. 18 – USA vs. Great Britain
- Aug. 20 – Semifinals
- Aug. 22 – Bronze and Gold Medal

"We are just really happy for her, and really, it's her time to shine — we're kind of just sitting back, and clapping for her right now, and just using her as a role model for our team."

As for the Olympic Games, Weinberg said with a chuckle that her mother will be in attendance, cheering her and Team USA on with a red, white, and blue outfit complete with matching sunglasses.

But she gets serious when talking about the opportunity she and her American teammates have in front of them.

"We are the first field-hockey team to qualify for the Olympics in quite some time, but that is not enough," she said. "We want to medal."

"Our goal is the win the gold. We are prepared to do this."

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Gatens leads team, wins MVP

PRIME TIME CONTINUED FROM 12A

we just came out, put the body on them, and got some boards, and got a little momentum going, and just kept it going on, and shot the ball well."

Forward Brennan Swazyer led Gatens/McCurrys with nine rebounds to go with 11 points.

"They got down, and they didn't quit," said Ready-Mix/Delimart forward Duez Henderson, a former Hawkeye. "Usually, you get a team down double figures, and they start hanging their heads and start putting a bit."

"But this team kept playing, took some good shots, and got back in it, and we couldn't get it turned around."

Ready-Mix/Delimart was led by Henderson's 20 points and 10 rebounds, while Iowa senior-to-be Cyrus Tate put-up 15 and seven. Iowa junior-to-be David Palmer scored 14 while cleaning up five boards in the losing effort.

Also notable for Ready-Mix/Delimart was former Missouri State guard Terrence McGee, who led the team with three treys for 13 points and was tops in assists with seven.

Gatens also won league MVP to go with his Prime Time title, but he said both honors belong to the team.

"It was a lot of fun playing with these guys, a lot of team players," Gatens said. "They pass the ball really, really well."

"They play hard, and that's what it takes to win in a league like this."

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Upper Iowa's Keith Steffek blocks former Kirkwood Community College's Rodney Jackson during the Prime Time League championship game on Wednesday in North Liberty. Steffek's team, Gatens/McCurrys, won the contest handily over Ready Mix/Delimart, 103-81.

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	58	49	.542	—
New York	58	50	.537	½
Florida	57	51	.528	1½
Atlanta	49	58	.458	9
Washington	38	69	.355	20
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Cincinnati	64	44	.593	—
St. Louis	61	49	.555	4
Cincinnati	51	58	.468	13½
Houston	50	57	.467	13½
Pittsburgh	50	58	.463	14
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	55	52	.514	—
Los Angeles	54	53	.505	1
Colorado	49	60	.450	7
San Francisco	44	63	.411	11
San Diego	42	67	.385	14

Oakland	53	54	.495	14
Seattle	40	67	.374	27
Wednesday's Games				
Tampa Bay	3	Toronto	2	
N.Y. Yankees	13	Baltimore	3	
Kansas City	4	Oakland	3	10 innings
L.A. Angels	9	Boston	2	
Detroit	14	Cleveland	12	13 innings
Texas	4	Seattle	3	
Chicago White Sox	8	Minnesota	3	
Thursday's Games				
Detroit (Verlander 8-10)	at Cleveland (Carmona 4-3)	11:05 a.m.		
L.A. Angels (Garland 9-6)	at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 12-7)	6:05 p.m.		
Seattle (Dickey 2-6)	at Texas (Harrison 2-1)	7:05 p.m.		
Chicago White Sox (Danks 8-4)	at Minnesota (Baker 7-3)	7:10 p.m.		
Friday's Games				
Oakland at Boston	6:05 p.m.			
L.A. Angels at N.Y. Yankees	6:05 p.m.			
Detroit at Tampa Bay	6:10 p.m.			
Toronto at Texas	7:05 p.m.			
Cleveland at Minnesota	7:10 p.m.			
Chicago White Sox at Kansas City	7:10 p.m.			
Baltimore at Seattle	9:10 p.m.			

MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

NATIONAL LEAGUE	BATTING	FIELDING
BATTING	CJones, Atlanta, .369; Pujols, St. Louis, .355; Berkman, Houston, .344; Holliday, Colorado, .342; Nady, Pittsburgh, .330; Theriot, Colorado, .322; C.Jackson, Arizona, .319.	FIELDING
RBI	Howard, Philadelphia, 94; CalLee, Houston, 87; DWright, New York, 83; AdGonzalez, San Diego, 82; Braun, Milwaukee, 81; Teixeira, Atlanta, 78; Berkman, Houston, 76.	FIELDING
HOME RUNS	Dunn, Cincinnati, 32; Howard, Philadelphia, 30; Braun, Milwaukee, 29; Utley, Philadelphia, 27; Uggla, Florida, 26; Burrell, Philadelphia, 26; AdGonzalez, San Diego, 25.	FIELDING
HITS	JReyes, New York, 138; Cuzumaz, Washington, 131; DLee, Chicago, 130; Braun, Milwaukee, 129; Theriot, Chicago, 129; Berkman, Houston, 129; Atkins, Colorado, 128.	FIELDING
DOUBLES	McLouth, Pittsburgh, 35; Hart, Milwaukee, 32; Berkman, Houston, 32; Young, Arizona, 31; Rowand, San Francisco, 30; JReyes, New York, 29; DLee, Chicago, 29.	FIELDING
TRIPLES	JReyes, New York, 12; FLewis, San Francisco, 9; SDrew, Arizona, 7; Braun, Milwaukee, 6; C.Jackson, Arizona, 6; Loney, Los Angeles, 5; Victorino, Philadelphia, 5; BPhillips, Cincinnati, 5; Rollins, Philadelphia, 5.	FIELDING
STOLEN BASES	Taveras, Colorado, 48; Pierre, Los Angeles, 36; JReyes, New York, 35; Bourn, Houston, 33; Kemp, Los Angeles, 26; Rollins, Philadelphia, 26; HRamirez, Florida, 25; Victorino, Philadelphia, 25.	FIELDING
PITCHING (12 Decisions)	Lohse, St. Louis, 12-3, .800, 3.68; Lincecum, San Francisco, 11-3, .786, 2.78; Webb, Arizona, 14-4, .778, 3.14; Volquez, Cincinnati, 13-4, .765, 2.71; Zambrano, Chicago, 12-4, .750, 12-4, .750, 2.80; Dempster, Chicago, 12-4, .750, 2.90; Sheets, Milwaukee, 10-4, .714, 3.14.	FIELDING
STRIKEOUTS	Lincecum, San Francisco, 156;	FIELDING

