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Phoenix band Meat Puppets has been through drugs, death, and jail, but brothers Cris and Curt Kirkwood have kept the music alive. **1B**



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Remembering an icon

Many across the football community in the state of Iowa reflect on Aplington-Parkersburg legend Ed Thomas, who was slain Wednesday morning. **10A**

Kids tee off

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Armed and ready

UI police are the only ones of the three regent-university forces to draw their weapons since being allowed to carry them. **2A**

A penny saved ...

Discover why dollar stores are doing well in the current economy. And why some people love shopping there. **5A**

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No shots yet

That UI police have yet to open fire on a suspect is clear evidence that state officials made the right choice in arming the force. **4A**

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- Complete audio of Kirk Ferentz's statements about Parkersburg coach Ed Thomas
- An AP photo and audio slide show from Parkersburg
- Text of statements from many, including Jaguar Brad Meester, Packer Aaron Kampman, Iowa State head coach Paul Rhoads about Thomas' death
- Video footage and a photo slideshow of junior golf camp

ON THE RECORD

Insights and information from inside today's *The Daily Iowan*. "The simplest way to say it is that if you had a son, you'd want Ed to be his football coach," said Phil Lebo, a former football coach at Grundy Center about his fellow Class 1A coach Ed Thomas. "He taught young men how to grow up to be men. Not only in football, but in life. He was a student of the game, and a great person." • Read more discussion of Ed Thomas' legacy. **10**

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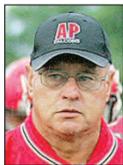
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Renowned coach slain

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Ed Thomas, the prominent Aplington-Parkersburg High-School football coach known for training four current NFL players and guiding his small, rural Iowa community in its recovery from last-year's decimating tornado, was killed on Wednesday in a shooting



Thomas
coach

in the school's weight room. He was 58.

The suspected killer, 24-year-old Mark Becker, was a former player on Thomas' team; he faces a first-degree murder charge.

According to police, Becker walked into the school's weight room around 7:47 a.m. and shot Thomas "numerous times" with a handgun in front of dozens of witnesses and students; one bullet struck Thomas in the head. He was rushed to a Waterloo hospital, but he died a short time later.

"He was kind of like the

heart and soul of our community," said Becky Walters, a Hawkeye volleyball player.

She has known Thomas since elementary school. Even while in college, she would call him during visits home for help with weight lifting.

Walters received news of Thomas' death through a text message from a friend in Parkersburg. She knew his alleged killer, Becker, through the football team.

"I liked him; he seemed like a good kid," she said through tears.

Nevertheless, court

records show Becker has accumulated a criminal record in numerous Iowa counties. He has pleaded guilty to such misdemeanors as assault, possession of drug paraphernalia, and drunk driving. Before Wednesday's shooting, Cedar Fall police were prepared to charge Becker for a June 20 incident, in which authorities were called to a residence in Cedar Falls after he allegedly broke several windows with a baseball bat and drove his car through the garage door.

Law-enforcement officers later took Becker to Covenant Hospital in Waterloo for psychiatric evaluation, requesting they be notified when he was released. Officials weren't notified when he left the hospital, however. He spent the night at his parents' home Tuesday, hours before the killing.

Becker was arrested, and charges for second-degree criminal mischief and eluding, both Class D felonies, were still pending Wednesday.

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KC MCGINNIS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Materials for a cleaning validation test sit out at the UI Pharmaceuticals facility on Tuesday. Employees at the facility perform independent tests such as this one to ensure all materials are handled and cleaned properly.

Drug tester eyes expansion

UI Pharmaceuticals has expanded its facilities — and extended its family.

By **AMY MATTSON**
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UI Pharmaceuticals officials have been looking for more room — and more hands — to revitalize production and revive its image.

A service division of the UI College of Pharmacy, the group manufactures, tests, and develops drugs for clients — including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Food and Drug Administration, and National Cancer

Institute. It produces products both commercial and for clinical trials.

UI Pharmaceuticals is developing additional laboratory facilities at Oakdale Research Park. It has snatched up the space from ASL Analytical, a local scientific research company that vacated the property.

Now, with its new nest established, the group is looking to line it by recruiting pharmacy-school faculty. Though UI Pharmaceuticals and faculty have previously collaborated, the pair

have formalized relations, teaming up underneath the UI Pharmaceuticals Development Consortium.

The Oakdale expansion and consortium creation are unrelated, Director Mickey Wells said. But they represent the new face of recently renamed UI Pharmaceuticals — a face he hopes will generate business.

"We're trying to get the word out that we're here," he said, pointing to new brochures and a redesigned website.

Furthermore, laboratory relocation aims to draw employees closer together —

UI Pharmacy

UI Pharmaceuticals will expand into the Oakdale Research Park. **Oakdale campus**



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SEE **DRUGS**, 3

Hancher hires new programming head

He only ever saw Hancher Auditorium after the flood, but Jacob Yarrow still wants the job as programming director.

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When Jacob Yarrow, the executive director of the Garth Newel Music Center in Bath County, Va., came to Iowa City last week, he asked local waiters and cashiers what they thought of Hancher. Unaware of his new title — Hancher programming director — they gave candid responses full of pride and love for the organization.

It is one reason he applied for the job, even though the program has no building to

move into.

"It is neat to hear everyone's high regard for Hancher, and not only in Iowa City, but in the national art community, too," said Yarrow. He applied in January, responding to an ad for the position. At the UI, a committee of six was formed to pore over 100 applications from across

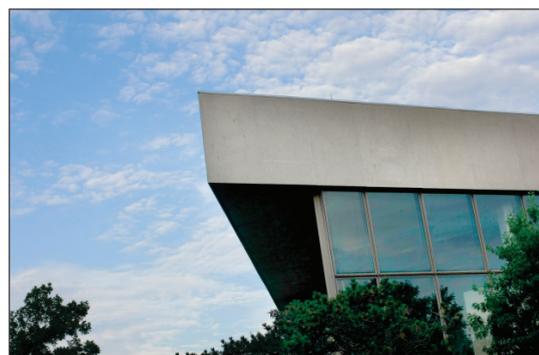


Yarrow
new director

the country.

Hancher Executive Director Charles Swanson led the group, which selected five finalists to tour the campus and interview last month. The committee members made the final decision, which Swanson approved, UI spokesman Tom Moore said.

Just before Memorial Day weekend, as Yarrow was trekking up the hill from his house to his office, he received the news that he had received the job.



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN

As the sun sets Wednesday, an empty Hancher sits near the river. The UI has named Jacob Yarrow, the executive director of the Garth Newel Music Center in Bath County, Va., to be new programming director of Hancher.

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UI will 'blend'

Some students may be able to earn a UI degree next fall without ever setting foot in Iowa City.

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Angela Crookshank, who graduated with an associate's degree from Des Moines Area Community College in May, plans to teach at the college after completing a UI degree.

This fall, she may be the first batch of the Des Moines school's students to do so without coming to Iowa City.

The Des Moines community college has recently joined the UI's list of partner schools, offering two "blended" programs — featuring distance learning and on-campus discussions with UI instructors — for students who have completed their associate's degrees.

"[This program] is very good. It's nice to be somewhere close to pursue my degree," Crookshank said.

The two degrees are called Bachelor of Applied Studies and Bachelor of Liberal Studies. They are intended for stu-

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UI police have yet to shoot at suspects

UI police are the only university police in the state who have drawn their weapons in the line of duty.

By **ABE TEKIPPE**
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University police officers across the state have been carrying guns for nearly 19 months, but those guns have yet to be used against suspects.

In fact, the UI police are the only university agency whose officers have drawn their weapons. Since Nov. 22, 2007 — the day UI police started carrying firearms — they have drawn and aimed their guns six times, according to the Campus Safety and Security Report presented to the state Board of Regents in April. Despite an apparent lack of use, some thought the change was overdue.

"I think that it was odd that they did not [carry sidearms before]," said Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay. "Across the United States, it's common practice that certified law enforcement carry sidearms."

Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, said carrying

firearms has not affected the department's day-to-day operations.

"The only thing that [UI police officers] are now equipped like all state-certified police officers," he said.

Yet it was an important change, at least in the public eye.

Anna Sewell, a UI graduate student who, admittedly, is "not a big gun person," said she understands why gun-toting police might seem comforting to some.

"It might help them feel safer," she said.

Authorities also perceive benefits. Iowa City police said arming UI police helps the entire community because the officers no longer have to rely on city authorities' backup, which tends to slow response times.

"In the past, that reliance on other agencies, just by its very nature, caused there to be a potential delay in response to those situations where somebody has used — or has threatened to use — a gun," Kelsay said.

In March 2008, for example, armed police at the University of Northern Iowa were able to respond quickly to a call about a reported gunman on campus, said Milissa Wright, the associate director of UNI police.

"We didn't have to wait for an outside agency to arrive," she said.

But records show UNI and Iowa State University police have not yet drawn or fired their weapons at suspects. In the UNI incident, authorities later found the alleged gunman off-campus.

At the UI, however, incident reports detail the six circumstances where weapons were drawn on six occasions — in some cases to assist other agencies. Green declined to comment on the difference between schools.

In comparison with university police, Iowa City officers drew their firearms more than 40 times from January 2008 to the end of March — the most recent month for which data are available. Ames and Cedar

Armed and ready UI police have drawn and pointed their guns at suspects on six occasions, all in 2008:

June 12: Drug arrest
Aug. 9: Drug arrest
Oct. 21: Stolen vehicle arrest
Oct. 31: Drug arrest
Dec. 17: Stolen vehicle arrest
Dec. 29: Assault arrest
Source: Campus Safety and Security Report

Falls police do not keep track of that statistic.

Similar to campus statistics, city police records show no officer at the three departments has fired her or his gun at a suspect in more than 10 years.

Most of the time, it's because they're simply unnecessary.

"A firearm is a tool of last resort," Kelsay said.

Although they are used infrequently, Cedar Falls police Capt. Craig Berte said he believes firearms are an essential part of university authorities' jobs.

"We all go through the exact same training," he said. "I've always supported all peace officers carrying a gun, regardless of where they work."

Sanford, not hiking trail, was straying in Argentina

By **JIM DAVENPORT**
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — After going AWOL for seven days, Gov. Mark Sanford admitted Wednesday that he had secretly flown to Argentina to visit a woman with whom he was having an affair. Wiping away tears, he apologized to his family and gave up a national Republican Party post, but was silent on whether he would resign.

"I've been unfaithful to my wife," he said in a news conference in which the 49-year-old governor ruminated on God's law, moral absolutes, and following one's heart. He said he spent the last five days "crying in Argentina."

Sanford, who in recent months had been mentioned as a possible presidential candidate in 2012, said he would resign as head of the Republican Governors Association.

By leaving the country without formally transferring power, critics



MARY ANN CHASTAIN/ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Carolina Gov. Mark Sanford wipes his tears as he admitted to having an affair during a news conference in Columbia, S.C., on Wednesday. He said he will resign as chairman of the Republican Governors Association.

said he neglected his gubernatorial authority and put the state at risk. It wasn't clear how his staff could reach him in an emergency.

At least one state lawmaker called for his resignation. As a congressman, Sanford voted in favor of three of four articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, citing the need for "moral legitimacy."

The affair is now over,

Sanford said, describing the woman who lives in Argentina as a "dear, dear friend" whom he has known for about eight years and been romantically involved with for about a year. He said he has seen her three times since the affair began, and his wife found out about it five months ago. A newspaper published steamy e-mails between Sanford and the woman. He did not identify her.

"What I did was wrong. Period," he said. His family did not attend the news conference, and his wife Jenny Sanford said she asked the governor to leave and stop speaking to her two weeks ago. The governor said he wants to reconcile, and his wife's statement said her husband has earned a chance to resurrect their marriage.

"This trial separation was agreed to with the goal of ultimately strengthening our marriage," she said.

Sanford denied instructing his staff to cover up his affair, but acknowledged that he told them he thought he would be hiking on the Appalachian Trail and never corrected that impression after leaving for South America.

"I let them down by creating a fiction with regard to where I was going," Sanford said. "I said that was the original possibility. Again, this is my fault in health-care shrouding this larger trip."

METRO

Man hit on head during reported robbery

An unknown assailant reportedly struck a man in the head with a handgun during a robbery early Wednesday morning.

Around 2:30 a.m., Iowa City police received a third party report of a robbery near 1001 Cross Park Ave., according to reports.

Upon arrival, officers located a male victim in the 1900 block of Broadway, police said. He told officers a man had confronted him and demanded money. When the victim told the man he didn't have any money, the man struck

him in the head with a handgun and stole his cell phone.

The perpetrator — whom the victim described as a black male, 5-8, 160 pounds, wearing dark pants and a black hoodie with a black bandana over his face — was last seen running south from 1001 Cross Park Ave., police said.

