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Fans packed DC's on June 26 to watch what proved to be the final game for the U.S. in the 2010 World Cup. **SPORTS, 10**

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Guests view the backyard of Mike and Lisa Haverkamp's home on Golfview Avenue during the 2010 Garden Tour hosted by the University Heights Garden Club on Sunday. Around 150 people toured the nine locations around University Heights.

Back to the garden in U Heights

Gardeners gather for the University Heights Garden Club's annual garden tour.

By **GABE DEJONG**
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As Lori Marshall scurried from guest to guest Sunday afternoon, offering each one a cool refreshment and a tour of her garden, she expressed surprise at the turnout.

"I thought there would be, like, six people," she said.

She was quickly proven wrong.

Marshall was one of nine green-thumbed homeowners who opened their gardens as part of tour presented by the University Heights Garden Club. Organizers estimated more than 150 people toured the gardens and gathered ideas

for their own backyard projects. "This is very ordinary landscaping for ordinary people," Marshall said.

The club first held a garden tour in 2007. After a two-year hiatus following the 2008 flood, the club again invited area residents to take a peek at local gardens.

"We decided it was time to get back on the horse," said tour organizer Carol Ann Christiansen.

This time the event saw a much larger turnout.

"Attendance is better now," Christiansen said. "This is very exciting for me to see all these people out."

Mike Haverkamp, whose gar-

den was featured on the tour, believes a renewed interest in gardening could be due to economic hardship.

"People aren't looking to travel and do things like that," he said. "[They] pay more attention to their surroundings. I think that's reflected in their gardening."

An economic downturn may have been the cause of Haverkamp's garden, also. The house was built in 1928, and the original owners had a sprawling garden, including a pond, in place by the early 1930s — in the midst of the Great Depression.

SEE GARDEN, 3

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DI Check out the slide show and video of the garden tours in University Heights.

Garden tour

The University Heights Garden Club presented a backyard tour Sunday afternoon.

- 150: Estimated number of tour attendees
- 22: Carloads of mulch Lori Marshall transported to her garden this year
- 9: Gardens that were open to visitors
- 6: Age of the University Heights Garden Club

Source: University Heights Garden Club, Lori Marshall

SEE KAGAN, 3

Kagan hearings begin

Several UI professors said Kagan's hearings will likely end in her confirmation.

By **JOSH MESSER**
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Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan is set to begin her confirmation hearing today amid debate over whether her lack of judicial experience will play a role in her questioning before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

While Kagan is hardly a household name, local opinions on how Kagan fits into the Supreme Court picture abound.

"I put faith in President Obama that he made the right choice [in Kagan]," said Dane Hudson, co-president of University Democrats. "And I have faith in Senate that she'll be confirmed."

Kagan, 50, has been seen by many to be a safe choice by the Obama Administration to replace outgoing Justice John Paul Stevens.

A graduate of Princeton, Oxford, and Harvard, Kagan has no experience as a judge, but she served as an aide to former Justice Thurgood Marshall in addition to representing a number of cases before the Supreme Court while serving as solicitor general to the Obama administration. Supporters of Kagan note that many justices have had no judicial experience before being nominated to the high court, notably former Chief Justices William Rehnquist and Earl Warren.

Though Kagan has worked with a variety of Democratic politicians, including former President Bill Clinton and Michael Dukakis, she has shown little partisan favoritism in her decisions.



Kagan
Supreme Court nominee

Riverside event all smiles after beaming up

'Star Trek' fans hope they broke a Guinness world record.

By **TYLER HARRIS**
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RIVERSIDE — Trekkies and farmers gathered this past weekend for Trekfest XXV in Riverside, the "future birthplace" of fictional "Star Trek" character Capt. James T. Kirk.

The event drew 153 people in "Star Trek" costumes, possibly breaking the world record for largest gathering of people dressed as "Star Trek" characters, said Paul McCracken, a member of the Riverside Area Community Club's Board of Directors.

At present, the record is 99 people in London in February. An event in Bonn, Germany, on May 1 claimed to have 507 people in "Star Trek" costumes, but that

number has yet to be confirmed.

McCracken said a video of the Riverside event has to be analyzed before the record is confirmed by the Guinness Book of World Records.

"It's not something they take lightly," he said.

Christine Miles, one of the Trekfest goers, said she has been a "Trek" fan since she was little.

"My dad was really into sci-fi," she said. "Now I'm just a pretty big sci-fi nerd."

The University of Iowa junior, dressed in standard red Starfleet garb, attended the costume contest as what she jokingly called, "the illegitimate daughter of Capt. Picard and Dr. Crusher" of the

Trekfest XXV

2010 Events and Features:

- Located in Riverside, "future birthplace" of Capt. Kirk
- Musuem, featuring bust of William Shatner
- Trekfest parade, with Star Trek floats, including USS Riverside, horses, and tractors.
- Costume contest - 153 people dressed in full "Star Trek" attire.
- Three stars of "Star Trek," Walter Koenig, BarBara Luna, and James Cawley

Sources: Trekfest goers Pierre Saba and Christine Miles, www.trekfest.com

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DI Check out multimedia of this past weekend's record-breaking TrekFest in Riverside.

SEE TREKFEST, 3



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Jonathan Boudreaux stands among other "Star Trek" fans during an attempt for a Guinness world record in Riverside during Trekfest on June 26. The number of costumed fans was 153.

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Best of show

(From right to left) Bubbles, Astro, and Gringo, stand waiting to be groomed by owner Nancy Gratiot of Stoughton, Wis., during the Hawkeye Kennel Club's annual Dog Show and Obedience Trials at the Johnson County Fairgrounds on Sunday. Gratiot owns Nalyn's Golden, a kennel for golden retrievers. **CHECK OUT DAILYIOWAN.COM FOR A PHOTO SLIDE SHOW AND VIDEO OF THE EVENT.**

Spotlight Iowa City

It is rocket science

Astrophysicist's work takes off with NASA.

By **CLAIRE PERLMAN**
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Randall McEntaffer is, in simple terms, a rocket scientist.

An assistant professor of astronomy and physics at his alma mater, the University of Iowa, his laboratory is hidden next to the stairwell in the basement of Van Allen Hall.

Parts of rockets — rockets that have already been launched and rockets that are in the preparation process — sit on tables. In the back of the room is a dust-free enclosure in which the researchers perform experiments to test sensitive optics that could improve the images the suborbital rockets capture in their six minutes of observation time in space.

The road to this lab was not necessarily a direct one. McEntaffer started college as a biology major on track for medical school for the first three years, and he had almost completed the degree when an astronomy class for non-majors piqued his interest in the stars — and everything that comes with them.

"I want to ask whatever question I can about a certain field and go explore it myself," he said. "In medicine, that's more difficult to do; in astronomy, you have the entire universe to go probe."

After three more years of college, he had attained both a degree in physics and astronomy, leading the way for his almost eight-

year stint at the University of Colorado-Boulder, where he completed a Ph.D. in astrophysics.

"I was lucky enough to be able to propose, build, design, fly, and analyze my own rocket during graduate school," McEntaffer said. "My adviser realized that the best way to train a new person is not constant overlooking or delegating small, menial tasks — it's actually giving them the reins and letting them take control of the project ... and seeing it through fruition."

During his time in Colorado, he met Ted Schultz, who became his best friend and came with him to Iowa to work as an engineer in his lab when McEntaffer was offered the position of assistant professor two years ago.

"[McEntaffer] brings a really fun, young energy to the program," Schultz said. "He grew up in Iowa, and he has that Midwestern friendliness. But man, he's sharp as a tack."

A determination, too, to learn more, whether it is about the galaxy or improved rocket technology, drives everyone in the lab. One graduate student, Brennan Gantner, who is visiting from the University of Colorado-Boulder, said that in the three months before a February deadline, he worked on his rocket every day for around 15 hours a day — like McEntaffer had as a graduate student — taking Christmas Day as his only day off.

And now McEntaffer,



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UI astronomy and physics Assistant Professor Randall McEntaffer stands in front of a high-resolution X-ray spectrometer in his laboratory in the basement of Van Allen Hall on June 25. The spectrometer may fly with a joint expedition in 2021, the International X-ray Observatory.

working on his biggest project yet, a joint effort among NASA, the European Space Agency, and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, has less free time than ever. He returned home June 23 from England after a three-week business trip and left this weekend for California, then the Netherlands.

During these trips, he is advocating his and his collaborators' design for a high-resolution X-ray spectrometer that will fly with the International X-ray Observatory, an expedition they hope to launch in 2021.

