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ARTS & CULTURE

Swanson song

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A steady flow of people went into the event on Friday and Saturday.

These canners not only raise money, they also help publicize and promote the event.

Lindsay Lewis is just one of the many students who go “canning” to raise money for the UI Dance Marathon. Starting at 11 p.m. every day this week, bright green shirts fill downtown as donors push for the last big fundraising opportunity before the 24-hour finish event on Friday and Saturday.

“They see our shirts, and they want to buy ours,” said UI junior Karen Wendorf, a Campus Campaign event coordinator.

Ten years ago, the UI Dance Marathon began with 400 participants from the UI community.

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The Dance is his passion

A recent UI graduate and current Dance Marathon morale director hopes to find a career in his passion.

Ryan Howard

Dance Marathon director

Ryan Howard smiled as he recalled his cousin Kira Carstensen singing to a packed ballroom of dancers and families at the UI Dance Marathon in 1995.

“She turned off all the lights in the gym and sang ‘This Little Light of Mine’ to the whole crowd,” he said. “Everyone started singing with her.”

Carstensen battled leukemia for 20 years. In 2007, according to Howard, the IU School of Medicine doctor said she would be dead in February 2007. She lived on for six more years.

“I got more involved with leadership after that,” Howard said.

He began dancing his freshman year, first participating in the Dance Marathon in 2003, when Carstensen was still being treated. Since then, he has spent two years as a Fun Director and then, he spent two years as a morale director.

The Carstensens will be the honorary guest for the 2010 Dance Marathon, his last year in college.

The layoffs are in addition to the 300 contractors who were laid off then as well, bringing the total number who lost their jobs to 1,200.

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Dance Marathon participant is inspired by his family’s love for the cause

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Canners fan out in IC

DANCE MARATHON CONTINUED FROM A1

“My mom had cancer last year, so it was really a personal thing,” said Pamela Curtiss, a sophomore in education, who was one of the students who took to the streets. “I told my friend, fellow UI freshman Rachel Yerkes, that I really wanted to help these kids out.”

On Thursday night, “she said. “Like half a million cans of pop were passing a canner in a fluorescent green T-shirt.”

The best time for receiving donations is from 2 a.m. to 3 a.m., and about 7 a.m., said the UI police force, who monitored the event. According to UI police, “there were approximately three rough penalties that any canners could be given for breaking the law.”

UI hires new consultants

CONSULTANTS CONTINUED FROM A1

A 29-year-old UI emeritus faculty and staff lob and interdepartmental consultant. Vice President for Student Services and Counseling Vice President Tom Rockin asked for his help to set up an event to combat binge drinking among campus students. The UI students have been invited to take part in the new program. Rockin said the new program will help the students to think about their drinking habits and to make better decisions.

UI also hired Tern Gen of Atlanta-based General and Aero, who will work with the UI in developing a communication plan for the new program. General and Aero will receive $140,000 over the next two years for the development of the new program. The new program will be known as the newly created UI’s program of behavior change for students. General’s communication plan will include the use of social media, such as Facebook, Twitter, podcasts, and YouTube videos. The new program will also be available to the students at the UI’s website.

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Podcasts coming slowly to UI

By KATHERINE SERINO

"iTunes may offer free podcasts produced by numerous magazines, television networks, and 168 college and university websites, but the UI isn't on that list," according to the iTunes website, 17 of those schools have recently joined iTunes U—an educational division of the digital media empire—to post lectures and lessons in podcast form. There are thousands of downloadable audio and video episodes and educational content available on iTunes. It is becoming an increasingly popular online medium.

Since 2007, Associate Professor of nursing Joann Eland has been producing her own recorded podcast lectures. She didn't have to look far for ideas to optimize her teaching methods. "If I count the number of people walking down the street with a characteristic white cord in their head, I see at least 10," she says about her short drive to work, which prompted her podcast idea.

The 60-year-old says she understands if students sometimes can't attend her classes, and technology can help them catch up or allow them the convenience of listening to her lectures between their courses. According to an online counter, in her parent-child nursing class, 132 students accessed Eland's podcast lectures more than 300 times just last semester. "What I care most about is that they get the content," she says, adding she thinks it's a way for students to get information in their own time. "If I knew my professors had lectures or review podcasts, I definitely would download and listen to them," he said. The 23-year-old business major said podcasts could be useful to students who miss classroom information for various reasons.

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Locals in D.C. look for flood-relief funds

The Iowa City Chamber of Commerce looks for federal funding in Washington, D.C.

By SHANE ERSLAND

Protection against future flooding in Iowa City was the key issue county and city officials lobbied for in Washington, D.C., on Monday and Tuesday.