Iowa City police used a K-9 team to track the suspect, which reportedly led officers to the 2100 block of Broadway, where they found clothing consistent with the victim's description of the man.

The victim received a minor contusion on his head and did not require medical treatment, reports show.

— by Abe Tekippe

2 deputies win awards

Two Johnson County deputies were awarded life-saving awards Wednesday for their rescue of 18-year-old J.D. Widmer last March from a fiery car crash.

On March 14, Brendt Fetzer lost control of his car headed westbound on 340 St. The car rolled over with passengers Lisa Adams and Widmer inside.

Adams was thrown from the car and killed.

Deputy Phil Schintler was the first law-enforcement official on the scene. Schintler said he initially found Fetzer in shock and incomprehensible but learned from talking to him there may

have been another person involved in the accident.

Schintler inspected the car, which was on fire, and found Widmer in the passenger's seat. The deputy cut the seat belt, and with the help of Deputy Pete Ungaro, managed to drag Widmer out of the car.

"There was no thought involved," Ungaro said. "It just kind of happened."

Widmer was taken to the UI Hospitals and Clinics by helicopter, still unconscious. According to his father, Greg Widmer, J.D. Widmer regained consciousness about 10 days after arriving at the hospital.

"When he responded again, it was like Christmas," Greg Widmer said.

— by Scott Raynor

POLICE BLOTTER

Joanna Berglund, 21, 245 Haywood Drive, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Maxwell Boltinghouse, 20, 618 E. Burlington St. Apt. 1, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Khiell Dukes, 34, Anamosa, Iowa,

was charged May 30 with third-degree theft.

Alvin Dybvik, 48, 1233 Gilbert Court, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Jessica Fitch-Crittenden, 34, 746 Keswick Drive, was charged June 1 with possession of

marijuana with intent to deliver.

Darrian Jefferson, 22, 2502 Bartelt Road Apt. 1B, was charged Sept. 2, 2008, with assault with injury.

Jason Northam, 38, 951 Dover St., was charged Wednesday with domestic abuse.

Alan Simpson, 21, 1421 Sycamore

St., was charged Tuesday with going armed with intent, carrying a concealed weapon, and interference with official acts.

Joel Steine, 38, address unknown, was charged Feb. 11 with third-degree burglary and second-degree theft.

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5. Economy can't trim beauty salon success

STATE

Culver promotes expanded rail service

DES MOINES (AP) — Gov. Chet Culver is taking to the rails to promote his effort to expand passenger train service in Iowa. Culver hopped an Iowa

Interstate Railroad train passenger car Wednesday to push the plan. He says the economic-stimulus package approved by the Legislature this year included \$3 million to expand rail service from Chicago to Des Moines. Culver says he will pressure the federal government on the issue.

UI pairs with jucos

DMACC

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dents who wish to complete a bachelor's degree but because of employment or family responsibilities cannot complete their schooling as full-time students on campus.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, in the 2006-07 academic year, two- and four-year institutions reported roughly 12.2 million students enrolled in distance-education programs, with 12 percent in blended courses.

Chet Rzonca, the dean of continuing education at the UI, said Bachelor of Applied Studies degrees have been offered at colleges around the state, but the idea of blended instruction will not start anywhere until the fall.

There are roughly 100 students, and he anticipates between 15-20 people at each site in upcoming semesters. In addition to the Des Moines community college, the program will also be offered at Western Iowa Tech in Sioux City, Kirkwood Community College in Cedar Rapids, and Eastern Iowa Community College District in Davenport.

Higher learning partnership

Some community colleges, such as DMACC, are working with the UI to provide bachelor's degrees to students who cannot commute or move to Iowa City.

Community colleges currently involved in the program



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Steve Carpenter, the public-information director at Kirkwood, lauded the on-site discussions.

"Some people learn differently than others," he said. "We're just trying to broaden the options."

It means road trips for instructors.

David Hensley, a UI clinical professor and the executive director of the Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center, will be the professor on-site for the eastern Iowa locations this fall. He said travel expenses for central Iowa locations haven't yet been decided.

The programs differ from degrees such as Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Sci-

ences in replacing majors with concentrations, but they are otherwise intended to be equal.

"The online program — core courses, assignments, and evaluation — will be identical to what we teach in class," Hensley said. "It's important to have it be the exact same."

For some companies, a difference in degree acronyms is unimportant. Scott Gomer, media-relations director at ACT in Iowa City, said they typically look at individuals on a one-on-one basis when evaluating them.

"Managers typically look at candidate's attributes and résumés," he said.

Coach shot, killed

SHOOTING

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UI students — alumni from Aplington-Parkersburg — recalled Thomas not just as a coach but a teacher and a man of faith. Within hours of his death, thousands joined Facebook groups honoring the late football legend.

UI junior Michelle Aukes, Thomas' former student and fellow church member, said Thomas was "a great leader for students."

Thomas helped rally the community when a tornado destroyed his home and the high-school football field in May 2008.

With the help of 40 Hawkeye football players, a rival high-school football

team, and two current NFL players he had coached through high school, Thomas fulfilled his dream of making the Falcon's field ready for their home-opener in September 2008.

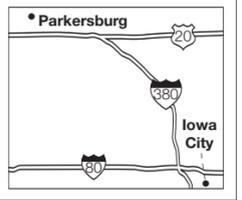
"When the tornado happened, he was the person everyone went to for help," Walters said. "He was the backbone."

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver, who has also coached high-school football, praised these efforts in his Condition of the State address in January.

"I couldn't be more shocked or saddened by the death of Coach Thomas," he said in a press release Wednesday. "My thoughts and prayers are with Coach Thomas'

Coach shot

Wednesday morning, a high-school football coach was killed in Parkersburg, about two hours from Iowa City.



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family, the entire Parkersburg community, and all those who played for and loved this outstanding Iowan."

A vigil was held Wednesday night at the school's football field.

Drug tester adds space

DRUGS

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literally. The expansion, scheduled to take place by year's end, will eliminate some employees' commute between Iowa City and the Oakdale Campus.

The enlargement of the Research Park facility will allow method development and quality control analysts to work under the same roof — a "helpful internal move" that could improve efficiency, said Wells.

"It'll be a nice change," he said.

UI Pharmaceuticals currently operates with 75 full-time employees — mostly

pharmacists, chemists, and equipment operators. And, despite its small size, Wells noted the group's "unique" fusion of business and educational involvement.

"We want to pull professors in on projects that will use their expertise," he said.

Wells also expressed hopes to become more active in undergraduate education. He wants to begin taking part in undergraduate courses, giving student demonstrations and tours.

With new faces and a new facility, the business has the potential to increase its drug production output. But Wells doubts the recently

acquired 900 square feet in Oakdale Research Park will generate additional revenue. It is only a small addition to the current 6,000-square-foot location. And most of the 40 to 80 annual clients UI Pharmaceuticals caters are small companies — hit hard by economic woes, Wells said.

As UI Pharmaceuticals manager Steve Slezak noted, the push for expanding at Oakdale was more about space and less about finance.

"We're pretty stuffed in here," he said. "Any new room is helpful."

Hancher gets new face

HANCHER

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A longtime friend of Swanson, the 37-year-old said he is anxious to move to Iowa and work. He will be responsible for programming the season — selecting the artists, venues, and dates — and overseeing the marketing and education programs.

But he will face certain challenges. Hancher Artistic Director Judith Hurtig, who is set to retire at the end of June, noted the lack of a home base for the organization.

"Hancher doesn't have a facility, and it is difficult to present a program in half a dozen venues — none of which meet the technical specifications that we need," said Hurtig, who has worked more than 23 years for Hancher.

For example, she said, keeping Hancher visible and building relationships in the community will be difficult without an auditorium.

"Finding things that are wonderful, exciting, and innovative, and making the best use of what he has available — that is going to be a challenge for him," Hurtig said.

However, Yarrow, who will be paid \$75,000, is not exactly her replacement. Hurtig's current salary is \$109,500. Hancher is changing its leadership model to a more traditional approach, leaving the two administrative positions with different responsibilities.

Hurtig — who became assistant director in 1999 — said she didn't decide to retire because of the flood. She made the decision before losing the facility.

"It's been a great career for me," she said. "I'll definitely miss it."

While Hurtig is wrapping up her final month, Yarrow is tying up ends in Virginia. He said he's been studying previous Hancher programs, trying to get a feel for the Iowa City culture, purchasing a house, looking into schools for his 5- and 7-year-old daughters, and checking into foot-

ball tickets.

"I've been chewing up as much info as possible," he said.

His experience from his job in Bath County will help him bring together the community and the arts, he said, though he's more accustomed to a rural and touristy location.

"It's hard to dive in from afar," Yarrow said. "I'm looking forward to getting in there, plunging in, learning, and being involved in something great that is a part of Iowa City, the university, and the state."

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Editorial

Equipping campus police with guns was on target

More guns, they said, will surely lead to brutally bloody blunders.

Yet, more than a year and a half since the UI police — for the first time in more than 40 years — strapped guns into their holsters, there haven't been any major incidents involving firearms and the department. That fact, paired with comments from police officials, is evidence that an armed university police force is for the best.

In late 2007, anti-gun advocates on campus and around the state urged the state Board of Regents not to adopt a policy allowing campus police to carry guns. At the time, opponents of the change said more weapons would be dangerous to students and noted that local police forces in Iowa City (as well as in Cedar Falls and Ames, homes of Iowa's other two regent universities) were armed and could respond quickly if needed.

Then-Regent President Michael Gartner told the *DI* in October 2007 that more officers with guns was unnecessary because the vast majority of crime on campus is related to drugs or alcohol.

On the other side, proponents of more guns insisted law-enforcement officers at our state universities were overdue; Charles Green, the assistant vice president for the UI police, said training standards for the UI officers often exceeds standards enforced by the state. The presidents at the UI, Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa sided with Green, asking the regents to approve the new policy.

The controversy was quelled when the regents approved a policy allowing university police to carry firearms. Since then, we're confident the UI is *safer* rather than *less safe*, as opponents contended at the time.

UI police have drawn and aimed their guns just six times in the last 19 months, according

to the Annual Report on Campus Safety and Security, which was presented at the April regents' meeting. Casualties of the UI officers' guns include two deer, but they have not fired on humans.

And at ISU and UNI — where police were equipped with guns at the same time as police at the UI — officers have not recorded a single incident in which a gun needed to be pulled.

Those numbers make it obvious we're not in any serious threat because of university officers carrying guns. Law-enforcement officers at the UI have shown over the last 19 months that they are well-trained and deserve to carry the necessary equipment that most other officers in the state are equipped with.

Gartner was right to point out that police-work on campus disproportionately deals with alcohol- and drug-related situations. However, that does not mean we should ignore the possibility of a threatening event taking place at the UI. While we had unarmed police, we ran the risk of letting those situations turn from threatening to tragic.

And, while Iowa City police carry guns and are available to assist UI police, there is no reason for one community police force to rely on another. In the most dangerous of situations, that reliance can cause big problems. When the UI police force didn't have guns they had to wait for another law-enforcement agency to respond when faced with an armed threat. While those other agencies surely operate quickly, a matter of seconds in a threatening situation can make a huge difference.

We should not take the issue of guns lightly. They are powerful tools and should be handled with the utmost caution. However, we should also recognize that our officers on campus are highly trained; their having guns promotes — not diminishes — the safety of students, faculty, and staff members, and the community.

Iranian youth bring hope

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Every night in Tehran, Iran, you can hear people chanting from rooftops in unison "God is great" and "death to the dictator." By day, people march, and face severe persecution and even death. What started off as protesting what many Iranians believed was a fraudulent election has become something much more.

What we're seeing right now are many Iranians, led by mostly youth, challenging the very legitimacy of the political system. What we are reading on blogs or on Twitter or watching on CNN or YouTube are college students and women fighting for a more democratic, open, and equitable Iran.

Power cedes nothing voluntarily, and on June 12, Iranian officials reported that current-President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad won a landslide re-election. On June 13, people took to the streets in protest. Huge crowds reaching up to 500,000 people (500,000!!) marched and protested. What became clear was that the opposition just wasn't about a fraudulent election; what fueled the protest was discontent with not just political leaders but the political system itself.

The images have been especially powerful. Images of young Iranians being beaten and gassed by military forces and images of thousands of people demonstrating peacefully leave an indelible impression. The video of a woman named Neda Agha Sultan being shot and dying on the street sears the conscience. The images are horrific, yet they show the courage that many Iranians have and the sacrifice many are making.

So where does Iran go from here? What will happen next?

