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CORRECTION

In a guest-opinion series about hog confinements — which ran on Jan. 21, 22, and 23 — at least two paragraphs on iron triangles were taken, without attribution, from an American politics textbook. The opinions have been removed from *The Daily Iowan's* online archives, and that contributor will no longer submit material to the newspaper. The *DI* regrets the error.

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Profs back stem-cell move



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Clinical Associate Professor of cardiology Phillip Horwitz sits next to a computer screen showing a stem-cell therapy patient's heart on Monday. Although UIHC uses only uncontroversial adult stem cells derived from patients' own blood, Horwitz said, a bill in Congress would lift the limitation on federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research.

A proposed law may have benefits for the UI research faculty.

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The prospect of embryonic stem-cell research at the UI is closer to being a reality with the introduction of a new bill that, if passed, would lift the limitation on federal funding for such research.

If Congress passes the bill, and President Obama signs it, embryonic stem cells could be

harvested with federal funds. Under current regulations, embryonic cells may only be used with federal funds if they were harvested before Aug. 9, 2001.

John Engelhardt, a UI professor of anatomy and cell biology, can see the potential benefits.

"The lift of restrictions will definitely be good for cell-therapy programs using [embry-

onic stem] cells," he said. The cells are generated from early stage human embryos.

Nicholas Zavazava, an Iowa City Veterans Affairs Medical Center physician and the UI director of transplant research, has vested interests in this bill and what it could mean for the university's research facilities.

The stem-cell research that could be funded under the new bill would provide great research opportunities for the UI, he said. There is a lot that isn't known about these cells

and their many potential benefits, he said.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration ignited the interest in stem-cell funding by approving embryonic stem-cell research last week for Geron, a national biopharmaceutical company.

Much like Geron's studies, which will treat severe spinal-cord injuries, Zavazava aims to find a treatment for diabetes by using stem cells to form insulin-producing cells.

SEE **STEM CELL**, 5A

FEMA to pay 90% of some flood cost

Hancher, some arts buildings may find new home.

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Seven months after June's destructive flood, federal money will finance 90 percent of either the cost of replacement or restoration of Hancher Auditorium, Voxman Music Building, Clapp Recital Hall, and Art Building East.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency will also cover 90 percent of the cost of in-place restoration and mitigation of the other UI flood-damaged buildings — Art Building West, Iowa Advanced Technology Labs, the Theatre Building, the IMU, the Museum of Art, Hawkeye Court Apartments, and the Power Plant.

"We must balance urgency with patience and deliberation to ensure that what we rebuild will serve us with decades to come," UI President Sally Mason said.

The university will work "ambitiously" and "diligently" with risk management to determine whether replacement or restoration would be the best option, she said.

She stressed that FEMA is not directing the UI to replace

Federal aid coming

FEMA will cover 90 percent of estimated replacement or restoration expenses of UI buildings affected by the flood:

- Hancher/Voxman/Clapp: \$26 million
- Art Building East: \$7 million
- Art Building West: \$12 million
- Iowa Advanced Technology Labs: \$42 million
- Theatre Building: \$4.5 million
- IMU: \$20 million
- Museum of Art: \$4 million
- Power Plant/tunnel distribution systems: \$20 million
- Hawkeye Court Apartments: \$1.1 million

Source: UI press release

ON THE WEB

Find out more about today's flood-recovery announcements with an exclusive video online at dailyiowan.com.

certain buildings but rather to properly examine the best possible solution for a long-term substantial recovery. The university will make a recommendation to the state Board of Regents as soon as possible, she said.

"Our goal is to demonstrate an urgency that gives our students, faculty, and staff confidence in our continuing commitment to their well being," Mason said.

Any rebuilding would be at new locations so that new facilities could avoid the risk of being flooded

SEE **RECOVERY**, 5A

Parklawn returns to roots

Parklawn Residence Hall will revert into university apartments after seven years as a dorm.

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The UI will open Parklawn to families for the first time in seven years after University Apartments lost 76 of its units in the June flood.

Beginning July 1, the UI dorm — which now houses 139 residents — will add 53 apartments to the UI's inventory, said Helen Baker, the manager of University Apartments. Students will benefit from the move, she said.

"This is a location that is closer to campus, and we are also going to offer the option of partially furnished apartments — right now, we don't have any that are like that," she said. "This building also has efficiency-type apartments, which are just one room, like studio apartments." Constructed in 1955, Parklawn was used as a university apartment complex until 2002. For the past seven years, it has been used as a dormitory to accommodate record numbers of incoming freshmen who have needed housing.

Parklawn will be managed by the University Apartments office, and it will be open to both single students or married couples with families.

SEE **PARKLAWN**, 5A

DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Parklawn as it appeared on Monday. Because the UI lost some housing in University Apartments in the summer flood, Parklawn will be converted from solely dorm rooms to include family housing next fall.

UI bucks retention trend

Collegiate retention rates are declining nationally.

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UI freshman Jennie Berman may be in the midst of applying to transfer after this academic year, but she's an exception at the university. While the national numbers of students who return to their schools for the second year of college are dropping, the UI numbers are heading in the opposite direction.

Nationally, retention declined by 2 percent for the 2007-08 academic year with only 66 percent of freshman returning for their second year of college at the same institution, according to a study released last week by ACT Inc. While that marks the lowest national percentage since 1989, the UI's rate rose to 83.1 percent in 2007, up 0.4 percent from the previous year. UI data from 2008 have not yet been released.

Iowa State University had a higher retention rate than the UI in 2006 by 2.2 percent, while the UI was 0.5 percent higher than University of Northern Iowa.

"Traditional higher education fails to take notice that there are lots of different ways to earn college credit these days," ACT Inc. Principal Associate Wes Habley said. "Students are far more mobile and have so many more options than they used to."

SEE **2ND YEAR**, 5A



School fighting decreases



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Students and faculty roam the halls of City High after class on Monday. The number of high-school students involved in physical fights in the Iowa City School District has decreased by 56 percent since last January.

Fighting among students in Iowa City schools has decreased significantly.

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The number of students involved in physical fights in Iowa City schools during the first trimester was significantly fewer than during the same time last year.

Iowa City School District staff and parents should be happy to hear about the 56 percent decrease in the number of students involved in fights at every grade level, according to a memo by Associate Superintendent Jim Behle.

The most significant decrease in violence was at the junior-high level, with the number of students getting into fights dropping from 83 to 14.

Northwest Junior High School Principal Gregg Shultz and South East Junior High School Principal Deb Wretman agreed there are a number of factors that can contribute to a large number of fights.

"Last year was exceptional to our trend," Wretman said.

Shultz said a few negative personalities in the school can change the statistics in a hurry.

"In spite of all we do with the kids, luck is also a factor," he said.

City High Principal Mark Hanson believes the large influx of new students to the school last year played a role in the high number of fights.

"There were about 175 new students to our school last year, he said. "No one had anticipated that many new students moving into our building."

Many of the school's new programs, such as the Welcome Center, were not around last year, he said.

The Welcome Center, which works collaboratively with the school's Guidance Office, aims to make a difference in the students' and parents' comfort level, Hanson said.

"Students are made to feel welcome and valued as they start as new students," he said.

There were also only 36 new students enrolled in the district this year, which has resulted in fewer new students having to adjust, School District Superintendent Lane Plugge said.

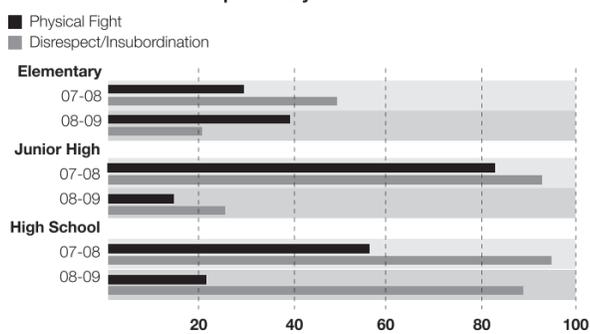
West High senior Katlyn Bay said she has noticed a change in the attitude of students this year.

"Last year, when I walked through the halls, I felt as if it was a common occurrence to see

Student confrontations

Both the number of fights and disrespect/insubordination incidents decreased overall in educational facilities.

Incident numbers for the past two years



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a teacher pulling some kids apart from each other," she said. She hasn't seen anything like that this year, she said.

City High senior Shawn Colbert agreed.

"Last year, I would always hear stories about a fight breaking out at lunch, but I haven't heard nearly as many stories like that this year," he said.

Another measure some schools in the district took to prevent violence was hiring a security guard on campus. Plugge thought this may have had an effect on the dwindling numbers of fights, but students aren't so sure.

"I don't really think that the security guard has had much of an effect," Bay said of West High's guard. "It's like we know he is there, but it doesn't really affect how any of us act."

Colbert also said he hasn't seen their guard do anything that would make students act differently — City High's guard "just wears normal clothes and doesn't seem to have much of a presence," he added.

Hanson is optimistic the good behavior in his school will continue among students.

"I believe that our climate will continue to improve and students will continue to excel," he said.

METRO & NATION

UI student charged with bootlegging

A UI student was arrested Jan. 25 for allegedly selling cups at a keg-party. Austin Schmidt, 20, 14 N. Dubuque St., was charged with bootlegging.

According to Iowa City police, Schmidt was hosting a party in which he charged \$5 a cup for beer. He made \$303, authorities said.

Schmidt told police he was the only person at the party receiving money for alcohol, according to police reports.

He had four kegs in the residence and was extremely cooperative, police said.

Bootlegging is a serious misdemeanor, generally punishable by up to one year in jail and a maximum fine of \$1,500.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Obama pushes Detroit on greener cars

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama wants automakers to make greener cars at a time when General Motors and Chrysler are hanging by the thread of a massive government loan and auto sales have plummeted to their lowest levels in more

than two decades.

Obama's plans could bring smaller cars, more hybrids, and advanced fuel-saving technologies to showrooms, but car shoppers will probably pay more upfront because the new rules are expected to cost the hamstrung industry billions of dollars.

"The consumer needs to understand that they will see significant increases in the cost of vehicles," said Rebecca Lindland, an auto analyst for the consulting firm IHS Global Insight. Her firm estimated the upgrades could add \$2,000 to \$10,000 to the price of a vehicle.

Obama on Monday directed the Environmental Protection Agency to review whether California and more than a dozen states should be allowed to impose tougher auto emission standards on carmakers to fight greenhouse gas emissions. The Bush administration had blocked the efforts by the states, which account for about half of the nation's auto sales.

The new president also said his administration would issue new fuel-efficiency requirements to cover 2011 model year vehicles. The rules would be the first step toward a 2007 energy law that requires the auto industry to boost efficiency by 40 percent to at

least 35 miles per gallon by 2020.

Obama set in motion a new regulatory process at a time when the nation is coping with an economic recession and auto sales have fallen to their lowest pace since 1982. Underscoring the hardships, GM said Monday it would slash 2,000 jobs at plants in Michigan and Ohio.

2 plead guilty to burglary

Two Iowa City men who burglarized a South Gilbert Street apartment and assaulted its residents last year have pleaded guilty, online court records show.

Jeffrey Hasmonck, 21, and Graham O'Connor-Brooks, 20, pleaded guilty to a lesser offense of first-degree burglary on Monday.

Police arrested the two along with Thomas Burke and Brian Bell after the four broke into the apartment on April 11, 2008, and began punching and kicking the residents.

Two victims, Jack Mast and Wyatt Dowling, suffered from serious injuries, and one needed plastic surgery to fix a cut on his lip, police reported.

Mast and Dowling opened a lawsuit in October against Vito's, where they say the four arrested men — plus Colin

Simmons — were drinking underage that night. The lawsuit is pending.

Hasmonck and O'Connor-Brooks are awaiting their sentencing. Burke and Bell were sentenced last year.

— by Olivia Moran

Geithner confirmed

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York Federal Reserve Bank President Timothy Geithner won confirmation Monday as President Barack Obama's Treasury secretary despite personal tax lapses that turned more than a third of the Senate against him.

"Tim's work and the work of the entire Treasury Department must begin at once. We cannot lose a day, because every day the economic picture is darkening, here and across the globe," Obama told the audience before Geithner was sworn into office by Vice President Joe Biden.

The Senate voted 60-34 (with Iowa Democrat Tom Harkin joining the opposition) to put Geithner in charge of the administration's economic team as it races to halt the worst financial slide in generations. The swearing-in followed less than an hour later, the administration seeking to emphasize that it was wasting no time in trying to address the financial crisis.

