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### New fiscal year, new laws

The Iowa Legislature voted to approve several new laws in this last legislative season. Today, many of them will go into effect.

### Paid leave

The paid-leave law goes into effect today; it will require public employees to pay back any salary they receive while on paid leave if they are convicted of a felony.

The proposal passed 95-1 April 18, and then was signed by Gov. Terry Branstad. It was proposed after two University of Iowa employees receiving full salaries were under investigation and later tried for crimes. The law initially applied to faculty and teachers, then was amended by the Senate to include all Iowa government officials.

"This is about providing solid public policy, not revenge," Rep. Jeff Kaufmann, R-Wilton, said in April.

### Liquor

In March, Branstad signed a bill that will, effective today, allow convenience stores to distribute hard alcohol without meeting any special requirements.

Store owners will have the option of selling liquor in their main aisles, but the law places a limitation on the amount of stimulants that can be added to alcohol and sold in the state.

Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek said in March the law might be troublesome for the area.

"I don't think this is a good thing for Iowa City, given all the problems we've had with alcohol historically," he said. "Making access to alcohol even easier is counterproductive."

### Boat blood-alcohol

Branstad signed Senate File 7 in early April, and today, it will lower the blood-alcohol limit for those piloting boats from 0.10 to 0.08.

The new limit for motor- or sailboats was a legislative attempt to better align the boat drinking law with the legal limit for operating a motor vehicle.

Rep. Curtis Hanson, D-Fairfield, said in April the legislation is "a standardization that's long overdue."

### Abortion

The Iowa Legislature voted Thursday to continue to fund reimbursement for abortion services under Medicaid at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, but only if those abortions are deemed medically necessary. Mentioned in the Health and Human Services bill HF 649, the measures for abortion and other Iowa health laws passed the Senate, 27-18.

— by Ariana Witt

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## Proposed levee draws more fire



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Taft Speedway resident Jim White talks to reporters outside his home on Thursday. Five local residents gathered for a walk against the proposed levee on Taft Speedway, which they say will endanger both their homes and others along the Iowa River.

City councilors will vote next week on commissioning a study about the plan's impact.

By IAN STEWART  
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Jim White stood in the middle of Taft Speedway on Thursday and gestured toward the row of houses between him and the Iowa River.

"I don't like to see these as houses," he said. "I see them as homes."

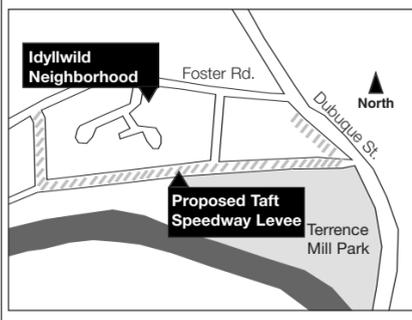
White, who lives on Taft Speedway, led a tour of a stretch of street city officials say could be made into a levee. The neighborhood was inundated in the 2008 flood, but the proposed raising of the street has residents on the riverside concerned.

"Any road that's raised will affect all of us negatively in the community," White said to the handful of locals who came to the "levee walk."

The street, which would be raised between 4 and 15 feet, would follow Taft Speedway and No Name Road between Dubuque Street and Foster Road, encircling the Idyllwild Neighborhood and Parkview Church, but it would leave around nine residences on what

### Levee draws criticism

Residents between Taft Speedway and the Iowa River are concerned about a potential flood-barrier



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the residents' attorney, Wally Taylor, calls "the wrong side of the road."

Since 2008, there has been much debate about mitigating risk around this bend in the Iowa River. In a July 2009 request by the city

for Disaster Recovery Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, city officials called a levee "the best option for providing a long-term benefit to the community."

City Councilor Regenia Bailey, who was the mayor during the 2008 flood, said that while she understands the situation is "very difficult and frustrating," the city has properly handled the project.

"The council had very focused and deliberative conversations about what we need to do to protect neighborhoods in Iowa City," Bailey said.

But Taylor, who has worked with the residents since December, said that his clients' primary concern is that they were being ignored.

"The plan for the levee was undertaken with no reference to those folks at all," he said.

Taylor said some of his clients contacted state and federal officials in an attempt to

SEE LEVEE, 3

## Texting + driving = fine

Distracted drivers can be fined by police starting today.

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Fasten your seat belt and enjoy the drive ... without your cell phone.

The distracted-driving bill signed more than a year ago today, banning texting for all drivers, can now be enforced with a fine.

At first glance, the fine reads \$30, but after court fees in Johnson County, a driver will owe \$120.75, Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton confirmed.

"Any distractive driving can lead to collision," she said, and the Iowa City police supports safe driving. "Obviously, if you're texting, you're distracted."

The law prohibits drivers from reading, writing, and sending a message while driving, even at stop signs and stoplights.

"All you have to do is take a

### Distracted driving

The distracted-driving law is now enforced by a fine after midnight Thursday. Former Iowa Gov. Chet Culver signed the bill into law on April 1, 2010.

#### Details:

- Fine: \$30
- Fine with court fees in Johnson County: \$120.75
- All drivers banned from texting.
- Minors banned from using cell phones while driving.

couple of minutes and pull over to the side," Brotherton said.

She said the law says drivers must be off the traveled portion of the road and at a complete stop to text.

Because texting while driving is a secondary offense, officers cannot pull over individuals based only on assumption, making enforcement more difficult.

And with the majority of

traffic collisions being minor in the area, texting violations are less likely to be investigated and documented, Brotherton said.

"We're not going to confiscate your phone," she said. "If a kid runs across the street, what did you get away with?"

Legislators will let the law run for a while before reviewing its effectiveness in January, said Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville.

"It's a good law, but we won't be able to give a full evaluation on the program until the program is six months underway," Jacoby said. "What you also look at is the decrease in accidents, particularly in the young people who tend text more than an old guy like me."

No new legislation was brought up for the texting law as the legislative session closed Thursday night.

SEE TEXTING, 3

## Legislature passes budget

By ADAM B SULLIVAN  
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Iowa lawmakers passed a state budget on Thursday, ending one of the longest legislative sessions in state history.

Both Senate Majority Leader Mike Gronstal, D-Council Bluffs, and House Speaker Kraig Paulsen, R-Hiawatha, offered closing remarks:



Mike Gronstal  
D-Council Bluffs

'House Republicans decided ... to demand deep, deep cuts to Iowa education at all levels.'



Kraig Paulsen  
R-Hiawatha

'[Divided government] forces individuals with differing perspectives to engage and work together to find agreement.'



Spotlight Iowa City

# Keeping friend's memory alive



ZHONGZHU GUO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Mandi Carozza works on her website in her Iowa City apartment on Tuesday. After friend Jenny Snyder died on a high-school soccer field, Carozza joined a foundation named in Jenny's memory.

## UI student uses friend's death as a means for helping others.

By **LINDSAY DOUGLAS**  
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When Mandi Carozza visits home, she always makes sure to drop by her best friend Jenny's house to visit with her family.

"I see Jenny in her mom, and I think she sees Jenny in me," Carozza said.

The duo was inseparable from sixth grade until tragedy struck a week before their senior year at Glenbrook North High School, when Jenny Snyder collapsed on the soccer field and died instantly from sudden cardiac arrest.

"She said, 'I love you,' went to soccer practice, and then I got a call that said she fainted," said Michele Snyder, Jenny's mother. "But now we know that wasn't it."

Their differences made their friendship what it was.

"Mandi brought out the wilder side of Jenny, and Jenny brought out the calmer side of Mandi," Snyder said.

August will mark the

third anniversary of Jenny's death and will be the third summer Carozza has served on the Junior Board of Directors for the Jennifer Lynn Snyder Teen Heart Foundation.

The elder Snyder founded the organization in Jenny's name in October 2009 to help save lives.