The size and scope of the protests may be

waning as security forces step up their efforts, but it does not take away the tension that this election exposed. There are many Iranians, across many parts of Iranian society, who have serious misgivings about the way things are politically or economically. Iran's politics are complex and layered; it has had episodic protests and attempts at reform since 1979, but the Islamic Republic has remained largely the same for 30 years.

But this time feels different. What young Iranians have done this time has opened up space for a new Iran — an Iran that will be more democratic. Possibly an Iran that slowly and gradually grants more freedoms to women. After all is said and done, whoever is in power, Iran will be different. For Iran to survive in the 21st century, it will have to be.

There are interesting developments that lead one to have optimism. There are already a prominent organization of clerics that have voiced their belief that the election was a fraud. Yet politicians will be politicians and will cut deals when needed. What is most promising is that all along, it has been young people who organized, voted, and are now demonstrating at the threat of losing their lives who are driving change and driving others to change. It has been the tweets, the texts, and the videos of young Iranians that have allowed for this story to be told to the world.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "The moral arc of the universe is long, but it bends towards justice." There are people in Iran bending, tugging, and leaning on that arc right now. We are not going to see a secular democracy or a Jeffersonian democracy come to form in Iran. But when we look back, we just might be able to say that those young people changed the world. ■

On the spot

What summer movie are you looking forward to seeing?



'*Brüno*, because the *GI Joe* movie looks like it's for 12-year-olds.'

— Nolan McGowan, UI student



'I'm not really a huge movie-goer. I usually just wait to see them.'

— Tyler Hakes, UI student



'*Inglorious Bastards*, the new movie by [Quentin] Tarantino.'

— Michael Darrow, UI alum



'I want to see *The Hangover*.'

— Michael Donnelly, UI student

Guest Opinion

Have theorists dug up an Obama conspiracy?

By SUSAN REIMER
Baltimore Sun

It looks like the White House vegetable garden — first lady Michelle Obama's effort to model healthful eating for the nation — is infested with a pest previously unknown to horticulture. It's the boll weevil of the blogosphere: the conspiracy theorist.

President Obama's detractors are suggesting that the garden on the South Lawn (planted by Michelle Obama and schoolchildren in March) is fake. The conspiracy theorists claim that, despite a lot of compost and a very rainy spring, the vegetables harvested by the first lady and those same schoolchildren last week could not have

grown so big in just 90 days.

These critics surmise that the White House substituted mature plants for immature ones — in the dead of night, I guess — in order to fool the public. An actual-dirt dirty trick that would live up to the name Watercressgate.

I wear two hats here at the *Baltimore Sun*. I write this column and a gardening blog called Garden Variety. It was in that capacity that I was invited to the White House last week to cover the harvest of the spring crop — snap peas and lettuces — and the picnic Obama and the children prepared with the results.

It was in the comments posted to Garden Variety that this new conspiracy theory emerged.

"That garden was bought at a produce section and faked," wrote Clint Brown. "That is staged and you all know it."

"That's what they do on every issue," wrote Mike A. "1) bait 2) switch 3) media say 'who cares.'"

"Vanderleun" said in the comment he posted on Garden Variety that the media knew the garden was fake but "they're just forbidden to say or report it."

An Internet search revealed the same skepticism elsewhere, on news feeds like the Drudge Report and on conservative "Obama-watch" blogs.

My own nephew (he is a Republican) sent me a text message saying, "There's no way those are the same plants. If they

are, then I'm moving to D.C. and starting a farm and raking it in."

The garden appeared legit to me.

The Swiss chard and the collar greens and the kale and the lettuces looked just like the produce being sold at my neighborhood farmers' market.

The tomato plants look further along than mine, but then, Washington is 40 miles farther south.

But I am a liberal feminist gardener, so of course I can't be objective.

Other readers of the Garden Variety blog jumped in to defend the Obamas and said "Vanderleun" and Clint Brown wouldn't believe the garden was real if the White House produced time-lapse photographic proof.

I'd be laughing if this wasn't so scary.

There are people who believe President Obama's Hawaiian birth certificate is forged. And those who are convinced he is a Muslim mole.

But a fake vegetable garden?

And the point of faking a vegetable garden would be ... what? To trick the American people into believing that the first family is eating nutritious food when they are really sneaking out for burgers?

Wait. The president already did that.

I didn't just fall off the turkey truck, to keep the vegetable analogies going here, and I know the White House vegetable garden is more than a good example of being a good example.

While the fifth-graders from Bancroft Elementary School waited patiently to chow down last week, the first lady addressed the attending media on the role a healthful diet plays in good health and — bada bing! — the importance of the health-care reforms her husband is undertaking.

But to secretly truck in full-formed vegetable plants and plant them when no one was looking seems like a long way to go to make a point. She could have just visited a D.C. farmers' market and saved herself some dirty knees.

Well, if all politics is local, I guess all local vegetables are political.

Susan Reimer is a *Baltimore Sun* columnist. This commentary appeared in Wednesday's *Sun*.



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President Obama meets with five governors in the White House Roosevelt Room on Wednesday. From left are Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Vice President Joe Biden, the president, Vermont Gov. Jim Douglas, Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire, and South Dakota Gov. Mike Rounds.

Obama not ruling out health-benefit tax

By DAVID ESPO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Obama left the door open to a new tax on health-care benefits Wednesday, and officials said top lawmakers and the White House were seeking \$150 billion in concessions from the nation's hospitals as they sought support for legislation struggling to emerge in Congress.

"I don't want to pre-judge what they're doing," the president said, referring to proposals in the Senate to tax workers who get expensive insurance policies. Obama, who campaigned against the tax when he ran for president, drew a quick rebuff from one union president.

The chief executive also met with governors and arranged a prime-time, town hall at the White House, the latest in a string of events designed to bend public opinion toward his top domestic initiative to reduce health-care costs while making insurance available to the nearly 50 million Americans who lack it.

The flurry of activity extended to the Capitol, where the administration and its allies hoped for a prominent display of progress in the Senate before Congress begins a weeklong vacation on Friday.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus, D-Mont., labored in a daylong series of meetings to produce at least an outline of legislation that could command bipartisan support. Of the five House and Senate committees working on health care, Finance is the only one that appears to have a chance at such an agreement.

For their part, key Republicans pressed the White House for assurances that any concessions made now would not merely lead to additional demands at a later date. "We want to know the president is working in

good faith along the way as we are," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, after meeting with Nancy-Ann DeParle, the top White House official on the issue.

Baucus appeared especially eager to show progress before the exodus from the Capitol began.

To that end, several officials said he was negotiating with representatives of the nation's hospitals, hoping to conclude an agreement that would build on an \$80 billion weekend deal with the pharmaceutical industry.

Hospitals were being asked to accept a reduction of roughly \$155 billion over the next decade in fees they are promised under government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid, according to numerous officials.

Officials at the American Hospital Association and the Federation of American Hospitals said they could not comment on any discussions.

Baucus is seeking similar concessions from nursing homes, insurance companies, medical device makers and possibly others, noting that any legislation would create a huge new pool of customers for industry providers.

At its heart, any legislation is expected to require insurance companies to offer coverage to any applicant, without exclusions or higher premiums for pre-existing medical conditions.

Overall, Baucus has said he hopes to hold the size of any legislation to \$1 trillion or less, and in private negotiations, there were discussions about further scaling back eligibility for insurance subsidies from the government.

Additionally, Baucus was still searching for ways to cover the cost of his emerging legislation, and numerous officials said he appeared roughly \$200 billion shy of achieving that goal. They added that a proposal to make it harder

for taxpayers to itemize their medical expenses was drawing renewed interest among key senators as one way to raise revenue.

Current law allows those expenses to be itemized when they exceed 7.5 percent of adjusted gross income. The proposal under review would raise that to 10 percent, officials said.

At the White House, Obama sidestepped when asked if he was open to taxing health-care benefits — a proposal he opposed vigorously in the campaign for the White House.

"I have identified the ways that I think we should finance this. I think Congress should adopt them. I'm going to wait and see what ideas ultimately they come up with," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"I don't want to pre-judge what they're doing. We've put forward what we think is best."

Organized labor weighed in quickly.

Gerald W. McEntee, president of the 1.6 million-member American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, said in an interview that union leaders believe Obama is "a person of his word." He was referring to Obama's opposition to taxing those benefits during last year's campaign.

"They're not going to take it," McEntee said of workers' views of that proposal. "They're not going to tolerate that."

It was the latest in a series of signs of presidential flexibility. On Tuesday, he left open the possibility that he could sign legislation that does not contain an option for a government-run insurance plan. And he has said recently he could accept a requirement for individuals to buy insurance, a position he opposed in the campaign.

AP writers Erica Werner, Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, Charles Babington, and Alan Fram contributed to this report.

'Dollar stores' still faring well



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Merchandise sits in the window of the Dollar Tree on Sycamore Street on Wednesday. All items at the Dollar Tree are \$1 or less before taxes, bringing more consumers through its doors because of the economic recession.

By MICHELLE BORYCA
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Iowa City resident Lori Skoff is well-aware of how much further her money can go by shopping at the right places. She admits she's a frequent shopper at Iowa City's Dollar Tree and Dollar General.

Skoff's favorite purchases are the "knockoff pull-ups" for her 4-year-old. The graduated diapers would cost her nearly \$17 at a retail chain, but she only pays \$7 at the local dollar store.

The selling point for discount variety store Dollar Tree, 1646½ Sycamore St., is simple: beating the economic recession by offering items for \$1 or less before taxes.

The Dollar Tree has existed for more than 20 years, and the company went public more than 13 years ago. Everything in the store has been \$1 since it opened, said Shelly Davis, a company spokeswoman.

"We're right for the time, we're relevant, and people like to celebrate life's occasions while saving money," Davis said. "Who doesn't like to save money?"

The Dollar Tree has more than 3,600 stores in 48 states. And on May 27, one company figure showed a 38 percent increase in earnings per share in the first quarter, Davis said.

Dollar General, 41 Highway 1 W., is its only competitor in town. A company official could not be reached for comment.

Dollar Tree has four foundation categories: health and beauty, seasonal, party, and food, Davis said. Aside from child necessities, the store is Skoff's choice for party essentials. Whether she needs one-

How to spend \$1

Most commonly purchased household items.

- napkins
 - paper towels
 - detergents
 - trash bags
 - cleaning and laundry supplies
- Source: Consumerreports.org

He understands how dollar stores such as the Dollar Tree can get away with the \$1 price tag — because dollar stores sell those products, their business is bound to rise, he said.



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Daily Break

“ I believe the devil howls every time a human being is moved, and I love to make him miserable. ”

— poet John Graber. See story, 2B

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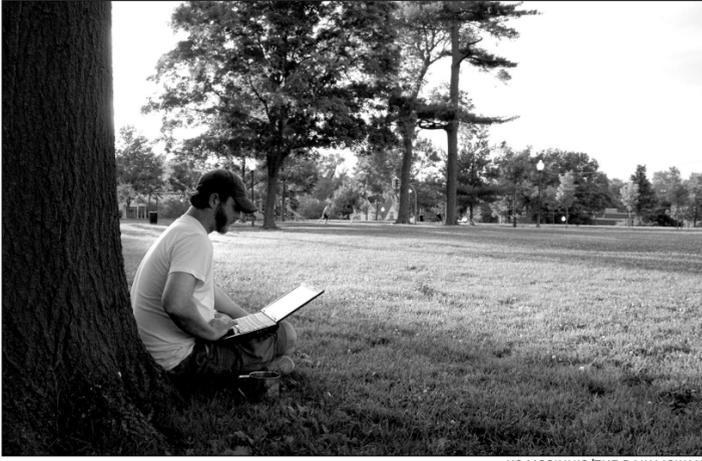
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20 movies I could have believed were porno (had I not already seen them)

- Hard Eight
- Hannah & Her Sisters
- The Bone Collector
 - Big Jake
- The Amazing Doctor Clitterhouse
- The Beast with Five Fingers
- The Banger Sisters
 - The 400 Blows
- The Fox and The Hound
 - Easy Rider
 - Ed Wood
- The General's Daughter
 - Five Easy Pieces
 - Balls of Fury
- Bedknobs and Broomsticks
 - Black Beauty
 - The Gift
 - The Fighting 69th
 - The Firm
 - Head

— Andrew R. Juhl is the sinniest cineaste he knows.

POETRY IN THE PARK



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John Shields works on his laptop at College Green Park on Wednesday. He was writing for a poetry class.

