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## Today's webcast

Some of Iowa's recent natural disasters may be the result of climate change. One UI professor explains.

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# Obama touts alt-energy

Earth Day brings Obama to Iowa to speak in a wind-energy plant.

By **SHAWN GUDE**  
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Speaking amid steel columns, a gentle, ever-present whirring sound, and fluorescent factory lights, President Obama implored the country to back his ambitious energy plan in a Newton wind-energy plant on Wednesday.

"The choice we face is not between saving our environment and saving our economy," he said to a small, hand-picked crowd at the Trinity Structural Towers Inc. plant. "The choice we face is between prosperity and decline."

The setting was no accident.

When Newton's Maytag plant closed in 2007, the unemployment rate shot up. Luckily, the Trinity Structural Towers plant — which builds steel tower components for wind turbines — opened shortly after, partially filling the void.

In his remarks, Obama touted the plant as a paragon of the "new, clean energy economy" the country needs to usher in. Iowa trails only Texas in overall wind energy production.

Obama also announced new plans to allow offshore wind exploration, contending that if both land and offshore wind is fully utilized, wind energy could provide 20 percent of the nation's energy by 2030. The realization of such a projection could lead to 250,000 additional jobs as well, he said.

SEE **OBAMA**, 3A

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AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

President Obama discusses energy plans with invited guests at Trinity Structural Towers in Newton on Wednesday. Obama urged Congress to pass a bill this year that puts the country on a path to reduce its carbon pollution.

# Porn, porn, porn

An expert says women's submissive roles in porn films adversely affect today's society.

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While a pornographic-video producer described a scene from his movie, nervous laughter from various UI students filled the darkened auditorium of the Becker Communication Studies Building.

Robert Jensen showed *The Price of Pleasure: Pornography, Sexuality, and Relationships* Wednesday night during an event sponsored by the UI sociology department and the Women's Resource and Action Center. After the screening, Jensen, a consultant to the film, spoke to more than 100 UI students before taking questions from the audience.

Before viewing the controversial film, he lightened the audience's mood.

"You all know what porn is used for, right?" he asked.

He then proceeded to invite all the men in the room who had masturbated in the last 48 hours to stand up and be recognized. Nobody volunteered.

When the film played, viewers were noticeably uncomfortable as they watched degrading sexual acts being performed on women. Females in the feature were often put in disrespectful and submissive positions.

SEE **PORN**, 3A

## ON THE WEB

 Watch video from Wednesday's porn event at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

# Currie, party win UISG vote

Go Party leaders said they're ready to get their platforms accomplished.

By **MICHELE DANNO**  
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After accusations of cheating, backstabbing, name calling, and voting delays, Go Party was victorious in what UI Student Government President-elect Mike Currie called "the longest, hardest-fought campaign" in his three-year tenure.

Currie and JD Moran will be inaugurated on April 26 as president and vice president, respectively. Amanda Boleyn and John Rigby will serve as executive senators. Announced Wednesday night, the group won 54 percent of the votes compared with Your Party's 46 percent.

Additionally, students elected 26 senators from Go Party and 11 senators from Your Party. L Party will not have any senators represented.

"It's such a relief. We're just ecstatic. I can't even describe it," Currie said. "Were really excited to work with everybody and get the ball rolling."



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Go Party presidential candidate Mike Currie (right) and vice-presidential candidate JD Moran celebrate at the Hubbard Commons after winning the UI Student Government election on Wednesday. Go Party won with 54 percent of the votes.

## ON THE WEB

 Watch UI Student Government hopefuls react to Wednesday's results at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

Currie said the new administration plans on immediately "diving into" its 11 platform issues, which include bringing wireless Internet to all areas of campus, opening the library 24 hours, and expanding NiteRide. The party members also have plans to try to lock in tuition

## Go Party elected

**New UISG team will start April 26**  
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and amp up dorm recycling.

SEE **GO PARTY**, 3A

# Frosh-seminar numbers to rise

Instead of burying them in the crowd, increasing freshman seminars could help engage more first-year students.

By **ANNA LOTHSON**  
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Seeing the secret life of a surgeon, learning intricacies of a courtroom, crunching a university budget, or picking at the brain of an engineer — they all have one thing in common.

Each will be the focus of a freshman seminar offered at the UI this fall.

Adding these courses will create a lasting connection, encouraging students to stay for their entire undergraduate career, UI officials say.

"If students feel they can connect to an institution, they can thrive and succeed," said UI Provost Wallace Loh, who will teach a seminar on law and social justice. "We can shrink the psychological size of the university," making freshmen feel less intimidated.

And without heavy textbooks or the rigor of a typical class, the seminars' perks are built right in — including interactive learning.

SEE **SEMINAR**, 3A

## Faculty, administrators reach out

As an effort to retain more first-year students, the UI is increasing the number of freshman seminars. Here are some benefits:

- Intimate classroom setting
- Interactive learning
- Complex subjects simplified
- Interesting topics
- Experts from various fields
- Direct interaction with administrators

Source: UI Provost Wallace Loh



# Students show off garden

A student-run garden will be unveiled as part of Earth Week on campus.

By MARY HARRINGTON  
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From a small plot of West Campus land, a new university garden will provide fresh crops for IMU diners.

The new student-run garden will grow vegetables for volunteer gardeners and on-campus eaters alike, with the bulk of each garden harvest traveling to IMU kitchens.

"The students decided that finding a way to grow food themselves and then incorporate it into the campus would be a great way to learn about regional food systems as well as the practical skills involved in gardening," said UI graduate student Adam Perkins, the manager of the garden.

Perkins and student volunteers grow everything from potatoes to peas on the one-third acre. Last year, the group had a plot of tilled land near North Hall, but the space was too shady. Now, members of the UI Environmental Coalition finally have the proper location to further one of the group's eco-friendly goals.

For some of these devoted volunteers, every weekend is kicked off with a Friday After



WHITNEY WRIGHT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Volunteers and members of the UI Environmental Coalition work together to build a greenhouse at the Community Garden on Hawkeye Park Road on Wednesday. The greenhouse is designed to be movable depending on the season.

Class session of afternoon gardening rather than downtown drinking.

"It's always wonderful to play around in the dirt," said UI sophomore Jacob Snyder. "I hope to spend as much time out here at the garden as possible."

On Wednesday, several volunteers helped construct a new greenhouse that will function as a plant home throughout the seasons. The portable structure was purchased with more than \$4,500 granted to the coalition from the UI Student Government. The greenhouse and garden will operate on campus for many years to come, Perkins said.

"We have some of the best soil in the world right here in Iowa, so I'm glad we can actual-

ly do something beneficial with what we already have available," said Stephanie Enloe, the coalition's president. "In this area there's already a push for a good local food system. We're just pushing that further, into education."

Perkins said the garden will be integrated into the university's environmental science classes as a volunteer opportunity and made available to teachers and students from the Iowa City Community School District as a learning location.

"This garden is a great example of our sustainability efforts at the UI, and I'm very proud of the students who initiated this effort," UI President Sally Mason said in a statement.

Today at 1:30 p.m., Mason

## Earth Week On Campus

Several more Earth Week events are open to the public the rest of the week:

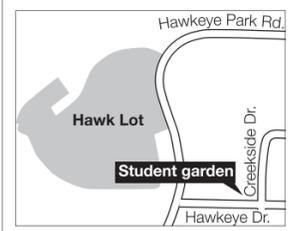
- Sally Mason will speak at the student garden open house at 1:30 p.m. today.
- The film *The Future of Food* will be shown at 8 p.m. today.
- Tree planting will take place on Friday morning on the Pentacrest.

Source: UI News Service

## New garden

The one-third-acre garden is located on the West Side near the tennis complex.

Near the Hawkeye Drive Apts.



Dan Ambrisco/The Daily Iowan

## ON THE WEB

Watch a video feature and see a photo slide show on the garden at [dailiowan.com](http://dailiowan.com).

will visit the garden for an open house hosted by the UI Environmental Coalition and the Office of Sustainability. The event is a part of the on-campus Earth Week activities.

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# Magistrate distribution questioned

Judges doubt life will be any easier after county magistrates are redistributed throughout the state.

By ZHI XIONG  
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Johnson County could gain two magistrates if the state court administrator has his way. But a lawsuit filed Monday questions whether it's even legal to do so.

"He just doesn't have that authority," said Judge Warren Bush, who is suing State Court Administrator David Boyd.

Boyd notified judicial workers last week about a magistrate reapportionment across Iowa. With the judicial system suffering from budget cuts, the state can only afford to redistribute the judges, said 6th District Magistrate Bruce Goddard.

Magistrates are part-time judicial workers who handle a wide range of cases. They preside over search warrants, small claims, simple misdemeanors, and initial appearances after someone is arrested.

The shuffling is based on a

new weighted caseload formula developed by the National Center for State Courts. Researchers tailored the study to Iowa's judges and magistrates.

Rather than volume alone, the new formula considers the type of cases and time required to handle them. Johnson County could have six magistrates — a 50 percent increase. But new positions take away from 16 counties, each of which would be left with only one magistrate.

Bush said Goddard should have announced the changes at least a month ago.

"He didn't follow the code," he said. "The Legislature set the rules, and that's what you have to follow."

Bob Brammer, a spokesman for the state Attorney General's Office, said another judge filed a similar suit.

Steve Davis, a communications officer for the Iowa

Supreme Court, declined to comment.

Bush said the workload study should have considered geographic area to better protect rural counties' interests. Losing his associate means Bush could be on-call 24 hours a day. He would have to drive from city to city in Sac County to hear all of the cases.

Magistrates also deal with adult mental-health and substance-abuse commitment cases. Judge Robert Shimanek of Jones County said those issues are particularly worrisome with the reapportionment because they account for many emergency on-call cases in rural areas.

The Jones County native would also have sole responsibility for taking those calls if the redistribution carries through.

But Goddard and urban area magistrates may not see less work. Magistrates in Johnson County could absorb cases from rural areas — the same ones that funneled judges to the more populated counties, said Lodema Berkley, Johnson County clerk of court.

Berkley said the clerk's office

will need to be flexible with scheduling, and the public will likely not suffer notable changes in proceedings with the reapportionment.

Goddard said he noticed the strain years ago, adding he spends time outside the courtroom to research and write rulings for the county.

Bush said he cannot work full-time for a part-time salary — roughly between \$35,000 to \$37,000 per year. He expects more work in upcoming weeks because the state courts will begin issuing marriage certificates for same-sex couples April 27.

To make for a more difficult summer, based on a four-year cycle, all magistrates are supposed to reapply for their positions starting in May. The new judges should be in place Aug. 1.

Despite the pending lawsuit, Bush turned in his application already. Shimanek, on the other hand, is not sure he will do the same.

"I believe there are going to be a number of qualified applicants who are going to reconsider their effort and time commitment," he said.

## METRO

### IC police get 2 new officers

Iowa City police Chief Sam Hargadine welcomed two new officers to the department Wednesday.

Tyler LaKose, 21, from Walford, Iowa, has served as a reserve officer for the University Heights police since January 2008 and has taken classes from Kirkwood Community College toward an Associate of Arts degree in criminal justice, according to a release.

Travis Neeld, 25, from New Boston, Ill., has a B.S. degree in criminal justice from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo. He has worked as a full-time dispatcher for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office since July 2008, the release said.

Both men are scheduled to attend the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy at Camp Dodge in Johnson, Iowa, for 13 weeks beginning April 27. Following graduation from the academy they will begin a field-training program with Iowa City police.

LaKose and Neeld were hired to fill vacancies created by resignations of two

veteran officers.

— by Regina Zilbermints

### 2 file motions in meth case

A man and woman accused of manufacturing methamphetamine in a Swisher, Iowa, lab filed motions Tuesday, one pleading not guilty and the other asking to postpone his preliminary hearing.

Amy Schuerer and William Wessels were arrested and charged March 20, when police executed a search at 1603 Blairs Cemetery Road. Authorities allegedly found a camper housing an "active meth lab," records show.

They arrested Schuerer, Wessels, and three others at the scene. Possession of a controlled substance precursor is a Class D felony, which carries a maximum five-year prison sentence and \$7,500 fine.

Philip Mears of Iowa City represents Schuerer, 40. He filed a written arraignment and not-guilty plea April 21, court records show.

Wessels, 24, is held in the Marshall County Jail. He will not appear in court until April 30.

— by Zhi Xiong

### Yacht Club temporarily closed

Popular Iowa City music venue the Yacht Club is temporarily closed, according to its website. Scott and Thane Kading, who own the establishment, 13 S. Linn St., did not return phone calls or e-mails.

The Yacht Club's official website notifies visitors to "check back for updates."

Tonight's planned performance, Substatic and Thrunch, has been canceled. Local ensemble Euforquestra's two-day live recording concert at the venue, scheduled for Friday and Saturday nights, was relocated to the Camp Euforia festival in Lone Tree. That event is booked for July 17 and 18.

The Yacht Club's website does not include any information about when the venue hopes to reopen.

— by Meryn Fluker

### Education-bill impasse continues

The Iowa House continued the legislative impasse on the state education budget Wednesday, refusing to concur with the version the Senate approved on Tuesday.

The bill now goes to conference committee, where the two chambers will hammer out differences and come up with a final version of the bill to send to Gov. Chet Culver.

While changes will be made, students likely won't see any differences from initial projections. The preliminary education budget plan released early this month proposed slashing roughly 12 percent from the state Board of Regents' budget and about 8 percent from most other education areas. Despite other relatively minor alterations, those numbers have held true through the process.

Lawmakers hope federal stimulus money will be plentiful enough to offset the regents' disproportionate cut.

— by Shawn Gude

## POLICE BLOTTER

Darrin Blackwell, 44, 1314 Broadway, was charged Tuesday with fifth-degree theft.

Cassandra Creasy, 21, 522 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 3, was charged March 3 with fourth-degree theft.

Cecillia Harris, 28, 1958 Broadway Apt. 3C, was charged April 13 with

second-degree theft.

Craig Latsa, 48, 424 S. Lucas St. Apt. 9, was charged Wednesday with possession of prescription drugs and disorderly conduct.

Alex Martinez, 25, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

Joseph Mendez, 29, 1412 Lower Muscatine Road, was charged Monday with first-degree harassment and interference with official acts.

Evangelina Ramirez, 31, 1205 Laura Drive Lot 16, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Lamar Thomas, 30, 1053 Cross Park Ave.

Apt. H, was charged Tuesday with domestic assault.

Wesley Turner, 20, 1132 Hotz Ave., was charged April 9 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Deondre Wilkins, 22, 2110 Davis St. Apt. B, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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# Speaker: Porn misuses women

**PORN**

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"I was shocked," said UI junior Lori Sorenson, 21. "I don't watch porn; I didn't know that stuff went on."

Jensen, a journalism professor at the University of Texas-Austin, travels across the country to show the film on college campuses. He said his goal is to increase awareness on the male domination and overt violence occurring in the porn industry.

"This forces us to look at the way women are viewed in society," he said.

When a student asked Jensen whether he felt pornographic images should be made more tasteful or altogether eliminated, he said he didn't have an answer.

"Before we ask ourselves 'what images would be permissible,' we should ask ourselves 'Do we need images?'" he said.

But some feel the availability of porn is justified by its strong demand.

Alan, a manager at Adult Bookstore in Clinton — who



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY CHRISTY AUMER/THE DAILY IOWAN

**This photo illustration depicts a porn-viewing experience. University of Texas Professor Robert Jensen gave a lecture dealing with pornography and society's perception of women in the Becker Communication Studies Building on Wednesday.**

declined to give his last name — said controversial images in porn films are inevitable.

"What we sell here is what everybody does behind

closed doors," he said. "It's just part of life."

Jensen's research at the University of Texas focuses on the depiction of porn from a feminist nature. He

said the naturalization of porn in today's society has made it easier for men to objectify women.

"Our culture is training men to be this way," he said.

# Obama visits Newton plant



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

**President Obama leaves the stage after talking to invited guests at Trinity Structural Towers in Newton on Wednesday.**

**OBAMA**

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"It's a win-win," he said. "It's good for the environment; it's great for the economy."

Obama's visit was a clear manifestation of the "perpetual campaign" in modern presidency, UI political-science Associate Professor David Redlawsk said.

"Presidents like to go out and talk directly to people," Redlawsk said. "If you have particular policy preferences, you have to do it inside in Washington, and you also kind of have to get the public behind you. That's just a part of the modern presidency."

The energy plan Obama outlined Wednesday was multifaceted.

He called on American consumers to change inefficient energy habits — "I think the American people are ready to be part of a mission," he said — but contended the government and private sector should play an indispensable role as well.

Attacking previous administrations, Obama also argued the country has been slow to embrace international cooperation on global warming.

"Those days are over," he said. "We are ready to engage."

One component of Obama's plan is a controversial cap-and-trade program, which would essentially put a price on emitting greenhouse gases. The ultimate goal is to drive down carbon emissions that contribute to global warming, but critics charge the program would place an undue economic burden on companies and consumers.

In addition, he said while ethanol, nuclear power, and domestic oil production — which should be increased in an "envi-

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— David Redlawsk, UI political science Associate Professor

ronmentally sustainable way," Obama said — are effective transition sources, "the bulk of our efforts must focus on unleashing a new, clean energy economy."

