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UI, Iowa City gird for flooding



(above) Construction work continued on the Mayflower despite the heavy storms Monday. Flash flooding closed the street, causing lots of traffic to be rerouted. (right) Dubuque Street is seen after it was blocked off because of flooding Monday. Police officers directed traffic away from the street because of the high water levels. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

Severe weather on Monday prompted the University of Iowa, city and state officials to respond to rising floodwaters.

By **QUENTIN MISIAG**
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Torrential rains brought widespread flooding Monday to eastern and central Iowa, causing the inundation of major arterial streets and rural roads and prompting quick state and university action with a round of disaster proclamations and preliminary flood-protection efforts.

As rivers, creeks, and streams swelled, officials undertook combative flooding action that have become a common sight in recent years.

Two major energy service providers,

MidAmerican Energy and Linn County Rural Electric Cooperative, reported several thousand power outages throughout the day Monday.

As of 5 p.m. Monday, the Iowa River at Iowa City stood at 18.17 feet, fewer than 4 feet from the flood stage level of 22 feet. The river level is expected to rise to 19.5 feet, according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Rock Island District gage data.

The Corps notified Johnson County Emergency Management officials early Monday afternoon that it will begin

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Media center closes down

The University of Iowa will allocate more funding to Special Collections, after the Center for Media Production closed its doors on Monday.

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Departments in the University of Iowa may need to start hiring independent photographers for university-sponsored events and activities.

The UI Center for Media Production, a

university-operated department that collected pictures from the early stages of Iowa's architecture and captured the culture of several generations, closed its doors on Monday.

A variety of photos including some dating back to 150 years ago will no longer be held

in the center's offices in Seashore Hall. The archives will be moved to the UI Main Library's Special Collections for student and public use.

The center had served the university since 1976.

Michael Stenerson, a photographer with the

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Locals react to Hobby Lobby

State officials react to the U.S. Supreme Court decision to support the Hobby Lobby's rights to deny providing contraception coverage in health insurance.

By **KRISTEN BARON**
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A Supreme Court ruling on Monday will give some companies the right to religious freedom when it comes to providing contraception.

In a 5-4 ruling, the Supreme Court sided with Christian-affiliated

company Hobby Lobby in a case determining whether companies should provide contraception coverage in their health-care plans if it



Terrell
executive director

goes against owner's religious beliefs.

Under the Affordable Care Act of 2010, companies were required to provide contraception in their health-care packages, at no cost to the employee.

Currently, Hobby Lobby

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ORANGE SKY AT EVENING



The west side of the Old Capitol is seen on Monday following a series of severe storms that brought high winds and flash flooding to eastern Iowa. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

Council approves sales-tax plan

The Iowa City City Council approved a local-options sales tax for the community.

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Voters can expect to see an alternative tax option on the next general-election ballot.

In a special work session Monday, the Iowa City City Council unanimously agreed to place a special tax levy on the ballot on Nov. 4.

With the local-options sales tax, voters will decide whether they will approve the new additional 1 percent sales tax. If the proposal is approved, it will go into effect starting in 2015.

"I think this allows us more flexibility in budgeting," Councilor Susan Mims said. "I am very satisfied with this decision."

The council approved of a 50-40-10 model, in which 50 percent of the tax revenue will go toward property-tax relief, 40 percent will go to street and trail maintenance, and 10 percent will be allocated for affordable housing.

However, with a local-option sales tax model passed by the City

Council, voters in the community will ultimately decide where the generated revenue will go by casting their votes.

The proposal will go on the ballot for all five jurisdictions in the Iowa City metro area. All money generated from the tax will stay within jurisdictions that vote to approve the model.

Many Iowa communities have adopted this tax levy, and Iowa City voters approved of a four-year local option sales tax in 2009 following the flood one year before.

At the last council work session, Councilors Michelle Payne and Kingsley Botchway said they wanted to further clarification on what affordable housing meant for the generated revenue.

Seven different items were put forward to the council as definitions for affordable housing, which included several different ways to identify landlords interested in housing low-income units, during Monday's work session.

The councilors decided

after hours of discussion to remain adaptable in definition.

"We didn't select one item because as we go forward, and more innovative programs develop, we don't want to be restrained," Councilor Rick Dobyns said.

Using tax revenue for affordable housing is unprecedented, he said.

