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Iowa falls in final Corridor Classic

An eighth-inning collapse that saw Northern Iowa score six runs proved to be the difference as the Panthers won the last Corridor Classic, 9-3, over the Hawkeyes on Tuesday in Cedar Rapids. **1B**

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In the April 27 article, "UI wraps up sex policy" the *DI* inaccurately reported the UI sexual-misconduct-response-coordinator is a confidential source. This role is not confidential. The *DI* regrets the error.

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Nite Ride has been one of only a handful of successful safety measures to be implemented on campus in recent years. The UI should encourage that success by expanding the late-night service's coverage. **6A**

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Officials: No need for flu panic

By JENNIFER DELGADO
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The number of swine-flu cases is growing, but Iowans shouldn't panic, state health officials said.

"Every year, we get some unusual virus that seems to affect thousands of people in the United States," said Gregory Gray, a UI professor of epidemiology. "[The swine flu] is just acting like that."

There haven't been any confirmed swine-flu cases in Iowa, but the national count rose to 64 on Tuesday.

Swine flu, a respiratory disease in pigs, is spreading around the country from human-to-human contact, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Southern California and Texas residents reported viruses in late March. The infection has spread to individuals in New York, Kansas, and Ohio. Several high-school students in New York City became infected with the virus after a spring-break trip to Mexico.

State health officials are urging Iowans to stay at home if they

have swine-flu symptoms, such as fever, body aches, and sore throats. Iowans should also call their health providers before going to the hospital or doctor's office.

"We've had experience in this, and we're ready to handle it," said Doug Beardsley, the director of the Johnson County Public Health Department. The office learned how to deal with outbreaks after the Iowa City measles panic in 2004, he said.

The county department is reviewing pandemic-response

plans with area hospitals, physicians, and schools, he said.

The Iowa Department of Public Health has access to 400,000 antiviral doses and will distribute them as needed to all counties.

"We're looking at how to handle [the swine flu] and what the next steps may be," said Polly Carver-Kimm, a spokeswoman for the Iowa Department of Public Health. Frequent hand washing is the best way to combat influenza viruses, she said.

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Swine-flu infections

As of Tuesday, individuals in five states have been infected with swine flu. Here's a breakdown of each state and the number of confirmed cases:

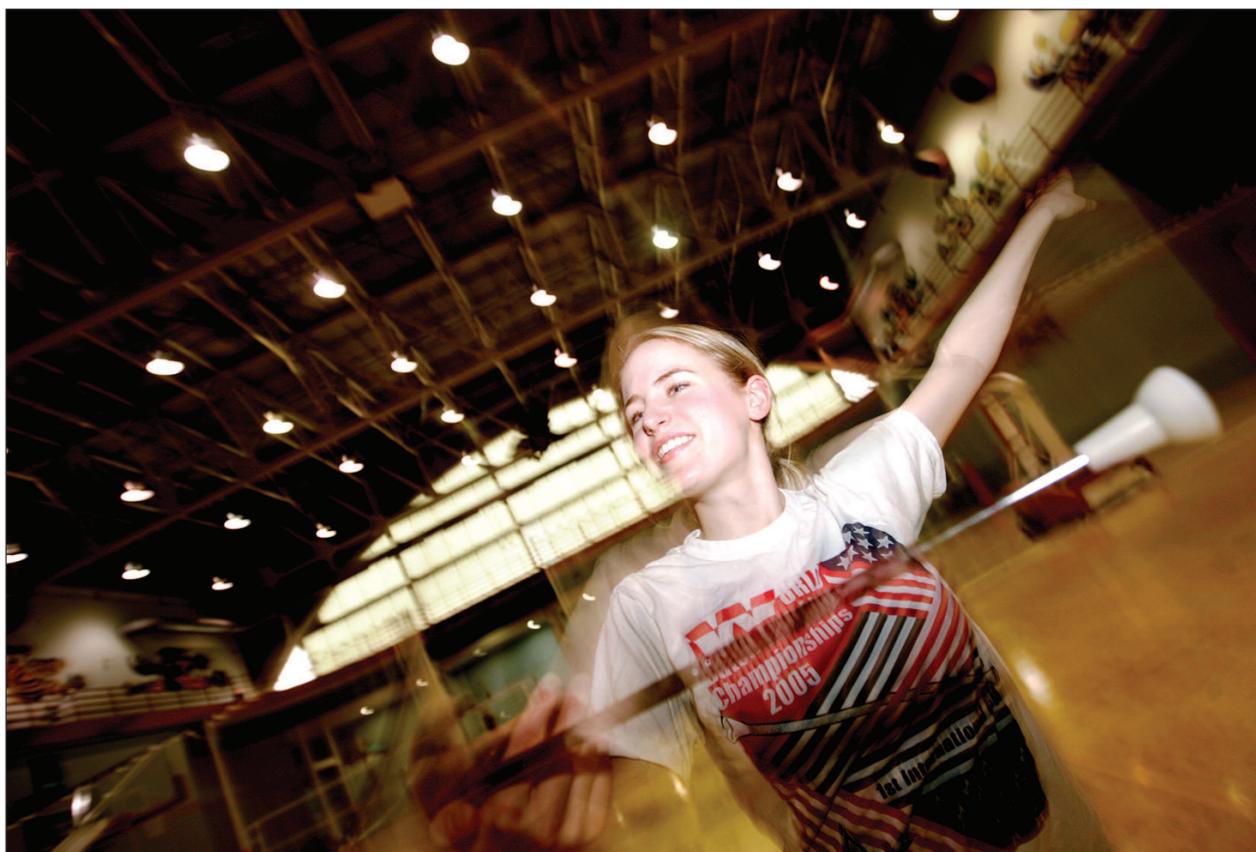
- New York - 45
- California - 10
- Texas - 6
- Kansas - 2
- Ohio - 1

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Swine flu hotline

Iowa health officials have set up a toll-free hotline for all questions about swine flu: 1-800-447-1985.

Taking the world for a twirl



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye Golden Girl and UI sophomore Chelsea Russell practices baton twirling in the Field House on Tuesday afternoon. Russell stays occupied with a double major in English and performing-arts entrepreneurship, in addition to teaching twirling lessons several nights a week, a tradition started by her predecessor Diana Reed.

Sophomore Chelsea Russell is the first UI Golden Girl to qualify to compete in the World Baton Championship.

By MICHELE DANNO
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Add one gold medal and two bronze medals to Hawkeye Golden Girl Chelsea Russell's ever-growing collection.

The UI sophomore is back from Belgium, where she took three top spots at the World Baton Championship earlier this month. She has represent-

ed the United States at the international competition four times, earning seven gold, two silver, and five bronze medals.

"I had to miss a ton of school for Worlds," Russell said. "I'm still catching up on work, but luckily my teachers were really cool about it. It's extremely difficult to balance twirling and school because it is so time-consuming."

But she is used to the hectic

schedule — she's been doing it since kindergarten.

Some could say Russell, who has been involved in competitive twirling since she was 3, was born with the talent. Her mother, Kelli Krull Russell, is a former national twirling champion. She also won the Miss America talent competition for twirling as Miss New York, and she has coached numerous national and world champions — including her daughter.

"Chelsea is extremely hard-working and determined," Kelli Krull Russell said. "When she first started she was pigeon-

Hawkeye Golden Girl

Chelsea Russell won one gold and two bronze medals at the World Baton Championship in Belgium this month.

- Born in Williamsville, N.Y.
- Has competed in baton twirling since age 3
- Has won seven gold, two silver, and five bronze medals internationally
- First UI Golden Girl to qualify to compete in the world championship

Source: Chelsea Russell

toed and uncoordinated, and it was just a lot of work from the

SEE GOLDEN GIRL, 3A

No room in the van, sometimes

Warmer weather means some may be turned away from a Nite Ride van filled to capacity.

By MAGGIE PETERS
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When UI freshman Allie Meyer tried to get on the Nite Ride van downtown on April 23, she was surprised to hear she wouldn't be able to get in.

"I had already been waiting 40 minutes," the 19-year-old Mayflower resident said. "And I was by myself, so it was pretty frustrating."

Without any open seats on the van, she had the choice to wait another 15 to 20 minutes for the vehicle to make another circuit, or she could find another way home.

"I didn't want to wait, so I just got a cab instead," Meyer said.

The UI Nite Ride van service — which began in September 2007 — has seen a steady increase in users since its start, UI police Crime Prevention Specialist Brad Allison said. The service has already topped 10,000 riders, which is viewed as an important milestone to universities employing this type of program.

Recently, however, the number of riders has been so high that in some cases, women such as Meyer must temporarily be turned away.

On April 23, 83 riders used Nite Ride to be picked up from downtown, Allison said. There were 90 the next night, and 89 April 25.

SEE NITE RIDE, 3A

Locals rate Obama after 1st 100 days

One-hundred days into President Obama's term, UI experts and students sound off.

By SHAWN GUDE
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The 100-day benchmark for new presidents irks political-science Associate Professor Cary Covington.

"It's symbolic and meaningless," he said. "No president should be judged by what he does in a hundred days."

Originating from Franklin Roosevelt's busy first 100 days, the measure is now a requisite, ubiquitous way to assess a nascent president's efficacy.

And President Obama is no different.

"He's been doing a real good job at spending money," UI College Republicans President Derek Bohlke said sarcastically, pointing to the stimulus plan and bank bailout out as paragons. Bohlke did favor Obama's move to send 17,000 additional troops to Afghanistan.

In contrast, UI sophomore and former University Democrats President Lucas Oglesbee spoke positively of the stimulus plan, describing it as the "very beginning of what's going to turn the economy around."

"I think President Obama had a very ambitious agenda for his

first 100 days, and I think a lot of the policy initiatives that he has proposed, he's made really good on," Oglesbee said.

The schism between student partisans is typical of the nation, Covington said.

While Obama is enjoying high approval ratings — 63 percent, according to Gallup — his disapproval rating is relatively high as well — 31 percent. It's a common occurrence for post-Reagan presidents, Covington said, because of the country's increased polarization, the rise of talk radio, and left- and right-wing media catering to consumers' political leanings.

Historically speaking, Obama's current popularity is relatively strong.



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President Obama and Michelle Obama greet the crowd on April 5 prior to his speech in front of the Castle in Prague, Czech Republic.

SEE OBAMA, 3A



Board hears Roosevelt options

Iowa City School Board is getting closer to a Roosevelt decision.

By **CLARK CAHILL**
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Iowa City School District officials are another step closer to deciding the fate of Roosevelt Elementary.

The district's Facilities Advisory Committee gave recommendations to the School Board on Tuesday night after meeting several times in the past six weeks.

"We had a very diverse group of people who brought a lot of different and unique viewpoints," said Steve Buckman, the senior member of the committee.

The committee was instructed to provide information and make suggestions to the board about nine options — some of which would close Roosevelt and build a new elementary school at the Crossings, a residential development near West High. The options are intended to solve the building's maintenance needs and overcrowding issue.

Other schools that would be affected by the potential move — which would require a change in enrollment boundaries — are Horn, Kirkwood, and Weber.

Committee members toured each school and met with administration officials and fac-



Roosevelt Elementary is shown on March 2. Roosevelt is the oldest school in the School District, and district officials are still deciding whether the school will remain open.

ulty members. At the meeting, members broke into three small groups, which put together pros and cons for each option as well as highlighting their priorities for the schools.

Each member was also required to make a "forced choice" about which option they would recommend by a process of elimination.

"We felt that was what we needed to do," Buckman said. "We were able to put together a

composite average from everyone's choices."

Some other community members voiced new concerns to the board.

UI Assistant Professor Charles Stanier spoke on behalf of We Love Our Neighborhood Schools — a group of parents and community members dedicated to preserving neighborhood schools. Stanier gave the board results of a survey given throughout the district that

received 530 responses.

The survey presented participants with several of the board's options. The highest-ranked option was delaying a new school and adding on to other schools to fix an overcrowding problem, Stanier said.

Lori Enloe asked the board to consider separating their options for Roosevelt. Her idea is to begin constructing a new school at the Crossings but keeping Roosevelt while the board continues weighing its options.

"We recognize with the growth in the district we are going to need another school anyway," she said. "Would there be a benefit to start building the new school and then step back to look at the issues surrounding Roosevelt and see if we really want to keep it?"

Board President Toni Cilek said the board was not prepared to deliberate details on the options Tuesday night.

"We have the information and feedback that we need, but we need to get into the options before we can logically respond," she said.

The board plans to have a work session on the topic and could potentially vote on an option at its May 26 meeting.

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NATION

Plane from Mexico held to check 2 ill passengers

LINTHICUM, Md. (AP) — Two men who had too much to drink caused 117 passengers on a flight from Mexico to Maryland to wait on board after landing while health authorities checked the two for symptoms of swine flu, officials said Tuesday.

The commotion began when AirTran Flight 85 from Cancun, Mexico, radioed ahead to Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport that two passengers had nausea and fever, said airport spokesman Jonathan Dean. When it landed, the airport's fire and rescue department met it.

The two men were isolated and examined, said David Paulson, director of communications for the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Jim Peters said they simply had too much to drink.

They did not have respiratory distress that is a symptom of swine flu, Paulson said.

They refused treatment, and they and the other passengers were allowed to leave the plane after being detained less than an hour.

Swine flu was said to have been a factor in more than 150 deaths and over 1,600 illnesses in Mexico. The number of confirmed cases in the United States climbed to 66 Tuesday, and federal officials warned that deaths were likely.

Hiker found after three nights

By **DAVID TIRRELL-WYSOCKI**
Associated Press

PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H. — An Eagle Scout whose day hike in the mountains went awry when unusually warm weather turned small streams into raging rivers that blocked his way, was found safe Tuesday after spending three nights alone in the woods.

Scott Mason, a 17-year-old from Halifax, Mass., was spotted by searchers Tuesday morning making his way to the summit of Mount Washington, the Northeast's highest mountain. He was about a 45-minute hike from the weather observatory and its crew atop the mountain, officials said.

"We saw a hiker who was moving slowly but methodically," said searcher Fred Wilkinson, one of the searchers who spotted the teen.