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horoscopes Thursday, June 25 — by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 You need to spend more time developing a skill, hobby, or talent. Doing things with children or friends will allow you to resolve some issues that have been bothering you for some time. Compassion and understanding will be required.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Don't get involved in a fighting match. Being stubborn will not help matters. Find a way to compromise, or you will ruin the upcoming weekend. Now is not the time to make assumptions. Get your facts straight.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You'll be able to clear up any unfinished business if you put your heart into what you are doing. Conversations will help you clarify what needs to be done to make things better both at home and at work. Don't let a private matter be used against you.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Someone will put pressure on you to do things that you don't want to do. It's time to put yourself first. Domestic plans that will add comfort to your life should be your intent.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 You'll be emotionally torn by the events that take place if you haven't cleared up misunderstandings that have plagued you. You must sort through these matters if you don't want to suffer personal, emotional, and financial loss.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Plan a getaway, and you'll be sure to have a good time and meet some interesting people. Don't worry if you get a little tongue-tied—you are better at listening, observing, and learning than you are taking the stage and teaching.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Take a position of leadership; you will successfully get the things you want done out of the way. This is your chance to show your talents. Raise funds, volunteer, or just help others in whatever way possible, but don't let someone you are fond of cost you.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You are likely to act on impulse if you don't restrain yourself. Emotional matters will cause you to make irreversible mistakes. Put your efforts into a creative endeavor.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You'll be torn between what you should do and what you want to do. If you work quickly, you may be able to take care of both your responsibilities and your desires. An original approach will interest someone who will be willing to help you out.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 A love relationship will lead to an interesting twist of fate and will help you make a decision you've been toying with for some time. Serious action can be taken with confidence.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You'll be drawn to someone you find interesting. Don't be too quick to let your full intentions be known. Let your friendship grow. There is someone looking out for you? trust this person's judgment.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 You may find it difficult to move forward with a work-related matter because you lack the information you need to complete what's being asked of you. Don't mix your personal and business life or you will have to explain some situations that might make you uncomfortable.

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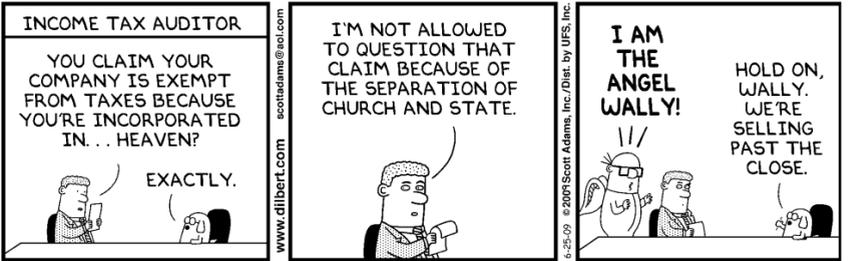
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 1 "Prairie Lights" Archive
 2 Newscast from Germany (in German)
 3 "Java Blend," Music from the Java House
 4:05 UI Special Events, Variety
 4:30 Intelligent Talk Television, News and Events

5:30 Fine Arts Performances, Music and Dance
7 "Java Blend," Music from the Java House
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10:30 UI Special Events, Variety
10:55 "Java Blend," Music from the Java House

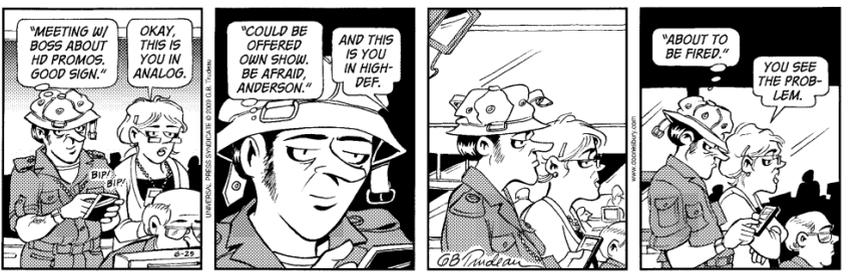
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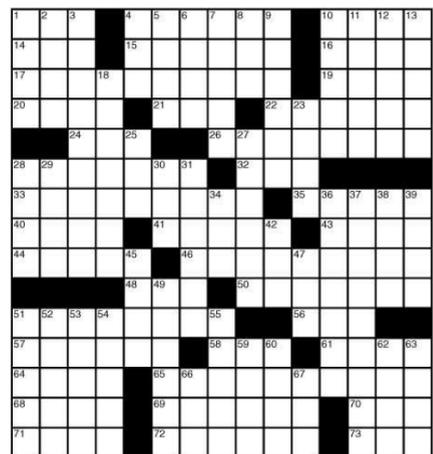
- **Biochemistry Seminar Series, "Animations in the Classroom: Are They Effective Teaching Tools?," Jerry Honts, Drake University, 9 a.m., 1-561 Bowen**
- **Tumble Tots, 9:30 a.m., Performance Health and Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville**
- **Kids Rule Summer Film Series, Bee Movie, 10 a.m., Sycamore 12**
- **Kids Rule Summer Film Series, Bee Movie, 10 a.m., Coral Ridge 10**
- **Stage on the Page Drama Discussion, 10 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.**
- **Wee Read, 10:15 a.m., Coralville Public Library**
- **Fit 4 Fun, 10:30 a.m., Performance Health and Fitness**
- **Factory Tour, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn**
- **Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library**
- **Iowa Summer Writing Festival, Elevenses Literary House, "Myth and the Fairy Tale," Sands Hall, 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East**
- **Wee Read, 11:15 a.m., Coralville Public Library**
- **Citrix Geek Speak, 1 p.m., Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center, 1220 First Ave., Coralville**
- **Teen Tech Zone, 1 p.m., Iowa City Public Library**
- **Happy Feet: Dancing Around the World, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library**
- **Preschool Play Program, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library**
- **Tea Time Program, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn**
- **Knit a Dishcloth, 3 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop**
- **Coralville Farmers' Market, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St.**
- **Heartland Yoga Birthday Week, 5 p.m., Heartland Yoga, 221 E. College**
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Thursday Night Leisure Rides, 6 p.m., Best Buy, Coral Ridge Mall**

- **Ladies' Night of Indulgence, 6 p.m., WellSpring Chiropractic, 426 Highway 1 W.**
- **Music in the Park, 6:30 p.m., S.T. Morrison Park, Coralville**
- **Parties in the Park, 6:30 p.m., South Hickory Hill Park**
- **Backyard Composting, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library**
- **Joe Ehrmann, 7 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington**
- **Global Mourning Protest for Fallen Victims in Iran, 7-8:30 p.m., Pedestrian Mall**
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," John Graber and Bruce Bond, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque**
- **Momentum Game Night, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library**
- **Roadsworth, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou**
- **Thursdays at the Figge, Pamela White, UI Museum of Art interim director, will present a talk about Abstract Expressionist artist Jackson Pollock, 7 p.m., Figge Art Museum, 225 W. Second St., Davenport**
- **Writer's Workshop, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall**
- **Iowa Jazz Camp Faculty Recital, 8 p.m., 180 Museum of Art**
- **Iowa Summer Rep, The Clean House, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre**
- **Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival, A Midsummer Night's Dream, 8 p.m., Riverside Festival Stage, Lower City Park**
- **Drinking Liberally, 8 p.m., Old Capitol Brew Works, 525 S. Gilbert**
- **Free Karaoke, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville**
- **Kol Shira, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington**
- **Big D's Karaoke Jamz, 9 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Ridge Court, Coralville**
- **Daylight Savings Account, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn**
- **Kustom Karaoke, 9 p.m., Drinks Neighborhood Pub, 245 Beaver Kreek Center, North Liberty**

The New York Times Crossword

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- 1970 hit for the Jackson 5
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 - What a loose thread might be
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 - English princess
 - Sender of monthly checks: Abbr.
 - Fix, as a pump
 - Present addition
 - Air in a sooty shaft?
 - Removed roughly
 - Big Apple sch.
 - Sly little dog?
 - One stuck in the can
 - Third in a Latin series
 - Carefully search
 - Short evening?
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 - Celebration for a Disney dwarf?
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 - Like words?
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 - Do sum work
 - Picasso/Braque movement
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 - Recent arrival
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 - 29 "___ Own" (song from "Les Miz")
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	37	32	.536	—
New York	36	34	.514	1½
Florida	37	36	.507	2
Atlanta	34	37	.479	4
Washington	20	49	.290	17
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	40	33	.548	—
Milwaukee	38	33	.535	1
Chicago	34	34	.500	3½
Cincinnati	34	36	.486	4½
Houston	32	37	.464	6
Pittsburgh	32	39	.451	7
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	47	25	.653	—
San Francisco	39	32	.549	7½
Colorado	37	35	.514	10
San Diego	39	44	.467	15
Arizona	30	42	.417	17

Wednesday's Games
N.Y. Mets 11, St. Louis 0
Today's Games
St. Louis (Carpenter 5-1) at N.Y. Mets (J. Santana 8-5), 12:10 p.m.
Friday's Games
San Francisco at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	44	27	.620	—
New York	39	32	.549	5
Toronto	40	33	.548	5
Tampa Bay	38	35	.521	7
Baltimore	32	39	.451	12
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	40	31	.563	—
Minnesota	36	37	.493	5
Chicago	34	37	.479	6
Kansas City	31	39	.443	8½
Cleveland	30	43	.411	11
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	38	32	.543	—
Texas	38	32	.543	—
Seattle	36	35	.507	2½
Oakland	31	40	.437	7½

Wednesday's Interleague Games
Boston 6, Washington 4
Detroit 5, Chicago Cubs 3
Pittsburgh 10, Cleveland 6
Toronto 8, Cincinnati 2
Tampa Bay 7, Philadelphia 1
Florida 5, Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees 8, Atlanta 4
Kansas City 4, Houston 3, 11 innings
Milwaukee 4, Minnesota 3
Chicago White Sox 10, L.A. Dodgers 7
Texas 2, Arizona 1
L.A. Angels 11, Colorado 3
San Francisco 6, Oakland 3
Seattle 4, San Diego 3
Today's Interleague Games
Chicago Cubs (Lilly 7-4) at Detroit (Galaraga 3-7), 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Bannister 5-4) at Houston (Moehler 4-4), 1:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 9-3) at Chicago White Sox (Richard 2-1), 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota (S. Baker 4-6) at Milwaukee (Burns 0-0), 1:05 p.m.
San Diego (LeBlanc 0-0) at Seattle (Washburn 3-5), 3:40 p.m.
Boston (Smoltz 0-0) at Washington (Zimmermann 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (C. Lee 4-6) at Pittsburgh (Ohlendorf 6-6), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Couto 6-4) at Toronto (Cecil 2-1), 6:07 p.m.
Philadelphia (Bastardo 2-2) at Tampa Bay (Sonnastine 5-7), 6:08 p.m.
Baltimore (R. Hill 3-1) at Florida (West 2-2), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 7-3) at Atlanta (D. Lowe 7-5), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Feldman 5-2) at Arizona (Garland 4-7), 8:40 p.m.
Friday's Interleague Games
Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
Washington at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m.
Florida at Tampa Bay, 6:38 p.m.
Detroit at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Texas, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
Colorado at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
Seattle at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Minnesota 5, Phoenix 3, .625 ½
San Antonio 5, Los Angeles 2, .400 2
Sacramento 2, 4 .333 2½
Wednesday's Game
No games scheduled
Today's Games
Phoenix at Washington, 6 p.m.

