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JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Health-scientist Robin Volk transfers patient specimen to test it for any type of influenza at the Hygienic Laboratory on the Oakdale Campus on Thursday. Volk said there have been 165 specimens sent into the lab on Thursday alone.

Coralville visitor may have had 'new' flu

Roughly 1,900 specimen tubes have been sent out to state health providers to test for H1N1 influenza virus.

By **JENNIFER DELGADO**
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A southeastern Iowa female who traveled to Coralville last week is one of the two suspected H1N1 virus cases in the state, health officials said Thursday.

The woman, who attended a meeting at the Quality Inn in Coralville, had recently traveled to Mexico. Pat Blake, a UI Hygienic Laboratory spokeswoman, said

she expects Centers for Disease Control and Prevention officials to confirm the cases by this morning at the latest.

"If this one comes back positive, it's not an indication that [the disease is] being transmitted throughout the community," said Doug Beardsley, the director of the Johnson County Public Health Department. If the case is confirmed, he said, health officials will not recommend can-

celing international or domestic travel.

The individual — who exhibited flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough, and diarrhea — traveled through Johnson, Des Moines, and Muscatine Counties, Beardsley said. She is doing well, and neither she nor the other individual, a male, have been hospitalized.

SEE **FLU**, 3A

UI to relocate Hancher complex

By **TESSA McLEAN**
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CEDAR FALLS — The state Board of Regents unanimously approved UI officials' request to replace the Hancher/Voxman/Clapp complex at a new location Thursday.

UI Senior Vice President for Finance Doug True said he hopes to have locations to present to the regents at their June meeting.

In a brief presentation, he said relocation is the best move for the university, but there's still a lot of work to do.

"Cost is a factor, but by no means the only factor; it is a whole series of issues," True said. "It is important that we go ahead and pursue the opportunity that [the Federal Emergency Management Agency] has given us to go ahead and replace these facilities."

Officials outlined seven reasons to replace the complex in a new location, including opportunities for sustainability for the new facility, cost, continued threat of flooding, and availability of commercial flood insurance.

UI administrators had previously identified eight possible sites for the 300,000-square-foot complex at a March regents meeting. Those sites include the Hawkeye Marching Band field,

Hubbard Park, and a space north and west of the existing complex.

Relocating the complex in a new location is estimated to cost \$276 million, with \$114 million paid by the UI, according to regent documents. The rest will be covered by FEMA. Total flood damage for the university totaled around \$743 million.

The UI has not yet identified options for Art Building East.

Charles Swanson, the Hancher Auditorium executive director, said he thinks the decision to move the complex was necessary given the future threat of flooding.

"I think it's an exciting time for the arts community and university campus," he said. "I'm so proud that we're taking advantage of this opportunity to rebuild something great."

Regent President David Miles thanked True and UI officials for their research and acknowledged the decision probably wasn't easy.

"I think you've analyzed the situation correctly and it makes sense to me to take the course you've recommended," he said.

Swanson said the focus now will be on the possible sites.

"These are big, major decisions, and we really knew to work hard on finding an appropriate location," he said.

DI reporter Mary Harrington contributed to this report.

'I'm on the fence with this [ordinance]. But I am all about whatever will promote Iowa City. I'm just not sure it's that simple.'

— **Connie Parsons**, co-owner of the Velvet Coat

Business owners unsure about new bar ordinance

ON THE WEB

Hear from locals about how the 500-foot law could affect their business in a video at dailyiowan.com.

Local retailers hope a new ordinance would attract more people to their shops in the downtown area.

By **CHRIS CLARK**
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When it comes to limiting the number of bars downtown, city officials and local retailers agree: The area needs a more diverse group of businesses.

The Iowa City City Council plans to hear public input on a proposed ordinance that would limit the number of bars at a meeting Friday. Officials say they are worried the number of bars downtown restricts the diversity of people who use the area.



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Kevin Perez prepares a breakfast in his prep kitchen on Church Street on Thursday. Perez, the owner of Mama's Deli and Shorts Burger & Shine, said he's not in favor of a proposed ordinance limiting the number of bars downtown because of what he labeled the lack of thought by the majority of the decision makers.

If passed, the ordinance would prevent any new drinking establishment — defined as a business whose main income comes from food or drinks between midnight and 2 a.m. — from opening within 1,000 feet of another. New liquor stores would need to be 500 feet apart.

Louise Rauh, a designer at DJ Rinner Goldsmith, 207 E. Washington St., said a mix of eclectic businesses could appeal to a wider range of interests, not just sports and drinking.

"I just think a variety of [businesses] will bring in

SEE **BUSINESS**, 3A

UI may cut 100s

Regents approve two new retirement options for UI faculty and staff.

By **TESSA McLEAN**
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CEDAR FALLS — UI President Sally Mason said on Thursday the university may have to reduce faculty and staff by "several hundred" because of budget shortfalls.

But when asked if there will be layoffs, she said, "It is still too soon to tell." UI officials plan to lose most of the several hundred employees through attrition and two new retirement programs, she said, and she



Mason
president

SEE **BUDGET**, 3A

UI introduces two new retirement programs

Both programs allow a small window of opportunity for faculty and staff to take advantage of them.

Early Retirement Incentive Program

- Available July 1
- Must be 57 years old
- Employees must fully retire no later than June 30, 2010

Alternative Phased Retirement Program

- Available July 1 to Sept. 30
- Must be a regular full-time faculty or staff
- Must have attained age 57 by July 1
- Must commence phased retirement no later than June 30, 2010

Source: Regent documents



Weston still human dynamo

Faces of the UI

Do you know a community member who has done something interesting? If so, e-mail us at: daily-iowan@uiowa.edu.

A UI law professor wants the legal world to help reduce global warming.

By **EMILY MELVOLD**
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It's not uncommon for Burns Weston to communicate with his secretary and family via Skype, use a small electronic scheduler to keep track of his events, or travel between his home north of Iowa City to another house in Sweden.

The UI law professor, who is in his 70s, is constantly moving.

"He's always traveling here and there, and he keeps very busy," said Grace Tully, Weston's secretary for more than a decade. "He could easily keep two full-time secretaries busy, but he gives a lot of work to his research assistants."

For more than 40 years, Weston has worked in the legal field of international law, human dignity, and world order.

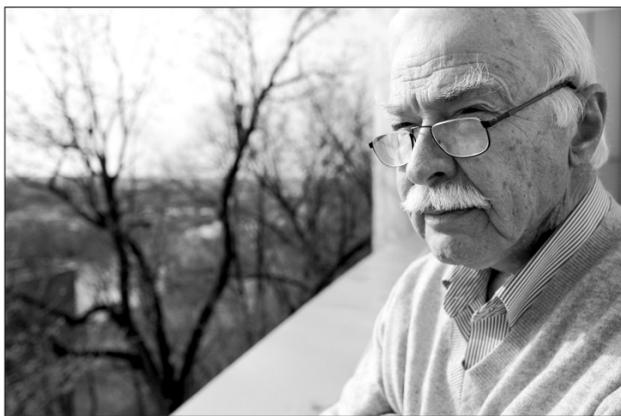
His newest project, the Climate Legacy Initiative — a joint effort between the Vermont Law School and the UI Center for Human Rights — is "bringing the law of government in line with the laws of nature," he said.

He started the initiative two and half years ago, and he now serves as the program's director and senior researcher.

After outlining 16 legislative solutions to help reduce global



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BELOW: Burns Weston gazes from the student lounge in the Boyd Law Building on Thursday. Weston wants the legal world to help reduce global warming. **BURNS TOP:** Weston stands near the window on the fourth floor of the Boyd Law Building, where the faculty and student lounges are located, on Thursday. Weston wants the legal world to help reduce global warming.

warming, the researchers are working to promote and implement their suggestions. Next month, the group will meet in New York for a conference to discuss how to do this.

The 16 recommendations present framework for national, sub-national, and international legis-

lation. Some recommendations include amendments to state and local constitutions. All of them focus on sustainability and the rights of future generations.

"When making decisions, we all need to ask ourselves if what we're going to do is in the best interest of future generations. If

ON THE WEB



Find an audio slide show and watch Daily Iowan TV for more on Burns Weston at dailyiowan.com.

it's not, then we need to stop and change it," he said.

Even though Weston is part of an older generation, he said, he cares deeply for the youth and even the unborn.

Because unborn populations cannot speak in their own interests, he said, the public has the responsibility to ensure future generations have the ability to make choices about how they live in the world they inherit.

"I pity the college and younger population right now because they are in for a very hazardous period," he said.

Weston, a professor of international human rights law, said taking control of the environment is the most pressing issue facing the world today, and it will take more than just the United States or the legal world to create change.

"We don't have control over other countries, but we need everyone on board," he said. "We need to raise the level of consciousness and proactivity on all levels from local to global."

The Climate Legacy Initiative lists four legacies it hopes to leave behind: a legal legacy, a moral legacy, a policy legacy, and a legacy of action.

People should take climate change seriously and take action, Weston said.

"Don't be seduced by the few skeptics that choose to ignore the facts," he said. "Believe in reason."

A UI faculty member since 1966, Weston was forced to cut his full-time career as a professor short after learning he had throat cancer in 1999. No one expected him to be able to return to the university.

"I fooled 'em all," he said.

NATION

Report: Souter to retire in June

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice David Souter has told the White House that he will retire from the Supreme Court

at the end of the court's term in June, a source familiar with his plans said Thursday night.

The source spoke to the Associated Press on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak for Souter.

Speculation that the 69-year-old justice will be stepping down has been fueled by his failure to appoint law clerks for the fall term.

National Public Radio reported that Souter will remain on the bench until a successor is confirmed.

The Supreme Court declined to comment on the report.

Souter's retirement would give President Obama his first pick for the high court. Court watchers expect him to choose a woman to join Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, currently the only woman on the Supreme Court.

METRO

Man charged with 3rd OWI

Iowa City police arrested a local man Tuesday and charged him with driving drunk.

Patrick Flanagan, 53, 636 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged with third-offense OWI.

Police pulled Flanagan over after an officer reportedly observed him hit the curb of a median when trying to turn, authorities said.

Flanagan told officers he was on his cell phone when he hit the curb, but police said this was untrue. He smelled strongly of alcohol and refused breath tests and most field sobriety tests, police said.

According to police reports, Flanagan had "horrible balance," slurred speech, and admitted he had been drinking.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$9,375.

— by Regina Zilbermints

Regents approve leasing ex-frat

CEDAR FALLS — The state Board of Regents approved on Thursday UI officials' request for a three-year lease of the former Phi Kappa Theta house, 108 River St., for use by the UI theater department.

The building is undergoing a \$1.1 million renovation to house a large performance arts classroom, a seminar room, and office space.

UI spokesman Steve Parrott said he anticipates the Federal Emergency Management Agency will reimburse 90 percent of lease and improvement costs, but the UI will ultimately be responsible for taxes, insurance, utilities, and maintenance.

The approximately 9,000-square-foot building is priced at \$9,375 per

month for the first year. The contract includes a renewal clause, giving UI officials the opportunity to keep the space until 2019, or beginning April 2011, the university would be allowed to purchase the property for \$695,000.

— by Tessa McLean

Regents OK raising UI sidewalks along river

CEDAR FALLS — The state Board of Regents approved another effort for flood mitigation at Thursday's meeting by giving UI officials the go-ahead with their plan to elevate existing campus sidewalks on both sides of the Iowa River.

The sidewalks included are those near the current site of the Voxman Music Building and footbridge, south on the west side of the river to the railroad river crossing and south on the east side of the river to near the Main Library, according to regent documents.

The project will raise sidewalks to a minimum elevation of a 100-year flood plus 1 foot. The document states the sidewalks would provide protection from a flood similar to that of 1993. For more significant floods, similar to that of 2008, the sidewalks would provide temporary flood barriers included in the university's Flood Emergency Response Plan. This protection, called HESCO Barriers, would require 10 feet in width and a level base for sandbag walls.

Officials hope to accelerate the project to complete it by June 30, 2010. The estimated project cost of \$2.4 million would be funded with \$1.2 million from the U.S. Department of Education Disaster Relief Program, with additional funds from other federal grants or university building repair funds. If the additional funds are not available, the project would be limited to the \$1.2 million available from the U.S. Department of Education.

— by Tessa McLean

Regents ax UI program, add another

CEDAR FALLS — The UI lost a program on Thursday, but added a new one for students with similar interests.

The state Board of Regents approved termination of the UI master of arts in Third World development program at Thursday's meeting at the University of Northern Iowa.

Admission to the program was suspended in fall 2002, and there are no students currently enrolled. UI documents cited lack of interest as a reason to eliminate the program.

The regents also approved the creation of a new master of arts program in international studies. The Graduate College program will build on the current bachelor of arts program in international studies — a multidisciplinary approach — allowing students to explore opportunities in the humanities and social sciences. UI officials said they hope those attracted to the Third World development program could be well-served in the new program.

— by Tessa McLean

Iowa City's jobless rate remains low

Iowa City has an unemployment rate of 3.6 percent — one of the lowest of metropolitan communities — according to U.S. Department of Labor statistics released Wednesday.

The March employment summary showed 109 areas reported jobless rates of 10 percent and higher, which is 14 areas more than last year.

Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, La., shared the same jobless rate as Iowa City. Ames trailed with only 3.7 percent of the area out of work.

Of the average U.S. unemployment rate of 9 percent, 158 areas reported falling above that percentage and 209 said they fell below it.

The report showed the metropolitan area with the highest unemployment rate is El Centro, Calif., at 25.1 percent. And 12 of the 18 communities with ratings of 15 percent or more were found in California.

— by Kathleen Serino

Music school to acquire space in Capitol Centre

CEDAR FALLS — The UI School of Music will acquire 3,600 square feet of space in the University Capitol Centre to replace flood-damaged facilities. UI officials also gained approval to purchase several acoustical units for the facility — for a total of roughly \$2.4 million.

The decision was approved at Thursday's state Board of Regents meeting. It will cost \$5,100 per month for the first year, and the UI will lease the space for five years. The cost of improvements to the facility is estimated at \$430,000.

The space will include a temporary classroom, rehearsal space, and recital space. The lease includes renewal options extending through March 31, 2020.

The acoustical units will be installed at all practice and performance areas in the space — formerly home to the Campus 3 cinema — which the School of Music is temporarily using.

Use of the space is dependent on installing the prefabricated, sound-isolated practice rooms, and teaching units, according to regent documents.