Councilor Jim Throgmorton said at the last meeting he believed less of the proposed revenue should go toward property-tax relief, and that would free up more money for street maintenance and affordable housing.

With 40 percent proposed to fund street and trail maintenance, he said, he believed this model was better suited "for defending public right of way." Throgmorton also said that the funding will go to more than just sim-

ple street repairs.

Mims, who represented the City Council on the Local Option Sales Tax Exploratory Committee, and City Manager Tom Markus stressed the importance last meeting of "what was palatable to the public."

"This gives us ample money for property-tax relief and we certainly need more funding for street maintenance," Mims said.

The local-option sales tax was presented as an alternative source to generate revenue in the wake of the most recent state of Iowa property-tax move.

The state legislation, which will affect the city's ability to provide services to its citizens, will go into effect in 2015.

It is estimated that the state's tax action will generate a \$37 million loss for the city.

"We have a big educational job in front of us to show the public why this is the best decision for Iowa City and Johnson County as a whole," Mims said.



Mims
councilor

Loebsack speaks with Iowa vets

Rep. Dave Loebsack D-Iowa, met with around 35 people Monday as part of a "Serving Those Who Served" tour.

At a public forum in Iowa City, Loebsack met with veterans, their families, and interested parties to talk about their opinion of the Veterans Administration, especially in light of the recent backlog of claims.

Loebsack said the issues with the administration are problems for

both Republicans and Democrats.

"Accountability is something that clearly has been lacking for a lot of years," he said. "I think that we can all agree on that one. But now, we just have to find out how extensive that lack of accountability was."

The complicated paperwork system that the veterans need to maneuver through before entering the VA cause many veterans in need of help to give up.

When asked what can be done on a legislative level to help people transition from active duty to the administration, Loebsack said increasing the number of staff at the claims office to properly process each claim and speed up op-



Loebsack
Representative

erations by moving from paper to electronics.

On the eve of Memorial Day, Loebsack helped pass legislation that ensure veterans would be properly screened for traumatic brain injuries and receive treatment.

The legislation also allows soldiers with mental-health disorders to be eligible for health care, as well as extended rehabilitation benefits and receive chiropractic care.

— by Ting Xuan Tan

CORRECTION

In the June 30 article "County bans e-cigs," *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported that an Iowa Department of Public Health press release said electronic cigarettes are just as harmful as regular cigarettes. The press release was from the Johnson County Department of Public Health. Reporter Kristen Baron incorrectly reported that a Johnson County Board of Health stated that electronic cigarettes are just as harmful as regular cigarettes. The Board of Health urged policymakers to treat them similarly, while stating health concerns related to electronic cigarettes. The *DI* regrets these errors.

BLOTTER

Lamont Barber, 22, address unknown, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts and disorderly conduct.
Jennifer Barrientos, 25, Coralville, was charged June 27 with fifth-degree theft.
David Chomycia, 21, Tiffin, was charged June 28 with third-degree burglary.
Shauna Fleagle, 25, 2722

Wayne Ave. Apt. 5, was charged June 27 with fifth-degree theft.
Cynthia Gehrke, 51, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. F4, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license and OWI.
Chris Janda, 29, Coralville, was charged Sunday with driving with a revoked license.
David Leeney, 26, Hiawatha,

Iowa, was charged Monday with third and subsequent OWI.
Alexander Meyer, 23, 319 E. Court St. Apt. 8, was charged June 24 with keeping a disorderly house.
Darryl Minnefield Jr., 26, Coralville, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and criminal trespass.
Anthony Odele, 26, 48 W. Court St., was charged Sunday with in-

terference with official acts.
Spencer Porter, 25, 1053 Cross Park Ave. Apt. D, was charged Sunday with obstructing emergency communication.
Kelley Skelton, 48, Madison, Iowa, was charged Dec. 6, 2011, with fifth-degree theft.
Allen Woods, 56, address unknown, was charged June 28 with public intoxication and criminal trespass.

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increasing the amount of water released from the Coralville Reservoir, according to a news release.

Beginning Monday, the Corps said it would gradually increase the outflow on the Iowa River from a current rate of 7,000 cubic feet per second to an anticipated level of 10,000 on Tuesday.

As of 11 p.m. Monday, the Coralville Reservoir stood at 698 feet, shy of the record set in the summer of 2008, when floodwaters spilled over the spillway at 717 feet.