McEntaffer said that with two small children and a wife, the constant travel without them is one of the worst aspects of his job, although he tries to bring his family with him as often as possible. When he is in town, they catch up on lost time by going fish-

Randall McEntaffer

- Hometown: Sioux City
- Age: 34
- Number of rockets launched: 2
- Favorite sport to play: Ultimate frisbee
- Favorite place traveled: Hawaii (Prague is close second)
- Favorite science project: Rocket built for Ph.D. thesis
- Years spent in college: 13.5

ing as a family on the lake at Kent Park.

"My daughter always out-fishes me," he said. "She catches more fish than anyone in the boat. Her little Disney fishing rod — the fish love it."

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Check out the slide show of astrophysicist Randall McEntaffer.



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METRO

University Heights councilor resigns

University Heights City Councilor Amy Moore announced her resignation on June 8 at a City Council meeting.

According to a letter written to University Heights residents, she said her decision to leave was not an easy one.

"I have spent many weeks overanalyzing the situation," she wrote.

Moore's original term was set to end Dec. 31, 2011, but she and her husband will move away from University Heights before that date.

This move will leave her unable to serve as a councilor and thus she will give up

her seat.

University Heights Mayor Louise From said, "I respect [Moore's] decision to leave, but I'm sad to see her go."

From also said Moore agreed to stay on the council until July 12.

The council will accept her resignation on July 13 at the next meeting. The council will also appoint a new member, selecting from a pool of applicants at the same meeting.

Qualified applicants may submit their "name, cover letter, résumé, and/or other statement of qualifications and relevant experience" to the city clerk, according to the University Heights website.

— by Alex Kline

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Quartez Alexander, 19, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 3008, was charged June 24 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Bradley Askvig, 35, 2103 Taylor Drive, was charged June 24 with selling fireworks.

Jacob Auten, 25, Fort Dodge, Iowa, was charged June 26 with public intoxication and urinating in public.

Gregory Childs, 55, 1100 Arthur St., was charged June 26 with assault on an emergency personnel and public intoxication.

Martez Cox, 18, Chicago, was charged June 22 with disorderly conduct.

Joseph Daringer, 65, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 2419, was charged June 26 with public intoxication.

James Davison, 36, Riverside,

was charged June 25 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Micheal Gregory, 22, 404 S. Gilbert No. 816, was charged June 26 with keeping a disorderly house.

Christopher Harrington, 22, address unknown, was charged June 24 with fifth-degree theft by check.

Rovon Heller, 41, Coralville, was charged Dec. 7, 2009, with third-degree harassment.

Michael Holt Jr., 20, 2646 Indigo Court, was charged June 26 with criminal trespass.

Heather Howard, 27, 2254 S. Riverside Drive Trail 3, was charged Nov. 11, 2009, with fifth-degree theft.

Theodis Howard, 40, 2434 Aster Ave., was charged June 26 with public intoxication.

Cameron Johnson, 20, 278 E. Court St. No. 414, was charged June 26 with keeping a disorderly house.

Erskine Johnson, 30, 2401 Highway 6 E. No. 4808, was charged June 21 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public and June 26 with keeping a disorderly house.

Floyd Knight Jr., 26, 2203 Hickory Court, was charged June 24 with possession of marijuana.

Ryan Schweer, 21, 222 E. Davenport St., was charged June 26 with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Craig Smith, 39, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. J1, was charged June 26 with public intoxication.

Nathan Soat, 22, 36 W. Court St. No. 413, was charged March 13, 2009, with fourth-degree criminal mischief.

John Thompson, 20, 626 S. Van Buren St. No. 2, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and unlawful use of another's ID.

Randy Trachta, 50, Coralville, was charged June 24 with assault causing injury and fourth-degree criminal mischief.

John Vest-Walker, 23, 4752 560th St. S.E., was charged June 25 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Deondre Wilkins, 23, 2110 Davis St. Apt. B, was charged June 20 with domestic assault.

Temell Wilkins, 21, 2104 Davis St. Apt. B, was charged Sunday with domestic abuse.

Henry Yates, 44, Kalona, was charged June 25 with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.

KAGAN

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In 1997, Kagan urged then-President Clinton to support a ban on late-term abortions.

During her time as president of Harvard Law School, Kagan also took a vocal stand against federal policy insisting that colleges denying access to military recruiters should be denied federal funding in response to the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy.

Politicians from Iowa have heralded Kagan's nomination with mixed reviews.

"A lifetime appointment requires a thorough vetting, and I expect Elena Kagan to receive fair, respectful, and deliberative consideration," Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said in a press release. "With no judicial experience, it becomes even more important that we ask thorough questions [of Kagan]."

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, expressed high confidence in Kagan in a statement, saying "her stellar legal credentials have been recognized by liberal and conservative lawyers alike."

Bruce Gronbeck, a UI professor emeritus with expertise in media and political studies, said Kagan's confirmation will not be an easy process.

"The Republicans will

Elena Kagan

Born: April 28, 1960
Hometown: Manhattan, N.Y.
Colleges attended: Princeton University (1981); Oxford University (1983); Harvard Law School (1986)
Career: Deputy assistant to the president (1997-1999); dean of Harvard Law School (2003-2009); solicitor general of the United States (January 2009-May 2010)
Source - WhoRunsGov.com (Washington Post)

send out attack dogs," he said. "There are going to be points worked hard, particularly her lack of judicial experience," but he thinks she will be confirmed.

UI law Professor Todd Pettys agreed.

"Republicans have vowed intensive questioning, but with 59 Democrats in Senate, there's little doubt over [Kagan's] future," he said.

As for the potential changes her presence could have on the court, former UI political-science Associate Professor David Redlawsk noted Kagan's position will be hard to determine.

"It's highly unlikely, being that she's replacing [John Paul] Stevens, the most liberal justice, that the court will go any further to the left," he said.

TREKFEST

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Next Generation series.

Many Trekfest-attendees dressed in Starfleet uniforms, but some came as Klingons, able to speak some of the Klingon language, and wearing heavy leather Klingon outfits.

"It was a pretty hot day yesterday," said Pierre Saba, a 15-year Trekfest veteran. "[The Klingons] hung out there all day."

Saba, whose wife, nieces, and nephews often tag along to the event, said the atmosphere has a sense of escapism and fantasy.

"I've got 10 days in the year I look forward to, and Trekfest is one of them," he said. "It's gotten bigger and bigger pretty much every time."

Saba went to school in Cedar Rapids with Terry Farrell, who starred in "Deep Space Nine" — so he has a personal connection to the series.

"There are quite a lot of 'Star Trek' fans out there in the world," Saba said. "There are some goofballs that come up with their own characters."



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Jonathan Boudreaux stands among other "Star Trek" fans during an attempt for a Guinness world record in Riverside during Trekfest on June 26. The number of costumed fans was 153.

The contest took place after the parade, which featured not only "Star Trek" floats and the USS Riverside, but also tractors and people riding horses.

"That's pretty classic Iowa," Miles said.

Trekfest also included a museum featuring a bust of William Shatner and three former "Trek" stars: Walter Koenig, BarBara

Luna, and James Cawley.

However, the event doesn't only draw Iowans. Fans from out-of-state attended as well.

Andrew Trout and fellow "Trek" fan and USS Gorkon crew member Chris Danford were two of the out-of-state fans in attendance, both from Indiana.

"A lot of people love 'Star

Trek' discussion," said Trout, after rubbing the sweat from his eye under his glasses.

"No crap, it's a 'Star Trek' convention," said Danford, sipping from a can of Mountain Dew.

"Be respectful," Trout said.

DI Photo Editor Brenna Norman contributed to this report.

METRO

Police probe possible stabbing

The Iowa City Police Department is continuing an investigation into a possible stabbing on Broadway Street late on June 25.

According to police reports, officers responded at about 11:24 p.m. to the 1900 block of Broadway Street, where they found a man bleeding from possible stab wounds, said Iowa City police Lt. Doug Hart.

The man — whose condition as of Sunday was unknown — was treated at the scene of the incident and transported to the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics for further evaluation, Hart said.

"We think the person responsible may be known to the victim," Hart said. "But we are still looking for witnesses and suspects."

Hart encouraged people to call the Iowa City police if they have information on the incident.

— by Lisa Brahm

Police charge man with assault on officer

Iowa City police have arrested an Iowa City man who reportedly spat on officers claiming he wanted to give them AIDS on June 26.

Officers responded to reports of a man walking in the 1956 Broadway area attempting to cast voodoo hexes.

Police reported they determined that Gregory Childs, 55, 1100 Arthur St., was intoxicated, and they tried to arrest him.

Childs allegedly resisted officers while calling them names and kicking them.

According to reports, he started spitting on officers and said he wanted to give the officers AIDS.

He was charged with assault on a peace officer, a serious misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in jail and a fine of at least \$250.