Billingsley, Los Angeles, 145; Volquez, Cincinnati, 139; Cain, San Francisco, 138; Hamels, Philadelphia, 135; Haren, Arizona, 134; JSanchez, San Francisco, 126; Dempster, Chicago, 126.	AMERICAN LEAGUE	San Antonio	18	9	.667	—	
BATTING	AFRodriguez, New York, .328; Kinsler, Texas, .327; Morneau, Minnesota, .320; Bradley, Texas, .320; Ordonez, Detroit, .320; Damon, New York, .316; Mauer, Minnesota, .315.	FIELDING	Los Angeles	15	12	.556	3
RBI	Hamilton, Texas, 104; Quentin, Chicago, 83; JGujien, Kansas City, 83; MiCabrera, Detroit, 79; Huff, Baltimore, 72; JGujien, Kansas City, 71; ABreau, New York, 71.	FIELDING	Sacramento	15	12	.556	3
RUNS	Kinsler, Texas, 90; Quentin, Chicago, 75; Pedroia, Boston, 73; Markakis, Baltimore, 70; Sizemore, Cleveland, 70; MiYoung, Texas, 70; BRoberts, Baltimore, 69.	FIELDING	Houston	14	12	.538	3½
HITS	Kinsler, Texas, 146; Pedroia, Boston, 140; Suzuki, Seattle, 134; JLOpez, Seattle, 130; Morneau, Minnesota, 130; Hamilton, Texas, 129; MiYoung, Texas, 128.	FIELDING	Minnesota	13	13	.500	4½
DOUBLES	BRoberts, Baltimore, 39; Kinsler, Texas, 38; Pedroia, Boston, 32; Huff, Baltimore, 32; Markakis, Baltimore, 30; Peralta, Cleveland, 29; JGujien, Kansas City, 29; ABreau, New York, 29; Banez, Seattle, 29.	FIELDING	Phoenix	12	15	.444	6
TRIPLES	Crawford, Tampa Bay, 9; BRoberts, Baltimore, 8; AJones, Baltimore, 6; Inglett, Toronto, 6; Granderson, Detroit, 6; ISuzuki, Seattle, 5; 11 are tied with 4.	FIELDING	Tuesday's Games	No games scheduled. Olympic break. Regular season resumes Aug. 28			
HOME RUNS	Quentin, Chicago, 28; Sizemore, Cleveland, 26; Hamilton, Texas, 25; Dye, Chicago, 25; Suzuki, Seattle, 24; JLOpez, Seattle, 22; Thames, Detroit, 20; Giambi, New York, 20; M Ramirez, Boston, 20.	FIELDING	BASEBALL				
PITCHING (12 Decisions)	CLee, Cleveland, 14-2, .875, 2.58; Matsuzaka, Boston, 11-2, .846, 3.04; Lester, Detroit, 9-3, .750, 3.17; Saunders, Los Angeles, 14-5, .737, 3.09; Padilla, Texas, 12-5, .706, 4.52; Galarraga, Detroit, 9-4, .692, 3.36; ESantana, Los Angeles, 11-5, .687, 3.57.	FIELDING	American League	DETROIT TIGERS—Purchased the contract of C Dane Sardinha from Toledo (IL).			
STRIKEOUTS	Burnett, Toronto, 149; Halladay, Toronto, 141; ESantana, Los Angeles, 135; JVazquez, Chicago, 130; Beckett, Boston, 127; Greinke, Kansas City, 125; CLee, Cleveland, 125.	FIELDING	DETROIT TIGERS	Acquired RHP LaTroy Hawkins and cash from the New York Yankees for INF Matt Cusick.			
SAVES	FRodriguez, Los Angeles, 44; Sorria, Kansas City, 30; Papelbon, Boston, 30; Sherrill, Baltimore, 30; Nathan, Minnesota, 29; MRivera, New York, 26; CWilson, Texas, 24.	FIELDING	FLORIDA MARLINS	Sent RHP Daniel Barone out-right to Albuquerque (PCL).			
WINNER							

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	16	10	.615	—
New York	15	10	.600	½
Detroit	16	11	.593	½
Indiana	12	14	.462	4
Washington	10	16	.385	6
Chicago	8	17	.320	7½
Atlanta	3	24	.111	13
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	18	9	.667	—
Los Angeles	15	12	.556	3
Sacramento	15	12	.556	3
Houston	14	12	.538	3½
Minnesota	13	13	.500	4½
Phoenix	12	15	.444	6

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Iowa alum packs the stats

Former Iowa doctoral graduate Sean Forman is the brains behind baseball-reference.com, a website for all things baseball.

By Mike Brownlee
THE DAILY IOWAN

If you're a fan of Major League Baseball, the only place to go for comprehensive statistics is baseball-reference.com.

Since February 2000, the site has provided a bevy of stats, including the scores of every game ever played, as well as both individual and team stats.

Wonders who won the first Gold Glove at second base? Nellie Fox (1957). Want the box score of the Cubs game versus the Mets on April 3, 2003? You can look it up (Mark Yrigorin got the win; Sammy Sosa and Moises Alou had three RBIs apiece).

The man behind the website is a former Hawkeye.

Sean Forman, 35, earned a doctorate in applied math and computational sciences from Iowa in 2000.

Forman grew up in Manning, a small town in southwest Iowa and picked up an



Forman
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undergraduate degree at Grinnell College. He was in Iowa State's engineering program for two years before coming to Iowa City.

Now an assistant professor of mathematics at St. Joseph's University of Philadelphia, two acquaintances of Forman's — Doug Drinnen (football) and Justin Kubatko (basketball) — created similar websites on the same server as baseball-reference.com.

In 2007, the trio joined forces to create sports-reference.com, which contains the three original sites, as well as both hockey-reference.com and olympic-reference.com.

DI: How did baseball-reference.com start?

Forman: I was a graduate student at Iowa, trying to complete my dissertation.

It wasn't going well. I spent most of my free time building baseball-reference, which took a couple months. It was completed in winter of 1999-2000. I'd always been doing a lot of baseball statistics analysis, so baseball-reference grew out of that.