Mason was reunited with his family at a command center about two hours later, hugging them and slapping his father on the back. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital to have pain in one of his legs checked out, said Maj. Tim Acerno of New Hampshire's Fish and Game Department.

"He looked a lot older. He looked sad and older," said his mother, Jory, who was trembling with emotion.

By early evening, a hospital spokesman said Mason still was being treated. There was no word on whether he would be admitted.

Mason, who earned his Eagle Scout badge six months ago, headed up Mount Washington early April 25, planning to hike 17 miles in one day. He had climbed the mountain three or four times, so it wasn't unusual for him to set off by himself on such a challenging hike.

But warm weather — it hit a record 56 degrees at Washington's summit on April 25 — forced a change in his route. As he was coming down a trail, "there was a big raging river in his way," said Wilkinson, of the Mountain Rescue Service.

Over the next days, high waters and rain gave him trouble, as it did the searchers moving through waist-deep, soft snow. "Each time he is trying to get back to a trail, he's coming back to a river," Acerno said.

The teen's father, Mike Mason, said believing that his son wouldn't panic helped him



Hiker Scott Mason is helped to a waiting ambulance on Tuesday after spending three nights lost in the White Mountains in Pinkham Notch, N.H.

stay calm.

"I hung in there because I had a sense he would hunker down and he was gonna pass this test," Mason said. "This is his basketball, football, this is what he loves."

Tom Goldrick, Mason's scout-

master in Halifax, felt if anyone could survive the elements at the 6,288-foot Mount Washington, notorious for its unpredictable and often treacherous weather, it would be Mason.

AP writer Kathy McCormack in Concord, N.H., contributed to this report.

METRO

5 fail alcohol stings

Five businesses failed alcohol compliance checks conducted April 27 by Coralville police.

Boston's Gourmet Pizza, Pancho's Mexican Grill, the Nickelodeon, Canterbury Inn, and El Dorado were all found to be non-compliant.

Adam Kehe, 25, of Cedar Rapids, Zeferino Millan, 20, and Alexia Miller, 28, both of Iowa City, and Mary Eakes, 54, and Ivan Cervanics, 27, both of Coralville, were charged with providing alcohol to a minor.

Providing alcohol to a minor is a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of \$715.

Thirty-three businesses were found to be in compliance.
— by Regina Zilbermintz

Man charged in stabbing

Authorities arrested a Coralville man and charged him with stabbing two people early Tuesday morning. Eugene Beard, 28, was charged with

two counts of willful injury.

According to Coralville police, officers were called to Scotch Pine Apartments, 207 Sixth St., on a report of a stabbing. Upon arrival they found two people suffering non-life-threatening stab wounds. Both victims were taken by ambulance to UI Hospitals and Clinics, police reports show.

Willful injury is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.
— by Regina Zilbermintz

Man charged in pot bust

Police arrested an Iowa City man Tuesday and charged him with possessing and selling marijuana, authorities said.

Robert Bany, 19, 927 E. College St. Apt. 2, was charged with two counts of a controlled-substance violation, gathering for use of marijuana, and failure to affix a drug tax stamp.

According to Iowa City police, officers executed a search warrant at Bany's home and found suspected packaging materials and scales.

Under Miranda, Bany admitted to dealing marijuana and said he'd delivered a quarter pound of the drug in exchange for \$900 to \$1,100, police said.

Numerous people present at the residence admitted they purchased marijuana from Bany and said Bany smoked marijuana at the residence.

The controlled-substance violation and failure to affix a tax stamp are Class D felonies, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500. Gathering for use of marijuana is a serious misdemeanor, generally punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$1,500.
— by Regina Zilbermintz

Coralville aims for flood-mitigation grants

The Coralville City Council authorized the submission of two grant applications worth more than \$4.5 million for flood-mitigation projects at its meeting Tuesday evening.

The grants were approved through

the Iowa Department of Homeland Security's Hazard Mitigation Program and focus on Coralville water pump stations.

The first grant, totaling nearly \$2.2 million, allocates possible funds to raising wells in three separate pump stations and are designed to protect against waters up to 1 foot higher than those in the 2008 flood.

The second application approved is for mitigation activities along Buscuit Creek, McGurk Meyers, and low areas of Fourth Avenue in Coralville. It is worth \$2,376,000.

Before the meeting, City Administrator Kelly Hayworth and city councilors hosted an open house to discuss flood mitigation and a local-option sales tax measure. The tax would serve to raise \$2.5 million to \$6.5 million annually for flood-mitigation projects. Coralville and Iowa City voters will vote as separate communities.

If passed, the measure will raise sales tax 1 cent. Early voting on the issue has already begun, and a special election will be held May 5.
— by Michael Dale-Stein

POLICE BLOTTER

Jack Beverling, 43, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Patrick Buxton, 21, 320 Ellis Ave., was charged April 26 with public intoxication.

Dontrell Coleman, 19, Coralville, was charged April 26 with fifth-degree theft and interference with official acts.

Brian Coulbourn, 22, Cedar Rapids,

was charged April 20 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Clinton Cunningham, 20, Douds, Iowa, was charged April 26 with OWI.

Jason Erdmann, 19, Mason City, Iowa, was charged April 27 with public intoxication.

Steven Estabrook, 49, 719 Michael St. Apt. 3, was charged Jan. 30 with OWI.

Jason Jones, 21, Columbia, Mo., was charged April 27 with OWI.

Stephen Joseph, 19, N215 Currier, was charged April 25 with public intoxication.

Scott McDermott, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged April 25 with public intoxication.

Nickolas Pulscher, 19, Sheldon, Iowa, was charged April 26 with public intoxication.

Soumitra Sarkar, 32, 923 E. Jefferson St., was charged April 25 with public

intoxication.

Colleen Solberg, 39, 1904 F St., was charged Feb. 1 with tampering with a witness or juror.

Jeffrey Strong, 26, West Branch, Iowa, was charged Monday with OWI.

Thomas Wilson, 19, 101 Hawkrigge Drive Apt. 1109B, was charged April 22 with PAULA.

Shelby Young, 24, 926 Fourth Ave., was charged April 22 with littering.

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Hogs stand in a pen on the Francis Gilmore farm on Tuesday, near Perry, Iowa. Gilmore, 72, runs a 600-head hog operation near Perry, northwest of Des Moines.

SWINE FLU

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The swine scare is also affecting the pork industry. On Tuesday, the price of pork had dropped \$5 over three days in the future's market, a national auction market where people buy and sell products for a future date, said John Lawrence, an Iowa State University agricultural economics professor.

Lawrence said he and traders believe the dip comes from consumers who believe the swine flu is in hogs. But that conception is false, he said.

"There is no way you can get this particular influenza from eating pork," said Ron Birkenholz, communications director for the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

"The virus is not in U.S. swine herds or in Iowa swine herds."

Birkenholz said pork producers have placed tight restrictions on swine facilities so the animals don't catch the virus. These include urging the public to stay away from swine facilities, keeping swine workers who have recently traveled internationally away from the pigs, and enforcing strict sick-leave policies for workers who exhibit flu-like symptoms.

Internationally, New Zealand, Canada, Spain, and Mexico have reported outbreaks.

Gray said he suspects people may cancel their travel plans abroad.

Winebrenner Red Carpet Travel general manager Terry Tegen agreed.

Tegen said he has spoken with a few customers concerned about vacationing in Mexico.

"Fortunately, this didn't happen before spring break," he said. "This is not as big as a situation for the United States as it would have been a few months ago."

At the UI, public-health professors teach students about communicable diseases, including influenza, and how to prevent them from spreading. But until the panic becomes a pandemic, officials said, it's too soon to specifically teach students about the swine virus.

"If at any point swine flu would become an epidemic in the state of Iowa or pandemic, surely we will discuss it," said Kathleen Hanson, associate dean for the College of Nursing. "We're still in the watch-and-see mode."

Prof pooh-poohs '100 Days'

OBAMA

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Obama's first-quarter polling approval rating average of 63 percent is the highest since 1977, when Jimmy Carter was president. It is also the fourth highest since 1953.

It's that resilient popularity early on that has impressed Bruce Gronbeck, a UI professor emeritus of communication studies.

"That he has been able to maintain that coming with the storm of proposals ... I think is a very good sign," he said.

Politics and ideology aside, Gronbeck said, Obama has also been superb at communicating with the public and has maintained the same tone as he had during the campaign.

"I think, with the public, he has done a phenomenal job," Gronbeck said. "He has done an absolute media bombardment."

Gronbeck also praised Obama's stops in cities across the country — including last week's in Newton, Iowa — that Gronbeck said bring him additional local media coverage and remind citizens of the "worshipful" parts of his campaign.

"That only strengthens him in the public opinion polls," Gronbeck said.

While the 100-day mark is highly publicized, Obama's term is still in its early stages, Covington stressed.

No policy enacted under Obama has had a "meaningful impact yet, so we're just going to have to wait and see," said Covington, pointing specifically to the economic-stimulus plan passed earlier this year. "Other policies are yet to be undertaken or accomplished."

NATION

At least 4 killed, dozens hurt in Calif. bus crash

SOLEDAD, Calif. (AP) — A tour bus overturned on a central California highway overpass Tuesday afternoon, killing at least four people and injuring dozens, authorities said.

The crash happened around 3:30 p.m. on U.S. 101 in Soledad, approximately 70 miles southeast of San Jose.

California Highway Patrol spokeswoman Fran Clader said there were at least four confirmed deaths by early evening, but she had no details. Five hospitals were treating victims, and Clader said the driver was among the survivors. Authorities believe 36 people were

on the vehicle, she said, but they had not yet received a passenger manifest to confirm that. The tour started in San Francisco and was en route to Santa Maria after stopping Tuesday in Monterey and Carmel, she said.

The maroon bus, bearing the name Orion Pacific, lay on its side after crashing into the guard rail on the two-lane southbound overpass. Luggage and clothing was strewn on the road.

Nite Ride van often full

NITE RIDE

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The academic route is also seeing an increase in passengers, he said. There were 61 passengers traveling to and from the Main Library on April 22.

The van has the capacity to carry 15 women at a time; once it reaches that, no more passengers can board.

Allison cites the weather as the main reason for the recent increase.

"Part of it is due to more people finding out about the service through word of mouth," he

said. "But a lot of it is occurring now simply because there are more people out in the nice weather."

Despite the van sometimes having to turn away would-be riders, Allison said, it is not an extreme safety concern, because the women can stay at the van stop and wait.

"The Nite Ride stops are purposefully at well-lit and crowded areas," he said.

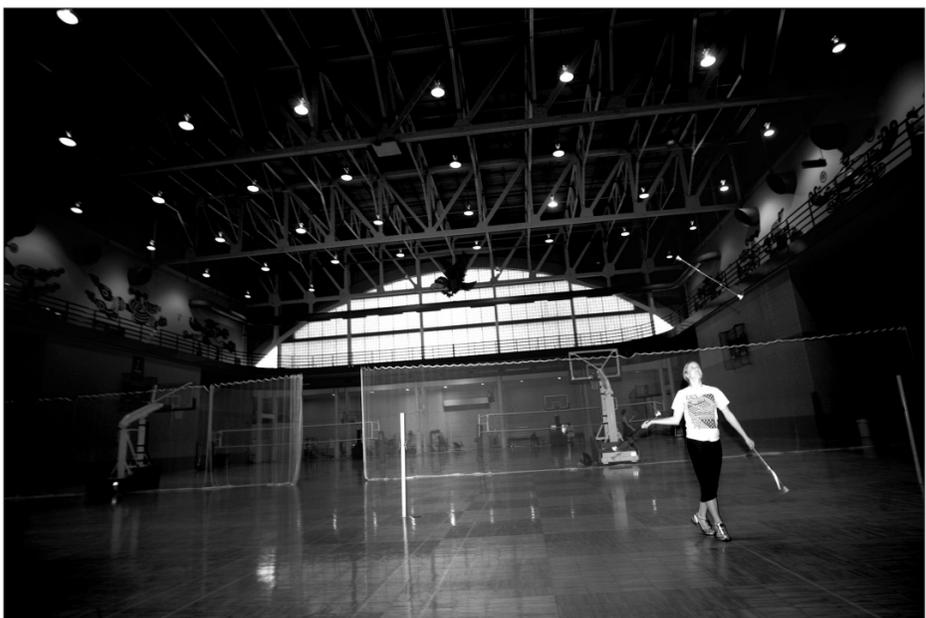
Although students will not see an immediate solution to the problem, Allison said, Nite Ride will have a new, more spacious van to replace the current van in the fall.

And new UI Student Govern-

ment President Mike Currie said he hopes to further expand the Nite Ride program next year. This issue was one of Go Party's 11 platforms in this year's election. Although no details have been worked out with Nite Ride representatives yet, Currie said UISG has several thousand dollars from last year's budget that could potentially be dedicated to a new Nite Ride van, depending on costs.

"Student safety needs to be, and is, one of student government's top priorities," he said.

Twirler lives 'Golden' life



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye Golden Girl Chelsea Russell shows off her twirling technique in the Field House on Tuesday.

GOLDEN GIRL

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beginning. She just kept steadily improving and won her first medal when she was 8."

Since that first medal, she's ventured to France, England, Netherlands, Japan, and Peru.

She's also traveled from her hometown, Williamsville, N.Y., to Iowa City to become the Hawkeyes' feature twirler.

"The UI is the only school in the country that offers a full-tuition scholarship for being the feature twirler with the Marching Band," Chelsea Russell said, and she plans to twirl at Iowa for four to five years. "It's regarded as the best spot for twirlers."

On top of practicing every day, she said, she also teaches baton four nights a week.

"My sense of responsibility and determination are both heightened because of everything that I do," the 19-year-old said.

'When I saw the Hawkeyes' passion, that was what drew me in. They make my experience so much better.'

— Chelsea Russell, Golden Girl

Russell said she considers her obsessive-compulsive disorder an advantage — she was diagnosed with the disorder in seventh grade.

"I'm kind of an ultra-perfectionist," she said, and she cannot perform without her "trademark" blue towel that she's had for eight years. "Since I have OCD, it's never really about how long I practice but about the quality of it."

During football season, Russell's schedule becomes even more hectic. She practices with the Hawkeye Marching Band four times a week and performs with it at home games, one away game, and bowl games.