The composition of the crowd was diametrically opposed to Obama's 2007 Earth Day visit. During that stop, around 8,000 people packed the UI's Pentacrest to get a glimpse of the then-presidential hopeful.

On Wednesday, state political heavyweights — Gov. Chet Culver and U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack were there, among others — filled the folding chairs, alongside plant employees.

"I'm tickled to death," said Rep. Leonard Boswell, D-Iowa. "I've been involved in alternatives since the '70s, and I couldn't be more pleased that the president of the United States is absolutely committed to it."

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, concurred.

"Any time the president of the United States comes to Iowa, it's a great event," Dvorsky said, noting the extra significance for Obama because of last January's caucus win that catalyzed his campaign.

# Go Party wins election

**GO PARTY**

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The grueling campaign began March 30 with Go Party, Your Party, and L Party vying to be the new UISG leaders. A technical glitch in the online voting system delayed the vote a week and required everyone to revote, possibly discouraging some students from participating, some observers said.

After this issue, 22.21 percent of the students voted, officials from Student Elections Board said. This is a marked decrease from last year, when 32.53 percent of the students voted.

The election was based on instant runoff voting, so the

party with the least votes was eliminated first. The L party was knocked out in the first round, so those who voted for that party instead had their second-choice vote counted.

Your Party presidential candidate Emily Grieves said her group's members still plan to be involved in UISG next year.

"A lot of our senators got elected, and there are a lot of ways to stay involved and get things done on this campus," she said.

Currie said he is happy with the senators from Your Party who were elected as well.

Caitlin Ross, an elected Your Party senator, said she is still looking forward to serving on UISG despite her party's loss.

"I'm sure it would have been

a lot more fun if all my friends got elected with me," she said. "But there are still a lot of issues that I can help out with and advocate for students on."

L Party presidential candidate Ryan Kopf said, despite the defeat, he was happy to have had a chance to talk to students throughout his campaign.

"Were not discouraged," Kopf said. "I believe we still have a lot of good ideas and there is still a lot we can accomplish. I really hope to see Mike and JD pick up on some of our ideas, and I wish them the best and congratulations."

The senator to receive the most votes, Kyle Schwarz, admitted he had been pretty nervous leading up to the

announcement.

"This was a highly contested race, and I really honestly didn't know who was going to come out on top," Schwarz said. "It was completely exhilarating and it was really just about the best outcome we could have asked for."

Schwarz, who was a senator-at-large on the 2008-2009 government, added he thinks this administration has a better mix of senators.

"We're really happy with the balance we have with returning senators, new senators, and fresh ideas, combined with the know-how of student government to start work right away," he said.

All new officials will be sworn in April 26.

# UI to offer more frosh seminars

**SEMINAR**

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Having just 18-20 students, the classes offer an engaging experience while creating social connections among peers and top university administrators.

Loh said he has been getting an influx of faculty eager to volunteer to teach these courses, including experts stemming from fields in medicine, economics, finance, psychology, energy, among others.

"It's going to be fantastic," he said, noting students will be exposed to experiences otherwise often impossible to witness.

Helena Dettmer, associate dean for undergraduate programs and curriculum, said data have shown engaging new students is critical in retention.

"It provides an opportunity to see faculty research," she said.

While the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences introduced the freshman seminars in 1997, the slowly growing trend will get a significant boost next year.

Offered to roughly 20 percent of freshmen currently, Loh said he thinks the UI is "lagging behind" in offering seminars. He said he hopes to see the program expanded to at least 50 percent of freshmen next fall, and 100 percent the following year.

Currently, there are around 40 seminars offered, but under Loh's vision, this would grow to roughly 200 by 2010.

Expanding these courses — which will be taught by tenured faculty — often sparks new interests students might otherwise overlook, said Kathryn

Hall, UI assistant to the associate deans in the College of Liberal Arts in Sciences.

"Faculty behind a podium seem far away," she said, and the up close and personal quality should be intriguing.

Excited about teaching a course on managing finances, Senior Vice President for Finance Doug True said these are "enriching programs."

By allowing freshmen to par-

'By looking, by seeing, by asking questions, it's great innovation. It creates contact with people we are here to serve.'

— Doug True, Senior Vice President for Finance

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# Dems lean toward probe of interrogation techniques

By LARRY MARGASAK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Brushing aside the president's suggestions, congressional Democrats pushed ahead firmly on Wednesday toward investigations into the Bush administration's harsh interrogation of terror suspects including hundreds of instances of waterboarding and other abusive practices.

President Obama said a day earlier that if there was to be an investigation, the independent commission that looked into the 9/11 attacks would be a better model than a congressional probe that might break down along party lines. But Democrats were moving in their own directions, and Republicans were united in their opposition to a commission that they see as an effort to vilify George W. Bush now that he is out of office.

Democrats moved toward separate hearings in the House and Senate and seemed to be jostling each other for leadership roles on the issue, all but ignoring Obama's effort to head off an uncontrolled, partisan sprint toward a rash of probes that could impair the foreign policy he now steers.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein of California pointedly noted that her Intelligence Committee already is investigating the Bush administration's legal underpinnings for the interrogation program and the value of information gained from it. And several Democratic leaders appeared to favor using



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**President Obama speaks in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building on April 16 in Washington. Despite Obama's advice, congressional Democrats are jostling to begin investigations into harsh U.S. interrogation techniques that occurred during the Bush administration.**

that panel for any hearings.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said the Intelligence Committee inquiry

"will answer a lot of the questions the American people have ... One way or another, there needs to be a public accounting

of these troublesome policies."

There was no shortage of other ideas for how that might be achieved.

The chairmen of both the Senate and House Judiciary committees. Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont and Rep. John Conyers of Michigan, are proposing an independent "Truth Commission," and Conyers also is planning committee hearings of his own. His panel is populated with liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans, a prescription for a bitter fight.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said she supports a Truth Commission. Her spokesman, Brendan Daly, said she also supports Conyers' plan to hold separate hearings.

Republicans were decidedly unenthusiastic.

Sen. Kit Bond of Missouri, vice chairman of the Intelligence Committee, said he supports that panel's bipartisan review but opposes Leahy's idea of a Truth Commission.

Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, also dismissed the idea of a separate commission probe, saying, "All of the facts are readily available to the Department of Justice."

The investigation is up to the government's new Obama officials, he suggested. "Once the administration has a key to the front door, which they've had for several months, all they have to do is find the right filing cabinets and open them, which they're already doing," he said.

# GM to temporarily close most plants

By TOM KRISHER  
Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. is planning to temporarily close most of its U.S. factories for up to nine weeks this summer because of slumping sales and growing inventories of unsold vehicles, two people briefed on the plan said Wednesday.

The exact dates of the closures are not known, but both people said they will occur around the normal two-week shutdown in July to change from one model year to the next. Neither person wanted to be identified because workers have not been told of the shutdowns.

GM spokesman Chris Lee would not comment other than to say the company notifies employees before making any production cuts public.

One of the people briefed on the plan said a few plants that make more popular models could remain open for part of the shutdown period, but at reduced assembly line speeds.

Thousands of workers could be laid off but would still get most of their pay because their United Auto Workers union contract requires the company to make up much of the difference between state unemployment benefits and their wages.

GM is living on \$13.4 billion in government loans and faces a June 1 deadline to cut its debt, reduce labor costs and take other restructuring steps. If it doesn't meet the deadline, the company's CEO has said it will enter Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

UAW officials at several factories said they have meetings scheduled today and Friday with plant managers and GM human resource officials to discuss production changes.

The automaker's sales were down 49 percent in the first quarter compared with the same period last year, and GM had a 123-day supply of cars and trucks at the end of March, according to Ward's AutoInfoBank. That's down

from 162 days worth in January.

But as of March 31, the automaker had a more than six-month supply of several models including the Pontiac G5 compact and Chevrolet Silverado hybrid pickup truck. The lengthy shutdown likely means that GM doesn't see its sales rebounding anytime soon, said Tom Libby, an independent Detroit-area auto industry analyst.

"They must be forecasting a sales level that is low enough between now and the summer that they see their inventories building," he said. "It's sort of an ominous comment on what they see for the industry."

The company could be seeing sales decline because of talk about a potential bankruptcy, Libby added.

GM CEO Fritz Henderson has said the company would prefer to restructure outside of court, but it is preparing for a prearranged bankruptcy as well as one in which good assets would be separated from underperforming ones.

"Just using the word bankruptcy, their [market] share is down a lot just because of this talk," Libby said. "They may be counting on a further decline."

Libby, however, said GM should be applauded for not building too many vehicles and then having to spend big on rebates and other incentives to move them, something the Detroit Three have been guilty of in the past.

Some GM dealers said a shutdown of up to nine weeks is jarring, but not unexpected given the sales slump.

"Nine weeks seems like an awful long time, but the way business is, not an awful lot of cars are being sold anyway," said George Tasker, fleet manager at Martin Chevrolet in Torrance, Calif.

Tasker said the move wouldn't affect business, as dealers would "get together and trade more easily" to find the exact car a customer wanted.

AP writer Kimberly S. Johnson contributed to this report.

# Freddie Mac CFO found dead

By ALAN ZIBEL  
and MATTHEW BARAKAT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chief financial officer of money-losing mortgage giant Freddie Mac was found dead in his basement early Wednesday morning in what police said was an apparent suicide.

David Kellermann, 41, apparently hanged himself, said a law-enforcement official familiar with the investigation. He asked not to be identified because the investigation was ongoing.

Kellermann's death is the latest in a string of blows to Freddie Mac since it was seized by the government in September 2008. The company, which owns or guarantees around 13 million mortgages, has been criticized for financing risky loans that fueled the real-estate bubble and are now defaulting at a record pace. Critics of those critics, however, point out that Freddie Mac was a late-comer to the subprime market.

Freddie Mac lost more than \$50 billion last year, and the Treasury Department has pumped in \$45 billion to keep the company afloat. Last month, David Moffett, the government-appointed chief executive, resigned in frustration over strict oversight.

Kellermann worked for Freddie Mac more than 16 years, starting out as a financial analyst and auditor. He was named acting chief financial officer last September when the government ousted former CEO Richard Syron and Kellermann's predecessor Anthony S. "Buddy" Pizsel.

Neighbors said Kellermann had lost a noticeable amount of weight under the strain of the new job. Some neighbors said they suggested to Kellermann should quit to avoid the stress, but Kellermann responded that he wanted to help the company through its problems. The neighbors did not want to be quoted by name because they didn't want to upset the family.

As the company's financial chief, Kellermann oversaw a staff of around 500 and was working on the company's first-quarter financial report, due by the end of May. Federal regulators closely oversee the company's books and sign off on major decisions.

That relationship has been tense and stressful, with Kellermann working long hours, a col-



(AP PHOTO/LUIS M. ALVAREZ)

**An unidentified woman and man leave the home of David Kellermann, the acting chief financial officer of mortgage giant Freddie Mac, in Vienna, Va., Wednesday, April 22, 2009. Kellermann he was found dead at his home Wednesday morning in what police said was an apparent suicide.**

league said. Freddie Mac executives recently battled with federal regulators over whether to disclose potential losses on mortgage securities tied to the Obama administration's housing plan, said a person familiar with the deliberations who was not author-

ized to discuss the matter publicly.

Freddie Mac and sibling company Fannie Mae have both come under fire from lawmakers because they plan to pay more than \$210 million in bonuses through next year to give workers the incentive to

stay in their jobs. Kellermann got \$170,000 and was to receive another \$680,000 over the next year.

Federal prosecutors in Virginia have been investigating Freddie Mac's business practices. But two U.S. law enforcement officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the Freddie Mac investigation, said Kellermann was neither a target nor a subject of the investigation and had not been under law enforcement scrutiny.

Police responded to a 911-call at 4:48 a.m. at the suburban Virginia home Kellermann shared with his wife Donna and 5-year-old daughter Grace.

Paul Unger, who lives across the street from the Kellermanns in the Hunter Mill Estates community in Fairfax County, called the family a "solid, salt-of-the-earth kind of family" that hosted the neighborhood's Halloween party. "He was just a nice guy ... You cannot imagine what kind of pressures he must have been under," Unger said.

AP writers Matt Small, Kamala Lane, Devlin Barrett, Matt Apuzzo, and Corey Williams contributed to this report.

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# District cuts library positions

Though they regret cutting librarian positions, School District officials said it is necessary.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS  
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Iowa City School District officials recently announced they will reduce several library positions — a move one librarian called a “big mistake.”

At Shimek and Hills Elementary Schools — the two smallest in the district with fewer than 200 students — two full-time librarians will become half-time. Both will keep their jobs because of openings at other schools in the district, said Assistant Superintendent Ann Feldmann.

Seven full-time library secretaries will have their positions slashed to half-time and lose significant benefits in the process, but no one will lose her or his job, Feldmann said.

“We made the decision that we would look at the media centers and so we decided to make the level of staffing more proportional with our building size,” Feldmann said.

West High School librarian Jill Hofmocker emphasized how vital librarians are to students’ educations.

“We teach. We teach a lot more than people might have a perception of,” she said.

Librarians at the elementary level may actually teach children directly while their classroom teachers are holding planning sessions, while librarians at the high school level do more collaborative work with other departments.

Hofmocker said cuts to professional librarian and library secretary positions will both have

an impact. Fewer professional librarians will limit how they can pass what’s in the curriculum along to students, while a lack of secretaries may result in children being unable to access library materials and check out books. This can be particularly detrimental to children at the elementary school level.

“If they don’t come out of younger grades loving reading and having a rich and wonderful collection available to them, they’ll be less likely to be enthusiastic readers when they are older,” Hofmocker said.

And Iowa City school libraries have long been nationally renowned. The curriculum developed for Iowa City schools years ago is now distributed across the country and many districts purchase it when developing their own programs.

“We do have an effect; we really, really do,” Hofmocker said.

Feldmann said while she

regrets the reductions, they are a necessity as the district struggles to cut \$6 million from its budget.

Officials have already cut a safety director position, reduced some summer school, and considered changing the way busing works. Administrators took a pay freeze, and one administration position was cut.

Six classroom teacher positions were cut at the secondary level, and 1.25 positions have been cut at the elementary level, Feldmann said. Teachers will have, on average, another 0.5 students per classroom.

Overall, officials said they’re having a hard time not cutting personnel when so much of the budget goes towards that, Feldmann said.

“We know affecting employees lives is very painful, and we’re doing everything we can to look at other areas besides personnel,” she said. “But when 80 percent of our budget is people, you can’t avoid it.”

# Going green, and burning down the house

By PHUONG LE  
Associated Press

EDMONDS, Wash. — Trying to live green and beat high gasoline prices, some enterprising Americans are turning cooking oil into biodiesel in their garages. Problem is, some of these do-it-yourselfers are burning down the house.

Fire officials around the country are warning of the dangers and considering new restrictions to make sure people don’t torch the whole neighborhood.

“You won’t find a rule anywhere that says you can’t cook biodiesel in your garage,” said Bob Benedetti, an inflammable-liquids engineer for the National Fire Protection Association in Quincy, Mass.

Ferocious fires and explosions blamed on backyard refining operations have been reported in Washington state, Arizona, Colorado, Massachusetts and Oregon. No deaths or serious injuries have resulted, but some fire officials say it is only a matter of time.

In recent years, many Americans have discovered that diesel cars can run on fuel made primarily from vegetable oil, and about the only drawback is a French fry smell. Some motorists are going so far as to brew their own fuel from used frying oil obtained from restaurants, which are often glad to get rid of the gunk for little or no charge.

Biodiesel is typically made by combining the cooking oil with methanol, or wood alcohol, in a mixture heated to about 120 degrees. But methanol is highly inflammable. And frying oil, as



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Lyle Rudensy holds a cup of refined homemade biodiesel that he made from used cooking oil in his garage Wednesday in Seattle. Rudensy urges people who make their own fuel to take precautions such as storing chemicals in metal cabinets and keeping fire extinguishers on hand.

any cook knows, can catch fire if it gets too hot or comes into contact with a flame.

The results can be spectacular, particularly in cases where home refiners have stockpiled tanks and barrels of material.

When a barn caught fire in 2006 outside Canby, Ore., “it was a huge column of black smoke unlike anything I’d ever seen in a typical fire,” said Canby Fire Marshal Troy Buzalsky. “We had flames that scorched nearby 70-foot trees. It was so hot that it burned aluminum and sagged metal.”

The blaze was caused by an electrical short, and the flames eventually ignited a 275-gallon plastic container of fuel.

“I took a lot of safety measures. It was pretty mind-blowing when I did have a fire,” said Jeff Brandt, the barn’s owner. He said had even visited his local firehouse to let them know what he was doing. But the blaze hasn’t discouraged Brandt from continuing to make fuel.

In Phoenix, officials may restrict residential biodiesel production to properties of one acre or more, Fire Chief Bob Kahn said.

“We’re trying not to discourage people from doing it,” Kahn said. But “when you’re rendering in it in a garage in a family or neighborhood setting, you’re exposing an awful lot of people to this potential hazard.”

Setting up a home biodiesel operation is relatively easy. With hundreds of how-to guides posted online and kits for sale, enthusiasts can get started with less than \$500.