DI: What kind of statistics analysis did you do when you were younger?

Forman: I was a big collector of baseball cards as a kid. I'd sort them by home runs, other stats. In junior high, before I was able to play for my dad [who coached the team] in football, I kept stats for the team. I did some sportswriting for the local newspaper in high school.

Stats are something I've always been interested in. I'm not sure how I caught the bug.

DI: How do baseball-reference.com and sports-reference.com work?

Forman: Somebody described our site as dis-

turbingly complete. For all the sports, we have all the scores ever in that sport. We try to have every stat you'd want and more. In baseball, we have box scores and game logs for every game from 1956. We're going to get back to 1954 pretty soon. You can see all of George Brett's box scores, Reggie Jackson's, etc. We try to have more statistics than you'll see in the normal newspaper. We try to have a complete scope of stats. If your grandpa's talking about a guy he watched 30 years ago, you can look him up and see what he was like, compare him to people today.

DI: How fun is your job?

Forman: Coming from being a professor to business, there have been some changes. There's the nitty-gritty business stuff. It's still a lot of fun. We haven't come close to exhausting the ideas of what to do on the site. The more you do, the more ideas, the more fun. I

have an office within walking distance of my house, which is nice. I definitely enjoy it.

DI: You're a huge baseball fan. What team do you root for?

Forman: I'm a Red Sox fan, actually. I don't know why, but that's who I ended up cheering for. It's been a good couple of years. Growing up, we'd always go to Royals' games once a year, but it never quite connected, I guess.

DI: What does the future hold for sports-reference.com?

Forman: We just launched olympic-reference.com, and we're working on that. We have all the athletes and medalists.

We've talked about doing with colleges. We'll begin with college basketball and football. We'll probably get the football site out around bowl season. We've definitely built a platform for creating other sites.

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Game Time on the line

No. 3 McCurrys/Cullen and No. 4 Imprinted/Goodfellow will battle this evening in North Liberty for the Game Time League crown.

By Krisanne Ryther
THE DAILY IOWAN

The Game Time League champion will be crowned after tonight's final game, but the championship pairing didn't turn out as most people thought it would.

Third-seeded McCurrys/Cullen Painting/Active Endeavors will face fourth-seeded Imprinted Sports-wear/Goodfellow Printing at 6 p.m. to fight for the league's title.

When the two teams take the court tonight, it will be a clash of Iowa's Kachine Alexander and Nicole VanderPol battling down low for missed shots, while the guard play will be stacked with Linn-Mar High all-stater Jaime Printy and Carelton College sophomore-to-be Ally Weaver duking it out.

But before tonight's lineup crystallized, two fairytale semifinals enabled both teams to make to the final round.

Before Imprinted/Goodfellow took the court in Tuesday night's semifinals, head coach Randy Larson stressed that the postseason, it's anybody's game.

"All go into the playoffs thinking that they can win," said the coach and league director. "So I do think that heightens the intensity level a little bit."

Boy, was he right.

Imprinted/Goodfellow came into its playoff game as the last of the league's four seeds. However, Larson's squad used smart play, with Printy handling the ball toward the end of the game, to pull out a 77-70 victory over top-seeded Coralville Hy-Vee/L.L. Pelling/Lucky Pawz.

Iowa freshman Hannah Draxton said she knows her team needs to come out loose and not develop any pregame jitters.

"We might as well come out and play and have fun with it," she said.

With an early deficit, it looked as though Imprinted/Goodfellow was down for the count, but the sophomore-to-be Alexander refused to quit, spearheading her squad's comeback effort by pulling down any rebound she could get her hands on, giving her team numerous second-chance shots.

"We were at the bottom and had nothing to lose,"



Amy Andrews/The Daily Iowan
Iowa sophomore Kachine Alexander blocks Courtney Stoermer as she attempts to take a shot during Game Time semifinals in North Liberty on Tuesday. Imprinted/Goodfellow beat Hy-Vee/Pawz, 77-70.

Game Time League playoff schedule

- 6 p.m. — No. 3 McCurrys/Cullen Painting/Active Endeavors vs. No. 4 Imprinted Sports-wear/Goodfellow Printing

Alexander said. "This team was a top team and was expected to beat us."

McCurrys/Cullen's situation was similar. Going into the game as the underdogs, it pulled out a double-overtime victory over No. 2 Dan Wiese Marketing Research/Premier Investments.

Weaver banked in a desperation 3-pointer at the end of the first overtime that helped propel her team to a nail-biting 94-93 victory.

"She didn't call bank," VanderPol said. "But that's OK."

VanderPol and her board-slapping crew pulled down

52 rebounds to keep the ball in its squad's possession when McCurrys/Cullen needed it most. Knowing that her team is capable of a championship victory, the Iowa senior-to-be says her team is playing with poise.

"We have so much confidence," VanderPol said.

The women in yellow signed their bid to the championship game without senior-to-be point guard Kristi Smith.

Smith did play in the early portion of McCurrys/Cullen game Tuesday, but she left the game approximately seven minutes in, and her status for tonight's contest is unknown. Smith had injured her ankle earlier in the summer during league play.

Yet, the way McCurrys/Cullen players composed themselves in the semifinal win showed they will be able to contend for the title, with or without Smith.

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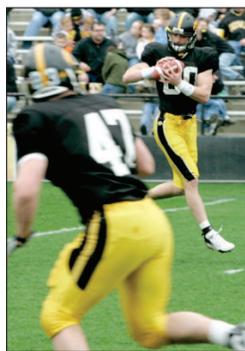
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FOOTBALL

Cotton picking Iowa

Shortly after four-star offensive tackle David Barrent uncommitted from the Iowa's 2009 recruiting class, head coach Kirk Ferentz received the oral pledge of three-star prospect Jordan Cotton.

The Mount Pleasant native, whose father played at Iowa in mid-80s, is ranked as the 43rd best athlete in the Class of 2009, according to Rivals.com. After a junior year in which he rushed for 1,449 yards and 17 touchdowns on just 215 carries, Cotton received offers from, among other schools, Wisconsin, Kansas, and Iowa State.



Cotton commits to Iowa

Cotton — the No. 4 player in Iowa, according to Rivals.com's preseason rankings — joins three-star running back Brad Rodgers, who has been compared with Wisconsin's P.J. Hill, as the second member in Ferentz's 2009 recruiting class.