Kevin Kastens, the Marching Band director, said his two years working with her have

been terrific.

"Since I've been here, I've had three Golden Girls," he said. "[Russell] is really outgoing, and she made it a point to know the people in the Marching Band. She has a very bubbly personality, which comes out in her performing."

Kastens said Russell is always willing to sign autographs on game days, something he said fans appreciate. Russell added she sometimes feels like a celebrity. This sense of appreciation from fans is part of what made Russell choose the UI, she said.

"When I saw the Hawkeyes' passion, that was what drew me in," she said. "They make my experience so much better."

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Study: Video games can be addicting

Video-game addiction can cause health problems, officials say.

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UI freshman Ryan Flaherty said he used to spend five to six hours each evening playing World of Warcraft — but he's since stopped.

"It took over too much of my life, he said. "In order to do well in the game, you have to play as much as I did."

Flaherty's old habits are some of the many qualities officials find in video-game addicts — or pathological gamers, as experts call them.

Iowa State University psychology Assistant Professor Douglas Gentile recently led a study showing 1 in every 10 youths — those between 8- and 18-years-old — are addicted to video games.

These pathological gamers are said to play video games 24 hours a week — twice as much as those who aren't addicted.

But Gentile said frequent game playing isn't all that constitutes an addiction.

Researchers also asked subjects — roughly 1,000 of them through a survey — about the amount of time they think about playing games, if they ever felt restless when they aren't playing a game, and if their chores or classwork has ever been affected by the time they spent playing games.

"It is very similar to pathological gambling, but we altered the questions for children," Gentile said.

Subjects were found to be pathological gamers if they answered yes to six of the 11 questions.

Gentile found pathological gaming at a young age can lead to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and aggressive behavior.

"If we continue allowing these instruments to control us, we can be sure to add great stress and witness a continued increase in mental and physical illness."

— Robert Kesten, the executive director of the Center for Screen Time Awareness

For college students, the reported time spent playing games is much lower. According to UI graduate student Robin Johnson — who taught a digital games class last semester — college males play an average of 11 hours a week, and women play an average of four hours in a given week.

Robert Kesten, the executive director of the Center for Screen Time Awareness, said adults spend an average of nine hours of recreational screen time a day, which greatly exceeds the recommended two hours. He said the number could be even higher with the advent of personal screens such as iPods and cell phones.

Excessive screen time can also lead to obesity and lower grades, according to Gentile's study.

However, Kesten admits technology and screen time have become an "essential part of our lives," but that doesn't mean people still don't have responsibility to be aware of it.

"If we continue allowing these instruments to control us, we can be sure to add great stress and witness a continued increase in mental and physical illness," Kesten said.

'Swine flu' sinking pork profits

By MIKE BAKER
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Associated Press

DES MOINES — Like the virus itself, the name "swine flu" is spreading quickly. For the pork purveyors and hog farmers who make up the nation's \$15 billion pork industry, that's a disaster.

It doesn't seem to matter that the strain may not come entirely from pigs and cannot be spread by eating pork. Hog prices are already dropping as financial markets worry people will have second thoughts about buying "the other white meat."

"It's killing our markets," said Francis Gilmore, 72, who runs a 600-hog operation in Perry, outside Des Moines, and worries his small business could be ruined by the crisis. "Where they got the name, I just don't know."

The swine-flu strain that is spreading is a never-before-seen hybrid of human, swine, and bird influenza but is widely known as swine flu. Though it is suspected of killing more than 150 people in Mexico, public-health officials have said eating products like bacon, ham, and pork chops is safe as long as the meat is cooked thoroughly.

Still, the outbreak has depressed the U.S. pork industry. China, Russia and Ukraine have banned pork imports from Mexico and parts of the United States, and the outbreak has stalled the usual spring rise in U.S. hog prices.

Hog prices nationwide had dropped to an average of about \$59 per 100 pounds of carcass weight Tuesday morning, down from about \$62 on April 23, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Prices typically climb past \$70 in late April and May.

"It is an unfortunate use of words," said Dave Warner, a spokesman with the National Pork Producers Council. "It does trouble us from that



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Fresh cuts of pork sit on display at Johnnie's Fresh Meat Market on Tuesday in Charleston, W.Va. The current swine-flu crisis has depressed pork prices in the United States.

standpoint, because it's very much a public-health issue right now, and there's no indication that a pig gave it to a human. To call it a 'swine flu' I think is a little bit misleading."

U.S. officials said Tuesday they may abandon the term swine flu for fear it's confusing people into thinking they could catch it from pork.

"We're discussing, is there a better way to describe this that would not lead to inappropriate actions on people's part?" said Dr. Richard Besser, the acting director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "In the public, we've been seeing a fair amount of misconception ... and that's not helpful."

The European Union's health commissioner has suggested the virus be renamed "novel flu."

Marie Gramer, an assistant clinical professor at the University of Minnesota College of

Veterinary Medicine who advises the National Pork Board, suggested that the virus be named based on the geography of the outbreak: North American influenza. She said that would be more accurate than pinning the name on the genetic ancestry of the virus.

"It's just like looking at me and my heritage. Someone could look at a gene of mine and say, 'Oh, she's Czechoslovakian,' even though I was born and raised in Minnesota. To refer to me as from Czechoslovakia would be incorrect," Gramer said.

MaryBeth Winstead, who was shopping at a Harris Teeter supermarket in Raleigh, N.C., said she probably wouldn't be putting pork on her grocery list as the outbreak unfolds.

"I haven't really done a lot of research on it yet," the 44-year-old Winstead said. "We normally

take caution. But it's not like I'm going to cook it anytime soon."

At a Kroger store in Charleston, W.Va., Sondra Meadows, 69, loaded two packages of pork chops into her shopping cart. "Once it's cooked, I don't see how it could possibly hurt anyone," she said. "Not buying pork is sort of ridiculous, I think."

To put customers at ease, hog producers have ramped up efforts to show that their operations are clean. That includes urging farmers to increase hand-washing, restrict visitors, block outside clothing from being worn near the animals, preventing birds from interacting with pigs, and separating hogs that come from numerous sites.

AP writers John Raby, Betsy Blaney, Meg Kinnard, Luke Meredith, and Sarah Skidmore, contributed to this report.

NATION

3 Chicago police officers acquitted in bar brawl

CHICAGO (AP) — A judge found three Chicago police officers not guilty Tuesday of attacking two brothers in a tavern brawl caught on surveillance video, good news for a department that has weathered a host of allegations of police misconduct and brutality in recent years.

Officers Paul Powers and Gregory Barnes and Sgt. Jeffery Planey had been charged with aggravated battery. Planey also was charged with official misconduct and obstruction of justice.

After initially showing no emotion when the verdict was read, the officers broke into relieved smiles. As they went to hug family members, they were patted on the back by many of at least 50 police officers who packed the courtroom and applauded when the judge left the bench.

Gainer told the court he reviewed the evidence against the three, including the DVD of the surveillance tape and audio recordings.

"And after doing all that, I have come to the conclusion that the state failed to meet its burden of proof on any of the charges," he said.

Gainer did not elaborate from the bench but in a 30-page ruling made it clear he did not believe much of the alleged victims' testimony, starting with their contention that the officers attacked them for no reason.

"This was not an ambush, an unprovoked attack by angry, drunken off-duty police officers," he wrote of the Dec. 15, 2006, incident at the Jefferson Tap & Grille. "The actions of the off-duty officers were in response to the fighting words" of one of the men with the brothers.

Nor did he find credible the testimony of one of the alleged victims, Barry Gilfand, who said he suffered serious

injuries. The judge suggested Gilfand sought medical attention days later to strengthen the lawsuit he and the others subsequently filed.

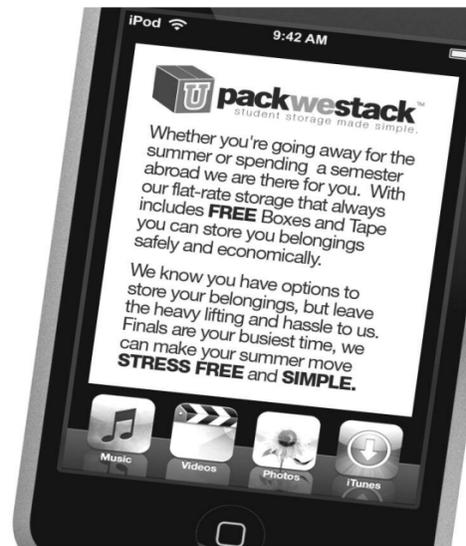
Prosecutors left court without commenting but later issued a statement saying they were disappointed with the verdict.

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Culver inks wage bill

A new Iowa law looks to curb sex discrimination in pay.

By SHAWN GUDE
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Framing it as continuation of Iowa's "progressive history," Iowa Gov. Chet Culver signed an anti-wage discrimination bill into law Tuesday.



Culver
governor

"Our state has a long history of identifying, and protecting the rights of individuals, not just in the workplace, but in every field," he said in a statement at the signing ceremony. "Wage discrimination is wrong. From this day forward, discrimination of this nature is, plain and simple, illegal."

The legislation signed Tuesday would prohibit wage discrimination under the Iowa Civil Rights Act and provide penalties for noncompliance.

The bill received more support in the House, passing 87-7 earlier this month. The Senate approved the bill by a 32-17 vote. All five area legislators backed the measure.

While noting intentionally discriminatory employers are typically the exception, Rep.

Vicki Lensing, D-Iowa City, lauded the new law.

"It's really about equity for all workers," said Lensing, who was on the bill's House subcommittee. "If you do the same work in the same circumstances, you should be paid equitably to another employee."

Full-time women workers' median weekly earnings are approximately 80 percent of those for men, according to the United States Department of Labor's Women's Bureau.

Lisa Heineman, a UI associate professor of women's studies and history, agreed with Lensing.

"If there's legislation but no one's discriminating anyway, no harm done," she wrote in an e-mail. "But more frequently, legislation [and enforcement] is necessary. After all, if an employer can legally get away with paying less, why pay more?"

Heineman specifically pointed to the case of Lilly Ledbetter, whose 2007 wage-discrimination case before the Supreme Court ultimately failed. In that case, justices ruled 5-4 that Ledbetter's employer, Goodyear, wasn't liable for the alleged wage discrimination because Ledbetter didn't file a claim within 180 days.

Both federal and state legislation — including Iowa now — has altered that, making it a vio-

lation each time non-equitable, discriminatory wages are paid.

But business groups across the country have assailed attempts to change current law, including in Iowa.

John Gilliland, a lobbyist for the Iowa Association of Business and Industry, criticized the new law, arguing there "wasn't a reason to create more litigation."

Eschewing the notion that intentional sex discrimination is the primary cause of wage disparity, Gilliland instead pointed to merits, seniority, and "different career paths based on different circumstances."

"There have been a number of different wage-discrimination laws on the books for many, many years," he said. "I think even advocates for the bill will tell you that discrimination is a very small reason for any wage disparity."

The new law states that seniority, merit, productivity, and other nondiscriminatory pay disparities are acceptable.

A related bill passed by the Legislature attempts to promote balance between the sexes on locally appointed government boards.

Culver, who is expected to sign the piece of legislation, has 30 days after the completion of a legislative session to sign bills into law.

STATE

Former training center CEO blames coworker

DES MOINES (AP) — A woman convicted of overseeing a scheme to mispend millions in government job training money argues in her federal appeal that a co-worker was behind the criminal activity.

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Bargman, however, got a lighter sentence — 20 months in prison compared to Cunningham's seven years.

The appeal also says the court miscalculated Cunningham's sentence.

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Union wants airlines to screen for swine flu

By HARRY R. WEBER
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A national flight-attendants union wants the Federal Aviation Administration to require U.S. airlines to develop and implement passenger-screening standards because of the swine-flu scare.

The request, if granted, could be costly to an industry already reeling from a drop-off in demand because of the weak economy.

The Association of Flight Attendants-CWA also asked the FAA in a letter Monday to order airlines to provide flight attendants with non-latex gloves and masks and to allow flight attendants with flu-like symptoms to call in sick but not have the absence counted against their allotted sick leave.

"We believe that the FAA administrator has the authority to issue such an order ... in light of the serious threat that this outbreak poses to flight attendants and passengers on flights into and out of affected areas," an union official said in the letter.

The letter said protecting flight attendants "will reduce the risk of disease transmission

for all aircraft occupants."

The union represents flight attendants at several airlines that offer flights to Mexico, including US Airways and United Airlines. A spokeswoman for the Air Line Pilots Association, which represents pilots at several major U.S. carriers, did not return a call to the group's Washington offices Tuesday seeking comment.

So far, major airlines haven't publicly reported any illness among crew members due to the swine flu, and there have not been large numbers of absences because staffers who don't want to fly to Mexico. While some passengers are changing or canceling their travel plans, flight operations among U.S. carriers remain on schedule.

Asked Tuesday about the flight-attendant union's requests, David Castelvetter of the Air Transport Association, which represents U.S. airlines, said carriers are taking measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to protect the health of employees and passengers.

"If and when CDC makes

such a recommendation, we will work with it to ensure implementation effectively and efficiently," Castelvetter said.

But at least one major carrier, American Airlines, believes the request for passenger-screening standards would be redundant, time-consuming and costly if imposed by the FAA.

"I don't know if we should be the ones who should do this," American spokesman Tim Smith said.

Smith said departing passengers from Mexico are already screened at airport security checkpoints.

As for protective gear, Smith said the airline provides gloves and masks for employees to use if they need to tend to a sick person on board. However, he said, crew members are not supposed to wear the gear at other times.

"We've had no sick people on board any of our flights who have later tested positive for swine flu," Smith said.

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STATE

Culver vows to push labor bills

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver says he's disappointed Iowa lawmakers couldn't do more to help working families during the just-completed legislative session.

Speaking Tuesday at a Statehouse ceremony commemorating workers who died on the job in the last year, Culver pledged to seek passage of laws he says benefit workers.

A number of labor-backed measure narrowly failed in the last session, including efforts to force contractors to pay the prevailing wage on public projects and an expansion of bargaining rights for public sector workers.