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5. Hawkeye wrestlers flatten Illinois

NATION

U.S. loses more jobs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The recession is killing jobs at an alarming pace, with tens of thousands of new layoffs announced Monday by some of the biggest names in American business — Pfizer, Caterpillar, and Home Depot.

More pink slips, pay freezes and other

hits are expected to slam workers in the months ahead as companies desperately look for ways to survive.

"We're just seeing the tip of the iceberg — the big firms," said Rebecca Braeu, economist at John Hancock Financial Services. "There's certainly other firms beneath them that will lay off workers as quickly or even quicker."

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Nicholas Amundson, 20, 17 S. Johnson St., was charged Jan. 24 with public intoxication.
Jose Del Rio, 21, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4423, was charged Sunday with

fifth-degree theft.
Ethan Fouch, 19, Waterloo, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.
Thomas Kopiske, 46, Linn Creek, Mo., was charged Jan. 24 with OWI.

Marcos Lozano, 22, 2801 Highway 6 E. Apt. 372, was charged Jan. 24 with public intoxication.
Stephen Mack, 22, Mount Vernon, was charged Monday with OWI.

Jonathan Moore, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Terry Rice, 52, Coralville, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Gastric bypass creator to speak

The 'father of obesity surgery' will present a talk on the medical procedure today.

By GEOFF WARING
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UI alumnus and Professor Emeritus Edward Mason, known worldwide as the "father of obesity surgery," performed the first gastric-bypass surgery — an operation he invented in 1966.

Mason will give a presentation on the history and progress of gastric-bypass surgery today at 5:30 p.m. at the Information Commons West, located on the second floor of the Hardin Library.

"I will be discussing the use of operations and how they have changed from treatment of ulcers to obesity and, recently, diabetes," he said.

Mason graduated from the UI medical school in 1945, then left to take an internship at the University of Minnesota. But he didn't leave for long — eight years later, he accepted a position at the UI as a professor in the UI College of Medicine.

Dating back to his youth, the 88-year-old considers his time in Iowa City to have been wonderful. As a boy, he moved to Iowa City with his mother, a sculptor who once made a sculpture of Iowa's only Heisman Trophy winner, Nile Kinnick, and his father, who taught journalism at the UI.

"Iowa City has been a very wonderful place to live and work," he says. "I even met my wife here."

While interning at the University of Minnesota, Mason became interested in stomach surgery and brought his interest

back to Iowa City. By 1965, he had pioneered a surgery that bypassed the stomach in order to treat ulcers.

But patients treated for the ulcer surgery experienced complications with their weight.

"The patients had trouble maintaining weight because the surgery created a smaller part of the stomach that couldn't fit much food," he said.

This side effect gave Mason the idea to use the surgery to treat obesity. In 1966, he performed his first gastric-bypass surgery with the intent of helping obese patients lose weight. But because of technological limitations in the 1970s and '80s, the surgery was not a complete success until the 1990s, when it became the most common surgery performed to treat obesity.

Mason remained on the UI faculty before "retiring" in 1991. Still working out of an office at the university, he doesn't consider himself retired, noting that he maintains a great love for surgery.

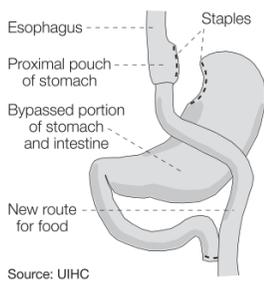
"Now, I'm mostly writing and studying the way the body functions in relation to the stomach and the intestines," he said.

Joseph Cullen, a UI professor

Smaller stomach

In gastric bypass surgery, the surgeon staples a portion of the stomach off so food can only be digested by a smaller stomach.

Gastric bypass surgery



Source: UIHC
Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

of surgery, was a resident under Mason from 1986-91.

"Dr. Mason taught me an enormous amount about gastric surgery and obesity surgery as a resident," Cullen wrote in e-mail. "We have shared an office for the last 10 years, and we have had many discussions regarding surgery and obesity. He is an absolute great human being and was an excellent clinical surgeon when he was practicing."

Fox shows cast eye on Writers' Workshop

The Iowa Writers' Workshop and one of its members garnered recognition on two Fox television series recently.

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It's about time the grandfather of writing workshops gets poked fun at on the satirical animated series "The Simpsons."

The Iowa Writers' Workshop was mentioned on the latest episode of the sitcom, which aired on the Fox network Sunday.

Now in its 20th season, "The Simpsons" has spoofed middle-class America since day one. And according to Fox, the series is the longest-running animated series and comedy in prime-time television history.

The reference occurred when Lisa Simpson and her new and fanciful best friend, Juliet, decide to channel their visions of a fantasy "queen-dom" — a lampoon of C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* —

into a manuscript.

Juliet calls *Tales of Equalia*, "an ambitious first novel by the two brightest young writers this side of the Iowa Writers' Workshop."

Workshop Professor James Alan McPherson, a Workshop graduate himself and a faculty member since 1981, noted the importance of popular culture recognizing the Workshop, because it was the first official program of its kind.

"I think in this culture, traditionally, there's always attention between the learned culture and the vernacular culture," he said.

"They can make fun of it, but they still recognize it."

And "The Simpsons" isn't the only show on which the Iowa Writers' Workshop has gained recognition.

Fans of Fox's cliffhanger series "24" may be familiar with character Ethan Kanin, the White House chief of staff, but they might not know the real Ethan Canin is an established member of the UI writing community.

Workshop Professor Canin says Kanin was named after him because of his longtime friendships with the two of show's producers, according to a UI news release.

Canin is unsure why the

Iowa Writers' Workshop Quick Facts

The Workshop may have entered the television realm with ease, but that's not the extent of its renown:

- Founded in 1936, the Workshop has been visited by poet Robert Frost and literary figure Robert Penn Warren.
- 16 Workshop alumni are also Pulitzer-Prize winners
- Alumni have claimed numerous National Book Awards
- 4 Workshop grads are recent U.S. Poet Laureates
- Paul Engle was one of the first students to earn a master's in creative writing. His dissertation was the poetry collection *Worn Earth*, which won the Yale Younger Poets award. Engle also served as Workshop director from 1941 to 1966, during which the Workshop grew and adopted the fiction and poetry sequences that exist today.
- While she received UI degrees in media studies and Russian, Academy-Award-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody originally enrolled at the UI in pursuit of a spot in the Workshop.

Source: The Iowa Writers' Workshop, interviews

character's name is spelled differently from his, the release reported. But he thinks perhaps it was so his Hollywood friends could surprise him without having to get his permission to use his name.

LOCAL

Bidder offers \$40 million for slaughterhouse

IOWA CITY (AP) — An embattled kosher slaughterhouse in northeastern Iowa might have found a buyer, though the man in charge of the company's finances says it's just an opening bid.

Agriprocessors Inc. bankruptcy trustee Joseph Sarachek said the bid of \$40 million from Israeli firm Soglowek Nahariya Ltd. is a serious offer that provides a benchmark to other bidders.

"This is a serious company," Sarachek said. "This is a strategic player in the industry."

The Agriprocessors plant in Postville has been for sale since December. Sarachek has said the company has at least 12 buyers looking to buy all or part of the company.

The \$40 million bid was announced in a filing Sarachek made Sunday. Other bidders have until March 18 to submit an offer.

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Coralville eyes new fire station

A new fire station will provide a quicker response for north Coralville residents, officials said.

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Coralville city councilors plan to OK a new multimillion-dollar fire station tonight.

"The council will likely approve \$2,611,500 to [Dubuque-based] Conlon Construction Co.," Coralville City Councilor John Lundell said. The approval will allow the construction company to break ground, probably this spring, he said.



Lundell
councilor

The Coralville move comes as the Iowa City City Council is unsure about what to do with its strained budget and its promise to build a new fire station.

Plans for the Coralville station have been in the making for a number of years, though they

have become more concrete in the past two years, said Lundell, who is also a UI associate director of occupational and environmental health.

"We knew that as Coralville grows, the need for a second station would be coming," said Lundell.

The new station will be located east of Highway 965 — next to the AmericInn on Holiday Road — to primarily serve those living in the northern part of Coralville.

"It will decrease our response time north of the interstate," said Orey Schwitzer, Coralville Fire Department fire-prevention officer.

The new station may also lower fire-insurance premiums for both community and residential building owners; the addition will improve the city's fire safety rating, which partly determines premiums, Councilor John Weihe said.

"Insurance rates will either go down or not go up as fast as they would have without the station," Lundell said.

Additionally, the new station is aiming to be certified by Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, signifying it to be a "green" building.

"As a city, we decided we wanted to make a [green] building," Schwitzer said. Making a building certified is based on points

Building plans

A new Coralville fire station will provide more rapid response north of I-80.

North of Coral Ridge Mall



Dan Ambrisco/The Daily Iowan

attainable by including environmentally friendly aspects.

The new station's features that will earn points include lights with motion detectors, geothermal heating, and a southern wall made mostly of windows to let more sun in, Schwitzer said.

The overall rating for a building can either be bronze, silver, or gold.

"We're hoping for silver," Schwitzer said.

Councilor Mitch Gross said the building will be one of the most environmentally sound stations in the state.

Bolkcom floats tax idea

A bill in the works in the Iowa Legislature seeks to lower property taxes while giving local governments more taxing power.

By **SHAWN GUDE**
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The way Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, frames it, property-tax relief for Iowans is just an issue of fairness.

To remedy the perceived injustice of the current tax system, he and other Democrats in the Iowa Legislature are proposing giving cities the authority to levy taxes on residents' income.

"Not everyone has the same ability to pay taxes," Bolkcom said. "Why should people who work full-time in a nursing home or a convenience store pay a higher percentage of their income in state and local taxes than the hospital administrator or the insurance agent?"

But anti-tax advocates claim the proposal is merely a disingenuous tax increase under the guise of property-tax relief.

"We understand that surtaxes provide a more predictable form of revenue, but we want to note that in this economic climate, adding a

surtax would be an added burden on weary taxpayers," said Iowa Taxpayers Association President Edward Wallace.

Iowans for Tax Relief President Ed Failor Jr. went further, asserting that strict reliance on a progressive income tax leads to "class warfare."

"When the government starts talking about diversifying, that means increasing your taxes and taking more of your money. ... We don't have a revenue problem," he said. "We have a spending problem in Iowa."

But Bolkcom and like-minded lawmakers assert their intent is to alter an unfair tax system while simultaneously increasing revenue.

Once written, the bill would devote 75 percent of new revenue to property-tax relief, Bolkcom said. The remaining percentage would be for local governments to spend.

Additionally, he said, residents would have to vote for the city income tax before it could take effect.

Bolkcom wields a good deal of power on the topic: He's chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, which handles tax issues.

Legislators have considered additional, ultimately unsavory options for local governments to raise money — including franchise, hotel/motel, and entertainment taxes, he said.

"Most are regressive options

that would make our system even more unfair," he said. "The fairest option is the local income surtax."

But Wallace remained staunchly opposed.

"My organization is fine with providing property-tax relief, but if you're going to pursue a surtax, we would want dollar-for-dollar property relief," he said. "And that's really hard to do."

In Iowa City, property taxes are the largest source of revenue — 68 percent — for the city's general fund.

Echoing Bolkcom, Councilor Mike Wright stressed the need for a more progressive tax system and said the proposal would allow the city to "back away from financing so many of our operations from property taxes."

"I don't think anybody really loves paying taxes, but the fact is that we need to continue to pay for services such as the Fire Department, such as the police," Wright said. "Our costs do go up every year, so I think basic services require different funding sources."

Councilor Mike O'Donnell struck a decidedly different chord.

"We are taxed enough," he said. "We want to try to encourage growth in our community."

The proposal's prospects are unclear.

Bolkcom acknowledged the tax plan will face stiff opposition from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle — especially from Republicans — making it difficult to pass even with the Democrats' majority.



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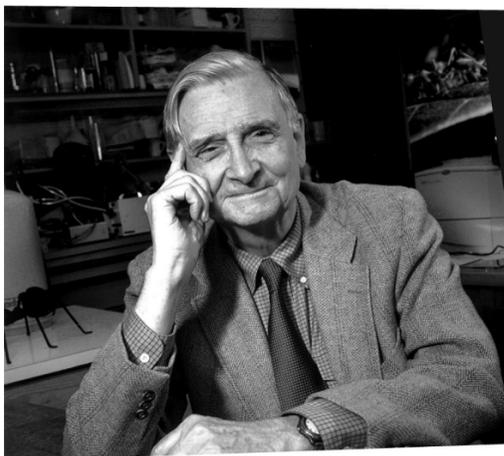
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Research backed

STEM CELL

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"We are working on insulin-producing cells," he said. "With these, we can treat diabetic patients."