The UI will seek flood-assistance grant funding from the state and Federal Emergency Management Agency for the purchase and installation of the units. The university's share of the funding will be from academic building revenue bond proceeds.

— by Tessa McLean

POLICE BLOTTER

Mathew Ayers, 19, 630C Mayflower, was charged Wednesday with unlawful use of a license.

Kurt Dyer, 50, 1307 Franklin St., was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct.

Apollina Goel, 39, 4865 Dryden Court, was charged Wednesday with third-degree theft.

Jessica Hogan, 20, 221 Iowa Ave. Apt. 1932, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

Alexander Peleging, 20, 927 E. College St. Apt. 2, was charged Monday with possession of marijuana.

Troy Phillips, 39, Burlington, was charged Tuesday with third-degree burglary.

Gregory Pressling, 21, Chicago, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Evan Shaw, 19, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 12A, was charged April 10 with distributing prescription drugs.

Kevin Taylor, 21, 505 E. Burlington St. Apt. 12A, was charged April 10 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and gathering to use controlled

substances.

Anthony Turnis, 19, 927 E. College St., was charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana.

Timothy Vanmersberge, 34, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with domestic assault.

Michael Gardner, 28, Wichita Falls, Texas, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

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Nurse assistant Karen Myers demonstrates the masks worn by patients who come in with influenza-like symptoms at the UI Employee Health Clinic on Thursday. The clinic saw around five patients on Thursday.

UI faces more cutbacks

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hopes many faculty and staff take advantage of the programs.

The state Board of Regents approved the two initiatives Thursday, despite much concern and discussion. Regent Michael Gartner said he thought the plans could be "tougher." Regent Craig Lang said they were "too rich," meaning the benefits in the plans.

But the retirement plans were ultimately approved.

"We have been given the opportunity to make vital adjustments in our institutions without inflicting irreparable harm to our ability to provide quality, accessible education to our students, transformative research to our state and to the world, and essential services to Iowans," Regent President David Miles said. "We cannot live for today and place the burdens of tomorrow on our students and their families. Attendance at our public universities must remain affordable."

A new early retirement incentive program would be available beginning July 1 to employees 57 and older. Each

application will be reviewed on an individual basis for its cost-saving potential and will be subject to approval, according to regent documents. Under the plan, employees must fully retire no later than June 30, 2010.

An alternative phased-retirement program would be used selectively by colleges and divisions in the university. It would become effective July 1 and expire on Sept. 30. The program would be available to regular full-time faculty and staff who reach 57 years of age by July 1.

"People have been amazing in terms of what they have been willing to give up in order to save jobs," Mason said.

The largest portion of the UI general fund, 42 percent, goes toward salary and benefits, making reductions in personnel essential to have the largest effect. The next largest portion goes toward student aid at 9.1 percent.

Regents said stimulus money could buy the regent institutions time, but they should plan for further budget reductions.

Regent universities could face an \$86 million recurring cut for fiscal 2010, but with the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act money

appropriated by the state Legislature, the cut would likely be \$6 million.

Mason noted the UI has curtailed more than 50 percent of travel as well as reduced class sizes and eliminated smaller class sections. Whatever the budget reductions may be, she said, officials will maintain the same "quality of excellence" the university has always provided.

Mason also hopes the UI can increase student retention through a new initiative that will offer 100 freshman seminar courses this fall taught by top university administrators. Creating a lasting connection between faculty and students would help students feel a greater sense of connection to the university, she said. Retention of 1 percent more students could generate \$2 million in additional revenue, according to documents presented at the regent's meeting.

In a DI article on April 23, UI Provost Wallace Loh said he will teach a seminar on law and social justice.

"If students feel they can connect to an institution, they can thrive and succeed," he said. "We can shrink the psychological size of the university," making freshmen feel less intimidated.

Calls burn up hotline

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The male traveled through Iowa, Scott, and Clinton Counties.

If the two cases are confirmed, Gov. Chet Culver said, he will declare a "public-health disaster" for the state. This means state officials will require quarantines for those infected and send more anti-viral medication across the state.

But health officials said this disaster stage shouldn't scare Iowans — it means the state will be on a stricter surveillance mode.

"This wouldn't mean people are quarantined right away," said Polly Carver-Kimm, an Iowa Department of Public Health spokeswoman. "We're nowhere near that stage."

Carver-Kimm said a flu hotline, created Tuesday, has received 381 phone calls. She stressed Iowans should continue to frequently wash their hands and cover their mouths when coughing. If individuals have any of the virus symptoms, they should stay at home and call their doctors.

The Hygienic Laboratory is conducting the virus tests for Iowa, and it has received 319 specimen tubes since April 27, Blake said, including the two possible H1N1 flu cases. After preliminary exams, officials sent the two tubes for

'If this one comes back positive, it's not an indication that [the disease is] being transmitted throughout the community.'

— Doug Beardsley, director of the Johnson County Public Health Department.

testing to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, which received the specimens Thursday morning.

By next week, Blake said she expects the lab will receive the proper equipment to do all the testing in Iowa.

At the UI Employee Health Clinic, clinical nurse specialist Deb Hess said the number of walk-ins and phone calls have increased.

"We're seeing more people," she said.

The clinic, located in the UI Hospitals and Clinics, usually treats employees only, but it is now testing patients for the new virus. Four cough stations stand in different spots in the UIHC, armed with boxes of Kleenex, face masks, and gel hand sanitizer. These stands were in the hospital before the flu scare, UIHC spokesman Tom Moore said.

As of April 30, CDC and state officials had confirmed 130 H1N1 cases in 20 states. There has been one death in the United States — on Monday, the virus killed a 22-month-old Mexican boy in Texas.

"Unfortunately, I do expect there will be more deaths,"

said Richard Besser, the CDC director, in a press conference. Besser noted that 36,000 people die every year from seasonal flu.

On Wednesday, public-health, U.S. government, and World Health Organization officials began calling the virus H1N1 instead of swine flu, after pork producers and agricultural officials said the name led people to believe the flu could be acquired from eating pork.

"We have always felt from the beginning the name 'swine flu' was inaccurate and unfair to the industry," said Ron Birkenholz, the communications director for the Iowa Pork Producers Association.

But the hog industry is still suffering. Since April 24, the price of pork per hundred pounds has dropped \$11 in the futures market, said John Lawrence, an Iowa State University agricultural economics professor.

Council to get bar feedback

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people from all over," she said. "It would balance things out."

Her business usually booms when the city is not crowded with students, she said.

Connie Parsons, a co-owner of the women's retailer Velvet Coat, 116 E. Washington St., said she likes being downtown, but some people consider the area to be "one huge bar."

Her shop is next door to Bo-James, 118 E. Washington St., and she said she has never had a problem with the neighboring pub because of her store's daytime hours.

Parsons said she recognized behavior at certain

bars may give the area a negative image, but ultimately, she "believe[s] in the downtown."

Leah Cohen, the president of the Downtown Association and owner of Bo-James, said that although the association hasn't officially discussed the ordinance, she has heard concern about the number of bars downtown.

"We certainly don't need any more bars in the area," she said, but she isn't positive the ordinance is the best option.

Parsons agreed, saying with the recession, now may not be the best time to reserve spots

exclusively for small businesses.

"The economy is a huge factor. It might be difficult to find a balance between specialty retailers and bars," she said, noting small business owners might not be able to afford rising rent prices.

But all parties have a common goal of making the downtown a better place for the entire community.

"I'm on the fence with this [ordinance]," Parsons said. "But I am all about whatever will promote Iowa City. I'm just not sure it's that simple."

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Britain pulls out of Iraq

By **BRIAN MURPHY**
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — The Iraq war formally ended for British forces on Thursday as America's main battlefield ally handed control of the oil-rich Basra area to U.S. commanders and prepared to ship out most of its remaining 4,000 troops.

A U.S. flag was raised over the British base outside the southern city of Basra in a ceremony held after a memorial for the 179 British military personnel who died in more than six years of warfare.

"Today marks the closing chapter of the combat mission in Iraq," British Prime Minister Gordon Brown said in London after meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

At the height of combat operations in the months after the U.S.-led invasion, Britain had 46,000 troops in Iraq. Washington still has around 130,000 troops in Iraq and has shifted units south ahead of the British pullout.

American troops operate alongside Iraqi soldiers who have taken over many frontline roles in the strategic Basra area, the hub of British military operations for years.

British commanders have been gradually handing over responsibility of the Basra region to the U.S. military since March and have been withdrawing troops from the country in phases. Nearly all of its troops are expected to be withdrawn by May 31, British military officials have said.

About 400 British troops will remain under an agreement with the Iraqi government mainly to train the Iraqi navy to defend oil platforms in the Gulf, the British Ministry of Defense has said.

During a handover ceremony, the commander of Britain's 20th Armored Brigade in Basra, dubbed the "Iron Fist," said troops would continue to work with the coalition.

"It does not mark the end of the U.K.'s relationship in Iraq," said Brig. Tom Beckett.

The British pullout comes as violence in Iraq has dropped to its lowest levels since the start of the war. But a series of high-profile attacks in recent weeks that have killed hundreds have raised concerns about whether Iraq security forces are ready to take control.

The Americans have shifted about 1,000 soldiers to replace the departing British troops to ensure a smooth transition and protect U.S. military supply lines from Kuwait to American bases throughout Iraq.

President Obama has said he plans to end American combat operations in Iraq by Aug. 31, 2010, leaving a contingency force of up to 50,000 to train and advise the Iraqi security forces. The remainder of American troops are required under a U.S.-Iraqi security pact to leave by the end of 2011.

Obama said the recent attacks are a concern, but the U.S. must keep pressure on the Iraqis to make the necessary political progress to help improve security.

On Thursday, the Iraqis took control of security of the Khor al-Amaya oil terminal.

The Iraqi navy's takeover of the oil terminal — a platform that was built in 1959 and is fed by only one 42-inch pipeline — is a small but important step, officials say.

U.S. and British forces will continue to help protect the newer al-Basra oil terminal, which has two 48-inch-diameter pipelines that produce 80 per-

cent of Iraq's crude exports.

Meanwhile, Iraqi police and hospital officials said the death toll from Wednesday's twin car bombing in a popular shopping area in Baghdad's biggest Shiite district climbed to 51 people. The blasts also injured 76 others, they said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to release the information.

At least 355 Iraqi civilians and Iraqi security forces were killed in violence in April, according to a monthly death toll issued by various Iraqi government ministries.

That compares with an Associated Press tally of at least 445 people killed, including 80 Iranian pilgrims, in violence in Iraq this month. In March, 335 people were killed in violence in Iraq; 283 in February and 242 in January, according to the AP figures.

More than 200 of those killed this month come from a string of bombings by suspected Sunni insurgents in the past week.

On Thursday, the Islamic State of Iraq, a militant network believed linked to Al Qaeda in Mesopotamia, claimed responsibility for an April 23 attack in central Baghdad that killed at least 31 people waiting for food aid. The statement was carried on jihadist forums on the Web, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which monitors militant messages on the Internet.

The attack came on the same day that Iraqi authorities claimed they arrested the Islamic State of Iraq leader, Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, in what authorities called a deep blow to insurgents.

AP writer David Stringer and Hamid Ahmed contributed to this report.

Day honors Lincoln

By **TYLER LYON**
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The Johnson County Courthouse celebrated Law Day Thursday afternoon, and this year's event focused on the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

"It's the first time there has been a solid theme," said Sue Feeney, the event coordinator. Iowa chief justices decide the theme, she said, and Law Day is held at all 99 Iowa courthouses.

Gregory Prickman, UI Libraries assistant head of Special Collections and UI Archives, gave a speech about a trial involving the first bridge connecting Chicago to Iowa, over the Mississippi River.

Lincoln defended the railroad companies who faced a lawsuit from the steamboat companies over one of their boats crashing into the bridge. "The steamboat companies felt threatened by the railroads taking their business away," Prickman said.

Lincoln's closing argument took two days and is said to be of the factors that led to a hung jury and the bridge remaining open.

Prickman said the steamboat companies tried to get the bridge removed again, but it remained because of its use in the Civil War.

Some artifacts on display Thursday included a blueprint of the bridge, a picture of Lincoln's memorial service at the



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North Liberty resident Erik Sittig and daughter Addy tour a courtroom in the Johnson County Courthouse during Law Day on Thursday. The program was titled "Mr. Abe Lincoln and the Rock Island Bridge."

Old Capitol, and a pair of glasses that Lincoln reportedly wore.

Feeney said the Johnson County Courthouse benefited from the availability of UI Archives, which helped make the event "one of the bigger ones" since it started at the courthouse four years ago.

Also on display were a series of prints of Lincoln by local artist Tomás Lasansky, who made each piece using four copper sheets of Lincoln's profile.

"Every plate is used in all 100 but in different orders, different colors, and that way you get different backgrounds," he said.

Lasansky said he was inspired to do a series on Lincoln because he was interested

ON THE WEB

See Thursday's Law Day events at the Johnson County Courthouse in a video and photo slide show at dailyiowan.com.

in him as a person as well as his presidency.

"I analyzed all the presidents, and for me, aesthetically, he has the most interesting face," he said.

Another piece of Iowa history shown at the event was one of the tickets to the last public execution held at the courthouse.

Children who went to the event Thursday had a chance to get their name printed by a court reporter and the opportunity to meet McGruff, the crime dog.

NATION

Obama embraces Chrysler move to bankruptcy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Obama announced Thursday that Chrysler would head into bankruptcy with the aid of up to another \$8 billion in taxpayer money, a last-resort attempt to quickly restructure the struggling giant. He blasted hedge-fund creditors whom he said held out for a richer deal.

"No one should be confused about what a bankruptcy process means," Obama said. "This is not a sign of weakness but rather one more step on a clearly chartered path to Chrysler's revival."

As part of the deal, Chrysler is signing a partnership with the Italian company Fiat. The government will be an investor in the revamped Chrysler and will help choose its new directors, but the Obama administration does not plan to help manage the company.

Bankruptcy doesn't mean the nation's No. 3 automaker will shut down. A Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing would allow a judge to decide how much the company's creditors would get while the company continues to operate. The goal is for the whole process to happen quickly, Obama said, perhaps within a couple months.

The president said that Chrysler has been responsible for helping to build the American middle class, but over the years also had been weakened by "papering over tough problems and avoiding hard choices."