The Corps outflow of 10,000 cubic feet per second will remain in effect until further notice, the release said.

"It is a positive step that

the Corps is working to control the water level at this early stage" said Dave Wilson, Johnson County Emergency Management coordinator in the release. "In light of the heavy rain and immediate forecast, there has been concern about the water level at the Reservoir."

Wilson declined to speak with *The Daily Iowan* to provide any further information on county flood-protection efforts as of early Monday afternoon.

UI spokesperson Tom Moore said university officials decided to halt construction of the permanent flood-mitigation project at Mayflower in order to install HESCO temporary flood barriers and the suspension of the Cambus service will remain until further notice.

The city of Iowa City

shut down the two north-bound lanes of North Dubuque Street for the flood-barrier construction.

According to the most current data provided by UI Facilities Management, the permanent restoration of the eight-story East Campus residence hall is valued at nearly \$7.2 million. Completion is set for Dec. 5.

It is not yet clear how the HESCO barrier installation will affect the restoration timeline of Mayflower, which UI officials have long-eyed for protection even before the 2008 flood.

Moore said UI officials would attempt to start the HESCO installation process Monday afternoon, weather permitting.

Iowa City Public Works Director Rick Fosse said the original estimate of

17,000 cubic feet per second was removed from the flooding equation after analyzing the expected forecast for later this week.

Flooding that swallowed areas of Dubuque Street — a critical north-south artery that connects travelers from Interstate 80 to the University of Iowa campus and downtown Iowa City — Fosse said, is not derived from the adjacent Iowa River, but rather a result of the Monday thunderstorm bands.

"[The Corps is] predicting to hold at 10,000 CFS, which should prevent the Iowa River from flooding Dubuque Street," Fosse said. "We're optimistic depending on how much rain total we get overnight through the [Fourth of July]."

Dubuque Street sees

more than 25,500 cars each day between Interstate 80, downtown, and the University of Iowa campus, according to recent traffic counts.

In the short-term, Moore said UI officials will "actively monitor" the situation.

According to the release, at 10,000 cubic feet per second, one of Iowa City's largest park areas, City Park, and some low-lying areas are affected throughout the county.

At 11,500 cubic feet per second, one or more lanes of Dubuque Street near Mayflower experiences flooding, the release said.

Rural unincorporated residents of Johnson County are able to collect sand bags free of charge near the west gate at Johnson County Secondary Roads, 4810 Melrose

Ave., county officials announced Monday afternoon.

Urban and rural areas across Iowa were met with similar severe weather. Gov. Terry Branstad issued a proclamation of disaster emergency for Adair, Cedar, Guthrie, Linn, and Jones Counties on the heels of the damage.

The aid will allow state resources, including funding streams to be used to assist these areas. Adair and Guthrie Counties will be able to access the Iowa Individual Assistance Program.

The incentive brings grants up to \$5,000 for households with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty line and can be put toward home and car repairs, clothing, food, and temporary housing needs.

MEDIA

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center, worked there for nearly seven years. He said he believes the decision to close the center doesn't only affect the university but the general public as well.

"This is the last place near town where you can bring or take a copy of an archive, yet alone offer the kind of services we have available," he said.

Stenerson said that while there are other university photographers, their work is often more specialized in one department rather than the variety of services offered by the center, such as digital print, scanning, and retouching.

He said the center was affordable to the university and only charged \$60 an event plus a small printing fee.

"Financially, I think the university will be paying more in the long

run ... as far as commercial photographers go, they charge a lot more," Stenerson said.

Joe Brennan, the UI's vice president for Strategic Communications, said the total subsidy for the center was approximately \$150,000 per year and next year's funding will remain unspent until the Strategic Communications Office decides where the money should go.

"For now, it's just savings in our department,

but they will eventually go to higher prioritized strategic demands such as expanding a worldwide web and marketing," Brennan said.

Greg Prickman, the director of Special Collections, said the process of opening the center's archives to the public is still in its "premature stages." He said when the project is finished, the archives will be available to the public online or by personal request at the Main Library.

"There isn't a set date; it is still too early to tell," he said.

Brennan said roughly \$30,000 of the \$150,000 that funded the center will go to the UI Main Library to hire a temporary staff member to take the collection, catalogue it, and access it to the public.

This is primarily to make the transition faster, but as of now, the current library staff is supplemented.