The foundation's goal is to make automated external defibrillators available at parks and fields — that was not an option at the field Jenny collapsed on.

"We don't know if she would have survived, but it would have been her only chance," Snyder said.

She wants to make the portable defibrillators accessible, out in the open, and labeled, as well as teach community members how to use them. She said that after an attack, the chance of survival goes down every minute by 10 percent.

The Junior Board of Directors is made up of 15 students who were friends of Jenny's at Glenbrook North High, and they are a lifesaver for Snyder.

### Mandi Carozza

- Age: 20
- Hometown: Northbrook, Ill.
- Favorite Book: *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*
- Favorite Movie: *The Breakfast Club*
- Favorite Downtown Restaurant: Mesa
- Dream Job: Writer for "Family Guy"
- Addiction: Online Shopping

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She said their creativity, work ethic, and focus blows her away, "they keep [Jenny's] memory alive."

Amy Nadell, the secretary of the Junior Board, described Jenny as genuine and somebody who always put others before herself.

"I want people to know about sudden cardiac arrest and how it could happen to anyone," Nadell said. "I would like to see defibrillators placed throughout the U.S. so others would not have to

deal with the sorrow me and my friends did."

With each defibrillator running around \$3,000, the foundation has been organizing annual summer fundraisers.

Carozza said the first year the foundation did a concert in the park, it raised \$3,000.

"We [aim] to get publicity, pricing, and gifts for the silent auction," Nadell said. "Really, our main focus is getting the word out to get attendance up."

UI journalism major Carozza said she will spend the month of July interning for Snyder, working on the website and attending meetings with the park district.

Snyder said she will be by her side every day, "getting into the nitty-gritty of the foundation."

"They come into my house, we have these meetings, and they not only fill a need from a philanthropic perspective, they fill my heart," Snyder said. "When I see Mandi, I see Jenny; now multiply that by 15."

## METRO/STATE

### Woman charged with theft

An Iowa City woman was arrested after she allegedly stole more than \$3,100 from US Bank.

Jessica Elizabeth Maclin, 24, 1958 Broadway Apt. 5A, was charged Wednesday with second-degree theft.

According to a complaint from Iowa City police, Maclin opened a US Bank account in February. Soon after, checks were allegedly deposited through an ATM into Maclin's account from a closed account.

After these deposits, an immediate withdrawal was made, causing a negative balance, reports said.

Maclin was reportedly seen on bank-security footage making a withdrawal of \$2,100. She later reportedly admitted to participating in fraudulent acts, saying her boyfriend was also guilty, according to police.

Second-degree theft in excess of \$1,000 but not exceeding \$10,000 is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Brian Albert

### Fire causes \$43,000 in damage

A fire Wednesday evening left one Iowa City structure with over \$40,000 in damages.

According to a press release, the Iowa City Fire Department was dispatched to a burning structure at 1032 Howell Street.

At approximately 1:15 p.m., firefighters responded to reports of a garage fire, sending three engines, a ladder company, and a command vehicle. The first unit on scene reportedly saw fire showing from the front of the detached garage.

Fire crews controlled the blaze within 10 minutes and completely extinguished the fire within half an hour. The residence beside the garage received minor damage, the report said.

The occupants had evacuated, and neither they nor any of the 15 firefighters at the scene were harmed.

Officials are investigating the source of the fire, which caused an estimated \$43,000 in damage.

— by Brian Albert

### Flooding continues in Ottumwa

The Des Moines River was at

12.75 feet Tuesday afternoon, above the 11-foot flood stage and at the low end of what officials consider moderate flooding. But forecasters predict it will stay at 12 feet for at least the next several days.

Lake Red Rock is the biggest single factor for Ottumwa. Outflows from the reservoir were at 22,700 cubic feet per second on Monday but had risen to over 30,000 by Tuesday morning. It could go higher.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers sets release levels depending on the level of the lake itself. At 775 feet, officials set release rates at 30,000. The lake hit that level Monday, so outflows rose.

The next benchmark is a 776-foot level for the lake. If it hits that point, the Corps will raise the releases to 35,000 cfs.

Corps forecasters expect that to happen today. Their current forecast puts the lake level at a high of 776 feet sometime around July 5. In other words, the increased water from Red Rock will continue for at least a week.

— Associated Press

### Branstad asks Vilsack for disaster designation

SIoux CITY — Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad requested a disaster declaration on Wednesday for Iowa producers and farmers affected by the flooding along the Missouri River and its tributaries.

He made the request in a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack, a former Iowa governor, asking for a "Secretarial Disaster Designation" for six counties.

As floodwaters continue to inundate farmland, Branstad said in a prepared statement, "Iowa producers are sustaining flood damage to their crops, farm buildings, and equipment. Given this event, Iowa could see significant production and agricultural losses in counties along the Missouri River."

Counties in the requested disaster area are Fremont, Harrison, Mills, Monona, Pottawattamie, and Woodbury.

His request came after a review of agriculture damages conducted by the Farm Service Agency. If granted, Vilsack's declaration will make disaster programs available to eligible applicants in the primary and contiguous counties.

— Associated Press

## BLOTTER

Brent Bauer, 26, Marion, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

Joshua Heineman, 19, 729 Ronalds St., was charged Thursday with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Crystal Knight, 22, Coralville, was charged Monday with driving with

a suspended/canceled license.

Juan Martinez, 47, 1425 Langenberg Ave., was charged Wednesday with disorderly conduct.

Donis Medina, 30, 903 S. Dodge St., was charged Wednesday with

disorderly conduct and driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Skye Rodriguez-Wojtak, 20, 315 Emerald St. Apt. 1, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

Fermin Sanchez-Landavazo, 21, 2010 10th St. Apt. 9, was charged June 11 with public intoxication.

Nacho Vazquez, 18, 1205 Laura Drive Apt. 74, was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

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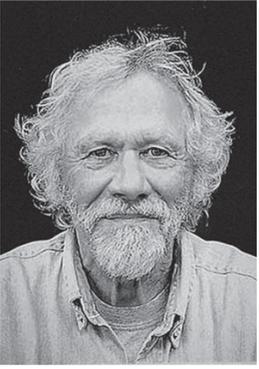
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Obituaries

Gerald Eskin, 76



Gerald Eskin of Iowa City, Chicago, and Aspen, died June 28 of complications following heart surgery last March. He was 76. He was a man of many talents who excelled as a professor, an entrepreneur, and an artist.

Gerald Julian Eskin was born on October 10, 1934, to Rose and William Eskin of Washington, DC. His father, a butcher, owned a grocery store, Spic 'N Span Market. At 15, as a member of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, he met the vivacious Sandra Israel, then 12. Their first date was her sweet 16; during the party they discovered they shared a taste for jazz and the same birthday. Two years later, in 1956, the pair married.

As a teen, Eskin learned to shoot photographs using a Graflex Speed Graphic camera. He was hired as stringer for the Washington Daily News, covering sports, crime, and nightlife. It was a job he later thought of as his favorite.

At Eastern High School, a journalism teacher named "Doc" Regis Boyle insisted Eskin try something he'd never considered: college. Eskin graduated from the University of Maryland, College Park and later served as a photographer for the Air Force Reserves. He earned his doctorate in economics from the University of Minnesota. He taught marketing and market research at Stanford University and at the University of Iowa.

In 1979, Eskin and three partners founded Information Resources, Inc., a market-research firm based in Chicago. Exploiting the potential of new technology that allowed grocery products to be scanned via barcode, Information Resources grew to one of the world's leading market-research firms. Early on, a shipment of cables arrived incorrectly fabricated. The couple's three teenaged children and their friends established an impromptu workshop in the family dining room, fitting the cables with the correct couplings and their fingers with many Band-Aids. Eskin was awarded three U.S. patents for technology he developed for IRI.