Oops! Time for VP do-over

WASHINGTON (AP) — Oh, Joe. Vice President Joe Biden — with a well-deserved reputation as someone who shoots from the lip — made it through the first 100 days of the Obama administration without any major gaffes. But on Day 101, the vice president, well, took a nosedive when it came to the government's talking points on air travel during the H1N1 flu outbreak.

At 7:05 a.m. Thursday, Biden was asked on NBC's "Today" show what advice he would give to a family member who was considering flying to Mexico.

"I would tell members of my family — and I have — I wouldn't go anywhere in confined places now," Biden said. "It's not that it's going to Mexico. It's you're in a confined aircraft. When one person sneezes, it goes all the way through the aircraft." Biden went on to say he wouldn't suggest that they ride the subway, either.

Avoid all airline travel? Don't ride the subway?

Cue the backpedaling. At 8:47 a.m., Biden's office put out a statement gamely trying to rewrite the vice president's words:

"The advice he is giving family members is the same advice the administra-

tion is giving to all Americans: That they should avoid unnecessary air travel to and from Mexico," said Biden spokeswoman Elizabeth Alexander. "If they are sick, they should avoid airplanes and other confined public spaces, such as subways."

By 10 a.m., Homeland Security chief Janet Napolitano had supplied her own do-over for the VP:

"If he could say that over again, he would say if they're feeling sick they should stay off of public transit or confined spaces, because that is indeed the advice that we're giving," Napolitano said on MSNBC.

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Work on new shelter may finally start

Lawsuits have prevented Iowa City Shelter House's relocation for years. This time, the Shelter House is determined to hold off opponents and begin work on its new site.

By ZHI XIONG
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The area's homeless may finally see ground broken for their new home. Since 2004, local nonprofit Iowa City Shelter House, 331 Gilbert St., has owned a grassy lot on the city's South Side.

But it has not been able to build on it for five years, arguably because of lawsuits filed by unwilling future neighbors.

Fed up, the Shelter House went on the offensive. The organization filed suit April 15, hoping a district judge will help mollify its staunchest opposition.

Among the most vocal have been Michael and Janet Dahlen, who are named in the suit along with the city and "any unknown claimants." The Dahlens own Hilltop Mobile Home Court, which is adjacent to Shelter House's lot on Southgate Avenue and Waterfront Drive.

The Dahlens, who live in Hills, referred questions to attorney Gregg Geerdes. He declined comment except to say they would "no doubt defend aggressively."

He represented them in the Dahlens' numerous lawsuits against the homeless shelter. In 2008, one case reached the Iowa Supreme Court.

City planners had given a nod to Shelter House's 2004 application that planned to build a two-story facility at 429 Southgate Ave. The idea was to ease overcrowding issues at its Gilbert Street facility.

Despite the building's quiet presence in its North Side neighborhood, Executive Director Crissy Canganelli cited many reasons for leaving, including the obvious — a lack of space — and even the temptation of alcohol at nearby bars and house parties.

The new facility features dorm-style rooms and separate space for individuals and families. The \$4-million project will also be equipped with bigger kitchens



Crissy Canganelli stands near the property line between the Shelter House's new site and Hilltop Mobile Home Park on Wednesday. The Shelter House is engaged in a legal dispute with the Dahlens, the owners of the mobile home park, over where the property line is. The shelter has been in a legal dispute with the Dahlens since 2004.

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and sturdier laundry systems.

It is also located across the street from Mecca services for substance abuse, Head Start for children, and a bus stop to patrons could potentially use to get to and from work.

"It would have been a good thing to finish and get done," said Allan Axeen, a supervisor for the Hawkeye Area Community Action Program's Iowa City branch, which coordinates transitional housing and a Head Start program.

The Dahlens and others in the Hilltop neighborhood alleged the city adjustment board broke the law when members granted an application to Shelter House.

They originally said Shelter House would bring down property value and increase criminal activity. They said city officials failed to consider these concerns.

But the police blotter told a different story. Evidence in the case included an analysis — whether more individuals charged with crimes listed 331 N. Gilbert St. or Hilltop Mobile Home Court as their addresses.

Iowa Supreme Court justices decided the adjustment board

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had reason to believe people who stayed at Shelter House had relatively lower arrest rates. Canganelli said staff members test residents' blood-alcohol concentration, enforce curfews for those in certain programs, and call authorities if a resident has an arrest warrant on him or her.

"We think this evidence, considered collectively, is adequate to support the board's conclusion that the proposed special exception would not substantially diminish or impair the value of neighboring properties," justices wrote.

Now, Shelter House wants the Dahlens, the city, and anyone else to know just who owns a weedy gully edging the Southgate property, said Tim Krumm of Meardon, Sueppel, & Downer Law Firm. Basically, the Shelter House wants an end to the court battles, which detracted from fundraising efforts and morale, Canganelli said.

"It's soul-killing," she said.

Out-of-state gays head for Iowa to get hitched

By NIGEL DUARA
Associated Press

IOWA CITY — Dozens of gay couples have flocked to Iowa from elsewhere in the Midwest since the door to same-sex marriage was opened there this week, and some counties have seen more interest from outside the state than within.

Some couples from neighboring states where voters have passed constitutional amendments banning gay marriage plan to move to Iowa so their unions will be recognized.

"It's a whole different world when you cross the river," said Troy Fienhold-Haasis of Omaha, who plans to move with his partner, Jason, across the Missouri River to Council Bluffs this fall.

Fienhold-Haasis said the decision to move is about more than just tax and cost-of-living issues — though those factored heavily into the couple's decision. When he had emergency gall bladder surgery last year, Fienhold-Haasis said he worried his partner wouldn't be able to see him in the hospital.

"In Iowa, with a marriage, those questions are taken care of," he said.

The couple plans to apply for a marriage license in Pottawattamie County, where more Nebraskans than Iowans sought same-sex marriage applications in the first three days they were available. Twenty-three of the 42 applications Monday through Wednesday came from Nebraska, and one was mailed in from Oklahoma.

The story was similar in other counties at the state's edges. On Monday and Tuesday, five of the 14 Dubuque County applications came from couples in nearby Wisconsin, and 12 of the 38 applications in Scott County came from across the Mississippi River in Illi-



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Troy Fienhold-Haasis of Omaha (left), who plans to move with partner Jason Fienhold-Haasis (right) across the Missouri River to Council Bluffs, is photographed in Omaha on Thursday. Dozens of gay couples have flocked to Iowa from elsewhere in the Midwest since the door to same-sex marriage was opened there this week.

nois. Both applications filed Monday in Worth County were from Minnesotans, and Missouri couples filed all four applications that day in Decatur County.

Out-of-staters accounted for only five of the 95 applications received Monday through Wednesday in central Polk County, which includes Des Moines.

One Republican legislator from the Scott County community of Bettendorf said the influx from other states was nothing to celebrate.

"I feel sorry for those states where they will be going to," said state Sen. David Hartsuch. "In those states, many of them have made their will known and protect traditional marriage."

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Indian billionaire's life turns into thriller

By **SAM DOLNICK**
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Anil Ambani does not wait in traffic.

The billionaire industrialist often commutes by helicopter, soaring far above the traffic jams that clog his sprawling hometown of Mumbai.

But Ambani's high-flying life could have ended last week — a complaint filed with police said pebbles and gravel were found in the chopper's engine — debris that could have caused the craft to crash.

The case took a bizarre twist this week: The technician who discovered the suspected sabotage turned up dead. Bharat Borge's body was discovered on suburban Mumbai railway tracks after he was apparently hit by a train — a death police are calling suicide but Borge's family believes was murder.

The intrigue is only the latest chapter in the Ambani saga, a multigenerational tale that began with an ambitious

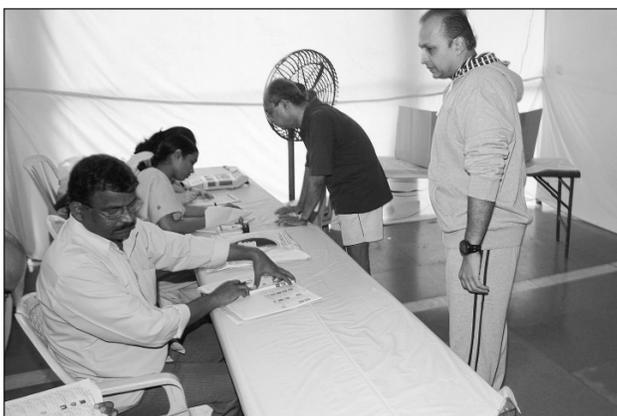
patriarch and includes warring brothers, Bollywood starlets, and egos that match their multibillion-dollar fortunes.

The latest developments have gripped the country, with newspapers splashing the story across their front pages and TV news channels giving repeated updates.

Whoever placed the pebbles in the engine under the helicopter, senior pilot R.N. Joshi of Reliance Transport & Travels — one of Anil Ambani's companies — said in the police complaint. The chopper likely would have been able to take off, he said, but the debris would have entered the gear box and cut the power, bringing down the aircraft.

"Some persons, possible business rivals, were attempting to take away the life of Anil Ambani," said Joshi.

The alleged sabotage would not have been possible "without active involvement" of someone at the Mumbai company that maintained the Ambani helicop-



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Indian billionaire Anil Ambani (right) prepares to cast his vote at a polling station in Mumbai, India, on Thursday. Ambani has become the center of the Indian news cycle after a technician discovered someone had tried to sabotage the billionaire's helicopter. The technician was later found dead on railroad tracks near Mumbai.

ter, he said.

Mumbai's chief police investigator, Rakesh Maria, declined to comment on the investigation, saying only it was under way.

Ambani's father, Dhirubhai

Ambani, was one of India's first great capitalists, a South Asian Horatio Alger hero who inspired generations of entrepreneurs. He launched the Reliance empire trading spices and

textiles before going public in 1977 in one of India's first major public offerings. When he died 25 years later, the Reliance conglomerate was India's largest private sector company with interests in petrochemicals, plastics, oil refineries, and more.

His two sons, Anil and Mukesh Ambani, inherited the sprawling company — and quickly began feuding.

Their mother divided the conglomerate between them, with Mukesh, the older brother, inheriting petrochemical, oil, and refining interests and Anil receiving power generation, telecommunication and financial services.

The brothers have expanded their respective dominions, and they remain locked in a rivalry that has them jockeying for position on *Forbes'* list of the world's richest people.

Mukesh Ambani, who is worth \$19.5 billion, is at seventh place while Anil, worth \$10.1 billion, is at 34th, accord-

ing to Forbes.

Anil, who dated a string of Bollywood actresses before marrying one of them, was always the flashier of the brothers. Last year, he took his first steps into Hollywood when he teamed up with director Steven Spielberg to launch a production company.

Although the sibling competition has long been heated, no one has ever accused the brothers of contemplating fratricide. Mukesh Ambani's name has not been mentioned as a possible suspect in the helicopter sabotage.

Jayant Patil, the top security official in the state of Maharashtra, which includes Mumbai, told reporters Wednesday that there was no "corporate rivalry" behind the incident. He offered no evidence.

Bharat Borge, a senior Air Works technician, was preparing the helicopter for a flight to a Mumbai suburb April 23 when he noticed a problem with a cap in the gear box, according to Joshi's statement.

UI first college to hold Alzheimer's hunt

The goal of the event is to raise money for and awareness of Alzheimer's.

By **MICHELE DANNO**
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Dozens of people will roam Iowa City this weekend, searching for clues in a citywide scavenger hunt.

UI students will host the Quest to Unravel Alzheimer's Scavenger Hunt on Saturday, making the UI the first university to hold the event. A group of 16 university students, led by journalism lecturer Ann Haugland, paired up with the National Alzheimer's Association to pilot the program.

The scavenger hunt will lead teams around campus and Iowa City, starting at College Green Park.

In the past, Philadelphia, San Diego, and Indianapolis have hosted the event, and this weekend marks its debut on a college campus, said Elizabeth Schlehuber, a spokeswoman for the East Central Iowa Chapter of the National Alzheimer's Association.

"We thought the Iowa campus is a great setting with how it revolves around Iowa City," she said. "And because it is a Big Ten campus, the size is also a good place to start."

The association plans on expanding to other campuses in the future and hopes the UI will "work out the kinks" of the event, she said.

Schlehuber said students in

the UI's Public Relations Workshop class, led by Haugland, responded to the event by recruiting teams and participants, as well as raising funds.

Haugland said she has a personal connection, because her father was diagnosed with the disease.

Roughly 5 million people in the U.S. have Alzheimer's, and someone develops the disease every 70 seconds, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

"About half of our class has had a family member or friend with Alzheimer's, so that made it more personal," Haugland said.

UI senior David McNace — a student in the class and the president of the event — said his grandmother suffers from the illness. He said he thinks it's important to raise awareness of Alzheimer's among college students.

"I feel it's important, because I think it's a disease that doesn't receive as much attention as it should get," he said. "We have Dance Marathon and Relay for Life to raise money for cancer, but we don't realize that a lot of adults are going to be inflicted with this, and then the whole family suffers."

Schlehuber said the group will have around 10 registered teams at the event, but Haugland said the students are not discouraged by the turnout.

QUASH

The Quest to Unravel Alzheimer's Scavenger Hunt

- May 2
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- **Opening ceremony:** 10 a.m.
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'We thought the Iowa campus is a great setting with how it revolves around Iowa City.'

— Elizabeth Schlehuber, spokeswoman for the East Central Iowa Chapter of the National Alzheimer's Association

"The numbers aren't quite as high as we hoped," she said. "But it's hard to start something new, and we're really encouraged that it will happen again next year. I think we have done well given the time constraints and all of the other events this campus has to offer."

Brittany Dichraff, a UI graduate, said she decided to be a team leader because her grandmother has a form of Alzheimer's.

"All the other fundraisers I've done are walking or running events," she said. "This is a really different way to get people to raise money, plus it's a fun activity."

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NATION

Mexico: Number of new flu cases stabilizing

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's top health official said Thursday the number of new H1N1 flu cases is stabilizing in the nation at the epicenter of the outbreak.

Health Secretary Jose Angel Cordova told a news conference he hoped the trend will continue and that a vaccine would be available in six months. European health ministers said they would speed efforts to develop such a vaccine.

The World Health Organization's flu chief, reacting to similar comments from other Mexican officials, cautioned that case numbers often go up and down, and said the WHO had yet to see concrete evidence that the new flu, believed to have killed 168 people in Mexico, was leveling off.

"It's a mixed pattern out there," Dr. Keiji Fukuda said. "What's happening in one part of the country is not necessarily what's happening in another part of the country."