As of Monday evening, Childs was being held at Johnson County Jail on \$1,250 cash-only bond.

— by Lisa Brahm

GARDEN

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Mike and wife Lisa Haverkamp bought the house in 2005, after the garden had experienced some neglect, and began restoring it.

"This yard had not been tended to for a couple of decades," Lisa Haverkamp said. But after "lots of time and love" the couple's garden is back to its original splendor.

Christiansen said it's hard to tell who's more excited: the tour participants or the homeowners.

"You can tell there's been interest in the garden tour," she said. "You see bags of mulch coming down the street or stacking up in the driveway; it's neat."

At another backyard, Jeri Irvine took mental notes for her own home.

"I'm trying to get my perennial garden to look nice," she said as she explained the importance of early and late-blooming flowers. "You try to put it so that there are flowers blooming all the time."

Garden tourists could



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

With ice water, snacks, and juice, Lori Marshall welcomes guests to her home on Glencrest Drive during the 2010 Garden Tour hosted by the University Heights Garden Club on Sunday. Lori and husband Keith have lived in their house for 20 years; they renovated it 10 years ago.

"You can tell there's been interest in the garden tour. You see bags of mulch coming down the street or stacking up in the driveway; it's neat."

— Carol Ann Christiansen, event organizer

make donations to the Garden Club, which are used to maintain the landscaping on the island formed by the intersection of Melrose and Golfview

Avenues in University Heights, but Christiansen said the tour is anything but a fundraiser.

"The basis for this is to just help people get ideas

for their garden space," she said.

"If we can get a few dollars from it, great. If not, mission still accomplished."

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Editorial

Knowledge is indeed power

It is rare, in life, to have a chance at divining the future. Often, we roll with the punches as they come, cleaning up any spilled milk after the fact. We don't know what we don't know, but we know that we don't know, as philosopher Henry David Thoreau once said so succinctly; but what if you were given a chance to be made aware of what your future had in store?

And, what if learning the results of one test could potentially elongate your life? One blood-screening test, which checks for the presence of HIV viral bodies in a patient's blood, could potentially do just that.

Nearly 1.1 million people in the United States have been infected with HIV. Yet 25 percent of them don't even know that their fates are in the grasp of a T-cell munching, immuno-compromising virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Every June, though, one nationwide event works toward changing that statistic.

"Each year, National HIV Testing Day brings together thousands of local health departments, community organizations, and HIV/AIDS advocacy groups nationwide to encourage early diagnosis and routine testing for HIV/AIDS," said Frank Oldham Jr., the executive director of the National Association of People with AIDS, in a press release.

That is why the *DI* Editorial Board lauds the continuation of this event, now in its 16th year, by the Johnson County Public Health centers and similar health-care providers nationwide. Started in 1994 by the National Association of People with AIDS, the annual free testing day is a campaign pushing for increased awareness and testing for HIV.

Because HIV is still incurable and invariably progresses into AIDS, it is of utmost importance that persons living with this disease are self-aware and take precautions for the safety of others; passing along HIV is irreversible, and doing so knowingly is a crime. The virus thrives in blood, semen, and several other human fluids that — if come into contact with — spread the viral bodies to a new host, according to the CDC. Most notably, this happens through unprotected sexual intercourse, shared drug equipment, and even through the breast-feeding of infants.

"Early diagnosis of HIV is key to successful treatment," said Douglas Beardsley, the director of Johnson County Public Health. Since the mid-1980s, researchers have worked on elucidating the most successful means of treating — and hopefully one day, discovering a cure or vaccine for — HIV and AIDS.

However, not all hope is lost. Medical advances in retroviral drug cocktails have made great strides in facilitating HIV patients living normal, prolonged lives. Also, as scientists come to understand more about the virus, some social stigmas have begun to fade. Johnson County Public Health provides several programs that work specifically to reduce risk and increase awareness of HIV and AIDS — ways to pre-



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A health worker takes a blood sample for an HIV test in San Salvador on June 25. El Salvador's health officials held a national campaign on HIV testing on June 25. Two days later, on Sunday, the United States recognized National HIV Testing Day, which was created in 1994. Locally, the State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa has tested more than 12,000 individuals for the immuno-compromising disease.

vent contraction through safe-sex practices, speaking to groups about prevention, and holding moMEntum group meetings, in which bisexual and gay men can congregate safely.

Thanks to the county's efforts — and other groups such as the Iowa Center for AIDS Resource and Education and the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics HIV Program — some 1,750 Iowans affected by HIV are no longer left to fight the knowledge of their fate's verdict alone. That's not all: Within the last year, the State Hygienic Laboratory at the UI has tested more than 12,000 individuals for HIV.

With prevention and risk reduction come awareness: not the buying-a-red-ribbon-magnet sort of awareness (though we by no means wish to discourage you from donating to legitimate research foundations), but the kind that involves one drop of blood and only 15 minutes of your time. Just last year, some 127 Iowans were newly diagnosed with HIV.

If "Knowing is half the battle," as another famous philosopher, G.I. Joe, once said, then by extension the other half must be fighting back with what you know. We residents of Johnson County are privileged to have an institution providing us with this screening service, for free no less, and we urge you to take action on your (and your loved ones') behalf. If you missed National HIV Testing Day, fret not you can still take advantage of the screening for free Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Johnson County Public Health department.

Your turn. Should HIV blood screenings become commonplace in annual check-ups?

E-mail us your views at:

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Deficit hawks aimed at young adults



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Deficit hawks appear to be winning the day. Last week, the Senate failed to pass a jobs bill that would have extended unemployment benefits and provided additional aid to states. Although the bill fell short on a mostly partisan vote (only one Democrat voted against it), both political parties have weak knees when it comes to added spending.

This latest jobs measure was pared down considerably to appease members in both parties queasy over the deficit. Prominent economists on the left such as Paul Krugman have argued for a second large stimulus bill, but that's not going to happen.

One of the most forceful arguments parroted in favor of focusing on austerity now is that the large and looming debt is generational theft. Each excessive dollar spent now threatens the standard of living of future generations. Their cause just and claims righteous, those being deficit hawks, because it's really about you and your interests.

The debt and profligate spending are legitimate concerns. But if Democrats in Congress succumb to deficit hawks who want the government to extricate itself entirely from the economy, it could have the effect of jeopardizing the livelihoods of future generations. With the unemployment rate high and expected to remain so for several years, it would be injuriously premature to focus exclusively on the deficit.

Debating the budget is either deconstructed upon entirely partisan lines or esoterically. The truth is that the federal deficit and debt do pose serious problems. Those who deny such are not engaging the issue seriously. But we know what has to be done to fix this problem. A combination of reducing government spending and moderate tax increases could solve our debt problem. But it has been politically diffi-

cult — up to this point impossible — to broker the necessary compromises to reach a solution.

Yet those concerns are secondary to what should be our overarching goal — reviving a still fragile economy. Graduates entering the workforce in the midst of recession earn less than those who graduate during better economic times. The deleterious effects of this recession are exacerbated by wage stagnation and widening inequality. Long-term trends that might make young people the first generation to be worse off than their parents.

The unemployment rate for young people has consistently exceeded unemployment for all other age groups. Without a significant pickup in job creation, graduates and recent college grads will continue to have tough time. It's in every young person's interest for the government to take additional measures to stimulate the economy.

Deficits do matter, but additional spending to stimulate the economy will have only a marginal effect on debt and could go long a way to create jobs and putting the economy on sure footing. Furthermore, the fiscal situation in many states all across the country is dire. If it wasn't for actions taken by the federal government, states would have been forced to lay off more teachers and police. Without the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (a.k.a. the stimulus package) University of Iowa students would have been subjected to further increases in costs.

Deficit hawks like to use young people as props in their arguments. Made on ethical grounds, many hawks argue that it is immoral to pass on debt from decades of profligate spending to their children. It's a powerful argument that is gaining a lot of traction currently. But this generation can't afford the government to let up now.

Young people have the most to gain or to lose in this economy. If Congress fails to act now, it will jeopardize the future economic prospects of young people. ■

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Guest opinion

Plugge's tenure saw much improvement

By JIM BEHLE

Much has been written about constructing schools and redistricting when summarizing Lane Plugge's tenure as superintendent of the Iowa City School District. While significant in themselves, education in the district has seen many other accomplishments during the past 11 years under his leadership. Lane (as he wishes to be called) would be first to say that what has been accomplished is the result of involved parents, supportive community and volunteers, talented teachers and support staff, and dedicated leadership. He would say that leadership is a team sport.

Those of us who work with Lane know that he is first and foremost a teacher. One of his most favorite activities was reading to young children. He would remind those of us who worked for the district that our work was

about teaching and learning and doing what is best for the child.