After retiring from IRI in 1995, Eskin turned his attention to his long-time pursuit, ceramics. He moved from throwing functional plates and cups to building large platters, and eventually towering sculptural forms. His work is held in major collections, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Museum of Arts & Design (formerly the American Craft Museum), Longhouse Reserve, the Mint Museum, the University of Iowa Museum of Art, and the Racine Art Museum.

Eskin returned to the University of Iowa as an adjunct professor of studio art and art history. He also returned to photography, mastering digital technology to produce vast panoramic landscapes. He noted that while the technique was new — he studied ink-jet-printer pixels through a microscope — the subject matter was old. "I am still

trying to record objects, places and events, the same goals I had some 50 years ago when I worked as a photo journalist in Washington, D.C." wrote Eskin in an artist's statement.

Eskin conceived, designed and developed the ceramics collection for the University of Iowa Art Museum. Generous with time and money, if not small talk, he served as chairman of the advisory board of the National Council on Education in the Ceramic Arts, as a board member of the American Craft Museum, and as a member of the advisory board of the University of Iowa Museum of Art.

Eskin was an avid sailor, who kept a boat on Lake Michigan. He was an enthusiastic skier, who maintained a home and studio in Aspen, Colorado. Students often joined him there to help with the three-day process of wood firing and to help move his sculptures, many of which weighed more than 1,000 pounds. He was an adventurous traveler, visiting potters across Asia and ancient ruins in Europe and the Middle East. These influences are clear in his work.

His work was inspired by some of civilization's earliest ceramic forms. He created "spirit houses" fashioned after ancient ossuaries, and imposing eight-foot tall vessels that resembled sarcophagi. "In all the things that Gerry Eskin creates, there is a basic sense of humanity," wrote friend and renowned ceramicist Jun Kaneko, in the catalog to "Scale," Eskin's 2010 show at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport, Iowa.

Eskin was at home in Aspen preparing for that show in March, 2010, when he suffered a heart attack. He underwent bypass surgery at the University of Colorado Hospital, Denver. Shortly after, he collapsed into multi-organ failure. Over the next 15 months, under the vigilant care of his wife, Eskin made a nearly miraculous recovery. The feat surprised his many doctors; it did not surprise his many friends, who in 2000 had witnessed him recover from tongue cancer thought to be fatal. This spring, though still hospitalized, now in Iowa, Eskin had returned to shaping pots and was learning games for the iPad when he succumbed to an infection.

Eskin preferred a casual style — jeans and a beard. He regularly met friends for coffee at Lou Henri's restaurant on Iowa Avenue. Once he sold a ceramic platter to owner Jeffery Curie, who paid by waiving Eskin's breakfast bills. Curie instructed his staff not to charge Eskin, provoking a reaction from a waitress that Eskin loved to retell. "She said, 'I didn't know that man was homeless.'"

Eskin is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sandie "Zoe" Eskin, his younger brother, Howard Eskin, of Charlton, New York, and three children: Joshua Eskin of Boulder, Colorado; Leah Eskin of Baltimore, Maryland; and Benjamin Eskin of Minneapolis, Minnesota; as well as seven grandchildren and one dog, Jackson. Eskin's website, gerryeskinstudio.com, includes a tribute to his black lab, Claude, who died in 2006. It concludes: "In lieu of flowers, feed a dog some table scraps or let your dog off the leash for a few minutes." He would likely offer the same advice today.

Contributions in honor of Eskin can be made to the University of Iowa Museum of Art or the American Civil Liberties Union of Iowa.

A private burial was held Thursday. The family plans memorial services in Iowa City and Aspen later this year.

TEXTING

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For now, officers in Iowa City will look for traffic violations and will not necessarily ask if a driver has been texting in minor instances.

"[Texting while driving] probably happens a lot more than it is documented," Brotherton said.

Michelle Bjerke, 26, said she never texts while driving.

"I hardly talk on the phone," the second year University of Iowa graduate student said and laughed. "It's dangerous ... [the fine] doesn't seem like it's enough money to be a deterrent."

But Bjerke said having to pay a fine would be annoying.

Brian Lynch, the coordinator of Streets Smarts Drivers Education, said he feels the fine is not enough.

"What [legislators] need to do is not worry about the politics and worry

about safety," he said. "The definition of distraction is anything that takes your attention from driving."

The law still allows drivers to use GPS devices, voice-command texting devices, digital-dispatch systems, and dialing numbers to make calls.

"I think they are all equally distracting," Lynch said. "Hopefully, all the distracters will be made illegal, so that it eliminates the amount of accidents."

Jacoby said legislators will look at reduced acci-

dents, injuries, and the increase or total number of fines in January 2012.

Texting while driving is a non-moving offense, meaning violators will lose money but not their licenses.

"You may not get your license suspended, but there are other consequences," Brotherton said, citing the costs of car repairs or loss of life as potential consequences. "You have to live with that forever."

LEVEE

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get answers to their questions about possible adverse affects of the levee.

The funding for the grant has been put on hold until the city conducts an impact study in response to residents' concerns, said David Purdy, Iowa City's community-development-planner. On July 5, the City Council will consider whether to commission the consulting firm HDR to examine potential risks resulting from the proposed levee and alternative flood-protection projects. Taylor said he sees consideration of an impact study as a victory for the homeowners he represents.

Among the concerns raised at Thursday's event was the possibility of increased flooding across the river from a future levee.

"Common sense tells you the water has to go somewhere," said Mary



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

The Idyllwild Neighborhood near Foster Road is inundated by Iowa River flooding on June 16, 2008.

Murphy, who lives in the Parkview Terrace Neighborhood, just upstream and across the river from the Taft Speedway neighborhood. "It's wrong of the city to protect one neighborhood at the expense of others."

And Murphy was not the only vocal opponent of the proposal.

"I think it's a wrong project at a horrible cost both financially and environmentally," said Iowa City resident Gary Sanders. Initial projects put the cost of the levee at upwards of \$10 million. Sanders, who has friends in Parkview Terrace, said rather than possibly saving some areas at the

expense of others, there should be "equal risk" for all riverside properties.

But Bailey offered a different interpretation of the situation.

"The objective really is to protect the greatest number of residents, the greatest number of properties," she said.



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President Obama speaks in at the Alcoa Davenport Works in Bettendorf on Tuesday.

Obama reassures donors

By BETH FOUHY and KEN THOMAS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Even as President Obama's re-election effort is powering toward an impressive early fundraising haul, campaign officials are trying to reassure donors who have concerns about a range of policy decisions and pace of change during Obama's first term.

Some top donors and even members of Obama's campaign team say that to replicate the success of 2008, the president and his advisers must reassure the fundraising community on a number of issues, from regulations on Wall Street to the Middle East peace process to the president's refusal to endorse gay marriage.

"It's not unfair to say the donor base, at least the significant to large donor base, has questions," former Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell, a Democrat, told reporters Thursday. But he said Obama "has good answers for all of them."

Obama's team hopes to raise \$60 million for the campaign and the Democratic National Committee

when the latest fundraising quarter ends Thursday. Obama and the Republicans competing for the GOP nomination will file quarterly reports that will be disclosed by mid-July, offering the first extended look at each campaign's financial health.

Obama, who was holding fundraisers Thursday in Philadelphia, is expected to demonstrate a whopping fundraising advantage over the entire GOP field, including former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who is expected to post as much as \$20 million. But Obama's team is leaving little to chance, hoping to prove through fundraising success the president is strongly positioned for the campaign ahead.

"Come next fall, people might not remember this date — or make the connection between the strength of our campaign then and the steps we took in these early months," campaign manager Jim Messina told supporters in an e-mail. "But anyone worth their salt in politics knows [Thursday] is one of the most important tests we'll face as a campaign this year."