New cases of H1N1 were confirmed in the United States and Europe a day after the WHO said the virus threatened to become a global epidemic and raised its alert level to Phase 5, the second-highest stage, for the first time.

Health officials in the United States said Thursday the number of confirmed cases had risen to 109. President Obama told Americans the government was "taking the utmost precautions and preparations" to stop the virus.

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No place to go for homeless overflow

Finding shelter will continue to be a problem for some of Iowa City's homeless.

By SHANE ERSLAND
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The Johnson County Board of Supervisors turned down a proposal to use the third floor of the new Johnson County Health and Human Services Building for homeless overflow during its meeting Thursday.

Dorothy Whiston, the director of the Consultation of Religious Communities, said the site would be ideal because the layout of the area would make it

easy to monitor patrons. The floor has 30,000 square feet of unpartitioned space.

"It needs to be a space that is open, so volunteers can see every person in the facility," Whiston said.

But Supervisor Larry Meyers had some concerns, given that the floor holds personnel files and records, which could be at risk with people sleeping there, he said. Another problem, he said, is the county would be

liable if a crime or incident occurred.

Whiston said more space for homeless will be needed because some sites used now for shelters will no longer be available. Neither Trinity Episcopal Church nor St. Thomas More Church can be used this summer — Trinity will undergo construction, and St. Thomas More will move.

There was also an increase in shelter patrons this year.

Penny Rembolt, a volunteer

coordinator with the Shelter House Overflow Project, said 1,663 homeless people have stayed at the shelter thus far in fiscal 2009, compared with 1,443 in fiscal 2008.

Rev. Sam Massey, a pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, asked supervisors to come up with another solution if the Health and Human Services Building is not attainable.

"Make an offer, come back with something, a place to

sleep," he said. "Let's make a partnership and get this rascal done."

Meyers said the Fisher Building, 800 S. Dubuque St., could be another option for homeless refuge. The structure was a residential facility, and it is now being considered for destruction to make room for an expansion of Johnson County Ambulance Service.

Although construction on a larger shelter house is slated to start this summer, Whiston said the building will not be far

enough along by winter to house the overflow.

"We don't want to leave people out in the cold, and we need help from the county," she said.

She will continue to look for a temporary location to house between 20 and 25 people per night, she said.

Meyers agreed officials will need to find a temporary site before the winter season starts.

"If they can get it built within a year, then it's only this winter we have to worry about," he said.

Credit card rules passed

By MARCY GORDON
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Riding a crest of populist anger, the House on Thursday approved a bill to restrict credit-card practices and eliminate sudden increases in interest rates and late fees that have entangled millions of consumers.

The legislation passed by a bipartisan vote of 357-70 following lobbying by President Obama and members of his administration.

The measure would prohibit so-called double-cycle billing and retroactive rate hikes and would prevent companies from giving credit cards to anyone under 18.

If they become law, the new measures won't take effect for a year, except for a requirement that customers get 45 days' notice before their interest rates are increased. That would take effect in 90 days.

Similar legislation is before the Senate, where its prospects appear promising.

Consumer advocates and some Democrats have unsuccessfully sought for years to bring new rules to the industry.

"A big vote in the House will create an even bigger momentum as it goes to the Senate," House Speaker Nancy Pelosi told reporters.

Supporters want to get a final congressional package to Obama's desk by the Memorial Day holiday.

Before approving the bill, dubbed the Credit Card Holders' Bill of Rights, the House adopted a series of amendments — some of which were pushed by the White House — that amplified the restrictions on industry practices.

The House measure incorporates Federal Reserve regulations due to take effect in July 2010 but goes further by adding restrictions on credit cards for college students.

Double-cycle billing eliminates the interest-free period for consumers who move from paying the full balance monthly to carrying a balance.

Opponents tried vainly on the House floor to temper a fast-moving bill with amendments that would have given credit-card issuers some openings to raise rates within the proposed restraints.

"We shouldn't take credit opportunities away," said Rep. Jeb Hensarling, R-Texas. "I just want consumers to have choices. I want there to be a competitive marketplace."

Hensarling and other Republican opponents endorsed the bill's requirements for clearer disclosure in the fine print of credit-card agreements. But they said the legislation overall could prompt lenders to restrict credit in an already tight market to compensate for the new requirements.

That's the leading argument made by banking-industry executives against the legislation.

Supporters of the bill also drew on the economic crisis to make their case.

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Editorial

Locals should embrace Shelter House's mission

To see the Iowa City Shelter House's current location is to see why it needs a new facility. The current location at 331 N. Gilbert St. looks like any other house on the block.

But at certain times of the day, you can spot people hanging out around the porch and front lawn. They hang out there because there's no room for them inside. They sit on the stairs at dinner time because the couches and chairs are already filled. Couches turn into beds at night because they are the only spaces left available. People — and, many times, whole families — are turned away because the facility is full. People lucky enough to bed there must pay for it with their privacy. Often, homeless people in the shelter must share basic amenities. The Shelter House is just that, a house — not a traditional shelter facility. Its maximum capacity is only 29 people.

The Shelter House administration has been trying for some time to expand into a larger facility. To the officials' credit, they have raised \$1.88 million toward the \$2 million halfway mark and picked a new location at 429 Southgate Ave. The new two-story facility will be able to house up to 70 people, and it is across the street from an outpatient treatment facility for individuals with drug and alcohol problems and a Head Start program.

This new location is ideal for Shelter House. Executive Director Chrissy Canganelli has said many people who are homeless suffer from drug and alcohol dependency. Having the Shelter House so close to a treatment facility would allow homeless people with these problems easier access to help. Access to treatment could be crucial in transitioning them to a lifestyle in which they can find jobs and eventually a home. And even if the new location didn't provide convenient access to treatment, moving the Shelter House away from Gilbert Street — and therefore downtown — could remove the temptation to frequent downtown bars.

Being close to a Head Start program would also benefit a

large portion of the homeless living at Shelter House: women with children. Canganelli said that demographic makes up 40 percent of the Shelter House's homeless population. Women could send their children to Head Start and find better paying, full-time jobs and eventually move into a permanent home.

Money hasn't been the only roadblock for Shelter Houses' move. Residents from Hilltop Mobile Home Court have filed complaints and appealed the Iowa City City Council's approval for the new location. Their main argument on paper has been that the location Shelter House wants to use is zoned as an industrial area and that Shelter House failed to meet two qualifications for an exception to use the area as a homeless shelter. In their appeal, the residents of the trailer park argued Shelter House failed to prove having a homeless shelter would not have an adverse effect on their property values and it failed to indicate how many parking spots it would need.

This is a thinly veiled attempt to mask the real reason Hilltop residents don't want the homeless shelter nearby: fear. The appeal also contained a list of criminal complaints and police logs showing people who gave Shelter House as their residence. Though some of the logs included crimes such as statutory rape and assault, most of the crimes on the logs were OWIs and other drinking-related offenses. The most recent crimes were from 2004. To those offenses, Canganelli has countered by saying people may only stay at Shelter House for 90 days. Because none of the logs the residents from Hilltop provided showed crimes committed within the last 90 days, they cannot assume current Shelter House residents would commit these same crimes.

There appears to be some hope for Shelter House. The appellate decision the *DI* obtained ruled in favor of Shelter House. That would be a good thing, not just for the people of Shelter House but also the people of Iowa City in general.

Apple in sync linearly



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As I grew restless at a recent "black-tie affair" — where only 1 percent of men actually wore a black tie — I began to think of things that might make a good column.

After an hour or so of talking with students who were clearly ignoring the buzz of the city's and university's attempts to curb binge drinking, I had nothing compelling enough to dedicate 750 or so words.

"Maybe the fact that three, including myself, of the nine individuals bumping elbows at my dinner table routinely checked the Chicago Blackhawks' score on iPhones," I thought.

It's marvelous how Apple can continue to make substantial economic growth. In an article that appeared in the *New York Times* titled "Apple Profit Rises 15%, Driven by iPhone sales," Peter Oppenheimer, Apple's chief financial officer, said it was "the best non-holiday earnings in the company's history." That struck me as odd, because companies are fighting layoffs and budget cuts across the nation, and Apple is reporting a 15 percent net profit increase.

I realize this is Apple I am thinking about. It potentially has enough weapons in its arsenal to keep profits rising even if the country was in a depression similar to that of the 1930s. Even without Steve Jobs, Apple's creative genius, the company has cattle-branded America just like country line dancing has for upper-age couples.

It wasn't until after the party crowned a king and queen — I am still mad, by the way, that I didn't win or even receive a nomination — that this correlation between line dancing and Apple products became clear. As I watched four girls step in sync to Lady Gaga's "Just Dance," I noticed the way in which line dancing gives individuals a sense of commonality.

As a curious onlooker, I couldn't help but consider what the appeal was to dancing in sync with everyone else. It seemed so militaristic, everyone doing the same moves at the same time. Isn't dancing about expressing yourself and not following a pattern?

Line dancing has been around for quite sometime now. Come to think of it, at every dance, wedding, graduation party, or anything else

with a DJ, line dancing makes an appearance — just like that goofy uncle who always wants you to pull his finger.

There's the electric shuffle telling dancers to take "two hops this time." And also the traditional Boot Scootin' Boogie featuring more than 32 counts of stomps, heel swivels, and kicks. Line dances have infested themselves in American culture as a means for the uncoordinated dancer to get down.

The appeal of line dancing — according to dance.lovetoknow.com, a website all about dance forms — is that these moves are fundamentally a great way of dancing, regardless of the occasion.

I agree with that. But only because the website goes on to say, "You can avoid the awkwardness of asking someone to dance and never feel as if you have to wait on the sidelines because you didn't come with a date." It's another way to become one of the masses.

But a warning to anyone who doesn't know the Cha Cha Slide: Stay a good distance away from the pack; one out of sync individual can throw the entire group off course. Not a good way to fit in.

I have a younger sister who is a freshman in high school. Though I am only 45 minutes away, I have not blessed her with enough advice over the last few years. That's because in large part because she is much more popular than I ever was.

Nevertheless, because she is going to prom tomorrow, I decided to send her a message via Facebook and inform her that when the DJ puts on "Cotton Eye Joe," it is *not* OK to make a series of high-energy kicks. Furthermore, she should be extremely embarrassed to dance with a collective group in a choreographed style, then attempt the worm.

She responded by telling me I was weird.

The concept of dancing has never really been clear to me. But as I watched these four girls move from left to right and throw their arms high into the air like in Michael Jackson's "Thriller" video, I realized that dancing is just strange in general.

Coming in various forms, much like iPods, dancing is one area of life that will always net a high volume of interest. As Apple continues to branch out with its products, line dancing will continue to evolve as a popular way for all people to share a similarity. And it is less stressful than trying to conquer Windows Vista.

Hmm. Maybe that is why Apple continues to net a high profit. ■

Letter

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Sales tax better than property tax

Although I am usually against sales taxes because they are regressive, I have decided to vote "yes" for the local-option sales tax on May 5.

We need these projects. If the sales tax is not passed in Iowa City, the projects will still be built. How? Through higher property taxes and sewer rates, even if the state or federal governments do pay for part of them. Low-income people who have to pay water/sewer bills, homeowners, and renters will wind up paying more on their water/sewer bills than they would on the 1 percent sales tax increase. For example, if one's water/sewer bill goes up \$10 per month, that would mean \$120 per



year. To pay \$120 in extra sales tax, a person would have to spend \$12,000 on taxable items. Food, drugs, and many services are exempt from the sales tax, and I know that my low-income friends do not spend \$12,000

on taxable items in a year. The same argument is true when considering a property-tax increase. If property taxes were increased \$350 per year, then a person would have to spend \$35,000 on taxable items for a 1 percent tax increase to equal a property-tax increase. Low-income people who have to pay water/sewer bills (homeowners and renters) will wind up paying more on their water/sewer bills than they would on the 1 percent sales-tax increase.

Because these projects will be built with increased sewer rates and property taxes if the local-option sales tax fails, my objection in principle to sales-tax increases is not applicable. I hope you will join me in voting "yes" on May 5.

Roberta Till-Retz
Iowa City

Guest Opinion

Obama's apologetic tone threatens U.S. standing

JAMES KIRCHICK
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At a stop on his grand global apology tour this spring, President Obama was asked by a reporter in France if he believed in "American exceptionalism." This is the notion that our history is the world's oldest democracy, our immigrant founding, and our devotion to liberty endow the United States with a unique, providential role in world affairs.

Rather than endorse the proposition — as every president in recent memory has done in one way or another — Obama offered a strange response: "I believe in American exceptionalism, just as I suspect that the Brits believe in British exceptionalism and the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism."

This is impossible. If all countries are "exceptional," then none are, and to claim otherwise robs the word, and the idea of Ameri-

can exceptionalism, of any meaning. Besides, American exceptionalism is demonstrable — Cuban journalists, Chinese political dissidents, Eastern Europeans once again living in the shadow of a belligerent Russia, and yes, even some Brits and Greeks look toward the United States and nowhere else to defend freedom.

Obama delivered his first collective mea culpa on our behalf in an interview with the Arab Al-Arabiya television network, in which he said that he hoped to "restore" the "same respect and partnership that America had with the Muslim world as recently as 20 or 30 years ago." (Would that be when Iranian revolutionaries held our Embassy personnel hostage for 444 days?) Obama neglected to identify what exactly had caused the rift between the United States and the "Muslim world," leaving his audience to believe that Islamic radicalism is as much our fault as it is that of

the Islamic radicals themselves.

But that was a mild beginning. Obama waited to ramp up the apologetics until his first trip overseas. In Strasbourg, France, he said the United States had "failed to appreciate Europe's leading role in the world" and that "there have been times where America has shown arrogance and been dismissive, even derisive." Nevermind the questionable basis of these statements (even if Europe played a "leading role in the world," which it hasn't since nearly destroying itself 60 years ago, how have Americans "failed to appreciate" it?). More troubling was the impropriety of Obama's willingness to attack former President George W. Bush in an obvious gambit to curry favor with Europeans.

Obama apologized some more in Turkey. "I know that the trust that binds us has been strained, and I know that strain is shared in many

places where the Muslim faith is practiced. Let me say this as clearly as I can: The United States is not at war with Islam."

Here, Obama seamlessly joined the Bush administration's irritation at Turkey's refusal to allow U.S. troops' passage to Iraq with the bogus claim that the United States has, until Obama's presence in the White House, been "at war with Islam," an assertion that essentially (and falsely) blames Bush for declaring such a war.