Lane's leadership focused on designing one district-wide curriculum so that regardless of where a child attended school, he or she was taught the same viable curriculum by highly competent teachers under the direction of a quality principal. Funds were reallocated to ensure that the same quality teaching materials were used in all schools. Prior to No Child Left Behind, he supported using assessments to test student learning and analyzing the results to improve instruction.

The district's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan was designed to improve student achievement. The plan includes Board of Education student-achievement goals, annual improvement goals, and reports to the School Board and community on

progress. These efforts renewed the district's focus on reading and mathematics. This plan has been presented at state-level conferences and is duplicated in other school districts.

It became obvious to Lane, the School Board, administrators, and teachers that changes in the student population required us to re-examine how students learn and to change how we teach students. This resulted in the major initiative more than six years ago titled "Removing Barriers To Learning." The Saturday conference of more than 180 school and community members focused on a common understanding of the changes taking place in our students who attended our schools. This represented the first of many initiatives where broad community input was sought.

This one-day conference continues to influence teaching in our

schools and partnerships between the school and community. They include increasing Family Resource Centers and services to families to assist them to support their child(ren)'s learning, the mobile health clinic, and expanded opportunities for high quality preschool. Teachers and principals are learning how to differentiate instruction. Teachers are collaborating to ensure that all students are receiving instruction at their appropriate learning level. The Safe Schools/Healthy Students federal grant, which funds \$1.2 annually in student services, including mental-health services, is a recent initiative.

Lane recognized that effective schools must be dynamic learning environments. Consequently, facilities and redistricting plans were not ends in themselves but part of the

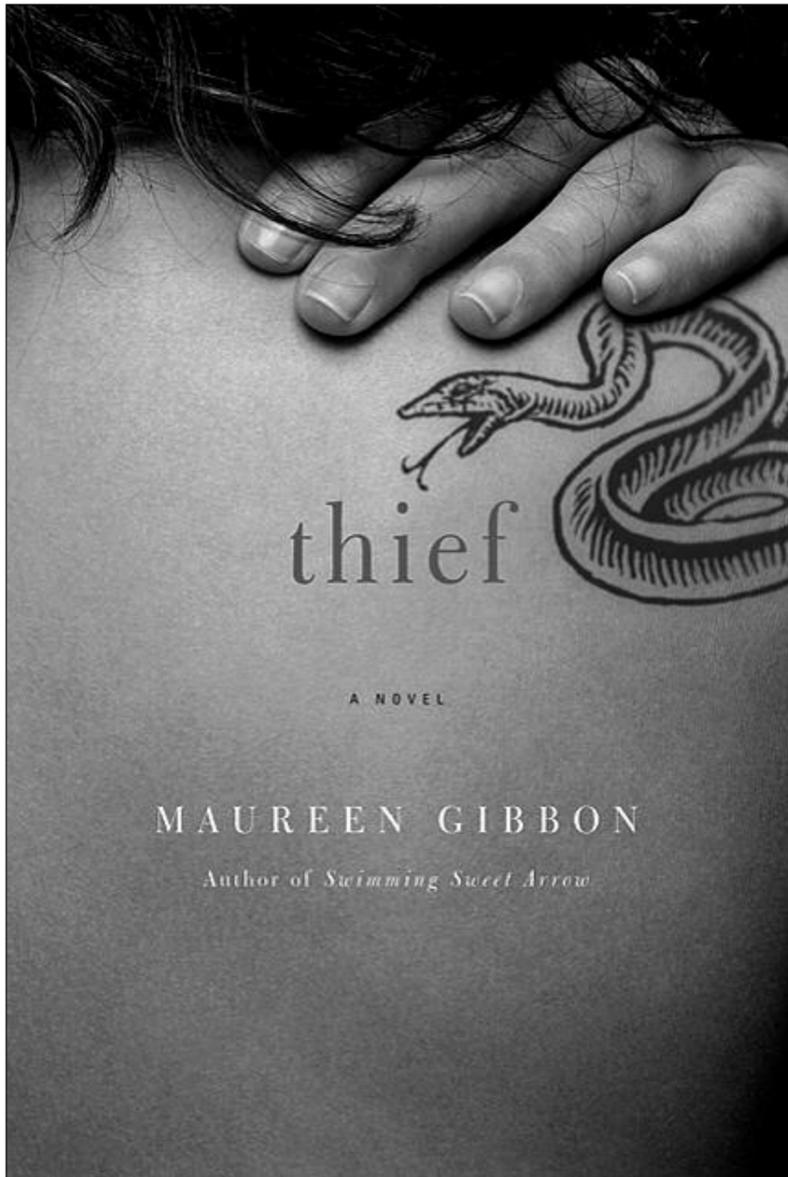
overall plan to sustain the district as a high-performing district. The vision was to support high quality instruction, assist teachers to challenge students with a rigorous curriculum, and ensure equal educational opportunities for all students well into the future.

Lane recognized that in order to sustain a high-performing school district, we would need to be more efficient and face the changes occurring in the district along with the challenges they bring. These changes could not be made piecemeal, because each change creates ripples and must involve the public. These would involve immense amounts of staff time and close work with the School Board to ensure that they know all the implications. These efforts would be controversial and put the School Board and himself

under pressure to resist the change. Whatever one's perspective, the district will be more adept at looking at issues and challenges from multiple perspectives.

Lane's work is guided by his belief that education is based upon relationships — with children, parents, staff, and the community. At a recent event recognizing him, he said that our work is never about one person but the collective contributions of many dedicated people. It is this human element and an ethos of caring matched with a professional judgment focused on the classroom that best summarizes Lane's contribution.

Jim Behle is the Iowa City School District's outgoing assistant superintendent. Behle will leave the district this summer to become the assistant superintendent and superintendent-elect with St. Michael-Albertville public schools, located outside Minneapolis.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

In addition to writing novels, Maureen Gibbon has also had essays and nonfiction articles published in outlets ranging from *Playboy* to the *New York Times*.

Between a convict, cowboy

Writers' Workshop graduate Maureen Gibbon will read from her novel *Thief* today at Prairie Lights.

By JOSIE JONES
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Maureen Gibbon isn't surprised if she sees black bears or wild turkeys when she's writing. The author's studio, where she spends much of her summer mornings, sits on the edge of a meadow and a forest.

"It's helpful for me to have a place to get away to," she said. "This is a place apart from the house where I can really get focused."

Gibbon will read from her latest novel, *Thief*, at 7 p.m. today at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

Thief, the author's second novel, tells the story of Suzanne, who rents a cabin for the summer. She spends her days at the nearby lake and her nights with occasional strangers. After placing a personal ad in a local paper, she receives a letter from Alpha Breville — a convict, thief, and rapist who is serving time in Stillwater State Prison. Suzanne writes back to Breville and begins dating a local cowboy. She then is forced to choose between the faithful Breville or the desirable cowboy.

For Gibbon, developing a character and knowing her or his voice is something that happens quickly. The author said she puts herself in place of the character, which she feels adds to the intimacy of the story. Her goal in writing an intimate piece is to make the reader feel as though he or she is right there with the whoever she is writing about.

However, she doesn't limit her writing to just fiction — she has written several essays and nonfiction pieces for such publications as *Playboy* and the *New York Times*.

Amy Grace Loyd, the executive literary editor

READING

Maureen Gibbon

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Where: Prairie Lights,

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Admission: Free

at *Playboy* magazine, finds Gibbon's sophisticated and direct writing to be empowering and relaxing for readers.

"I think one of the reasons she fits *Playboy* well is not only because she's a sensualist but also because she is so terribly honest about human desire," Loyd said.

The novelist didn't always know she would make her living primarily as a fiction writer. In fact, she didn't become serious about her writing

until her first fiction class in college. At the age of 18, she created material that became part of her first novel.

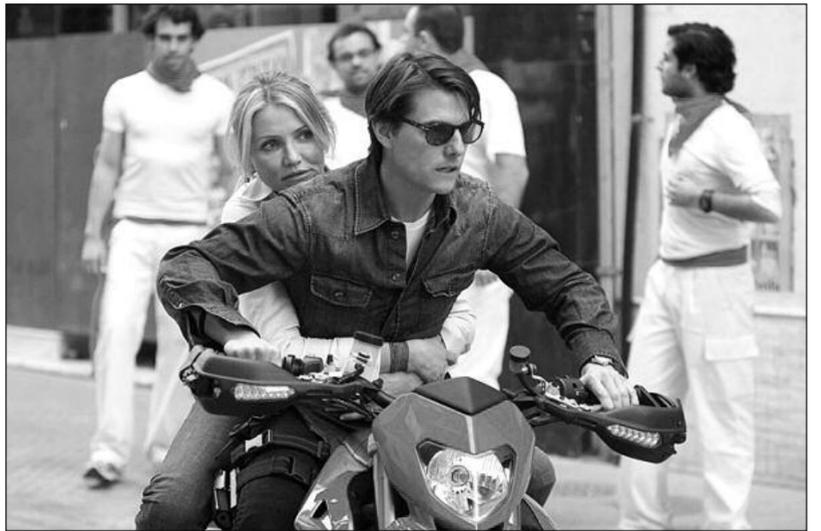
"When you're young, you don't quite know where things are heading," she said. "But the work that you're doing is really important."