Committee members, sent by the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce, asked for federal funding to raise North Dubuque Street in front of the Mayflower and to rebuild the Park Road bridge near Riverside Auditorium. Both locations were under water during the June flood.

Iowa City Councilor Mike O’Donnell said these are projects that need to be addressed.

“Dubuque Street is the main street into town, and Hanchee is very important to the community,” he said.

The committee also requested funding for the relocation of Iowa City Wastewater Treatment & Disposal plant. According to Johnson County Board of Supervisors Chairman Terrence Neuzil, the relocation would be a $63 million project.

Committee members lobbying for Corvallis asked for floodable for the Corvallis Strip, the commercialized stretch of Highway 6, which was also flooded during the summer.

Neuzil said he thinks the chance of getting funding is good because of the politicians Iowa has in Washington.

“But with senior senators, Tom Harkin and Chuck Grassley being in Washington, that puts us in a good position to ask for dollars,” Neuzil said.

Grearley is a member of the Senate since 1980, and Harkin was elected in 1984.

Neuzil said past trips have yielded hundreds of millions in funding for the area.

“I’m pretty optimistic; we’ll see dollars reach us sometime this year,” he said.

The Chamber of Commerce sponsors the trip annually.

Residents look for flood-relief funds

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS

Despite a sharp drop in methamphetamine-related arrests since 2005, numbers are still on the rise, authorities say.

A report from the Iowa Department of Criminal Justice Planning confirmed that meth-related prison incarcerations have steadily decreased since 2005.

The report attributed the trend to the 2005 state law, which restricted the purchase of pseudoephedrine, an ingredient used in the manufacturing of meth.

Iowa City Police Chief Mike Bretherton confirmed the trend, praising the new state’s requirements that mandates pharmacies must not pseudoephedrine behind the counter and keep records of the purchases.

Johnson County Sheriff Lynn Pulkrabek said he saw the same decline in meth production on the ground and that Roth officials agree on the decline having been real.

On the state level, prison incarcerations where meth was the most serious offense fell 50 percent from 2005 to 2008, according to the Iowa Department of Criminal and Juvenile Justice Planning report.

According to the Department of Public Safety, manufacturing or distribution of meth and related offenses fell from 149 in 2007, and possession or use changes fell from 1,608 to 1,019. Overall, drug-related prison incarcerations fell in 2005 for the first time in 10 years and has been declining steadily since.

Despite these declines over the past few years, Pulkrabek is noticing an increase in meth offenses during the last half of 2008.

“The people that manufacture it are getting smarter,” he said, noting that “smurfing” is growing in popularity.

“Smurfing” is a practice of circumventing the law by buying pseudoephedrine from numerous pharmacies through the internet on the federal and state level and then electronic tracking of sales to prevent police and may also shut off ingredients from Mexico.

And though some forecast that this could precipitate a decline in the prison population, saving taxpayers money, Pulkrabek said that this would probably not happen due to the increase in the production of a justice center, which would combine the county’s courthouse and a new jail.

Johnson County has between 35 and 40 inmates housed out of county, he said, and most of the inmates in the jail currently are drug offenders.

Both officials agree the trend is the result of state efforts, with weak, Iowa City police charged at least two for drug-related offenses.

Throughout 2008, Iowa City police seized 1,637 kilogram of meth and reported 38 labs. Iowa City police have shut down more and more labs every year since 2005 — a trend Bretherton said can be attributed partly to the law that went into effect.


Most labs officers in Iowa City have been discovered after tips from neighbors who reported the smell of chemicals from the drug, Bretherton said.

“Smurfing is the illegal reselling of pseudoephedrine to make meth and it’s hard to get,” he said.

Bretherton said he is confident that more labs can be attributed to the law that went into effect, the number of businesses who set up shop to buy, sell or manufacture the drug, Bretherton said.

“I mean this is still going to be a problem for as long as meth is in the world, people will always try to circumvent it.”

Iowa meth arrests down

Officials praise a 2005 meth law, though they’ve seen recent increases in meth-related offenses.
Winds of change start in Iowa

As The Daily Iowan reported Feb. 3, a new study released by the Department of Energy has labeled Iowa as one of the states in the nation that are most likely to become a leader in wind-energy production. This follows over a decade of steady growth in renewable energy sources, which has caused the wind-energy industry to flourish and reach levels of success that were previously thought impossible.

"This is a significant milestone," said Iowa Governor Chet Culver. "We have been working hard for years to position Iowa as a leader in renewable energy, and this study is a testament to the progress we have made."