As it seeks both big checks and small donations, however, Obama's finance operation has had to mend fences with donors who are ambivalent or even angry about some policy matters.

"I can't think of a constituency that doesn't feel frustrated," said Democratic National Committee member Robert Zimmerman, an Obama donor. "But at the end of the day, this is a president who provides the best hope for the values donors share."

First up: the Wall Street community, many of whom recoiled when Obama called them "fat cats" whose misdeeds led to the 2008 financial crisis. Many also have resisted his efforts to enact financial regulatory reform.

Obama has retained a core group of fundraisers on Wall Street, including Orin Kramer of Boston Provident, Mark Gallogly of Centerbridge Partners, Marc Lasry of Avenue Capital and Blair Effron at Centerview Partners. But some bankers who supported Obama in 2008 have stayed on the sidelines, prompting outreach by top campaign officials.

There have been signs of

a thaw. An April fundraiser at the New York apartment of ex-New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine, a former Goldman Sachs executive, sold out two weeks in advance and raised more than \$2 million from donors largely representing the financial industry. Obama also drew a large audience at a fundraiser last week at Daniel, a top New York City restaurant.

In March, the DNC organized a meeting for Obama and 30 Wall Street and business leaders at the White House. The gathering prompted questions from Republicans and good government groups over whether it blurred the lines between the campaign and official White House business.

White House spokesman Jay Carney, in response to a question, said Thursday that Obama had also met with DNC members in February at the White House residence. Carney said "all presidents have meetings with their supporters in the residence" and said the event was a reception for DNC members who were in Washington for the committee's annual meeting.

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## Editorial

## Grassley's bill to aid families affected by addiction is laudable

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, has long been a vocal supporter of foster-child services. Mix that theme with his fervent support for the war on methamphetamines, and there's a potent legislative mixture coming out of Washington.

Last week, Grassley introduced legislation that would reauthorize grants providing funding for a variety of social initiatives related to children affected by substance abuse, grants that he originally helped craft in 2006. Among the provisions included in the bill are funding for foster-youth services and long-term drug-abuse treatment for parents struggling with addiction. While the Partners for Stable Families and Foster Youth Affected by Methamphetamine or Other Substance Abuse Act may be a mouthful, the intentions of the bill are solid, and the bill provides a substantial contribution to the social welfare of this nation.

Perhaps most visibly, the bill provides funding for foster programs that help children who suffer as a result of their parents' chemical addictions. Equally important, though, the bill attempts to rectify the underlying problems addiction causes by addressing and treating those suffering. By providing these services, the intention is that children put into foster care may one day be reunited with their rehabilitated family members.

Though bills that advocate children's well-being are usually rewarding for politicians, the current climate of budgetary affairs in Washington presents a much more hostile environment than in years past. In many cases, it seems members of Congress are eager to cut funding for any legislation providing services for those less fortunate.

Despite the necessary fiscal restraint, Grassley's bill is a reasonable cost to expend on a national level. At \$40 million annually, the grants will no doubt anger Tea Partiers, but the potential for success far outweigh any risks. A 1994 report by the General Accounting Office found that foster services and treatment related to substance abuse represented a significant hidden cost to state and federal agencies; it's unlikely that this has changed. A chance to minimize these costs by means of a proactive response, then, seems quite acceptable.

Interestingly, though the bill provides foster-care and

treatment services for a multitude of substances, special attention is brought to the problems caused by methamphetamine, a theme prominently on display in the bill's title. While this might be viewed as a slight nod to Iowa's past trouble with controlling meth abuse, Grassley justifies the emphasis by citing a 2005 RAND Corporation study that determined more than 300,000 children had entered foster-care because of the substance.

Linda Spears, the vice president of policy and public affairs at the Child Welfare League of America, told the *DI* Editorial Board on Wednesday that although she believes meth abuse isn't a pervasive issue, it "remains an incredibly big problem in some communities."

"Each community has its own substance-abuse issue," she said. She also acknowledged that while most child-welfare agencies don't consider meth-related referrals an expanding problem, the drug's use is still growing in some communities and rural areas.

Grassley's bill takes an admirable stance toward the drug problem: Instead of further criminalizing addicts and punishing drug users and their families, the bill seeks to make lives easier and facilitate the recovery of those afflicted by drug abuse. Not all of Grassley's anti-drug legislation has taken this tack; other bills have increased penalties or expanded the criminalization of intoxicating substances. But this is one piece of legislation with a positive approach, not a negative one, and one that addresses drug abuse without further marginalizing affected populations.

Earlier this month, Grassley was named a "Defender of Children" by the First Focus Campaign for Children, an award given annually to members of Congress who actively work to promote the interests of youth. The occasion marked the second-straight year Grassley has received the award. And in the weeks since, he has wasted no time in attempting to maintain that title.

Grassley's bill contributes to the social well-being of America's future. By maintaining funding for programs that encourage the reunification of families, he continues his legacy as a defender. And with a step in the right direction, his legislation provides hope that America is capable of progressive solutions.

Your turn. Do you support Sen. Charles Grassley's proposal? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## Immigration law hurts Ga. harvest

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"You know that Arizona-style immigration bill we passed in May?" Georgia's investigation results (basically) said. "Uh, yeah, about that."

This past week, the state of Georgia released results from a report (under)stating that Georgia farmers would need more than 11,000 additional workers to harvest their crops.

Flash back to a month ago: Gov. Nathan Deal welcomed cameras and reporters into his office as he signed a bill aiming to crack down on illegal immigrants, who were ostensibly taking jobs away from state residents.

The law wasn't about wages or safety, benefits or workers' rights in an industry known for its poor compensation and conditions; this was about strengthening Georgia's infrastructure by ridding it of illegals. It seems that the illegals gone, everything would be hunky-dorey, right? Right?

Uh, yeah, about that. Now, it might have to be about wages, safety, benefits, and workers' rights after all.

It seems Georgia unknowingly imposed on itself a workers' strike at one of the most inopportune times possible, with crops rotting in the field during record high unemployment.

(I guess this is what happens when an electorate contradicts itself, yearning for free trade while doing everything in its power to stifle the labor movement. Free trade is what you wanted? Well, I hope you enjoy South Carolina's peaches and India's peanuts.)

So now it seems that Georgia has three ways out of this mess. The cleanest way out is unfortunately the least likely, and that is to repeal the law entirely.

"Uh, yeah, about that," the governor would say. "That was actually a really stupid idea. We forgot to think that one through, even like a little bit. In hindsight, we probably should have done at least a five-minute cost/benefit analysis before we passed the bill. But it's not our fault. It wasn't us who disguised racism as an acceptable political platform. Oh, it was? Well, shit."

The most likely "solution" is probably a federal bailout, and it's undoubtedly what Georgians are hoping for. Hurray for small government!

I hope I'm not the only one that sees the silver lining, also known as, the third way out of this mess: The start of an American agricultural revolution with higher wages and better working conditions for seasonal farm hands, enticing more American citizens into the business (and helping out the immigrants, too).

These changes wouldn't lead to as dramatic of an increase in crop prices as many may think; labor only accounts for 17 percent of total variable farm costs. Most farms' overhead is vastly made of up fixed costs, i.e. taxes, land, and equipment. But, for argument's sake, let's say that costs are 50 percent fixed, 50 percent variable, so doubling workers' wages would result in a 8.5 percent increase in price, or (gasp) a 27-cent peach versus a 25-cent peach. And this is extra, extra, super conservative, because labor would account for even less of a percentage of the market price. It goes without saying this would easily offset the energy costs of transporting "cheaper" goods from out-of-state.

And Iowa can facilitate this process.