— by Scott Miller

Hawkeyes remember flood victims, heroes

The Iowa athletics department announced Wednesday that as a way of giving back to Hawkeye fans affected by this summer's natural disasters, two complimentary football tickets to either of Iowa's first two contests against Maine Aug. 30 and Florida International Sept. 6 will be given to victims and those identified as "Community Heroes."

In order for "Disaster Victims" to be eligible for these game tickets, Hawkeye fans affected by a natural disaster must present the athletics ticket office with copies of their completed disaster assistance applications given to them by FEMA after applying for support, leaving everything on the copied application blacked out except for the name, address, and phone number of the tickets' recipients, and also including on the back which of the two football games they want tickets for.

As for "Community Heroes," anyone nominated by peers to the athletics department as someone who helped them during a time of need will be called to confirm interest in game tickets. Anyone wanting to recognize someone for this distinction can print a form off hawkeyesports.com and present it at the athletics ticket office in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

— by Brendan Stiles

TV TODAY

MLB
 • Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 1:05 p.m., WGN
 • Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m., CSN
 BASKETBALL
 • Team USA vs. Turkey, 7 a.m., ESPN2
 GOLF
 • Women's British Open, first round, 9 a.m., TNT
 • U.S. Senior Open, first round, 12 p.m., ESPN
 EXTREME SPORTS
 • X Games, 8 p.m., ESPN

OLYMPICS 2008 Field hockey of dreams



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Barb Weinberg drinks on the field during a match at Iowa. The former Hawkeye field-hockey player is on the USA Olympic team for the sport as it competes this August in Beijing.

Though a backup, former Iowa field-hockey goalkeeper Barb Weinberg will be in Beijing as a member of the U.S. Olympic team.

By Krisanne Ryther
 THE DAILY IOWAN

Backup. In the sporting world, this term stereotypically labels a player as someone who lacks the right kind of talent or just isn't good enough to play.

Those definitions, however, have no relevance for Barb Weinberg or for anybody who knows her.

Listed as the 17th player on a 16-person roster, the former Iowa field-hockey standout is waiting for her shot to defend the net for the U.S. Olympic field-hockey team.

Way before she gained her status as an Olympic qualifier, the 5-7 athlete got her start in the sport as a middle-school student in Louisville, Ky. As a young athlete, she had no knowledge of field hockey until a friend begged her to try out for the team. Tomboy that she was, the 13-year-old quickly figured out that goalkeeper was the only position that didn't require wearing a skirt, so she gave in to her friend's request and tried her hand at goalkeeping.

She's been barricading the goal ever since.

DEFENDING THE HAWKS' NET

Weinberg's talents brought her north to Big Ten stomping grounds in 2000, where she became one of the faces of the Iowa field-hockey program. As a redshirt freshman, she introduced herself to the program by shutting out No. 17 Penn State in her first Big Ten start. From then on, she continued to gobble up the majority of shots that came her way.

By the end of her sophomore year, Weinberg received her first of three first team All-Big Ten honors and put a shutout of eventual NCAA champion Wake Forest on her college highlight reel.

Then, in her senior season, 2004, she picked up some bragging rights.



BARB WEINBERG

Sport: Field Hockey
 Position: Goalkeeper
 Age: 26
 Hometown: Louisville, Ky.
 High School: Louisville Male High School
 College: Iowa (2000-2004)

After a dismal 1-4 start to the season, Weinberg and her teammates went on a winning spree, coming out as victors in 10 of their last 12 games. Weinberg's .793 save percentage for the year helped propel the Hawkeyes to their first Big Ten title since 1999. She attributes her All-American season and stellar college career to a knowledgeable coaching staff.

"I would not be the goalkeeper, player, or person I am today if it were not for [head coach] Tracey Griesbaum and [assistant coach] Lisa Cellucci," Weinberg said. "They not only taught me about the tactics of the game, they also showed me the hard work it takes to achieve your goals. They believed I could take my game to the next level, and it made me believe."

"Some of my best field-hockey memories are from my career at Iowa." Griesbaum won her first Big Ten title with the help of Weinberg's net defense, and she knows that it would have been an extremely tough task to stand atop the conference if not for Weinberg's athleticism and winning attitude.

SEE OLYMPICS, 9A

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Some of my best field-hockey memories are from my career at Iowa.

— Barb Weinberg, goalkeeper

By the numbers

1 First Team All-American honor

3 First Team All-Big Ten honors

5 games without allowing a goal

.793 save percentage during her senior season

PRIME TIME LEAGUE



Primal cream

Prime Time League MVP Matt Gatens leads his team to a 103-81 victory in Wednesday's Prime Time League championship game.

By Lars Headington
 THE DAILY IOWAN

There was no luck involved for the No. 7 seed Mike Gatens Real Estate/McCurrys, as it bested top-seeded Iowa City Ready-Mix/Delimart, 103-81, to claim the Prime Time League championship Wednesday in North Liberty.

Gatens/McCurrys trailed much of the first half — down by as many as 10 less than nine minutes into the game — and it looked as though Ready-Mix/Delimart's physical style of play had overwhelmed the Gatens/McCurrys players.

But with 3:41 remaining in the first half, incoming Iowa freshman Matt Gatens hit a pair of foul shots and followed them with a 3-pointer a minute later to cut Gatens/McCurrys' deficit to one.

On its next possession, UNI guard Brian Haak nailed another trey to put Gatens/McCurrys up 45-43 for its first lead of the game, a lead it would not relinquish.

Co-Defensive Player of the League honoree Kyle Schlaak led Gatens/McCurrys' team defense as it frustrated Ready-Mix/Delimart's second-half efforts to restart its offense, breaking up numerous inside passes and shot attempts.

The game remained physical throughout the second half, but Gatens/McCurrys kept its offensive composure, rotating, passing, and hitting open shots as it pulled away. Hitting a 3 to put his team up decisively, 76-56, eight minutes into the second half, Gatens was at the center of the Gatens/McCurrys offense, netting 22 points and tying for the team lead with eight assists.

Schlaak, a former Winona State star, led all scorers with 29 points while grabbing eight boards.