When not establishing false premises about the previous administration (the easier to glorify his own) or apologizing for his country, Obama has shown unusual deference to autocrats. At the Summit of the Americas, he calmly sat through a 50-minute anti-American tirade by the communist leader of Nicaragua, Daniel Ortega, and was disturbingly ebullient in glad-handing Venezuelan autocrat Hugo Chavez. There's

nothing wrong with the president participating in a multilateral summit where criticism, even egregiously unfair criticism, of the United States is expressed. But if he can sit and take verbal abuse from Latin American demagogues, then surely speaking a little truth in response to their lies is appropriate.

It was plenty controversial when, years into his ex-presidency, Jimmy Carter publicized his critique of U.S. policy by meeting with hostile governments to conduct freelance diplomacy. In 1994, Carter traveled to North Korea, called it then-dictator, Kim Il Sung, a "vigorous and intelligent" man, and took former President Bill Clinton's administration by surprise, negotiating a deal empowering Kim to continue his nascent nuclear program. But Carter at least waited until he had left the White House before denigrating his country.

The ill effects of Obama's obsequious behavior will not be immediate. His friendly handshake with Chavez will not suddenly lead to the closing of more opposition radio stations in Venezuela, nor will his bemoaning American arrogance in Europe lead to more Russian aggression tomorrow. But Obama's fecklessness emboldens our adversaries and discourages advocates of liberty around the world. The consequences will be felt in damage to American prestige. As much as liberals like to claim that Bush "squandered" America's reputation, Obama is doubling that offense by setting up his country — rhetorically and materially — to be overtaken by other powers on the international stage. He is paving the way for America's decline.

James Kirchick is an assistant editor of *The New Republic*. This commentary appeared in Tuesday's *Los Angeles Times*.

Spirituality and deeper humor

Musician and comedian Stuart Davis became a proactive television viewer when he made a show he wanted to see. With its debut on HDNet, 'Sex, God, Rock 'n' Roll' now has an audience larger than one.

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Stuart Davis isn't afraid to say what he thinks, be it about his spiritual beliefs or exciting developments in his changing body. As a longtime musician with 14 albums in his canon, he wanted to combine his passions of spirituality, sexuality, and music into a television show. The result is "Sex, God, Rock 'n' Roll," which premiered April 26 on HDNet and also runs online. On May 3, he will bring both his music and his series to the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. The performance will begin at 8 p.m., and tickets are \$11.

"I wanted to make a TV show that I would like to see," Davis said. "It's a specific kind of show that didn't exist before."

"Sex, God, Rock 'n' Roll" takes elements from various comedy news sources. It begins with a humorous monologue, segues into a news segment, features a commercial parody, and ends with either a music video or a live performance. Davis stars in every segment. While the formula sounds familiar, the content is distinct.

"The format is a blend of 'The Daily Show' and ['Saturday Night Live'], but it's very focused on spirituality and sexuality," Davis said. "You don't find that in other formats."

He said his appearance at the Mill will likely include reading, a music performance, and screening an episode of "Sex, God, Rock 'n' Roll."

Sunday's broadcast, the show's pilot, aired a monologue in which Davis described finding his first gray hair (wince alert: he's bald) and a commercial hawking In-Shape Worm, a parasite that induces weight loss without diet or exercise.

As a long-time Zen Buddhist, Davis does not take a mainstream view of theology and spirituality, and he said the American religious landscape is often described in black and white and drawn with broad strokes.

"There's a gap in our cul-

PERFORMANCE
Stuart Davis
When: 8 p.m. May 3
Where: Mill, 120 E. Burlington
Admission: \$11

ture," he said. "Either spirituality is fundamentalism or New Age — it's very polarized. In our country, beliefs are much more nuanced."

Instead, he said, he believes people inhabit numerous levels of spirituality during their lives.

"Why is it that when we look at education and philosophy, we know people develop, but when we look at religion, people don't take the same idea to heart?" Davis said.

He also said society typically views a certain religion as a horizontal line, but it would be more accurate to take that line and turn it vertically to create a ladder. In Christianity, for example, followers may view God as a magical deity or a mythical being, or they may use their religion as a means of fulfillment.

If such a schism exists in just one religion, Davis said, then in just one culture God can have innumerable meanings. This confusion was part of the reason he created his own language, IS, to encompass the different meanings a word may possess, he said.

"The language designates different depths to any signifier," Davis said. "Nothing is just one single word."

Though his worldview isn't ambiguous, he said, he is not using his show as a means to convey any particular message. Life is a mystery, he said, and big questions can't be decided with complete certainty.

"I don't really have a specific agenda about spirituality or philosophy," Davis said. "In basic terms, love is what it's all about to me."

Hip-hop's next level in IC

Visitors to the Pedestrian Mall this evening will be in for a rhyme-spitting good time, courtesy of Tyrell Spitt and The Hou\$e Volume 1.

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Iowa City seems like the last place for a hip-hop movement, but if local rapper Tyrell Spitt has his way, the city will be hip-hop's next hot spot.

Spitt organized tonight's hip-hop freestyle battle "The Hou\$e Volume 1," which features 22 artists spread across five stages. The free event will begin at 5 p.m. on the Pedestrian Mall; it is intended for ages 18 and up. Though Spitt, who is originally from Harvey, Ill., writes his own music, he will not perform at the event.

"I'm just trying to do it because there are a lot of people who doubt hip-hop in Iowa City," he said. "I just wanted to create something new."

Most of the acts are from Iowa, with half hailing from Iowa City and the rest coming from Davenport, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines. While the opportunity to entertain is

CONCERT
The Hou\$e Volume 1, reality hip-hop freestyle battle game-show
When: 5 p.m. today
Where: Pedestrian Mall, College & Dubuque
Admission: Free

attractive, there are also prizes awaiting the battle's victors. The contest's winner will receive \$500, a \$250 gift certificate to Nemesis, and other prizes. Any undiscovered talents can audition today at 3 p.m. for a slot in the competition.

Spitt plans to film The Hou\$e Volume 1 and send the tape to an entertainment agency in California. He hopes to turn the event into a reality television show, with a documentary-like feel, for air on BET or MTV.

"I want to show people that



Local rapper Tyrell Spitt (left) and Young Sanchez stand on the steps of the Pappajohn Business Building on Wednesday. Spitt organized The Hou\$e Volume 1, tonight's hip-hop freestyle battle on the Pedestrian Mall. Twenty-two artists are scheduled to perform.

we are actually human," he said. "A lot of people think hip-hop is all about the drugs and the bling."

Local DJ Ryan "Fresh" Neg-eff will provide his turntable skills for tonight's event. He agreed with Spitt's assessment of the media's portrayal of hip-hop.

"Honestly, there's a lot of crap out there that just gives hip-

hop a bad name," he said. "When all you're rapping about is your candy-coated cars and your gat and your bitches. That's not my lifestyle so it doesn't appeal to me."

If things go well, Spitt wants to take Volume 2 to Chicago and then return to Iowa City for Volume 3.

"I want to take hip-hop to the next level," he said.

A notable stress beater

Not only something Archie Bunker loved, the recliner happens to serve as a medically minded Iowa City octet's namesake.

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The Recliners' fans are at a distinct advantage when it comes to the band's concerts; if any crowd member suddenly falls ill, there's always a doctor in the house.

In fact, there are two physicians, two nurses, two research scientists, and an associate professor of psychiatry just on stage alone. If there's an emergency-housing crisis, the last Recliner happens to be a realtor.

The Recliners will play at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington, at 7 p.m. today. Admission is \$6.

When UI allergy/pulmonary Professor and principal investigator at the McCray Laboratory Paul McCray and Iowa City Realtor Kevin Hanick formed the Recliners, they wanted to play good music without experiencing the drama of being in the music industry.

"We knew we weren't going to be rock 'n' roll stars," said vocalist Hanick. "We just wanted to find a way to ease the tension from our day jobs. All of us get a nice release from playing music, so Paul and I just found a way to make it happen."

Fourteen years later, the melody makers still have the

same goal. While the octet's members consider it an advantage to have more musicians in the group than the average cover band, scheduling times to practice and perform has been problematic in the past.

"The doctors in the band are wanted all over the world to talk about their medical expertise and their research," Hanick said. "But once we are all back together, the music just flows and releases our stresses from work."

Ann Aschoff, nurse practitioner in the electrophysiology department at the Iowa City Heart Center, has been with the Recliners for six years. As a classically trained pianist, she has come to value how the band allows her to continue her passion.

"Music has been an integral part of my life," she said. "I work hard to balance my life among my family, my job, and music. Many of my patients know about the band, and it's great when they get to see me doing something outside of work — it's funny when life starts to blend like that."

Unlike other cover bands that may only perform the songs of one artist or one era, the Recliners' priority is to keep its sets new and exciting. In the past,

the group has played songs by Van Morrison, Richard Thompson, and the Byrds.

"We keep our set lists rotating because we play locally," Aschoff said. "We always try to start our sets with songs we've never played before to keep things amusing."

Also giving the group an edge over other cover bands is associate research scientist Bahri Karacay. He plays the saz, an instrument in the long-necked lute family, whose ancestry dates back to Babylonian and Sumerian times.

"I think the Recliners are special because we are putting forth something new that many people in our audiences haven't heard before," Karacay said.

The Recliners may not be the youngest band floating around town, but with every perform-

ance, the band demonstrates its members love music just as much as more youthful acts.

"Our band proves how people are always more complicated than one thinks at first glance," Aschoff said. "We prove that you can have a serious career, raise a family, and still keep your life interesting and multidimensional by adding some other passion."

TRENDSPOTTER

BECOME 'A FAN' OF MY 'TOP 5 THINGS'

As soon as it seemed as though Facebook users were done with posting useless crap about themselves via "25 Random Things," two more worthless tools came along. Otherwise known as the "Top 5" application and the ability to "become a fan" of random shit, these two pieces of garbage now allow users to inform the world of five famous people they've met or become a fan of loving their mothers.

Fan options include "hot showers," "cuddling," and creating "a Don't Like" button on Facebook." A "Don't Like" button sounds fabulous. If people had a dislike button to use at will, maybe those overzealous fans would get the hint that nobody gives a fuck.

Facebook users are also picking their top-five favorite everything. The list of top fives includes "Dog Breeds I Love and Owned or Want to Own," "Top 5 Politicians That I Want to Punch in the Face," and "My Favorite Candy." As though anyone could pick only five politicians he or she would like to punch in the face.

To all who have recently become a fan of "I hate waking up in the morning," an "I like dying" button is probably coming soon. VOMIT.

— by Rachael Lander

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what if...

If we build berms in Iowa City and Coralville, won't that increase flooding downstream in Hills?

No. Flooding is caused by the volume of water not its speed. Building berms and levies cannot send MORE water downstream than is already in the river. However, in the 2008 flood, the Park Road Bridge turned into an inadvertent dam and did increase flooding UPSTREAM in Coralville. This is why coordinated mitigation efforts are so important.

If we approve this, can the government spend it on something else?

No. Each locality will approve specific ballot language obligating the governing body to use the revenues for the designated purposes. Details of the projects may change, especially in light of further engineering studies, but the only lawful purpose for any of these revenues is what the voters approve.

If we don't approve this extra penny, will these projects be built anyway?

Possibly. Every locality is unique both in its needs and its ability to fund capital projects. Critical infra-structure changes, like moving the old Iowa City sewer plant to keep untreated waste from entering the river as it did in 2008, will be paid for in some other way, such as property tax or sewer rate increases.

If we approve this, what's to keep the government from making it permanent?

Local governments CANNOT extend this tax past 2013 without putting it back on the ballot for the citizens to approve. However, after one year, a local body could rescind the tax in its jurisdiction.

If Coralville voters pass this measure, but Iowa Citizens don't, what happens?

Anyone who shops in Coralville will pay the tax, but no revenue from the tax will flow to Iowa City. In addition, Iowa City residents may pay yet higher property taxes and usage fees to fund critical projects.

If Johnson County approves this, won't this drive visitors away?

Not likely. Currently, Johnson County is the only county in Iowa without some sort of local option sales tax. This measure simply levels the field. Our retail and cultural attractions will still draw visitors.

If there's federal money, why not use that, rather than raise taxes locally?

Federal money will be used, but will be more easily obtained if local governments have extra local funds. Federal funding usually requires local matching dollars. These infrastructure projects are too expensive to be fully funded from local dollars. Local option sales tax revenues will generate the matching dollars needed to secure federal funding.

The Chicago Bulls win a triple overtime thriller and force a Game 7 in Boston on Saturday against the Celtics.

2B



MLB

Oakland 4, Texas 2
Kansas City 8, Toronto 6
N.Y. Yankees 7, L.A. Angels 4
Tampa Bay 13, Boston 0
St. Louis 9, Washington 4
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 1
Florida 8, Chicago Cubs 2, 10 innings

NBA

Chicago 128, Boston 127, 30T, series tied 3-3
Orlando 114, Philadelphia 89, Orlando wins series 4-2
Houston 92, Portland 76, Houston wins series 4-2

Young golfers set for Big Tens



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Cole Peevler practices driving the ball at the Finkbine Golf Course on Tuesday. Peevler, No. 1 in the lineup for this weekend's Big Ten championships, is the only senior on the team.

Golfers hope for youth to be served at Big Ten championships this weekend.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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Iowa has not finished better than eighth at the Big Ten men's golf championships since 2001, when it placed fifth in Champaign, Ill. The last time

the Hawkeyes finished better than 10th was 2005.

However, this year's youthful slew of Hawkeyes plans to deviate from recent history when they tee off this weekend in University Park, Pa., the site of the 90th edition of the

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com for exclusive video featuring the Iowa men's golf team as it gets ready to compete in the 2009 Big Ten championships this weekend.

tournament.

And why not? Iowa is coming off a Boilermaker Invitational on April 19 that saw its 54-hole team score of 864 (even) besting four other Big Ten teams,

including Indiana. The Hoosiers will enter this weekend's meet ranked No. 13 by *Golfweek*. The Hawkeyes come in as the sixth-highest-ranked team in the conference at 60th.

Although four members of this weekend's scheduled Iowa five-man lineup are underclassmen, their confidence is unflappable.

"There's inexperience there,

but our young players — they got talent," sophomore Vince India said. "We might be overlooked for our lack of experience, but that doesn't mean we can't compete with the best teams, which we obviously have shown this year."