After graduating from Barnard College in New York, she attended the Iowa Writers' Workshop. It wasn't just the prestige of the workshop that attracted the author to Iowa City — the little houses and the river sealed the deal.

Gibbon graduated from the Writers' Workshop in 1989. She hasn't visited since, but she is looking forward to returning because "Iowa City was one of the happiest times in my life," she said.

Some action, with some laughs sprinkled in

Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz bring intense action to the silver screen, but not a lot of depth.



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz deliver some onscreen sizzle in *Knight and Day*, but the film fails to travel beyond the traditional action-movie plot.

By JOANN BAUTISTA
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If you're simply looking for a movie with action and a couple of hotties, go see Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz' new movie, *Knight and Day*.

Roy (Cruise), a CIA agent suspected of going rogue on an assignment, encounters June (Diaz) in the Wichita airport headed for Boston. After a series of events (involving several dead bodies and a plane crash), June realizes that her only chance of survival depends on Roy and his deadly, but expert, agent skills (and along the way, the two leads fall in love with each other).

While *Knight and Day* may seem like just another chick-flick, the film really doesn't pan out that way. Yes, there is a romantic story line in the movie, but for the most part, the action is the driving force behind it, and the love story merely helps to break up the intense fight sequences.

Overall, the plot is predictable because, let's face it — when it comes to action movies, there's really no such thing as an original story line. The beginning is heavily peppered by Cruise's humor, which jazzes up the scenes.

Knight and Day

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Then the rest of the plot plateaus, and mid-way through the movie, there's not so much laughter.

As *Knight and Day*

progresses, there are a bunch of random characters added in order to keep the plot moving along.

One of these characters is Simon (Paul Dano) who enters the scene as a brainiac high-schooler and creates a coveted energy source so he must, of course, be protected by Roy. Despite the new addition to the plot, the character of Simon seems really undeveloped and fails to spice things up. Another character is Rodney (Marc Blucas), June's spacy and dim-witted ex-boyfriend. He is only in the movie for about two scenes really, and he's another character who doesn't add anything to the story.

One surprising highlight from *Knight and Day* is Cruise's good looks. I was able to look beyond his wacky beliefs and crazy couch-jumping per-

sona and see how incredibly fit and handsome he looks for being 40 plus years old ... but it didn't make me want to marry him (that's all you, Katie Robot Holmes).

Another high-point is the various locations the movie takes place in. The audience is taken on a world tour — from rural Kansas to a remote island to Austria and Spain. These locations make the film more exciting to watch because viewers will want to see where the two leads will end up next.

The last 15 minutes brings the movie around full circle, and although it doesn't have the greatest ending, it still works.

Having Cruise and Diaz team up together for an action/comedy film works well because they have great chemistry together, and they're both action-movie veterans.

Bottom line: The plot was OK and the characters could have been developed more, but overall *Knight and Day* is a rather enjoyable movie. I wouldn't go see it again (and don't really recommend seeing it in theaters), but it will make for a good rental.



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Know your Ledge author:

- I'm a pretty decent baker and cook. One time, I made a huge Italian dinner for this girl I was dating, complete with tiramisu for desert; I spent over \$150 on the ingredients alone. At the end of the evening, she dumped me. My guess is I'm horrible in bed or have halitosis or something, though, because that tiramisu was the bomb-diggity.
- I have trouble with not finishing projects after starting them; at any given time I have dozens of partially completed projects lying around, leading to weekends where all I do is attempt to finish as many of them as possible to relieve anxiety. For example, this weekend I finished cataloguing my photos, a bottle of Scotch, painting the banister, a bottle of Shiraz, a box of Cheez-Its, that "Best of Jenna Jameson" collector's set, three bags of potato chips, and two other bottles of Scotch. I'll tell you this: it's Sunday afternoon right now, and I am feeling anything but anxious.
- I don't dislike kids, but it's also very hard for me to buy in to this notion that they'll instantaneously become the most important thing in my life when I start having them. I'm a very cynical, ridiculously self-centered, Grinchy-type person most of the time; I have trouble believing the sight of a slime-covered need machine is going to suddenly reveal The Heart Nobody Knew He Had.
- I severed my left little toe in a freak laboratory accident. The doctors couldn't reattach it, so I suspended it in a rod of clear polyresin and now carry it in my pocket everywhere I go so that whenever someone really pisses me off, all I have to do is yell, "You want a piece of me?!" and then pull out my little toe and give it to them. Generally, I get my way. And a pretty wide berth.

— Andrew R. Juhl thanks his friend, Erik J. for collaborating on today's Ledge.
Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. *The Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-iowan@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it — and maybe contact you for more.

FIXER-UPPER



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Barkah Wisuda searches for tools while his friend and University of Iowa senior Aekasit Likhitmanon removes a wheel from their friend's Honda Civic before replacing the brakes on Sunday. The two fix their friends' cars because it saves their friends money and they enjoy working on cars in the nice weather.

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— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Do whatever it takes to mellow everyone out around you. The less commotion, the easier it will be to accomplish your own goals. If necessary, isolate yourself so you can focus on what's important.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Make sure that you enjoy what you are working at. It's fine to do something labor-intensive if it will help you meet your financial needs, but you also have to do things that bring you satisfaction and perhaps a little extra cash.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 Memories will play a major role in your day. Your past experience will help you find answers to pressing decisions, allowing you to keep moving forward. Revive old ideas with an updated appeal.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Paying and collecting debts will help you realize where you stand financially and how you can improve your current situation. Being pragmatic as well as innovative will be required to avoid loss.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Love is apparent, but getting involved when you shouldn't or with someone who is off-limits will lead to disaster. Don't follow your heart when it's important to be practical.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Stop the world for a moment and relax. You need to rejuvenate and recap what's happened in order to proceed in the best possible direction. There is money to be made, but you may have to give something up.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Get out with friends or do something that will make you feel, look, or do better. An emotional relationship can be good or bad, depending on how you handle your partner. If you are fun to be with, you will overcome negativity.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 You cannot view obstacles as a dead end when you should be using them to come up with viable solutions to further your interests. These setbacks will allow you to find fresher, more efficient ways to express what you are trying to do.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 The comfort and stability you bring to your surroundings will make you feel good about your life and bring you greater security in the future. Love is on the rise, so don't miss out on an opportunity to express your feelings.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Don't be left out in the cold when there is so much to keep up with in order to remain financially sound and successful. Find a second income or practical way to invest or live more economically, and you will ease your stress.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You have a lot to do if you want to reach the goals you have set. Share your thoughts, and you will find out that you have a much greater support system in place than you realize. Prepare to work hard and to bring peace and order to your life.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Making some changes to the way you live, the way you think, or the way you look will all be positive. Partnerships may be enticing, but whether it's business or personal, lay down ground rules.