“It’s a fun little hobby, like making your own beer,” said Lyle Rudensy, who brews about 50 gallons per month in his Seattle garage to heat his home and run his car. “It’s really kind of neat to go into your garage and fill up.”

But in the classes he has taught for three years, Rudensy urges people to take precautions such as storing chemicals in metal cabinets and keeping fire extinguishers on hand. Similarly, Bill Carney, who gives workshops in Louisiana, said he tries to scare his students with horror stories and pictures of fires.

In the Phoenix suburb of Surprise, fumes from chemicals used to make biodiesel caused an explosion and fire at a home in August. In Colorado in 2006, a homeowner who was processing a tank of homemade biodiesel forgot to turn off the heating element, and a fire burned the surrounding shed and equipment. Investigators found seven 55-gallon barrels of methanol and other hazardous materials.

In Monroe, not far from Seattle, chemical vapors caused an explosion last May in an attached garage where a homeowner was brewing biodiesel. Firefighters put out the fire before it caused serious damage. In December, a biodiesel blaze broke out in a shed in Edmonds, a Seattle suburb, and quickly destroyed the owner’s house.

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## Editorial

## Libraries' fine enforcement borders on excessive

Libraries across eastern Iowa are cracking down on fines. Many people who have returned overdue items to their local libraries are finding themselves being hounded by collection agencies as the libraries become adamant about late returns.

While these fees are obviously important to the library — especially in tough economic times — the measures libraries take to get those fees is a bit excessive. On campus, library fines can block students from registering. For faculty, an overdue fine could mean a levied paycheck.

Like many public libraries across Iowa, UI Libraries is cracking down on student and faculty fines. Amy Paulus, the head of Access Services for the University of Iowa Libraries, says that after a fee accumulates to \$6 or more, the Libraries sends the fee to the University Business Office. According to Paulus, the \$6 fee is equivalent to a recalled book being overdue for two days, a course reserve book being overdue for three hours or two days, depending on the loan length, or a book with a two-week or less loan period being overdue for 12 days.

Once the fee is handed over to the University Business Office, the UI can enforce payment of the fine in one of several ways. For faculty and staff, Paulus says, the university can take the fee out of their paychecks. For students, an accumulation of fees could mean being restricted from registering for classes or having transcripts withheld until the fees are resolved. She says that the purpose of the fines is to make sure all students, faculty, and staff have access to library materials.

While we understand the purpose of the university enforcing certain penalties and restrictions for library fines, telling students they can't register for classes because of a

small fee is a little extreme. The UI Libraries does have the right to collect its money, but the penalties it enforces can have serious consequences for students.

At an institution as large as the UI, registering for classes can often be a challenge. Depending on the size of certain programs, the demand for specific courses can be overwhelming. In many lectures, on the first day of classes, it's not unusual to see students sitting on the floor because of the lack of space in an overcrowded classroom.

Placing restrictions on student registration only complicates this. It's already difficult enough for students to be admitted into the classes they need in order to graduate on time; adding more obstacles to the process could prevent students from completing their programs. In many programs, preregistration for classes is required. This process guarantees a student will be admitted to at least one of the classes he or she needs to earn a degree. Without these classes being secured through preregistration, there is no guarantee that students will be able to take the classes they need. At the end of the day, a \$10 fee shouldn't be the difference between a student being able to graduate in an appropriate amount of time.

In a perfect world, everyone would return the items he or she borrows from the library on time, and there would be no need for fees. Because this is obviously not the case, the library should be able to collect its money by enforcing penalties, but only in situations that warrant these penalties. Large fines should certainly be punished. But by punishing those people who have small fees, the UI's library system is only making things more complicated for students, staff, and faculty.

## Flying thoughts

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Journalism and weather. I hate that combination. But Wednesday's blue skies were just too nice for me to resist writing about.

Do you remember those few February days that hit 60 degrees? After months of wintery pain, we had — seemingly out of nowhere — freakishly warm days that melted away snow, ice, and jackets.

I loved it. I broke out my shorts and my T-shirts and zipped around Iowa City streets on my kiwi-green moped. Shortly thereafter, of course, my high spirits were dashed by a rapid return to frigid temperatures. Iowa weather likes to toy with us like that.

But, I think this time is legit. I'm cautiously optimistic that yesterday was the first of a long string of pleasant days.

According to [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) (and, really, could there be a more reliable source on weather?), we're in for high 70s for the rest of the week and into next week. We'll start next week off with a cool Monday, but temps around the area will creep back up to the 60-70 range by midweek.

OK. I'm done with my weatherman impression.

The cliché signs of spring are all around us. Yellow flowers have been planted around campus, girls are starting to wear less clothing, and, of course, many at the UI are still riding out their 4/20 celebrations.

But one spring tradition that has been painfully absent from my life thus far is Frisbee. Walking by the Old Capitol yesterday, I found myself hoping a game of Ultimate Frisbee would spontaneously break out on the Pentacrest.

Sounds crazy, but apparently I'm not the only one with such an aspiration.

According to Wham-O, one of the world's largest producers of flying discs: Forty-five million people around the world play Frisbee-related games, there are 700 disc-golf courses in the United States, and 90 per-

cent of Americans report having played with a plastic flying disc at some point.

Yep, nine out of 10 Americans have thrown a Frisbee. That's far more than the portion of Americans who watch the Super Bowl or the NCAA basketball tourney. Not to mention 33 percent of Super Bowl viewers, according to a Gallup Poll, prefer the commercials to the action. Nobody plays Frisbee just for the commercials.

But you can't just go out all willy-nilly and start throwing plastic around the lawn. There's a certain etiquette — an integrity of the game, if you will — Frisbee players must uphold.

First, and most importantly, lose the shoes. Some Frisbee-playing schemers like to think cleats are imperative to a quality game of Ultimate. Those people are wrong. In order to fully enjoy spring, you have to feel the grass betwixt your toes.

Second — and considerably less important — a game of Frisbee is incomplete without proper stretching and hydration. Just kidding. That's silly.

But Frisbee is serious business for some. The Ultimate Players Association — not to be confused with the Ultimate Playaz Association — is the governing body for the sport of Ultimate throughout the United States. The group holds annual tournaments for youth, collegiate, and open competitors.

Maybe it's a stretch, but I think Ultimate is an excellent example of sex equality. It's one of the only sports in which integrated male-female teams can play in major tournaments. That size difference between sexes — which gives men an advantage in most traditional sports — offers no definite advantage in the way of throwing or catching a disc.

Another lofty claim: Ultimate is a class equalizer. You can get a generic disc at a toy store for as little as \$1. And even the best discs in the world only run up to about \$20. And no other equipment is required. No special shoes, no nets or posts, no uniforms.

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## Guest Opinion

## Interrogation techniques work despite controversy

MARC THIESSEN

Washington Post

In releasing highly classified documents on the CIA interrogation program last week, President Barack Obama declared that the techniques used to question captured terrorists "did not make us safer." This is patently false. The proof is in the memos Obama made public — in sections that have gone virtually unreported in the media.

Consider the Justice Department memo of May 30, 2005. It notes that "the CIA believes 'the intelligence acquired from these interrogations has been a key reason why Al Qaeda has failed to launch a spectacular attack in the West since 11 September 2001.' ... In particular, the CIA believes that it would have been unable to obtain critical information from numerous detainees, including (Khalid Sheikh Mohammed) and Abu Zubaydah, without these enhanced techniques." The memo continues: "Before the CIA used enhanced techniques

... KSM resisted giving any answers to questions about future attacks, simply noting, 'Soon you will find out.'" Once the techniques were applied, "interrogations have led to specific, actionable intelligence, as well as a general increase in the amount of intelligence regarding Al Qaeda and its affiliates."

Specifically, interrogation with enhanced techniques "led to the discovery of a KSM plot, the 'Second Wave,' to use East Asian operatives to crash a hijacked airliner into a building in Los Angeles." KSM later acknowledged before a military commission at Guantánamo Bay that the target was the Library Tower, the tallest building on the West Coast. The memo explains that "information obtained from KSM also led to the capture of Ridian bin Isomuddin, better known as Hambali, and the discovery of the Guraba Cell, a 17-member Jemmah Islamiyah cell tasked with executing the 'Second Wave.'" In other words, without enhanced interrogations, there could be a hole in the

ground in Los Angeles to match the one in New York.

The memo notes that "(i)nterrogations of (Abu) Zubaydah — again, once enhanced techniques were employed — furnished detailed information regarding al Qaeda's 'organizational structure, key operatives, and modus operandi' and identified KSM as the mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks." This information helped the intelligence community plan the operation that captured KSM. It went on: "Zubaydah and KSM also supplied important information about al-Zarqawi and his network" in Iraq, which helped our operations against Al Qaeda in that country.

All this confirms information that I and others have described publicly. But just as the memo begins to describe previously undisclosed details of what enhanced interrogations achieved, the page is almost entirely blacked out. The Obama administration released pages of unredacted classified information on the techniques used to question captured ter-

rorist leaders but pulled out its black marker when it came to the details of what those interrogations achieved.

Yet there is more information confirming the program's effectiveness. The Office of Legal Counsel memo states "we discuss only a small fraction of the important intelligence CIA interrogators have obtained from KSM" and notes that "intelligence derived from CIA detainees has resulted in more than 6,000 intelligence reports and, in 2004, accounted for approximately half of the (Counterterrorism Center's) reporting on al Qaeda." The memos refer to other classified documents — including an "Effectiveness Memo" and an "IG Report," which explain how "the use of enhanced techniques in the interrogations of KSM, Zubaydah and others ... has yielded critical information." Why didn't Obama officials release this information as well? Because they know that if the public could see the details of the techniques side by side with evi-

dence that the program saved American lives, the vast majority would support continuing it.

Critics claim that enhanced techniques do not produce good intelligence because people will say anything to get the techniques to stop. But the memos note that, "as Abu Zubaydah himself explained with respect to enhanced techniques, 'brothers who are captured and interrogated are permitted by Allah to provide information when they believe they have reached the limit of their ability to withhold it in the face of psychological and physical hardship.'" In other words, the terrorists are called by their faith to resist as far as they can — and once they have done so, they are free to tell everything they know. This is because of their belief that "Islam will ultimately dominate the world and that this victory is inevitable." The job of the interrogator is to safely help the terrorist do his duty to Allah, so he then feels liberated to speak freely.

This is the secret to the program's success. And the Obama

administration's decision to share this secret with the terrorists threatens our national security. Al Qaeda will use this information and other details in the memos to train its operatives to resist questioning and withhold information on planned attacks. CIA Director Leon Panetta said during his confirmation hearings that even the Obama administration might use some of the enhanced techniques in a "ticking time bomb" scenario. What will the administration do now that it has shared the limits of our interrogation techniques with the enemy? President Obama's decision to release these documents is one of the most dangerous and irresponsible acts ever by an American president during a time of war — and Americans may die as a result.

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# Fidel: Obama misinterpreted brother Raul's comments

By WILL WEISSERT  
Associated Press

HAVANA — Fidel Castro says President Obama “misinterpreted” his brother Raul’s remarks regarding the United States and bristled at the suggestion that Cuba should free political prisoners or cut taxes on dollars people send to the island.

Raul Castro touched off a whirlwind of speculation last week that the U.S. and Cuba could be headed toward a thaw after nearly a half-century of chilly relations. The speculation began when the Cuban president said leaders would be willing to sit down with their U.S. counterparts and discuss “everything, everything, everything,” including human rights, freedom of the press and expression, and political prisoners.

Obama responded at the Summit of the Americas by saying Washington seeks a new beginning with Cuba. But as he prepared to leave the summit Sunday, Obama also called on Cuba to release political prisoners and reduce taxes on remittances from the U.S.

That appeared to enrage Fidel Castro, 82, who wrote in an essay published Wednesday that Obama “without a doubt misinterpreted Raul’s declarations.”

The former president appeared to be throwing a dose of cold water on growing expectations for improved bilateral relations — suggesting Obama had no right to dare suggest that Cuba make even small concessions. He also seemed to

suggest too much was being made of Raul’s comments about discussing “everything” with U.S. authorities.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton had a different perspective on Fidel Castro’s essay while speaking about Cuba policy with the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Wednesday. She said that while Fidel Castro had “contradicted” his brother’s previous statements about Cuba’s willingness to discuss a whole range of issues with the U.S., it shows “there is beginning to be a debate” inside Cuba about how to move forward with U.S. relations.

Fidel Castro’s remarks put into doubt the true meaning of his brother’s statements and raised questions about Cuba’s position on detente with the United States. Although he surrendered the presidency to Raul in February 2008, he retains enormous influence and remains head of Cuba’s Communist Party.

Raul Castro himself, meanwhile, has not jumped in to clarify the confusion and is not likely to, out of respect for his older brother.

“When the President of Cuba said he was ready to discuss any topic with the U.S. President, he meant he was not afraid of addressing any issue,” Fidel Castro wrote of his 77-year-old brother, who succeeded him as president 14 months ago.

“That shows his courage and confidence in the principles of

the Revolution,” Fidel wrote.

“No one should feel astonished that Raul spoke about pardoning those who were convicted on March, 2003, and about sending them all to the United States, should that country be willing to release the Five Cuban Anti-Terrorism Heroes,” Castro wrote, referring to five Cubans serving espionage sentences in the U.S.

Fidel also defended Cuba’s right to levy a 10 percent fee on every U.S. dollar sent to relatives on the island by Cuban-Americans, saying if the money arriving from abroad “is in dollars, all the more reason we should do it because it is the currency of the country that blockades us.”

All top Cuban leaders routinely call the 47-year-old trade embargo against this country a blockade.

“Not all Cubans have family members overseas that send remittances,” Castro wrote, adding that Cuba uses the revenue from fees on exchanging dollars to provide free health care, education and subsidized food to all of its population.

The ex-president has previously expressed admiration for Obama, but this time he blasted the new U.S. president for showing signs of “superficiality,” and called on him to wait no longer before lifting the U.S. trade embargo against Cuba.

“We are living in a new era. Changes are unavoidable. Leaders just pass through; peoples prevail,” Castro wrote.

# Deaths seen as murder/suicide



KENNETH K. LAM, BALTIMORE SUN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Loyola staff and students gather for a memorial mass at the college’s chapel in Baltimore, Md. on Tuesday for student Stephanie Parente, 19, and her family, who were found dead in a hotel room in Towson, Md. The police also described the killing as murder and suicide.

By ALEX DOMINGUEZ  
Associated Press

TOWSON, Md. — A New York tax attorney’s investment dealings are being investigated by the FBI after he beat and asphyxiated his wife and daughters in a Maryland hotel room, then answered a call from his daughter’s college roommate before killing himself, authorities said Wednesday.

The bodies were discovered Monday in a hotel north of Baltimore. Police provided new details about the crime Wednesday, saying William Parente, 59, of Garden City, N.Y., killed his wife, Betty Parente, 58, and their daughters, 19-year-old Stephanie and 11-year-old Catherine. The couple and their younger daughter were in Maryland to visit Stephanie, a sophomore at Loyola College in Baltimore.

Betty and the daughters, who were found on the bed, died from blunt force trauma and asphyxiation, Baltimore County police spokesman Cpl. Mike Hill said. Hill said William Parente, who was found in the bathroom, died by cutting himself.

Hill declined to elaborate.

It appeared that Betty died first, Catherine next, and Stephanie later Sunday afternoon, though the timeline was still under investigation, Hill said. There was no sign that they had been restrained and no notes were found in the room.

Investigators were unable to determine if there was a struggle or whether objects found in the room were used in the killings or another object was used and later disposed of, Hill said.

Police Chief Jim Johnson said William Parente answered a phone call from Stephanie’s roommate to the hotel room around midnight, after investigators believe he killed his wife and daughters. Hill said investigators do not have a motive and have not determined whether the deaths were related to any financial problems.

“We have not reached that determination and we may never reach that determination,” Hill said.

James Margolin, an FBI spokesman in New York, confirmed that the FBI began investigating William Parente’s investment business dealing after the deaths but declined to provide more details.

The New York state attorney general’s office said it received a complaint from a man who says he invested hundreds of thousands of dollars with William M. Parente and had trouble getting his money back.

Spokesman Alex Detrick said the complaint was received Tuesday afternoon and officials hadn’t determined whether to start an investigation.

Bruce Montague, 47, a Queens lawyer, told *Newsday*

that he recently received six checks worth about \$450,000 from Parente. Montague said Parente told him he could deposit two of the checks but asked him to wait with the others. Montague said a bank official told him the four others would not clear.

The Parente family was last seen Sunday afternoon. After the family failed to check out on time, workers at the hotel in Towson, a suburb north of Baltimore, found the bodies Monday afternoon in a 10th floor guest room.

Friends and neighbors said they never suspected anything was amiss and were dumbfounded to learn the family was dead.

William Parente was a lawyer, his wife Betty a stay-at-home mom active in the community. Their daughters were well-liked by teachers and classmates.

They lived in a neighborhood of million-dollar homes in Garden City, N.Y., across from a golf course. William was a tax and estate planning attorney who commuted to Manhattan. Betty volunteered.

“I can’t tell you how heartsick I am,” next-door neighbor Mary Opulente Krener said. “This is the most wonderful family, the most kind and loving family. I’m astounded.”