"We just passed the ball so much better in the second half and rebounded," Gatens said. "In the first half, I think they just really killed us on the boards, but in the second half,



Haak guard



Gatens guard

Prime Time League Most Valuable Player

Matt Gatens, Mike Gatens Real Estate/McCurrys

SEE PRIME TIME, 9A

80 HOURS



Becky Mnuk/The Daily Iowan

Adam "Vincent" Price works on repairs at Geoff's Bike and Ski. The nickname was given to him at Geoff's to help differentiate between him and another Adam, who has worked there longer.

Take a BIKE

Recent press about bicycling has led to a spike in both local and global cycling interest. The Iowa City biking interest, however, is more than just a once-each-year fad.

By Cole Cheney
THE DAILY IOWAN

The RAGBRAI hangovers still burn, and talk of the Tour de France still lingers. Just the description of RAGBRAI could keep sane-minded people at a distance: a 472-mile route across Iowa, each night filled with a steady flow of beer, vodka lemonades, drinking games, and live music. But a spandex shorts-free lifestyle is far from sweeping across Iowa City, where both local residents and UI students continue to pedal to work, class, or fossil-fuel freedom.

Planted by the locals and nourished by the students, the local biking culture

thrives through a range of clubs, events, and enterprises. Iowa City's size and pro-bicycle attitude contribute to the growing two-wheel trend almost as much as do recent automotive stigmas associated with environmental damage, unhealthy living, and financial burden.

Tonight's installment of Iowa City's Public Access Television's Bike-In Theater 2008 demonstrates the bicycle-community-cultural welding that makes Iowa City conducive to pedal-driven interaction. The Channel 18 event, which starts at sunset (predicted by the U.S. Naval Observatory for 8:24 p.m.),

SEE BIKING, 3B



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Brian Abbot (left) and Kevin McConnell work at Geoff's Bike and Ski on July 23. Many of the employees participated in this year's RAGBRAI.

Design by: Natalie Nielsen

coming up THIS WEEKEND

Check out 2B for a complete list of Iowa City events

Food challenge

Take a bite into your roots with August's week-long Eat Local Challenge by making sure a hefty part of your diet is from foods grown and produced within 250 miles of your home. To get involved in the New Pioneer Co-op-sponsored Challenge, see page 2B



Old-time music

Folk musician Charlie Parr will play tonight at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington. Head back to an older era of music with the concert; read more on page 4B





weekend calendar of events

Today 7.31

MUSIC
 • **A Change of Pace, with Houston Calls, Socratic, and the Cover Up**, 5 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
 • **Music in the Park, Diplomats of Solid Sound**, 6:30 p.m., S.T. Morrison Park, Coralville
 • **Charlie Parr, Just Got Evil & Nate Jenkins, with guest Matthew Wright**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
 • **Jesse Lacey, with Kevin Devine & Brian Bonz**, 9 p.m.,

Picador, 330 E. Washington
THEATER
 • **Clue: The Musical**, 7:30 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave, Amana

CINEMA
 • **Kids Rule Summer Film Series, Kung Fu Panda**, 10 a.m., Coral Ridge 10 and Sycamore 12

WORDS
 • **Summer Writing**

Festival, Eleveses Literary Hour, Lon Otto, "Big Deals," 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East

MISC.
 • **Rummage in the Ramp**, noon, Chauncey Swan parking ramp
 • **Coralville Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St.
 • **Bicyclists of Iowa City ride**, 6 p.m., College Green Park

Friday 8.1

MUSIC
 • **"Java Blend," Mike Mangione**, noon, Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
 • **A Day To Remember, with Indira, Beneath the Villa Bella, Torn from the Throne**, 6 p.m., Picador
 • **Friday Night Concert Series, Mayflies, featuring Annie Savage**, 6:30 p.m., Pedestrian Mall
 • **Dr Z's Experiment & Insectoid**, 9 p.m., Mill
 • **Fault Lines, with the Hussy & the Damnslaps**, 10 p.m., Picador.

THEATER
 • **The Pillowman Auditions, Dreamwell Theatre**, 5 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
 • **Clue: The Musical**, 7:30 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre

WORDS
 • **Summer Writing Festival, Eleveses Literary Hour**, 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East



Robin Svec/The Daily Iowan
 Anthony Davis (left), and Erik Ballard (right) move a piece of furniture in preparation for the second Rummage in the Ramp.

MISC.
 • **Rummage in the Ramp**, noon, Chauncey Swan Parking Ramp
 • **"Breaking Dawn" release party**, 10 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall

Saturday 8.2

MUSIC
 • **Olde Glory, with Broken Spokes**, 9 p.m., Mill
 • **Samuel Locke-Ward Orchestra, with Monte Carlos, Hey There Cowboy**, 9 p.m., Picador

WORDS
 • **Family Story Time, Catch the Reading Bug With Lisa Bluder**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library

THEATER
 • **The Pillowman Auditions, Dreamwell Theatre**, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
 • **Saturday Night Free Movie Series**, 7:15 p.m., Pentacrest
 • **Clue: The Musical**, 7:30 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre

MISC.
 • **Garage Sale and Pancake Breakfast**, 7 a.m., St. Mark's

United Methodist Church, 2675 E. Washington St.
 • **Farmers' Market**, 7:30 a.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
 • **Rummage in the Ramp**, 8 a.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
 • **Garage Sale Fundraiser for HIV/AIDS Charity**, 9 a.m., M.Y.E.P., 1060 Cross Park Ave.
 • **Grand Reopening of White Rabbit**, 5 p.m., 109 S. Linn

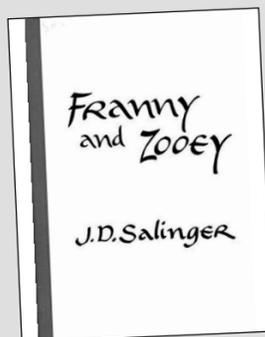
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summer staff READING



FRANNY AND ZOOEY, BY J.D. SALINGER — PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN GLASS HOUSES

In high school, I developed a gigantic crush on a literary icon named Holden Caulfield. His teenage confusion spoke to me in a way that no person — fictional or real — had before. Finding comfort in our common situations, Holden and I struck up an endearing, heartfelt relationship.

But since *The Catcher in the Rye* is only so long, I decided to branch out to the rest of the Salinger collection and found solace in another of his classic stories, *Franny and Zooey*. Originally published in *The*

New Yorker in the 1950s, the book contains long two stories describing the lives of its titular characters, siblings in the Glass family.