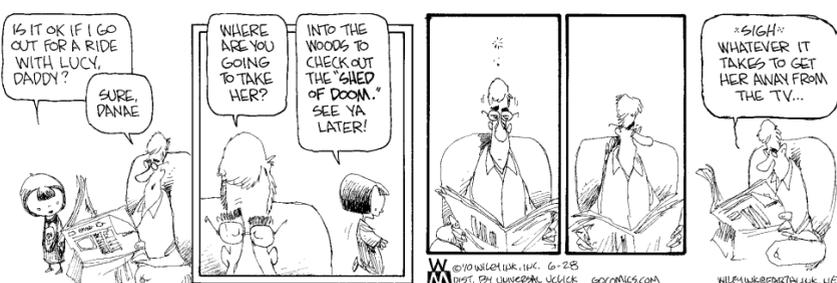
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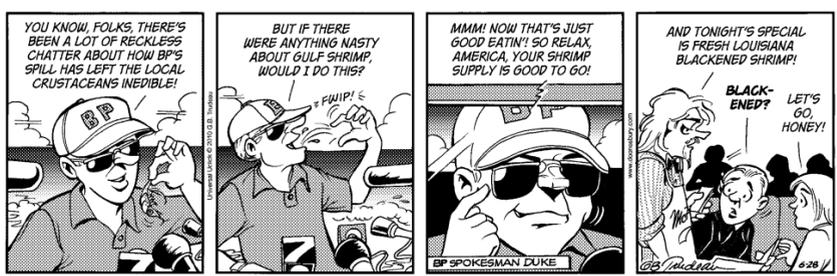
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- Summer Playgrounds**, 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m., Creekside Park, Fairmeadows Park, Willow Creek Park
- Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Elevenses Literary Hour**, Iowa Summer Writing Festival, 11 a.m., Biology Building East Auditorium
- Summer Food Service**, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., S.T. Morrison Park, Coralville
- Summer Playgrounds**, 1-3 p.m., Creekside Park, Fairmeadows Park, Wetherby Park, Willow Creek Park
- Coralville Farmers' Market**, 5-8 p.m., Coralville Aquatic Center, 1512 Seventh St.
- Mend or Make Do**, 5 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- Iowa Track and Field Club**, 6 p.m., West High, 2901 Melrose Ave.
- Spaghetti Dinner**, 6-7 p.m., Faith United Methodist Church of Christ, 1609 DeForest
- Free Pool**, 7 p.m., TCB Pool Hall, 114 E. College
- "Live from Prairie Lights,"** Maureen Gibbon, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- Texas Hold 'em**, 7 p.m., Wildwood, 4919B Walleye Drive S.E.
- Writers of the World**, 7 p.m., Java House, 713 Mormon Trek
- Writers of the World II**, 7 p.m., RSVP, 140 N. Linn

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- Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

ONGOING

- Circle of Friends Quilt Group**, MidWestOne Bank, 102 S. Clinton
- 40 Years of Celebrating Youth**, United Action For Youth, 355 Iowa
- Fresh Blooms**, Tony Brown: Representations of Rural and Urban Life, and Fairy Tales: Metalworks in Silver & Gold by Youngjoo Yoo and Transitions: Oil Paintings by Bao Pham, Chait Galleries Downtown, 218 E. Washington
- Harvest Preserve Photography**, Englert Gallery, 221 E. Washington
- Michael Hussey: Paintings**, Old Post Office Gallery, Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Inspired Color**, Bella Joli, 125 S. Dubuque
- Tom Langdon: Photographic Portraits of Visiting Interational Writers**, RSVP, 140 N. Linn
- Samuel Levey: Paintings**, Mercy Iowa City, 500 E. Market
- Paintings by Zachary James Avery Dowling III**, Revival, 117 E. College
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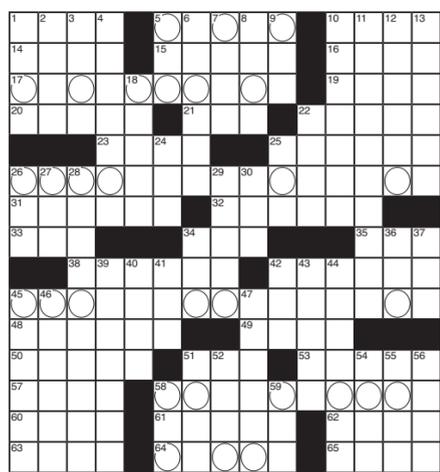
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- Cow's offspring
 - U.C.L.A. player
 - Bank no.
 - Margarine
 - Copy, for short
 - What's seen in "Saw"
 - Football alignment named for its shape
 - "___ a Song Go Out of My Heart"
 - Impertinent
 - Bed-and-breakfast
 - Muslim's God
 - Elvis ___ Presley
 - Drug that's a downer
 - Top choice
 - Sign in a boardinghouse window
 - "Yes, captain!"
 - Good "Wheel of Fortune" purchase for STRING BIKINI
 - Drano ingredient
 - Undeveloped
 - Heckle or Jeckle of cartoons
 - Lay waste to
 - "Light" dessert?
 - Went nuts
 - School near Windsor Castle
 - 11th-century conqueror of Valencia
 - Number on a golf hole
 - Starbucks size that's Italian for "twenty"
 - Fruity drinks
 - Sci-fi hero in the 25th century
 - Circus shelter
 - Stan's pal in old films
 - Puccini's "Nessun dorma," for one
 - Captain Hook's henchman
 - To the point, ironically
 - Classic theater name
- Down**
- Foldable beds
 - ___ Romeo (Italian car)
 - Ones born before Virgos
 - Abandon
 - Item under a blouse
 - Color again, as the hair
 - Go ___ smoke
 - Do a post-washing chore
 - Oui's opposite
 - Nimbleness
 - Property securing a loan
 - Manufacture
 - Restraining cord
 - Ancient Athenian sculptor
 - Samoan capital
 - Frequent, in poetry
 - Cheer for a bullfighter
 - School org.
 - Charged particle
 - It might be marked off with police tape
 - Rutherford B. ___
 - Ogle
 - Big fib
 - From the beginning: Lat.
 - The "sour" in sweet-and-sour
 - Shoe grippers
 - Poker variety
 - Sleeveless jacket
 - Word on a door handle
 - Org. protecting individual rights
 - Literary Wolfe
 - ___ are for kids" (ad slogan)
 - ___, old chap!"
 - Go up and down, as in the water
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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WORLD CUP

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Ghana ended with a goal — the match-winning one.

Following the match, there were no USA chants, no national anthem, just a lot of disappointed Iowans.

“We weren’t linking up very well,” former UI student Matt Staats said about the lackluster passing. With a face covered in paint, Staats was left to ponder what could have been.

“It’s disappointing to see our team go down like that,” Smith said. “But I’m proud of the effort they put forth, and we had a good run. It’s just too bad that we have to wait another four years for an opportunity to witness something like this again.”



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Bar patrons pack DC’s for the World Cup match on June 26. Numerous downtown establishments were filled with soccer fans to watch the United States face Ghana in a knockout-round matchup.



MARBLE

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team played well once the players came together in the second half. They are finally starting to get a feel for one another after finishing their third Prime Time game.

“There is a misconception that the team practices together, and they do not,” he said.

He said teamwork has improved throughout each of the squad’s three games. The players are beginning to understand what each guy can do.

“As the game got close, I told them to just keep playing hard and aggressive,” he said. “Get the ball deep inside and reverse it back out for the 3s.”

Basabe thought his team did well in the second half, but it was not quite enough.

“We played hard, but we came up short in the end,”



ALEX CRIDER/THE DAILY IOWAN
Michael Hadley of Bob’s/Ready Mix drives to the hoo7p in the North Liberty Community Center. Hadley scored 13 points in Sunday’s game.

Basabe said. “We had a good effort, but we couldn’t close it out. We are a first-half team, and it’s inconsistently like that, that’s why we lost the game.”

Cougill and Marble have both noticed their players getting used to one another and it showed in the result.

“We moved the ball better this game, we got the open shots, and we hit them,” Cougill said. “You

can tell we are playing better because we have fewer turnovers.”

“We were hungrier in the first half,” Marble said. “They were hungrier in the second half.”

Fortunately for Marble and his teammates, Etre/Culver’s wasn’t hungry enough.

COMMENTARY

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Even if you’re not normally a soccer fan — and a lot of you still aren’t — I bet you know about the botched call heard ‘round the world in the U.S.-Slovenia game.

ABC kept cutting away from the Ghana match to show the thousands of people coming together to watch the game in Kansas City.

Landon Donovan report-

edly cried after watching a YouTube compilation of American reactions to his miracle goal against Algeria.

America isn’t the only locale to experience unity during the World Cup. Whenever an African team has taken the field in this tournament, the decibel level of the vuvuzelas has increased dramatically (yes, it’s apparently very possible for those damn things to get louder).

In the first World Cup on the continent, all of Africa

stood behind Côte d’Ivoire’s Didier Drogba, Ghana’s Asamoah Gyan, and Cameroon’s Samuel Eto’o. That’s unity.

The World Cup has ended a civil war (Côte d’Ivoire’s qualification for the 2006 tournament is credited with bringing together the country’s warring parties). The world speaks somewhere around 6,000 languages, but soccer transcends them all. It’s a simple game; a beautiful game; a game that makes the world stop for a month

every four years.

Although the United States will no longer play in the 2010 World Cup, the team brought us together. During the team’s two-week run to the elimination stages, I was not a Democrat, Republican, Libertarian, Tea Party person (that’s the term, right?), gay, straight, pro-life, or pro-choice. I was American.

So thank you, Lando. Thank you, Tim-may. Thank you Clint, Boca, Gooch, Jozy, and Baby-Bradley. Thank you to all

the U.S. players, coaches, trainers, and fans.

The World Cup has given America the soccer fever that has afflicted the world for decades.

And the only prescription is more vuvuzela.

Ageless Moyer wins again

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Jamie Moyer gave up his record-breaking 506th home run but was sharp otherwise, and the Philadelphia Phillies took advantage of Toronto’s troubles to beat the Blue Jays, 11-2, Sunday.