AP writers Sarah Brumfield, Ben Greene, and Frank Eltmann contributed to this report.

# Cougars spotted in Wis.



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES/ASSOCIATED PRESS

This March 4 picture provided by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources shows a mountain lion in a tree west of Spooner, Wis. It’s only the second confirmed mountain lion in Wisconsin since the early 1900s.

By JAMES A. CARLSON  
Associated Press

CALEDONIA, Wis. — Anna Lashley can’t forget her surprise when she looked out her kitchen window three years ago just south of Milwaukee and spotted what she believes was a cougar.

“I looked up, and there’s this lion in the back yard, and I thought it must have gotten away from the zoo,” she said. “I called the zoo, and they said they hadn’t lost one.”

Since then, she’s seen several cougars — also known as mountain lions and pumas — most recently in March. She’s not alone. Although the animals were wiped out in most of the eastern U.S. a century ago, they have recently shown up again, migrating from the Black Hills of South Dakota into such places as Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

A cougar was shot and killed by police in Bossier City, La., in December. In April 2008, Chicago police shot and killed a 122-pound cougar in the city’s North Side. And in 2007, the first documented cougar in Kansas in more than 100 years was killed near Medicine Lodge.

Aside from a small population in south Florida, central Texas has been the eastern boundary of the cougar’s customary breeding range.

But now Wisconsin game man-

agers get scores of reported sightings each year. They try to determine which are false, which are other animals such as bobcats, and which are cougars.

Only two cougars have been confirmed in the state. The cougar killed in Chicago was seen and left clear tracks in the snow months earlier in the Milton area of Wisconsin’s Rock County, 100 miles away, in January 2008. Bear hunters chased the second into a tree near Spooner in Barron County in March. It was photographed, but it fled after an unsuccessful attempt to tranquilize it and attach a tracking collar.

Ken Jonas, a wildlife biologist supervisor with the state

Department of Natural Resources in Hayward, said the only ways to confirm sightings are with photos, good tracks or other physical evidence. In the case of the confirmed sightings, blood, hair, urine and droppings were recovered.

Researchers learned a lot from the cat that roamed the Milton area for three months before being shot, said Eric Anderson, a professor of wildlife ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

“Here’s a cat wandering across the landscape of southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, a fairly heavily populated area, and nobody saw it,” he said.

## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

- 13** Take 5 to Respect: Participate in a human sculpture or “freeze” for 5 minutes.
- 22** Clothesline Project: View t-shirts created by sexual assault and domestic violence survivors, on the Pentacrest from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 23** Take Back the Night: Join us for an empowering march supporting survivors.
- 25** UI Night Games: Pick up a safety whistle and risk-reduction information.
- 28** Very Young Girls: Attend movie showing human trafficking of American teens.

### Ongoing April activities:

**Cup of Prevention:** Information on sexual assault, victim services, and prevention measures will be available at *Café del Sol, Capanna Coffee and Gelato, Fairgrounds, New Pioneer Co-op, Panera* and *Starbucks (Clinton St.)*.

**Book Displays:** Information about sexual assault, RVAP services, and bookmarks will be at the *Iowa City Public Library, Coralville Public Library, North Liberty Community Library, Salon Public Library* and *Iowa Book*.

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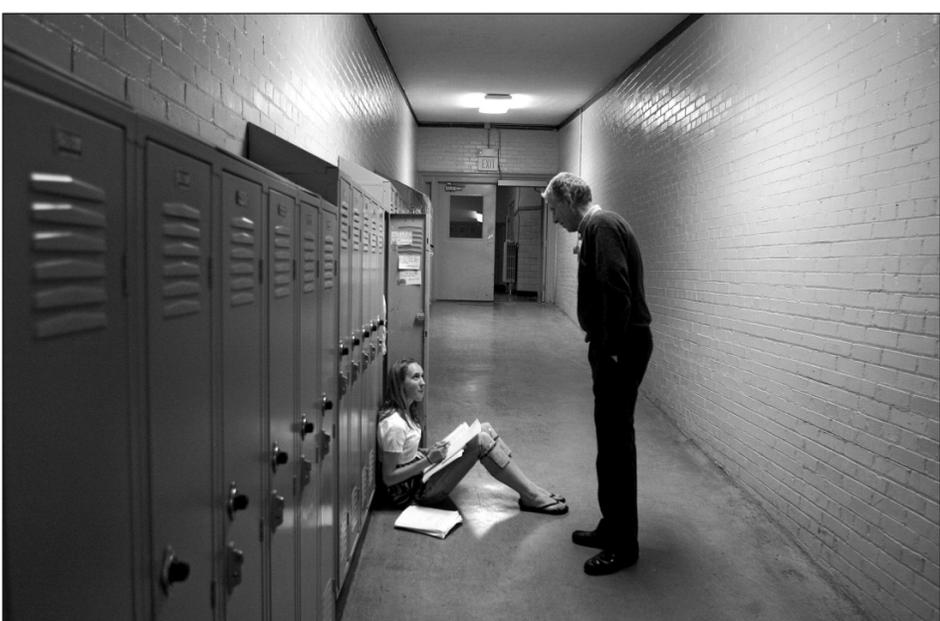
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Full details at [rvap.org](http://rvap.org)

# Officials work to keep schools safe



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

City High campus monitor Chip Hardesty talks to a student near the music wing on Wednesday. Though sitting in the halls is not allowed in the school, the student was let off the hook.

## Local high schools promote positive environments to prevent violence.

By CLARK CAHILL  
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While it's not possible to stop every random act of violence, local officials say, prevention at high schools has become much more advanced.

Monday marked the 10-year anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings, when two high-school students murdered 13 people before killing themselves in Littleton, Colo. In the last decade, schools worked to keep students safe by identifying potential school shooters and foiling planned attacks, according to recent research by the U.S. Secret Service and the U.S. Department of Education.

The research noted that since the early 1990s, a majority of school shooters have given some kind of warning signal prior to the attacks. But experts also reported some schools could be better prepared to prevent violence if they did more to help students feel comfortable reporting potential threats and develop a positive school climate.

Local high schools seem to be doing just that — implementing programs and creating a sense of camaraderie among staff and students, West High Principal Jerry Arganbright said.

West High and City High both have security personnel who patrol the hallways and exterior of the buildings. Though their main job is to prevent violence, much of their days consist of helping students with other problems.

"Students will come to us if they have lost something like a phone," said Chip Hardesty, a City High campus monitor.

"I feel like both programs have made a difference. In the four years I have been here, this has been a very quiet year as far as disruptions."

— Chip Hardesty, City High campus monitor

"Ninety-eight percent of what we do is positively helping students." Both high schools have increased the amount of supervision in the past decade, mostly because of a growing enrollment, Arganbright said.

City High implemented two new programs in the fall of 2008 — a welcome center and a student assistance team — to help create a more positive environment for incoming students and for those who may have anger problems.

"I feel like both programs have made a difference," Hardesty said. "In the four years I have been here, this has been a very quiet year as far as disruptions."

Arganbright said West High takes a serious approach to

### ON THE WEB

See a photo slide of security measures at City High at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

physical confrontations and recently increased consequences for such acts.

West High also has an off-campus program — to send students with anger issues for up to 12 weeks — helping them learn how to handle disagreements in an adult fashion, Arganbright said.

"They still continue their education, but they participate in specific activities to help them control their anger," he said.

Staff members at both schools also encourage students to report anything they might view as a potential threat. Arganbright noted he makes certain staff members are able to have a strong relationship with students.

"I hope they feel comfortable with the adults here and that they would report anything they would see as a threat," he said.

West High senior Sam Ferguson said he wouldn't hesitate to report a threat because he is comfortable with the staff.

"I think it would be easy to talk to them about it," he said. "And I feel like they would check on it right away."

# FDA lowers Plan B age

CNN Wire

WASHINGTON — The "morning-after pill" will be available to females 17 and older without a prescription, the Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday. The minimum age has been 18.

On March 23, a federal court ordered that Plan B, an emergency-contraception pill, be made available over the counter to those 17 and up, the agency said in a statement posted on its website. The agency will not appeal that order, the statement said.

In the order, U.S. District Judge Edward Korman also asked the agency to consider whether the pill should be available to females of all ages without a prescription, saying such a determination is best left to the expertise of the FDA and should not be made by a federal district judge.

And he rebuked the FDA for apparently departing from its own procedures with respect to making decisions on the pill's over-the-counter status, noting the "unusual involvement of the White House in the Plan B decision-making process."

The plaintiffs in the case presented "unrebutted evidence of the FDA's lack of good faith" toward the application to

switch Plan B from prescription to nonprescription use, the judge wrote.

"This lack of good faith is evidenced by, among other things, (1) repeated and unreasonable delays, pressure emanating from the White House, and the obvious connection between the confirmation process of two FDA commissioners and the timing of the FDA's decisions; and (2) significant departures from the FDA's normal procedures and policies ... as compared to the review of other switch applications in the past 10 years," Korman wrote.

In August 2006, the FDA approved the sale of Plan B without a prescription to those 18 and older, but those 17 and under needed a prescription to obtain it.

But, the agency said in Wednesday's statement, "in accordance with the court's order, and consistent with the scientific findings since 2005 by the Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, FDA sent a letter to the manufacturer of Plan B that the company may, upon submission and approval of an appropriate application, market Plan B without a prescription to women 17 years of age and older."

"No useful purpose would be served by continuing to deprive 17-year-olds access to Plan B without a prescription," Korman wrote in his order. "Indeed, the record shows that FDA officials and staff both agreed that 17-year-olds can use Plan B safely without a prescription. The FDA's justification for this age restriction, that pharmacists would be unable to enforce the prescription requirement if the cutoff were age 17, rather than 18, lacks all credibility."

The morning-after pill — made by Duramed, a subsidiary of Barr Pharmaceuticals — is intended to prevent pregnancy following unprotected sex. It works by stopping ovulation and decreasing the chances that a fertilized egg will attach to the uterus. When used within 72 hours of unprotected sex, it can lower the risk of pregnancy by almost 90 percent, the maker says.

Critics have charged that the drug's action amounts to an abortion and opposed making it available over the counter.

Scientists have said the pill does not act as an abortion.

The FDA approved the change, with the age-18 limit, in 2006.

## NATION

### Iowa appeals court upholds murder convictions

DES MOINES (AP) — The Iowa Court of Appeals has upheld the murder convictions of a man who fatally stabbed two eastern Iowa women.

Kyle Marin killed Molly Edmondson of Cedar Rapids and her cousin Katrina Hill of Solon on April 22, 2006.

Court records say Marin woke the women and instructed them to go into the bathroom where he stabbed them more than 170 times with items including a steak knife, hammer, pizza cutter and screwdriver.

A jury found him guilty of two

counts of first-degree murder in November 2007.

Marin appealed, arguing that the district court erred by failing to suppress statements he made to authorities. He also challenged jury instructions given at trial.

The Iowa Court of Appeals upheld the convictions in Wednesday's ruling.

### NY lottery considers selling Powerball tickets

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The New York lottery hopes to start selling Powerball lottery tickets to boost revenue for the cash-strapped state.

New York is already part of the

multistate Mega Millions game. The Legislature recently authorized another multi-jurisdictional game as a way to help close gaps in the state budget.

Lottery officials said it could take up to a year to get Powerball operating in New York. The state Division of Budget estimates Powerball sales could produce \$11 million for the state in the 2009-10 fiscal year, and \$21 million a year after that.

Lottery spokeswoman Jennifer Givner said Wednesday that New York and the other 11 Mega Millions states, including Massachusetts and New Jersey, are discussing the possibilities.

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N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1, N.Y. Rangers lead series 3-1

Calgary 6, Chicago 4, series tied 2-2



Derrick Rose

### NBA Bulls' Rose Rookie of the Year

NORTHBROOK, Ill. (AP) — Like most good point guards, Derrick Rose rarely gives anything away. This time, he couldn't resist.

After learning Wednesday he is the NBA's Rookie of the Year, Rose let a little secret slip: He wanted the award. Badly.

"When I first came into the season, my biggest thing was to get this award," he said. "I was telling you all that I didn't care, but I did. You really do want this award. There was a lot of talent out there that I had to go against."

Rose, who led his hometown Bulls to the playoffs and restored hope to a franchise in disarray, was the runaway pick.

"For Derrick to take the ball from Day 1, to lead our basketball team, to play at the level he played at is really, really significant and certainly means that as we go forward here, we've got the guy that we are going to build around," general manager John Paxson said.

Rose became the third Bulls player to win the award Wednesday, joining Michael Jordan and Elton Brand. He received 111 first-place votes and 574 points from a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters; runner-up O.J. Mayo of the Memphis Grizzlies received five first-place votes and 127 points.

### BASKETBALL

#### Men's basketball signs forward

The Iowa men's basketball team found out two things Wednesday.

First, head coach Todd Lickliter was able to sign junior-college forward Devon Archie to a national letter of intent.

Archie, a native of Indianapolis listed at 6-9 and 220 pounds, comes to Iowa after playing two seasons at Vincennes University in Indiana. Starting 19 games as a sophomore, Archie averaged 6.1 points and six rebounds per game.

This announcement comes one week after point guard Cully Payne signed with the Hawkeyes.

The Hawkeyes also found out they will play Virginia Tech at home on Dec. 1, as part of the ACC/Big Ten Challenge. Iowa will hope to have a better performance in this year's field, having lost its last contest in this tourney to Boston College, its last ACC/Big Ten Challenge home game to Wake Forest in 2007, and the last meeting with the Hokies in this event, falling at Virginia Tech in 2006.

— by Brendan Stiles

### TV TODAY

#### NBA PLAYOFFS

• First Round, Game 3, Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m., CSN, TNT  
• First Round, Game 3, L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9:30 p.m., TNT

#### NHL PLAYOFFS

• Eastern Conference quarterfinals, Game 5, Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., VERSUS  
• Western Conference quarterfinals, Game 4, San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m., VERSUS

#### MLB

• Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m., CSN  
• Chicago White Sox at Baltimore, 6 p.m., CSN-plus

# Life after King, Kroul



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa offensive lineman Bryan Bulaga (79) goes up against defensive lineman Adrian Clayborn during practice in the Kenyon Practice Facility on April 18.

## How will the Hawkeye defensive line fare without Mitch King and Matt Kroul anchoring the tackles?

By SCOTT MILLER  
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It has been awhile since Iowa has had question marks along the defensive line. Four years to be exact.

The Hawkeyes' 31-10 victory over South Carolina in the Outback Bowl on New Year's Day marked the end of that era. Senior defensive tackles and four-year starters Mitch King and Matt Kroul, who had become staples of the defensive front, played their last game in the Black and Gold.

"I couldn't ask for a better ending," King said at the time.

But with that ending, head coach Kirk Ferentz was left scouring his roster during spring practice for the next playmakers along the defensive line, specifically at defensive tackle.

In an April 14 teleconference, Ferentz said right now, the team will call on four players — junior Karl Klug, sophomore Mike Daniels, redshirt freshman Steve Bigach, and injured junior Cody Hundertmark (shoulder) — to fill the void at defensive tackle.

"All those guys will probably be rotating in and out," the 11-year head coach said. "Just like Shonn [Greene] kind of went the distance for us at running back [last year], King and Kroul have done the same thing for four years.

"I think probably next year what we're looking at is playing all four of those guys. I'm not sure what roles yet, but all of those guys will be involved."

Ferentz and defensive coordinator Norm Parker made it

clear no one can replace King and Kroul, but Parker hinted he has sights set on two junior defensive linemen — Christian Ballard and Adrian Clayborn — to pick up the slack, especially in the leadership department.

"I mean every year it's a new chemistry, it's a new leader, and somebody has to take over," Parker said on April 14. "I think on our defense right now, Ballard and Clayborn have definitely tried to become King and Kroul up there on that defensive line.

"They have really stepped up their game and stepped up their leadership and they've tried to do that."

With good depth all along the defensive line, sophomore Broderick Binns — who made his presence known late in the season against Purdue, with a fumble

### Defensive Line

All this week, the DI will explore some of the biggest questions the Iowa football team seeks to have answered before the 2009 season begins this fall. Today, we explore the possibilities the Hawkeyes have to fill the voids at defensive tackle left behind by four-year starters Mitch King and Matt Kroul.

recovery and a pass breakup that led to an interception — might get lost in the shuffle.

Currently listed behind Ballard at the left defensive end position, Binns could have a bigger role in 2009.

"Broderick Binns is a guy we saw come on especially in November, December last year," Ferentz

SEE DEFENSIVE LINE, 3B

# King ready

Mitch King is ready to shift his energy from the collegiate game to the pros.

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It's no question how dominant Mitch King is on the gridiron.

From his coming out party against Wisconsin that earned him Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors in 2005 to being named Big Ten Defensive Lineman of the Year in 2008, King has always been a force anchoring the defensive line alongside teammate Matt Kroul.

With the 2009 NFL draft approaching, no one is asking if King will be drafted, but when an NFL team elects to help the Burlington native fulfill what he said has been a lifelong dream.

"It was something I dreamed of all along," King said. "Every kid says that, things like that, but that really was my main dream and main goal to someday have an opportunity and a chance to get where I'm at."