The seven Glass children were, in their early years, a rag-tag bunch of precocious, wise-beyond-their-years kids. As time wore on, life took each member of the family on a unique path: one, for example, is an Ecuador-bound priest, another was killed in Japan during World War II.

The detailed descriptions of private college life in *Franny* seem straight out the beginning pages of *Catcher in the Rye*. Salinger writes about Franny's boyfriend, Lane, discussing ad nauseam an assorted mixture of academic jargon, while his better half slowly loses even the remotest of interest. The mounting tension is thick, and I completely sympathized with Franny when she finally (dramatically) cannot take any more.

Zooey (which is nearly four times as long as its counterpart) is slower to take off, with Salinger's narration stealing the spotlight most of the time.

Again, attention to detail is given to set the scene, both in the present and in the Glass family history.

I wouldn't be surprised if *Royal Tenenbaums* director Wes Anderson took a cue from Salinger, in both story and style. While reading *Zooey*, it's easy to create mental movies using Anderson's trademark extreme close-ups and symmetrical framing (though there are sadly no characters with wooden extremities).

Franny and Zooey isn't the typical summer read. It's lightweight (literally and figuratively) but doesn't contain a solid plot to wrap yourself around. Instead, the charming characters and detail-laden settings captivate the reader, making you feel like part of the Glass family, reading a letter from your siblings (just as Zooey does in the beginning of his story).

I cared for the characters in *Franny and Zooey*, but there will always be a hole in my heart for the one, the only, Holden Caulfield.

— by Jake Jensen

Celebrating the local palate

Next week, the New Pioneer Food Co-op will show locals that everything they need is just beyond their doorstep — at least, everything their stomach needs.



Phoebe Webb/The Daily Iowan
 Fresh organic asparagus is sold at the Urb Garden stand in bunches on May 4, the opening day for the Iowa City Farmers' Market.

By Tara Atkinson Gunyon
 THE DAILY IOWAN

There's a lot more than corn and pork in Iowa, and the New Pioneer Food Co-op is going to prove it. From Aug. 4 through Aug. 10, the co-op will host its first Eat Local Challenge. Taking the Challenge is simple — all that participants are required to do is to consume 80 percent of their diet from locally produced foods for one week.

"When you think about it, it sounds like a daunting task, like having no olive oil," said the co-op's marketing manager, Jennifer Angerer. "But I think it's going to be easier than people think to eat local."

Along with olive oil, participants in the challenge will have to say goodbye for the week to most of their packaged foods, vinegars, grains and rice, nuts (including peanut butter), and a few of their favorite fruits. "Fruit will be minimal,"

Angerer said. "We'll have melons, and apples, and pears, but berries will probably be out of season by then. And bananas and citrus fruits aren't grown here."

Though the restrictions will force locals to miss out on a few favorites (a week without peanut butter and jelly sandwiches?), the list of available local foods — or those grown within 250 miles of home — is still a long and thorough one. Angerer listed meats, vegetables, cheeses, yogurts, a variety of herbs, even local seafood in the form of trout. The Challenge also includes foods produced locally, such as the co-op's breads, pastries, and deli items, locally roasted coffees, and locally brewed beers.

"As the years go by, we might get a little more strict, but we didn't want to make it such a difficult task that no one would want to try," Angerer said. "And we're here to help them."

local foods in the store with a small green sticker so that they're easy to locate, and it will provide recipes that include local ingredients. The deli will also serve four salads made exclusively with local produce for the week.

The challenge is a part of a nationwide campaign organized by the National Cooperative Grocers Association, of which New Pioneer is a member, along with 108 other food co-ops.

"Eating locally helps the local economy," Angerer said. "Transportation cost is greatly diminished, so the emissions aren't going into the atmosphere. And it tastes better. Things are fresher. A lot of the produce we carry was picked that morning and brought into the store."

"So everyone wins," she said. "Mother Earth, the farmers, the grocers, and the buyers."

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the LOOK

RACHEL ALLEN-HOLBROOK, 21

We caught up with Rachel Allen-Holbrook, 21, a hot-steppin' sister on Market Street on her way to work. She was wearing an airy vintage silk shirt-dress from Artifacts and her leather riding boots and woven backpack were from Chile. Allen-Holbrook doesn't have any fashion icons per se, but she said she admires a select few of her friends. She is a smart dresser in the sense that she doesn't own anything that she doesn't wear. The 21-year-old senior said she wears her boots hiking, horseback riding, and just going to the grocery store. Talk about versatile.

How would you describe your style?
 "Not really fashionable, just practical. I owe homage to Artifacts and Chile for my outfit."

Where do you get your clothes from?
 "Vintage clothing stores and used."



Looking for a used couch, or maybe a cheap recliner or end table? Check out the Rummage in the Ramp, where everything is under \$20, in the Chauncey Swan parking ramp.

Trying to nurture bike city

BIKING
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will merely consist of music videos by local musicians projected onto a screen in PATV's parking lot, 206 Lafayette St., for free.

"A former employee of ours used to live in Austin, [Texas], where he was part of a similar Bike-In Theater," said Emily Ashen, a PATV programmer. "He realized that Iowa City had a similar fascination with bicycling."

The event started in 2006 as an attempt to spread awareness of Channel 18's programming and location.

"Because of our tiny parking lot, it'd be a non-car event no matter what," Ashen said. "It's just the local biking support that helps the event's popularity."

Between the cost (or lack thereof), sunset time, and outdoor venue, the event epitomizes the fabric of summer living. Yet this local affair is just one of numerous two-wheel celebrations and gatherings that fill the odd Iowa City niche. Cyclists of all forms are as common in Iowa City as Pedestrian Mall musicians and curbside couches. And Bike-In Theater faces competition for the helmet-wearing population's interest: from Bike to Work Week, the Bicyclists of Iowa City club, the Bike Library, UI bicycle touring classes, World of Bikes, and the Broken Spoke, a slew of events and groups ultimately increase the public's awareness and appreciation of the human-powered vehicle.

"The full gamut of biker types live in Iowa City, making the range of involvement no surprise," said Wayne Fett, the senior associate director of the UI Recreational Services. With interests ranging from competitive biking, which requires state-of-the-art equipment, to merely a means of travel, Iowa City's bicycling culture has benefited from a rise in gas prices, increased health awareness, and improved bicycle technology, he said.