Former judge pleads not guilty to OWI

DAVENPORT (AP) — A retired Muscatine County judge who was arrested for a third time on a drunken driving charge has pleaded not guilty.

James Weaver of Blue Grass entered a written not guilty plea on Monday. He had been scheduled to appear in court for an arraignment later this week.

Weaver was arrested last month in Scott County on charges of operating while intoxicated, speeding, seat belt violation and disobeying a traffic-control device.

State patrol officials say when the 56-year-old arrived at the jail, his blood-alcohol content was more than twice the legal limit.

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Editorial

Expanding bus service should be top of the list for safety

Have you ever had a few too many drinks to drive? Need a way to get home that doesn't involve walking through darkened streets and alleys? Nite Ride is the solution to your problems.

There's just one catch: There might not be enough space for you.

Many female students climb into the van and sit practically on top of one another, packed inside the vehicle tighter than last season's jeans. Others are being turned away from the service because of the lack of seating. This leaves many young women either scavenging the bar for a ride home or wandering through the streets late at night.

Next year, Nite Ride will offer a bigger van, but women will still likely be turned away or forced to wait for the van's return. The bigger van is an improvement, to be sure, but the university community can do more to ensure the safety of our students. The service is all but wasted when there are still students being told there isn't enough room inside the van for them.

It's a shame that, not only does Nite Ride have inadequate accommodations for all the female students who wish to take advantage of the service, but the service also discriminates against males. Male students are not welcome in the relative safety of the vans. Male students, especially in light of the assaults that have been occurring downtown late at night, could benefit from Nite Ride's services. Other universities, such as Southern Illinois in Carbondale, Ill., offer services similar to Nite Ride. Southern Illinois University's service, Night Safety Transit, formerly Women's Night

Safety Transit, has expanded to cover all students, not just female students.

There is no doubt whether women are at risk when out wandering around outside the bars by themselves, or even with a small group of friends, especially since many of these women are often intoxicated. In many cases, these young women are targets of sexual assault. Just last year, it seemed that a least once a week, another woman was being assaulted walking home late at night.

But, as we have seen in the past few months, males are at equal risk of being attacked. In order to give male students a safe way home, Nite Ride should expand its services to include male students. The idea that men should be able to protect themselves and find their own way home safety at night is a tired, sexist assumption. Even if the service doesn't prove to be as successful with males as with females, Nite Ride should at least exist as an option men should be allowed to consider.

Much of the recent UISG campaign has revolved around student safety. The victorious Go Party campaigned to offer students a safe ride home at night and to improve lighting around campus to bolster safety. Because safety is a priority for the newly elected student government, perhaps pressing Nite Ride to provide more vans and adequate seating for student riders, both male and female, should be the first student-government priority. This is certainly the issue that needs to be given the most urgent attention. And if this issue is out of UISG's hands — or, more likely, its budget — higher-ups at the university should step up to provide funding to expand the service.

Unicornication



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It was uncovered on Monday that ESPN's website had been hacked.

Though the origin of the malicious code placed on the popular sports-news website still remains unknown, certain users of the ESPN homepage on Monday afternoon were treated to a startling discovery.

ESPN.com had been invaded by unicorns.

In an attack described by online news media outlets as "magical," "cute," or "sparkly," the programming of ESPN.com was altered so that users who entered a specific key sequence on the website would activate an Easter egg that made images of unicorns appear on the page. Once active, the Easter egg would cause each click of a user's mouse to result in an additional unicorn of varying sparkles to appear on the screen, making normal navigation of the site difficult if not impossible. Additionally, story titles on the on ESPN.com's front page were altered — the new headlines promising content such as the "lovely Rick Reilly" or "cute Bill Simms" in a neon-pink font.

While no persons have yet to take responsibility for the unicorn invasion, at least one website has suggested an entity known as "soon to be possibly unemployed web designer" may be involved in Monday's event. However, clues to the possible identity of ESPN's unicornicator have been found in the keystroke combination used to activate unicorn mode.

The code, achieved by typing in up, up, down, down, left, right, left, right on the keyboard's arrow pad, followed by pressing b, then a, then the keyboard's enter key exactly mirrors a combination known by video game enthusiasts as the "Konami Code."

The "Konami Code" was used in a number of video games produced by the Konami Co. for the Nintendo Entertainment System such as the popular "Contra" franchise, which began in the late 1980s.

Though no direct link has been defined between Konami, ESPN.com, and the unicorn army, Internet posters have been swift in voicing their reaction to the ESPN.com's unicornication. While the Internet majority position has yet to coalesce completely, with opinions ranging from that the attack was "awesome" to merely "pretty awesome," it has been noted that incredibly short

lifespan of the ESPN unicornication reflects an interesting aspect of Internet phenomenon in general.

While the exact duration of the unicorns' stay on ESPN.com is currently unknown, the first reports regarding the attack emerged around 4:22 p.m. Central time. According to website PCWorld.com, by 4:44 p.m. ESPN.com had "killed its web ponies (and presumably fired one errant designer)."

Nevertheless, within six hours of the event, news outlets as numerous and varied as NBC Dallas-Fort Worth and CNET and video-game blogs such as Kotaku and Joystiq.com had all mentioned the unicorn assault, spreading the sparkly spectacle of the one-horned wonders across the media sphere.

Though the final results of ESPN's unicornication are not yet known (besides, of course, some Internet browsers finally having a reason to go to ESPN.com) the magical migration of the adorable creatures has left some unnerved by the Internet's ability to spread data in such a quasi-viral fashion.

Many have speculated with consternation when and where the next Internet invasion by Lisa Frank notebook imagery could occur. With puppies, white tigers, neon penguins, Day-Glo cuddly wuddly bears, and poodles gnawing on giant strawberries all potential perpetrators behind the next Internet outage for any user who randomly inputs Nintendo cheat codes in to every site he or she visits, the stakes may be as high as they come.

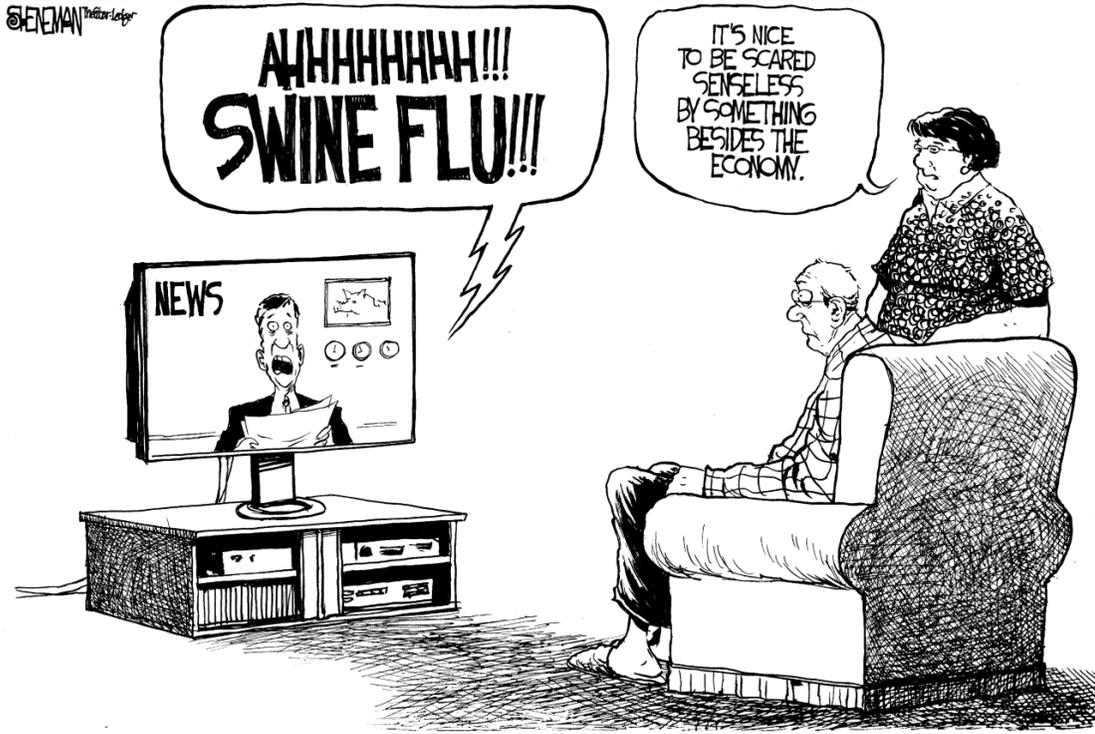
Some have even wondered if this may be the beginning of a magical Internet conspiracy.

While no answers may come soon, watchfulness must be stressed lest sparkly vigilantism forever make the Internet resemble a town's trapper keeper, and though the anomalous code has been removed from ESPN.com (and no subsequent mention of unicorns has been made on the site), it may be too soon to say the damage has been repaired.

Like a puncture wound from a single, shiny horn, healing ESPN.com may take time, and given that by accessing a cached version of ESPN.com from Google can still take users to a unicorn-infested site, that time to heal may be long indeed.

Yet, despite the fact that on Monday, it was the horses (or unicorns) who took the users of the Internet for a ride, like a magical phoenix rising from the ashes, it's likely that ESPN.com's unicornication will eventually lead to changes that will make the Internet safer from all manner of creatures cute, cuddly, and wonderful.

And that is something that will no doubt sparkle with many. ■



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Letters

Tax will keep city afloat

Higher, drier, and open for business — that is the goal of the 1 percent sales tax and the projects it will support. Last year, Dubuque Street was closed for 32 days, cutting off a major artery to downtown Iowa City and the UI campus. The Park Road bridge snagged more than 40 tons of debris, creating a dam that elevated the floodwaters one and one-half feet higher than they would have been otherwise. The north sewer plant on Kirkwood Avenue, which treats sewage from the UI, was inundated, resulting in untreated sewage flowing through flooded areas in Iowa City and Hills.

Although it is not simple, it seems obvious that elevating the Park Road bridge and Dubuque Street, and relocating the north sewer plant would be a good thing. Despite some people's assertions that this flooding is a once in a lifetime event, we will have a flood as we had in 2008 again, just as we did in 1983 and 1993. The issue, of course, is how to pay for the public improvements we need.

Taxes are not popular, but that is how public projects are paid for. We can

pay a higher sales tax for four years, sharing the bill with visitors to our area, or we can pay higher property taxes.

Vote May 5 to keep our cities higher, drier, and open for business. Vote Yes for all the flood mitigation projects this 1 percent sales tax will support.

Karin Franklin
Iowa City

Rally behind 'yes' vote

When the water was high last June, we joined together as a community to fight the devastation of the flood. Now we need to come together again to raise much needed funds to complete our recovery.

That's why I'm supporting the Yes for All local-option sales tax campaign. The funds will be used in a coordinated way by Coralville, Iowa City, and Johnson County to repair last year's flood damage, improve local infrastructure, and mitigate the effects of future floods.

The additional 1 percent local tax is temporary; it will go away after June 30, 2013.

Please consider supporting this important effort to better prepare for future flooding. Vote "yes" on May 5.

Sen. Joe Bolkcom
D-Iowa City

Eat up: pork still safe

Amid public concern about the reports of swine influenza in humans, the Iowa Pork Producers Association, the National Pork Producers Council, and the National Pork Board wish to reassure the public that pork is safe and will continue to be safe to consume.

The Centers for Disease Control and other health organizations continue to caution that the virus is contagious and is spreading from humans to humans. The CDC has said it has not found any evidence to indicate that any of the illnesses resulted from contact with pigs. The swine-influenza subtype isolated from these cases is unique and not previously recognized in either pigs or people.

According to the CDC and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

- People cannot get the hybrid influenza from eating pork or pork products. Most influenza viruses, including the swine flu virus, are not spread by food. Eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe.
- There are no food-safety issues related to the hybrid flu that has been identified, according to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

- Preliminary investigations have determined that none of the people infected with the hybrid flu had contact with hogs.
- "This virus is different, very different from that found in pigs."
- The hybrid virus never has been identified in hogs in the United States or anywhere in the world.
- The hybrid virus is contagious and is spreading by human-to-human transmission.

Ron Birkenholz
Iowa Pork Producers Association

Men must step up to combat violence

In 1983, Andrea Dworkin spoke these words: "I want a 24 hour truce during which there is no rape." I think about these words almost every day. I think about them when I'm exhausted and think I couldn't listen to another person's story of trauma or victimization; when I am so angry with my children I want to explode; when I hear the threats and catcalls as a Take Back the Night Rally rolls through the streets; and when I want to run home and ignore the violence that has been, is, or, will be perpetrated against friends, colleagues, and strangers.

When I'm ready to quit doing anti-violence work and rest a bit, I hear Dworkin's words in my head, and I step back into it.

While I will continue to strive to end men's violence against women, I need help. All of the women doing anti-violence work and supporting survivors for decades need help. Victims need help. I'm wondering if every man reading this could do me one small favor. I think it is the bravest thing you could possibly do. Try this: Ask all of your male friends and family members to participate in a 24-hour truce. Tell them to reject pornography, refrain from sexist jokes, ask for consent to have sex, and interrupt any man that is not respecting women. This action takes real guts. You might be mocked or teased. You might even risk injury. Yet, what if all men showed the courage and strength we are known for and tried this truce thing for just one day? Then at midnight we could stop and notice what that felt like. I can only imagine how that would feel. I want to know how that feels.

April 30 is the last day of Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Join me on that day for a truce in honor of our daughters, sisters, mothers, lovers,

and all other women. Maybe we can give Dworkin what she asked for and what all women deserve — one day of absolute peace.

Michael Shaw
Iowa City

Transparency needed in school dealings

In the interest of transparency and because of the volume of community concern about the closing of Roosevelt School, it would be appropriate for the Iowa City School District to publish in the papers the nine Roosevelt options announced last month, instead of handing those plans to the facilities committee and Iowa City School Board for them to suggest which plan is best.

Transparency is particularly important for Iowa City community members, because they are the ones spending 35 percent of their property taxes on the schools in addition to the 1 percent school infrastructure local option sales tax *and* an additional 5 percent tax on their income taxes — a surtax that is not imposed on all school districts in the state of Iowa.

Sean M. Walker
Iowa City

Rap meets comedy, and the beat laughs on

MC Chris brings comedy and hip-hop beats to the Picador tonight.