While King has garnered some interest from teams looking at him as a defensive end or a hybrid linebacker, he said most of the NFL teams he has spoken to view him playing the same 3-technique defensive-lineman position he held down for four years at Iowa.

Iowa defensive line coach Rick Kaczinski has heard scouts mention the possibility of King only being used on third down in what are usually passing situations, which he believes is an underestimation of King's talents.

"Mitch, to me, is an entire package," Kaczinski said. "He's stout against the run. He's



King  
ex-Hawkeye

SEE KING, 3B

# Men's track psyched for Drake

The Iowa men's track and field team is ready for a special weekend at the 100th running of the Drake Relays in Des Moines.

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For one three-day period toward the end of April each year, the eyes of the track and field world center on Des Moines.

And while the state's capital is home to the host Drake University, the Hawkeyes are treating the 100th edition of the Drake Relays as a home meet.

"I think it's going to be a really exciting weekend [for our program]," head coach Larry Wiecezorek said. "We're going to be competing in a lot of areas with a lot of people."



Wiecezorek  
head coach

For most of Iowa's athletes competing in the Drake Relays, it will be another chance to display their talents on a big stage and, at the same time, represent the state of Iowa.

Senior John Hickey will make his second and final appearance as a Hawkeye, hoping to improve on his second place finish from a year ago (60-3 $\frac{1}{4}$ ).

Similarly, A.J. Curtis will also make his final appearance at the Drake Relays. After placing third in the shot put last year with a throw of 57-11 $\frac{1}{4}$  and finishing 10th in the discus, the senior is hoping to snag a pair of individual titles in his third trip to Des Moines.

Curtis and Hickey have only competed in the Drake Relays at the collegiate level, though.

SEE TRACK, 3B

### IOWA 5, NORTHERN IOWA 4

# Baseball rallies in ninth

A two-out single by Iowa junior Ryan Durant helped the Hawkeyes win a thriller against Northern Iowa, 5-4.

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The streakiest hitter on the Iowa baseball team came through in the clutch Wednesday night.

After extending his hitting streak to 12 games in the bottom of the first, junior outfielder Ryan Durant stepped up to home plate with the storybook scenario in front of him: bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the ninth.

Despite having been in a similar situation during his time at Iowa Central, the junior-college transfer admitted he felt the late-game pressure mounting considering the Panthers' unfortunate circumstances.

But with a confident swing of



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Wes Freie catches the ball to put out a Northern Iowa runner at Banks Field on Wednesday.

his white-hot bat, Durant ripped a 1-0 single into center to beat the Hawkeyes' lone in-state rival, 5-4, at Banks Field in front of an announced crowd of 572.

The win improved Iowa to 15-22 overall. It was also the team's first win of the season after trailing through the first six innings.

"I just told myself to keep it simple," Durant said. "You know, it

was two outs, all I can do is keep it simple, and just try to put the ball in play, and move the ball."

The Hawkeyes certainly moved the ball in the bottom of the first, batting around to jump ahead, 3-0, after plating three runs on three hits, beginning with a one-out RBI single by Durant.

SEE BASEBALL, 3B

# SPORTS 'N' STUFF

# Tracksters eye Drake

The Iowa women's track team will head to Des Moines for the 100th edition of the Drake Relays.

By **JAKE KRZECZOWSKI**  
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Roberts said. "We've got a good 4x100 team that, if they make it around the track, can make it to finals."

Last week, the Hawkeyes got a warm-up meet of sorts, taking it easy in a dual meet against Northern Iowa.

The Hawkeyes will try to prove themselves in the state's largest meet of the season.

"We would like to go and hear Iowa and the Hawkeyes and see some people win, represent our school well," Anderson said.

The meet has other significance as well. In conjunction with the college meet is a high-school meet, which presents the coaches another opportunity

"With there being a high-school meet as well, it helps with recruiting if our women do well," Anderson said. "If they see Iowa winning some races, that may make them more excited to come here."

For one Hawkeye in particular, the meet has a special feeling. Sophomore Hannah Roeder grew up in Des Moines and attended Roosevelt High School.

"I actually lived closer to the Drake track than I did to my own high school," she said. After years of sneaking onto the track to run some laps as a kid, Roeder is excited to show her hometown crowd what she can do.

The Iowa women's track and field team this week will head to Des Moines for the 100th-annual Drake Relays, the state's most prestigious track and field meet.

The first Drake Relays were run in 1910

to a crowd of 100 people.

The 100th-anniversary edition expects to attract upwards of 8,000.

"Being from Iowa, this is a big meet for our team to show the state what we're all about," Iowa assistant coach Clive Roberts said.

Sophomore Karessa Farley will be favored in the 100-meter hurdles, an event she has gotten better at as the season has progressed.

"Karessa in the hurdles should be competitive with just about anybody," Iowa head coach Layne Anderson said.

The focus of the meet, though, will be on the relays, something the Hawkeyes are confident about.

"I feel pretty good about the teams we've put together,"



**Farley**  
sophomore

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	11	4	.733	—
Atlanta	7	8	.467	4
Philadelphia	6	7	.462	4
New York	6	8	.429	4½
Washington	3	11	.214	7½
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
St. Louis	10	5	.667	—
Chicago	8	5	.615	1
Pittsburgh	9	6	.600	1
Cincinnati	8	6	.571	1½
Houston	6	9	.400	4
Milwaukee	5	9	.357	4½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Los Angeles	10	5	.667	—
San Diego	9	6	.600	1
San Francisco	6	8	.429	3½
Arizona	6	9	.400	4
Colorado	5	9	.357	4½

BIG TEN BASEBALL						
Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games		
				W	L	
Ohio State	9	3	.750	29	9	.763
Indiana	8	3	.727	18	20	.474
Illinois	8	4	.667	23	12	.676
Minnesota	7	4	.636	24	12	.657
Purdue	5	6	.455	17	18	.488
Michigan	5	7	.417	22	17	.564
Penn State	5	7	.417	21	16	.568
Michigan State	5	7	.417	14	23	.378
Iowa	3	8	.273	14	22	.389
Northwestern	2	8	.200	11	24	.314

BIG TEN SOFTBALL						
Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games		
				W	L	
Ohio State	12	2	.857	36	7	.837
Northwestern	12	2	.857	28	9	.757
Michigan	8	2	.800	32	9	.780
Iowa	7	5	.583	36	11	.766
Illinois	7	6	.538	24	14	.632
Purdue	7	7	.500	24	17	.585
Minnesota	6	8	.429	23	26	.469
Penn State	5	7	.417	16	20	.444
Indiana	3	9	.250	9	32	.220
Wisconsin	2	10	.167	13	33	.283
Michigan State	0	11	.000	15	24	.385

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FIRST ROUND (Best of 7)				
Tuesday, April 21				
Cleveland 94, Detroit 82, Cleveland leads series 2-0				
Portland 107, Houston 103, series tied 1-1				
L.A. Lakers 119, Utah 109				
Wednesday's Games				
Orlando 96, Philadelphia 87, series tied 1-1				
Miami 108, Atlanta 93, series tied 1-1				
Denver 108, New Orleans 93, Denver leads series 2-0				
Today's Games				
Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m., series tied 1-1				
San Antonio at Dallas, 7:30 p.m., series tied 1-1				
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 9:30 p.m., L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0				

NHL DAILY PLAYOFF GLANCE				
FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)				
Tuesday, April 21				
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m., Pittsburgh leads series 3-1				
Detroit at Columbus, 6 p.m., Detroit leads series 3-0				
Carolina at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m., series tied 2-2				
San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m., Anaheim leads series 2-1				

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	11	5	.688	—
Boston	9	6	.600	1½
New York	9	6	.600	1½
Baltimore	7	8	.467	3½
Tampa Bay	5	9	.357	5
Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Chicago	8	6	.571	—
Kansas City	8	6	.571	—
Detroit	7	6	.538	½
Minnesota	7	9	.438	2
Cleveland	5	10	.333	3½
West Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Seattle	9	5	.643	—
Texas	6	8	.429	3
Los Angeles	5	8	.385	3½
Oakland	5	9	.357	4

# Anderson finally right at home



Layne Anderson, the women's track and cross-country coach, looks over some paperwork after a meeting held in the Recreation Building on Nov. 19, 2008. Anderson credits his success he has had in Iowa City to the great athletes he has added to his team.

## Iowa women's track and field coach Layne Anderson feels right at home.

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The feeling of being right at home is an odd one for women's track and field head coach Layne Anderson.

Having rarely spent more than three or four years in any one place his whole life, the six years he has spent at Iowa seems like an eternity.

"This is actually the longest I've ever lived in one community without moving," he said. "I feel like I settled in sometime during the first year."

When Anderson was young, he frequently moved. With his dad in the Army, Anderson and his family spent time everywhere from Italy and Germany to Texas and Georgia.

After a few moves, it started to become routine.

"Growing up in a military atmosphere, you learn to adapt and adjust," Anderson said.

When it came time to go to

"I felt Iowa gave me the best chance to do some big things. All the pieces were in place, we just needed some hard work."

**Layne Anderson, head coach**

college, the head coach just saw it as another move, choosing to attend the Citadel, located in Charleston, S.C.

Having grown up in a military lifestyle, the discipline was not hard for Anderson to get used to.

The military academy was perfect for the self-proclaimed "Army brat," not that he's eager to go back.

"It's a great place to go, but I wouldn't do it again," he said.

While at the Citadel, Anderson was a three-time Southern Conference individual champion and academic all-conference athlete. During his stay, he

broke 10 school records and was named team MVP three years in a row. Anderson also was a member of a national champion distance medley relay.

During his sophomore year at the Citadel, he realized a military profession was not what he wanted, so he shifted his focus to coaching.

"I certainly had a productive career there," Anderson said. "I got a great education and learned some good life skills."

When it came time to graduate, he headed to Auburn for a Ph.D. program and soon began helping the coaching staff there.

It was at Auburn he met his wife, Alexis, who was also a graduate student there.

After bouncing back and forth between Auburn and Texas Tech, Anderson was offered the coaching job for the cross-country team at Iowa and an assistant coach position on the track and field team.

He chose to join the Hawkeye staff because it felt like the best situation for him.

"I felt Iowa gave me the best chance to do some big things," he said. "All the pieces were in place,

we just needed some hard work."

After then-head coach James Grant lost a long battle with cancer and died in 2007, Anderson was there to step in and try to fill the hole Grant left in the program with little drop-off.

"I think he really watched how Coach Grant led us," senior Racheal Marchand said. "After he passed away, Coach Anderson did a good job of picking up where Grant left off."

He is a coach's coach all the way, something Anderson attributes to his upbringing. His coaching staff appreciates this approach, crediting the team's success to his philosophy of coaching.

"He lets coaches coach, he's very supportive," Iowa assistant coach Clive Roberts said. "He does the little things you may not realize."

Finally in a place he can call home with Alexis and his 1-year-old son Sawyer, Anderson is happy.

"I've settled in and gotten comfortable," Anderson said. "I can see myself here for the long haul."

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# Late rally buoys Hawks

## BASEBALL

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The Panthers tested the mettle of Iowa sophomore hurler Zach Kenyon in the top of the third as Kenyon faced a bases-loaded jam. But despite giving up a run and allowing three-straight hits, Kenyon ended the inning on a pop-up and a devastating strikeout.

Later in the fifth against Hawkeye reliever Patrick

Schatz, Northern Iowa tallied its second run of the night but left runners on second and third.

Iowa failed to replicate its previous offensive spurt after the first.

"It's just a matter of going out there and getting balls to fall," Iowa senior shortstop Justin Toole said. "We hit some balls hard at people, and they just didn't fall. But you know, we stayed after it, and our pitching kept us in."

A RBI triple by Panther left

fielder Travis Bennett knotted the score at 3 in the top of the seventh, and a groundout to shortstop one batter later gave Northern Iowa a one-run lead.

But a clutch double down the right-field line by Iowa freshman infielder Mike McQuillan tied the game, 4-4, in the bottom of the eighth and helped set up Durant's late-game heroics.

"That's what you want to play for," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said.

# King sees 2nd-5th pick



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Michigan State's Jesse Miller holds Iowa defensive tackle Mitch King as Michigan State quarterback Brian Hoyer throws an incomplete pass in the first quarter at Spartan Stadium on Oct. 4, 2008, in East Lansing, Mich.

## KING

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shown that against zone teams, he's shown that against power teams. He's also a heck of a pass-rusher, too. This guy makes people nervous, and you better have a plan to block Mitch King.

"I don't know if Mitch is given enough credit for being a complete player versus the run and the pass."

Based on the speculation he has heard from those he trusts most, King believes he may end up being selected this weekend anywhere between the second and fifth rounds. Currently, ESPN draft guru Mel Kiper, Jr., has King pegged as a fourth-round pick, being drafted 115th overall by the New York Jets and listed as a defensive lineman.

Todd McShay of Scouts Inc., also has King drafted in the fourth round, but listed as a defensive end and taken seven spots sooner at the 108th selection held by the Miami Dolphins, who just happen to be the team King said he grew up cheering for.

Wes Bunting of the *National Football Post* has the 6-2, 280-pound lineman going toward the end of third round at the 99th pick overall, held by the Chicago Bears.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT KING:

'Iowa has been producing classic overachievers that the NFL had doubts on, such as [Jonathan] Babineaux and Aaron Kampman. Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz calls King a better player than those two. Based on how well Kampman and Babineaux have played in the pros, is there any doubt whether King could be the next one to fool all the scouting experts?'

- NFLDraftScout.com

Even with King being regarded as someone who is undersized, there's no doubt in his mind whether he is as good as they come, saying his work ethic as "second to none." During the Hawkeyes' Pro Day, King ran a 4.89 40-yard dash, recorded 25 reps on the bench press of 225 pounds, and had a 33½-inch vertical.

"Playing in the Senior Bowl and going to the combine and things, I think I have some of the best technique, best footwork and hands in the draft amongst defensive linemen, just being around them, watching them practice," King said. "There's a lot of prettier guys out there than me, but I doubt they're better football players than I am."

King described the last four

months as "long and boring," and said his plans are to watch this weekend's draft alone, at least until a team calls saying it will pick him.

Regardless of where King ends up by weekend's end, Kaczinski sees King excelling at the next level, simply because of the motor King plays with, as well as the way he manages to motivate himself on a regular basis.

"He's the kind of guy, you let him go play," Kaczinski said. "You don't want to screw him up, you don't want to hold him back, and with a guy that has a lot of passion and energy for the game, he's made my job a heck of a lot easier and made me a better coach over the last couple of years, that's for sure."

# D-line moves on

## DEFENSIVE LINE

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said after the team's spring scrimmage on April 18. "He's continued that ascension, too. We've got a lot of confidence in him."

In fact, the St. Paul, Minn., native could eventually start at defensive end if Parker chooses to play Ballard at tackle — something the defensive coordinator tried during the team's spring scrimmage April 18.

"I'll play wherever they need me," Ballard said. "It's definitely fun to play on the inside, just to move it up, but I think I have the athleticism to play wherever I need to play."

Regardless of who starts on the defensive line, Ballard knows that a solid front four has always been the backbone of good Hawkeye defenses. It's something King and Kroul established in their four years in Iowa City, and it's something Ballard and Clayborn hope to

continue the next two years.

"When you look at our good defenses in the past, the front four has been really, really good," Ballard said. "We're just going to come out here, bring some excitement out there. What we did our freshman year is get everybody excited, and I think if we can just keep on doing that, the sky's the limit on how good our defense can be."

# Men's track upbeat for Drake

## TRACK

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For a handful of other Hawkeyes who are natives to the state, however, this year will be an opportunity to perform against the rest of the nation, rather than the rest of the state in the high-school competition.

With this meet being televised nationally on ESPN2, how will these young athletes handle the pressure of being on the national stage?

"[The Drake Relays] are always a special thing for the Iowa kids because they really understand it and really appreciate it," Wieczorek said. "People are cheering for everyone in a Hawkeye uniform. I could put on a Hawkeye uniform and jog out there a little bit, and I'd get some cheers, you know, it's special in that way."

"It's the Hawkeye State, and we're the Hawkeyes."

Ryan Lamparek — who will celebrate his 20th birthday on Friday — was a two-time Drake Relays champion in the boys' shot put during his days at Cedar Rapids Prairie High School. The red-shirt freshman will make his first Drake Relays appearance as a Hawkeye. Redshirt freshman Nick Brayton won the Drake Relays title in the boys' discus for Iowa City West. Junior Adam Hairston won the boys' mile as a senior at Cedar Rapids Kennedy.

But Iowa's connections to the Drake Relays extend beyond competitors. Assistant coach Joey Woody is the only athlete in Drake Relays history to win the Athlete of the Meet award in high school (1992) and college (1994). Woody was induct-

ed into the Drake Relays Hall of Fame in 2002.

So what is it like for Woody to be coaching rather than competing?

"It's a three-day event compared to when I was competing, I only had to focus on one event," Woody said. "We have every single relay that's entered except for one. Almost

every field event, we've got somebody in there. Left and right, everywhere you look there are going to be Hawkeyes competing. That makes it fun because we're always going to be at the attention of the fans."

"I've been competing there since high school so it's always been an inspirational meet for me."