In order for a wage increase of this magnitude to gain any kind of momentum, Georgia cannot be the lone participant. Iowa seems like the logical ally for this kind of movement, with fewer labor-intensive crops (corn, beans) and thus less to lose within the margins of the income statements.

Ideally, there would be a path to citizenship for migrant workers, the undocumented backbone of our agriculture. But given the opposition from the senior senator from our own state to something as sensible as the DREAM Act, reform such as this appears unlikely, to say the least.

But who am I to incorporate logic and foresight in an argument based on ignorance? What do I know? Maybe it would be more beneficial and less costly to deport every single illegal immigrant rather than work together to remedy both of our problems.

Uh, yeah. About that. ■

## Letter

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## Liberty for all, including the unborn

In the city of Philadelphia, there is a cracked metal object with a Bible verse etched on it.

It has and continues to be a great inspiration for freedom-loving people the world over. The Liberty Bell gets its name from the verse on the bell that has the word "liberty" on it. The verse comes

from the King James version of the Bible's Leviticus 25:10 and reads, "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

Instead of thinking of someone in the womb as an "it" or as "property," we can see them from God's perspective: They are inhabitants. What place did we inhabit? Our mother's womb.

Inhabitants are alive, created in the image of God. We are knit together in God's

secret place, according to the Bible; Psalms 139:13-16 says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. So if you abort fetuses, you tread on God's living image.

We pray that a woman will not murder an *inhabitant* who came alive at fertilization.

An inhabitant in your womb makes you a mother. From fertilization we begin living. We are like no other.

"That innocent blood be not shed in the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee," says Deuteronomy 19:10.

There have been 60 million fetuses aborted in America since *Roe v. Wade*. It's time to proclaim liberty for all inhabitants — from fertilization to the natural end of life.

Donna Holman  
Keokuk

## Guest opinion

## Remembering our American forefathers

Thomas Paine, the catalytic firebrand who set the American Revolution ablaze, saw the uprising as America's chance to free itself from the transatlantic tether of British dominion and as an opportunity to "begin the world anew." But when the fortitude of the colonial soldiers faltered under the growing apprehension that "the royal brute of Britain" would crush their rebellion and have their heads, Paine also saw the possibility of his compatriots abandoning their cause and becoming, once again, servant-minded "subjects" of the king.

Never faint of heart, he encouraged Americans to

brave their fears and stand resolute against the urge to surrender. In support of his appeal, he presented a voluminous catalogue of injustices — from "taxation without representation" to the embargo of free trade to the massacre at Boston to the Sugar, Stamp and Quartering Acts — that the "mother country" had forced upon the colonies.

Paine exhorted his fellow colonists to remain mindful of those abuses and to hold firm for the freedom of mankind:

"O! ye that love mankind! Ye that dare oppose not only the tyranny but the tyrant, stand forth! Every spot of the old world is overrun with

oppression. Freedom hath been hunted round the Globe."

Emboldened by Paine's exhortation, the colonial soldiers recovered their confidence and fought on to defeat the British Redcoats. From the triumph of that victory, our Founding Fathers did "begin the world anew." They wrote the Declaration of Independence that built a home for the "fugitive," freedom — a sanctuary wherein the "rights of man" were recognized as "self-evident" and protected as sovereign and inviolable. A new world, indeed.

Since the date of our freedom's birth, July 4, 1776, each succeeding gen-

eration of Americans have advanced us forward to this July 4, 2011 — still a free people.

Recently, however, our enthusiasm for passing on the incredible history of freedom has ebbed to a level just shy of ho-hum. Many young Americans are left to think that our present way of life is life as it has always been. This misguided view of past and present, of cause and effect, is the consequence of the notion that knowledge of our history is "optional," not necessary.

As we lose more and more linkage with our past, we lose more and more interest in the origin of our freedom. "We the people"

know too little about the ruthless cruelty of government power prior to the success of our rebellion. We know too little about the magnificent heroes of the American Revolution, who risked everything to wrest the freedom of mankind from the folly of the "hereditary right of kings." And we know too little about our ancestral determination to succeed as an independent nation of self-reliant people.

A common response to the invention of a great societal product is that we, who enjoy its benefits, rarely concern ourselves with the laborious effort it took to bring that product into existence — and to

make it work.

Such is the attitude of indifference that meets our freedom today.

Were we to scrap the habit of "playing down" the success we have made of our freedom, it would come clear to us that America is a force for good in the world, that we are an accomplished people, that we still cherish and champion the "rights of man," and that, just as the cost to gain freedom was worth the price, the price to keep freedom is worth the cost.

On this Fourth of July, the 235th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence: Happy Birthday, America.

Orlis Trone lives in Fernley, Nev.

# Loebsack defends higher education

State and federal lawmakers are eyeing cuts to higher education, but Iowa Democrat vows to fight cuts.

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Education funding shouldn't be the target of a national push to cut the federal budget, U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, said in Johnson County on Thursday.

Loebsack, speaking to a crowd of around 100 at the University Athletics Club, said support for education is crucial to national success.

"If our education system falls behind, it will be hard to get ahead and win the race," he said. "I'm honored to be part of the legislative body of this country — the most powerful country on the planet — but it won't stay that way if we can't improve the quality of our education."

The congressman said the government's various financial-aid programs, including Pell Grants and low-interest educational loans, should be protected as a means to provide college access to as many students as possible.

Those programs support many local students, University of Iowa officials said.

Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid, said more than 4,300 undergraduates — roughly 20 percent of the UI undergraduate population — received federal funds in the form of Pell Grants. More than \$1.7 million was awarded overall.

## Pell Grants at the UI

**Statistics from the 2011-12 academic year.**

- Awarded to 4,348 undergrads
- A total of \$1,761,260 was awarded
- The average grant was for \$3,624
- Minimum grant: \$800
- Maximum grant: \$5,550

Source: Mark Warner, director of UI Student Financial Aid

"[Pell Grants] are a significant source of funding for thousands of college undergraduates," Warner said. "It's the largest federal grant program for appropriating money to the neediest students."

Federal threats to cut pell grants by \$6 billion would affect roughly 203,000 Iowa students, according to an April study by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

Higher-education support has been under fire at the state level as well. The state budget passed by lawmakers on Thursday dealt millions in cuts to Iowa's public universities.

State Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, said he places high importance on education, urging everyone to seek out higher education of any variety to adequately prepare for the current job market.

"It doesn't have to be a traditional four-year edu-



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**U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, talks with Rotary Club members after his speech at the Iowa City Noon Rotary Club meeting on Thursday. Loebsack touched on universal health care and education.**

cation," he said.

But while he said he agreed loans are a popular option, there are other available routes to make education more affordable and approachable.

"People also need to think about work-study options and apprenticeship programs," Forristall said. "Let's open our minds to other avenues."

Loebsack, who previous-

ly served as a faculty member at Cornell College, said though money is a necessary condition for an successful education system, it isn't the only condition.

"You need good parents who are going to help their children," he said. "You need good teachers and good administrators and good communities. You need

students who want to succeed."

Before concluding his speech, Loebsack said the goal is to expand the middle class. According to the congressman, education — which leads to jobs and development — is how that goal will be met.

And while a huge part of education depends on the government and

financial institutions, he stressed the importance of individual responsibility in obtaining a proper education.

"In fourth grade, I decided I didn't want to live in poverty," Loebsack said. "I had bad grades up to that point. Then I somehow got a Ph.D., taught at Cornell College, and got to Congress."

# Local troupe works toward 'deeper conversation'

Writer estimates more than 50 local people have been interviewed for a play about Southeast Iowa City.

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The idea of fame and wealth is gone for Sean Lewis. As a playwright and performer, he's pretty much ruled those two out.

But the 31-year-old New York City native said he hopes *Mayberry* — a play focused on the area known as the Southeast Side of Iowa City — can spark a deeper conversation among the community in determining the real essence of the term and explore how an influx of a new population to an area affects a city.