Fett, who instructs several bicycle-touring courses each semester at the UI, noted that bicycle classes have remained popular among students over the last decade. All 10 of the 20-person classes are nearly full, according to the UI's registration site.

Nationally, and historically, the popularity of pedaling has not always followed logical correlations concerning the inverse relationship between gas prices and bicycle sales. According to the National Bicycle Dealers Association, bike sales peaked in 2000 while, at the same time, gasoline was the most costly it had been in 18 years, according to data from the Energy Information Administration. Yet, as today's petroleum prices continue to soar well above 2000's record-breaking mark, bicycle purchasing remains consistently lower, with bike sales dropping from 20.9 million in 2000 to slightly more than 18 million last year. The decline in sales could be attributed to an aging population, less interested or capable of outdoor activity.

"We've grown in membership only slightly every year, and that's probably just due to our getting more rooted into the community," said Barb Goff, the vice president of Bicyclists of Iowa City. "To me and folks who I ride with, it's all about getting around in a city that has great views and horrible parking."

Organizing recreational, competitive, and informative rides, Bicyclists of Iowa City has partnered with other Iowa City entities to ensure that residents exercise safe and informed riding. Gearing up for RAGBRAI and Bike to Work Week are among the few ways this interconnectedness among local interest groups, events, and stores benefits bikers.

Citing bike cost-efficiency as "1 cent per mile," and convenience with "urban bicycle trips of three miles or less [that] can actually decrease travel time," Iowa City and Coralville's Bike to Work weeks featured prizes, celebrations, breakfasts, forums, and participation from former mayors and city officials during the week of May 12 this year. Sponsors of the event included a range of commercial groups with large bicycle-selling chains such as Scheels to smaller local enterprises including the Broken



Becky Mruk/The Daily Iowan
Adam "Vincent" Price (front) and Steve Pickle work at Geoff's Bike and Ski on July 23. The shop closed for RAGBRAI on July 25.

Important Iowa City Biking Regulations:

- Bicyclists may not ride on the Pedestrian Mall or on downtown sidewalks.
- Between sunset and sunrise, a bike headlight is required.
- If you park your bike within 300 feet of a bicycle rack, you must park at that rack.

Why you should register your bike, for free, with the UI:

- Bikes that are not registered and are in violation of regulations will be impounded.
- Deters theft because the bike has a documented owner.
- Quicker tracking of lost or stolen bikes.
- Informs the UI of the number of bikers so officials can make adequate arrangements.

How to Register:

- Register at the UI Parking & Transportation office, by mail, or online through ISIS.
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- Report any change of ownership to the UI Parking & Transportation.

The Bicycle Institute of America says 4.9 million people bicycle to work

- Environmental Benefits of Cycling and Walking estimate 2.8 million work-bikers.
- 1,155,008 Iowans reported driving to work alone (78 percent).
- 5,244 reported biking (0.4 percent).

YES
• 656,009 (47 percent) reported living in a 15-minute or less drive to work.
— U.S. Census Bureau 2000 statistics

A person who weighs 155 pounds biking with moderate effort for one hour burns around 563 calories. A person who weighs 225 pounds biking with moderate effort for one hour burns approximately 893 calories.
— Bicycle Man Bicycle Sales

Spoke, World of Bikes, and Geoff's Bike and Ski.

"It's a common bond, having an interest that all walks of life can share," said Ryan Baker,

Ridin' around

Local shops offer repairs and sales to bikers.



Nelle Dunlap/The Daily Iowan

of the few jobs that I can be happy waking up every morning to do."

Concerns have risen, however, over the safety of some local biking practices.

"I have heard people say that because of our roads and traffic, Iowa City is not a safe biking town," Goff said. "The only disturbing and unsafe thing I've seen, though, is college-age people on bikes at night, on the wrong side of the road, or without a helmet."

This sentiment is nearly unanimous among Iowa City's bike experts. Iowa City's "Your Bicycle in Iowa City" and the UI's "Bicycling on the University of Iowa Campus" websites and pamphlets demonstrate the local effort toward educating riders. Tips from the sources include always wearing a helmet, riding with reflectors at night, and obeying all rules followed by cars.

Despite some uninformed riders, locals are continually improving their bicycle safety, Fett said.

"[Safety] is not lacking here. Everyone is becoming more and more aware of how to properly ride a bike while obeying rules and regulations," he said.

Gasoline Saved in Iowa City during Bike to Work Week 2008, estimates:

- How are we reducing our carbon footprint during Bike to Work Week?
- 61,135 commuting miles have been pledged.
 - 3,396.40 gallons of gasoline will be saved at an assumed 18 mpg average for the vehicles involved.
 - \$12,464.79 will be saved assuming gas is priced \$3.67 per gallon.

who owns World of Bikes, Iowa City's oldest bicycle shop. "People love to do it because it's an expensive way to feel a great sense of accomplishment. 'Bike people' of the community have supported us so much that we donate a lot of time and money to compensate."

Contending that local and global events spark an interest that brings more consumers his store, Baker joined the industry because he is one of the "bike" people he mentioned. After spending his college free time repairing gears and brakes for extra cash, he sought a job outside of 18-speeds. Escaping, however, did not align with his fate, intertwined among Trek, Schwinn, and Roadmaster.

"Every time I tried to get out, I got sucked back in," he said. "Finally, I realized that this is one

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The helmet trumps all, said Fett, who requires all students to wear one in his bicycle classes.

"I've heard, and like to tell people, that the impact upon your skull hitting the concrete while falling from a non-moving bike is 17 miles per hour," he said. "That's enough to crack your head wide open."

Testing the limits of Iowa City's safe bicycling practices is a local branch of the national biking group Critical Mass. Using a method called "corking," during which a mass of cyclists block the sides of intersections to allow for the safe (and car-less) passage of their fellow riders, Critical Mass participants regularly receive criticism, praise, and press in major cities around the world. While some hold political agendas and others contain pro-environment slogans, some exist merely to unite fellow "biker" people.

Critical Mass participants could not be contacted for a statement; the Iowa City Critical Mass website proclaims that "bikers are traffic, too. We don't need to use as much oil as we currently are. We can take responsibility to the amount of pollution we create."

Baker said he is supportive of the group and its efforts to make cyclists visible in the community,

noting that he doesn't "endorse overly aggressive tactics that have come out of some Critical Mass demonstrations."