Brennan said he believes the center did an excellent job and its mem-

bers are very talented, but the demand of customers have been slowly decreasing each year.

The Strategic Communications office made the announcement in April, and it has worked to help customers find different resources since then.

"It is different the way things work than they did 20 to 40 years ago," Brennan said. "The university was its primary customer, and we no longer need its services."

HOBBY LOBBY

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by offers insurance that covers most birth control, but the company does not provide coverage for emergency contraceptives. Monday's ruling was strictly written so that any other medical coverage that goes against religious beliefs is not included.

In a press release from the the Interfaith Alliance of Iowa, Exec-

utive Director Connie Ryan Terrell questioned whether rulings such as this will lead business owners to impose their religious beliefs on all employees, as well as the general public.

"Quite frankly, the implications are frightening," she said in the press release.

Gretchen Hamel, on behalf of Iowa Republican Senate Candidate Joni Ernst, applauded the Supreme Court decision.

"This case was never about limiting individu-

al health-care decisions — but about pushing back against the violation of religious freedom by President Obama and Bruce Braley, which is guaranteed by the First Amendment," Hamel said in the statement.

Both President Bob Vander Plaats, and Vice President Chuck Hurlley of the Family Leader, an Iowa based "pro-family, pro-marriage, and pro-life" organization, also acknowledged this case as a fight for religious freedom and supported

the Supreme Court's decision.

"I hope and pray that this fragile ruling assists in fueling the need for revival in America and a new sense of urgency for defending our religious freedoms," Vander Plaats said in a statement.

Whether the case is truly about individual health care or exercising religious freedom, there are still women who wish to use contraceptives that will now face numerous limitations because of the decision.

"As a gynecologist, I'm disappointed in the ruling," said Ann Laros, a physician at UI Student Health and Wellness. "The right to choose when you have children is important."

Typical barriers that prevent women from obtaining birth control are cost, confidentiality, particularly if a woman is

under her parents' insurance, as well as access to doctors and pharmacies, Laros said.

"No woman should have her access to affordable birth control cut off because of her boss' opinion," Christina Freundlich, communications director for the Iowa Democratic Party, said in a press release.

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COLUMN

Great soccer conspiracy



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I try to keep up with things, whatever “things” might mean. But I do try to keep up — well, except for pop culture.

There’s a reason pop culture is called pop culture — something new comes along, stays big for around seven seconds, then pop, the bubble bursts, and the something new becomes something stale. Hence, pop culture.

(Of course, I suppose you could also say that pop culture is nearly the perfect oxymoron.)

Meanwhile, back at keeping up with things, I have to admit the latest conspiracy theory sweeping the right wing (don’t forget to sweep in the corners, too) has me more than a little puzzled.

Apparently, soccer in general, and the World Cup in particular, is a plot to undermine the United States and also to divert attention away from President Obama’s troubles, whatever they might be.

No, really. Apparently, the right wing didn’t forget to sweep in the corners.

Take Fox News pundit (using the word advisedly) Dr. Keith Ablow, speaking on “Outnumbered” before the U.S.-Germany match last week:

“I am suspect because, here’s the thing. Why, at a time when there are so many national and international issues of such prominence — I’m a little suspicious of yet another bread-and-circus routine. Let’s roll out the marijuana, pull back the laws, and get people even more crazy about yet another entertainment event.”

Um, really? FIFA and Obama got together to distract people’s attention with some soccer. Exactly how dumb does Ablow believe Americans are?

Let’s see. The FIFA Executive Committee selected Brazil as the host country on Oct. 30, 2007. What else was happening then?

A CBS News/*New York Times* poll on May 24, 2007, had Hillary Rodham Clinton leading Obama 46 percent to 24 percent. A CNN poll in September 2007 found Rodham Clinton leading Obama 46 percent to 23 percent.

In October 2007 (why does that month seem so familiar?), Rodham Clinton had extended her lead over Obama in the CNN poll, 51 percent to 21 percent.

So FIFA, which holds the World Cup every four years, come hell, high water (which apparently we will know about rather quickly), and right-wing commentators, got together with a Democratic candidate trailing badly in the polls to schedule a World Cup seven years down the line.

Right.

Then there’s Ann Coulter, who has never met a ludicrous notion that she wouldn’t embrace. She blames soccer for the decay of the United States, because the players can’t use their hands. Um, it’s called football. As opposed to handball, which is also known as American football.