"The goal is for it to be fun and a celebration, but also a serious conversation," he said.

The concept for *Mayberry* originated about a year ago, shortly after Lewis moved back to Iowa City. Currently, he is exploring the concept of using residents' real-life experiences as the backbone of his production.

Lewis lived in southeastern Iowa City during his time as a graduate student at the University of Iowa, and he said he couldn't recall ever hearing about such a specific area of town in the news.

After moving back to the same area recently, he said, he wanted to explore what it was about his neighborhood.

"Why has it been coded this way — why is it in the news every day?" said

Lewis, who is the artistic designer for Working Group Theatre, the Iowa City company that will perform the play.

Upon developing the concept of a play, Lewis met with Jacob Yarrow, the Hancher programming director, and the two started brainstorming ideas to expand the play into the community.

As the play evolves, Lewis and Yarrow worked to provide the community with educational and discussion opportunities, and they have begun looking at integrating a program into UI classes and local high schools, Yarrow said.

"We're thrilled to be working with [Working Group Theatre] and

can't wait to see how it all turns out," he said.

Lewis and another company member have conducted more than 50 interviews since January. But they still have more than 10 months to complete more interviews before the performance is scheduled to open, on April 27, 2012.

"We have time to really let some of the stories hit," Lewis said, and he continues to be surprised by the stories he encounters.

He went into the process without a predetermined angle. He said he has no clue what the final product will turn out to be, but he said his best work usually comes from not knowing what the story is.

"My job right now is to be available to every argument and idea as possible," he said.

Though Lewis said the play is still pretty "nebulous," the company plans to begin workshopping next week.

And company members are excited about the project.

"It was right up our alley to take on a social issue," said Martin Andrews, producing director.

Andrews said the Southeast Side was something the company often discussed, as friends and community members began talking about the changing demographics of the area.

**Mayberry**  
The play will be performed by Working Group Theatre.  
• Writer/director: Sean Lewis  
• 7:30 p.m. April 27-28, 2012  
• 2 p.m. April 29, 2012  
• Riverside Theatre

Source: Hancher Auditorium

And as Lewis continues to explore some of the deeper meanings behind the area, he said a discussion is crucial to deal with the problem before it gets worse.

"On all sides, there is a very liberal bend and conservative bend when the Southeast Side comes up," he said. "But in the end, we all live here."

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3:00 - 11:00 p.m. John's Jazz Fest. Bier Garden Open

4:00 - 8:30 p.m. FUN Zone Open -- FREE and paid activities for kids of all ages!

4:30 p.m. United Jazz Ensemble

6:00 p.m. DePaul College Jazz Band

8:00 p.m. Carmen Bradford w/ Iowa Jazz All Stars

**Saturday, July 2**

11:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m. Culinary Row Open

11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. John's Jazz Fest. Bier Garden Open

12:00 - 8:30 p.m. FUN Zone Open -- FREE and paid activities for kids of all ages!

2:00 p.m. North Corridor All Stars

4:00 p.m. Elsie Parker and the Poor People of Paris

6:00 p.m. Kneebody

8:00 p.m. Josh Roseman Unit

**Sunday, July 3**

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# Academy aids kids interested in journalism

The UI Journalism School's summer program has served more than 1,000 kids over the last 13 years.

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Toting notebooks and pens, a curious group of fifth- and sixth-graders walked around the University of Iowa's Karro Athletics Hall of Fame on Thursday.

But this wasn't an everyday tour.

The 35 children visited as part of the UI's Summer Journalism Academy, which teaches economically disadvantaged children from Des Moines and Davenport the importance of literacy, diversity, and preparing for college in a journalistic setting.

On Thursday morning, the children were working on one of their first assignments.

"We get to write about all these different things and events," said Kevin Castro, an 11-year-old attending the academy for the first time, "and personally, I really like to write."

The echoes of the children filled the space, as they discussed the athletes enshrined in the facility.

As an assignment, the children were instructed to walk through all three floors of the building to find and write about the athletes or teams that they were assigned.

"The kids take pictures and write about what they experienced on the trip," said Terrence Thames, 25, a workshop instructor for the academy. "This year, they're shooting video at the museum to also put up on the website."

The camp runs for two weeks, during which children participate in such activities as interviewing the players and students at basketball games.

After learning about famous Hawkeye athletes, the youngsters make a summary of what they found, which will be put into a website in the form of a journalistic story. This story will be a compilation of all photos and videos of the athletes that were in the museum.

David Schwartz, the outreach director in the UI School of Journalism and Mass Communication, said the children also

## UI School of Journalism Summer Academy

About the program:

- Helps economically disadvantaged children further their writing abilities
- Has been running for 13 years
- Kids learn to write in a journalistic context
- Located in Des Moines, Davenport, and looking to expand into Cedar Rapids

Source: David Schwartz, outreach director of the School of Journalism

participate in numerous writing exercises and learn interviewing and editing skills.

Since the program started, the youth have met with a professional photographer and sports-writer and interviewed Federal Emergency Management Agency officials and professional baseball players.

"The funding from this program comes from the university and is a great example of the UI giving



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Fifth- and sixth-graders taking part in the Summer Journalism Academy walk through the UI's Karro Athletics Hall of Fame on Thursday. The academy promotes literacy, diversity, and preparedness for college.

back to the state of Iowa," Schwartz said.

In its 13th year, the Summer Journalism Academy is funded by grant from the UI Chief Diversity Office and is nationally recognized, Schwartz said. It has helped more than 1,000

economically disadvantaged kids who have expressed an interest in writing.

Schwartz said the kids who enroll in this program benefit from being surrounded by professionals and volunteers in the

journalism field who want to help the kids' quest for knowledge.

"We've had kids who have gone through this program, who go through high school, and then end up coming here to attend school at UI," Schwartz said.

# Grassley bill aims to help kids in foster care

There are over 420,000 children living in foster care in the state of Iowa.

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A bill proposed by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, could provide more funding to children placed in foster care because of substance abuse in the family.

According to the National Meth Center, Iowa's meth problem decreased during the early part of the 21st century. Recently, however, there has been an increase in the number of meth labs that have been raided and amount of meth that has been confiscated. And those statistics are mirrored in Iowa City.

"Whenever we respond to domestic-abuse calls, very often there's substance abuse involved in that family," Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said, and the

department has seen an increase in the number of meth labs discovered in the area. "Substance abuse is involved in a majority of crimes we deal with."

The bill, proposed last month and now sitting in committee, would reauthorize a grant program Grassley drafted in 2006 in a climate of growing drug abuse. Those grants help to serve long-term substance-abuse treatment, early intervention, child and family counseling, and similar services.

As cochairman of the U.S. Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control, Grassley has actively worked to reduce illegal drug use in the United States, said Jill Gerber, Grassley's spokeswoman.

"One area that he's targeting has been trying to prevent drugs from even entering the country," Gerber said. "He's also been engaged with community groups and coalitions that are trying to combat drug use on a local level."

Experts say children who grow up around substance abuse may suffer psychologically, socially, and academically.

"It can be distressing to

children," said Cindy Nichols Anderson, a clinical child and adolescent psychologist at the Hopes Springs Behavioral Consultants, 325 E. Washington St. "Children can experience anxiety, distress, and social withdrawal."

Grassley's bill, the Partners for Stable Families and Foster Youth Affected by Methamphetamine or Other Substance Abuse Act, will try to reduce the time that a child has to be in foster care, while also ensuring the child's parents or primary caregivers are given the needed treatment that would enable them to become reunited with their families.

While foster care is a viable option, Anderson said, it is not an ideal environment for young children, because it can be stressful and unstable. She said she would support such a bill.