The most memorable instance in which the Hawkeyes demonstrated that

SEE GOLF, 3B

SOFTBALL

SOFTBALL

No soft weekend for softball

The No. 25 Iowa softball team will travel to Ann Arbor this weekend for two games against No. 8 Michigan.

Michigan (36-9, 12-2) is led by outstanding pitching. Junior Nikki Nemitz has a Big Ten best 0.75 ERA and is 21-5. She can also support her cause, batting .277 with six home runs and 26 RBIs.

Also having a terrific year in the circle for the Wolverines is sophomore Jordan Taylor, who is 15-4 with a 1.46 ERA.

The Hawkeyes (38-12, 9-5) are coming off a 1-0 loss on April 29 to Drake. Bulldog pitcher Jenna DeLong held Iowa to three hits and struck out eight in the victory.

The Wolverines are on a 16-game winning streak after losing to Northwestern on March 22. On April 29, Michigan swept Indiana in a double-header.

Both teams will have Hall-of-Fame coaches in their dugouts. Iowa head coach Gayle Blevins is currently third all-time in wins in Division-I, and Michigan head coach Carol Hutchins ranks fifth. Hutchins served as an assistant coach under Blevins in 1981, when the Hawkeye coach was at Indiana.

— by Mike Slusark

FOOTBALL

Station into Hall

Former Iowa linebacker Larry Station was announced as one of 16 who will be inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Ind., on Thursday.

Station, who was a fan favorite while playing for the Hawkeyes, compiled 492 career tackles during his Iowa career (1982-85), which still stands as the school record. The Omaha native led the Hawkeyes in tackles all four years he played. He was also a two-time Consensus All-American in college, as well as being named an Academic All-American twice.

Among the group of people with whom Station will enter the Hall are Heisman Trophy winners Tim Brown (1987) and Gino Toretta (1992).

"Larry is truly a special person," former Iowa head coach Hayden Fry said in a statement. "In my entire coaching career, he was probably the best defensive player I had the privilege to work with."

"He was a leader on and off the field. All his teammates and members of our coaching staff had an enormous amount of respect for Larry. My sincerest congratulations to Larry. He deserves all the recognition he's getting."

— by Brendan Stiles

TV TODAY

NBA PLAYOFFS

• First Round, Game 6, Atlanta at Miami, 7 p.m., ESPN

NHL PLAYOFFS

• Western Conference semifinals, Game 1, Anaheim at Detroit, 6 p.m., VERSUS

MLB

• Florida at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m., CSN
• Chicago White Sox at Texas, 7:05 p.m., CSN

Rowers feel new boathouse gives them an oar up

Iowa rowing regards the new Beckwith Boathouse as a major recruiting tool in years to come.

By **JAKE KRZECZOWSKI**
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Imagine Iowa football head coach Kirk Ferentz not having a football field or locker rooms to show recruits when he brings them on campus. Right now, this is the case for the No. 17 Iowa rowing team.

With no locker rooms, showers, or even a restroom to its name, recruiting has been more of a chore than an opportunity, at least until now.

In August, the Hawkeyes will receive a new home on the banks of the Iowa River. Along with the expected upgrades of restrooms and showers, the team will enjoy a rowing machine room, a medical training room, and a meeting space, along with the biggest prize: a state-of-the-art rowing tank. "The tank will have moving water that can be set at different speeds; it was modeled after several others that exist throughout the country," said Sloane Tyler, an associate director for athletics development for the UI Foundation. The tank was enhanced by



WHITNEY WRIGHT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Water from recent rain surrounds the entrance of the Beckwith Boathouse construction site on Thursday. UI officials have committed nearly \$6.5 million to the project.

the UI Hydraulics Lab, making it the best tank ever built, something the Hawkeyes will need in the frosty winter months when rowing outside isn't an option.

The amenities will move



Mandi Kowal
coach

"Having these new things makes a statement, athletes are going to have something to be proud of."

Mandi Kowal, coach

Iowa into a whole new game as far as recruiting is concerned.

"Having these new things makes a statement," Iowa head coach Mandi Kowal said. "Athletes are going to have something to be proud of."

While Iowa may not have the name recognition in the rowing world as, say Harvard and Yale, to be able to bring recruits to campus and show

Rowers head to Big Tens

The No. 17 Iowa rowing team will head to Columbus for the 2009 Big Ten championships this weekend.

By **JAKE KRZECZOWSKI**
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Walk down by the IMU sometime between 6-8 a.m., almost any day of the week, and just look at the river for about 10 minutes. The sleep will be knocked out of your eyes pretty quickly.

The peaceful setting of the Iowa River will quickly be displaced by the uniform thumping of oars hitting water, sounding like troops marching into battle followed by amplified voices exploding from megaphones.

SEE ROWERS, 3B

SEE BIG TENS, 3B



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Florida	14	8	.636	—
Philadelphia	11	9	.550	2
Atlanta	10	11	.476	3½
New York	9	12	.429	4½
Washington	5	16	.238	8½
Central Division	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
St. Louis	16	7	.696	—
Milwaukee	12	10	.545	3½
Cincinnati	11	10	.524	4
Pittsburgh	11	10	.524	4
Chicago	10	11	.476	5
Houston	9	13	.409	6½
West Division	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Los Angeles	14	8	.636	—
San Diego	11	10	.524	2½
San Francisco	10	10	.500	3
Arizona	9	13	.409	5
Colorado	8	12	.400	5

Thursday's Games
St. Louis 9, Washington 4
Florida 8, Chicago Cubs 2, 10 innings
Milwaukee 4, Arizona 1
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, late.

Today's Games
Florida (Taylor 0-1) at Chicago Cubs (Harden 2-1), 1:20 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 2-0) at Philadelphia (Park 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Wellemeier 1-2) at Washington (Zimmermann 2-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Arroyo 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Duke 3-1), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Hampton 1-1) at Atlanta (D.Lowe 2-1), 6:35 p.m.
Arizona (Garland 2-1) at Milwaukee (Parra 0-4), 7:05 p.m.
San Diego (Peavy 2-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 0-2), 9:10 p.m.
Colorado (Jimenez 1-3) at San Francisco (Ra.Johnson 1-2), 9:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	14	8	.636	—
New York	15	9	.625	—
Toronto	12	10	.545	2
Baltimore	9	13	.409	5
Tampa Bay	9	14	.391	5½
Central Division	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Kansas City	12	10	.545	—
Chicago	11	10	.524	½
Detroit	11	10	.524	½
Minnesota	11	11	.500	1
Cleveland	8	14	.364	4
West Division	W <td>L<td>Pct<td>GB</td></td></td>	L <td>Pct<td>GB</td></td>	Pct <td>GB</td>	GB
Seattle	13	9	.591	—
Texas	10	11	.476	2½
Los Angeles	9	12	.429	3½
Oakland	8	11	.421	3½

Thursday's Games
Oakland 4, Texas 2
Kansas City 8, Toronto 6
N.Y. Yankees 7, L.A. Angels 4
Tampa Bay 13, Boston 0

Today's Games
L.A. Angels (Weaver 2-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City 8, Toronto 6
N.Y. Yankees 7, L.A. Angels 4
Tampa Bay 13, Boston 0
Baltimore (Hendrickson 1-3) at Toronto (Halladay 4-1), 6:07 p.m.
Boston (Masterson 2-0) at Tampa Bay (Sonnanstine 0-3), 6:38 p.m.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX (Buehrle 3-0) at TEXAS (Feldman 1-0), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Ponson 0-3) at Minnesota (Slowey 3-0), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Eveland 1-1) at Seattle (C.Silva 1-2), 9:10 p.m.

BIG TEN BASEBALL

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Ohio State	11	4	.733	32	10	.762
Illinois	11	4	.733	27	13	.675
Minnesota	10	4	.714	27	13	.675
Indiana	10	4	.714	21	22	.488
Michigan State	8	7	.533	18	24	.429
Michigan	6	9	.400	23	19	.548
Purdue	5	9	.357	18	21	.462
Penn State	5	10	.333	22	19	.537
Northwestern	3	10	.231	12	27	.308
Iowa	3	11	.214	14	27	.341

Today's Games
Iowa at Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.
Penn State at Michigan State, 7:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Iowa at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
Penn State at Michigan State, 2 p.m.
Illinois at Northwestern, 2 p.m.
Indiana at Purdue, 2 p.m.
Michigan at Ohio State, 2 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Iowa at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Penn State at Michigan State, 1 p.m.
Illinois at Northwestern, 1 p.m.
Indiana at Purdue, 1 p.m.
Michigan at Ohio State, 1 p.m.

BIG TEN SOFTBALL

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
Ohio State	12	2	.857	40	7	.851
Michigan	12	2	.857	36	9	.800
Northwestern	12	4	.750	29	11	.725
Iowa	9	5	.643	38	12	.760
Illinois	10	7	.588	27	16	.628
Purdue	10	8	.556	27	18	.600
Minnesota	6	10	.375	23	28	.451
Penn State	5	9	.357	17	23	.425
Indiana	3	13	.188	9	36	.200
Michigan St.	2	11	.154	18	25	.419
Wisconsin	2	12	.143	14	35	.286

Saturday's Games
Iowa at Michigan, 5 p.m.
Wisconsin at Michigan State, 5 p.m.
Illinois at Minnesota, 5 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Ohio State at Northwestern, 12 p.m.
Indiana at Penn State, 12 p.m.
Purdue at IUPUI (2), 12 p.m.
Wisconsin at Penn State, 12 p.m.
Iowa at Michigan, 12 p.m.
Indiana at Penn State, 12 p.m.
Wisconsin at Michigan State, 12 p.m.
Illinois at Minnesota, 12 p.m.
Ohio State at Northwestern, 12 p.m.

NHL DAILY PLAYOFF GLANCE

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-7)
Thursday's Games
Vancouver 5, Chicago 2. Vancouver leads series 1-0
Today's Games
Anaheim at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Boston, 6:30 p.m.

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Men's track off to Champaign

The Iowa men's track and field team will travel to Champaign, Ill., to compete in the Illinois Invitational on Saturday. One week after winning the 4x100-meter relay at the Drake Relays in Des Moines April 25, the team will hope to repeat that performance.

It will be the Hawkeyes' final competition before the May 15-17 Big Ten outdoor championships in Columbus, Ohio.

Events will be held at the Illinois Track and Soccer Stadium. Competition is set to get under way at noon Saturday.

The Iowa and Illinois track and field programs have a traveling trophy that is currently in the Hawkeyes' possession; they won the indoor dual meet in January.

"It will be a little bit like [the indoor] meet we had earlier this season, where it's more of a dual format," Iowa assistant coach Scott Cappos said.

— by Zach Smith

Baseball tries to turn it around

The Iowa baseball team will try to end its current five-game skid against Minnesota at 6:30 p.m. today in Minneapolis. The Iowa's second losing streak of five games or more on the year — the other lasted nine games from April 4-7.

The Hawkeyes (14-27, 3-11) are in last place in the Big Ten, and they have been swept in two of their five conference series, including their last one, against Michigan State. Iowa has yet to win a Big Ten series this year. The last time Iowa won a Big Ten

series was against Indiana on April 13, 2008, and the Hawks have not one more than one conference series since 2007, when they won four.

"I had a lot higher expectations this year," Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said. "If you can play well these last three weeks, as poorly as we've played in league play, there's still an outside chance, if we get hot, who knows what can happen."

Scheduled to take the mound tonight for the Hawkeyes to turn things around is freshman Nick Brown. The Hawkeye pitcher is 2-3 with a 5.20 ERA in seven starts.

— by Jeff Pawola

Women tracksters head to Illinois

This weekend, the Iowa women's track and field team will head to Champaign, Ill., for the Illinois Invitational.

The meet will be the team's last before the Hawkeyes shift their focus to the Big Ten outdoor championships, to be held in Columbus, Ohio.

Last week, Iowa competed in the Drake Relays with several athletes performing well, particularly Karesa Farley, who took second in the 100-meter hurdles, continuing a successful season for the Barbados native.

Freshman Betsy Flood did well leading off the 4x800 and 4x1,600 relays, running more like a seasoned veteran than a rookie.

Sophomore Hannah Roeder continued an impressive outdoor season with a fifth-place finish in the steeplechase following a rough fall at the beginning of the race. She finished within two seconds of her personal best time.

The Hawkeyes will try to improve on their indoor championships finish at the bottom of the Big Ten.

— by Jake Krzeczowski

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Bulls eke out 3OT thriller



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Chicago Bull Joakim Noah celebrates after the Bulls defeated the Boston Celtics on Thursday, 128-127, in triple overtime in Game 6 of their first-round NBA playoff series in Chicago.

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — One more nail-biter, and now, the Chicago Bulls and Boston Celtics will play a decisive seventh game.

Derrick Rose scored 28 points and blocked Rajon Rondo's potential game-winner, John Salmons scored 35, and the Bulls beat the defending champions, 128-127, in triple overtime Thursday night to tie the first-round series at three games apiece.

Ray Allen scored a career playoff-high 51 points for the Celtics, but the series will go back to Boston for Game 7 on Saturday after another classic battle in a series that had already seen its share of drama.

Three of the first five games went to overtime, including one that needed two extra periods. Another came down to the wire in regulation, but this easily trumped them all.

Rondo penetrated and pulled up on the left block with 8 seconds left and turned, only to be rejected by Rose. The Rookie of the Year then missed two free throws with 3.2 seconds

remaining, before Rondo launched a harmless heave from beyond midcourt.

That ended the game. The series, however, continues.

Tied at 123 in the third OT, Joakim Noah stole the ball and broke upcourt for lay-up, got fouled by Paul Pierce, and hit the free throw with 35.5 seconds remaining. Eddie House quickly answered with a corner jumper, his feet on the 3-point arc, to pull the Celtics within 126-125, but Chicago's Brad Miller then hit two free throws to get the lead back up to three with 28 seconds left.

The Celtics weren't finished, though.

A driving Rondo put back his own miss to make it a one-point game, and then he got a break when Kirk Hinrich missed a lay-up with Rondo's hand in the cylinder — which would have been goaltending. But the Bulls prevailed in the end.

Allen was simply spectacular for Boston, finishing three points shy of John Havlicek's club playoff record and tying the NBA playoff mark with nine 3-pointers. Glen Davis added 23

points, and Pierce scored 22, but it was a difficult night for Rondo.