Coulter says the rise in popularity of soccer in this country is traceable to Sen. Ted Kennedy’s 1965 immigration law. Kennedy did support the bill, but it was known as the Hart-Celler Act, proposed by Rep. Emmanuel Celler of New York and Sen. Philip Hart of Michigan.

In 1965, the House of Representatives passed the act on a 320-70 vote; the Senate also backed the bill, 76-18. In both houses, support was bipartisan — imagine that quaint scenario, bipartisan support in Congress for immigration reform.

In the Senate, 52 Democrats backed the bill, as did 24 Republicans. In the House, 202 Democrats voted in favor, along with 117 Republicans.

So to call the 1965 act Sen. Ted Kennedy’s immigration law is more more than a little misleading.

The great soccer conspiracy. Could life get any more Da-Da?

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EDITORIAL

Drone law a win for Iowa

Compared with the government’s absolute disregard for our cherished freedoms we’ve grown accustomed to hearing about since the Edward Snowden leaks, recent news about civil liberties regarding privacy has actually been surprisingly good.

Just last week, the Supreme Court announced that in order to search one’s mobile phone, law-enforcement officials must first obtain a search warrant. Also effective today, a new Iowa law bans the use of drones for enforcing traffic laws and requires that any information a drone collects can only be used against a person in court if it was obtained with a search warrant.

In the past, we have recommended that state and national policymakers take steps to further regulate drones, and we’ve noted that excessive surveillance seriously threatens trust in government. Consistent with past editorials, we applaud Iowa lawmakers’ efforts to regulate drones, an extremely powerful but potentially invasive technology.

To be clear, drones can be of virtually any size, from a zeppelin to a jet plane to a little toy helicopter you could buy at a RadioShack. Drones used by domestic law enforcement would let users observe the area around them, and they do not resemble their weaponized counterparts, frequently deployed across the Middle East, South Asia, and Africa by the U.S. government.

One of the big attractions of using drones is that they are substantially cheaper than manned aircraft. A 2013 report on drones from the U.S. Department of Justice offers an example: “One local law-enforcement agency has estimated the cost of using a [unmanned aerial system] at just \$25 per hour compared with \$650 per hour for a manned aircraft.” Although the cost reduction may not always be that much, it highlights the ease with which drone technology could proliferate, vastly expanding the power of law-enforcement agencies.

Domestic government-operated drones are used for monitoring the U.S.-Mexico border, carrying out instruction and research at universities, and fighting wildfires. Some police departments have experimented with and speculated about their use in recent years, such as police in Ogden, Utah, who in 2011 disturbingly said a drone in the form of a blimp “will be a deterrent to crime when it is out and about,” implying a sort of perpetual surveillance.

Iowa law-enforcement officials have also looked into obtaining drones, as emails obtained by the *Des Moines Register* in April 2013 show, though the tone was much less explicitly nefarious than that of officials in Utah.

Nevertheless, there remains the potential for the great power that comes with drones to be abused. As we’ve seen time and again, plenty of law-enforcement officials have taken their powers too far: pepper spraying a row of peaceful Occupy Wall Street protesters in the face, detaining Muslim Americans at border crossings in inhumane conditions for hours on end without explanation, spying on political activists, and engaging in a number of other heinous abuses.

Call it what you want. Whether it’s a few rotten apples or a systemic problem, some U.S. law-enforcement officials often disregard the rights of the citizens they serve.

None of this is to say drones have no legitimate uses. They can be invaluable in search-and-rescue operations, responding to and combating natural disasters, and assisting with major tactical operations.

Putting the focus back onto the more realistic, despite past and potential future use of drones in the Middle East and the fear of their use in the United States brings, as a matter of protecting privacy, the new law is a big win for Iowans. Even without onboard weapons, drones used to monitor civilian activity — on or off the road — is overkill when one considers the technology’s ability to target from long distances. Unmanned aircrafts certainly have the potential to aid police or other emergency responders in dangerous situations, but the new law will help keep privacy in check. It seems that protection of our rights remains somewhat existent — at least for the time being.

Iowa policymakers have taken an admirable first step to regulate how the police may use drones, but there is still plenty of work to be done. To minimize abuse, more regulations and additional transparency on how the law-enforcement community uses drones will be absolutely necessary.