The UI program has previously used bone-marrow cells, but the advantage lies in embryonic stem cells. The immune response the embryonic stem cells trigger is much less severe than the response triggered by the bone-marrow cells, Zavazava said.

Iowa Right to Life's stance on the proposed bill is that it will open the door to many more problems, said Kim Lehman, the group's executive director.

One of her problems with stem-cell research is that it has never worked in a human, she contended. The other problem is that embryonic stem-cell research takes a life in the name of scientific research, she said.

"All pro-life people are for stem-cell research — just not embryonic," Lehman said.

But UI clinical laboratory

science major Cierra Laughlin thinks the congressional push for stem-cell research funding would be a step in the right direction for the medical community.

"I think the decision to revoke the ban on embryonic stem-cell research is great for the medical world, including research that can be done at the University of Iowa," she said. "The medical advancements that will come from this greatly outweigh any of the said consequences of stem-cell research."

UI campus could change

RECOVERY

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UI Vice President for Finance Doug True said the university's partnership with FEMA will continue throughout the restoration process, because it must review and approve all plans — including environmental and mitigation concerns.

"[FEMA] doesn't walk away at this point and say good luck," he said. "This is complex, but we are reaching a definite branch point right now."

"We aren't going to cut corners. We have to make sure we're not somewhere we don't belong."

— Doug True, UI Vice President for Finance

True said although Hancher, Voxman, and Clapp are separate buildings, FEMA approached them as one.

The UI will have to evaluate the future outlook for the buildings' locations, he said, keeping in mind insurance issues in case of any future flooding.

"We aren't going to cut corners," he said. "We have to make sure we're not somewhere we don't belong."

UI officials said the face of



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UI President Sally Mason holds a flood-recovery briefing with other UI officials in the University Capitol Centre on Monday. The Federal Emergency Management Agency will cover 90 percent of the cost of the replacement or restoration for UI buildings affected by the floods.

campus may have to change if it is determined the buildings need to be moved, but keeping the university community compact will remain a primary mission, Mason said.

State Board of Regents President David Miles said the regents have been pleased with FEMA's response to the university, and he wanted to stress how long-term recovery has just begun.

"We are not 100 percent," he said. "That message needs to be carried forward."

The regents will evaluate the financial and structural needs of the university in its next meeting, on Feb. 3.

As for the future of the Arts Campus, Mason said, she hopes

to eliminate moving between numerous temporary structures.

"We're trying to avoid many intermediate steps and be as frugal and good stewards as we can," she said, but it is premature to precisely predict what the future of the arts campus will be. "While there are some inconveniences now, in the future [the UI will] have state of the art facilities."

True said the summer estimate of \$231 million for flood damage recovery to the entire campus did not include many aspects such as mitigation for future planning.

"As for what the ultimate cost is, we're going to have to get our arms around that," he said.

UI retains most frosh

2ND YEAR

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More students taking courses online and at numerous institutions could contribute to many not leaving college, but rather going through the college process in a less traditional way, he said.

Beth Ingram, a UI interim associate provost for undergraduate education, said that despite the nationally falling average, the university has maintained a steady retention rate with only minor fluctuations. The small percentage shifts could simply be due to chance, she said.

"We are always concerned with retention, and we are looking at the available financial-aid packages to be sure that financial need is met," Ingram wrote in an e-mail.

"Independent of the economic situation, we have ongoing efforts to think about why students leave the university and how we can help them stay and graduate."

Berman, the UI freshman, said she thinks there are many reasons people transfer.

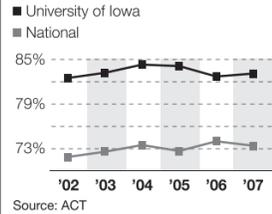
"I think the schools I am applying to are a better fit for me, not that I had a bad experience here," eh said. "I know some people who realized they don't know what they want to do, so it is cheaper to transfer to a two-year college, and I know some that think [their school] just isn't the right fit."

Nevertheless, two-year public colleges are the exception, with the current retention rate at an all-time high. The rate of returning freshman rose to 54 percent in 2007-2008, up 3 percent from the previous year.

Student count

A higher percentage of UI freshmen return for their sophomore years than freshmen at other public universities.

First-year retention rates



Source: ACT
Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

Habley did not eliminate the factor of the declining American economy when considering why retention is down.

"In general, a lot of students don't come back because they say they cannot afford it," he said.

Parklawn set for apartments

PARKLAWN

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Currently, half the students in the Hawkeye Court and Hawkeye Drive apartments are couples with children, said Von Stange, the director of University Housing.

But UI freshman and current Parklawn resident Emily Fosse is not excited about the plan.

"It's too bad, because I think Parklawn is a really good option for freshmen," she said. "Almost my whole floor is freshman, and it's a good option for people who want to live in a smaller dorm."

Fosse likes having a full kitchen and bathroom and a space to park her car right outside the dorm, she said.

Casey Koschmeder, a Parklawn resident assistant, also thinks Parklawn offers a differ-

'The problem with losing Parklawn is that it's such a small community. And it is different from the other residence halls.'

— Casey Koschmeder, Parklawn resident assistant

ent experience for students from that of the other dorms.

"They are adding that new addition to Burge, so you don't really lose the number of beds available," Koschmeder said. "The problem with losing Parklawn is that it's such a small community. And it is different from the other residence halls."

A new wing is being added to Burge to make up for the rooms being lost at Parklawn.

University Housing officials are giving current Parklawn residents priority in returning to the building next year. Current Parklawn residents will also be given priority for similar

types of rooms in Mayflower.

Incoming freshmen will be able to live there as well, if they wish to have an apartment, Stange said, but it will be different from a typical residence-hall experience.

Fosse said these options, in her opinion, are not very appealing.

"Not many people live in apartments their freshman year," she said. "And Mayflower is farther away and much bigger than Parklawn. I like that Parklawn is small and feels more welcoming. It has the feeling of an apartment but with all of the perks of a dorm."

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Editorial

Municipal income taxes not the way to go

For many Americans, times are hard, money is scarce, and living paycheck to paycheck has become a necessity. Iowa City residents are not immune to these economic struggles. Making ends meet is difficult enough for those residents who only have to worry about financially supporting themselves, let alone for those residents who have to also worry about supporting families. Implementing a tax on personal income is definitely not the way to ease these economic woes for Iowa City residents.

There is no doubt whether city revenue is lacking. Residents are still recovering from the flood, and many properties serve as horrific reminders of an area that was once blanketed by water. It is no surprise that much of the city budget is being devoted to flood recovery. And with the economy in a rut that seems to get deeper with each passing day, it is also no surprise that the housing market has practically flatlined.

Iowa City is in desperate need of a plan that will jump-start city revenue. But the proposed income-tax ordinance is not the way to go. With the struggling economy, taxpayers are in no position to repair city revenue. Each dollar residents earn is essential. This income goes toward being able to put food on the table for one's family, affording rent or house payments, taking care of other bills, and being able to splurge on the occasional recreational purchase — that is, in the event those few extra dollars happen to exist. For many people, once the bills are paid and the essentials taken care of, the checking account is left drained of practically all funds, and they anxiously await the next paycheck.

City leaders argue that one of the benefits of the

income-tax ordinance would be a decreased dependency on property taxes. An article in the *Iowa City Press-Citizen* reports that property taxes will account for 68 percent of Iowa City's revenue, according to city budget documents. With the proposed bill, for every dollar of income tax that is held back, the city will be forced to cut 75 cents of property tax. And for many homeowners in the area, a cut in property taxes is a cause for celebration.

However, cutting property taxes and then implementing a tax on income may boost the city budget slightly, but it will do nothing to help the residents of Iowa City. The money Iowa City residents would have typically invested in property taxes may make its way back into residents' pockets, but residents will only have to shell out this money once again if the income tax passes. In the end, this saves Iowa City residents nothing and creates yet another financial hurdle for taxpayers to contend with.

One thing remains painstakingly clear: The city budget is aching for fuel as the economy slows. But Iowa City residents are standing on the same wobbly financial ground and are in no position to rescue the budget if it happens to begin spiraling into an economic black hole. Residents work hard for the money they earn. Some are forced to work more than one job in order to support themselves and their families. They shouldn't receive their paycheck, only to find out that yet another tax is being deducted from their earnings. There are other ideas that need to be tossed around before the city begins dipping into the paychecks of its residents.

Beyond belief



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Good news for conservatives — President Obama has been in office for around a week now, and he has not established a mosque in the White House.

More good news for our right-wing brothers and sisters — Michelle Obama's Inaugural Ball gown, according to many, many reports, in no way resembled a burqa. In fact, if the reports are to be believed, the gown was pretty much the anti-burqa.

Well, of course not, you say, disgust flitting across your visage as only disgust can. The Obamas are not Muslims. Neither has ever been a Muslim. Only people who live under rocks would believe they are.

Well, I don't know about the rock thing, unless you're including those who seem to have granite for brains. But otherwise, I agree with you — agree with you while noting, as an atheist (I guess Barack Obama has elevated me and people similar to me to the status of nonbeliever), I believe there's nothing wrong with being a Muslim (or a Christian or a Jew or a Hindu or — well, you get the idea.)

(There goes that nonbeliever, believing in something.)

But there were some, during the campaign (remember that? me, too, barely), among the Screaming Class on the right who kept trying to make the Obama-Muslim connection. And some people apparently believed it. Before the inauguration, NPR interviewed a young woman who had not voted for Obama, and she said she wished him well in facing the tasks at hand. Then she added that she fervently hoped Obama didn't make Islam the national religion.

Huh?
Yeah, I know — how do seemingly sane people believe this crap?

Of course, there are otherwise seemingly sane people who don't believe dinosaurs ever existed, because the Earth was created only 6,000 years ago. How they explain the existence of oil and coal, I'm not sure, because the formation of oil and coal takes hundreds of millions of years.

Or so I'm told.

(Contrary to some perceptions, I have not been around for hundreds of millions of years. For one thing, there

were no Red Sox hundreds of millions of years ago, so I would have had nothing to read about — which doesn't sound like much of an existence to me. Actually, I hear that there was no reading at all hundreds of millions of years ago, and without reading or the Red Sox, there'd be nothing to do but hunt, gather, and avoid being eaten by dinosaurs. Nowheresville, if you ask me.)

Speaking of oil (and belief), I see Obama is going to try to make the United States less dependent on foreign oil. Yeah, we've heard this before — just about every president since Carter has promised much the same thing. And look where it got us. (Of course, the Carter administration seems to have occurred hundreds of millions of years ago, but whatever.)

When we talk about U.S. dependence on foreign oil, most Americans immediately think of the oil that comes from the Mideast. Well, naturally. U.S. foreign policy has centered on the Mideast for decades, because of Israel and because of oil.

But the United States only gets around 23 percent of its foreign oil from the Mideast/Persian Gulf, contrary to popular perception, which, when you mention foreign oil, conjures Arabs driving Mercedes. Quick — where does the United States get most of its foreign oil? (No Googling.)

Answer: Canada.
No. 2 is, OK, Saudi Arabia, but rounding out the top five are Mexico, Venezuela (Yes, that Venezuela.), and Nigeria.

Of course, the real answer is to lessen our dependence on oil, period. Which Obama has also promised to try to do. Good luck. (Not to be skeptical or anything in this time of hope.)

And if we needed any more encouragement to kick our oil addiction, there's this chilling warning about global climate change. In a report on NPR, climate scientist Susan Solomon and colleagues, writing in *The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, say climate change will be irreversible for more 1,000 years. If we continue with business as usual for the next few decades, climate change could, among other wonderful things, create a more or less permanent Dust Bowl in the Southwest United States.

Makes putting a mosque in the White House seem about as important as Rod Blagojevich (who, I hear, compares himself to Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., and Gandhi.)

The things people believe. ■

Letters

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Commentary

Stimulating the imagination, via television

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The landscape of television is a large part of my daily reality. Often, I will wake up on the futon, and the first thing I do, after breathing deep that first, glorious drag off the breakfast cigarette, is queue the next episode of "Battlestar Galactica" on my laptop. No corn flakes, no shower, no e-mail: TV. Only when an hour or so of graceful spaceship firefights and epic intrigues has filtered into my skull can I fully rouse myself and begin to address the piling up needs of the day, such things as hygiene and job-hunting,

things that really do have to happen but seem so much harder to tackle without the kick-start of a good, solid block of fantasyland.