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At Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha, Neb. Championship Series
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Tuesday, June 23: Texas 5, LSU 1, series tied 1-1
Wednesday's Game: LSU 11, Texas 4, LSU wins series 2-1

WIMBLEDON AT A GLANCE
WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — A look at Wimbledon on Wednesday:
Weather: Sunny. High of 75 degrees.
Attendance: 46,826, the third day in a row the tournament's single-day record has been broken. It's also an increase of 5,991 over Day 3 in 2008.
Men's Seeded Winners: No. 2 Roger Federer, No. 4 Novak Djokovic, No. 7 Fernando Verdasco, No. 9 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, No. 11 Marin Cilic, No. 13 Robin Soderling, No. 15 Tommy Robredo, No. 22 Ivo Karlovic, No. 24 Tommy Haas, No. 27 Philipp Kohlschreiber, No. 28 Marry Fish, No. 29 Igor Andreev, No. 32 Albert Montanes.
Men's Seeded Losers: No. 18 Rainer Schuettler.
Women's Seeded Winners: No. 2 Serena Williams, No. 4 Elena Dementieva, No. 7 Vera Zvonareva, No. 8 Victoria Azarenka, No. 10 Nadia Petrova, No. 12 Marion Bartoli, No. 14 Dominika Cibulkova, No. 26 Virginie Razzano, No. 28 Sorana Cirstea.
Women's Seeded Losers: No. 16 Zheng Jie, No. 24 Maria Sharapova, No. 27 Alisa Kleybanova, No. 31 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova.
Stat of the Day: 9 — Double-faults by 2004 champion Sharapova, seven in the final set, during her 6-2, 3-6, 6-4 loss to Gisela Dulko of Argentina.
On Court Today: No. 3 Andy Murray vs. Ernests Gulbis, No. 5 Juan Martin del Potro vs. Lleyton Hewitt, No. 6 Andy Roddick vs. Igor Kunitsyn; No. 1 Dinara Safina vs. Rossana de los Rios, No. 3 Venus Williams vs. Kateryna Bondarenko.
Today's TV: ESPN2, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.
On the Web: <http://www.wimbledon.org>

TRANSACTIONS
BASEBALL
American League
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Agreed to terms with OF Jordan Henry, INF Casey Frawley and INF Greg Folgia. Assigned RHP Greg Aquino outright to Columbus (IL). Traded 1B Michael Aubrey to Baltimore for a player to be named. Acquired RHP Jose Veras from the N.Y. Yankees for cash.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with SS Scott Lyons, 2B Benjamin Tschechikow, LHP Jonathon Keck, OF Anthony Howard and RHP Scott Shimek. Assigned Lyons to the Arizona Rookie League and Tschechikow to Idaho Falls (Pioneer).
NEW YORK YANKEES—Activated INF Cody Ransom from the 60-day DL and designated INF Angel Berroa for assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Placed LHP Josh Outman on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 20. Recalled LHP Gio Gonzalez from Sacramento (PCL).
National League
FLORIDA MARLINS—Placed RHP Matt Lindstrom on the 15-day DL. Called up RHP Chris Leroux from Jacksonville (SL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Recalled RHP Mike Burns from Nashville (PCL).
NEW YORK METS—Purchased the contract of INF Argenis Reyes from Buffalo (IL). Designated LHP Jon Switzer for assignment.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Jerry Sullivan, C Jason Hagerly, RHP Miles Mikolas and LHP Ryan Hinson.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Agreed to terms with INF Chris Dominguez.
2010 second-round draft pick.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed DE Julius Peppers to a one-year contract and CB Captain Munnerlyn. Waived RB Markus Mansson and CB Reggie Sullivan.
DENVER BRONCOS—Acquired WR C.J. Jones off waivers from Kansas City.
GREEN BAY PACKERS—Signed WR Greg Jennings to a contract extension.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Released QB Alex Brink, LB Kevis Coley, P Justin Brantley and T Doug Dedrick.

Teen hurler faces choice

By SEAN MORGAN
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Matt Dermody is being asked to do a lot lately.

He's being asked to put his education on the back burner and gamble on his future. He's being asked to put his dream on hold and take time to grow.

These are not decisions most people his age are faced with, but if this month has proven anything, Dermody will be making a tough choice at summer's end.



Dermody recruit

The 6-5, 190-pound high-school senior from Norwalk, Iowa, was drafted in the 26th round of the 2009 MLB draft by the Pittsburgh Pirates. If he chooses not to sign a professional contract, Dermody will play at Iowa for head coach Jack Dahm.

"It's a tough decision," Dermody said. "The Pirates are going to be looking at me all through the summer and give me a number."

College or the pros. Education or a dream. This decision would be a difficult one for many. The pressure became greater shortly after Dermody was drafted.

In a game between Norwalk and South Tama, Dermody pitched a perfect game. What made his performance unique was how he accomplished the fabled baseball feat — he struck out all 18 South Tama hitters he faced, a first for Iowa prep baseball. He did so using a fastball that falls around 85-87 miles per hour, a developing 12-6 curve ball, and his out pitch, his changeup.

"My biggest strength is that I can blow my fastball by hitters at the high-school level," Dermody said. "At the next level, I

need to develop my off-speed pitches."

His outing reached national proportions and was featured on "SportsCenter."

In charge of keeping things normal during the unexpected national spotlight is Norwalk head coach Chad Wiedmann.

"Everyone is shocked," he said. "We had to keep our focus on going to the ballpark every day."

The coach said he is not trying to influence the decision Dermody will make later this summer.

"We talked about it a little bit," said Wiedmann, who once coached Washington National pitcher Joel Hanrahan as an assistant. "His family and friends will help him decide what's in his best interest."

One friend helping Dermody through this decision is teammate and fellow pitcher Kole Klocko. Following Dermody's perfect game, Klocko, a junior, also pitched a no-hitter in the second game of the double-header with South Tama. Dermody homered in both games, and Klocko recorded doubles in each contest.

"I've asked [Dermody] the question a lot," Klocko said. "I'm thinking he's leaning toward college."

If Dermody chooses to bypass the Pirates for the Hawkeyes, he would be eligible for the draft again, by his estimation, his junior year. He has posted a 4-0 record with an ERA of 0.29 and 54 strikeouts. Dermody is also batting .442 with a team-leading four home runs and 16 runs batted in.

At the end of his junior season at Norwalk, Dermody was ranked in the top 500 players by Perfect Game Crosschecker and had 135 strikeouts with only 15 walks.

There are 50 rounds in the MLB draft that includes players from the prep and collegiate levels.

BASKETBALL

Junior Jordan dropping basketball for studies

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Michael Jordan's son, Jeff, is leaving Illinois after two seasons.

The former walk-on guard surprised nearly everyone Wednesday by announcing that he plans to focus on his studies, just a few months after Illinois coach Bruce Weber said Jordan had a chance to earn more playing time and even a leadership role during his junior year.

"I loved playing for the Fighting Illini and appreciate the support I was given by my teammates, coaches and the great fans here," Jordan in a statement. "But I have come to the point where I'm ready to focus on life after basketball."

Jordan got a scholarship before the 2009 spring semester. In all, he appeared in 59 career games, totaling 58 points, 42 assists, and 24 rebounds. A defensive specialist, Jordan averaged 8.4 minutes as a sophomore after playing 5.3 minutes per game as a true freshman.

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Camp has course of learning

The Iowa Junior Golf Camp comes to a conclusion today.

By ZACH CHRISWELL
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At Finkbine Golf Course this week, young kids and teenagers ages 10 to 18 showed off their best golf games.

The Iowa Junior Golf Camp, which began Sunday and concludes today, aims to teach kids more than just a golf swing. Golf tournaments, golf-course etiquette, and being competitive are among things discussed.

The camp is headed by men's head golf coach Mark Hankins. He said he loves the opportunity the camp provides participants.

"I've been coaching golf camps for 22 years now, and there are a lot of things you accomplish ... It's a lot of fun to work with kids in general," he said. "You allow these kids to come on campus, most of them stay right here in the dorms, in Hillcrest, and they actually get to experience the University of Iowa at a young age."

A regular camp day consists of breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by learning sessions, lunch, golfing with on-course instruction, dinner, evening learning, and then camp activities.



Ben Wiesnoski, 15, hits out of a sand trap on Finkbine's second hole during the Iowa Junior Golf Camp on Tuesday. Typical days at this week's camp consist of learning sessions, swing analysis, and on-course golf practice.

Today, there is a tournament and skills competition, followed by an awards ceremony to conclude the week.

Among the awards to be handed out today include Camper of the Week, Most Improved, and other accolades to be given out for the skills contests.

Hankins said there could be tremendous potential in some of the kids, but seeking that is not among the top priorities.

"We definitely notice some of the 13- and 14-year-olds who have a lot of potential," he said. "There's always one or two kids in here who are really impressive, but they're young."

Also working with the kids is Hankins' assistant

coach, Tyler Stith. He looks forward to getting the young kids from Iowa and throughout the Midwest to introduce them to the golf program. He acknowledges it varies when it comes to changes in the kids' golf games.

"A lot of the kids, they might pick up stuff right away; some of the kids might take two or three days," Stith said. "Some of the campers we had last year, I had noticed a big change in their games from last year to this year. Everybody learns at different levels or different speeds, everyone learns in different ways, but there is definitely improvement from Day One to the end of camp."

Stith believes the camp's

purpose is to help the kids participating with achieving goals.

"It might be different for each individual. Some of the kids here want to play collegiate golf, some of the kids here want to play on their high-school team," he said. "So it's our job to find out what their goals are, and to help them accomplish those goals."

Hankins said this year's crop of campers have some talent but need to be shown the right direction. "These kids are young ... when you change their golf swing, they don't even remember their old golf swing," he said. "It's awesome to watch the transformation with some of these kids."

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Peers, ex-players remember coach

THOMAS
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"I was totally surprised. [Becker] played next to me on the line, and it didn't seem like he had any problems that would lead to something like that," Walters said.

Walters said that to only discuss Thomas' football career would be cheating the coach, because he did so much more.

"He always said that if you only learned about football coming out of high school that he failed as a coach," Walters said. "He was all about helping young men out, teaching them how to be members of their church, and teaching them how to be members of the community."

"Whenever he would lecture at a clinic, he would talk before packed houses, and his talks always, regardless of whether it was Xs and Os, blocking, tackling, it was always about kids."

— Reese Morgan, Iowa's offensive line coach

Meester, who plays for the Jacksonville Jaguars, said Thomas' effort in rebuilding the school's football field was unmatched, and he noted that the coach had the ability to instill a strong work ethic in his players.

"One of his biggest things was getting each kid to reach his full potential," Meester said in a statement on Wednesday.

"He cared for each and every one of us who went through that program. He's been such an inspirational guy to myself and to everybody."

Kampman, a two-time Pro Bowler who plays for the Green Bay Packers, said Thomas was very special to him, and the coach's religious standing brings some peace to those mourning.

"I believe his greatest legacy comes not in how many football games he won or lost but in the fact that he was a committed follower of Jesus Christ," Kampman said in a statement on Wednesday. "His faith in Christ pervaded everything he did, and that is why in the midst of the heartache we all feel there is comfort in knowing he is with his Savior."

Reese Morgan, Iowa's offensive line coach, who knew Thomas for over 30 years, agreed with Kampman's sentiments and said Thomas had a deep faith, which he was proud to talk about publicly. Thomas' focus was always on those he was advising, Morgan said.

"Whenever he would lecture at a clinic, he would talk before packed houses, and his talks always, regardless of whether it was Xs and Os, blocking, tackling, it was always about kids," Morgan said. "He always put kids first, and any young man who has been in his program is a much better person because of Ed and the effect he's had on all their lives."

Phil Lebo, a former football coach at Grundy Center, echoed what Morgan had to say.

"The simplest way to say it is that if you had a son,

'But as good of a coach he was, he was a better person. Those who had him as a teacher or a coach are better people because they knew him.'

— Mike Moore, a football coach at City High

you'd want Ed to be his football coach," Lebo said. "He taught young men how to grow up to be men. Not only in football, but in life. He was a student of the game and a great person."

DeVries, who plays for the Detroit Lions, said Thomas was like another parent to him, and the coach's wisdom has been with him throughout his career.

"He truly epitomized everything that is good about high-school football and all the things it can teach young men," DeVries said in a statement. "Aaron [Kampman], Brad [Meester], Casey [Wiegmann], and I were so proud when he was named the NFL's High School Coach of the Year in 2005."

Included in Thomas' coaching credentials alongside his coach of the year award is a 292-84 career record in 37 seasons of coaching. He also led the Falcons to 19 playoff appearances, including two state titles in 1993 with DeVries and Meester and also in 2001.

Iowa Gov. Chet Culver, a former football coach himself, said he had always admired Thomas.

"The state and national coaching fraternity has

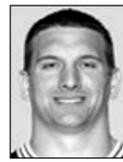
suffered a devastating loss," Culver said in a statement. "As we mourn the passing of Coach Thomas, it is my hope we can all continue to learn from his example."

A vigil attended by thousands was held for Thomas at the school's football field Wednesday night in Parkersburg.

Mike Moore, a football coach at City High, played football with Thomas' younger brother, Greg, at Iowa Central. As he was helping out with Tim Dwight's football camp on Wednesday, Moore described the news as stunning.

"If there is one person in the world who coaches football, he would be the last person who would have someone disgruntled with him," Moore said. "But as good of a coach he was, he was a better person. Those who had him as a teacher or a coach are better people because they knew him."

DI reporters J.T. Bugos and Chris Clark contributed to this story.



'I believe his greatest legacy comes not in how many football games he won or lost but in the fact that he was a committed follower of Jesus Christ. He lived his life trying to exemplify this faith and convey those values to those under his influence.'

— Aaron Kampman, Green Bay Packer linebacker



'This is a devastating loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Thomas family and countless people who are better individuals because of their relationship with Ed Thomas.'

— Paul Rhoads, Iowa State football coach



'He's one of those guys who truly cared about every player who was in that program.'

— Brad Meester, Jacksonville Jaguar offensive lineman

U.S. shocks Spain

By **RAF CASERT**
Associated Press

BLOEMFONTEIN, South Africa — The world will surely take notice of this.

The U.S. soccer team is in the final of the Confederations Cup, beating mighty Spain 2-0.