For now, though, we can take solace in the fact that the Fourth Amendment (requiring a warrant for lawful search and seizure), although curtailed by some of the NSA’s recent activities, is not nearly as dead as pundits have speculated.

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GM crisis grows, recalls mount



Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., holds up a GM ignition switch while she questions GM CEO Mary Barra on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., on April 1. (Associated Press/J. Scott Applewhite)

By **TOM KRISHER and DEE-ANN DURBIN**

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors' safety crisis deepened dramatically Monday when the automaker added 8.2 million vehicles to its ballooning list of cars recalled over faulty ignition switches.

The latest recalls involve mainly older mid-size cars and bring GM's total recalls in North America to 29 million this year, surpassing the 22 million recalled by all automakers last year. They also raise questions about the safety of ignition switches in cars made by all manufacturers.

In the latest recalls, GM said keys may be jostled or accidentally bumped, causing the ignition to slip out of the "run" position. The recalls cover seven vehicles, including the Chevrolet Malibu from 1997 to 2005, the Pontiac Grand Prix from 2004 to 2008, and the 2003-2014 Cadillac CTS.

The company is aware of three deaths, eight injuries, and seven crashes involving the vehicles, although it says there's no clear evidence that faulty switches caused the accidents. Air bags didn't deploy in the three fatal accidents, which is a sign that the ignition was out of position. But air bags may not deploy for other reasons as well. A GM spokesman couldn't say Monday if more recalls are imminent. But this may be the end of the recalls associated with a 60-day review of all of the company's ignition switches. At the company's annual meeting earlier in June, CEO Mary Barra said she hoped most recalls related to that review would be completed by the end of the month.

Karl Brauer, an indus-

try analyst with Kelley Blue Book, said the number of recalls — while huge — may be a good thing for the company in the long run.

"I think there's a new standard for what GM considers a potential safety defect, and Mary Barra has no tolerance or patience for potential safety defects that are unresolved," he said.

In a statement Monday, Barra said, "We will act appropriately and without hesitation" if any new issues come to light.

Lance Cooper, a Marietta, Georgia, attorney who is suing GM, said he was not surprised by the additional recalls and expects even more. A company-funded investigation of the ignition switch problems by former U.S. Attorney Anton Valukas found that GM had a dysfunctional corporate culture in which people didn't take responsibility to fix the problems, Cooper said.

"Cars got made that were defective," he said. "The buck kept getting passed, and this is what happened as a result."

The announcement of more recalls extends a crisis for GM that began in

February with small-car ignition switch problems. GM recalled 2.6 million older small cars worldwide because the switches can unexpectedly slip from "run" to "accessory," shutting off the engines. That disables power steering and power brakes and can cause people to lose control of their cars. It also stops the air bags from inflating in a crash. GM has been forced to admit that it knew of the problem more than 10 years, yet it failed to recall the cars until this year.

GM has been reviewing the performance of its ignition switches since the first recalls were announced, and it continues to find more that can turn too easily. Of the 29 million vehicles recalled by the company this year, 17.1 million have been because of ignition switches.

The problem has drawn the attention of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the government's road-safety agency. On June 18, the agency opened two investigations into ignition switches in Chrysler minivans and SUVs and acknowledged that it's looking at the whole industry.

Braley defends Social Security



Rep. Bruce Braley, speaks with some supporters at a breakfast meet-and-greet June 21. Braley gave a speech before the start of the Democratic Convention in Des Moines. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

By **MICHAEL KADRIE**

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Rep. Bruce Braley, D-Iowa, has taken aim at Senate opponent Joni Ernst's proposal to privatize Social Security.

"Privatization jeopardizes Social Security during an economic downturn," said Jeff Giertz, the communications director for Braley's campaign.

Democrats said Ernst's plan involves embracing private accounts for young workers paying into Social Security. On Ernst's campaign site, she said she "opposes any efforts to change the promised benefits for today's seniors."

Representatives of Ernst's campaign declined to comment.

Janice Laue, the president of the Iowa Alliance for Retired Americans, believes privatization to be an untenable risk.

"Social Security is one of America's most successful social programs; it's more reliable and safer than trusting our money to Wall Street bankers," she said.

Laue said she fears

that if stocks were to collapse, as they did in 2008, then retirees and other beneficiaries could be out a sizeable chunk of change.

Johnson County is one of the larger counties in Iowa for Social Security benefits. There are 16,015 recipients who received \$15,306 in 2012.