Moyer’s only mistake was a two-run homer by Vernon Wells in the third inning. Moyer passed former Phillie Hall of Famer Robin Roberts for the most homers allowed in a career.

The Blue Jays made a season-high four errors, including a pair by second baseman Aaron Hill, that set up six unearned runs.

Jimmy Rollins, Shane Victorino, and Ben Francisco each had three hits for the Phillies, and Ryan Howard scored three runs. Philadelphia won for the eighth time in 11 games.

The 47-year-old Moyer (9-6), whose mound opponent wasn’t even born when he made his major-league debut, gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings. He struck out seven and walked none.

Moyer earned his 267th career victory, moving within one win of tying Jim Palmer for 34th on the all-time list. Moyer has won four of his last five starts.

Moyer made his big-league debut on June 16, 1986, 16 days before Toronto starter Brett Cecil (7-5) was born.

The Phillies took two of three from the Jays in a series that was moved from Toronto to Philadelphia because of the G20 Summit. As they did all series, the Jays wore their home uniforms and batted second, while the Phillies wore their road grays.

Toronto has lost five of seven overall.

Cecil struggled for the third-straight outing, allowing seven runs — five earned — and a season-high 10 hits in 4 2/3 innings.

Cecil won five-straight



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The Philadelphia Phillies’ Jamie Moyer pitches against the Toronto Blue Jays in the seventh inning Sunday in Philadelphia. Moyer picked up his ninth win of the season.

starts, allowing only six earned runs, in a span through June 10. Since then, he has lost three in a row while giving up 25 hits and 16 earned runs in 15 2/3 innings.

The Phillies scored four times in the second, with Dane Sardinha hitting a two-run double and Francisco and Rollins adding RBI singles. Francisco also doubled twice.

After Toronto got a pair of runs back on Wells’ 19th homer, the Phillies got both runs back in the fourth on RBI singles by Rollins and Chase Utley. Both were unearned after Hill dropped the throw from

shortstop Alex Gonzalez on Wilson Valdez’s sharply hit grounder that looked like a routine double-play ball that would’ve ended the inning.

Consecutive doubles by Howard and Victorino to open the fifth gave Philadelphia a 7-2 lead.

Hill had another gaffe in the strange seventh inning when the Blue Jays made three errors that set up four runs.

With one out, Howard was called safe when first-base umpire Joe West ruled that Lyle Overbay came off the bag on a throw, although replays appeared

to show the first baseman held the bag. After Victorino singled and Francisco doubled, Raul Ibanez walked to load the bases.

The inning looked to be over when Valdez hit a sharp grounder to Hill, but the second baseman threw past Gonzalez and into left field, allowing Victorino and Francisco to score. Then, Sardinha grounded harmlessly to the pitcher’s mound, but Jason Frasor threw it away trying to get Ibanez in a rundown, allowing another run to cross.

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Organizers canoe race a big hit

It was a successful first year for the Great Iowa River Canoe Race.

By **MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM**
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Organizers of the Great Iowa River Canoe Race were happy with the turnout of racers who shoved off at Sturgis Ferry Park to race down the Iowa River on June 26.

Around 50 competitors, along with family and friends, came out to enjoy the event. The race's coordinators — members of the Iowa Valley Resource Conservation and Development and Fin & Feather — expect the number to grow in years to come.

"You can always hope for more and more people, but I was very pleased with the number who came out," said canoeing enthusiast Rick Hill, who came up with the idea to have the event. "The more people you have the more fun the race is. We hope to build on this number for next year."

Avid canoeist Ted Cramer and partner Gareth Stevens finished first with a time of 57.30 in the 9.25 mile race, which ended at Hills Access in Hills.

They topped the competition by under an inch.

"At the end, with about a quarter-mile to go, we said we would go for it here," Cramer said. "We edged it out by less than an inch."

Tanya Meyer-Dideriksen, the coordinator of the Iowa Valley group, was impressed with the time that the first racers clocked in at, and she said it was tremendous that anyone could finish in under an hour.

The course itself was chosen for people of all skill levels to enjoy. Some of the participants included a man and his dog that rode the entire race seated in the boat and a man and his son who made their own canoe out of wood.

"The thing that's nice is it was safe enough for those doing the race recreationally," Meyer-Dideriksen said. "And there was also enough difficulty for those racing competitively to have to use some strategy in order to do well."



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Canoeists take off from Sturgis Ferry Park Access in Iowa City and head toward the Hills Access during the Great Iowa River Canoe Race on June 26. The race, 9.25 miles long, served as a fundraiser for Iowa Valley Resource Conservation & Development.

Hill said the skill level at which people race depends mostly on the type of canoe or kayak they use. There are boats made especially for racing, and only a small number of participants such as Cramer — who also participated in a 21-mile race in Green Bay on Sunday — that train and travel for this type of race.

Cramer, Hill, and other serious racers weren't satisfied with one race and decided to head back up stream to participate in a solo division rowing the race for a second time. Cramer also finished in first again.

The second run did not end the day either. Competitors, volunteers, family, and friends gathered at Carl and Ernie's Good Time Pub for the award ceremony. Winners were given awards and door prizes.

"I thought the race was great for its first year," Cramer said. "And the door prizes and the awards made it excellent. I really enjoyed it"

According to competitors, organizers, and crowd, this first year exceeded all expectations and everyone cannot wait to do it again. Hill said they will be discussing ways to improve the race for the following years.

"People had a good time," Meyer-Dideriksen said. "They enjoyed themselves, and they are looking forward to next year's race."

Cubs end ChiSox streak

By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Just when it looked as if the Chicago White Sox's longest winning streak in 49 years would end quietly, the South Siders made their crosstown rivals work hard to avoid a series sweep.

The White Sox scored three times in the ninth off Cub closer Carlos Marmol before he struck out Alex Rios swinging with the tying runs on base to preserve an 8-6 victory on Sunday. The White Sox's streak, which moved them back into the thick of the AL Central race, ended at 11 games. It was their longest since a 12-gamer in 1961.

"It was a good run," first baseman Paul Konerko said. "It was good to see the fight at the end of the game. They were just a little bit better in all areas in the game. You have to tip your hat to Ryan Dempster. He pitched a great game."

Tyler Colvin and Alfonso Soriano homered for the Cubs. The Cubs led 6-2 after the top of the sixth and a weekend that began with Carlos Zambrano's dugout tantrum and indefinite suspension ended on a positive note for a team still far below .500.

"We've got to be professional," Soriano said. "Whatever happens outside is part of the game. We're here to play every day."

Konerko hit his 20th homer for the White Sox, tying Frank Thomas' club record with 11 seasons of 20 or more.

Down 8-3, the White Sox started to come back when Marmol walked Mark Kotsay and A.J. Pierzynski with one out. After Alexei Ramirez flied out, Gordon Beckham hit an RBI double and Juan Pierre followed with a two-run single. Pinch-hitter Andruw Jones walked before Rios struck out.

"Well, it was enjoyable," manager Ozzie Guillen said. "We enjoyed it a lot. I think the guys are having more fun now, and they believe we can keep playing like this."

Colvin's three-run shot off John Danks (7-6) in the third gave the Cubs a 3-2 lead, and Derrek Lee extended it with a two-run double in the fifth.

Soriano led off a two-run eighth with his 11th homer, connecting against Tony Pena. And after the White Sox came up short in the ninth, the Cubs could finally exhale after a chaotic weekend.

Three years ago, they turned things around and went on the win the NL Central after Zambrano fought in the dugout and clubhouse with former catcher Michael Barrett and manager Lou Piniella got ejected in back-to-back games against Atlanta.

"I don't think it's because of the Zambrano incident that we win today," Aramis Ramirez said. "I don't think we're going to get hot because of it. No team wants to go through that."

Dempster (6-6) went seven innings as the Cubs won for the third time in nine games.

Kerr races to LPGA win

By **JOHN WAWROW**
Associated Press

PITTSFORD, N.Y. — Cristie Kerr soared to a 12-stroke victory at the LPGA Championship on Sunday in one of the most lopsided wins at a major, leaving her in position to become ranked No. 1.

Kerr closed with a birdie for 6-under 66, finishing at 19-under 269 and leading all four rounds. This was her second major title, the other coming at the 2007 U.S. Women's Open.

"It's been such an amazing week," she said. "To play here well on a golf course this tough and to win by that many shots in a major championship — that's just unreal."

Kerr began the final round with an eight-stroke lead on a humid, overcast day at Locust Hill Country Club. She opened with six-straight pars before birdieing three of her next four holes.