Even more stunning, the Americans were on the verge of elimination and ready to head home last weekend before a reversal of fortune. On Wednesday, goals by Jozy Altidore and Clint Dempsey led to an upset of the planet's top-ranked team.

Call it a miracle on grass — maybe not the World Cup, but still an American soccer echo of the U.S. hockey team's upset of the Soviet Union at the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics.

By winning, the maligned United States advanced to its first men's FIFA final since starting play in 1916.

Altidore scored in the 27th minute, and Dempsey added a goal in the 74th as the Americans became the first team to defeat Spain since Romania in November 2006.

"It goes to show what hard work and commitment to each other can bring," said U.S. goalkeeper Tim Howard, who made eight saves as he frustrated David Villa and Fernando Torres. "Sometimes,

football is a funny thing."

Now the United States will play defending champion Brazil or host South Africa in the final on June 28, which concludes a two-week tournament designed to prepare the organizers of next year's World Cup.

"Regardless of whether we play Brazil or the Bafana Bafana, the challenge will be great," U.S. coach Bob Bradley said.

Midfielder Michael Bradley, son of the U.S. coach, will miss the final. He received a red card for a late challenge in the 87th minute, the third American ejection of the tournament.

Still, American players had much to celebrate, given how slim the chances of such a U.S. victory seemed just a few days ago. Or any victory, for that matter. The 14th-ranked Americans were soundly defeated in their first two games in this event.

"I think it just shows that we can compete with the best. Now we need to do it on a consistent basis," U.S. captain Carlos Bocanegra said.

Spain, the European champion, had set an international record with 15-straight victories and had tied Brazil's record unbeaten streak of 35 games from December 1993 to January 1996.

The United States had been 1-7-1 against No. 1 teams, beating Brazil in the 1998 CONCACAF Gold Cup and tying Argentina last summer in an exhibition at Giants Stadium.

"This is an accident, a little step backward," Spain coach Vicente del Bosque said. "We have to look forward with optimism."

"I told him, 'Be careful of the USA.' And he tried to say I didn't understand Spanish, so it was just all fun and games," Altidore said. "We're teammates, and we were just messing around with each other a little bit, but in the end we had the last laugh."

Altidore, a 19-year-old forward from New Jersey, was so excited after he scored that he took off his jersey as he ran toward the stands in celebration, drawing a yellow card. It was the first goal against Spain in 451 minutes, since Turkey's Semih Senturk scored on April 1, and just the third goal the Spaniards allowed in 17 games dating to last summer's European Championship.

Dempsey sealed the victory, scoring from 6 yards when he pounced on Landon Donovan's cross, which had bounced off Gerard Pique and the foot of Sergio Ramos.

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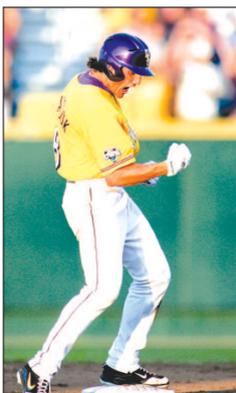
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NCAA BASEBALL

5-run 6th inning propels LSU

OMAHA (AP) — LSU, which two years ago wasn't good enough to qualify for its conference tournament, is the best team in college baseball again.

The Tigers won their sixth national title Wednesday night, breaking open Game 3 of the College World Series finals with a five-run sixth inning that carried them to an 11-4 victory over Texas.

Jared Mitchell hit a three-run homer in the first inning as LSU (56-17) built a 4-0 lead. Texas (50-16-1) pulled even, but Mikie Mahtook's tie-breaking double ignited the Tigers' big sixth against the mistake-prone Longhorns.

"It's everybody pulling together, a sense of urgency we had, and we began to play our best ball at the end of the year," said Mitchell, voted the Series' Most Outstanding Player.

Mitchell added to the title he earned as a wide receiver on the 2007 LSU team that won the BCS championship. Earlier this month, he was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the first round.

It was the first national title for coach Paul Mainieri, who played his freshman year at LSU in 1976 and returned to the school after coaching stops at St. Thomas (Fla.), Air Force, and Notre Dame.

FOOTBALL

Football starting times announced

Two more start times for 2009 Iowa football games were announced on Wednesday, and now seven of the Hawkeyes' first eight contests have had times determined.

The kickoffs for Iowa's home-opener against Northern Iowa on Sept. 5, as well as the Sept. 19 date at Kinnick Stadium against Arizona are now set. The Hawkeyes and Panthers will meet at 11 a.m., and the game will be carried by the Big Ten Network. Iowa's game with Arizona will kick off at 2:30 p.m. and be televised by ABC/ESPN2.

Among the other Hawkeye games already determined are the in-state rivalry with Iowa State and Iowa's first four Big Ten contests. The battle with the Cyclones on Sept. 12 in Ames will have an 11 a.m. kickoff and be televised by Fox Sports Net. As for the Big Ten games, three of the four are night games — at Penn State, vs. Michigan, and at Michigan State.

The Oct. 17 contest against the Wisconsin Badgers in Madison will have an 11 a.m. kickoff. No television carrier has been decided yet for this game.

— by Brendan Stiles

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 • 2009 NBA Draft, 6:30 p.m., ESPN

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This Sept. 5, 2008, photo shows Aplington-Parkersburg High School Athletics Director Ed Thomas leading his team onto the field for the start of their game against West Marshall High School in Parkersburg, Iowa. Aplington-Parkersburg High School officials said on Wednesday that Thomas was shot and killed in the school's weight room.

Much more than a coach

The slaying of Aplington-Parkersburg football icon Ed Thomas on Wednesday sends shock waves across the state of Iowa. Many coaches, former players, and others who knew him well shared their thoughts not just about Thomas as a football coach, but as a community figurehead and devout man of faith.

By CLARK CAHILL
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Though Ed Thomas was killed roughly 120 miles from Iowa City in the small town of Parkersburg, the impact of his death struck the heart of Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz and reverberated throughout Iowa.

"It's just a tragic, tragic loss, not only for the community of Parkersburg but for our entire state. I think it certainly extends beyond our state, too," Ferentz said in an audio statement released to Iowa media. "Ed Thomas is a person that just had a tremendous influence on an awful lot of people. I just feel terrible for everybody, especially Ed's family."

Thomas, who was the head football coach and athletics director at Aplington-Parkersburg High School, was shot and killed Wednesday inside the school's weight room. Mark Becker, a 24-year-old former student who played football for Thomas, has been charged with murder. Thomas was 58.

Ferentz lauded Thomas' character as a coach, teacher, and community leader.

"He's just such a respected person in our profession, in the profession of education and coaching throughout our state, and I'd venture to say on a national basis," he said.

Thomas, who coached four current NFL players — including former Iowa standouts Aaron Kampman, Jared DeVries, and Casey Wiegmann — gained national attention last year after the town of 1,800 was devastated by a tornado in May 2008. The F5 tornado killed six people, wiping out the school and its football field — named in Thomas' honor.

The coach insisted on repairing the field for play by the start of September in what ended up being his final season.

"It is important to have something in Parkersburg, and we play football here," Thomas told the *DI* in June 2008.

Ferentz, along with approximately 40 Iowa football players made the journey there to help clean up and the community regain its playing field.

"People that I know, like Ed Thomas, have a remarkable spirit, and we wanted to see what we

ON THE WEB

- Complete audio of Kirk Ferentz's statements about Thomas
- An AP photo and audio slide show from Parkersburg
- Text of the statements from Jaguar center Brad Meester, Packer linebacker Aaron Kampman, Iowa State head coach Paul Rhoads, and more

could do to help," Ferentz told the *DI* in June 2008 as the team picked up debris.

DeVries, Wiegmann, and former Northern Iowa player Brad Meester all made an effort to help their hometown, holding an autograph-signing session and silent auction fundraiser in Cedar Falls in June 2008, with all proceeds aiding the Aplington and Parkersburg communities.

After contributions from all over the state, Aplington-Parkersburg was able to play its first home game after the tornado as scheduled.

Nick Walters, a former player for Thomas and teammate of Becker, said he got along with the suspect and noted Becker had many friends in high school.



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People react to the shooting of Aplington-Parkersburg football coach Ed Thomas Wednesday, in Parkersburg, Iowa. Mark Becker, a 24-year-old former Aplington-Parkersburg High School football player, allegedly walked into the school's weight room Wednesday morning and fatally shot his former coach. Sheriff's deputies arrested him at a nearby home a short time later, authorities said.



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A sign stands over the Aplington-Parkersburg High School football field Wednesday in Parkersburg, Iowa. A gunman shot Aplington-Parkersburg High School football coach Ed Thomas in the school's weight room early Wednesday morning.



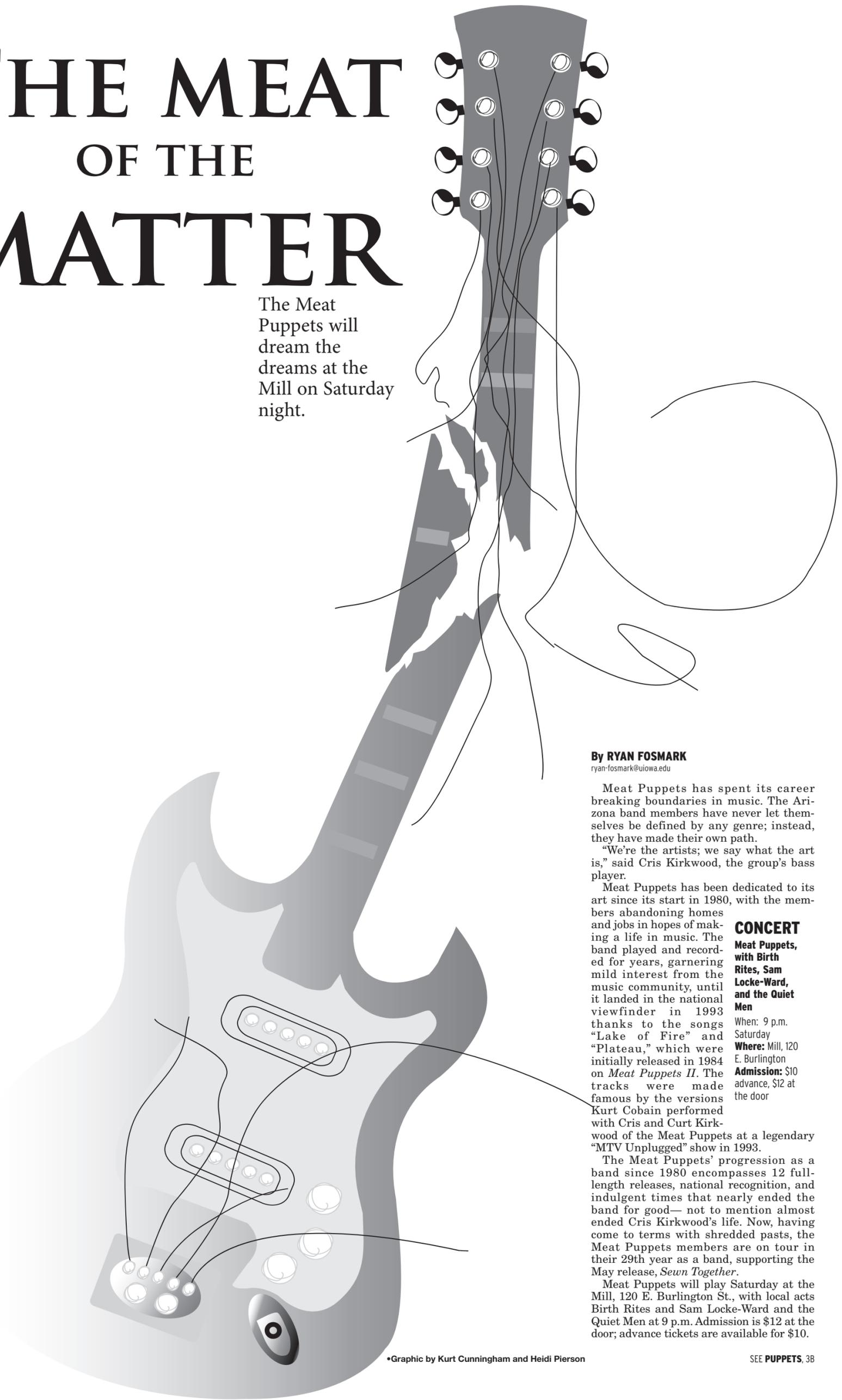
World music makers

Local band Kol Shira will play the Mill tonight. The all-woman group sings music in more than 12 different languages.

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THE MEAT OF THE MATTER

The Meat Puppets will dream the dreams at the Mill on Saturday night.