What is it about TV that it can be such a comfort to me? It isn't the mindlessness that some people contend that is a worthless opinion anyway. It's fairly easy to roll your eyes, cluck your tongue at all the pointless, poorly written drivel out there, but then it's fairly easy to do that about anything. Novels? Most of them are shit, banged out for a per-word paycheck with such titles as Dial I for Insecticide or, even worse, fumbling for a play of

literary greatness and falling pitifully short. But there are good novels. Movies? Music? Painting? All genres, of anything, have their vast majorities of shit to be ignored, but then there are always the gems, the reasons we find to keep producing more. Television is no different, and that I have a choice among billions of raked-over reality programming time slots doesn't mean I won't chose instead, say, "Mad Men" or "The Office." It's about being discerning with your entertainment, and damning a whole medium based on its unfortunate uses is just elitist and ignorant.

However, that isn't all of it. I also really enjoy the shit, too, the same way a lot of terrible pulp science fiction can be a blast. I recently entered the vortex of "Grey's Anatomy," and here I am, two weeks later and well into the third season. This must be what it's like to have a black-tar addiction, knowing that what you're doing is harmful to yourself and your loved ones, knowing that it's wrong, and tacky, and the high isn't as good as it used to be. But I can't stop. I have to find out what happens with Burke's tremor and Izzie's Denny-crazies. And that's OK. I have my little stage of

preposterous love-life dramas and the polished, unrealistically "complex" motives of the characters navigating them, and while I chuckle at the awful writing, I also enjoy the twists and turns for their own sake.

So why TV, when I could just as easily devour reams of Sci Fi channel original movies (which I also do, when I find myself in the position — Dinocroc has been a favorite of mine for a while and also Vampires: Los Muertos, starring Bon Jovi), or some of the trashier crime-and-sex novellas? I think it has something to do with the serial format. A 40-minute span of plot tangles and

significant glances, following the same ragtag pack of champions week to week, carries a certain continuity of format and mood. I can watch episodes one atop another, hours-long, time-murdering strings of them, because it is so easy to slip into the circumstances being constructed. Instead of 90 minutes spliced narrowly between exposition, complication, climax, and resolution, the little dreamworlds of TV only have to spend a moment here and there to build flesh and soul into their inhabitants, however transparently. Instead of focusing on action and character, TV invites us to explore a world.

CD REVIEWS

Listen to this live or not, E Reece's latest is still quality

An unnamed dude asks rapper E Reece why he doesn't talk about homes, jewelry, fast cars, and guns at the end of "Well well well." E Reece simply replies, "That's just not me."



E Reece and Core Elements
L.I.S.N 2 THIS Live In Studio
★★★ out of ★★★★★

No, E Reece prefers to spin "organic" tunes "to feed your mind, body, and soul with no additives or preservatives." His fourth album, *L.I.S.N 2 THIS Live In Studio* fuses his vocals with the band Core Elements' keyboard, tenor saxophone, drums, and guitars to create a sound of hip-hop making love to Steely Dan.

Despite his granola aspirations to rhapsodize "unlike any artist you have ever seen," E Reece's sound isn't remarkably fresh, but it's smart — and it works.

The album is shorter than its 14 tracks imply. Three songs are roughly 40-second musical interludes, and another two are remixes of other songs already on the disc. But even without the repeats and funky breaks — which would sound more appropriate in a wood-paneled lounge — *L.I.S.N 2 THIS Live In Studio* doesn't get stale.

E Reece and Core Elements whip rapping and smooth jazz — the silkiest on "Mic Check" and "Keep it Movin'" — with masterful innovation. "Well well well" slowly builds in intensity, producing an almost overwhelming urge to stand up and get funky. Really.

Katie's picks: "Mic Check," "Life Changes," "Keepin it Movin"
— by Katie Hanson

Barely keeping up with the Joneses

Cotton Jones, sometimes called

the Cotton Jones Basket Ride, is an indie duo from Cumberland, Md., consisting of former members of acoustic quartet Page France. *Paranoid Cocoon* is the duo's debut album. It is evident that Cotton Jones' sound pulls from Page France, the pair's latest configuration has a fuller, more colorful style.

The combination of Michael Nau's gentle voice and Whitney McGraw's soothing vocals blend well, giving Cotton Jones's music a Shins-like quality.

The singsong lyrics of "Cheer Up Now" along with the whiny keyboard gives this track the potential to become a college radio hit. "Some Strange Rain" has a light, dream-like sound because of the bouncy bass line and the sliding guitar. *Paranoid Cocoon* concludes with the six-minute ballad "I Am the Changer," a departure from the album's more concise fare.

Paranoid Cocoon has smooth transitions between songs — however, a few of the tracks are too simple and quite monotonous. The album is a good first attempt by Cotton Jones, but the duo will definitely need greater complexity and more variation in future endeavors.

Nick's Picks: "By the Morning Light," "Blood Red Sentimental Blues," "I Am the Changer"



Cotton Jones
Paranoid Cocoon
★★★ out of ★★★★★

Brazil's kings of metal get down to business on latest hard-hitting effort.

Sepultura has been cranking out album after skull-crushing album since the mid-1980s for a legion of fans. Nearly a quarter century after its inception, Brazilian metal's finest has

unleashed another beast on the world. Sepultura's 11th studio release, *A-Lex*, brings heavy metal back to basics with an all-out trashfest.

The band has always been one for experimentation. Sepultura has been known to lace elements of native Brazilian music into its own uncompromising brand of metal. *A-Lex* is another testament to the band's taste for the unconventional — it is a concept album based on Anthony Burgess' novel *A Clockwork Orange*.

On *A-Lex*, there are certainly no signs of this band slowing down any time soon. Like a well-oiled machine, Sepultura knows what it's doing and knows how to produce a piece of work brimming with raw passion and intensity. This puts Sepultura a cut above the rest in that realm of the musical world. While a great number of bands may come and go, Sepultura is always able to prove itself worthy of the legacy it has built in the past two decades.

A-Lex is an 18-track behemoth, with a running theme of tracks ("A-Lex I, II, III and IV") that serve as separate introductions to each part of the album. What follows is pure, unadulterated metal at its best. Sepultura never falters at being an all-killer, no-filler band. However, one track that stands out is "Ludwig Van." Despite being part of the natural progression of the album, the track's sound deviates almost too much from the energy and atmosphere of *A-Lex*.

Despite its few flaws, Sepultura has been an inspiring, driving force in the rock world for many years, and with its latest work, the band is making sure it stays that way.

Rebecca's Picks: "Filthy Rot," "Conform," "Paradox"
— by Rebecca Koons



Sepultura
A-Lex
★★★★ out of ★★★★★

Enjoyable fish story

Guys on Ice ain't highfalutin, but it doesn't disappoint the audience.

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Near the end of *Guys on Ice*, one of the characters, Marvin, declares, "Heaven must be cold — like Wisconsin."

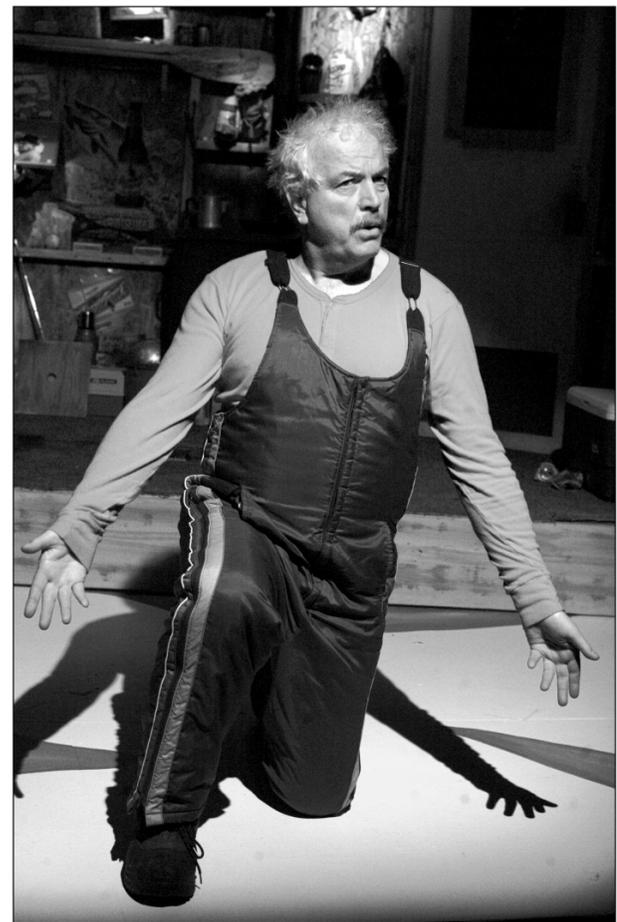
For pals Marvin and Lloyd, Sturgeon Bay might as well be heaven. The area supplies all of their few wants: cold Leinies, good women, Packer tickets, and a wishing hole (for the uninitiated: fishing hole).

For audience members, the musical-comedy *Guys on Ice* provides 90 mellow but entertaining minutes of ridiculous songs, Midwestern ribbing, and events that resonate even with those who have never had the pleasure of eating deep-fried cheese curds.

During the course of a day in their ice-fishing shanty, Marvin and Lloyd attempt to catch a bucket of perch but end up cracking ice-fishing jokes, avoiding their acquaintance Ernie the Moocher, and even raising great philosophical questions, such as "Do fish feel pain?" and "Do ya think der's ice fishing in heaven?" All of their lines are uttered in *Fargo* character Marge Gunderson's accent, but instead of saying "I guess that was your accomplice in the woodchipper," they're more apt to ask, "So how 'bout dem Packers?"

Of all the play's elements, the musical numbers make the largest impression. The songs draw inspiration from Marvin's crush on tattooed check-out girl Bonnie, snowmobile suits, Elvis, and, of course, fish. Marvin and Lloyd croon as they prance about the stage, kicking up their snow boots and waving scarves in the most creative choreography seen since Brett Favre was still a Packer.

What may be most striking, however, lingers just under the surface like a trout about to bite. Actors Ron Clark (Marvin) and John Watkins (Lloyd) convey a surprising amount of sentimentality through their roles, waxing about marriage and Wisconsin winters and display-



Patrick Larkin/The Daily Iowan
Ron Clark, in the role of ice fisherman Marvin, performs a dramatic number during a dress rehearsal of *Guys On Ice* on Jan. 19 at the Riverside Theatre.

ing affection that seems unexpected coming from guys who can form whole conversations with the word "ya."

The musical may not appeal to everyone; northern Wisconsin sensibilities are not universal, nor are beer jokes and songs comparing women to fish. Yet the sweet messages about friendship are tough to deny, much like the truth in the statement: "Work is for guys that don't know how to fish."

Ernie the Moocher, the bane of Marv and Lloyd's existence, makes a bigger splash during the intermission, or rather, the "halftime show" — an arguably integral part of the production. Flanked by fabulous prizes, he (or she — mustachioed actress Kris Hartsgrove injects an impressive amount of testosterone into the role) quizzes the audience on Wisconsin

PLAY

Guys on Ice

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trivia, and the crowd is happy to shout out answers with equal enthusiasm for a stocking cap or even a sixer of Leinenkugel's beer.

The perch may not bite and the day may not end like they planned, but both Marv and Lloyd would agree it turns out much better. I'd bet a pair of Packers-Bears tickets most audience members would agree.

ARTS

Marvel sued for \$750M

NEW YORK (AP) — Shareholders of an ill-fated Stan Lee venture are seeking more than \$750 million in profits from films and other works based on Marvel comic characters such as *Spider-Man*, *X-Men*, and *Iron Man*.

The lawsuit was filed Monday in a Manhattan federal court on behalf of shareholders of Stan Lee Media Inc. Defendants include Lee, his wife, New York-based Marvel Entertainment Inc., and former Marvel chief executive officer Avi Arad.

The suit names four shareholders who live in Florida, California, and Canada. Their lawyer, Martin Garbus, said the suit is aimed at reclaiming money for all Stan Lee Media Inc. shareholders.

The lawsuit claims profits from Lee's comic creations belong to the company, which emerged from bankruptcy in 2006. The suit claims Lee, Marvel, and others have violated Stan

Lee Media's copyright interests and that the firm is due profits from all properties, including blockbuster films that were made after 1998 and based on Lee's creations.

The lawsuit's allegations were immediately rebuffed, with Marvel issuing a statement that said the lawsuit is filled with "ridiculous claims." Lee's attorney, Mark W. Williams, said: "We look forward to a positive resolution for Stan Lee and his family."

Marvel also claimed the lawsuit features claims that have been pursued in previous cases.