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# Men's tennis optimistic

Iowa heads to the Big Ten Tournament looking to avenge its loss to Wisconsin.

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REBECCA MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN  
**Hawkeye Christian Bierich returns a volley during his singles match against Lachlan Ferguson of Indiana on April 5 at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Bierich defeated Ferguson (6-3, 3-6, 6-3).**

The night before what could be the last match for the Hawkeyes, seniors Greg Holm and Christian Bierich spent it they way their time at Iowa began — together.

The Big Ten men's tennis tourney will begin today in Ann Arbor with the ninth-seeded Hawkeyes facing eight-seeded Wisconsin. The No. 36 Badgers come into the first-round match falling in the national rankings after their crushing 7-0 loss to top-seeded Ohio State on Sunday.

Iowa closed the regular season with a 4-3 victory over Purdue, and the Hawks hope the momentum from the victory Sunday continues in their 8 a.m. match today.

"I think it is going to be a really good match," Bierich said. "I think we have a really good chance to win, because everyone feels good after the Purdue match. Everyone has confidence on every spot, and everyone has been winning lately, so I think it's going to be good."

His inspired effort in the victory over Purdue's Slavko Bijelica broke a 3-3 tie and clinched the win for Iowa. The senior's last regular-season match came down to him, exactly as he had imagined.

Needless to say, the native of Sweden is feeling very good. Although Bierich's opponent, Wisconsin's Moritz Baumann, beat him (6-2, 2-6, 6-2), Iowa's top player is not focusing on

past defeats.

"I am just going to play amazingly, that is what I am going to do," he said and then laughed at his strategy. Jokes aside, he is confident in the Hawkeyes' ability to overcome the Badgers and advance to face Ohio State.

"It just can't be our last match because everyone is excited about it and going to play really hard," he said.

For the Hawkeyes to move pass the first round, they need to claim the doubles point. Last time out, the Badgers nabbed it. Holm and Nikita Zotov lost, 8-5, in their doubles match against Wisconsin, and they plan a different outcome this time.

"I am going to do everything I can to win," Holm said. "I know I will be playing doubles, so I've been focusing a lot on doubles — getting confident with every shot and just go out there and do it."

Junior Tommy McGeorge and freshman Tom

Mroziewicz won singles matches in the Hawkeyes' last meeting with Badgers. McGeorge defeated Wisconsin's Michael Dierberger (3-6, 7-6, 10-4), and Mroziewicz won his bout (6-3, 7-5).

Iowa head coach Steve Houghton recognize the Badgers are stiff competition but knows anything can happen come tournament time.

"One thing we have going for us is it is playing on a neutral site," Houghton said. "I think the Purdue match gave us some momentum, so that our guys will enter the match with a lot of confidence."

If Iowa wins the early morning match, on Friday the Hawkeyes will face the Buckeyes, who finished 28-1. "This match could be very meaningful if we can win it, in terms of moving up the rankings and improving our chances for NCAAs," Houghton said.

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# Women's tennis seeks revenge

The Iowa women's tennis team begins play this afternoon at the Big Ten championships in Madison, Wis.

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**Hawkeye tennis players Sonja Molnar and Jessica Young talk strategy at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex before a match on March 29. The pair was looking to rebound from their loss on March 27 to Ohio State.**

The Iowa women's tennis team got what it wished for. Exactly 12 days ago, the Hawkeyes lost to Wisconsin by a point at home, 4-3. After falling behind 3-1, the Hawkeyes never quit, but they were devastated when they failed to pull off the comeback.

However, the Hawkeyes (7-14, 2-8) have been given the gift of a second chance: They will face the Badgers (8-14, 3-7) at the Big Ten championships beginning at 3 p.m., today in Madison, Wis. Feeling like they owe Wisconsin a loss, the Hawkeyes want payback.

"I'm looking forward to beating Wisconsin this time," freshman Sonja Molnar said. "We were really close last time. I think this time, we're all more motivated to win."

Iowa is the 10th seed in the tournament, and Wisconsin is the seventh. The Hawkeyes finished tied with Penn State for ninth place in the Big Ten regular season but received the lower seed because of a head-to-head loss to the Nittany Lions on March 29.

The winner of the Iowa-Wisconsin match will play second-seeded Michigan on Friday. When asked if the team has what it takes to make a run in the tournament, head coach Daryl Greenan replied very quickly, nearly cutting off the question.

"One match at a time," he said. "I think we've got a good shot at the Badgers, and we played Michigan well. I just hope they go out there and put it all out on the court, because it's their last chance."

Greenan doesn't have to worry, say the players, because they know the significance of the situation. "I think it's all or nothing," sophomore Jessica

Young said. "It's our last chance to prove ourselves. We had a rough year. It's at their home, so it would be a big win for us because the crowd will definitely be behind them. Hopefully, we can put it all together."

The key to putting it together for the Hawks will be the three doubles matches; they won only one against the Badgers on April 11. The Hawkeyes went 1-9 in Big Ten doubles points, beating only Indiana. Greenan made some adjustments for the Wisconsin dual hoping to provide a lift.

"The doubles lineups are in, so there's nothing to hide there," he said. "We switched our doubles around completely, basically with the mentality of 'Well, we've got nothing to lose.' Maybe that will be a spark."

"If we start off getting the doubles point, that could make the difference."

Greenan shifted both his singles and doubles lineups early in the season but kept the same rotation for the majority of conference play. Young will play with junior Kelcie Klockenga at No. 2, and sophomore Alexis Dorr

will team up with freshman Ally Majercik at No. 3. Molnar, who will play doubles with sophomore Lynne Poggensee-Wei at No. 1, thinks one thing will be critical for the new doubles pair.

"I think it will just be communication, because we haven't played together before," she said. "It will be different just because of the different personalities, just like it's going to be with anybody who is new together."

The Hawkeyes started out 2-0 in the Big Ten, but they have lost eight straight meets heading into the tournament. As the team piled into a van at the Karro Athletics Hall of Fame on Wednesday, no one seemed down about the losing streak. Greenan was optimistic about settling the score with the Badgers.

"It's been a disappointing finish," he said. "I wouldn't say anybody threw in the towel, but we just couldn't get it going to get that extra match we needed to get the wins. Wisconsin was a perfect example. We lost 4-3 and had chances to win it."

"We're hoping to start with a little revenge over the host."

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ANDREW R. JUHL  
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### Famous movie quotations if all movies starred Elmo of 'Sesame Street'

- Elmo is going to make him an offer he can't refuse.
- Go ahead, make Elmo's day.
- Elmo loves the smell of napalm in the morning.
- Elmo is mad as hell, and Elmo's not going to take this anymore!
- Louis, Elmo thinks this is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.
- A census taker once tried to test Elmo. Elmo ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice Chianti.
- Show Elmo the money!
- You don't understand! Elmo coulda had class. Elmo coulda been a contender. Elmo could've been somebody, instead of a bum, which is what Elmo is.
- Elmo will have what she's having.
- Today, Elmo considers Elmo the luckiest Elmo on the face of the Earth.
- Elmo sees dead people.
- Elmo's name is Elmo ... Elmo.
- One morning Elmo shot an elephant in Elmo's pajamas. How he got in Elmo's pajamas, Elmo doesn't know.
- Say "hello" to Elmo's little friend!
- Get your stinking paws off Elmo, you damned dirty ape.
- Of all the gin joints in all the towns in all the world, she walks into Elmo's.
- You talkin' to Elmo?
- Mrs. Robinson, you're trying to seduce Elmo, aren't you?
- Elmo's looking at you, kid.
- Frankly, my dear, Elmo doesn't give a damn.

- Andrew R. Juhl never writes in the third person.

## GARDEN SEASON



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- 4 University Lecture Committee, Guest Naomi Klein
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- 6:30 Incompetent Sports Talk
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- 9:45 Incompetent Sports Talk
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- 10:30 Daily Iowan TV Newscast
- 10:45 "Java Blend" Encore, Dan Colehour
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## today's events

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- Thursday Wee Read, 10:15 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- Department of Biochemistry Seminar, "Molecular Mechanisms of Cell Contact Formation," William Weis, Stanford University, 10:30 a.m., 2117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- Little Sparkle Cape and Mother Goose, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Lunch with the Chefs: Rockin' Moroccan, 11:15 a.m., IMU Main Lounge
- Alpin Hog mini-performance, noon, UIHC Colton Pavilion Atrium
- United Action for Youth Parenting Skills Workshop, noon, Lone Tree Elementary
- President Mason Dedicates Student Garden / Power Down for the Planet Results Announcement, 1:30 p.m., Student Garden near Recreation Fields, Hawkeye Park
- Mini Health Fair, 2:30 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Dancing through the Silence: Silent Dance Party, Dance Marathon leadership team, 3 p.m., Pentacrest
- Teen Tech Zone, 3 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival's Will Power Tour, 3:30 p.m., Iowa Children's Museum, Coral Ridge Mall
- Buy Here Business Fair, 4-7 p.m., Holiday Inn, 1220 1st Ave., Coralville
- Learn to Knit, 4 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- South Asian Studies Program Lecture, "Writing India Writing English," G.J.V. Prasad, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, 4 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- Osher Lifetime Learning Institute at Iowa, "Grant Wood's Clear Lake Summer," 5:30 p.m., 2189 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility
- Capture Wild Yeast and Make Fabulous Sourdough, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- North Corridor High School Community Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Grace Community Church, 2707 Dubuque St. N.E., North Liberty
- A Craig Baird Debate Forum, "Has the UI adopted

- effective measures in its post-2008 flood recovery efforts?," 7 p.m., Leavitt Auditorium
- Creative Photo Seminar, 7 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Join the Peace Corps, 7 p.m., Lindquist Center Jones Commons
- "Live From Prairie Lights," Jane Hamilton, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- Lola Montes, 7 p.m., Bijou
- Proseminar in Cinema & Culture, "It's Better to be Healthy and Rich than Sick and Poor": Changing Cultures in Post-89 Central-European Cinema, 7 p.m., 101 Becker
- Writers' Workshop, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, 1451 Coral Ridge
- School of Art and Art History Lecture, "People Powered," 7:30 p.m., 2217 Seamans Center
- SCOPE Presents Dierks Bentley, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- Department of Philosophy Spring 2009 E.W. Hall Lecture, "A Moral Argument Against Moral Dilemmas," Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 8 p.m., W151 Pappajohn Business Building
- Drink Liberally, 8 p.m., Old Capitol Brew Works, 525 S. Gilbert
- Intimate Apparel, University Theatres Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- Latin Jazz Live on the Radio: UI Latin/Jazz Ensemble with the Bossa Brothers, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
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- The Future of Food, UI Environmental Coalition and Office of Sustainability, 8 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- The White Tornado Experiment, with Dr. Z's Experiment, 8 p.m., Industry upstairs, 211 Iowa
- The French Kicks, with Sarah Mannix and the Wandering Bears, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
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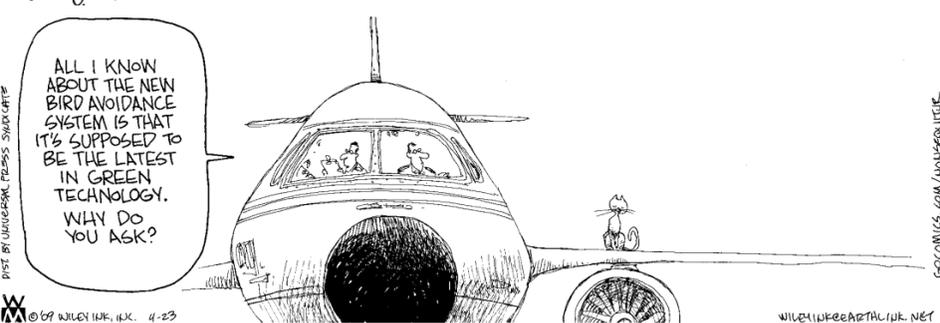
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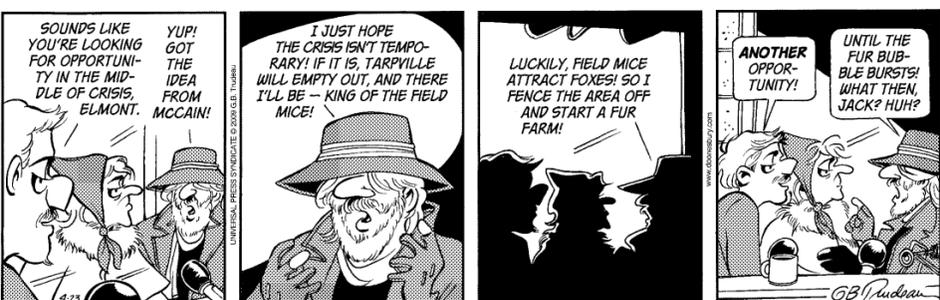
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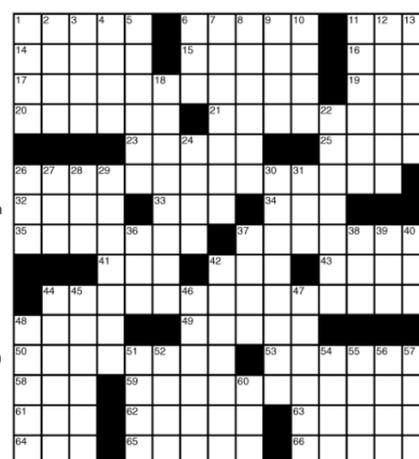
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## The New York Times Crossword

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- Two drinks, for some
  - Reserved to a greater degree
  - 1099- (tax form sent by a bank)
  - Japanese mushroom
  - Holmes of "Batman Begins"
  - Conjunction that usually has a partner
  - Eco-friendly in Las Vegas?
  - Rapping "Dr."
  - Tai chi instructor
  - Kind of account not used much anymore
  - Food glaze
  - Down Under springs
  - Omaha's waterfront during downpours?
  - Tax-free transaction, usually
  - Position on the Enterprise: Abbr.
  - Reception vessel
  - Cause
  - Actress Milano and namesakes
  - Charles I, II, III ... or X
  - Had something of the Mid-American Conference
  - First-place finishers in Bangor?
  - Planted
  - Feature of an essential oil
  - "Oh yes, I love that dress," maybe
  - Team in College Station, Tex.
  - Thorpe, 2000 and 2004 Olympic swimming sensation
  - Jogging atop Great Falls?
  - Neatnik's opposite
  - Envirovars for Galatea, in myth
  - Banks in Chicago
  - Places with defibrillators, for short
  - Move along a buffet line, perhaps
  - They're found on staffs
- Down
- Stamina
  - Preceder of a case name
  - Plumbing fixture manufacturer
  - General store on "The Waltons"
  - Musician's weakness
  - Biathlon need
  - Milliners' securers
  - Home of Odysseus
  - zwei, drei
  - Guns
  - Like fireworks, infrequently
  - "We can't squeeze any more in"
  - Some migrations
  - Woody vine with violet blossoms
  - Charles of "Death Wish"
  - Yearn (for)
  - Foreign policy advisory grp.
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  - Shadow, so to speak
  - Having an effect
  - Ottoman sultan known as "the Magnificent"



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Singer-songwriter Matt Skinner brings his skills to Quinton's tonight, and Arts reporter Caroline Berg presses him about his creative process.

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## Getting their kicks

French Kicks will kick into high gear tonight at the Picador.

By **REBECCA KOONS**  
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One thing music fans may first notice about French Kicks is the band's slightly peculiar name. To that, vocalist Nick Stumpf had to say, "We basically chose the name we hated the least."

Hailing from New York City, French Kicks consists of Stumpf, Josh Wise (guitar), Lawrence Stumpf (bass), and Aaron Thurston (drums). *Swimming*, the band's fourth full-length studio album, is the follow-up to 2006's *Two Thousand*. French Kicks will perform at 9 p.m. today at the Picador, 330 E.

Washington St., along with Sarah Mannix and the Wandering Bears.

### CONCERT

#### French Kicks

French Kicks began its journey in the late-90s as virtually every up-and-coming act does — playing local gigs. The band soon got the attention of NYC-based indie label Startime International, which was persistent in its early interest in the band.

"A guy from Startime started coming to our shows in New York and really came to shows for about six months," Nick Stumpf said.

French Kicks released its first two full-length albums, *One Time Bells* (2002) and *The Trial of the Century* (2004), before eventually finding a new home at another indie label, Vagrant Records of Santa Monica, Calif.

The band provides a refreshing blend of alternative, indie, and pop elements, which has garnered much praise from media around the country. That the French Kicks' sound comes from diverse corners of the music world is no surprise, given the band's influences.

"We all listen to all sorts of stuff," Nick Stumpf said. "I think we tend to respond to beats and rhythms and groove-oriented music."

Musically, the band displays a sense of natural cohesion, which can easily be attributed to each member's influences, different and alike, coming together during the creative process. In fact, *Swimming* was created exclusively at the hands of the band — its members were the sole entities involved in the production and mixing of the album.

The songwriting process for the band also tends to be very democratic and comes quite naturally for every member involved. Nick Stumpf called much of how the band creates songs a "process of hemorrhage and edit."

SEE **FRENCH KICKS**, 3C



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Dierks Bentley, whose first name is also his mother's maiden name, released his latest album, *Feel That Fire*, in February.