By **RYAN FOSMARK**
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Meat Puppets has spent its career breaking boundaries in music. The Arizona band members have never let themselves be defined by any genre; instead, they have made their own path.

"We're the artists; we say what the art is," said Cris Kirkwood, the group's bass player.

Meat Puppets has been dedicated to its art since its start in 1980, with the members abandoning homes and jobs in hopes of making a life in music. The band played and recorded for years, garnering mild interest from the music community, until it landed in the national viewfinder in 1993 thanks to the songs "Lake of Fire" and "Plateau," which were initially released in 1984 on *Meat Puppets II*. The tracks were made famous by the versions Kurt Cobain performed with Cris and Curt Kirkwood of the Meat Puppets at a legendary "MTV Unplugged" show in 1993.

The Meat Puppets' progression as a band since 1980 encompasses 12 full-length releases, national recognition, and indulgent times that nearly ended the band for good— not to mention almost ended Cris Kirkwood's life. Now, having come to terms with shredded pasts, the Meat Puppets members are on tour in their 29th year as a band, supporting the May release, *Sewn Together*.

Meat Puppets will play Saturday at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St., with local acts Birth Rites and Sam Locke-Ward and the Quiet Men at 9 p.m. Admission is \$12 at the door; advance tickets are available for \$10.

CONCERT

Meat Puppets, with Birth Rites, Sam Locke-Ward, and the Quiet Men

When: 9 p.m.
Saturday
Where: Mill, 120 E. Burlington
Admission: \$10 advance, \$12 at the door

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ON THE WEB

Love poetry? We do. Check out dailyiowan.com to read excerpts from *Blind Rain*, the latest poetry collection from musician-turned-poet Bruce Bond.

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Want to have a say about Jon & Kate's divorce? How do you feel about Perez Hilton's encounter with will.i.am? Tweet us your thoughts! Your loyal *DI* Arts staff has joined Twitter. Follow us at [dailyiowanarts](https://twitter.com/dailyiowanarts) to stay updated on breaking arts news.



NEW MOVIES OPENING THIS WEEKEND



Transformers 2: Revenge of the Fallen

Coral Ridge 10, Sycamore 12

Transformers 2: Revenge of the Fallen brings explosions, giant robots, and extensive special effects to the big screen. The Michael Bay film has Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf) returning alongside the Autobots to help save the world from the evil Decepticons. Mikaela Banes (Megan Fox) co-stars.



My Sister's Keeper

Coral Ridge 10, Sycamore 12

My Sister's Keeper tells the story of the young Anna Fitzgerald (Abigail Breslin) who fights a legal battle to earn medical emancipation from her parents, Sara Fitzgerald (Cameron Diaz) and Brian Fitzgerald (Jason Patric). Anna fights for her independence after a kidney transplant is planned that could save her leukemia-stricken sister Kate's (Sofia Vassilieva) life.

AT THE BIJOU



Sita Sings the Blues

Showtimes: 7 and 9 p.m. Friday; 5, 7, and 9 p.m. Saturday; 3 and 5 p.m. June 28
The Bijou gets emotional in the animated *Sita Sings the Blues*, which tells stories of relationships gone bad in two different eras. The first story involves the goddess Sita calling it quits with god Rama, and the second tells the tale of the modern couple Nina and Dave. Much like the title implies, there is plenty of singing and dancing to accompany the relationship drama.

TRACKS FROM THE PAST

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

Ten years ago, Lou Bega dominated the international charts with his hit single "Mambo No. 5." The track set an unprecedented — and as of yet unbeaten — record in France, topping the charts for 20 weeks. With Bega's flashy style and catchy tunes, the man brought womanizing lyrics and loud trumpets to the forefront of popular music.

A Little Bit of Mambo was hot with all groups. Bega had that suave, old-time charm that older crowds found irresistible, and, should the lyrics to his songs prove truthful, he was the king of wooing the ladies. He had girls everywhere, or so he attested to in the tune "I Got a Girl." He had a girl in Paris, a girl in Rome, he even had a girl in the Vatican Dome. Unfortunately, it seemed as though all of his songs were an attempt at the same basic plan — to let people know Bega likes women a lot, over a catchy jingle.

Bega's music videos were always the flashiest of flashy — a mix between modern-day Ying Yang Twins videos mixed with Ricky Martin's "Livin' la Vida Loca." Bega's tasteful suits and sparkling smile in the video for "Tricky, Tricky," the album's fifth track, complemented all the twirling, seductive women and managed to cover up the lack of good dance moves. But dancing aside, Bega's über-catchy songs and lady's man attitude earned his single "Mambo No. 5" a slot in the bank of songs that listeners everywhere still love — except when it gets stuck in their heads.

— by Ryan Fosmark



**A Little Bit
of Mambo
by Lou Bega**
Released
1999

Songs beyond language

World-music group Kol Shira brings its eclectic sound to the Mill tonight, creating an atmosphere of celebration and unity.

By ERIC SUNDERMANN
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Six women sitting around a table — chatting and laughing at 100 mph — is quite intimidating for an outsider. For Kol Shira, Iowa City's own world-music group, it's just a typical night.

"If we know we have songs to work on, first we chat [and] get it out of our system for a few minutes," lead vocalist Valerie Davine Bills said. "We all talk over each other a bit. But there is a lot of discussion — does this sound OK? What about this harmony? Do you want to do it this way? How do you want the intro/outro/interlude?"

Cello player Julie Anolik Cassell often needs to put up a sign that says "focus," just to get the group back on track.

Kol Shira, which means "voice of song" in Hebrew, will take the stage at 7 p.m. today at the Mill, 120 E. Burlington St. Admission is \$6.

The six-piece all-woman ensemble's repertoire comprises music from all over the world and includes more than 12 languages. Needless to say, it isn't your typical Iowa City rock band. The group formed almost 20 years ago with current guitarist Deb Singer and bass player Linda Wertz. More members were gradually added over the years — Bills (lead vocals), Cassell (percussion, cello), Rita Offutt (voice, guitar, percussion), and Karen Charney (flute).

Charney believes the group stands out because of the area the members live in. The eclectic community of Iowa City gives bands such as Kol Shira an opportunity to thrive, she said. The members aren't aware of any similar bands within 100 miles.

"It's a nice niche in Iowa City, which is kind of a



WHITNEY WRIGHT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Kol Shira, which means "Voice of Song", rehearses on Tuesday for its show at the Mill tonight.

CONCERT

Kol Shira

When: 8 p.m. today
Where: Mill, 120 E. Burlington
Admission: \$6

diverse town," Charney said. "There's not another group like us."

This type of group is not only rare in Iowa, Offutt said, but in the United States as well. If a similar group is playing in New York or California, it's usually not from the United States, she said.

"A lot of these other groups come from places such as Israel or Lebanon," she said. "A lot of the more popular singers who do this type of music are from the Middle East or Africa. They come here to do the music."

Although Kol Shira's members aren't fluent in all the languages of the band's music, the women take the time to understand the songs and what they mean, even if it's not word-for-word translations. When Kol Shira first formed, the members played Jewish literature, which eventually led them to the ancient Judeo-Spanish dialect of Ladino.

"We liked that, so we thought, 'OK, we're going to move into Spanish

ON THE WEB

Check out dailyiowan.com for a video and photo slideshow featuring the sounds of local world music band Kol Shira.

"I think we all have our preferences," she said. "I really have a bent for Latin music. I speak Spanish; I like that music."

The band members note that the Internet is a useful tool to find new sounds.

"I discovered other people doing music I liked, and I would say [to the other members] 'Listen to this,' and we'd pick something up and make it into ours." Offutt said. "We listen to a tune, change it, and make it work for us."

The band members believe using such an intense variety of music from all over the world allows them to promote unity among cultures.

Wertz said the band sings one particular song about love that contains seven different languages. "It's about celebrating life."

Ames native joined the military and served in Vietnam. While overseas, Graber was notified that the Iowa Writers' Workshop had accepted his application. He graduated with an M.F.A. in 1972 as one of two poetry students who received a letter of distinction.

Thanksgiving Dawn consists of poems he's written over the span of four decades, and they contain numerous references to nature and the human mind as well as an element of duality.

"Although I am primarily a lyric, Romantic, and somewhat confessional poet, I count my work a failure if it isn't about the reader, too," Graber said. He strives for meaning in his work, and he admittedly would risk cliché if it means his poems don't become hollow.

"I would rather write sentiment and risk sentimentality than write irony and risk cynicism or meaninglessness," Graber said.

The poet has taken pride for being able to accept and handle his mental illness and find the gift of grace in weighing the good and the bad in his life. He also said he has been able to laugh at himself.

He believes his poetry is an extension of his broader meaning in life.

"I believe the devil howls every time a human being is moved, and I love to make him miserable," Graber said.

— by Kristen Peters

ARTS

Musician-turned-poet Bruce Bond returns

Writer Bruce Bond used to make making a living by performing music at restaurants, weddings, and recitals. He later used the talents he developed as a classical and jazz guitarist to help write poetry.

"I think musically a lot," he said. "Really poetry, when it's good in my mind, is a form of music. So I think carefully not just about my rhythmic patterns and the sonic echoes but about a certain melody that takes place in language."

Bond will read from his sixth book, *Blind Rain*, at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St., at 7 p.m. today alongside poet John Graber. The reading falls on the poet's 55th birthday.

Many of the poems in *Blind Rain* deal with the loss of loved ones and the way the human mind interprets death. Bond wrote the poems after suffering from the loss of his parents.

"Part of the collection is just about the passing of my parents — or the passing of my father and the dementia of my mother, but that's only part of the book," he said. "The title poem is about imaginative compensation for loss. There's also a section about various musicians."

In October, Bond will release a collection of poems titled *Peal*, and he is fixing up two

more books for eventual publication.

"The book is very much about the connection between music and elegy," Bond said. "It's an extremely focused book and there are a lot of music poems."

He said he writes because he feels the need to create, and he hopes that *Blind Rain* is helpful to readers that are facing difficult times.

"I think I just need to make things," Bond said. "It's the wonder and the joy of bringing something new into the world. I'm always working on another book of poems."

— by Eric Andersen

Making the devil howl

Between John Graber's sophomore and junior year at St. Olaf College, in Northfield, Minn., he experienced his first bipolar breakdown for which he was hospitalized.

Since then, he's learned how to cope and use his disease toward the growth of his poetry. And he uses his poetry to work for progress in treating the disorder.

"I'm working on a project to utilize poetry in the mental-health community," Graber said.

He will read from his first collection, *Thanksgiving Dawn*, today at 7 p.m. at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

After going to college, the

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2. As you inhale, press your feet into the floor and lift your hips, curving your spine away

from the ground. Flex your thighs to keep knees hip-width apart.

3. Pressing your upper arms and shoulders into the floor, lift your chest toward the sky. Feel free to clench your butt to keep yourself steady.

4. Exhale your breath, and hold for five to 10 counts.

5. Release on a breath, and slowly roll your spine back to the floor.

— by Ellen Harris

ON THE WEB

Check out dailyiowan.com for a step-by-step video instruction for this week's yoga pose, the Bridge.

weekend calendar of events

Today 6.25

MUSIC

• **Music in the Park, Blue Cat Alley**, 6:30 p.m., Highland Park, Coralville
• **Kol Shira**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
• **Karaoke**, 8 p.m., Nickelodeon, 907 Second St., Coralville

• **Big D's Karaoke Jamz**, 9 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Court Suite 4, Coralville
• **Ralped, with Raw Mojo, Trunch, Brace For Blast, Wolves in the Attic**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington

WORDS

• **Iowa Summer Writing Festival, Eleveses Literary Hour, "Myth and the Fairy Tale,"** 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East

• **An Evening with Joe Ehrmann, host: Kirk Ferentz**, 7 p.m., Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington
• **"Live from Prairie Lights," John Graber & Bruce Bond, poetry**, 7 p.m., 15 S. Dubuque

THEATER

• **Iowa Summer Rep, The Clean House**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
• **Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival, A Midsummer Night's Dream**, 8 p.m. Riverside Theatre Festival Stage, Lower City Park

FILM ON CAMPUS

• **Roadsworth**, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou

Friday 6.26

MUSIC

• **House of Large Sizes, with Petit Mal and Lipstick Homicide**, 9 p.m., Mill
• **Sir Richard Bishop & His Freak of Araby Ensemble, with Oaxacan**, 9 p.m., Picador

• **Friday Night Concert Series**, 6:30 p.m., Pedestrian Mall
• **Pearl Jam Tribute, with Given to Fly and Slip Silo**, 9 p.m., Yacht Club
• **Big D's Karaoke Jamz**, 10 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
• **Friday Night Karaoke, with Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.