Garbus said Monday's suit differs in that it names Lee, Arad, who produced several of the blockbuster films featuring Marvel characters, and current Marvel CEO Isaac Perlmutter.

"It's a very different lawsuit," Garbus said. "It's different money."

He said he suspects that Lee, who once sued Marvel over profits from his creations, entered into an agreement

that deprived Stan Lee Media of the windfall from blockbuster movies such as the *Spider-Man* and *X-Men* trilogies.

"He made a deal," Garbus said of Lee's confidential settlement that led to his reconciliation with Marvel. "That money should have gone to the corporation."

Lee helped found Stan Lee Media, an online comic site in the late 1990s, but the company went into bankruptcy in 2001, and several of its officers were arrested and accused of manipulating its stock price.

Lee was never implicated in the scheme, but the company's meltdown has sparked court actions in New York, Colorado, and Los Angeles.

In 2007, Lee sued Stan Lee Media for copyright infringement, cyber-squatting, defamation, and other claims. In a document filed last year, Lee's lawyers denied he gave the company copyright interests in characters he created during his Marvel career.

ARTS

Paramedic charged in Travolta extortion plot

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — A Bahamas paramedic was charged Monday in an alleged scheme to extort \$25 million from John Travolta after his chronically ill son died of a seizure at the family's vacation home.

Tarino Lightbourne, 47, pleaded not guilty to charges of attempting to extort and conspiracy to extort from the movie star.

Details of the alleged plot remain fuzzy, but prosecutor Bernard Turner said investigators are looking for a "certain document" and police say it involved \$25 million. Magistrate Carolita Bethel remanded the suspect to jail after Turner objected to bail.

Senior Assistant Police Commissioner Marvin Dames said the actor's lawyers filed a complaint of attempted extortion after Pleasant Bridgewater, an attorney and then-senator, allegedly informed them that Lightbourne claimed he "was in possession of a document that, if released, would prove damaging to the Travoltas."

Lightbourne was detained after police issued an alert that he was wanted for attempted extortion and was considered dangerous.

Earlier, several tabloids had quoted Lightbourne describing efforts to revive 16-year-old Jett Travolta after he collapsed Jan. 2 on Grand Bahama.

Bridgewater was arrested on Thursday and charged with abetment

to extort and conspiracy to extort, and was released on \$40,000 bail.

She has vowed to prove her innocence but resigned Jan. 24 from her seat in the legislature.

Another parliamentarian, Obie Wilchcombe, was detained Jan. 23, questioned and released pending further investigation. He has not been charged.

"We don't have anything at this stage of our investigation to implicate him," Dames said Monday.

Wilchcombe has described himself as a friend of Travolta who was with the actor shortly after his son died. He said Bridgewater told him "someone was doing something untoward" after the boy's death — a message he said he relayed to the actor's lawyers.

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Culver pushes new slashes in budget

By **MIKE GLOVER**
Associated Press

DES MOINES — Iowa Gov. Chet Culver said Monday he will ask the Legislature for a 6.5 percent cut in most state programs and use \$200 million in cash reserves to wipe out a huge budget shortfall in the next fiscal year.

"Our state's sound fiscal management does not mean we can avoid cuts in government spending," he said. "Simply put, just as families and businesses across the state and around the nation are doing more with less, so, too, must state government."

The governor spelled out the broad outlines of his proposed budget in a speech Monday evening to the Iowa Business Council. He will send details of his spending plan to the Legislature on Wednesday, but he made it clear in his speech that there will be big cutbacks in state government.

Not all programs will take the same budget hit. Programs including public safety, some human services, disaster relief, teacher pay, and early childhood education could see reductions of less than 6.5 percent.

Culver spokesman Phil Roeder said the 6.5 percent cut would cover 205 of the state's 250 programs and would amount to a spending reduction of \$400 million.

In his speech, Culver ruled out any tax increases. Last weekend, he also took off the table a proposal that the state sell or lease the state's lottery to generate cash.

"While the current economic circumstance is not the fault of Iowans, it is something we must all face together," said Culver.

"We have a history, under both Democratic and Republican leadership, of balancing our budget and acting appropriately in tough economic times."

Culver's proposed cuts would be for the fiscal year beginning July 1. He's already ordered spending cuts of \$180 million for the current year. For this year, he has ordered a 12.5 percent across-the-board cut of \$90 million, selective cuts of \$40 million, not spending \$37 million for a new state office building, and transferring another \$10 million from another fund.

Culver sought to put the best face on the budget cutback, saying his spending cuts were made without taking into consideration any federal money the state will receive. The state is likely to get more federal disaster-relief money because of last summer's record flooding, as well as additional money as part of an economic-stimulus bill Congress is considering.

In addition, Congress may approve a measure giving money to states to pay for the Medicaid program, which offers health care for poor and elderly people.

Culver has proposed that lawmakers borrow \$700 million both for flood relief and to repair the state's aging infrastructure.

"So while we're cutting day-to-day expenditures of state government, we would invest in creating jobs, supporting businesses, and strengthening our economy," he said. "And we're in a position to do it without raising taxes."

His argument against taxes probably dooms efforts in the Legislature to boost the state's gasoline tax, a move some in both parties have supported to

pay for road repairs.

Few are likely to push for a tax increase in the face of opposition — and a potential veto — from the governor. Culver had also ruled out a gasoline tax last year, and that effectively ended debate on the issue.

The budget Culver will send to the Legislature likely will dominate debate for the remainder of this year's legislative session as Democrats control both chambers by solid margins.

Culver said he briefed legislative leaders on his plans before delivering his speech.

"The response was positive given the tough economic situation," he told reporters after the speech.

Senate and House Democratic leaders issued a joint statement late Monday saying this year will be "very tough for many Iowans."

"While Iowans had little to do with the mismanagement, greed, and financial carelessness that is causing the worst national economic situation since the Great Depression, we will be sharing in the pain," the statement said.

House Republican Leader Kraig Paulsen, R-Hiawatha, said that on the surface Culver's plan seems to address the budget shortfall, but he said the 6.5 percent cut won't "bring the state out of the red."

"No one is certain the economic downturn has reached its bottom point yet," he said in a statement. "Now is not the time to raid the state's savings account."

During the speech, governor defended dipping into the state's cash reserves, a series of funds lawmakers have created over the years that total about \$620 million.

Impeachment trial opens without Blago

By **CHRISTOPHER WILLS**
Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Gov. Rod Blagojevich's impeachment trial opened Monday with a vacant chair reserved for the governor, who boycotted the proceedings and instead spent the day on the TV talk-show circuit in New York, complaining he is being railroaded.

"The fix is in," Blagojevich declared on ABC's "Good Morning America."

As the Illinois Senate assembled for the first impeachment trial of a U.S. governor in more than 20 years, David Ellis, the House-appointed prosecutor, told the chamber he will show that Blagojevich "repeatedly and utterly abused the powers and privileges of his office."

In one of his first orders of business, Ellis won approval from the Senate to summon as a witness an FBI agent who oversaw the profanity-laden wiretaps that led to Blagojevich's arrest on corruption charges last month.

With Blagojevich refusing to present a defense, Illinois senators could vote within days on whether to oust the 52-year-old Democrat on a variety of charges, including allegations he tried to sell or trade the U.S. Senate seat left vacant by President Barack Obama for a Cabinet position, a high paying job for himself or his wife, or campaign funds.

State senators maintained the trial will be fair, despite Blagojevich's attacks on the process.

"We all took an oath to do justice according to the law," said Senate Minority Leader Christine Radogno, a Republican. "I know that everyone is

taking the matter seriously and that no one will stand in the way of justice."

Blagojevich insists the remarks attributed to him have been taken out of context and that he has done nothing illegal.

Pressed on what context would justify using Obama's Senate seat to land a job for himself, Blagojevich said he didn't try to make an illegal trade.

"If you do an exchange of one

for the other, that's wrong," he told ABC's "Nightline," according to a transcript of Monday night's show. "But if you have discussions about the future and down the road and what you might want to do once you're no longer governor in a few years, what's wrong with that? Those are natural discussions people have. ... Those are legitimate, honest discussions."

AP writers Sara Kugler, Deanna Bellandi, and Andrea Zelinski contributed to this report.

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The father of a former Hawkeye was promoted to defensive coordinator of the Baltimore Ravens on Monday.

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Hoopsters snare fourth straight



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa freshman guard Kamille Wahlin drives into the lane early in the second half of the Hawkeyes' game against Michigan on Monday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes held on to beat the Wolverines, 77-69.

The Iowa women's basketball team downs Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye on Monday.

By **JEFF PAWOLA**
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Iowa's 3-point shooting proved to be the deciding factor in Monday's game against Michigan in Carver-Hawkeye Arena, and the Hawkeyes pulled out a 77-69 victory.

With only seven players getting playing time, the Hawkeyes relied on timely shooting and in-your-face defense to win their fourth-straight game.

"We huddled up at every opportunity. We really stressed sticking together as a team, doing the little things," senior Kristi Smith said. "We knew if we did that, we'd be OK."

Senior Wendy Ausdemore's return to scoring could not have been better for the Hawkeyes — she scored a game-high 21 points, along with Smith, who matched her with 21 points of her own. Ausdemore has struggled lately, cracking the double-figure mark only once in the previous five games — scoring 11 points in a 60-49 loss to Purdue on Jan. 8.

"I loved the balance scoring that we had tonight ... Kristi and Wendy both shot the ball extremely well," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "It's nice to see Wendy hitting those 3's." Iowa relied heavily on freshman Kamille Wahlin, who

made her first start in the absence of junior forward JoAnn Hamlin, out with an ankle injury. Wahlin, a guard, scored 14 points while dishing out 10 assists in her 35 minutes of work. She had an immediate effect, showing no signs of nerves as she connected on Iowa's first possession with a 3.

"[The 3-pointer] felt good, and it just got me in the mind set," she said. "I just tried to build off of that and build up my confidence with that shot."

"I just wanted to make sure that I relaxed and just got comfortable. My teammates and coaches, they helped me transition smoothly. They made me feel comfortable

ON THE WEB

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starting, so that helped a lot."

The Hawkeyes were forced to play three guards in the lineup for the majority of the game. As a result, Iowa sent up 28 3-pointers, the second most Hawkeye attempts on the season, and made the most 3-point shots of the season with 12.

"We didn't stop them at all," Michigan head coach Kevin Borseth said. "They shot the ball well, and they defended very well."

The prime-time contest on the Big Ten Network featured

SEE **RECAP**, 3B

COMMENTARY

Wild one in Carver



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Fans in attendance at Monday night's 77-69 victory by the Iowa women's basketball team over Michigan definitely got their dollars' worth.

Admission to the game was only \$1 as part of Iowa's "Buck Night" promotion, but the effort turned in by the Hawkeyes and Wolverines was worth a lot more than a single Washington.

Talk about close. The lead

SEE **COMMENTARY**, 3B

IOWA 77, MICHIGAN 69

MICHIGAN (9-11)			
Benson	3-12	0-0	9
Minnfield	3-9	2-2	11
Skriba	0-0	0-0	0
Queen	1-2	1-1	3
Phillips	8-15	0-0	16
Hicks	6-10	1-4	15
Boylan	1-1	0-0	3
Reynolds	5-11	1-3	12
Totals	27-60	5-10	69

IOWA (12-7)			
Smith	7-13	2-2	21
Ausdemore	8-15	0-0	21
Skouby	4-9	1-2	9
Alexander	3-8	3-4	10
Wahlin	6-9	1-2	14
Krei	0-1	0-0	0
Draxten	0-3	2-2	2
Totals	28-58	9-12	77

Halftime - Iowa 36-34
3-Point Goals - Michigan 10-27 (Benson 3-8, Minnfield 3-7, Hicks 2-5, Boylan 1-1, Reynolds 1-3), Iowa 12-28 (Smith 5-11, Ausdemore 5-10, Skouby 0-1, Alexander 1-1, Wahlin 1-3, Draxten 0-2)
Fouled Out - None
Rebounds - Michigan 31 (Phillips 9), Iowa 34 (Alexander 14)
Assists - Michigan 18 (Minnfield 8), Iowa 21 (Wahlin 10)
Total Fouls - Michigan 17, Iowa 14
A - 3,722

FOOTBALL

Football gets 3 more oral commitments

The Iowa Hawkeyes received oral commitments from three additional players this past weekend, bringing the total of such commitments over the weekend to five, according to Rivals.com



Getz
recruit

Conor Boffeli, a 6-5, 250-pound offensive lineman from West Des Moines, Dakota Getz, a 6-4, 210-pound athlete from Macon, Ill., and Stephane Ngoumou, a 6-4 195-pound wide receiver from Rockville, Md., all made oral commitments to Iowa a little more than a week before national signing day.