"Our children are an investment," she said. "Research that helps kids early on in life, in terms of education, community support, resources, or family support help people throughout their entire lives, so it truly is an investment that will pay off long-term."

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a deal as some would make it out to be.

Now, the series with Wisconsin has always had great parity — the teams are tied at 42-42-2 all-time. There was something about the rivalry, though, that didn't seem very much like a rivalry. At the very least, it never seemed as heated as the games against Iowa State or Minnesota, even though those teams have posed mostly zero challenge to the Hawkeyes over the past few years.

Last year's reaction to the realignment news suggested something different, though — all signs appear to indicate that the rivalry with that school to the west will quickly turn into something special.

People seem to be genuinely excited about Farmageddon, even though Iowa hasn't played Nebraska since 2000 and hasn't beaten the Huskers since 1982. Whether it's the shared border or some other factor, it feels like the game on Black Friday is already more highly anticipated than the annual battle with the Cyclones.

The anticipation will only continue to grow in the future if the teams continue to meet on the last day of the regular season. Even with the

Hawkeyes' inexperienced roster this year, the team's relatively easy schedule means there's a very real possibility the showdown with the Huskers will decide who represents the Legends Division in the Big Ten Championship Game.

The excitement appears to be mutual, too.

The guys in charge of a student-run Nebraska sports talk show called "Upon Further Review" said Husker fans think the matchup has the potential to be considered one of the most talked-about rivalries in the country. They implied the yearly battle would be on par with Ohio State vs. Michigan or USC vs. Notre Dame in the next couple decades.

That seems like a bit of a stretch, but stranger things have happened — for example, who predicted Iowa would lose to Northwestern three years in a row?

And football is just the tip of the athletics iceberg. Starting today, Nebraska instantly gives more credibility to almost every Big Ten sport (except basketball). The Huskers even field an excellent women's bowling team, apparently.

So today, as you celebrate Big Red Day, prepare to watch the Big Ten once again become the premier conference in college sports. It's going to be a fun ride.

Oh, and Nebraska: Welcome aboard.

## Hawkeye fever at John Deere Classic

The John Deere Classic golf tournament will stage "University of Iowa Day" on July 7, according to a release.

The tournament, held every year in the Quad Cities area, will set up an area designated the "Home of the Hawkeyes" near the tee boxes for the No. 7 and No. 9 holes at TPC Deere Run golf club in Silvis, Ill.

Fans will have the opportuni-

ty to meet Iowa sports personalities, register to win prizes, and take pictures with the trophies for the 2010 Orange Bowl, 2011 Insight Bowl, and 2011 Big Ten men's track and field championship.

Former Hawkeye football players A.J. Edds and Pat Angerer will be present from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Ryan Bowen, a former Iowa basketball player and current member of coach Fran McCaffery's staff, is tentatively

scheduled to join Iowa men's golf coach Mark Hankins between 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Former Iowa football players Tim Dwight and Scott Chandler will make appearances for 45 minutes starting at 3:30 p.m.

Cedar Rapids native Zach Johnson will greet fans at the Home of the Hawkeyes after he completes his first round of the tournament, and he will be joined by fellow PGA golfer Kyle Stanley.

— by Seth Roberts

## LOGIC

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Racine, Wis., was a McDonald's All-American, Wisconsin's Gatorade Player of the Year, and the 10th-overall prospect in the 2011 recruiting class, according to Rivals.com. Her decision to come to Iowa gives the Hawkeyes an opportunity to continue building the program.

"We have a good chance of playing with anyone, staying with anyone, and beating anyone," Logic said. "A couple Big Ten championships. That would be a high goal."

Game Time League and Hawkeye teammate Megan Considine said Logic and Iowa's other incoming freshmen could help the Hawks achieve that goal sooner rather than later.

"We want to be the top of the Big Ten — that's our goal every year," Considine said. "All five of the freshmen coming in are good players ... It keeps the veterans on their toes working hard, because they know that [the freshmen] are coming in."

Logic brings a style of play that her Game Time coach, Mike Stoermer, said could make her a perfect replacement for Kachine Alexander. The recently departed guard is only the fifth player in Big Ten history — and the only one from Iowa — to record 1,000 points, 800 rebounds, and 300 assists.

It was often the little things that made Alexander so important, though, and it seems Logic has a similar approach to the game.

"[I'm] a hustler. I'll do anything to win," she said. "Get the 50-50 balls, get the rebounds or the offensive boards, or take

charges — the dirty work, I guess."

She has brought more than just hustle to her Coralville Hy-Vee (1-1) team during Game Time play this summer — she averages 19 points and 8 rebounds a game.

She said she's had a lot of fun so far playing with teammates Considine and fellow freshman Virginia Johnson.

Considine had similar feelings, saying Logic has played hard and is the first person to hand out high-fives when things are going well. The senior said it feels as if Logic has been with the team for a year, not just a few weeks, and Logic agreed.

"This team is really close [and] they really want us to feel like it's not just, 'Oh, the freshmen,'" she said. "The entire team is just so welcoming. We're bonding already [and] we've only been here two weeks. That's promising."

For Logic, who joined the team for a cookout at coach Lisa Bluder's house Monday night, the team and the city appear to be a natural fit.

Logic was recruited by many top programs, including Marquette, Vanderbilt, and Stanford, but she said Iowa always felt right. Then, after she came to know the coaches and her teammates, she said, there was no place she would rather be.

Stoermer said he thinks expectations for Logic and the rest of the incoming freshmen are high, but both the system Bluder has in place and the veteran team surrounding them will make things a lot easier.

"I think this particular situation will be absolutely perfect for her," Stoermer said. "She has an opportunity to make an immediate impact."

## HOPE

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are called friendship visits, and Collins said each visit has created its own memorable experience.

"What we'll do is stop, and maybe do a barbecue, or put on a puppet show, or do a dance party," he said. "Basically, we get a chance to hang out with the people who we're trying to serve and get to know more about their abilities, not just their disabilities."

Earlier this week, Collins' route stopped in Park City, Utah, at the National Ability Center. The group of fraternity brothers presented the center with a grant of \$750. Collins said that is roughly the normal amount he and the guys give to every center at which they stop along the ride.

During the visit at the National Ability Center, the group had a chance to experience what life would be like with a disability. Each cyclist was given the chance to ride one of the center's adaptive hand cycles, a bike peddled by the rider's arms and hands instead of his legs and feet.

"I think that was a highlight for them, just to see how people would use bikes because of a different disability, a spinal-cord injury, or different things where individuals have to use that type of equipment," said Ben Hulin, an AmeriCorps volunteer at the center.

Both Collins and fellow Journey of Hope rider Chris Anger said the friendship visits and stops along the way give them motivation when they get tired.

Anger, who graduated from Virginia Tech this past spring, said the experiences on the ride are always meaningful, regardless of whether the members are meeting children or people with disabilities.

"For the kids, it's to help change the stereotypes that [exist] about people with disabilities," Anger said. "[People with disabilities] more or less teach us when we spend time with them. They're ... teaching us and helping us grow as people."

"Hopefully, we can go on ahead and spread that word — that you can't really say if someone has a disability. That [word] really doesn't mean much of anything."

## RANKINGS

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24 and 27 points.

Iowa center Morgan Johnson has struggled from the field. The 6-5 senior is shooting 38 percent, including a 5-of-18 performance in the first week of action.

## Player of the Week: Virginia Johnson

Johnson tied for the league's top honors in both points (28) and rebounds (12) this week. Her ability to rebound offensively and keep balls alive led to many second-chance opportunities.

The *D/I's* Game Time rankings will be published every Friday. Teams are ranked by overall record, and tiebreakers are decided by record over the past two games.



Monica's/Bob's Your Uncle players huddle during a Game Time time-out in North Liberty on Wednesday. The team is 2-0 on the season and ranked No. 1.