By **REBECCA KOONS**
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Brooklyn's MC Chris is at the forefront of a new hip-hop movement garnering plenty of attention across the country. Mixing rap with comical lyrics, he has created a slew of new material being exposed to an ever-growing fan base.

His brand of hip-hop already possesses the basic elements of the genre's traditional output, yet adds the fresh lyrical content of a humorous, almost dorky nature. MC Chris (formerly Christopher Ward) will show off his skills today at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St. Also performing are Whole Wheat Bread and I Am the Dream. The event will begin at 6 p.m., and tickets are \$12.

"I've loved hip-hop since I was in high school, and I basically imitated my heroes," MC Chris said. "I grew up in a fairly white, upper-middle-class neighborhood, and at that time, that music was still considered to be very alternative and underground."

MC Chris already has several albums to his credit, his most recent being *Part Six Part One*,

released in March, and the upcoming (and aptly titled) *Part Six Part Two*. He first emerged onto the scene with his 2001 debut, *Life's a Bitch and I'm Her Pimp*.

Over the years, he has been to Iowa City a number of times, often during his years as a student at the Art Institute of Chicago, and each experience left him with a positive impression of Hawkeye country. He said he frequented the city in his young adult years with friends. In addition, he has also made several performance



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MC Chris spits his humorous rhymes for a crowd. The rapper has been featured in the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, and *Playboy*.

appearances here.

"I've always enjoyed coming to Iowa City, because it gets

crazy all the time," he said. "There have definitely been times where people have been

carried out of the club."

Creativity has been paramount in MC Chris' life for a

FROM THE BLOG

ROCK OF LOVE



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In December, I had the opportunity to interview Daisy de la Hoya, Bret Michaels' final reject on "Rock of Love" Season 2. De la Hoya stars in her own dating show, "Daisy of Love," which premiered on VH1 Sunday night. What follows is my (mostly) unedited interview with the reality TV starlet (Note: I had to edit some parts for sheer readability; there were times - as noted by the ellipses - when Daisy started rambling and made no sense).

Melea Andrys: So what have you been up to since "Rock of Love?"

Daisy de la Hoya: I've been traveling the country, hosting parties and events, and getting to know my fans. Pretty much just partying has been my full-time job ... doing some charity events and working on music, and I'm actually writing a book about my life.

Andrys: Are you excited for "Daisy of Love?"

De la Hoya: I'm very, very, very excited. But I'm very, very nervous though too.

Andrys: Why are you nervous?

De la Hoya: I'm just nervous because I'm interested to see what kind of guys show up ... I always just think that no guys are gonna want to apply for the show. So it's kind of a scary thing, but I'm super, super excited, and I feel very lucky to have this opportunity.

Andrys: What type of guy would it take to win your heart?

De la Hoya: They definitely have to be fun and funny and sincere. I definitely go for the bad boys. I want someone who's romantic and willing to think outside the box.

Andrys: What was your reaction when VH1 offered you your own reality show?

De la Hoya: It was sort of a shock. I figured, why not? What better way to find someone when you can just have VH1 go scout the country for you and bring 20 guys to you and be like OK. Then you can boss 'em around and make them do things for you. I've never had that experience with guys before - to have them cater to me and woo over me and fight over me. What girl wouldn't want that? Or guy even?

Andrys: Do you honestly think you can find love on "Daisy of Love?"

De la Hoya: I'm a very monogamous person and very loyal. Usually when I'm in a relationship, it goes for a long time, as long as it can last. That's just how I've always worked. Before "Rock of Love," I was in a six-year relationship, and before that, I was in a three-year relationship. So this is kind of a new thing for me - dating. It's a new experience for me. But whoever I end up ultimately choosing in the end it will be geared to be a long-lasting, monogamous thing because that's how I work. I'm definitely in to find the right person and I'm definitely a romantic.

To read the rest of Arts reporter Melea Andrys' conversation with the one and only Daisy de la Hoya, skip over to dailiyowanarts.blogspot.com.

Loving the life on the 'Fringe'

It's not high art, but 'Fringe' is appointment viewing, at least for me.

By **MIKE BROWLEE**
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As do millions of Americans, I plopped onto the couch Tuesday night and tuned to Fox. With my brain switched to the "off" position, I watched a show featuring an eccentric foreigner, a good-looking woman, and a former star who has come back into the limelight.

"Fringe" was entertaining, as usual.

What, you were expecting something else? I can't stand "American Idol."

But as "Idol" is for many, "Fringe" is a guilty pleasure for me.

Don't act as if you don't have one. We all do. There's at least one show you turn red at the mention of because you know you watch religiously.

"Hannah Montana." "90210" (old and new). "The Real World." "The Hills." "Tool Academy." "The Glenn Beck Program."

But I've always prided myself on not having any guilty pleasures.

I don't get hooked on many shows, so when I do I try to make sure it's something I really love and is done well, like



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Poor acting, obvious dialogue, and that guy from *CapeSide*: It's just another episode of "Fringe" (cast pictured here). Despite the show's flaws, some people still find it quite entertaining.

"The Sopranos," "Simpsons," and "Seinfeld."

But somehow I've been sucked in by "Fringe."

"Fringe" centers on FBI agent Oliva Dunham (Anna Torv), who works on paranormal cases with the help of a kooky scientist named Walter Bishop (John Noble) and his son Peter (Joshua Jackson), under the supervision of Agent Phillip Broyles (Lance Reddick). Think "X-Files," but worse. Although I will give Dunham and crew credit - whenever they go somewhere to investigate, they usually bring backup. I don't know how many times I've yelled at the TV as Mulder and Scully walk into a dark building or abandoned house by themselves.

I shouldn't like "Fringe."

Torv is awful. Broyles is a stereotypical wooden "tough-guy" boss who's overly dramatic at all times. The dialogue can be corny and laughable, which would be fine, if "Fringe" wasn't a drama, which it is. And among many stretches in the show, somehow the FBI allows a formerly institutionalized scientist (Walter) and a guy with a criminal past (Peter) to tag along on FBI busts.

But at the end of each episode, I'm disappointed it's over. I can't wait to find out who's behind the Pattern, a series of unexplainable connected events. I want to know if the war between special soldiers of this dimension and the Fourth

Dimension will be stopped. Yes, I know how crazy that looks in print.

My love of "Fringe" has become a household joke. My fiancé, Abrianna, who has a history of guilty pleasures, makes fun of me for watching it. This is a woman who loves "America's Next Top Model" and once rented *The Nanny Diaries*. My roommate, Tanner, watched the pilot of "Fringe" and was left unimpressed. He laughed at me whenever he saw it in the DVR hopper (though I always come back by pointing out he records "One Tree Hill"). But one day Tanner admitted he'd been watching "Fringe" when I wasn't around. I'm telling you, Jackson's odd magnetism is hard to explain. How do you think he bagged that teacher on "Dawson's Creek?"

One of the reasons I can take Jackson seriously on "Fringe" is because I don't have any Pacey-baggage. I watched maybe one episode of "Dawson's Creek," so when I see Jackson on screen the only thing I think is, "Good for him, he's reinvented his career and also overcome being in *The Skulls*."

I guess I was bound to have a guilty pleasure eventually. It's for the best, just like the cancellation of "My Own Worst Enemy." So I'll watch "Fringe" again next Tuesday and for the rest of the season. Just don't tell anybody.

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Book numbers can be staggering at library



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UI sophomore Andrea Lewis searches for books on Buddhism and Zen monasticism at the Main Library on Thursday evening.

The UI Libraries have limits on the number of books different people can check out at once.

By EMILY MELVOLD
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At the Main Library, check-out-desk employees said they've seen people come in with bags, suitcases, and boxes stuffed with books to renew.

"I've had people bring in, literally, more than 100 at once to renew," said UI senior Jessi Phillips, who works at the circulation desk.

But for some, 100 books is nothing.

Graduate students are allowed to have 500 books at a time and professors up to 1,000, said Amy Paulus, the head of access services for the UI Libraries.

"I've seen grad students bring in duffel bags full of books before or renew duffel bags full of books," said UI freshman Ian Crawford, a desk worker at the Main Library.

Undergraduate students are allowed to have 100 books at once. Community borrowers can check out the fewest number of books — 25 — and those patrons are typically the only ones to reach their limit, Crawford said. Thirty-five to 50 books is considered a lot to have checked out, he said, and the majority of people take home 10 or fewer in one trip to the library.

With graduate students work-

ing on theses and professors researching and selecting books for their students to read, library workers said, those two groups need the higher limitations and longer checkout periods.

Professors are required to renew or return their books once a year. For graduate students, checkouts are on a semester-long basis.

German film history Assistant Professor Steve Choe has around 100 books checked out from the UI Libraries, he said, and the most he has ever had at one time is about 170. He takes them home and returns them periodically instead of all at once, he said.

Choe admitted he never reads every book.

"There are a lot of books here at Iowa actually, but at other schools, such as Berkeley, where I went to school, you have to wait to get them in," Choe said. "So that is one thing that's really nice about the Iowa libraries."

Chris Vinsonhaler, a UI English doctoral student, keeps her stacks of books on a specific shelf in her house. She gets busy, and they accumulate, she said.

"It's shameful; there are 40 or more right now," Vinsonhaler said.

Phillips said the libraries' circulation department is busier when graduate students are writing papers, preparing dis-

Library checkout limits

Based on use and need, the UI Libraries administration has set book limits for different groups:

- Community borrowers - 25
- Undergraduates and merit staff - 100
- Graduate and honor students - 500
- Faculty and staff - 1,000

sertations, or have a check-in deadline.

On a daily basis, the Main Library sees a lot of traffic. Roughly 2,495 people had entered through the north entrance as of 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday.

In her three years of experience at the circulation desk, Phillips said, it's not uncommon to see people who have checked out dozens of books to lose them and report them as missing, only to eventually find and return them later.

"You kind of get used to seeing people check out massive numbers of books after a few years. We just get a system going, one person stamping, one person scanning to make it go faster," she said. "It's kind of funny when someone brings in two suitcases full to renew, though."

NATION

Fed court revives rendition lawsuit against Boeing

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court on Tuesday ruled that a Boeing Co. subsidiary can be sued for allegedly flying terrorism suspects to secret prisons around the world to be tortured as part of the CIA's "extraordinary rendition" program.

A unanimous three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said that a lower court judge wrongly tossed out the lawsuit after the government asserted the case was a "state secret" that would harm national security if allowed to go forward.

The trial court judge dismissed the case before the prisoners could present evidence allegedly showing that the company's participation in the program was illegal. The Bush administration and then the Obama administration argued that the lawsuit should be thrown out before the government turns over any evidence because the nature of the legal action is itself a classified matter.

The federal government inserted itself into the lawsuit on the company's side because it said feared top-secret information would be disclosed. The appeals court, however, said the five prisoners suing San Jose-based Jeppesen Dataplan Inc. can try to prove their case without using top-secret information that legitimately needs protection from disclosure.

"Only if privileged evidence is indispensable to either party should it dismiss the complaint," Judge Michael Hawkins wrote for the appeals court.

The prisoners' attorney, Ben Wizner of the American Civil Liberties Union, said the ruling will give his clients a chance to prove their case, which was filed in 2007 and alleged torture in the months after the Sept. 11 attacks.

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Police: Man used library to upload child porn

Police found hundreds of images on a man's flash drive.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS
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UI police have arrested a homeless man they say used computers in the Main Library to post and access child pornography.

Martin Jackson, 41, address unknown, was charged April 24 with four counts of possession of materials exploiting minors.

According to UI police, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children reported suspected child pornography was posted on the photo-sharing website flickr.com.

In June 2008, workers at ning.com, a social-networking site, told police they suspected someone with the user name "Martin" posted child pornography on the site.

Investigations showed Jackson was logged onto a computer in the Main Library when both sets of images were posted, police said. Backtracking the e-mail address ning.com workers had on file for "Martin" led to Jackson, according to the police.

The police notified the library, and its employees contacted police when they saw Jackson had returned to the building, said Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police.

Officers found Jackson at the Main Library on Feb. 27. After executing a search warrant, they reported finding hundreds of pornographic images on his flash drive.

The director of the UI Hospitals and Clinics Child Protection Program Child Assessment Clinic examined the females in the images and stated some were prepubescent, authorities said. Experts from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children identified and located some of the victims.

Jackson is being held at the Johnson County Jail on an \$8,000 bond.

Green said he could not release any additional information because it is a pending case.

Though the number of similar incidents wasn't immediately available Tuesday, Green

said, UI police have investigated cases involving child pornography in the past.

"But I would still classify it as rare," he said.

Jackson is not a UI student or employee, but he accessed UI computers using a guest pass, which requires only an ID card to obtain, Green said.

The 41-year-old has a criminal record dating back nearly 20 years, according to court documents. Jackson was found guilty of lascivious acts with a child in 1989 in Crawford County. In Johnson County, he was charged in 1995 with assault with intent for sex abuse, though was guilty only of simple assault, and in 1997, he was found guilty of first-degree harassment.

UI Libraries and Information Technology Services officials could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

Possession of materials exploiting minors is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

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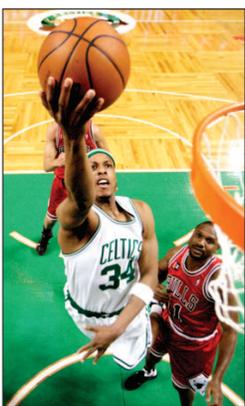
The Iowa men's tennis team looks to build off some of the success it had during its 2009 spring season. **2B**



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NBA
Boston 106, Chicago 104, OT, Boston leads series 3-2
Orlando 91, Philadelphia 78, Orlando leads series 3-2
Dallas 106, San Antonio 93, Dallas wins series 4-1

Portland 88, Houston 77, Houston leads series 3-2
NHL
Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, Washington wins series 4-3
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3, Carolina wins series 4-3



Paul Pierce

NBA

Rondo, Perkins, Pierce Big enough 3 for Celtics

BOSTON (AP) — Paul Pierce made three-straight jumpers in the final 77 seconds of overtime, and the Boston Celtics held on to beat the Chicago Bulls, 106-104, on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven playoff series.