Boffeli had committed to Iowa State, but he began to consider the Hawkeyes after former Iowa State coach Gene Chizik left for Auburn.

Getz was formerly committed to Western Illinois before switching to Iowa. He passed for 2,214 yards and 22 touchdowns and ran for 1,667 yards and 25 touchdowns his senior season.

Ngoumou caught 71 receptions for 1,015 yards and nine touchdowns his senior year for Wootton High School and was named Honorable Mention All-Metro by the *Washington Post*.

Iowa has 17 oral commitments so far for the 2009 football class, according to Rivals. National signing day is Feb. 4.

— by **Mike Slusark**

TV TODAY

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL
• No. 24 Kentucky at Mississippi, 6 p.m., ESPN
• Boston College at Maryland, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
• No. 16 Purdue at Wisconsin, 8 p.m., ESPN
NHL
• Washington at Boston, 6 p.m., VERSUS
TENNIS
• 2009 Australian Open, men's and women's quarterfinals, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

Men's gymnastics losing programs

Iowa is one of the few programs remaining in Division-I men's gymnastics.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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In 1969, the Iowa men's gymnastics team was among 230 collegiate programs.

Today, it is one of only 18 in Division-I.

Once as healthy as any other NCAA sport, men's gymnastics now pales next to the 120 college football programs in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

Many factors have contributed to the dwindling number, from the inception of Title IX in 1972 to a general lack of support and resources.

Iowa head coach Tom Dunn



Dunn
coach

ON THE WEB
Go to dailyiowan.com to hear how the Iowa men's gymnastics team deals with the declining number of Division-I programs in the sport.

has been around long enough to see the developments take place.

Dunn began his career with a three-year stint as head coach at Massachusetts in 1972. He then moved to Penn State, his alma mater, where he served as an assistant until 1979, when he began coaching in Iowa City. He was a Hawkeye assistant for one season before being promoted to the head position.

"There were a lot of [programs] dropping in the late-70s and early '80s. We were losing a ton of programs," he said. "In the last 20 years, it's been very slow, say one program per year. It's trickled off."

Although the number of active programs may not be comparable with other sports, Dunn said, men's gymnastics doesn't contrast much from basketball or football, as far as administration goes.

SEE **GYMNASTICS**, 3B

Beatty boosts pounds — and his confidence

Junior 197-pounder Chad Beatty says a boost in confidence has led to a 9-3 record and a No. 19 ranking this season.

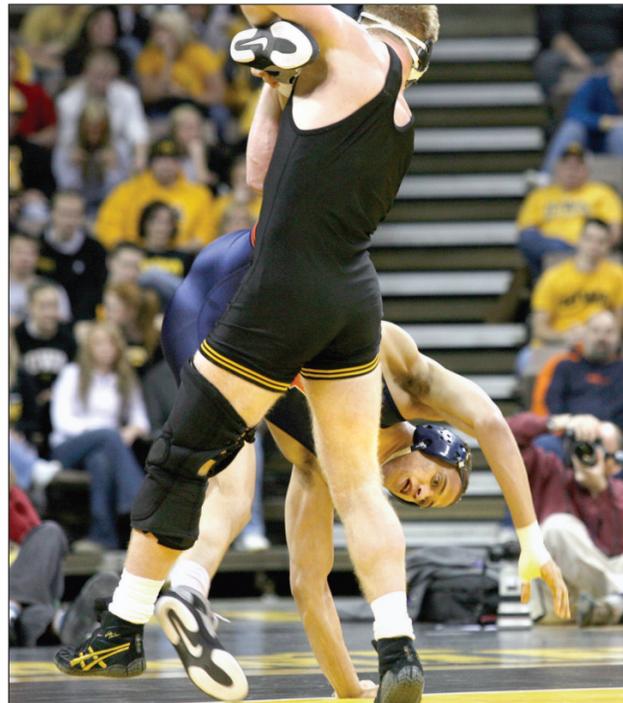
By **RYAN YOUNG**
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Chad Beatty's wrestling future seemed bleak last November.

After sustaining a knee injury at the Brute/Journeymen Northeast Duals, the top-ranked Hawkeyes were without an experienced 197-pounder and feeling the effect.

But following a six-week rehab period that ended with Iowa claiming its second-straight Nationals Duals crown in early January, the junior said he's back, prepared to finish out the season strongly.

"I'm 100 percent, and I'm



ROBIN SVEC/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's Chad Beatty flips Illinois' Patrick Bond in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Sunday. The 197-pounder Beatty defeated Bond, 2-1, helping the Hawkeyes secure a 32-4 victory over the Fighting Illini.

SEE **BEATTY**, 3B



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

WOMEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W			L			Pct	All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct				
Ohio State	7	1	.875	16	3	.842				
Indiana	7	2	.778	14	4	.778				
Michigan State	7	2	.778	14	6	.700				
Minnesota	6	3	.667	14	6	.700				
Purdue	6	3	.667	13	7	.650				
Iowa	5	3	.625	12	7	.632				
Wisconsin	4	6	.400	14	7	.667				
Penn State	3	5	.375	8	10	.444				
Michigan	2	7	.222	9	11	.450				
Northwestern	1	8	.111	5	15	.250				
Illinois	1	9	.100	5	16	.238				

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

Conference	W			L			Pct	All Games		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct				
Michigan St.	6	1	.857	16	3	.842				
Illinois	5	2	.714	17	3	.850				
Purdue	4	2	.667	15	4	.789				
Minnesota	5	3	.625	17	3	.850				
Penn St.	5	3	.625	16	5	.762				
Michigan	4	4	.500	14	6	.700				
Ohio St.	3	4	.429	13	5	.722				
Wisconsin	3	4	.429	12	7	.632				
Iowa	2	5	.286	12	8	.600				
Northwestern	2	5	.286	10	7	.588				
Indiana	0	6	.000	5	13	.278				

Monday's Game
Iowa 77, Michigan 69

Thursday's Games
Iowa at Michigan State 6:05 p.m.
Illinois at Northwestern
Ohio State at Michigan
Penn State at Indiana
Purdue at Wisconsin

Today's Game
Purdue at Wisconsin, 8 p.m. ESPN

Wednesday's Games
Michigan at Ohio State, 5:30 p.m. BTN
Indiana at Northwestern, 7:30 p.m. BTN

Thursday's Games
Michigan State at Iowa, 6:05 p.m. ESPN
Illinois at Minnesota, 8 p.m. BTN

Saturday's Games
Michigan at Purdue, 12 p.m. CBS
Ohio State at Indiana, 3 p.m. ESPN2
Wisconsin at Northwestern, 7 p.m. BTN

Sunday's Games
Iowa at Illinois, 1 p.m. BTN
Penn State at Michigan State, 11 a.m. BTN

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Conference	W			L			Pct	GB
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct		
San Antonio	29	14	.674					
New Orleans	27	14	.659				1	
Houston	28	18	.609				2½	
Dallas	25	19	.568				4½	
Memphis	11	32	.256				18	

Today's Games
Indiana at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 8 p.m.
Charlotte at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Assigned INF Oscar Salazar outright to Norfolk (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms with RHP Kyle Bloom, RHP Alfredo Figaro, RHP Chris Lambert, OF Timo Perez, RHP Zach Simons, C Dusty Ryan, INF Michael Hollimon and OF Casper Wells on minor league contracts.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with RHP Zack Greinke on a four-year contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with LHP Andy Pettitte on a one-year contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with OF Jason Lane and INF Brandon Fahey to minor league contracts.
National League
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Geoff Geary and LHP Wandy Rodriguez on one-year contracts.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with INF Craig Counsell on a one-year contract.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with C Brad Ausmus on a one-year contract.
NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with LHP Jon Switzer, RHP Kyle Snyder and OF Rob Mackowiak on minor league contracts.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Claimed RHP Virgil Vasquez off waivers from San Diego.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Named Ron Meeks defensive coordinator.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Announced the resignation of vice chairman Bob Kain. Announced the resignation of director of player personnel T.J. McCreight.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Signed DT Tim Anderson and CB Michael Hawkins.

Ravens pick Mattison

By DAVID GINSBURG
Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — The Baltimore Ravens promoted Greg Mattison to defensive coordinator Monday, a move designed to maintain a sense of continuity on a unit that excelled under the departed Rex Ryan.



Mattison defensive coordinator

The 59-year-old Mattison, father of ex-Hawkeye Bryan Mattison, was hired as Baltimore's linebackers coach last February. Although he has only one year of NFL experience, Mattison was defensive coordinator at Michigan, Notre Dame, and Florida.

"Greg is a guy that I have full trust and belief in, and not just because of his track record," Ravens coach John Harbaugh said. "He's been successful at every stop, but the job he did this year with our guys, I think he established himself as a premier coach in the NFL. If you talk to our players, they'll tell you the same thing."

Mattison replaces Ryan, who served as defensive coordinator

with Baltimore for four seasons before leaving last week to become head coach of the New York Jets.

Mattison inherits a fierce defense that ranked second in the NFL and helped the Ravens (13-6) advance to the AFC championship game. Mattison worked extensively with stand-out linebackers Ray Lewis, Terrell Suggs, and Bart Scott.

"Rex did a tremendous job of getting the most out of his players, having them believe and trust what they're doing, and to be accountable for what they're doing," Harbaugh said. "Those are the strengths that I've always felt Greg had as a coach."

Harbaugh considered briefly to go outside the organization to find a replacement for Ryan, but it didn't take long for him to realize the best move was to choose among four men who worked under Ryan this season: Mattison, Vic Fangio, Chuck Pagano, and Clarence Brooks.

Fangio was promoted to linebackers coach, and special-team coordinator Jerry Rosburg was given the additional title of assistant head coach.

Mattison, meanwhile, intends on employing the same kind of pressure-packed defense that Ryan deployed with uncanny success.

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POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which pro sport has the best All-Star festivities?



NHL

When it comes to All-Star festivities, the best and most exciting comes from the National Hockey League.

Hockey may not be as popular as the other three sports in the United States, but that doesn't mean it can't put on a good show. It has one of the more exciting All-Star events with the SuperSkill and Hardest Shot competition.

Last year, Alex Ovechkin won the competition with skill. Last weekend in Montréal, he won with showmanship.

With the help of once-rival Evgeni Malkin, Ovechkin slipped on a fisherman's hat with a Canadian flag and sported white sunglasses. He then skated down the ice with two sticks, tossed his aside, and did what he does best, score a goal.

Who says hockey players aren't entertaining?
As for the Hardest Shot, who wouldn't be curious to see how hard a hockey player can shoot a puck? Zdeno Chára recently broke a 16-year record once held by Al Iafraite when he recorded a 105.4 mph slap shot. That's not a misprint, folks.

The NBA may have its slam-dunk contest, but the days of Michael Jordan and Dr. J are long gone. MLB highlights the Midsummer Classic with the Home Run Derby, which was won by whom again? Maybe it'd be more appealing if people could actually remember.

As for the NHL All-Star Game, it allows for four lines of star players to have relatively the same amount of ice time, whereas in the MLB and the NBA, starters are only in the game for a minimal time before being replaced by reserves.

And let's be honest, the Pro Bowl is boring. Baseball and basketball can duke it out for second, but when it comes to All-Star game, hockey is the one to watch. A 12-11 shootout win with 102 combined shots and 28 players registering a point? Sure hope you didn't miss out.

— by Evelyn Lau



NBA

Where in the world can you see Gerald Green blow a candle out 10 feet in the air or Amare Stoudemire finish the business end of an alley-oop from Chris Paul? NBA All-Star Weekend.

The league's February festivities are always jam-packed with excitement, no matter what you're looking for.

Want to see the NBA's best do battle in a high-octane affair? Then its All-Star Game on Feb. 15 is for you.

Prefer to see the premier shooters in the game light it up from downtown? The 3-point contest is always stacked with the sweetest strokes around.

Or maybe you just enjoy seeing a 6-11, 265-pound Dwight Howard slap a sticker on the backboard 12.5 feet in the air. Then again, I'm sure you could see that any day of the week at the Field House.

Even non-basketball fans are able to find something to enjoy. The Celebrity All-Star game allows you to see Chris Tucker rain in 3's as well as the likes of Alyssa Milano trying to do the impossible — coach Terrell Owens.

Something tells me she did a better job than Wade Phillips.

Then again, a purist may not be as satisfied, arguing that the actual All-Star Game jeopardizes the integrity of the sport.