## Crossing musical lines

Country-music star Dierks Bentley brings his tunes to the IMU Main Lounge tonight.

By **RACHAEL LANDER**  
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Those who would like an intimate encounter with Dierks Bentley need go no farther than the IMU; he will play his honky-tonk, bluegrass, and rock tunes for his eager country-loving fans tonight. The concert sold out a week after spring break, demonstrating that Iowa City is a prime location for Bentley fever. Those not lucky enough to grab tickets are free to creep around on Madison Street for a glimpse

of his baby blue eyes, though sightings are not promised nor are they guaranteed.

He will perform in the IMU Main Lounge at 7:30 p.m. today, with 8 Seconds and Jedd Hughes opening.

Bentley is the first country star of this caliber that SCOPE has brought to the UI in years. Clark Bradshaw, SCOPE's public-relations and marketing coordinator, said getting a country star was no accident.

"SCOPE is always working to make sure our music fits as diverse of a crowd of

students as we can," he said. "We hadn't done a country artist for a while, so we decided to make that a priority."

When the group realized it could get Bentley, Bradshaw said, it grabbed him, because he's one of the country singers whom a lot of younger audiences really enjoy.

"He's not too old, like some other country artists," Bradshaw said. "He's very contemporary. He has fun, catchy songs that are played on the radio. So with our college-age [constituents], they really

### CONCERT

#### Dierks Bentley, with 8 Seconds and Jedd Hughes

When: 7:30 p.m. today  
Where: IMU Main Lounge  
Admission: **Sold Out**

connect with him."

Bentley, a Phoenix native now living in Nashville, has been crossing lines in country music since he signed with Capitol Records Nashville in 2003.

SEE **BENTLEY**, 3C

## Word paint

Cutter Wood and Bonnie Sunstein paint a swirl of words in an artistic- and literary-fused presentation in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber on Friday.

By **CAROLINE BERG**  
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Cutter Wood feels safe in Iowa. This is mostly because it resembles his home state of Pennsylvania. Wood's home does not have mind-numbingly vast fields of corn resulting in a gigantic mass of edible gold. Instead, what Pennsylvania shares with Iowa is the topographical quality of "a nice, solid, chunky sort of state," Wood wrote in an e-mail. This is the quality that originally drew him to Iowa.

"I trust none of those states that have thin parts or handle-ish features," he wrote. "If I pick a state up, I want to have to hold it in my arms, like a bear or an enormous soda."

Wood, a graduate student in the UI Nonfiction Writing Program, and UI English professor and seasoned author Bonnie Sunstein, will team Friday up to present their work at the UI Museum of

### READING

#### Cutter Wood and Bonnie Sunstein

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday  
Where: Old Capitol Senate Chamber  
Admission: Free

Art event Word Painters (formerly known as the museum's Writer-in-Residence program). The event starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber; admission is free.

"The goal of [Word Painters] is to have a more integrated interaction in the arts and humanities on the UI campus," museum Director of Education Dale Fisher wrote in an e-mail.

SEE **WORD PAINT**, 3C



JOE SCOTT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Cutter Wood stands with Professor Bonnie Sunstein outside the English-Philosophy Building on Wednesday. Wood and Sunstein will read their work in the Old Capitol Senate Chamber at 7:30 p.m. Friday as part of the UI Museum of Art's Word Painters.

### DI RECOMMENDS



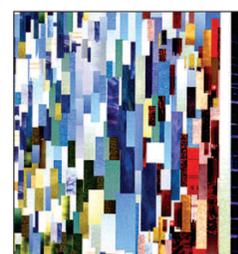
#### Thursday

- Hear author **Jane Hamilton** read from her latest novel, *Laura Rider's Masterpiece*, at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque. Head to dailyiowan.com for Arts reporter Katie Hanson's preview of the event, which begins at 7 p.m.
- Expand your mind today at 8 p.m. with the Department of Psychology's E.W. Hall Lecture, "A Moral Argument Against Moral Dilemmas," by **Geoffrey Sayre-McCord**. The lecture is in W151 Pappajohn Business Building. Sayre-McCord hails from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, so hope McCord brings some of that nice Carolina weather with him.



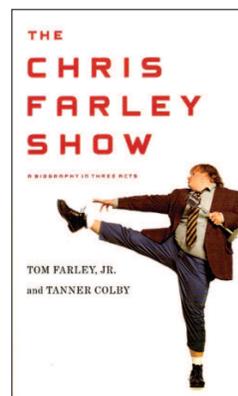
#### Friday

- Take a trip to the Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds, Oak Crest Hill Road S.E., for Iowa City Community Theatre's latest production, which begins at 7:30 p.m. The musical *The Baker's Wife* is based in France and features the title character leaving her spouse for someone younger.
- Watch *10 Things I Hate About You*. This movie has all the essentials of any classic teen comedy: an awesome party scene, witty dialogue, and a plot originally devised by Shakespeare. Viewing the film also serves as a solid tribute to the late Heath Ledger.



#### Saturday

- Listen to *Death Cab for Cutie*. Whether it's 2003's darkly pensive *Transatlanticism* or 2008's rocking *Narrow Stairs*, the Bellingham, Wash.-based band is one of the best and deserves to be aurally admired. Choice tracks include "We Looked Like Giants," "Tiny Vessels," and "Cath ..."
- Head over to the **Senior Center**, 28 S. Linn, at 7:30 p.m. for a barn dance. Promenade, do-si-do, and don't forget your 10-gallon hat.



#### Sunday

- Indulge your mind's natural curiosity and your ever-growing sense of humor. Read *The Chris Farley Show: A Biography in Three Acts*. The book contains insight into the talented man behind Matt Foley, Tommy Callahan, and countless other beloved characters, from the famous friends who knew the comedian best.

### STEP-BY-STEP COOKING INSTRUCTIONS

Head over to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) for this week's video cooking manual, featuring angel hair pasta with asparagus old-fashioned strawberry cobbler.

### ON THE WEB

Click over to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com), where you'll find a great story on mine enthusiast and poet Mark Nowak, who will read from his latest book, *Coal Mountain Elementary*, at Prairie Lights Books on Friday.

### D(EYE) ON ARTS BLOG

Have a non-sexual crush on Ricky Gervais? Then [dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com](http://dailyiowanarts.blogspot.com) is the place for you. There you'll find Arts reporter Dan Watson's tribute to the funniest man to come from Britain since Winston Churchill.

NEW MOVIES  
OPENING THIS WEEKEND**Obsessed**

Coral Ridge 10

Derek Charles (Idris Elba) is a successful asset manager and husband to beautiful Beth (Beyoncé Knowles). Charles' stable life is tested when office temp Lisa (Ali Larter) arrives. Charles makes the mistake of getting too close to Lisa, and the drama eventually threatens his work life's safety and his family's security.

**The Soloist**

Sycamore Cinema 12

In this version of a true story, successful but bored journalist Steve Lopez (Robert Downey Jr.) hits a rut in his career. His life is soon transformed when he meets Nathaniel Ayers (Jamie Foxx), a mentally ill homeless man who is also a musical genius. The two bond, and Steve decides to tell Nathaniel's tale in print.

## AT THE BIJOU

**Tulpan**

Showtimes: Friday: 7 p.m. Saturday: 5 and 9:30 p.m. Sunday: 3 p.m.

*Tulpan* takes place on the Kazakh steppe and tells the story of a shy young man, Asa, who is in search for a wife. In the area's sparse landscape, Tulpan is the only eligible woman for miles, yet she rejects Asa because of his big ears. The Kazakh film gives a tender account of the necessities of daily life that are elemental in any culture.

TRACKS  
FROM THE PAST

A place to remember all those albums we actually bought, memorized, and obsessed over. You loved it then, and you'll still love it now.

OK, so Aqua really wasn't that famous, but it totally rocked. But inquiring minds still ponder, What's the best Aqua album?

The greatest-hits album, of course. Why? Because Aqua thinks it's good enough to release a greatest hits CD. That takes balls, or at least a heavy sense of delusion. Also, the album includes my two favorite tracks and then some.

The compilation *Cartoon Heroes: The Best of Aqua* was released in 2002. In Japan, *Only in Japan*. I mean, if

Aqua's best tracks were only good enough to warrant release in one country, maybe they shouldn't have been released at all. I'm just saying. In 2006, after four years of intense lobbying, including a protest on the National Mall and numerous petitions (though those might have been about gun control, I wasn't really paying attention), *Cartoon Heroes: The Best of Aqua*, was released in the United States. And a grateful American said, "Thank you."

Aqua was so horrible, it was fabulous. Actually, it still is, because Aqua songs have been known to make it onto my party playlists. Any Danish-Norwegian dance group is an A-plus in my world.

- by Rachael Lander

**Cartoon Heroes by Aqua**

Released May 22, 2002

## Today 4.23

## MUSIC

- **Alpin Hong, mini performance**, noon, UIHC Colleton Pavilion Atrium
- **SCOPE Presents Dierks Bentley**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Latin Jazz Live on the Radio: UI Latin/Jazz Ensemble with the Bossa Brothers**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Scott Cochran and Flannel**, 8 p.m., George's, 312 E. Market
- **The White Tornado Experiment, with Dr. Z's Experiment**, 8 p.m., Industry upstairs, 211 Iowa
- **The French Kicks, with Sarah Mannix and the Wandering Bears**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington

## WORDS

- **Jane Hamilton, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

## LECTURES

- **South Asian Studies Program Lecture, "Writing India Writing**

**English," G.J.V. Prasad**, 4 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre

- **School of Art and Art History Lecture, People Powered, visiting artists in Intermedia**, 7:30 p.m., 2217 Seamans Center
- **Department of Philosophy Spring 2009 E.W. Hall Lecture, "A Moral Argument Against Moral Dilemmas,"** Geoffrey Sayre-McCord, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, W151 Pappajohn Business Building

## THEATER

- **Intimate Apparel, University Theatres Mainstage Series**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building, Mabie Theatre

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **Lunch with the Chefs: Rockin' Moroccan**, 11:15 a.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **President Mason Dedicates Student Garden / Power Down for the Planet Results Announcement**, 1:30 p.m., Student Garden, near Recreation Fields, Hawkeye Park Road

## Friday 4.24

## MUSIC

- **Adult Piano Lessons**, 8:30 a.m., Senior Center
- **"Java Blend," Catfish Keith**, noon, Java House, 211 1/2 E. Washington
- **Klevay-Langbehn Syndrome**, noon, UIHC Colleton Pavilion Atrium
- **Student Recital**, 2 p.m., Preucil School of Music, 524 N. Johnson
- **RiverFest, Gilbe**, 5 p.m., Pedestrian Mall Stage 1
- **RiverFest, Girl Repellent**, 6:30 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 1
- **RiverFest, SCOPE Presents Motion City Soundtrack**, 7 p.m., IMU Main Lounge

- **Alpin Hong, piano**, 7:30 p.m., City High Opstad Auditorium, 1900 Morningside Drive
- **RiverFest, River and the Tributaries**, 7:45 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 1
- **Catfish Keith**, 8 p.m., Mill
- **Daylight Savings Account, with Slip Silo and Aqua Marine Dream Machine**, 8 p.m., Industry downstairs

- **Mountains, with Evan Miller Marble Skies**, 9 p.m., Picador

## WORDS

- **Mark Nowak, poetry**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights
- **Word Painter Reading, Cutter Wood and Bonnie Sunstein**, 7:30 p.m., Old Capitol Senate Chamber

## LECTURES

- **"The Nature of Normative Concepts," Geoffrey Sayre-McCord**, 3:30 p.m., 107 English-Philosophy Building
- **Writers' Workshop faculty lecture series, Mark Levine**, 4 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room

## THEATER

- **The Baker's Wife, Iowa City Community Theatre**, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds Building A, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.
- **Intimate Apparel, University Theatres Mainstage Series**, 8 p.m., Mabie Theatre

• **Learn to Knit**, 4 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn

- **Osher Lifetime Learning Institute at Iowa, "Grant Wood's Clear Lake Summer,"** 5:30 p.m., 2189 Medical Education and Biomedical Research Facility
- **Capture Wild Yeast and Make Fabulous Sourdough**, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second St., Coralville
- **Creative Photo Seminar**, 7 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Writers' Workshop**, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **The Future of Food, UI Environmental Coalition and Office of Sustainability**, 8 p.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Free Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **Karaoke and Tacos**, 8 p.m., Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 320 E. Burlington
- **Take Back the Night**, 8 p.m., Pentacrest
- **Big D's Karaoke**, 9 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Court Suite 4, Coralville

- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., Theatre Building, Theatre B

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **Arbor Day tree planting by UI Landscape Services**, 9 a.m., Pentacrest
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Noon Knit**, noon, Hardin Library
- **Lunch-Time Lotus Yoga**, noon, Senior Center
- **Focus on Healing**, 1 p.m., Senior Center
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- **An Earth Day Event, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers**, 5 p.m., Morrison Park, Coralville
- **Classy Chassy Cruisers Friday Night Cruise-In**, 5 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- **Fashion Show Afterparty**, 8 p.m., Industry
- **Karaoke Night**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College

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## Saturday 4.25

## MUSIC

- **Colin O'Brien, Rails and Trails: Songs and Stories from the Frontier**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **RiverFest, Landscapes**, 11:45 a.m., Ped Mall Stage 2
- **RiverFest, Joe Uker**, 12:15 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 2
- **RiverFest, Scott Cochran**, 1 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 1
- **RiverFest, Unknown Component**, 2 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 2
- **RiverFest, Last Lecture**, 3 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 1
- **Student Recital**, 4 p.m., Preucil School of Music
- **RiverFest, Slip Silo**, 5:30 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 1
- **RiverFest, Dead Larry**, 6:30 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 2
- **Student Recital**, 7 p.m., Preucil School of Music
- **Musick's Feast Presents Renaissance Classics**, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 2701 Rochester Ave.
- **RiverFest, Sonny Humbucker Band**, 7:30 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 1
- **Center for New Music, Composer Exchange with the University of Chicago**, 8 p.m., Macbride Auditorium
- **Phi Mu Alpha Battle of the Bands**, 8 p.m., Industry
- **RiverFest, Maxilla Blue**, 8:30 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 2
- **Damon Dotson Band**, 9 p.m., Mill

## LECTURES

- **"The Burning Truth of the Climate**

**Crisis," Sister Cathleen Real**, 7 p.m., First Mennonite Church, 405 Myrtle Ave.

## THEATRE

- **The Baker's Wife, Iowa City Community Theatre**, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds Building A
- **Intimate Apparel, University Theatres Mainstage Series**, 8 p.m., Mabie Theatre

## DANCE

- **RiverFest, UI Youth Ballet**, 11 a.m., Ped Mall Stage 2
- **Barn Dance**, 7:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **Dance for Humanity**, 7:30 p.m., IMU
- **RiverFest, UI Breakers**, 9 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 1

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **Introductory Yoga Class**, 8:30 a.m., Friendship Yoga Ltd., 1231 Gilbert Court
- **Earth Day at East Side**, 10 a.m., East Side Recycling Center, 2401 Scott Blvd.
- **Knitter's Breakfast**, 10 a.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- **Saturday Bicyclists of Iowa City Ride**, 10 a.m., Scott Park
- **RiverFest, Paperback Rhino**, 4 p.m., Ped Mall Stage 2
- **Kung Fu San Soo**, 5:45 p.m., Senior Center
- **Art and Altruism 2009 Silent Auction**, 6 p.m., Old Capitol Museum
- **Earth Month Benefit**, 6 p.m., Brothers, 125 S. Dubuque
- **Artist Meet and Greet**, 7 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **Night Games**, 9 p.m., Field House

## Sunday 4.26

## MUSIC

- **Student Recital**, 2 p.m., Preucil School of Music
- **Electronic Music Studios**, 3 p.m., 101 Becker
- **Philharmonia and All-University String Orchestra**,

- 3 p.m., IMU Ballroom
- **Student Recital**, 4 p.m., Preucil School of Music

- **Sundays at Four, Delbert Disselhorst, organ**, 4 p.m., Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton

- **Student Recital**, 7 p.m., Preucil School of Music
- **That 1 Guy**, 9 p.m., Mill

## THEATER

- **The Baker's Wife, Iowa City Community Theatre**, 2 p.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds Building A

## MISCELLANEOUS

- **21st-Annual Knights of Columbus Breakfast**, 8 a.m., Knights of Columbus Family Center, 4776

- American Legion Road
- **Old Capitol Criterium**, 9:30 a.m., Pentacrest

- **Basic Socks with Nancy**, noon, Home Ec. Workshop
- **Taizé**, 5 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Study Hall (The Game)**, 9 p.m., Mill

## A different kind of pianist

By RACHAEL LANDER

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Talking to Alpin Hong is like having a conversation with a friend: He's funny, grounded, and quite entertaining. It's easy to forget he played piano with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra at age 10. Or that he received a master's degree from Juilliard. He is clearly well-skilled on his instrument, but he still retains a little bit of self-proclaimed immaturity.

He will play at City High, 1900 Morningside Drive., at 7:30 p.m. Friday, performing pieces by Beethoven, Brahms, and Chopin, among other composers.