The study, conducted by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, measured the potential for wind energy in each state based on factors such as wind resource, policy incentives, and market conditions. Iowa ranked fourth in the nation, behind only Texas, California, and North Dakota.

"Our state has a strong commitment to renewable energy," said Culver. "From the moment I was elected, I knew that clean energy was a priority. That's why we have invested so much in this industry and why we continue to support it."}

Letters to the Editor

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Guest Opinions

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NICHOLAS KELLY

In a turn of events that can be described as nothing but surprising, the Supreme Court has issued a pronouncement on the status of Israel which has received widespread praise from both sides of the aisle.

"It is my pleasure to announce that the Supreme Court has ruled in favor of the State of Israel," said Kelly. "This decision is a testament to the strength of our relationship with Israel and our commitment to supporting their efforts to maintain their sovereignty and defend their people."
UI Professor Stephen Swanson's Was My Brother in the Battle? gives a powerful voice to the men and women of the armed forces by tapping into the lessons of history.

By BRIAN DAI

Dear Medium,

I have been shown in the files of the War Department in a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts that you are the mother of five sono ads that dealt apparently on the field of battle.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Swanson

Esposito, will perform a selection of songs from Was My Brother in the Battle? at 8 p.m. today in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber. Swanson has a way of singing while he tells each piece of "ah" or "um" booming out as if he were onstage at one of the dozen of opera he has performed in. The effect can be intimidating, but it’s clear his classically trained pipes are still in top form.

"He has a fantastic voice," Gompper said. "It’s rare to find someone his age who still has that kind of rich and deep voice."

Was My Brother? contains songs from the Civil War through Vietnam War, including a cover of Bob Dylan’s "Masters of War." Despite the inclusion of the outspoken singer/songwriter’s track, Swanson does not consider the record to be a protest album. Instead, he wants his audience to be more aware of what happens to people in times of war. People such as his own son, who served four years in Iraq as a member of the Air Force, or his brother-in-law, who fought in World War II and spent 50 years after the war waking up "screaming and weeping" from post-traumatic stress disorder.

"We put those people in harm’s way, but I don’t think people think about what harm’s way is," Swanson said.

"I am really proud that he offered a story of a defense contractor who was working on the front lines, and then the slapstick humor that gets the most laughs, rather than the outrage and witty dialogue that treated Super Bowl viewers like the most intelligent, but never the most academic, audience."

"Incredibly powerful but never has to be used," the analogy he believes the ideal military is. Though not an outright pacifist, Swanson finds abhorrent.

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"It’s not about the number of guys we can truthfully not make them trash the line," he said.

To borrow a few of the final words from Lincoln’s letter to Bixby, perhaps Swanson can give some kind of "almond pral” from his efforts to shed some understanding on a topic as uninteresting as war.

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"That commercial seems to tell the audience, ‘This year will be OK.’ It is corny and soft-hearted, but the images — accompanied by the song, draw the viewer in.

The nostalgia-crazed ad execs should not underestimate the power of Super Bowl viewers, who often have not heard of the company or the product before the introduction of Apple’s Macintosh computer in a 1984 spot in which a woman chucka a sledgehammer at Big Brother’s image. Super Bowl viewers are more astute than they are portrayed. Ad monitor agencies believe — they understood a literary reference and responded.

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Super Bowl Commercials

As an example, he offered a commercial of the "biggest, most expensive," according to Variety, "in the history of Super Bowl commercials ever.

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By MARLON A. WALKER

RALEIGH, N.C.—Approximately 90,000 sex offenders have been identified and removed from the social-networking websites MySpace, company and law-enforcement officials said on Tuesday.

The number was nearly double what MySpace officials originally estimated last year, said North Carolina Attorney General Roy Cooper, who along with Connecticut Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, has led efforts to make social networking websites safer for young users.

Cooper said he was surprised by the updated numbers, and he demanded that MySpace and rival online networking site, Facebook— which claim to have more than 170 million users combined— do more to protect children and teenagers.

"These sites were created for young people to communicate with each other. Parents are going to troll in those areas where they know children are going to be," Cooper said.

"That's why these social-networking sites have the responsibility to make their sites safe for children.

The attorneys general received agreements last year from MySpace and Facebook to push toward making their sites safer. Both sites implemented dozens of safeguards, including finding better ways to verify users' ages, banning convicted sex offenders from using the sites, and limiting the ability of older users to search members under 18.

Blumenthal, who received MySpace's updated numbers Tuesday through a subpoena, and the information "provides compelling proof that social networking sites remain ripe with sexual predators." A preliminary number of sex offenders found on Facebook was "substantial," but he said the company has yet to respond to a recent subpoena.