Sure, you're not going to see Kobe Bryant make a campaign for Defensive Player of the Year the entire game, but if you're looking for defense — just wait until the fourth quarter. The players' competitive instincts come to the surface, and it suddenly becomes harder to find a basket than it is for LeBron James to take less than six steps on his way to the basket.

The NBA's best are the most impressive athletes in all of pro sports. So why would a game pitting the best against each other not also be the best?

Still not satisfied?
Well, at least the NBA All-Star Game has never ended in a tie.

— by Jordan Garretson



NFL

I'm not going to spend too much time hating on the other All-Star games, because the NFL Pro Bowl and Pro Bowl weekend have so much worth mentioning. With that said, I'll get my bashing out of the way.

MLB's All-Star game is the most obvious joke. Baseball officials actually try to have it mean something; home-field advantage in the World Series is a tragedy for the history of baseball.

The NBA's only entertaining aspect of its All-Star weekend is the slam-dunk contest, which generally only has one good dunk despite the players continually jumping around like idiots with their cameras.

The NHL All-Star game is on Versus. I think that speaks volumes.

In regards to the NFL, the Pro Bowl festivities are the best of all four sports. They're not just popularity contests like several other sports' activities; they actually hold merit and a clear distinct winner.

The Pro Bowl strong-man competition is exactly that. It determines who the strongest player in the NFL is by holding a bench press. Who doesn't like

watching huge dudes lifting 650-plus pounds? The next is the speed competition, a dash between the NFL's fastest players. We won't have to listen to analysts argue over who is faster, because it's determined.

As far as the game is concerned, it's unlike the others (excluding baseball), where the score is actually comparable with a regular-season game, even though it's played one week after the Super Bowl. It also takes more preparation, the players have to learn an offense, and it's not like basketball where you can go one-on-one the entire time. The game also means something, not in the sense that home field is determined, but the players know the incentives that come with winning — larger purses.

After all, that's everybody's complaint with professional sports — "It's all about the money," so why not see them work harder to deserve it.

— by Jeff Pawola



MLB

Of course Major League Baseball has the best All-Star festivities in all of sports. It's the only one with a main event that actually means something.

Albeit, the practice of awarding the winning home-field advantage in the World Series is a modern rule that didn't start until after Commissioner Bud Selig stopped the 2002 Midsummer Classic in an 11-inning, 7-7 tie.

But in addition to the game, there is the Home Run Derby, the Futures Game, and the Taco Bell All-Star Legends and Celebrity Softball Game. I mean, come on. Who doesn't want to watch Rolfe Fingers slow pitch to Whoopi Goldberg or see George Lopez girlishly throw a ball the size of his head?

The only All-Star event slightly comparable is the NBA All-Star Weekend with the major highlight being the slam-dunk contest. But recently, that's become a snooze fest.

Each year, I'm disappointed by how many great dunkers decline to participate. Throwing down a few jams isn't going to affect the way they shoot for the remainder of the season.

Who cares about a bunch of egotistical ball hogs running around out of position, anyway? Defensive effort is limited, the players usually try to end every play in some sort of alley-oop, and the final score is always a mockery of a real game.

I'm not even about to mention the Pro Bowl. We all know it's a joke and might as well be a game of two-hand touch.

As for the NHL, it basically followed MLB's lead in having a Young Stars Game. Not to mention the Super Skills Competition is like a glorified hockey combine/open practice.

Plus, you need cable or dish to see the game because it's broadcasted on Versus — formerly the Outdoor Life Channel.

For three days in mid-July, baseball takes precedence in the sports world. That's why MLB reigns as king among the big four.

— by Ryan Young

Hawkeyes take 4th

RECAP

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20 lead changes and 10 ties. Iowa led at the half, 36-34, but Michigan came out firing in the second half, connecting on three 3's to give the Wolverines their biggest lead of the game at six points, 51-45.

Iowa was held scoreless for more than five minutes midway through the second half, but the

Hawks remained tough and limited Michigan to only five points in that span. Down 60-55 after the drought, the Hawkeyes went on an 11-0 scoring run to give themselves the lead for good with 5:50 remaining.

Iowa had only two bench points in the contest, courtesy of freshman Hannah Draxten, who connected on her only two free-throw attempts. They came with slightly more than

two minutes remaining in the game and stretched the Hawkeye lead to four at 73-69.

"Hannah Draxten hitting those two free throws was very important, and she did a good job with that," Bluder said.

Iowa's next game will be in East Lansing, Mich., on Thursday against Michigan State. The Spartans come in 14-6 overall, 7-2 in the Big Ten.

Hawks stick together

COMMENTARY

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changed hands 20 times, and the teams were tied 10 times. Every time either team got any semblance of a cushion, the other team countered.

In the end, though, Iowa countered last, and the Hawkeyes hit the shots they had to, while Kevin Borseth's Wolverines did not.

"It was a good win for us, because we haven't won a close game this year," Iowa head coach Lisa Bluder said. "This is the first time we've been in a game like this where it's a chess match back and forth all the time. I think it's good for us to be in a game like this and win it."

The game featured the physical play expected in a Big Ten game — 31 combined fouls, along with a few no-calls the Hawkeye faithful were up in arms about.

By my unscientific count, Hawkeye sophomore guard Kachine Alexander hit the floor 350 times on an array of charges, loose-ball dives, and fouls.

In typical Alexander fashion, "Floor Burn" finished

with a double-double of 10 points and 14 rebounds. The Minneapolis native also hit a key 3-pointer after a five-and-a-half minute Iowa scoring drought, and for good measure, she blocked Carly Benson's 3-point attempt in the final seconds of the game.

"You just expect it of her now," Bluder said. "I love to see that hustle that she provides for us out there."

Offensively, Iowa's senior duo of point guard Kristi Smith and forward Wendy Ausdemore did what seniors do — come through when their team needed them.

"Good teams respond positively to challenges and adversity," Smith said. "Wendy and I, being seniors, we knew we had to step up."

And step up they did. After three-straight mediocre offensive games, Ausdemore caught fire, hitting five treys to finish with 21 points. The Deron Williams to her Carlos Boozer for the younger set, Smith, matched her with five 3-pointers and 21 points.

The Buck Night promotion worked — 3,722 fans showed up for the nationally televised contest.

"I want to thank all the fans for coming out on a Monday night," Bluder said. "I thought the enthusiasm of the environment really helped us buckle down and play great defense in the last six minutes."

"Enthusiasm of the environment?" I like the alliteration, Coach Bluder.

Beautiful language aside, the win gives Iowa four in a row, and after pulling out a nail-biter, the Hawkeyes have reason to be confident.

Some will say that confidence is ill-gotten, because three of the four wins came against the 11th- (Illinois) 10th- (Northwestern), and ninth-place (Michigan) teams in the Big Ten.

But sometimes good teams get into tussles with conference bottom dwellers (and in the case of Michigan, a team that beat No. 13 Notre Dame and No. 17 Vanderbilt earlier in the year, sometimes bottom dwellers are better than they appear).

If Iowa continues this streak, it'll be thanks in large part to the confidence gained in finally pulling out a close one.

Beatty returns bigger

BEATTY

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ready to wrestle now," he said. "I was ready to wrestle then, I guess. But I just need to put a string of good matches together, and I need to win, and I don't want to lose close matches."

He appears set to do just that with the Big Ten championships one month away. But while his determination stands on its own, he still requires the assistance of a bulky black leg brace on his left leg on the mat — a precaution he has grown accustomed to over the past two months while healing.

"It's so I don't re-injure my knee, and it seems to be working," he said. "It's getting kind of annoying, but you have to do it."

"Because I was off the mat for so long, I knew that I had to work hard at getting my knee back to full strength. I think that whole process really helped me, and I need to keep building because just because I'm not injured anymore doesn't mean I need to stop working."

His coaches know that won't happen. Following his weekend

bouts on Sunday, Beatty expressed ample disgust with himself despite beating Illinois' Patrick Bond, 2-1, and nearly upsetting Wisconsin's No. 3 Dallas Herbst.

"He's never satisfied," Iowa head coach Tom Brands said. "We have to keep him strong and keep him moving forward — tremendous offensive ability. I don't know if we've seen in it much, but very explosive."

That dynamite demeanor proved to be irreplaceable. During the time off, two different Hawkeyes took to the mat in Beatty's place. Neither could garner a victory, however; sophomore Luke Lofthouse and junior Rick Loera dropped back-to-back matches for Iowa.

"Chad Beatty is an extremely hard worker," said defending 149-pound NCAA champion Brent Metcalf. "He has the right attitude; he just has to continue to go to his offense and finish his shots, and he'll have what he wants."

What Beatty wants is success, and by his definition, that means a national title.

"That's the only success for everyone," he said. "I mean, why are we wrestling if we're

not wrestling for a national championship?"

Beatty finished far from the top of an NCAA podium last season, though, failing to qualify for the national tournament after dropping his first two bouts in the Big Ten championships as the No. 7-seed.

But for the bulk of the 2007-08 season, he had struggled to hold his own as a secondhand 197-pounder. Noticeably smaller than several true behemoths, such as graduated grapplers Phil Davis of Penn State and David Bertolino of Iowa State, the former prep standout from Wilton, Iowa, ended his sophomore season 10-12, going 8-8 in dual meets and a mere 3-5 in conference matches.

Now, after packing on the pounds over the summer, Beatty is a mountain of muscle with a mindset to match.

"I have a lot more confidence now than I did last year," he said. "And I think that is the biggest factor because last year, I think I had all the abilities that I have now, but I was just playing mind games with myself. If I want to be the best, I can't do that."

Getting lonely in men's gym

GYMNASTICS

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"I think all college athletics have changed considerably via the Big Ten and the NCAA," he said. "It used to be what you call a 'small sport.' You know, there's basketball and football, and the other sports were at a different level of funding and of oversight."

"Now, we all have the same NCAA rules to follow, the same regulations, the same paperwork."

With the number of schools to drop their programs, one might expect an abundance of talented gymnasts ready to participate at the Division-I level. But the collegiate level hasn't been the only one to experience a shakedown in men's gymnastics. Dunn noted that numerous high-school programs were dropped in con-

junction with the dropping of the college programs.

As a result, there are a smaller number of good gymnasts to match the smaller number of teams.

Iowa sophomore Ben Ketelsen and junior Reid Urbain didn't let these developments discourage their pursuit of the sport. Ketelsen, a native of Lancaster, Ohio, was recruited by other schools, such as Ohio State, in addition to the Hawkeyes.

"As a younger kid, my coach always told me [competing in college-level gymnastics] was what I was striving for," Ketelsen said. "So I kind of just always thought that was what I was going to do."

Urbain, a former walk-on from Fort Atkinson, Wis., had a different path.

"I've been doing gymnastics

here since I was little for probably about 10 years now at the Iowa Boy's Invitational," he said. "Ever since I went there I always loved the school for gymnastics."

Groups such as the Men's Intercollegiate Gymnastics Support Program have been established to try to improve the state of the sport. On its website, the support program says its aim is to help guarantee that men's intercollegiate gymnastics are continued by promoting the creation of new programs, offering information and allowing people to donate money.

"It hasn't turned around," Dunn said. "That's what we're trying to do in the coaches' association, to get that one program to start, and, of course, it's going to be a little more difficult with the economy the way it is right now."

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Home of Super Strip Bowl

By MITCH STACY

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — There are Lip Stixx, and Centerfolds, and the Bliss Cabaret.

There are Diamond Dolls, and Bare Assets, and the Wild Gentlemen's Club.

In fact, there are, by one count, 43 strip clubs in the Tampa metropolitan area — one for each Super Bowl. And the week of Super Bowl XLIII is to Tampa's naughty nightlife what Black Friday is to America's shopping malls.

All the exotic dancing joints have earned Tampa a bawdy reputation — the lads' magazine *Maxim* even put it on its top-10 list of best U.S. party cities a couple years ago, based mostly on the two score and more night spots to see naked or nearly naked women.

Now, with at least one spot planning to have a tent in the parking lot to handle the overflow of free-spending tourists, locals expect to profit mightily through kickoff Sunday evening.

"Based on what we did last Super Bowl [in 2001], the numbers will quadruple during that weekend," says Nick Polefrone, general manager of 2001 Odyssey, a landmark club known for the spaceship-shaped VIP room rising from the top of the building.