By winning the \$337,500 purse at the \$2.25 million tournament, Kerr was pro-

jected by the LPGA to overtake Japan's Ai Miyazato when the world rankings are released Monday. Miyazato needed to finish second to remain No. 1.

Kerr is the first American to win the LPGA Championship since Juli Inkster in 2000. She becomes only the fifth player to hold the No. 1 spot since the rankings were introduced in 2006.

"There are no words," Kerr said.

Miyazato opened the day at 1 over. She mounted a big rally with seven birdies before closing with a bogey-5 after hitting her tee shot into the rough. The four-time winner on the LPGA tour this season shot 66 to finish at 5 under in a tie for third with Jiyai Shin (71), the world's No. 2 player. Song-Hee Kim (69) finished second.

Kerr's margin of victory beat the previous LPGA Championship record by one stroke set by Betsy King in 1992. Among all LPGA majors, the 12-stroke advantage is tied for second on the list with Babe Zaharias' victory at the 1954 U.S. Open. Louise Suggs holds the record with a 14-stroke victory at the 1949 U.S. Women's Open.



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TRACK

Varner, Willey fall in semifinals

Ex-Hawkeye Ray Varner and Iowa's Steven Willey advanced to the semifinals of their respective events this weekend at the USA Track and Field National Championships in Des Moines, but failed to advance any further.

Willey, an NCAA All-American this past season, won his first-round heat in the 400 meters on June 24. He clocked in at 46.35 to earn the fourth seed in the semifinal on June 25. Willey placed 11th on June 25 at 46.15 and failed to advance to the final round on June 26.

Varner ran a 51.16 in the 400-meter hurdles in the first round on June 24, seeding him at No. 14 in the June 25 semifinals. The Big Ten champion's 53.62 semifinal run wasn't good enough to qualify him for the finals.

Hawkeye junior Erik Sowinski, also an NCAA All-American, competed in the June 24 first round 800 meters, but his 1:48.92 left him out of the event's semifinals.

Willey and Sowinski both competed on Iowa's 4x400-meter relay team that placed seventh at the NCAA championships earlier this month in Eugene, Ore. Willey earned another All-American honor for placing 15th in the 400-meter in Eugene as well.

Varner qualified for the 400-meter hurdles at the NCAA championships, too, but he failed to advance out of the preliminaries.

— by Jordan Garretson

BASEBALL

Longoria, Upton have dugout run-in

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Tampa Bay Rays' frustrating weekend can be summed up with one image: stars B.J. Upton and Evan Longoria standing nose-to-nose in a heated dugout spat.

Upton pointed a finger in Longoria's face after the third baseman questioned the center fielder's effort in the fifth inning Sunday, when Gerardo Parra hit a two-run homer that helped give the Arizona Diamondbacks a 2-1 win over the slumping Rays.

Rodrigo Lopez and three relievers combined on a two-hitter for the Diamondbacks, who took two of three from the Rays. On June 25, Edwin Jackson no-hit Tampa Bay, which had seven hits in the series.

"It's a byproduct of a frustrated team," Longoria said. "We're trying to win games, and guys are going to have differences of opinion. I just wanted to know what was going through his head. The bottom line, we've talked about it, and it goes no further than today."

Longoria was upset with how Upton positioned himself and went after Rusty Ryal's drive that ended up a triple in the fifth, ahead of Parra's homer. Several teammates stepped in between the two, and Willy Aybar wrapped his arms around Upton while separating the teammates.



Longoria
third baseman



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Bar patrons react to the World Cup match between Ghana and the United States in DC's on June 26. Ghana eliminated the U.S., just as it did in 2006.

Soccer fever peaks in IC

DC's was full of rabid U.S. fans June 26 — but they went home disappointed.

By JON FRANK
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The World Cup is over, at least for the patriots who occupied DC's on June 26.

Ghana defeated the U.S., 2-1, the second time in as many World Cup tournaments that Ghana has eliminated the Americans.

It wasn't uncommon for grown men to wear capes, or paint their faces with red, white, and blue. One flag even represented U.S. midfielder Clint Dempsey's customized cleats — "Don't Tread on me," it read, echoing one of the American flags in the

Revolutionary War.

Hours before the game, patrons in DC's were growing anxious with anticipation. Such classic songs as Billy Joel's "Uptown Girl" played over the speakers until it became close to game time.

The entire building was brimming with excitement, confidence, and probably a little fear, too.

And then reality set in. Ghana scored a goal on a lightning-quick run just five minutes into the match — a breakdown in the American defense.

University of Iowa medical student Ryan Schultz

held an American flag between his fingers as it draped over his shoulders like a safety blanket.

Distraught but not defeated, the consensus was that the U.S. team could get back in the match.

"I wish we didn't suck in the first 10 minutes," Schultz said. "If there's one thing [U.S. head coach Bob Bradley] can do, it's adjust. If they continue with all the shots, one will eventually go in."

And why not? The U.S. team rallied from a 2-0 deficit to tie Slovenia. They managed an unlikely

goal against the star-studded England team and stole a 1-0 victory over Algeria in the closing minutes of the match.

Seventeen minutes into the second half, America caught a break.

Ghana defender Jonathan Mensah threw himself in the path of a charging Clint Dempsey, and Dempsey fell in the penalty area. Mensah received a yellow card, and the U.S. received a penalty kick.

American soccer's poster child, Landon Donovan, lined up against the Black Stars' goal keeper Richard

Kingson for an all but guaranteed goal. Donovan, composed despite the buzzing of the vuvuzelas, connected on the equalizer to put his country in a position to win the match once again.

"It was insane," UI senior Steve Smith said. "When [Donovan] lined up for the kick, everybody knew it was good."

Of course, the match went to extra time — otherwise, it just wouldn't be American soccer.

Ghana got the better of the U.S. team, though. Another fast break by

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PRIME TIME

Second-half frenzy

Devyn Marble leads his team to victory with 30 points.

By MAGGIE CUNNINGHAM
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It seemed as if a blowout was underway at the end of the first half Sunday.

Bob's Your Uncle & Monica's/Iowa City Ready Mix was up 16 points against George Etre/Culver's of Coralville in Prime Time League action.

But Etre/Culver's didn't go down without a fight.

With both teams reaching triple digits, making for a dramatic finish, Bob's/Ready Mix came out on top, 104-102.

After taking such a big lead in the first half, Bob's/Ready Mix was just barely able to make up for its lack of defense in the second half.

"We got lazy on the defensive end," said Iowa sophomore forward Brennan Coughill, who totaled 18 points and 12 rebounds. "And we got lazy on the boards. We gave up quite a few offensive rebounds in the second half. And just our defensive effort wasn't like it was in the first."

"We didn't hit shots in the second half like we did



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Michael Hadley of Bob's/Ready Mix goes up for a basket in the North Liberty Community Center on Sunday. Devyn Marble scored 30 points to lead Bob's/Ready Mix to a 104-102 victory.

in the first."

The turnaround for Etre/Culver's came at the beginning of the second half.

Incoming Iowa freshman Melsahn Basabe's 29 points and 10 rebounds, along with former Iowa player Jason Price's 22 points — all in the second half — led the team in its comeback.

"We started playing together as a team," Etre/Culver's coach Ron Nove. "We started getting aggressive, started going on the boards, and played a lot

harder in the second half."

"We were trying to get as much time off the clock and manage the game so we had the ball in our possession a little longer," Iowa freshman Devyn Marble of Bob's/Ready Mix said. "And just keep playing defense. We were up, so we knew we were OK."

Although it took the lead with one minute left in the second half, Etre/Culver's comeback was finally quieted by Marble's free throws.

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COMMENTARY

Soccer — the great unifier

Fans rallying behind the U.S. team was just the latest example of the World Cup as a unifying force.



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When the final whistle blew on the United States' World Cup run, I was happy.

The team had just been eliminated by Ghana, the same nation that knocked it out of the 2006 tournament (by the same 2-1 score, no less).

So why was I happy? Because the U.S. team kindled the hopes and dreams of an entire nation. Our boys brought the country together.

The World Cup came at a perfect time for the U.S.

The Gulf of Mexico continues to be devastated by the worst man-made ecological disaster in world

history, and the right is attacking the left for the way it is handling the issue. Anyone remember when the Democrats did the same thing to the Republicans about Katrina?

The economy isn't great. I couldn't find a job waiting tables, so I took one as a restaurant mascot (my training consisted of repeating the phrase "What would Herky do?"). Of course, I actually have a job — two, if you count writing this column — at a time when plenty of people don't.

No matter what dire straits the country finds itself in, however, it always has something to pull it out of the muck and bring the people together — sports.

If only for a few brief hours, sport allows the American people to band together in their love of Michael Jordan and hatred of the Yankees.

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