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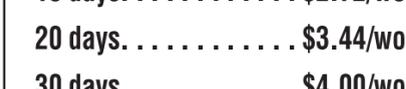
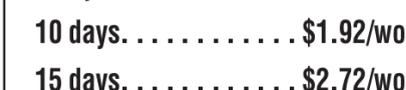
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## Hope pedals across U.S.

UI senior Ethan Collins has raised \$6,600 for the Journey of Hope ride.

By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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Ethan Collins is riding his bike across the country for those who can't. The 20-year-old Iowa senior is participating in Journey of Hope, a coast-to-coast trek to raise awareness and money for people with disabilities.

"Each day, we pick someone to ride for," Collins said. "And the people we choose to ride for, we choose to ride for them because they can't."

The 79 cyclists riding in Journey of Hope are all members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, but Collins is the only UI student in this year's event.

Journey of Hope is an annual event that began in 1988. The event is organized by Push America, an organization operated by members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity.

In order to participate, each rider must raise at least \$5,000; Collins said he has raised \$6,600.

Riders could take one of three different routes across the country. All three began on the West Coast on June 8, with two starting in San Francisco and one in Seattle. The routes wind roughly 3,800 miles, and will finish in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 13.

Collins said he travels approximately 80 miles per day on average, a distance he said can be wearing.

"It's pretty exhausting," he said. "Many of us are not cyclists — most of us are college guys. I purchased my bike in January and have been training ever since."

At every possible destination along the way, the bikers stop at a local center that helps people with disabilities. The stops

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## Start the Big Red celebration



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Nebraska running back Correl Buckhalter carries the ball against Iowa on Sept. 23, 2000. The Cornhuskers defeated the Hawkeyes, 42-13, and the two teams haven't played since.

Nebraska's official entry into the Big Ten is the start of something huge in the Midwest.



By **SETH ROBERTS**  
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Do you know what today is? Here's a hint: It's a day that will be remembered as being Big and Red, which isn't a reference to the sunburns you'll

get the moment you set foot outside.

No, today is the day Nebraska officially joins the Big Ten. The move was announced about a year ago, on June 11, 2010, but today the conference finally gets its 12th team.

One could argue that today's expansion doesn't actually mean very much. After all, we've all known Nebraska was coming for more than a year — why is

today newsworthy?

Today is special mostly because the timing of the official addition is immaculate. Big Ten football has had several rough months as far as its public image is concerned, beginning with Iowa's highly publicized rhabdo outbreak and continuing through all the coverage of the shenanigans at Ohio State.

Thanks to the Cornhuskers, though, both the blemished

teams and the league as a whole have something refreshingly positive to hang their hats on for the first time in a long time.

The trade off for Iowa is that adding Nebraska to the table means the Hawkeyes will lose their annual meeting with Wisconsin for the Heartland Trophy — but that's not as big

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## Logic loves 'dirty work'



JESSA HANSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Samantha Logic shoots a free throw in a Game Time game on Wednesday in North Liberty. Logic is averaging 19 points and 8 rebounds a game in the summer league.

Incoming freshman Samantha Logic brings talent, hustle, and championship expectations to the Iowa women's basketball team.

By **KYLE HUGHES**  
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Incoming freshman Samantha Logic earned numerous honors in high school, and she has her

sights set on a bigger one. Her goal in college is to have Iowa be named the Big Ten champion.

The 5-11 guard from

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### GAME TIME RANKINGS

## Alexander leads No. 1 team

Hawkeyes have dominated the first two weeks of the Game Time League.

By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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This week marks the halfway point in the Game Time League. After two weeks of play, *The Daily Iowan* releases its first weekly ranking of the teams.

#### 1. Monica's/Bob's Your Uncle (2-0)

This team has had the best offense and defense through the first two weeks of the season. The squad is averaging 86.5 points per game offensively, while allowing just 59 points per game. And ownership of the league's largest average margin of victory has Monica's off to a hot start.

2011 WNBA draft pick Kachine Alexander has been the leading force. She is averaging a double-double through her first two contests, while shooting 55 percent from the field.

Northern Iowa's Jacqui Kalin is the league's top assist artist, dishing out 6 per game.

#### 2. Cullen Painting/Falbo (2-0)

A pair of Iowa Hawkeyes is the reason this team leads the Game Time

League in 3-pointers made with 17. Senior Kelly Krei and incoming freshman Melissa Dixon have each had hot hands from behind the 3-point arc through the first half of summer-league action. Krei was 4-of-6 on June 22, and Dixon was 4-of-6 on Wednesday.

Northern Iowa and Cedar Rapids product K.K. Armstrong has also played well in two victories. Armstrong is one of the top assist leaders in the league; the senior guard has nine through two games.

#### 3. Coralville Hy-Vee (1-1)

Fans of the Iowa women's basketball team should pay attention to this Game Time squad, because two incoming freshmen are showing great promise.

Guard Samantha Logic demonstrated a great ability to both create her own shot and provide opportunities for her teammates during action on Wednesday.

Iowa City native Virginia Johnson has been spectacular at times, and she is the league's leading rebounder at 13.5 per game.

Hy-Vee has been dominant on the boards, grabbing 54 rebounds in both of its first two games. All five players on the court position themselves in the lane well, including Iowa's Megan Considine. The 5-8 guard is averaging 7.5 rebounds per game.

#### 4. Vinton Merchants/McCurry's (1-1)

Kamille Wahlin is proving herself worthy of the No. 1 overall pick in the Game Time League draft. The Iowa guard is the league's leading scorer, averaging 28.5 points per game. She's also hitting 3-pointers at a 54 percent clip.

The X-factor for this team, however, may be Wahlin's Iowa teammate Kalli Hansen. In the team's 85-61 win on June 22, Hansen recorded 13 points, 11 rebounds, and eight assists.

In this week's game — a 77-67 loss on Wednesday — Hansen was almost nonexistent. The senior forward only converted on one bucket, while collecting 3 rebounds and 2 assists.

#### 5. Two Rivers/Coach's Corner (0-2)

It would be interesting to see what this team could do if it was at full strength. This squad has had four players miss both games, including arguably the league's best player in Jaime Printy.

In their absence, Northern Iowa's Rachel Madrigal has been the team's leading scorer at 16 points per game.

One thing Two Rivers has done well is set its players up for open shots. In its first game on June 22, the team totaled 16 assists on 21 field goals. This week, it had 22 assists on 27 goals.

#### 6. Pelling/Culver's (0-2)

Summer-league basketball is supposed to be fun and enjoyable, because it provides players the opportunity to improve their skills.

But the first two games for Pelling/Culver's have been everything but that.

The team has given up a league-worst 85 points per game, and it lost its first two games by margins of

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### Football snares late recruit

The Iowa football team received a commitment from defensive lineman Dean Tsopanides on Wednesday, according to a Connecticut newspaper.

Dan Podheiser of the *Register Citizen* reported that

Tsopanides, a 6-2, 220-pound end from Torrington, Conn., will join the Hawkeyes in the fall.

Tsopanides was an all-state selection for Torrington High, where played on both the offensive and defensive lines. He led the Red Raiders to a 7-3 record in 2010 and also won a state wrestling championship in the 215-pound division.

"He's one of the hardest working kids I've ever coached," Torrington head football coach Dan Dunaj told Podheiser.

Tsopanides reportedly caught the eye of Iowa offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe last week while participating at a four-day combine in Milford, Conn.

"I did really well [at the com-

bine]," Tsopanides told the *Register Citizen*. "O'Keefe saw me play, asked for my highlight tape, and then I got an invitation to go visit the campus ... Simply put, one word: It's an honor."

Tsopanides will begin summer workouts with the Hawkeyes on Aug. 3.

— by Seth Roberts