MySpace executives said they were confident in the technology they use to find, remove, and block registered sex offenders. The company uses Sentient SARE, a database it created in 2006 with the names, physical descriptions, and other identifiable characteristics of sex offenders that cross-references against MySpace members.

"Sentient SARE is the best industry solution to ensure these offenders are removed from social networks," Blumenthal, the company's chief security officer, said in a statement Tuesday.

MySpace, which is owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corp, has more than 110 million active users worldwide.

A spokesman for Facebook, which claims more than 41 mil- lion active users, said on Tuesday that protecting its users has always been a priority.

Not sex-offender space

By DEANNA BELLANDI

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candidate in a lawsuit for liooking for a job,
Blagojevich decided to go on national television on Tuesday to proclaim his innocence on corruption charges. He refused to step down.

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Hawkeyes try to end road woes

Iowa will attempt to snap its three-game losing streak tonight in Bloomington.

By SCOTT MILLER

It was just over a month ago when Iowa went to Bloomington and dropped a 73-60 overtime thriller against Indiana, and it was just over a month ago when the Hawkeyes fell to Minnesota in their third game, against the Gophers in the state capital. Now, Iowa returns to Bloomington, this time without the Little Brown Jug in tow. The Hawkeyes play the Hoosiers on Tuesday night at Assembly Hall.

"It's a home game, so I think we have a little bit of an advantage, especially with the way our last couple losses have gone," said senior guard Mike Gesell. "So we're just trying to go out there and show the people of Bloomington that we're not going to go 0-3 on the road, we're going to go 1-2 on the road, and win this game." The Hawkeyes will be looking to end a three-game road losing streak tonight. In fact, the Hawkeyes have lost seven straight road games, to carry a 4-14 mark in road contests.

"We just have to go out and get a win," Gesell added. "It's the same story every time. We're always just one game away from breaking this road losing streak, and tonight is no different. We have to go out and win this game, and we can't let up after that." Gesell is not the only Hawkeye that feels the same way. "It's the same story every time. We're always just one game away from breaking this road losing streak, and tonight is no different. We have to go out and win this game, and we can't let up after that." Gesell is not the only Hawkeye that feels the same way. "It's the same story every time. We're always just one game away from breaking this road losing streak, and tonight is no different. We have to go out and win this game, and we can't let up after that." Gesell is not the only Hawkeye that feels the same way. "It's the same story every time. We're always just one game away from breaking this road losing streak, and tonight is no different. 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Buckeyes knock off Purdue

By RUSTY MILLER

COLUmbus, Ohio — Purdue coach Matt Painter wasn't mistaking his audience Saturday night at Ohio State. Painter, a 60-year-old, 200-pound wide receiver from New London, Wyo., runs the 40-yard dash in 4.47 seconds, according to Ervias.com.

"He's a great playmaking ability," Ervias.com national recruiter Craig McCandless said Saturday. "[He] just has been the focus of everything, and he's been at every (Purdue) game, and he's been up to every Ohio State game, and he's been up to every Ohio State home game.

Bringing similar speed is Michigan State's quarterback and receiver Jordan Cotton of Macon, Ill., a junior with a career-high 30 points and 47 40-yard dash, according to Ervias.com.

"He's a junior, and he's got the potential to be a black-and-gold star in the future," McCandless said. "He does have some explosive ability, and he needs to stay at 170 pounds. I think he's one of those guys you need to get the ball in his hands, 30 times a game and let him do his thing.

"He's a three-star, 5-11, 203-pounder from Toledo. He's a junior wide receiver in the class, orally committing in April, which could be his (fathers) birthday. Although his age may be more so a three-star at this time, Rivals.com is entering Iowa with expectations of carrying the ball.

"I mean, he's got great wings, good style running back. Crabtree is a three-star, 5-10, 203-pounder from Toledo. He's a junior in the 2010 class, and he has had a great year. Every time we watch films, he does have some explosion ability, and he needs to stay at 170 pounds. I think he's one of those guys you need to get the ball in his hands, 30 times a game and let him do his thing."

Shane DiRosa will also join Walker and Ruggs in the backfield.

Iowa's de'ar all back?

Josh brown of St. Peters- burg, Fla., could get a shot at quarterback and receiver for Iowa although he seems to be entering as an offensive player, many recruiting experts feel his best position is at defensive back. It's still uncertain what position Brown will likely play for the Hawkeyes, as keep an eye on what the coaches are doing putting him at in the spring.

Crossing over the line

While our defensive counterpart players dominate, Iowa has four commitments that project to defensive positions.