The Celtics' best player in the first five games, he had 19 assists and nine rebounds but scored just eight points and threw an elbow at Hinrich during a first-quarter skirmish. He also got serenaded by boos and derisive chants for his foul at the end of Game 5 that left a woozy Miller with a bloody mouth before missing two tying free throws.

This time, Salmons and Rose had plenty of help from Miller, who had 23 points and 10 rebounds. And now the Bulls are on the verge of knocking off the defending champions — or going home.

The Celtics were leading 113-111 in the second OT after Davis scored with 3:49 left, but they went cold and the Bulls grabbed the lead.

Salmons responded with a 3-pointer to put Chicago ahead and made it a three-point game with a driving layup with two minutes left.

It stayed that way until Allen, his sneakers touching the arc,

buried a jumper from the right corner that pulled Boston within 116-115 with 20 seconds remaining. Miller then hit two free throws, to make it a 3-point game, but Allen wasn't finished.

He dribbled to his left and buried a 3-pointer over Hinrich to tie it at 118 with 7.6 seconds left. After a timeout, Miller got the ball near midcourt but had trouble finding an open teammate as time expired.

Notes: Havlicek scored 54 in a playoff game against Atlanta on April 1, 1973. ... A landslide Rookie of the Year winner, Rose was a unanimous pick for the all-rookie team along with Memphis' O.J. Mayo by the league's coaches on Thursday. ... Although the NBA has a different view, coach Vinny Del Negro iterated Thursday that Rondo should have been assessed a flagrant foul for his blow to Miller. ... Boston coach Doc Rivers played on a New York Knicks team in the 1990s that was known to commit a hard foul or two. So the comments about the physical play in Game 5 made him chuckle. Those Knicks, he said, "would laugh at this."

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JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa men's golf coach Mark Hankins watches as sophomore Brad Hopfinger practices putting at the Finkbine Golf Course on Tuesday. The Hawkeyes will be in State College, Pa., this weekend for the 2009 Big Ten championships.

Golfers young, rarin' to go

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talent was Oct. 26, when they captured first place at the Landfall Tradition in Wilmington, N.C. All five Iowa golfers placed in the top 25 individually, including a second-place finish for India.

That same kind of team depth was visible two weeks ago, when the squad took third in West Lafayette, Ind. Four Hawkeyes finished in the top 30. India and fellow sophomore Brad Hopfinger both placed in the top 10.

"The strength of this team is its team depth," second-year head coach Mark Hankins said. "We have six guys who have played throughout the fall and spring, and all six guys have contributed. We have six strong players, and they're actually competing against each other as well."

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— Mark Hankins, coach

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The competitiveness bred by Hankins' qualifying system during practice seems to have helped the team progress in addition to simply determine who will compete at each tournament. That system has senior Cole Peevler, freshmen Chris Brant and Barrett Kelpin, in addition to India and Hopfinger, slated to compete for the

Hawkeyes this weekend.

Unlike the rest of his teammates, who will experience the Big Tens for the first or second time, Peevler will play in the tourney for the third and final time. He admits as a senior, there's more motivation to do well. But at the same time, he has confidence in his younger teammates.

"I think they're ready to go," Peevler said. "Coach [Hankins] has got them ready to go, I've gave them some good advice. I expect us to do well. I've been working as hard as possible and so have they, so whatever happens — but with good

preparation comes good results, so we should do well."

Depending on how the Hawkeyes perform, Iowa could make its first appearance in the NCAA regionals in 15 years. But Hankins has made sure his team will approach this weekend's meet just like any other.

"I think we understand that we're as good as anybody in the Big Ten," he said. "One of the things we have to do is understand that this is just one more tournament in the progression towards NCAA finals, so if we treat it like another tournament, go out and put up four good scores for four rounds, we're going to be in contention."

Teams will play 36 holes today before playing 18 on both Saturday and May 3 to conclude the competition.

Rowers' dream house nearly done

ROWERS
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them the new facilities will be an enormous tool.

"To have bathrooms, to have showers, to have meeting rooms — I think its going to be hard to measure," Kowal said.

The current home of the Hawkeyes is definitely not up to par in terms of a Division-I sport.

Iowa graduate assistant Melissa Schomers endured the days at the team's current

"This has way exceeded my expectations, I think it will be one of the best boathouses in the Big Ten."

— Mandi Kowal, coach

boathouse during her tenure as a Hawkeye rower.

"I remember having to go from practice to class and being cold and miserable," she said.

Tyler feels the boathouse will have an immeasurable effect in recruiting for the team.

"We feel that Coach Kowal's

expertise, combined with the training opportunities in this new facility, will ensure that Iowa rowers have unlimited potential for success," she said.

The new facilities will also help the Hawkeyes succeed by allowing rowers to develop quicker through year-round training provided by the new tank.

There also has been no corner cut, and everything is being built to the highest specifications.

"This has way exceeded my expectations," Kowal said. "I think it will be one of the best boathouses in the Big Ten."

She is excited about the opportunities the new facilities provide.

"Most recruits we bring out to Iowa are pleasantly surprised," she said. "This will just be icing on the cake."

Rowing crews set for Big Tens



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Construction on the new Beckwith Boathouse continues on Thursday.

BIG TENS
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"Imagine we're racing Ohio State right now," Iowa head coach Mandi Kowal yells to her rowers.

What you'll see is Iowa's 17th-ranked rowing team feverishly preparing for this weekend's Big Ten championships, which will be held in Columbus, Ohio.

The team has been on hiatus since April 11, when it competed with No. 3 Michigan State, No. 4 Michigan, and No. 18 Louisville in Belleville, Mich. The Hawkeyes have used the time to fine-tune their technique and strategy.

"We have been focusing on what our strengths have been all year," Kowal said. "We need to put all of those together in one race."

The second half of the race is where Iowa excels, so much of the training has been working on building speed from the start, similar to the thought process of a sprinter running a race.

To do this, the team has focused on improving its rating — its strokes per minute.

"We've been focusing as a whole on taking it up a notch," Iowa assistant coach Emily Lewis said.

All of this comes into play with the team's race plan.

"There are little things other teams do as a crew that

we're aware of so that we're not caught off-guard," Kowal said.

The Hawkeyes' first heat of the weekend will be against two formidable foes in No. 7 Ohio State and No. 14 Wisconsin.

"We think that they're tough, but we also think they're within reach," Lewis said.

Iowa has already gotten looks at Wisconsin this spring, having competed against the Badgers in scrimmages as well as at the Longhorn Invitational in March.

But Kowal isn't necessarily thinking about the competition her squad will be up against.

"The most important thing we can do is worry about ourselves," she said.

The Hawkeyes have gotten better each week, breaking into the top 20 after their strong performance in Michigan, and they will try to continue that this weekend against some of the country's best competition.

Six of the top 20 teams in the country are from the Big Ten. Along with Michigan, Michigan State, Ohio State, Iowa, and Wisconsin is No. 20 Minnesota, making the Big Ten one of the best rowing conferences in the country, and the meet is one of the most prestigious as well.

"It's going to be some very tough rowing this weekend," Kowal said.

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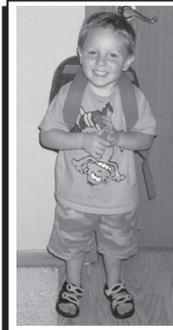
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WRESTLING

ISU hires Jackson as wrestling coach

AMES (AP) — Iowa State didn't stray far in its search for Cael Sanderson's replacement, hiring former Olympic gold medalist and Cyclones alumni Kevin Jackson as its wrestling coach.

Jackson, who served as the national freestyle coach for USA Wrestling from 2001-08, will be introduced at a press conference today.

Sanderson stunned the Cyclones about two weeks ago, leaving after just three seasons to take over at Penn State.

Jackson was a captain for Iowa State in 1987, when the Cyclones won their last NCAA team title. Jackson went on to win gold at the Barcelona Olympics in 1992 and he's one of just five wrestlers in U.S. history with three career world-level titles.

Iowa State Athletics Director Jamie Pollard cited Jackson's extensive experience working with the nation's top wrestlers in a statement announcing his hiring.

One of Jackson's prized pupils while at USA Wrestling was Sanderson, whom he helped win gold in Athens in 2004.

"His competitive intensity, com-

bined with his technical skills as a coach, will make an immediate impact on our wrestling program," Pollard said of Jackson in a statement released Thursday.

Jackson, a native of Lansing, Mich., began his college career at Louisiana State before transferring to Iowa State for his senior season.

Jackson went 30-3-1 for the Cyclones and finished as a runner-up at the NCAA meet. For his efforts, Jackson was named to Iowa State's Hall of Fame.

"Winning a national team championship at [Iowa State] remains a career highlight and I'm grateful for the opportunity to come back to Ames and lead such a distinguished program," Jackson said. "There is no ceiling to what we can accomplish on and off the mat at Iowa State, and I couldn't be more excited to get started."

Jackson should have a lot to work with next season. The Cyclones, who finished third at the NCAA meet in St. Louis in March, should return starters at every weight class — including 197-pound national champion Jake Varner — as well as all the wrestlers who scored points at the NCAA meet.

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A-Rod mum on new charges

By RONALD BLUM
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A new, unflattering biography of Alex Rodriguez reportedly says he may have used steroids as early as high school and even after he joined the New York Yankees.

Rodriguez admitted in February to using steroids while with the Texas Rangers from 2001-03 but insisted he stopped before he was traded to the Yankees in February 2004. He brushed off a question Thursday about details from *Sports Illustrated* writer Selena Roberts' upcoming book, *A-Rod*, which cast doubt on his earlier statements.

"I'm not going there," he said, after homering in an extended spring-training intrasquad game in Tampa, Fla. Rodriguez has been rehabbing from hip surgery in March and hasn't played for the Yankees this season.

"I'm just so excited about being back on the field and playing baseball. My team has won two games [in a row] up there, and hopefully, I can come back and help them win some more," he said.

The *Daily News* reported Thursday that Roberts' book offers an portrait of the three-time AL MVP as a needy per-

sonality who wanted his ego stroked constantly and a player who tipped opponents to pitches in blowout games, hoping the favor would get returned someday.

The paper didn't say how it obtained a copy of the Harper Collins book, scheduled for release Monday.

A high-school teammate of A-Rod's told Roberts that the future No. 1 draft pick was on steroids as a prep player and his coach knew it — an allegation the coach, Rich Hofman, denied.

Rodriguez said he wasn't worried that the steroids issue was being brought up again.

"No. Not really," he said. "I'm in a good place. I think more importantly physically I feel like I'm getting better every day. We've had a great week here. We've worked extremely hard, and I'm just very anxious to do what God put me on this earth to do, to play baseball."

In the book, an unidentified major leaguer is quoted as saying A-Rod and former Yankees pitcher Kevin Brown, who was named in the Mitchell Report on performance-enhancing drug use, were seen together with human-growth hormone in 2004.

The book also goes on to say that two anonymous Yankees said they

believed A-Rod was using banned substances based on visual side effects and that a clubhouse staffer said management had a suspicion that the third baseman may have been juicing.

Rodriguez went 1-for-6 with two walks as a designated hitter in Thursday's extended spring game. He had a long homer to left-center in his sixth plate appearance.

He was slated to play in another extended spring game Friday against Pirates minor leaguers at Pittsburgh's complex in Bradenton.

Rodriguez said he needs to run the bases at full speed, and he is still on target to return to the Yankees in May. Yankees manager Joe Girardi said he expects A-Rod will play third base on either Saturday or May 4.

"I think the last thing I'm going to do here before I leave is sliding," Rodriguez said. "I think sliding is probably the thing I have the most reservation about because you have to get on your hip and bounce on it a little bit. Everything else seems so far on schedule."

Rodriguez could be on track to rejoin the Yankees when they are in Baltimore from May 8-10. Girardi isn't dwelling

on the steroids issue in Rodriguez's past and recommends A-Rod deal with it the same way.

"To me it seems like a lot of 'He said, she said' kind of stuff," Girardi said. "We've been down this road. We're going to move on, and Alex has talked about how he's going to move on. And to me the focus about Alex Rodriguez is he had eight at-bats today."

Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira, a teammate of Rodriguez's with Texas in 2003, said he had never heard the pitch-tipping allegation. Los Angeles Angel manager Mike Scioscia said he had never been aware of a player letting opponents know what pitches were coming.

"That's insane. That's not what we're not out on the field for. So if it is going on, it's obviously, you know, crosses a line of integrity that, you know, couldn't be breached," he said. "It's a tough thing to obviously document and prove and, you know, you don't give it much thought because, you know, you certainly work on the assumption — there's no reason why you wouldn't — that everybody on your team is out there trying to win."

AP freelance writer Mark Dittler contributed to this report.

For Crean, Twitter a slam dunk

By MICHAEL MAROT
Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Tom Crean may be shedding Indiana's old-school image, at least when it comes to Hoosiers fans.

He turns out the lights briefly before home games, tapes pregame video messages for fans, and now has joined the ever-expanding world of Twitter.

About two weeks ago, Crean began posting messages on the online communications service so he could keep fans apprised of what's going on during the off-season. Since then, he has posted messages on everything from where he has traveled to opinions about other sports teams at Indiana.

To Crean, this is all about reaching out, expanding the fan base, and reconstructing Indiana's image in the aftermath of the school's most serious NCAA scandal in nearly half a century.

"The bottom line is that we are still in such a major rebuilding phase at Indiana, so this is a way to put things out there," he said Thursday. "We don't want to make it corny, but I want to have fun with it."

He also wants to play by the rules.

Although the NCAA banned text messaging in August 2007, there

are no rules preventing coaches on online sites. There is a growing legion of coaches participating, including new Kentucky coach John Calipari.

So Crean conferred with athletics-department officials about what can and cannot be posted and still meets twice a month with the compliance department to make sure he doesn't run afoul of NCAA rules regarding Twitter or anything else.

That puts a limit on how far he can go.

"If you start responding, now it's a text message and you're in trouble [with the NCAA]," he said.

Crean's account is designed to not receive messages from other users, and he refrains from explicitly stating which gyms or players he has visited. He will tell fans which cities he has been to and insists the posts are not intended for recruiting purposes.

All of it seems to be by the book.

But the stipulations don't prevent Crean from giving his own insights.

On Wednesday, after

the school announced quarterback-turned-receiver Kellen Lewis had been dismissed from the football team for a second violation of team rules, Crean posted a sequence of messages that included this: "Last year, when we let guys go was very hard even though they were the right decisions. ... Most coaches take dismissals very hard. Not for themselves as much as for the player. ... [Indiana football coach] Bill Lynch will find a way to deal with the adversity of losing a good player and rise above it."