Across the street is Mons Venus, a joint that is listed



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Cars are parked outside an adult-entertainment establishment in Tampa, Fla., on Jan. 22. Tourism officials around Tampa want Super Bowl visitors to know about the balmy weather, post-card pretty beaches, world-class restaurants, and the Latin-flavored entertainment district. But ask a lot of guys who've come to through town what they know about Tampa, and they'll talk strip clubs.

among the best strip clubs in the world by users of a website called the Ultimate Strip Club List. The two upscale clubs — walking distance from Raymond James Stadium, where the Arizona Cardinals will play the Pittsburgh Steelers — have been fixtures for decades. Polefrone figures Tampa's naughty national image grew out from there.

"Tampa has a reputation for having the most strip clubs and the most girls who are a lot of fun," says a 25-year-old exotic dancer named Claudia, who left her usual gig in Las Vegas to work the Super Bowl week here. (She asked that her last name not be used to save her family any embarrassment.)

Claudia says she's worked four previous Super Bowls and expects to make as much as

\$2,000 a day performing at 2001 Odyssey. Most clubs treat the dancers as independent contractors who pay a flat fee to the house and keep the rest.

"It's so crazy; everybody is in a such a party mood," she says. "It's a whole new level of everything."

The clubs have been busy auditioning more dancers and upgrading their interiors. Some will stay open 24 hours.

Vick sues adviser

By LARRY O'DELL

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Imprisoned NFL star Michael Vick is suing a former financial adviser for at least \$2 million, claiming she used his money for her personal and business expenses.

The lawsuit accuses Mary Wong of Omaha, Neb., of fraud, breach of contract, negligence, and other offenses. Vick, who is serving 23 months in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., for his role in a dog-fighting conspiracy, demanded a jury trial in the civil suit filed late last week in U.S. District Court in Norfolk.

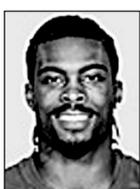
Wong's attorney, James Mitchell of Omaha, did not immediately return a phone call Monday seeking comment. However, he told the Associated Press in an interview in November that Wong "categorically denies that she has ever wrongfully taken one penny from Michael Vick."

The lawsuit also names Williams and Bullocks, a company Wong co-owns with three NFL players: Demorrio Williams of the Kansas City Chiefs and twins Josh Bullocks of the New Orleans Saints and Daniel Bullocks of the Detroit Lions.

According to the complaint, Wong persuaded Vick to give her power of attorney, putting her in control of his finances, but did not disclose that she had been sanctioned by the New York Stock Exchange for depositing a customer's money into her personal bank account.

The lawsuit also alleges Wong transferred to Williams and the Bullocks \$650,000 from Vick's bank accounts and \$175,000 from the sale of Georgia income tax credits owned by Vick. Also, a \$200,000 transfer from a Vick pension plan account could subject Vick to financial penalties, the complaint says.

Vick estimates that those actions, along with the lost value of investments during Wong's year as power of attorney, cost him at least \$2 million. Along with compensatory damages, Vick is seeking unspecified punitive damages.



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Terrell Owens gets reality show

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VH1 announced Monday that the series takes place in the off-season, and TO's best friends and publicists — Monique Jackson and Kita Williams — will help him re-examine his personal

life. The two will work as "match-makers and therapists" for Owens.

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More lessons learned from a lifetime of watching movies

- Standard FBI, CIA, and MI-6 training includes infusing agents' DNA with that of amphibians, thus allowing agents to remain underwater while maintaining strenuous activity for upwards of four or five minutes.
- A gut shot is confirmed thusly: feeling the pain, clutching your gut, staring at the blood on your hands, looking in a silent and horrified manner at the person who shot you, then falling — first to your knees, then onto your face and/or side.
- Many middle-schoolers possess advanced knowledge in chemistry, electronics, and engineering, allowing them to turn normal bicycles into motorized transport, houses into booby-trap-laden obstacle courses, and dilapidated summer camps into five-star resort destinations, normally over the span of no longer than an afternoon.
- There is no vehicle so big or so expensive that it cannot become part of a chase scene.
- City ordinances often mandate that laundry chutes be at least 3-feet wide in all dimensions.
- You know your brand-new, top-of-the-line laptop? It ain't got nothing compared with the speed and storage capabilities of laptops in movies that came out eight years ago.
- Cats always hiss and/or shriek at strangers; they will never flop down on the floor in front of them, exposing their bellies for a good ol' petting. They are better than guard dogs in this respect, which — no matter how well-trained — can be easily dissuaded by a thick cut of raw steak.

- Andrew R. Juhl finds it interesting that thigh underwear was also popular during the reign of King Arthur.

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- Noon** News from Russia (in Russian)
12:30 p.m. News from Québec (in French)
1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Amy Shearn
2 News from Germany (in German)
3 Women at Iowa, Christine Grant
4 Human Rights Week 2009 Convocation
5:30 Shirin Ebadi Lecture 2008, Levitt Lecture with the Nobel Prize Winner
- 6:30** Todd Lickliter News Conference
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9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
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10:30 Daily Iowan Television News
10:45 Special Events Special events at the UI
11 Women at Iowa, Christine Grant

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Tuesday, January 27 2009
- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Take advantage of any past connections to help you move forward now. Reuniting with people will open up new avenues. Make the first move to entice others to get involved in your plans.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 You are in the driver's seat, so don't let anyone push you into making a quick decision. Be the one to set the course of things to come. Don't let emotional issues cause you to miscalculate your position.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Take the initiative, and get things done. Your aggressive behavior will impress onlookers, putting you in a key position to advance. Don't let someone's change of heart slow you down or alter your direction. Stick to your chosen path.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 You may be forced to look at things a little differently, especially concerning the way you are handling money and your relationships. Make a concerted effort to budget. It will prove that you have discipline and stamina and will impress someone important to you.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Don't be too willing to accept what's being offered, especially if emotional factors are involved. You are likely to be deceived by someone who wants to take advantage of your generosity. Time is on your side, so don't move too quickly when you don't have to.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You may be asked to wear a lot of different hats. Do what you can, but if the task is something you know little about, call on an expert. Your insight and ability to delegate will work to your advantage and will help you expand your allies.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't let anyone stop you from following your creative dreams. You have to know that when people don't want you to advance, they are jealous or possessive, or they want to beat you at your own game. Don't get angry — get busy and accomplish things.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Separate your personal, professional, and spiritual life. Emotional matters will escalate, leaving you questioning what to do next. Rely on your basic instincts, and you will make the most beneficial choices for your future.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Don't let love lead you astray. Formulate your ideas, and put them to the test, even if someone is trying to slow you down. Rework old ideas, and you will come up with something entirely new that can work. Being secretive is smart, not sneaky, when you need to have an effect.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 There are deals and settlements that can be made. Don't leave anything to chance when it comes to love, partnerships, or legal matters. Cover yourself, but be sure to make your offer enticing at the same time.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Now is not the time to play games or try to initiate something you know won't be well received. Don't let emotional matters frustrate you. Weed out what isn't working for you, and then move forward.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Trouble with red tape can be expected, especially if you haven't been honest about what really happened. Emotional difficulties stemming from past relationships will resurface. Problems with banks, government agencies, or authority figures will escalate.

today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: daily-iowan-calendar@uiowa.edu

- **Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Spring Semester Seminar, "Defining how cells and the proteasome identify aberrant proteins,"** Kylie Walters, University of Minnesota, 9:30 a.m., 5-5669 Bowen
- **Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m.,** Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Pharmacology Visiting Seminar, "Functional and Molecular Diversity of Voltage-Gated K+ Channels and the Fine Tuning of Neuronal Membrane Excitability,"** Jeanne Nerbonne, Washington University School of Medicine, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- **Diversity and Inclusive Teaching and Learning, Center for Teaching, 11 a.m.,** 2520 D University Capitol Centre
- **Student Organization Information Fair, Office of Student Life, 11 a.m.,** IMU Main Lounge
- **2009 Celebration of Human Rights: Martin Luther King Jr., "Iran: Its Culture & People,"** noon, S742 UIHC General Hospital
- **Department of Microbiology Seminar, "Pseudomonas aeruginosa ExoU:"**

- **Killing from the inside-out,"** Dara Frank, Medical College of Wisconsin, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium 3
- **Hillcrest Blood Drive, DeGowin Blood Center, 4 p.m.,** Hillcrest Riverview Lounge
- **Undergraduate Art History Club Meeting, 5:15,** Java Juice, 122 E. Washington
- **2009 Celebration of Human Rights: Martin Luther King Jr., "The Asian American Dream," 6 p.m.,** Asian Pacific American Cultural Center
- **2009 Celebration of Human Rights: Martin Luther King Jr., "The Feminization of Poverty and Women's Human Rights, 7 p.m.,** Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **A Christmas Tale, 7 p.m.,** Bijou
- **Inclusive Ballroom Dance, 7 p.m.,** Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **UISG Student Assembly Meeting, 7 p.m.,** IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Tuesday Night Social Club, Keepers of the Carpet, Wolves in the Attic, 9 p.m.,** Mill. 120 E Burlington
- **Timecrimes, 9:45 p.m.,** Bijou

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I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE MORTGAGE THIS MONTH. THERE'S NO REASON TO WORRY.

I DOUBT YOUR BANK CAN AFFORD POSTAGE TO SEND YOU AN EVICTION NOTICE.

THAT DIDN'T MAKE ME WORRY LESS. HOW ARE WE SET FOR FIREARMS?

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GREAT TO SEE YOU AGAIN, CLYDE! HOW'S MY GIRL-FRIEND DOING?

GINNY'S BEEN OF NO HELP WHATSOEVER! I CAN'T GET ANY HEADWAY WITH TEAM OBAMA!

TEAM OBAMA?

CLYDE, YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY A NATURAL HIRE. FOR YEARS YOU WERE ONE OF THE MOST STRIDENT RIGHT-WING VOICES IN CONGRESS!

EXACTLY! SO WHY AREN'T THEY CO-OPTING ME?

THERE'RE SO MANY OF YOU, CLYDE. YOU HAVE TO BE PATIENT.

GARRY TRUDEAU

The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 A Turner
 - 4 Plopped (down)
 - 7 Critic, at times
 - 12 Seine sight
 - 13 Oklahoma city
 - 15 "Boom" precursor, in song
 - 16 Unit of cell phone usage: Abbr.
 - 17 Actress Conn
 - 18 Snare again
 - 19 The Wizard of Menlo Park
 - 21 Start of a Latin 101 conjugation
 - 23 Liquid meas.
 - 24 Staff again
 - 25 Show utter disrespect for
 - 28 Went smoothly
 - 30 Three trios
 - 34 City of 100,000+ or the lake it's on
 - 37 Patriotic org.
 - 38 Thin layer
 - 39 Parisian possessive
 - 40 Thanksgiving time: Abbr.
 - 41 Rocket scientist Wernher ____ Brauer
 - 42 Firm up
 - 43 One with absolutely no manners
 - 45 "Awesome!"
 - 46 Limerick land
 - 47 Part of some joints
 - 48 Screenwriter Ephron and others
 - 50 Policy of many hotel shuttles
 - 52 Title giver
 - 56 Engine additive
 - 59 Medical suffix
 - 60 Main course only
 - 61 Moses vis-à-vis the Red Sea
 - 64 "Look what ____!"
- Down**
- 1 Stove feature
 - 2 Skip over
 - 3 Shade of blue
 - 4 Arizona locale famous for its red rocks
 - 5 Have ____ with (know well)
 - 6 Prescription abbr.
 - 7 "Norma ____"
 - 8 Technique
 - 9 Rain check?
 - 10 Part of Q.E.D.
 - 11 Criticizes
 - 14 It's a wrap
 - 15 Easy pace
 - 20 MS. enclosure
 - 22 Season opener?
 - 25 Balkan native
 - 26 ____ even keel
 - 27 Monique ou Dominique
 - 29 Object of many screams
 - 31 Not final, at law
 - 32 Cabinet dept.
 - 33 Gallery on the Thames
 - 34 Coup d' ____
 - 66 Game with matchsticks
 - 67 Biblical landing site
 - 68 Eat by candlelight, say
 - 69 Whitney after whom Whitneyville, Conn., is named
 - 70 Pave over
 - 71 Univ. aides
 - 72 Badge flasher: Abbr.
 - 45 Made good on, as a loan
 - 46 Those, in Madrid
 - 48 Unfavorable
 - 49 Battery poles
 - 51 Libel, e.g.
 - 53 Dug
 - 54 Ancient Roman magistrate
 - 55 "Please ____" (invoice request)
 - 56 Fight, but not all-out
 - 57 Weight allowance
 - 58 Backside, slangily
 - 60 Jazz singer Simone
 - 62 La preceder
 - 63 Ring setting
 - 65 Dah's counterpart

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Puzzle by Joe Krozel

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