Rajon Rondo scored 28 points with 11 assists and eight rebounds, and Kendrick Perkins had 16 points, 19 rebounds, and seven blocks for the Celtics. It was the third time in five games the teams have needed overtime, a surprising first-round struggle for the defending NBA champions.

Ben Gordon scored 26, and Joakim Noah had 11 points and 17 rebounds for Chicago, but Brad Miller missed the potential game-tying free throws with 2 seconds left in overtime.

The Bulls will return home for Game 6 on Thursday night hoping to extend the series; Game 7, if necessary, would be in Boston on Saturday.

Pierce, who scored 19 of his 26 points in the second half and overtime, gave Boston a 102-101 lead with 1:17 left, then hit another with 37 seconds to play to make it 104-101 before Tony Allen fouled Gordon, who was attempting a 3-pointer with 28 seconds to play. Gordon hit all three free throws to tie it 104-101.

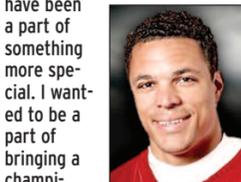
NFL

Gonzalez bids

Kansas City goodbye

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Atlanta-bound tight end Tony Gonzalez bid Kansas City farewell Tuesday and promised that if he ever goes into the Hall of Fame, it will be as a Chief.

"The only regrets I have are things I didn't do," said Gonzalez, a 10-time Pro Bowl selection. "I really wish I could have been a part of something more special. I wanted to be a part of bringing a championship to this city."



Gonzalez former chief

"I'm going to go on record right now saying I'm going to retire as a Chief. If I am ever fortunate enough to go into the Hall of Fame, it's going to be as a Chief."

Gonzalez set up and paid for his own news conference at a downtown hotel to say goodbye to the city where he played for 12 years and became the most productive tight end in NFL history.

"I wanted to come face-to-face with everybody and [say goodbye] the right way," he said. "I grew up in Kansas City. I got here when I just turned 21. [Leaving] is going to be sad. It's going to be real sad. I've been able to play for some of the best fans in the NFL."

TV TODAY

NBA PLAYOFFS

• First Round, Game 5, Miami at Atlanta, 7 p.m., TNT
• First Round, Game 5, New Orleans at Denver, 9:30 p.m., TNT

MLB

• Seattle at Chicago White Sox, 1:05 p.m., WGN
• Chicago Cubs at Arizona, 2:40 p.m., CSN

NORTHERN IOWA 9, IOWA 3



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's Nick Brown warms up before stepping up to the plate against Northern Iowa in the Corridor Classic on Tuesday at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids. The Hawkeyes lost the final Corridor Classic to the Panthers, 9-3.

6-run 8th sinks Hawkeyes

Errors and a failing offense kept the Iowa baseball team on a four-game losing streak as the Hawkeyes lost its final Corridor Classic against in-state rival Northern Iowa Tuesday night, 9-3.

By RYAN YOUNG
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CEDAR RAPIDS — Iowa baseball coach Jack Dahm said it himself Tuesday night.

Despite playing seven solid innings, the struggling Hawkeyes didn't deserve to win their final Corridor Classic against Northern Iowa.

At least, not after all the miscues on the field that ultimately contributed to a 9-3 loss.

Three late-game errors before an announced crowd of 1,953 at Veterans Memorial Stadium proved to be fatal for Iowa (14-26).

Currently riding a four-game losing streak heading into tonight's midweek clash

with Creighton, the Hawkeyes hadn't lost a game all season when leading after the six innings.

"You don't make plays defensively, it's pretty simple," Dahm said. "We were in control of that game, and we gave it to them."

SEE BASEBALL, 3B

NORTHERN IOWA 9, IOWA 3

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Iowa:	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	5	3
Northern Iowa:	0	1	0	0	0	2	6	2	6	9	9	0

W: Pinedo (2-6)
L: Turnbull (1-1)

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com for an exclusive photo slide show from the final Corridor Classic between Iowa and Northern Iowa at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids.

Softball faces Drake

The Iowa softball team will play Drake today in the last in-state game of the regular season.

By JON LINDER
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The Iowa softball team looks to complete a sweep of its three in-state foes today when Drake comes to Pearl Field for a 5 p.m. start. Today's game will also be No. 25 Iowa's last nonconference game until the postseason.

Following a 7-1 win against Iowa State at home on April 7 and a 5-3 come-from-behind win at Northern Iowa on April 21, the Hawkeyes (38-11, 9-5 in Big Ten) can clinch the unofficial state title tonight with a victory over the Bulldogs (28-20, 12-8 in MVC).

"Our pitching is really strong right now, and our defense is always something we work hard on," sophomore Chelsey Carmody said. "I'm motivated to compete with these teams that we have left. Anything can happen now and in the Big Ten, and I really want to go somewhere this year."

SEE SOFTBALL, 3B

ON THE WEB

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Iowa softball vs. Drake

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Women's golf ends on high note

The Iowa women golfers finish their season on a sound note to build on.

By PETER GUSTIN
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The Iowa women's golf team finished the spring season by taking fifth place at the Big Ten championships on Sunday — the team's best finish in 14 years. But it didn't come following a strong 2009 showing.

The season was a continuous climb in which a battle with weather and consistency kept the golfers from peaking at the right time.

Veteran golfers on the team struggled. The youths of the team held their own but experienced frustration. Yet, the Hawkeyes focused on mental training all year and finally pulled it together.

"When we needed to get the job done, we did," Iowa head coach Kelly Crawford said. "We improved each round at Big Tens and posted our season best total on the last day."

Sunday's round of 305 pushed the team four spots into fifth place, despite winds blowing at 20 to 30 mph, sometimes gust-

ing into the 40s.

The team was able to overcome the windy challenge — along with wet greens — after an experience at the Lady Buckeye Invitational on April 19. The Hawkeyes played through a mixture of wind, rain, snow, sleet, and hail and finished 12th.

"It has been a tough season, and to finish on such a high note is great for our program," Crawford said. "I think the women were able to apply their mental skills and overcome very challenging conditions that many other teams seemed to struggle with."

Seniors Tyrette Metzendorf and Becky Quinby were not only the team's veteran golfers pushing each other for the top two spots on the roster, their younger teammates say they were role models, teachers, and contributors.

"We are really going to miss Becky and Tyrette, who both contributed so much in a golf respect and even more with their awesome friendships they provided all of us on the team," said sophomore Laura Cilek, who earned the Big Ten's Sportsmanship award for the team this week.

SEE GOLF, 3B

You can go home again

Last week's Drake Relays was a homecoming for two members of the Iowa women's track and field team.

By JAKE KRZECZOWSKI
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The Drake Relays means more than just a track meet to Hawkeyes Hannah Roeder and Betsy Flood.

When Roeder, a sophomore native of Des Moines was young, the Drake Relays was an annual holiday.

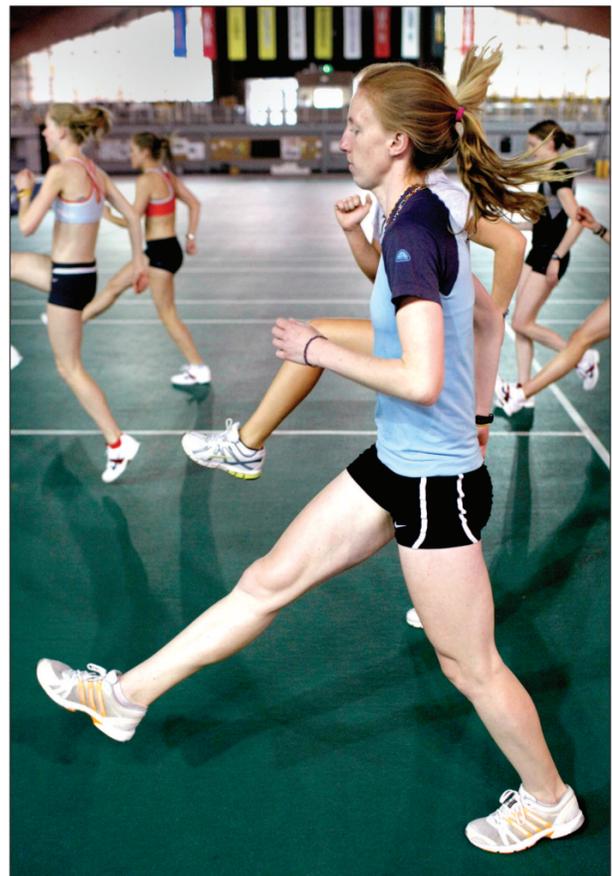
"When I was in elementary school, my mom would take me out of school on the Friday of the Relays," Roeder said. "So I've been going since I was little."

Roeder, who lived closer to the Drake track than to her high school, returned last weekend to her beloved meet for the first time since graduating in 2007.

She spent her freshman season in California, choosing to attend UCLA on scholarship. But after a year away, she decided to return home, allowing her the opportunity to compete at the Drake Relays again.

"It's, definitely different when its in your hometown," Roeder said. "It makes it a lot more exciting."

Flood, a rising star in a strong Iowa freshman class, is also a native of Des Moines. She attended Dowling, where she helped her team earn second at the state tournament, held on Drake's track.



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa distance runner Hannah Roeder does a drill during practice at the Field House on Tuesday. The sophomore, who hails from Des Moines, finished fifth in the steeplechase at the Drake Relays on April 25.

SEE TRACK, 3B



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Atlanta	10	10	.500	2
New York	9	11	.450	3
Washington	4	15	.211	7 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	14	7	.667	—
Pittsburgh	11	9	.550	2 1/2
Chicago	10	9	.526	3
Cincinnati	10	10	.500	3 1/2
Milwaukee	10	10	.500	3 1/2
Houston	9	12	.429	5
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	13	7	.650	—
San Diego	11	9	.550	2
San Francisco	9	9	.500	3
Arizona	8	12	.400	5
Colorado	7	12	.368	5 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Philadelphia 7, Washington 1
 Atlanta 2, St. Louis 1
 Houston 8, Cincinnati 3
 Florida 7, N.Y. Mets 4
 Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 5
 San Diego 4, Colorado 3
 Chicago Cubs 11, Arizona 3
 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Pittsburgh (Snell 1-2) at Milwaukee (Gallardo 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
 Florida (Jo-Johnson 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Santana 3-1), 12:10 p.m.
 San Diego (Correa 0-1) at Colorado (Cook 0-1), 2:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Dempster 3-0) at Arizona (Myers 1-1), 2:40 p.m.
 Washington (Olsen 0-1) at Philadelphia (D.J. Davis 1), 6:05 p.m.
 St. Louis (Wainwright 2-0) at Atlanta (J.Vazquez 2-1), 6:10 p.m.
 Houston (F.Paulino 0-1) at Cincinnati (Volquez 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Stults 2-0) at San Francisco (Linceseum 1-1), 9:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	15	7	.682	—
Boston	13	7	.650	1
New York	10	10	.500	4
Baltimore	9	12	.429	5 1/2
Tampa Bay	8	13	.381	6 1/2
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	11	9	.550	—
Chicago	10	10	.500	1
Kansas City	10	10	.500	1
Minnesota	10	11	.476	1 1/2
Cleveland	8	13	.381	3 1/2
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	13	8	.619	—
Texas	10	10	.500	2 1/2
Los Angeles	8	11	.421	4
Oakland	7	11	.389	4 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Chicago White Sox 2, Seattle 1, 1st game
 Seattle 9, Chicago White Sox 1, 2nd game
 L.A. Angels 7, Baltimore 5
 N.Y. Yankees 11, Detroit 0
 Cleveland 9, Boston 8
 Texas 5, Oakland 4
 Minnesota 4, Tampa Bay 3
 Toronto 8, Kansas City 1

Today's Games

L.A. Angels (Loux 0-2) at Baltimore (Uehara 2-1), 11:35 a.m.
 Seattle (Bedard 2-1) at Chicago White Sox (Floyd 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Chamberlain 0-0) at Detroit (Porcello 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
 Boston (Lester 1-2) at Cleveland (Carmona 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
 Oakland (Outman 0-0) at Texas (Padilla 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (Kazmir 3-1) at Minnesota (Blackburn 1-1), 7:10 p.m.

Toronto (Tallet 1-0) at Kansas City (Greinke 4-0), 7:10 p.m.

BIG TEN BASEBALL

Conference	W	L	Pct.	All Games
Ohio State	11	4	.733	31 10 .756
Illinois	11	4	.733	27 12 .692
Minnesota	10	4	.714	27 13 .675
Indiana	10	4	.714	20 22 .476
Michigan State	8	7	.533	17 23 .425
Michigan	6	9	.400	23 19 .548
Purdue	5	9	.357	18 21 .462
Penn State	5	10	.333	21 19 .525
Northwestern	3	10	.231	12 26 .316
Iowa	3	11	.214	14 26 .350

Northern Iowa 9, Iowa 3
 Purdue 14, Ball State 6
 Miami (Ohio) 9, Indiana 6
 Illinois 5, Southern Illinois 1
 St. Thomas 6, Minnesota 3
 Eastern Michigan at Michigan State, ppned.
 North Central at Northwestern, ppned.
 Penn State at Plattsburgh, ppned.