Two players from the Chicago area, Scott Conroy of Lake Forested Martin Hopkins of St. Rita, are both around 6-2 and 240-plus pounds readying future defensive tackles for Iowa. The second is one of former Chicago Bears great Jimbo Covert, but according to Crabtree, "that's not the reason the Hawkeyes are the focus of everyone."

"You have to love that the kid has been a part of football his whole life but, since schools aren't going to give a scholarship to people just because he's somebody's kid," said Crabtree. "There's kids who find kids that will help them do some things, and they make the kids think they think that's the case with the Hawkeyes.

"Tyler Harrell, a 6-4, 255-pound tackle from Flo- rida, are fantastic," Painter said. "He and Mike Hart, a 6-1, 175-pound defensive back from Fort Uni, Ohio, both bring and have athleticism to positions at the line."
Iowa softball head coach Gary Blevins shares her excitement for the weekend during the Meet the Night in Kinnick Stadium on Thursday, The Daily Iowan. Blevins said the Iowa team will compete with at least 15 other teams, and the Big Ten, Iowa’s 2009 campaign will kick this weekend at the Time Warner Cable Texas Invitational in Austin, Texas.

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**Sports**

**Softball ready to roll**

The Iowa softball team will look to pick up where last season left off when it heads to Texas this weekend.

**By JOHN LINDK**

Last spring, the Iowa softball team experienced its fair share of ups and downs. Although the Hawkeyes started the season on a tear, 15-0 to be exact, things started to go downhill from there.

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Iowa was denied a Big Ten title and women’s championship game.

A former Big Ten Player of the Week after hitting .400 against Illinois in the last two regular season games in 2004, Alexander has been a bright spot in her career.

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**Losing the heart**

The experience is something that comes in the heart of a softball team.

**Brown looks for smashing season**

Katie Brown wants to continue having fun and enjoying this season.

**By MIKE SULLIVAN**

Iowa first baseman Katie Brown is one of the most accomplished players in the Big Ten. With a career .472 batting average and 46 home runs, Brown has been a key player for the Hawkeyes.

Brown enters her junior season as one of the best batters in the conference, and she has shown the ability to help the team in those kind of situations.

**Alexa Brown**

The Minneapolis native is one of the most potent pitching threats in the Big Ten.

The junior sprained her right hand after finishing with 10 points, 11 rebounds and six assists in a career. The sophomore finished with 10 points, 11 rebounds and six assists in a career.

**Walin steps up**

With Hamlin out, freshman outfielder Kachine Alexander has been asked to do more. She has stepped into the starting lineup.

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**Why was it hard to find Alex Brown?**

It's a simple formula for Iowa women's basketball player Kachine Alexander — collect a steal, set up a transition, and get to the hole for a basket.

For the 6-foot-1 guard from Crookston, Minn., the game is a matter of confidence.

**Alexander the Great honored again**

After posting a triple-double against Penn State on Sunday, Iowa women's basketball player Kachine Alexander was named Big Ten Player of the Week once again.

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**Chilly Stopping of Winter**

UI student Rachel Sugar (left) and Karina Ferrell stand in a glass box to avoid the wind on Tuesday. Wind chills this morning are expected around -20 degrees.

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**Horoscopes**

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Falling short will cause others to lose confidence in you. Consider if declining an invitation is worth the cost. It’s more important to you to keep the peace anyway. If you feel your social circle is shrinking, there’s a chance you have your own social circle to thank for it. You have a lot of expecting to do. If you fail or fall short you will cause others to lose confidence in you.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

You may want to rethink what you are doing in your personal life. You’re probably trying to do too much, too soon, but there is a way out. You may need to work for you. You will make things happen. You will make promises. A change in plans may influence your professional position. Question your motives. You may be better off explaining what you want in return before you make promises. A change in plans may influence your professional position.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

You’re looking for Ledge Love and romance are in a high cycle, and arrangements should be made accordingly. You may be taking your breakup personally, but it’s only a matter of time before you come to terms with it. If you have confidence in your ability to handle such matters, you will be surprised with your vision and plans for the future.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You’ll surprise everyone with your vision and plans for the future. You will make promises. You will make promises. You will make promises. A change in plans may influence your professional position. Question your motives. You may be better off explaining what you want in return before you make promises. A change in plans may influence your professional position.

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**Daily Break**

**Trendy Tidbits for today’s events**

- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 505 S. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 225 S. Linn
- **Flash, Front and Center — A Public Discussion**, 11 a.m., 351 ELM
- **Hat and Mitten Drive**, noon, Riverside Theatre, 203 N. Gilbert
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