"You know, like everybody else, my mom made me start [playing piano]," Hong said. "It was something I really loved. I loved performing, but I hated practicing. The idea of practicing for the rest of my life sounded like hell."

He never envisioned that he would play piano for a living. When he was at UCLA as an undergraduate, he received a degree in history. And when he went to Juilliard to get a master's, he didn't expect music to be a full-time pursuit.

"Oh, heck no," he said. "I mean

even in the midst of my master's degree, I was never sure that it was a viable career choice."

Hong's first performance took place at 10, when he played with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra in Michigan, his home state.

"Oh, yeah, it was my first concert performance," he said. "I [was] a 10-year-old, and I was playing in Miller Auditorium, which I believe seats more than 4,000, and the audience was composed of mostly school kids. So they're my age, they're squirmy as you can imagine, and there are 4,000 of them. And for the first time I'm playing with 80 or 90 adults backing me up. It was the first time I played with an ensemble like that."

To many, playing the piano at age 10 in front of thousands of people would be extraordinarily daunting, but for Hong, it was some of the most fun he has had. Easy to say when your career includes playing Carnegie Hall.

Music isn't all about the venue for him, though he said playing the famous New York concert hall was definitely a highlight. However, he enjoys shows most when the audience enjoys them. He's there to entertain.

"I've been to so many places in the U.S. and abroad that there's no one particular place that sticks out," he said. "What I always love is the surprise. Say, for example, I go to some place in the Texas Panhandle-thing, and I'm just like, 'Oh, God who's going to see a piano concert here?' and I look out, and there's an audience of 2,700 people, and they're totally excited about it."

Hong has released two CDs, and he is working on building repertoire for a third one, which he says will be more "independent" than his previous albums.

Piano is just one of Hong's many interests. The 32-year old plays violin, sings, is an avid video-game player, and he would take watching college basketball over doing taxes any day, which isn't the best quality when you're trying to be more responsible, as Hong is attempting.

"I'm kind of immature in my extracurricular activities," he said. "I love snowboarding and skateboarding. I'm learning how to do more responsible stuff. [I enjoy] what you would expect any 17- or 18-year-old to like."

It's clear from his electronic obsession that Hong isn't a typi-



PUBLICITY PHOTO (ALPIN HONG)

**Alpin Hong, who possesses both musical talent and video game skills, returns to Iowa City for a concert tonight at City High.**

cal musician, or at least what many would expect from a supremely talented artist. At concerts, he said, he wants more feedback than a bit of nice clapping. He wants his audiences to be actively engaged.

"If you don't like it, you can throw stuff," he said. "If you really like it, you can stand up

and holler and throw your hat on the stage."

Hong has visited Iowa City before, and he said it was a fantastic experience.

"I'm really so thrilled to be able to come back," he said. "The audience there rocks. The last time I was there, it was a party. I'm so happy to come back."

- by Katie Hanson

## A HAPPY HOLIDAY FEAST

**Earth Day has yet to gain the revered status Valentine's Day, Halloween, and other secular holidays have in American society. For those who missed out on celebrating Wednesday, get into the spirit through cuisine. Try some angel-hair pasta with asparagus and strawberry cobbler, and maybe even plant some trees as well.**

## ON THE WEB

Trot over to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) for a detailed video tutorial on how to make this week's menu dishes.



## ANGEL-HAIR PASTA WITH ASPARAGUS

## What you need:

- 8 oz. angel-hair pasta
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 1/2 lbs. fresh asparagus, trimmed and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/4 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 lb. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

## What to do:

Cook pasta according to package instructions. Then heat olive oil in a nonstick skillet. Sauté asparagus in the skillet over medium heat for around three minutes. Add chicken broth and mushroom slices before cooking for an additional three minutes. Drain pasta and transfer it to a serving dish. Gently toss pasta with asparagus mixture. Then sprinkle it with Parmesan and crushed red pepper.

## OLD-FASHIONED STRAWBERRY COBBLER

## What you need:

- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup organic cane sugar
- 1 tablespoon arrowroot
- 16 oz. fresh strawberries, rinsed, tops removed and sliced in half

**What you'll need (for cobbler topping):**  
1 cup flour

- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/3 cup oats
- 3 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) organic butter

## What to do:

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Butter a medium baking dish and set aside. In small saucepan, whisk together water, sugar, and arrowroot over medium heat until sugar dissolves

and sauce thickens. Add strawberries and coat well. Simmer on low heat for about three minutes or until berries soften slightly. Pour berry mixture into baking dish. To make cobbler topping, sift flour, baking powder, oats, brown sugar, and salt together in a medium bowl. Spoon cobbler mixture over strawberries. Bake for 40-45 minutes or until topping crusts over and gets firm.

# Don't fence him in

**BENTLEY**  
CONTINUED FROM 1C

The honky-tonk man enjoys mixing a little bit of rock and roll with his otherwise country tunes. His fusion of genres fueled his rise, with numerous singles reaching No. 1 spot on the *Billboard* country charts, and many others cracking the top 10. His latest album, *Feel That Fire*, and its title track both jumped to No. 1 shortly after its February release.

Bentley has also won numerous awards, including taking home the Country Music Association's Horizon Award in 2005, which is given to the performer "who has demonstrated the most significant creative growth and development in overall chart and sales activity, live-performance professionalism, and critical media recognition," according to the association's website.

In typical country-music fashion, Bentley makes his songs personal, using words to delve into the core feelings of his fans. He sings about life, love, travel, heartache, and a slew of other topics that resonate deeply with listeners. His ability to fuse his rocker persona with his bluegrass/honky-tonk side sets him apart from his Nashville brethren.

UI junior Lenny DeBroeck said Bentley's song "Lot of Leavin' Left To Do," about his desire to keep traveling, is

one that speaks to him. "I don't like to settle down too much," DeBroeck said. "The song more or less says to be with [Bentley], you've got to enjoy the road, because he's still got a lot left to do."

DeBroeck also pointed out Bentley's ability to get personal by having his wife and dogs appear in many of his videos, something not many big stars seem to do.

Fans also enjoy Bentley's ability to use his performances to connect with his audience.

"I've been to four of his concerts, and he just tries to appeal to the crowd, and he's really entertaining to watch on stage," said Jordan Loperena, a UI student who plans on attending tonight's concert. "He has put out pretty lengthy set lists at concerts, so you usually hear every song that you want to hear."

Though Loperena has many favorite Bentley tunes — he's been a fan since the country star's debut — two stand out for him. "What Was I Thinkin'," a story about ignoring the repercussions of following desire, and "Free and Easy (Down the Road I Go)," a tune about traveling wherever your feet take you.

"'What Was I Thinkin',' because it was kind of like his first really big song, and it had a great music video to it," Loperena said. "You can kind of just relate to a crazy night like that. And 'Free and Easy,' because there's a small set of lyrics in the song that I kind

of take to heart."

Loperena is most looking forward to the relatively small crowd that will be at the IMU tonight — the venue holds a maximum of 1,800 people.

"I think that it's just going to be a really personal, great experience," he said. "It'll probably be one of the smaller crowds that he plays for a long time."

Jedd Hughes, one of the openers, is an Australian guitar-playing singer/songwriter who has been engrossed with music since age 8. Despite not classifying himself as a country artist, he ended up moving to Nashville. There, Hughes met Bentley, and he has been playing shows with the country star ever since.

"I've been opening for Dierks for the past four or five years on and off," Hughes said. "We've become pretty decent mates, and we kind of keep in touch a bit. I try to get out with him if I have time. I guess you start to develop relationships with people, and it sort of becomes an ongoing thing once in a while."

Tonight's concert will halt Bentley fans' hearts for many reasons, including the intimate setting — a rare location for a concert from one of Nashville's biggest acts.

"He's really one of the top musicians in country music, which is a really big genre in America," SCOPE's Bradshaw said.

# Swimmingly indie

**FRENCH KICKS**  
CONTINUED FROM 1C

"Usually, we take the first idea that pops into someone's head and then continue to build around that idea," he said. "If it's cool enough, we'll keep working with it. The first ideas happen very fast, but editing that idea takes much longer."

While French Kicks is busy conquering the United States, the band is getting a decent amount of exposure overseas as well. The group's first two albums have also been released in Europe, and Japan has also been graced with the presence of One Time Bells. Though the band was thrilled to have the experience of touring outside the United States, the musicians found that some crowds are a bit tougher to win over.

"There were a couple good shows in London," Stumpf said. "But the audiences are kind of unfriendly, and especially at our level, it can be pretty brutalizing."

Despite mixed reviews on the other side of the Atlantic, it is certain that Iowa City is more than ready for the band to return to the Picador. The band always has a great time playing, and it is paring its show down to its "elemental core," which, Stumpf said, separates the group from many acts.

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Four UI Nonfiction Writing Program students are annually awarded three-month residencies to work on writing projects, including a mandatory art-based essay, alongside established UI faculty writers. This Friday is a celebration of Wood's creativity with readings from his book *Things I Don't Like, and Why*.

He classifies his writing as a very distinct brand of nonfiction. Some people, including him, know it as "bullshit nonfiction." This seemingly crude genre of literature, put more conservatively as "made-up" nonfiction, is nonetheless a methodical approach to writing. "I see a thing (a person, for

example, about to pee on an electric fence or fall in love), I get confused ('That seems like a dumb idea.'). and then I write about being confused ('I'm pretty sure, in the final assessment, that was a dumb idea.'). Wood wrote about the "bullshit nonfiction" method. "Sometimes that person is someone else, [but] mostly it's me."

Sunstein will read selections from her writing that illustrate how nonfiction writers try to render clever reflections of real life without losing their own voices.

When asked about being matched with Sunstein, Wood wrote, "I think they probably paired us up mostly not because of our writing abilities (which in her case are substantial) but because they thought we were cool."

Despite his talent with the written word, he is disappointed with his native language. This dissatisfaction is so potent it moved him to write "Twelve Failures of the English Language," which he will most likely read at the show.

Wood is particularly peeved by the confines of English syntax, and he compares his bond with English to a failing relationship with a significant other. He finds that as time goes by, the luster of the partnership fades, but "you're getting older, and your parents like him or her, so you just end up sticking with this partner."

Nevertheless, in his "Kykkeliky," Wood writes, "'Je suis Cutter. Il fait beau.' I am Cutter. It is beautiful. It is."

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# Real magical mystery

He's a Magic Man: That 1 Guy will fill the Mill with musical sleight of hand on April 26.

By MELEA ANDRYS  
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Some people wish to avoid the stigma associated with being singled out as "That Guy." Berkeley, Calif.-based musician Mike Silverman is not one of those people.

"It started as a joke, but it's got a lot of significance," he said about his musical moniker. "The whole nature of what I do is so individual ... The name is so open-ended it allows me to be myself on so many different levels."

Behold Silverman's diverse résumé: classically trained bassist, jazz musician, instrument inventor, improviser, composer, avant-garde artist, and aspiring magician. Known as much for his technical prowess as for the Magic Pipe, Magic Boot, and Magic Saw — his unconventional self-made instruments — he has become something of a musical giant, having played alongside Tom Waits and Buckethead and boasting a track featured ("Buttmachine") on Showtime's dramedy "Weeds."

On April 26 at 9 p.m., he will bring his eclectic one-man band to the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. Tickets are \$10.

"We're happy to have such a wonderful and eccentric performer," said Andre Perry, the booking agent for the Mill. "He's doing things a lot of other people aren't doing."

Silverman's sound is so out-of-the-ordinary that even he has difficulty classifying it.

"I came up with a generic genre title that I use sometimes — I call it 'rhythm and sound,'" he said. "Rhythm and blues" is so vague it doesn't mean anything anymore, but it still supposedly draws off roots music, and to me that's what my music does. Rhythm and sound are my two biggest ingredients."

Though these two components may form the base of his broth, the finished stew is far more complex. Add the Magic Pipe (an upright bass simulation created by a pair of adjustable pipes and orchestral strings), Magic Boot (an electronically enhanced cowboy boot), and Magic Saw (a hot-wired saw), as well as his diverse musical background (jazz, classical, world, percussion), and the result is a mix unable to be replicated.

"The whole fun in what I do [is taking] all these things I've done in the past and integrating them into my musical vocabulary," he said. "When people see me for the first time, they often can't tell where the sound is coming from or what it's doing, and it's very magical in that aspect."

Silverman is tinkering with elements of the unexplained in his current live act, including the addition of levitation and card tricks.

"I've been studying literal magic over the past few years, and as I've added more instruments like the Magic Boot and the Magic Saw, they do things that you wouldn't expect them



That 1 Guy is Mike Silverman. He's pictured with his Magic Pipe, a homemade electronic instrument made of steel pipes, orchestral bass strings, and a little bit of the supernatural.

to do," he said. "Now, I'm doing actual magic in my act as well, and it's so interesting how it's so cohesive with what I do musically. There's no real sleight of hand in my music per se, but it's perceived as that sometimes."

He said he was excited to bring his "new songs and sounds" back to the Mill, where he has performed many times.

"I always like playing there," he said. "Some of the first tours I ever did were through Iowa City, and it's always been really good to me."

# Modifying musical behavior

Matt Skinner has detached himself from the Jensen Connection and proceeded from the Ggitch to shine solo.

By CAROLINE BERG  
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Matt Skinner learned well in kindergarten; he's all about sharing. Any chance he can show and tell, he takes the stage to strum on his acoustic guitar and engage his audience in his imaginative stories. After a streak of bands, he is now a devoted solo act. Equipped with a solid collection of country/blues tunes, the singing songwriter will appear for a free show at Quinton's Bar & Deli today at 10 p.m.

After transferring to the UI from a community college in Des Moines, Skinner fostered his creative writing skills as an English student by day, while spending his nights playing at bars. In 2002, after a particularly exhilarating Yacht Club jam session, Skinner kindled a musical relationship with Emmett Sheehan, which ultimately led to the creation of the Jensen Connection.

The quintet quickly gained local popularity when it formed a happy family of rock, blues, and funk. In 2005, the band organized its loaded portfolio of original material into an album, *Distracted*. Soon thereafter, true distraction hit the band and sent the members in separate directions.

Alone and on the musical rebound, another local band, the Ggitch, picked up Skinner to back up the rock ensemble with his guitar. These days, however, he spends most of his time creating music while occasionally joining the Ggitch with

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his harmonica. Skinner praises such musical acts as Bela Fleck, whom he considers one of the world's unrivaled banjo players. He also relishes the soulful richness of "old, old blues music of the '30s and '40s." In general, however, he admits to being a bit "musically ignorant." He prefers to spend time developing his own sound and enjoys combining country with blues.

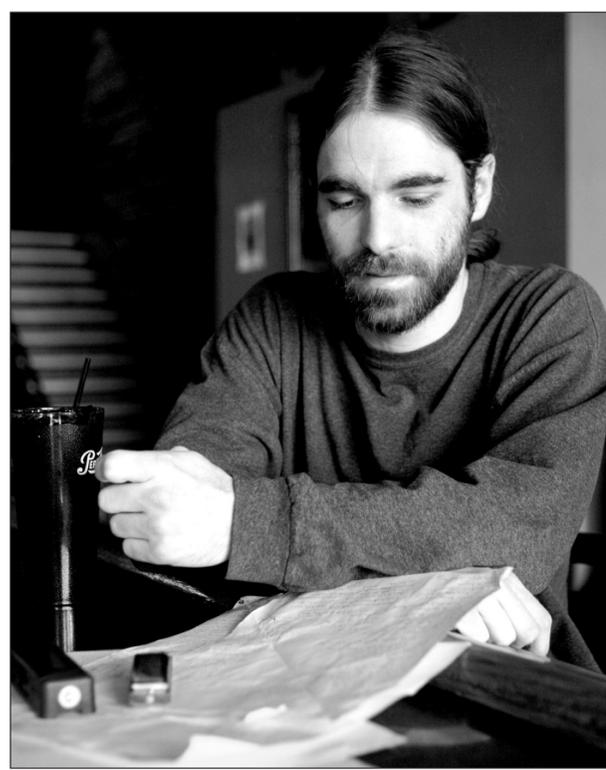
"I've always thought that music like country or gospel tells people how to be good or how they are supposed to treat other people," Skinner said. "I find with blues music, it's the opposite. Blues tells you what not to do. It focuses on the flaws in humans."

In the synthesis of country and blues, he has discovered more freedom for narrative experimentation.

"In my music, bad things can happen to good people, and good things can happen to bad people," he said. "But, in reality, it's mostly the other way around."

Skinner refrains from autobiographical ballads, preferring to use his familiarity with fiction for lyrical storytelling.

One of his most recent songs takes his audience out



Matt Skinner looks over his music sheets at Quinton's on Wednesday. He will play a free show at Quinton's today at 10 p.m.

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to sea with an old deaf naval officer. He was inspired by the Greek mythological figures the Sirens. The sea nymphs sang sweet songs to lure sailors onto the rocks around their island, where they meet their doom. In Skinner's rendition, the aging naval officer has managed to ward off the Sirens' allure during 30 to 40 years at sea. However, in increasingly bleak

circumstances, the weakened man eventually succumbs to his fate.

"I'm obsessed with death," Skinner said.

His musical career would indicate otherwise. Rather than riding the professional road in a funeral hearse, he voices high hopes about his future in music and promises to release an album of his own soon.



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