Today's Games

Creighton at Iowa, 6 p.m.
 Eastern Michigan at Michigan State (2)
 Western Illinois at Indiana
 Wisconsin-Milwaukee at Northwestern
 Akron at Ohio State
 LaSalle at Penn State
 Illinois at Indiana State

BIG TEN SOFTBALL

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Ohio State	12	2	.857	38	7	.844
Michigan	10	2	.833	34	9	.791
Northwestern	12	4	.750	29	11	.725
Iowa	9	5	.643	38	11	.776
Illinois	9	6	.600	26	14	.650
Purdue	9	7	.563	26	17	.605
Minnesota	6	10	.375	23	28	.451
Penn State	5	9	.357	17	23	.425
Indiana	3	11	.214	9	34	.209
Michigan St.	2	11	.154	18	25	.419
Wisconsin	2	12	.143	13	35	.271

Tuesday's Games

Northwestern 12, DePaul 4, 6 innings
Today's Games

Drake at Iowa, 5 p.m.
 Illinois at Purdue (2)
 Penn State at Michigan State (2)
 Indiana at Michigan (2)
 Western Michigan at Ohio State (2)
 Northern Illinois at Wisconsin

NBA DAILY PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND (Best of 7)

Tuesday's Games

Boston 106, Chicago 104, OT, Boston leads series 3-2
 Orlando 91, Philadelphia 78, Orlando leads series 3-2
 Dallas 106, San Antonio 93, Dallas wins series 4-1
 Portland 88, Houston 77, Houston leads series 3-2

Today's Games

Miami at Atlanta, 7 p.m., series tied 2-2
 New Orleans at Denver, 9:30 p.m., Denver leads series 3-1

Thursday's Games

Orlando at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Boston at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Portland at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

NHL DAILY PLAYOFF GLANCE

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7)

Monday's Games

Chicago 4, Calgary 1, Chicago wins series 4-1
 Anaheim 4, San Jose 1, Anaheim wins series 4-2

Tuesday's Games

Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1, Washington wins series 4-3
 Carolina 4, New Jersey 3, Carolina wins series 4-3

Blackhawks face Canucks

By RICK GANO

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jonathan Toews, the 20-year-old captain of the Chicago Blackhawks, got his first taste of the playoffs and like so many of his young teammates, he found out just how different it is from the regular season. And how difficult.

"You learn that anything is possible and you can come back from big deficits. Also, if you take a shift off, it can go the other way, too," Toews said after the Blackhawks finished off the Calgary Flames in six games with a 4-1 win at Calgary on Monday night.

It's the first time since 1996 the Blackhawks have won a postseason series. Next up in the Western Conference semifinals are the Vancouver Canucks, who have not played since completing a sweep of St. Louis last Tuesday.

The Canucks split the four-game regular-season series with Chicago, winning the final two. Vancouver goaltender Roberto Luongo posted a shutout against Chicago in late March at the United Center.

In their series-clinching win at the Pengrowth Saddledome, the Blackhawks used their speed and skill to finally subdue the more experienced Flames. And they got a remarkable 43-save performance in Game 6 from one of their tested veterans, goalie Nikolai Khabibulin.

"We beat a heck of a Calgary team. That's a team that has tons of playoff experience," right wing Adam Burish said. "A lot of those guys have been in the Cup final. Hopefully, it answers some people to say, 'You're not too young to win a playoff series.'"

Not anymore. After a short breather before starting the series at Vancouver, the Blackhawks won't have time to look back and consider what they've accomplished so far against the physical but injury-riddled Flames.

"After the first series, guys are tired. I'm tired. It takes a toll on your body, but that's what makes it so rewarding and so much fun," Burish said.

"Now it starts all over again. It's going to be so much fun. Every game is so demanding on your body and every day after a game, you just want to sit back and relax because it's mentally and physically so tiring, but that's what's so rewarding about it."

When it opened the playoffs, Chicago had only 10 players with postseason experience.

"I think anytime you have so many guys that go it for their first time, it takes a lot out of you," said defenseman Brent Seabrook, who played a solid first-ever series against Calgary with a goal and five assists while keeping the Flames in check.

"We learned a lot of stuff throughout the games, and I think we've got to take that into the next series."

NHL

Fedorov's late goal completes Caps comeback

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thanks to sage old Sergei Fedorov and a monumental comeback, the Washington Capitals are headed to the second round of the NHL playoffs for the first time in more than a decade.

Fedorov beat Henrik Lundqvist with 4:59 left in the third period, and the Capitals edged the New

York Rangers, 2-1, in Game 7 on Tuesday night, becoming the 21st team in NHL history to win a series after trailing 3-1.

It's also the franchise's first series victory since the 1997-98 season, when Washington made it all the way to the Stanley Cup finals. It must feel particularly sweet to the 16 players who were on the team a year ago, when the Capitals also trailed 3-1 in the first round, and also forced a Game 7 at home — only to lose to Philadelphia in overtime.

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Men's tennis takes a big step

Despite not qualifying for NCAAs, the Iowa men's tennis team found a way to excel in 2009.

By AMIE KIEHN

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Although the Iowa men's tennis team reached the same 12-9 record as last year, its accomplishments extend beyond what the record reveals. Iowa embarked on a daunting climb to overcome such Big Ten powerhouses as Ohio State and Illinois during conference play.

"In the end our record, Big Ten-wise and place-finish-wise, was exactly the same as last year," head coach Steve Houghton said. "But the guys that are around realize that we made really big progress this year. The difference was we played a lot of teams close, one of them being Illinois, for example. Teams we have gotten blown out before by, we were much better against."

The Hawkeyes' improvement was significantly anchored by a mix of veteran and new talent. Senior Christian Bierich and freshman Will Vasos' contribution on the tennis court helped Iowa win against five ranked teams during the spring season — Drake, Michigan State, Michigan, Indiana, and Purdue. Bierich, a native of Sweden, compiled an impressive 14-1 singles record in the fall en route to winning the Big Ten singles crown.

"One highlight — it seems like such a long time ago — was Christian winning the Big Ten singles title," Houghton said. "That was a big deal. It hadn't been done for eight or nine years."

In fact, Bierich only lost one set on his road to becoming the

conference's singles champion.

"I knew it was my last year, so I just wanted to give it my all," he said. "I practiced really hard."

"When I was in the final, there were no question that I was going to win. I just felt like, 'No one is going to beat me,' and so that was nice."

Bierich struggled in the spring season but demonstrated his determination in the Hawkeyes' final home match. After losing to Purdue's Slavko Bijelica, 7-5, in the first set, Bierich's fast serve and sharp volleying intensified and helped nab him the final two sets, 6-3, 6-4. As a result of his victory, Iowa defeated the Boilermakers, 4-3.

"I was just like, 'I am going to run on every ball. I am a going to do everything I possibly can to win this match because I am not losing on my last match at home,'" said Bierich, who was named All-Big Ten.

Although the Hawkeyes had the momentum from the Purdue match heading into the Big Ten Tournament in Ann Arbor last week, Iowa was swept 4-0 by Wisconsin in the opening round.

"We took some steps forward, but obviously we weren't happy with [the ending] as we could have been," Vasos said. "We didn't make NCAAs, which was one of our huge goals."

Despite the first round defeat, Vasos and junior Tommy McGeorge made their names known in doubles competition. Although the two were paired on a whim, the duo finished with a strong 18-3 record.

"It was probably one of the



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Christian Bierich serves during the No. 1 doubles match against Denver at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Feb. 8. The Hawkeyes' 2009 season came to an end when the Hawks fell in the first round of last week's Big Ten Tournament to Wisconsin.

most fun times I've ever had playing tennis," Vasos said. "When we just played, we just really fed off each other and played really well this year, which was really solid."

Although Houghton's squad next year will be minus Bierich, Greg Holm, and Walker Grimes, it is brimming with rising stars.

He is thankful Vasos and McGeorge have more time as Hawkeyes.

"The doubles team that really stood out was Tommy and Will," Houghton said. "The guys overall were the only ranked team at three, which had to be one of the best records that I remember in recent years."

SPORTS

Late goals allow Carolina to stun New Jersey

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — The Carolina Hurricanes stole their thrilling first-round series from the New Jersey Devils in the final 80 seconds.

Jussi Jokinen and Eric Staal scored in a 48-second span late in the third period and the Hurricanes stunned the Devils 4-3 in Game 7 of their first-round Eastern Conference playoff

series Tuesday night. It was the second shocking loss for the Devils in the series. They lost Game 4 on a goal by Jokinen with 0.2 seconds to play.

This time they gave away the series in the final 1:20.

Jokinen tied the game after taking a great cross-ice setup by Joni Pitkanen. Staal then buried the Devils with a shot from the middle of the right circle with 31.7 seconds to play. Carolina next plays

top-seeded Boston.

Howard powers Magic to 3-2 series lead over 76ers

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Orlando Magic are going back to Philadelphia with a chance to close out the 76ers. Dwight Howard made sure of it.

Howard had 24 points and a career playoff-high 24 rebounds, a dominating performance that powered the Magic

to a 91-78 victory over the Sixers on Tuesday night and gave Orlando a 3-2 series lead.

Rashard Lewis snapped out of his playoff slump with a series-high 24 points, and Rafer Alston scored 14 for the Magic. It was Howard's fourth career playoff game with at least 20 points and 20 rebounds.

Andre Iguodala scored 26 points and led a second-half charge that fizzled fast, and Andre Miller added 17 points for Philadelphia.

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Softball hosts Drake

SOFTBALL

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Drake sits in third place in the Missouri Valley, behind Creighton and Southern Illinois. The Bulldogs are led in the pitching circle by sophomore Jenna DeLong, who is tied for second in the Missouri Valley in wins (17) and strikeouts (209). She has held opposing batters to a batting average of .214 while posting an ERA of 1.88.

Erin Bly has come on as of late for the Bulldogs at first base. She hit two home runs on April 25 and 26 in a series at Wichita State, and she boasts a .315 batting average. The sophomore leads Drake in total hits (47), including six home runs and five doubles.

Shortstop Elena Leon leads the Bulldogs at the plate. The junior leads the team in RBIs (28), batting average (.319), home runs (11), and stolen bases (11). Leon also sits atop the Missouri Valley for total runs scored (42).

Iowa head coach Gayle

Blevins was quick to point out similarities between Leon and Iowa outfielder Colleen McGlaughlin, who leads the Big Ten in RBIs with 48 this season. Blevins said they would consider pitching around Leon if the situation arises.

"I'm sure that's what Indiana would have loved to have done this weekend with Colleen is not to have to throw to her very much," Blevins said. "So if we have a chance where we can pass to someone [other than Leon] ... we'll certainly consider doing those things."

Aside from her conference lead in RBIs, the senior leads Iowa in batting average (.387), hits (60), and home runs (9). McGlaughlin comes into today's game after collecting a career-high five RBIs against Indiana on April 26. She had two home runs on the day, leading the Hawkeyes to a 12-1 win in just five innings.

Iowa will be led once again by pitchers Brittany Weil and Amanda Zust in the circle.

Weil, a senior from Garden Grove, Calif., was named Big Ten Pitcher of the Week on Monday for the third time this season and the eighth time in her career. Only Marissa Young from Michigan and Northwestern's Eileen Canney have garnered the award more times in a career than Weil, at nine each.

Weil allowed zero runs in 11 innings of work for the week, striking out 19 and walking just one batter. Weil's season ERA (.103) is good for third in the Big Ten, while Zust's (1.74) is seventh-best in the conference. Weil leads the Big Ten in opponent's batting average (.130) and her 282 strikeouts are second only to Minnesota's Briana Hassett.

After today, the Hawkeyes won't return to Iowa City until games against Wisconsin on May 6 and Minnesota on May 8 and 9.



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Northern Iowa head coach Rick Heller shakes hands with an Iowa player after being congratulated by Iowa head coach Jack Dahm for winning the final Corridor Classic on Tuesday at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids. The final score was 9-3 in favor of Heller's Panthers, who are playing their final season.

Hawks collapse late

BASEBALL

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"This one hurts because you had the opportunity, and you beat yourself."

Leading the Panthers 3-1 heading into the seventh, a fielding error by freshman shortstop Chett Zeise helped Northern Iowa knot the game, 3-3.

In the bottom of the eighth, two more errors on the right side of the infield by sophomore Zach McCool and senior T.J. Cataldo in the bottom of the eighth allowed the Panthers to seize control of the ball game.

Northern Iowa (16-24) plated six runs on two hits and a pair of walks for a hefty six-run advantage.

Iowa senior hurler Mike Schurz, who had injured his elbow in the 2007 Corridor Classic and undergone Tommy John surgery last season, admitted he felt a little nervous taking the mound early on in the eighth.

But he didn't shy from assuming any responsibility for the loss.

"We just couldn't get the job done in the end," Schurz said. "I don't know, everything just hit the fan. We couldn't make plays and ended up losing the ball game."

Meanwhile, the Hawkeyes scrambled to make plays in the beginning of the contest as well.

With no outs in the top of the first, Iowa threatened to take a commanding lead, but ultimately fell short with



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa starting pitcher Jarred Hippen throws a curve ball against Northern Iowa during the Corridor Classic on Tuesday at Veterans Memorial Stadium in Cedar Rapids. Tuesday's game was the final bout between the two teams, because the Northern Iowa program will shut down at the end of this season.

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- Mike Schurz, senior

runners in scoring position.

Following a lead-off single by freshman catcher Dallas Burke, Northern Iowa starting pitcher Lucas O'Rear loaded the bases on two-straight hit batsmen and later brought in the first run of the game on a walk.

Iowa failed to capitalize further, though. Cataldo and freshman Sean Flanagan tallied back-to-back strikeouts, and veteran third baseman Kevin Hoef was caught stealing home for the third out.

"I thought I had it," Hoef said. "[O'Rear] was taking a long time to deliver to the plate, and I thought I had it."

For the Hawkeyes' upcoming contest tonight, though, the former 48th-round draft pick by the Boston Red Sox said his team has to do some soul searching.

"We have to figure a lot out," Hoef said. "It starts with everybody. We just can't put a whole game together right now, and it's embarrassing."

Young golfers look ahead

GOLF

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The duo tied for 10th — a season high prior to Big Tens — at the Baylor Spring Invitational on March 17, which earned them co-Big Ten Golfer of the Week honors.

"[Tyrette] is a great role model and leader, always doing the right thing on and off the course," junior Alison Cavanaugh said.

Metzendorf was Iowa's sharpshooter in her junior season, barely missing the cut for the NCAA regional and finishing third at the Big Ten match.

However, Metzendorf struggled to consistently shoot in the 70s this spring, but carded rounds of 78, 75, 76, and 74 at Big Tens (303), good enough for a third-place finish for the second consecutive year.

"Tyrette did not play as well this season as she did

"We've all pushed each other to get better and elevate our games to the next level. I'm excited about the success of returning players and incoming freshman class. This is just the beginning."

- Alison Cavanaugh, junior

last year," Crawford said. "So I am really glad that she was able to end her career with a third place finish at Big Tens."

Quinby pushed Metzendorf all year long for the No. 1 spot on the team, tying her in Columbus and finishing ahead at the Indiana University Invitational on April 7. Quinby's work ethic led her to a top-20 finish in the Big Tens, tying for 15th.