At Indiana, which has won five national championships in men's basketball, it's certainly a change from the days of Bob Knight and Branch McCracken.

It's also a sign of the times. The 43-year-old Crean understands a growing number of young Indiana fans are using the Internet and wants them to hear his plea to stay loyal to the Hoosiers during the rebuilding. He also wants them to know what's been going on during the off-season.

Primarily, that's been recruiting and teaching.

Crean said he has spent much of the past six weeks either recruiting, reviewing tapes or working with players on skill development.

A year ago, the pro-

gram was gutted in the wake of Kelvin Sampson's phone-call scandal, forcing Crean to rebuild with a team that included only two returning players. The result was a dismal 6-25 season, the most losses in school history.

This spring, Crean lost two more probable contributors when Nick Williams and Malik Story decided to transfer.

Crean, though, has signed six recruits for next season, and he is still looking to fill other holes, a process that could take more time than Indiana fans had hoped.

"I can promise you that you will not look at the Sagarin Ratings at the end of the year and see Indiana with the No. 1 schedule in the country all year," Crean said. "We've got to get some confidence."

One way to do that is keeping fans engaged.

So Crean has stepped away from the traditional communication lines and entered a new world to get his message out whenever he wants.

Besides, Crean figures, it's a tool that won't be available to coaches much longer.

"Sure, it will get legislated at some point, but I think it's moving so fast that it's hard to keep up with it," Crean said. "I'm sure [the NCAA] is looking at it."



Tom Crean
coach

BASKETBALL

Lewis helps Magic advance with 114-89 win

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Despite missing suspended star Dwight Howard, the Orlando Magic advanced to the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs, beating the Philadelphia 76ers, 114-89, in Game 6 on Thursday night.

Playing without Howard and injured guard Courtney Lee, the Magic thumped the Sixers from the start. Howard, who was suspended one game by the NBA for his elbow on Sixers center Samuel Dalembert in Game 5, will return when the Magic play the winner of the Boston-

Chicago series. Rashard Lewis scored 29 points, and Rafer Alston had 21 to help the Magic win for the second time this series in Philadelphia. The Magic's decisive run came early when they made 12 of their first 19 shots.

NCAA rule will close NBA draft window sooner

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — College basketball players who declare early for the NBA draft will still get to work out for teams.

They'll just have to do everything much sooner next season.

On Thursday, the NCAA's Board of Directors approved a measure requiring players to withdraw from the draft by May 8 instead of the current June 15, a move that was supported by several key constituencies for different reasons.

College coaches wanted the change to give them additional time to restructure their teams. School presidents were concerned about potentially serious academic ramifications, and one NBA official thinks the extra time isn't entirely necessary anyway.

"Honestly, if a kid doesn't know where his stock is by that time, he needs to go back to school," Denver Nugget

Vice President of Player Personnel Rex Chapman said.

This change creates some unique challenges for compliance, too.

The NBA's collective-bargaining agreement requires the list of players pulling out of the draft to be released in mid-June. That won't change until the league reaches a new collective-bargaining agreement with the players association after the 2010-11 season.

But if a player decides to pull out of the draft, Division I vice president David Berst said he must still notify the NCAA by May 8. The legislation does not establish how it will be done.

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A Few New Haiku:

Cute girls give me cash.
Then later, they yell at me.
I am "The Bouncer."

Cute girls yell at me.
Then later, they give me cash.
I am "Gigolo."

You fart when you laugh,
and you belch when we make love,
but in a cute way.

A dissonant sight,
our used condom atop your Harry Potter book.

The cover too high?
Music too loud? Drinks too much?
Guess what: you're too old.

Steroids gave Bonds arms.
He's one of the lucky ones.
Mom got a mustache.

What is this feeling?
Guilt? Over a one-night-stand?
Nah, must just be gas.

Lent, I wait for it.
I enjoy giving up things.
Like being sober.

You go down, I smile.
But you go down less than gas,
and my tank's on 'E.'

DMB and Christ.
I like them both all right,
but their fan clubs scare me.

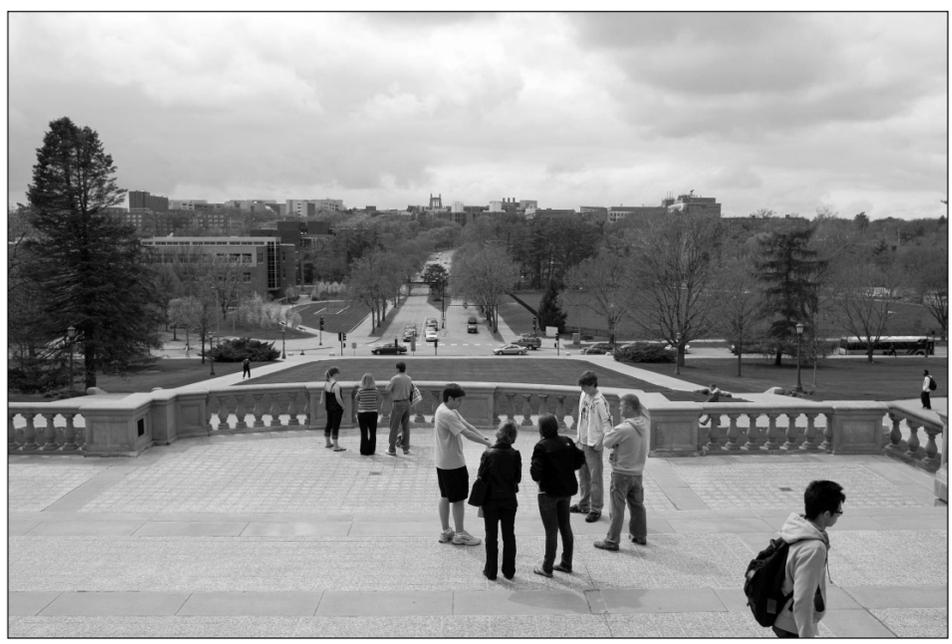
Then: gin, Goldschläger,
brandy, and peppermint schnapps.
Now: puking Christmas.

Andrew R. Juhl.

You should write him a haiku.

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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

12:30 p.m. News from Québec, in French
 1 "Prairie Lights" Archive, Tom Piazza
 2 News from Germany, in German
 3 "Know the Score," 9/19/2008
 5 Piano Sundays Concert, 4/5/2009
 6:30 Dance from Space/Place, Afro-Cuban Dance

7:30 Percussion Spectacular Concert, Steel & Chinese Drums, 3/29/2009
 9:30 Daily Iowan TV News
 9:45 Fine Arts Performances at Iowa
 10:30 Daily Iowan TV News
 10:45 Fine Arts Performances at Iowa
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today's events

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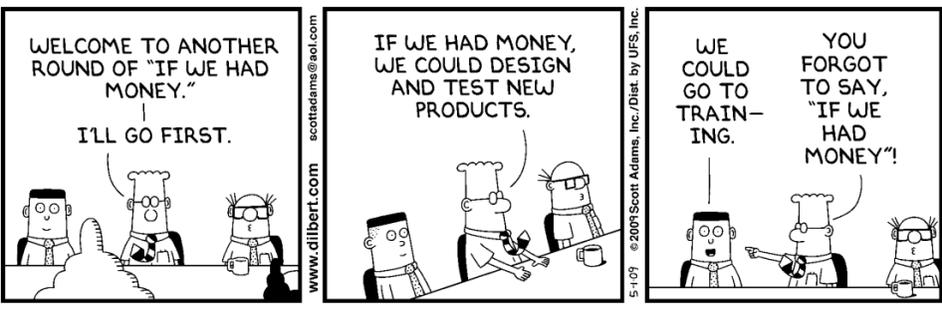
- **IP Major Project: The Mind-Context Divide Workshop**, 8 a.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Adult Piano Lessons**, 8:30 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Gene Baur**, 11 a.m., David's Place, 100 S. Linn
- **English Conversation Group**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Funded Retirement & Insurance Committee Meeting**, 11:30 a.m., 302 University Service Building
- **DugNaliss**, noon, UIHC Colleton Pavilion Atrium
- **Finding God at Iowa Lunch Forum, "God Loves Us and Is In Control," Peter Hatch**, noon, 337 IMU
- **"Java Blend," JT and the Clouds**, noon, Java House, 211½ E. Washington
- **Lunch-Time Lotus Yoga**, noon, Senior Center
- **Noon Knit**, noon, Hardin Library
- **Faculty, Staff, and Graduate Assistants Elevator Pitch**, 1 p.m., S126 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Focus on Healing**, 1 p.m., Senior Center
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop
- **Department of Philosophy Spring 2009 Faculty Colloquium, "What is a Piece of Mind?," Carrie Figdor**, 3:30 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building
- **38th-Annual Craig Lecture, "From R. A. Fisher to Microarrays: Why 70 year-old Theory is Relevant Today," 3:30 p.m.**, 241 Schaeffer Hall
- **School of Art & Art History Festival and Open House**, 4 p.m., Studio Arts Building, 1375 Highway 1 W.

- **Dawn's Coffeehouse**, 5 p.m., Dawn's Hide & Bead Away, 220 E. Washington
- **I Oughta Wreck Amazing break-dance competition**, 5 p.m., IMU second-floor ballroom
- **Game Night**, 6 p.m., Asian Pacific-American Culture Center
- **Luther Bangert's Cirque Stupendo**, 6 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Big Car Gallery Opening**, 7 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **Skills Like This**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **The Reeliners**, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **The Baker's Wife, Iowa City Community Theatre**, 7:30 p.m., Johnson County 4-H Fairgrounds Building A, 4265 Oak Crest Hill Road S.E.
- **Orquestra de Alto Maiz**, 8 p.m., Industry, 211 Iowa
- **Orpheus in the Underworld, UI Opera Theatre**, 8 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
- **Undergraduate Dance Concert**, 8 p.m., North Hall Space/Place
- **Writer's Workshop Reading, ZZ Packer**, fiction, 8 p.m., Dey House Frank Conroy Reading Room
- **Rock and Thunder**, 8:30 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville
- **Che, Part Two**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Luther Bangert's Cirque Stupendo**, 9 p.m., Picador
- **Campus Activities Board Event, Comedian Finesse Mitchell**, 10 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **No Shame Theatre**, 11 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **Campus Activities Board Event, Killshot**, 11:45 p.m., Bijou

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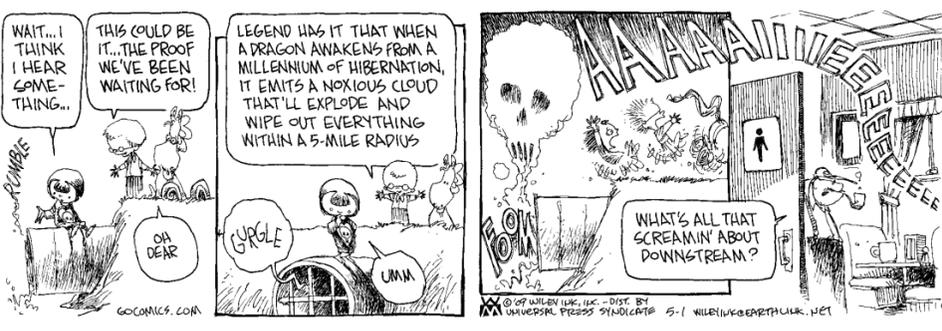
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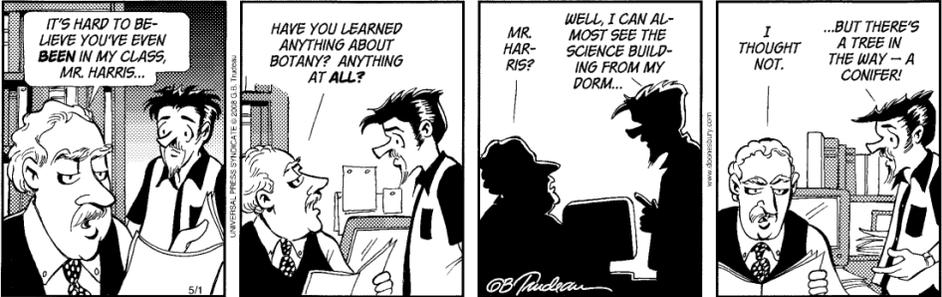
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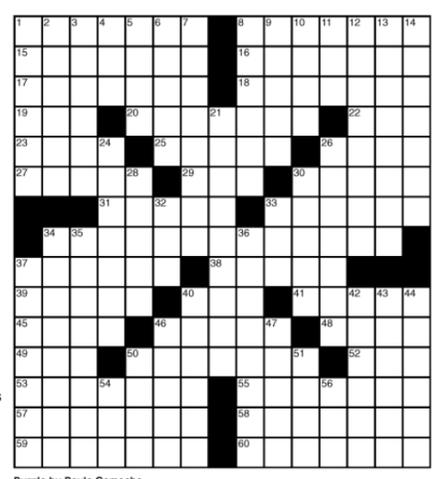
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- Detoured to pay a visit along the way
 - Gallimaufry
 - One of the 10 brightest stars
 - Engine line
 - Having superior amenities
 - Cools, in a way
 - Literature Nobelist Andric
 - It may fall flat
 - Critical cluck
 - Hippie happening
 - 1971 title role for Donald Sutherland
 - Height of fashion?
 - These, overseas
 - Periodical output: Abbr.
 - Shifting sequence
 - Sully
 - Liberal, informally
 - Certain sex scandal, in slang
 - Their beans were used as currency by the Aztecs
 - Connecticut town attacked by the British in the War of 1812
 - Instrument
 - Wassailing choice
 - Not quite mashed
 - Sitcom character discussed in the 2003 biography "Ball of Fire"
 - Quaint aviation accessory
 - Former Yankee Martinez
- Down**
- Worker who sets things down
 - Doesn't take advantage of
 - Game
 - Arôme detector
 - Smooth to a fault
 - Discouraging
 - Grid marking
 - Transforming Tonka toys
 - "The Book of Hours" poet
 - Natural treatment
 - Start of a text-message afterthought
 - Enter like a storm trooper
 - Crawl with
 - Guest at a synagogue
 - "Cool your jets!"
 - One or two
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 - It's not really mink, for example
 - Bit of the Bahamas
 - Chef's cry
 - Finger food at a Japanese restaurant
 - Diamond-shaped choice
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 - One way to die
 - Fleet activities

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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