Iowa City also features at least one member of Critical Ass, an international — and nude — take on the biking group, according to its website. One of Critical Ass's fitting slogans claims: "Stop indecent exposure ... to vehicle emissions."

Countering the bicycle controversy is a local bicycle philanthropy. The Bike Library, 408 E College St., operates as the only nonprofit bicycle rental service in Iowa. Offering child and adult single and multi-speed bicycles for a \$5 to \$80 deposit, the Bike Library will lend and repair rental bikes for six months at a time.

Like the "Bike-In Theater," the Bike Library encompasses the "free" spirit of biking.

"I don't think that events and stores caused a strong bicycle culture or vice versa," Ashen said. "Instead, they fuel each other."

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Cha-cha-cha-cha paces

The third time's the charm for the Arizona band a Change of Pace. Pop-rock fixtures in the Grand Canyon State, it is back in Iowa City for concert No. 3 at the Picador. On its fourth tour, it is ready for a big break.

By Kathleen Serino
THE DAILY IOWAN



Four of the members of a Change of Pace pose in a pool of water; the quintet will play an all-ages show at 5 p.m. today at the Picador.

months prior to the offer.

Kelley said that in the best interest of the band's future, Bentley replaced former lead singer Torry Jasper, a dead ringer for My Chemical Romance's front man, Gerard Way.

"We needed a change as a band," the drummer said about old friend Jasper, who was losing motivation. "We didn't necessarily like things [Jasper] was par-taking in. It's night and day as far as touring, like how motivated [Bentley] is, and it's just so much more positive."

After being discovered in their teens, the band members landed a deal with Immortal Records, which had once produced albums for Korn, Incubus, and 30 Seconds to Mars. A Change of Pace released two full-length albums and an EP through the record company.

But it's as if the group members, as young — between the ages of 20 and 22 — and capable as they are, are all dressed up with nowhere to go.

Immortal Records shut down before the band's contract expired, which brought about complicated technicalities for a Change of Pace. The group was stranded and without a label, yet still bound to the contract. But, thankfully, not for much longer, Kelley said.

"I never had a strong relationship with the owner of the label," he said. "I think he had interest in other things."

"It was nice to be able to be where we wanted without anybody telling us what to do."

The group members enjoyed the freedom of being away from Immortal Record's reign, Kelley said, and they learned a lot making their own CDs. But the

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experience also made them realize how much they would like to be in a real studio, with a real producer.

Mullinax said a Change of Pace has a lot of potential for success, contending that it is the whole package but lacking the promotion it needs.

"It's like, you hate to have labels, but you need them," Kelley said. "It would be nearly impossible to survive without a label unless you're already really established, because it's just so expensive."

After the second bump in the road, the five decided to independently produce their current EP, composed of five new tracks with corresponding acoustic ones about life's discoveries and struggles.

Kelley said *Just No Better Way* is more upbeat than Change of Pace's previous album, *Prepare the Masses*, which communicated darker themes through hard-hitting notes and Jasper's commanding voice. Kelley admits that '90s bands such as the Gin Blossoms and Third Eye Blind are a big influence, which may be more noticeable in *Just No Better Way*.

Through the rocky changes that the band has endured, a Change of Pace is here to stay.

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The past becoming and becoming now

The 1930s, out of date? Psh. Someone must have forgotten to tell Charlie Parr.

By Anna Wiegenstein
THE DAILY IOWAN

"I was raised by a guy who was not into contemporary stuff," folk musician Charlie Parr told the *DI*. "That had a huge impact on me."

No kidding. That, at least, might begin to explain a such a statement as "Computer stuff goes right over my head" in a world in which we're told only routinely about the massive overhauls Parr's industry is going through maybe even *right this second*.

The guitarist, who will return to the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., at 9 p.m. today after most recently playing Iowa City as part of the Mission Creek Music Festival, has apparently always had a taste for the old-fashioned. Fans of his albums, including *1922*, *Rooster*, and last year's release, *Jubilee*, aren't complaining.

"I don't like studios. I haven't recorded in a studio for years," Parr, 42, said by phone from his home in Duluth, Minn. "We're working on a series of field recordings right now — we just cart around a couple ribbon mikes."

"Some of the times, I've felt the best about my playing are those odd times waiting in and around waiting to perform. I may very well be recording in the parking lot of the Mill."

Though he is reluctant to describe himself as so many others have — a blues musician — preferring to stick with the more all-encompassing genre of folk, a vast majority of his songs are transports to other times and points of view, often not the happiest. The reasoning behind this is two-fold: an itch to tell stories (the singer/songwriter compares it with writing short stories) and a reluctance to involve himself in his own music.

"When I think about writing songs about myself, I think about songs about how much I love my wife or how cute the baby is. I wouldn't want to listen to that," Parr said. "Good songs are usually about horrifying things."

And while he is able to speak with authority now, his tastes and abilities are self-made. Calling himself "a terrible student," with chagrin (and indeed, he did drop out of high school, eventually



Contributed Photo

Folk musician Charlie Parr will bring an old style of music to the Mill today at 9 p.m. Parr, who last played in Iowa City during the Mission Creek Music Festival, said he believes the best songs are often about "horrifying things."

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— Charlie Parr, folk musician

acquiring a GED), Parr picked up the guitar at 8 but was never able to stick to an official course.

"I can't read music; I don't know anything about theory," he said. "I just try to take responsibility when it's good."

His songwriting methods are equally unorthodox — "I'm just as influenced by the fact that the grass needs to be mowed as anything." (Seriously, just check the tracklisting for *Jubilee* for proof, and there sits "Riding Lawnmower Blues.")

And yet, no matter how charming it is when Parr injects every iota of feeling possible into describing the "vibrancy and electricity" of

Charlie Parr
Jubilee



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• "Jubilee"

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the original field recordings of the early 1930s, the style and manner of which he keeps alive (not only though mimicking the actual style of recording himself but also in performing with such instruments as washboards, Jim Beam bottles, and so forth), the fact remains: Time is passing further and further away. Does he ever worry about becoming — *gasp* — outdated?

"Hopefully, there's a lot of music now that will last the same way," he said, drawing a connection from street hip-hop all the way back to jug-band music.

Or perhaps it's much like what Parr said about himself (if not all of us) when questioned about his influences: "You're always kind of becoming; you never really are."

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