Iowa also got impressive contributions from its youth this spring, including Cavanaugh, Cilek, sophomores Brianna Coopman and Lauren Forbes, and freshman

Chelsea Harris.

Losing Metzendorf and Quinby next year will be big for the Hawkeyes, but with this year's experience and an impressive class of freshmen coming in who are expected to contribute immediately, the future is bright.

"We've all pushed each other to get better and elevate our games to the next level," said Cavanaugh, who will be the team's only senior next season. "I'm excited about the success of returning players and incoming freshman class. This is just the beginning."

Relays a homecoming for 2

TRACK

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The freshman has been running in the meet since she started high school, setting records along the way.

"It's my favorite meet," Flood said. "It's in Des Moines, and everyone I know is there."

Flood's younger sister, Katie, also competed in the meet, winning the 3,000 meters for the third time.

Her sister and the rest of the stands had plenty to cheer about as the Hawkeyes performed well at the meet.

"I was excited to see her run and cheer for her," she said. "But it was weird not to run in the same race."

Iowa head coach Layne Anderson understands the excitement both Roeder and Flood had with running in front of a hometown crowd.

"For both of them it was a homecoming," Anderson said. "Sometimes that can be a good thing, and sometimes they can get caught up in the emotions."

Roeder, who admitted feeling nervous to go out in front of her friends and family, started off her run in the steeplechase with a rough fall over the first barrier. She managed to shake off the mistake, however, and get herself back into the pack, finishing fifth — two seconds away from her personal best.

"She did a good job getting up from the fall, regrouping, and working her way back into the race," Anderson said.

Flood was the lead off on

the 4x800 relay in which Iowa took sixth and had the same position in the 4x1600 meter relay which she helped her team take third in.

The two young Hawkeyes definitely gave elementary

school kids cutting class last Friday something to look up to.

"I was thrilled for both of them, and I think it is a clear indication of where both are at right now," Anderson said.

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Yankees cut prices

By **RONALD BLUM**
Associated Press

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The New York Yankees slashed prices on more than 40 percent of their front-row seats by up to 50 percent Tuesday and announced many of those who bought tickets closest to the field for \$325-\$2,500 will be eligible for additional free seats.

Those initiatives could help pack previously unfilled areas that were an eyesore on television broadcasts during the opening homestand at the \$1.5 billion ballpark.

"There are a few hundred suite seats in our premium locations that have not been sold on a full season basis," Yankee managing general partner Hal Steinbrenner said in a statement. "As a result, and for many of our fans who have already purchased full season suite seats in such premium locations, the Yankees are announcing today a program that adjusts certain prices and benefits."

While most of the cheaper tickets in the second and third decks were sold for the opening six games, entire sections of cushioned blue seats with teak arm rests in the first nine rows in 25 sections went empty, areas that cost \$500 and up. In addition, many of the non-premium seats between the bases, which cost \$325 as part of season tickets and \$375 individually, also went unfilled.

MSNBC's Keith Olbermann, who owns three \$850 Legends Suite season tickets, was unhappy prices were cut only for those with front-row seats while others will be given additional tickets.

"If they're offering only selective refunds, depend upon it: There are going to be lawsuits," he said. "Great, more tickets nobody wants. The silver lining here is that even more charities are going to be getting even more tickets from me."



New York Yankee Jorge Posada (20) bats during the sixth inning against the Oakland Athletics on April 22 in the new Yankee Stadium.

The price of first-row season seats in nine sections of the Delta Sky360 Suite one deck up behind home plate was cut from \$750 to \$550.

Among the top non-premium seats in the lower deck, the Yankees announced a buy-three-get-one-free program for new \$325-a-seat season tickets in the 15 sections between the bases.

Steinbrenner said the Yankees had sold 85 percent of their premium seats and 37,000 full-season equivalents, more than 3.4 million tickets in all. But it was apparent most of the unsold seats were closest to the field.

In response, the team cut the price of first-row Legends Suite seats in four sections on the outer half of the dugouts and photo cages from \$2,500 to \$1,250. According to a count by the Associated Press, 48 seats were affected.

In addition, seats in the first row in the final three sections down each foul line were slashed from \$1,000 to \$650. That affects 68 seats.

In all, the AP count had the Yankees cutting the price of 116 of 258 front-rows seats, which have been on sale for up to \$2,625 for individual games. The team said the reductions will apply to this season only.

Assemblyman Richard Brodsky of Westchester, a frequent and vocal critic of the Yankees, said the reductions weren't enough.

"It's the public that built Yankee Stadium, and even at these prices, the public has been excluded from the very stadium they built," Brodsky said. "It's a continuing disaster."

Those who bought \$2,500 first-row season tickets in the 11 sections surrounding the plate that weren't reduced — there are 98 seats in that area — will receive an equal number of free first-row tickets for the rest of the season. Those who bought \$1,250 first-row seats in the first two sections past each photo cage — 48 seats in that category — will receive free seats for 24 games.

Fans who bought \$850 Legends Suite season tickets — there are 843 seats located in that category — will get free seats in the same section for eight games and free seats in the \$500 section for four games.

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An examination of birth-control methods

- Abstinence.** Effective? Very. But in the same way that amputating your legs at the knees is effective against ingrown toenails. Personally, I like going for a walk every now and then.
- The Rhythm Method.** When used religiously (HA!), it can be up to 90 percent effective in preventing pregnancy, but it's completely useless to white people.
- Condoms.** One of the most common forms of contraceptive and also a pretty effective one, with the bonus effect of helping prevent the spread of diseases. But, for men, it's also a bit like having sex wearing a mitten. On your penis.
- Vasectomy.** Men, it might be worth it, you just have to ask yourself what you care more about: condom-free intercourse or the respect of all of your male friends.
- Spermicide.** Given the continued persistence of both the cockroaches in my bathroom and Owen Wilson, I am defensibly suspicious of the any birth-control method ending in -cide.
- Intrauterine Devices.** For guys who enjoy the idea of bionic women, IUDs are awesome. For guys (like me) who live in constant fear of a dystopic future ruled by bio-mechanically enhanced Amazons who use their augmentations and boosted hormones to enslave all males, IUDs are the most terrifying thing ever created (with the possible exception of the movie *Showgirl*).
- Contraceptive Pills.** The pill's main downside is having to remember to take it daily. One big advantage of the pill, however, is that it can readily be combined with several other birth-control methods, such as condoms or abject unattractiveness.
- Homosexuality.** Just as effective as abstinence, but with all the sex you can handle. It's nature's little loophole. - Andrew R. Juhl thanks fellow writer Unimaginative Pseudonym for today's Ledge idea and many of his jokes.

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Jim Dane and sister Donna Dane prepare a potting project in front of Dane's Dairy on Willow Creek Drive in Iowa City on Tuesday. Donna Dane, the owner of Dane's Dairy, said the ice-cream shop is open 1 to 9 p.m. every day.

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today's events

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- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Semester in Wales: Information Session**, 11:30 p.m., 1124 University Capitol Town Centre
- **Department of Biochemistry Fifth-Annual Eugene Lata Undergraduate Honors Symposium, "The role of vinculin phosphorylation in focal adhesion disassembly," Amy Rohlfing**, 1:40 p.m., 5-669; "PPAR-gamma: Activation and role in insulin sensitivity," Brandon Menke, 2 p.m., 5-669 Bowen; "DNA binding affinity of RPA variants," Tze Fei Gan, 2:20 p.m., 5-669 Bowen
- **Coffee and Conversation, Opportunities for Discussion of Sales Tax and Flood Mitigation**, 4 p.m., Coralville City Hall, 1512 Seventh St.
- **Open Studio**, 4 p.m., Dawn's Hide & Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
- **Wednesday Afternoon in Switzerland Film Series, Max & Co (in Swiss German only)**, 4 p.m., E120 Adler
- **Wednesday Night Bicyclists of Iowa City Ride**, 5:30 p.m., Herky Street and Stoner Court, North Liberty
- **Tippie College of Business Lecture, "Growing a Multi-National Corporation from Oskaloosa, Iowa," Joe Crookham**, 5:45 p.m., Sheraton Hospital

- **MC Chris**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **PJ Story Time**, 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Free Pool**, 7 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville
- **Iowa Dance Fest 3 Showcase**, 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Tulpa**, 7 p.m., Bijou,
- **The Little Dog Laughed Auditions, City Circle Acting Company**, 7:15-9 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **"The Music, Art, and Ethics of Suffering," John Rapson, Tim Grubbs Lowly, Raymond G. De Vries**, 7:30 p.m., 179 IMU
- **Clinton Global Initiative - University First Meeting**, 8 p.m., C131 Pomerantz Center
- **Karaoke Wet Wednesday**, 8 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Writers' Workshop Reading, Mark McMorris, poetry**, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **UI Symphony Orchestra**, 8 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Che, Part One**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Live Comedy**, 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Karaoke Night**, 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **Talk Art Cabaret**, 10 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Unknown Component**, 10 p.m., Firewater, 347 S. Gilbert

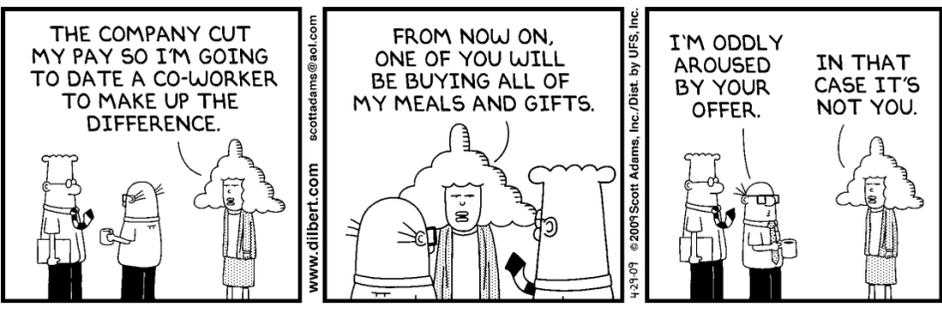
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- 12:30 p.m.** News from Québec, in French
- 1** "Prairie Lights" Archive, Masha Hamilton
- 2** News from Germany, in German
- 3** Paul Krugman Lecture, Recipient of the 2008 Nobel Prize in Economics, 3/27/2009
- 9:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45** "The Exchange," 3/13
- 10:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 10:45** Dance from Space/Place, Faculty-Graduate Dance, 2/13/2009
- 6** Roger Ferguson, TIAA-CREF CEO, 3/25/2009
- 7** College of Education, Tenure
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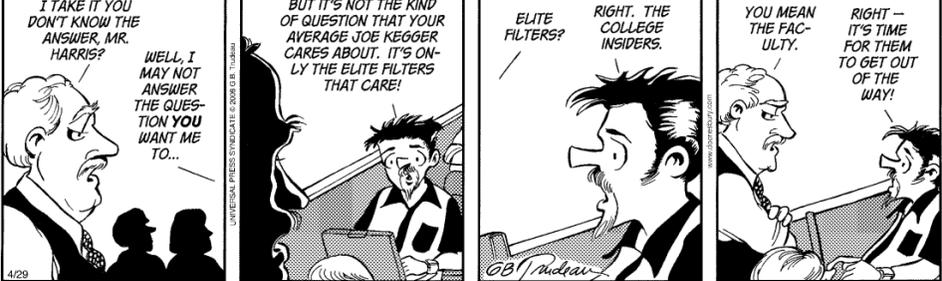
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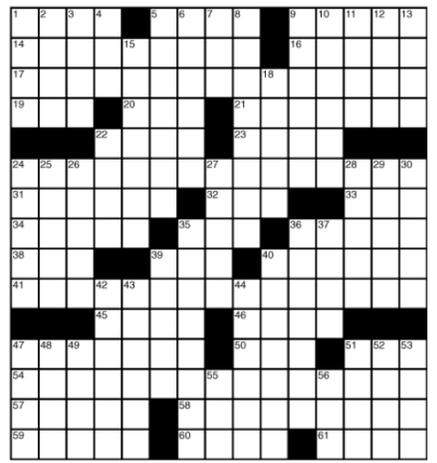
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The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Tree trunk
 - Some HDTVs
 - Heartbreaker who's "back in town" in a 1980 Carly Simon hit
 - Feature of mesh fabrics
 - The Carolinas, e.g., to the French
 - Debugs computer programs, e.g.
 - Two of racing's Unsters
 - Neighbor of B.C.
 - San ____, Marin County
 - La ____, Tar Pits
 - Bird feeder fill
 - Responds to rashes
 - Like Papa Bear's porridge
 - Collect splinters, so to speak
 - Tuskegee's locale: Abbr.
 - Nutmeg State sch.
 - Ore suffix
 - "What ____" ("Hohum")
 - Rap sheet entries, for short
 - Messenger ____
 - Record label owned by Sony
 - Does some mending
 - Cellular construction
 - Overlook
 - One of the Leeward Islands
 - Hesitant sounds
 - Mexicali Mrs.
 - Lines up the sewing
 - Coral creation
 - Blood type historically considered the universal donor
 - Only beardless Disney dwarf
 - Have a kwish, say
 - Orbiting telescope launcher



Puzzle by Jerry E. Rosman

- Down**
- Florida city, for short
 - Australian gem
 - "Sure, why not?!"
 - Business letter abbr.
 - Return to one's seat?
 - Quarter of Algiers
 - Batter's fig.
 - Ethiopia's Haile ____
 - Glitterati
 - Blah, blah, blah, for short
 - Satirist Mort
 - Skier's turn
 - Gas brand in Canada
 - Prestigious business school
 - Urmiak passenger
 - Road, in the Rheinland
 - Speech spot
 - Tiramisu topper
 - Place to rule
 - Business sign abbr.
 - Like Siberian winters
 - Give a lift
 - Set a lofty goal
 - Raw material for Wrigley's, once
 - To a great degree
 - Michelangelo, to Romans
 - MapQuest offerings
 - Make ____ dash
 - Brussels-based alliance
 - Vette roof option
 - Islamic sect
 - Amps up
 - On the main
 - ____Cat (winter vehicle)
 - Doz. eggs, commonly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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