Festival, Eleveses Literary Hour faculty reading, 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East

• **"Live from Prairie Lights," Zachary Jack, nonfiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights

THEATER

• **The Drag**, 7:30 p.m., Dreamwell Theatre, Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
• **Iowa Summer Rep, Dead Man's Cell Phone**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
• **Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival, Richard III**, 8 p.m., Riverside Festival Stage

FILM ON CAMPUS

• **"Sita Sings the Blues"**, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou

WORDS

• **Iowa Summer Writing**

Saturday 6.27

MUSIC

• **Albino Spiders, with Gear Down, Goodbye Kai, Chris Brown**, 9 p.m., Picador
• **The Meat Puppets, with Sam Locke-Ward & the Quiet Men, Birth Rites**, 9 p.m., Mill

THEATER

• **The Drag**, 7:30 p.m., Dreamwell Theatre, Unitarian Universalist Society
• **Iowa Summer Rep, Dead Man's Cell Phone**, 8 p.m., Thayer Theatre
• **Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival, Richard III**, 8 p.m.,

Riverside Festival Stage

FILM ON CAMPUS

• **"Sita Sings the Blues"**, 5, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou

MISCELLANEOUS

• **Iowa City Farmers' Market**, 7:30 a.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
• **Dining Out with Vegetarian Community of Iowa**, 6 p.m., Red Avocado, 521 E. Washington
• **MidWestOne Bank Free Movie Series, Beetlejuice**, 7 p.m., Pentacrest

Sunday 6.28

MUSIC

• **Iowa City Community Band**, 4 p.m., Upper City Park
• **Java Jews Klezmer Band**, 2:30 p.m., Hillel, 122 E. Market

• **Iowa Summer Rep, Dead Man's Cell Phone**, 2 p.m., Thayer Theatre

FILM ON CAMPUS

• **Sita Sings the Blues**, 3 and 5 p.m., Bijou

MISCELLANEOUS

• **Annual Iowa Firefighters' Memorial Service**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa Firefighters Memorial, Coralville

THEATER

• **Riverside Theatre Shakespeare Festival, A Midsummer Night's Dream**, 7 p.m., Riverside Festival Stage



Metallurgy ignited



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO/ MICHAEL MENDENHALL

Identity Crisis will play the Industry Saturday night as a part of Metal for the Masses. From left to right, Wes Smith (contrabass guitar), Tasha Hoffman (lead vocals), Edward Bonnett (drums), Jon Finney (guitar), and Josh Starr (guitar).

By ERIC ANDERSEN
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The members of Iowa City's Identity Crisis were tired of hearing the same jam bands and indie-rock groups play shows around town, so they decided to do something about it by putting together a metal show. "Local metal — it's alive, but I think there's a lot more room for it to flourish," six-string contrabass player Wes Smith said. "Especially in college towns. People are more interested in jam bands and indie rock. It's great if you want to have a tightly knit community, but I would like a little more variety."

On Saturday, Identity Crisis, Dark Mirror, Ageless, and Awaiting Punishment will bring Metal for the Masses — one of the summer's few metal shows — to the Industry, 211 Iowa Ave. The show will start at 9 p.m.; tickets are \$5.

Identity Crisis formed in October 2006, and since then, the group has been perfecting its own blend of Swedish melodic death metal and progressive rock. In 2008, female vocalist Tasha Hoffman joined the band, freeing up the rest of the group — Smith, drummer Edward Bonnett, and guitarists Jonathan Finney and Josh Starr — to play more intricate riffs and melodies.

"Everyone loves Tasha," Smith said. "I love her energy, and people are just surprised every time they hear her sing and scream."

He thinks people need to see Hoffman in action before they brush off Identity Crisis as just another band with a female singer.

"If anything, I think that more women should be in metal," Smith said. "It's mostly kind of a sexist, male-oriented genre of music. People considering it a trend need to realize that women can rock out just as hard as men."

Identity Crisis plans to release its first EP with Hoffman on vocals this summer, which Smith feels is the most melodic and intricate album from the band yet.

Co-headlining for the night with Identity Crisis is Des Moines metal band Dark Mirror, which has been around since winter of 2005. The group already has a number of albums, including a debut LP, *Visions of Pain*, and the EP *Immortalize*. Dark Mirror is also finishing up its latest album, *Portrait of Evil*.

"If you're going to talk genres, I have narrowed our sound down to progressive power thrash," guitar player Dustin "Blitz" Creagan said. "I'd say we sound like a mixture of Iron Maiden and Megadeth."

Creagan and drummer Clint "The Leg" Blomker joined the band in August '08 after half of the group's lineup left for various reasons. Many groups would have called it quits after that, but Chilean vocalist Alonso "Zo" Donoso and bassist Mark "Battaglia" Andersen stayed together and kept playing.

The band has performed with high-profile metal acts Exodus, 3 Inches of Blood, and Overkill. With *Portrait of Evil*, the band members

said, they hope to take the heavy-metal community by storm.

"We've got a distribution offer in Germany," Creagan said. "What we're really hoping is our album can become popular overseas so we can tour there."

Davenport's Ageless is an up-and-coming symphonic black-metal band that has already seen more controversy than some groups see in a lifetime — including an incident with a drummer's mother who Ageless' guitarist Derek Ahrens said was "a crazy evangelical conservative Christian."

"She got wind that we planned to burn a bunch of Bibles at the show," Ahrens said. "She literally called up the venue and left an anonymous threat saying that the cops and media would be alerted if this happened. We ended up using those Bibles to burn in promo pictures, so that worked out well."

The members of Ageless all dislike organized religion, he said.

"We are definitely coming from an anti-religion standpoint," he said. "We realize the publicity shock value it may bring, but from a personal standpoint, it actually just feels good."

Ahrens, keyboardist Alex Clewell, bassist London Ehlers, and drummer Timothy Holt recently released their first recording, an EP called *Hellspawn*.

The group completing the Metal for the Masses quartet is Waterloo thrash and death-metal band Awaiting Punishment. The group played its first show on Halloween of 2007, but 35-year-old guitarist Tom Marquez has been involved with music since the age of 14.

"We've all got full-time jobs, and houses, and responsibilities, and we try to keep [the music playing] on the weekends," he said. "I enjoy playing, and it gets me jazzed up to go out there and show people what we can do."

Awaiting Punishment has three demo tracks recorded, and the band hopes to release an album soon.

The Metal for the Masses show will be the largest grouping of metal acts that Iowa City has seen so far this summer. All of the bands are hoping for a large turnout.

"Five bucks to see a damn good metal band?" Dark Mirror's Creagan said. "Man, c'mon! Or four good metal bands for that matter. There is no reason to miss this show."

Romance and tech, and more romance

Jane Green proves she's technologically savvy with her latest romance novel, *Dune Road*, which follows the life of Kit, a recently divorced East Coast mother.

By KRISTEN PETERS
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Facebook's fastest growing demographic is those age 35 and older, according to its website, and Jane Green's newest novel, *Dune Road*, is the literary proof of that.

The book, released on June 16 (Bloom's Day, as it turns out), follows the life of Kit and her new entourage of divorced women living on the East Coast whose problems come from men they meet in yoga class and while browsing Facebook's webpage.

Kit is a 40-something self-described "Wall Street Widow," a term Green neglects to define but what assumedly means the wife of an absent husband who spends her weeks in large, lavishly furnished homes sans partner.

Dune Road, begins shortly after Kit's divorce but spends the opening chapters describing her previous life of luxury and loneliness.

Kit moves from the upscale Highfield, Conn., to a home in a smaller subdivision across the street from an eccentric 83-year-old woman, Edie.

The environmentally friendly and alternative-lifestyle-aware resi-

dents of this fictional East Coast town make up Kit's set of friends. Her other divorced friend, Tracy, owns the resident yoga center, and a couple owns the most green new-age restaurant in Highfield.

Green uses *Dune Road* to demonstrate how up-to-date she is (at one point, Kit retorts, "That's it. I'm canceling the Jonas Brothers tickets.") and how savvy she can be with changing social networking. One section ends with, "If only it hadn't been for Facebook. If only it hadn't been for one of those nights when she couldn't sleep, when she decided just for fun, to look up some ex-boyfriends."

Kit lands a job as an assistant to the most famous man in town, author Robert McClore, with whom she's been steadily becoming comfortable. Green leads the reader to believe there is a romantic undertone between the two, especially when Tracy begins flirting and spending intimate time alone with the man and Kit finds herself growing jealous.

Green makes it easy for the reader to assume

'If only it hadn't been for Facebook. If only it hadn't been for one of those nights when she couldn't sleep, when she decided just for fun, to look up some ex-boyfriends.'

— Jane Green, author

the attraction between the two until she throws in more characters for Kit to lust after, including her ex-husband, Adam, and a newcomer to a yoga class.

One of the biggest flaws of this book, besides the stretching and yearning to be young and hip, is the overload of different characters who play such a small role in Kit's life. For example, one major character doesn't show up until page 160, and it's apparent Green should have saved her for another novel altogether.

This is the stereotypical chick-lit novel, and Green (or her publisher) made a good business decision by releasing it during the

summer. The only reason the pages flip so freely is because so little depth is sprinkled onto each side of the paper, and the characters are just "Sex and the City" reincarnated — once the city has moved to the suburbs and the women have all married and, subsequently, divorced.

This reviewer recommends *Dune Road* if the reader's hard reads consist of *Twilight: New Moon* and Janet Evanovich's *Finger Lickin' Fifteen* and needs some downtime hanging out with slightly pathetic divorced women and romance subplots that leave the audience wincing with embarrassment.



Jane Green
Dune Road



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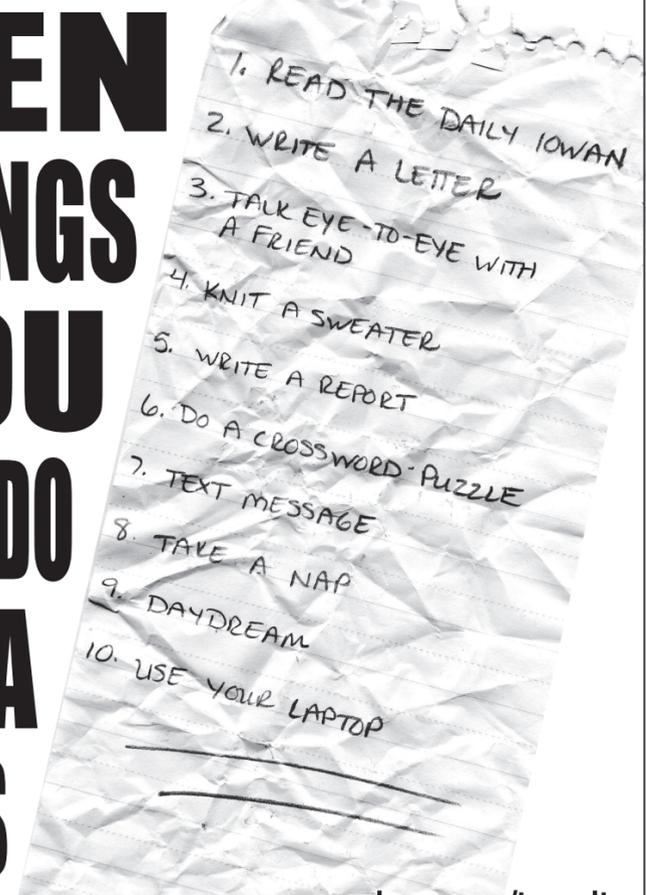
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We now accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover for tickets and at the concession stand.	IMAGINE THAT (PG) ✓ 12:20, 2:25, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40	IMAGINE THAT (PG) ✓ 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40
SAVE with Supersaver matinees for shows before 5:30pm	NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: BATTLE OF SMITHSONIAN (PG) 12:10, 2:35, 5:00, 7:25, 9:50	PROPOSAL (PG-13) ✓ 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
Young at Heart admission and concession specials for guests 60+ every Friday before 5:30pm	PROPOSAL (PG-13) ✓ 12:00, 2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50	STAR TREK (PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 9:50
\$2 Popcorn and Soda Every Tuesday	TAKING OF PELHAM 123 (R) ✓x 12:40, 3:00, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10	TAKING OF PELHAM 123 (R) ✓x 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
	TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF FALLEN (PG-13) ✓x 11:45, 12:30, 1:15, 3:00, 3:45, 4:30, 6:15, 7:00, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15, 11:00	TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF FALLEN (PG-13) ✓x 12:15, 1:00, 1:45, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00, 6:45, 7:30, 8:15, 10:00
	UP 2D (PG) 12:00, 2:20, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20	UP 2D (PG) 12:05, 1:00, 2:30, 3:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45
	YEAR ONE (PG-13) ✓x 12:50, 3:05, 5:20, 7:40, 10:00	YEAR ONE (PG-13) ✓x 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45

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