According to the study prepared by Social Security Works, a two-path system will decrease benefits received by everyone in the system.

The study said that with a traditional method, there is a 0.9 percent decrease after eight years, while those who opted for private accounts would experience a 0.5 percent decrease in the same time frame.

After another 20 years those with traditional benefits would experience a 18.2 percent decrease, and those with private accounts would see a 15.2 percent decrease, according to the study.

Laue said Iowa lacks benefits, such as pensions and savings, on which many people

who receive Social Security rely.

Iowa is a low-wage state, she said, so it can be hard for Iowa residents to build up significant savings, and pensions are becoming less common as compared with 401Ks.

"We're running into a situation where there is more money coming out of the system than is going in," said Timothy Hagle, a UI associate professor of political science.

Hagle pointed out that because the government has been borrowing from Social Security funds, it is now in the awkward position of having to come up with the funds. The baby boomers are also retiring at an ever-increasing rate, which is putting stress on a strained system.

Privatization is, Hagle said, historically a Republican strategy that often receives resistance from Democrats.

"It's a promise to every generation," Laue said. "You pay in while you're working, and you get your benefits when you need it."

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Will USA beat the Belgians?

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The United States finds itself in the Round of 16 for the second World Cup in a row, and when the Americans take the pitch to face Belgium today, they have plenty of reason to feel confident.

First, with news coming Monday that forward Jozy Altidore will be fit and available to play, the American squad will be back to full strength in time for do-or-die play. Altidore's only game during group play against Ghana was also the team's only victory.

It is also encouraging that the Belgians have not performed as well as some of the talent on the squad would indicate.

Talented striker Christian Benteke has been unavailable for the World Cup after suffering a severe Achilles tendon injury prior to the tournament. Furthermore, the most dangerous offensive weapon for the Belgian squad — Eden Hazard — has been quiet in Brazil and was unable to find the net in any of the first three games.

Belgium was 3-0 in Group H, but three relatively unimpressive wins against No. 22 Algeria, No. 19 Russia, and No. 55 Korean Republic is not as threatening as meets the eye and certainly not as remarkable as surviving the Group of Death.

The Americans have defended fairly well for most of the game against top competition such as Germany and Portugal and they should be battle-tested enough after those

games to avoid any simple mistakes should Belgium continue lackluster offensive performance.

Jürgen Klinsmann has the United States headed in the right direction, and I fully expect it to prove it by advancing to its first quarterfinal appearance since 2002.

— Kyle Mann

No

At the risk of putting a damper on the country's newfound affection for the United States, the idea of America's little over-achievers prevailing over Belgium is a proposition I don't "believe."

This isn't to say that the group hasn't been impressive. Since his hiring in 2011, Klinsmann has carefully crafted the team that many are calling the greatest in our country's history, and after a win against Ghana and strong performances against Portugal and Germany, Team USA has truly earned both these rave reviews and its spot in the Round of 16.

Despite surpassing expectations, today will likely be the end of the line for the believers. Thus far, the United States has fared well against a litany of good defenses, but unfortunately for the Americans, they won't play a good defense tonight — they'll be competing against a complete defensive juggernaut.

While America has displayed sporadic offensive excellence, the team was unable to score on a German goal that allowed

Ghana to score twice. Tonight's opponent has yet to surrender a goal during open play.

But is Belgium at full strength? Those pulling for the Red, White, and Blue are quick to cite injuries to a few potential defensive starters, claiming that their absence could swing the outcome in favor of the United States.

These arguments fail to recognize the talent of Belgium's remaining players, most obviously goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, who, at the tender age of 22, has been perhaps the most consistent defensive force in the Cup's early stages.

While there is a talent discrepancy between the Americans and their opponents, I believe experience will be the deciding factor. America's promising start caught opponents off guard in the group stage, but now that the competition has progressed into the knockout phase, the club's limited time together will severely hamper its chances.

Klinsmann's handpicked bunch possesses talent, toughness, and tenacity, but ultimately, lacks the familiarity and cohesion to overcome Courtois and the throng of capable defenders still available for tonight's game.

While soccer fans should be commended for their ardent support of this year's iteration of the United States, when faced with Belgium's defense and experience, it won't matter what they believe.

— Will McDavid



TOP: Belgian captain Vincent Kompany (second right), who is recovering from an injury, takes part in a training session at Estadio Manoel Barradas the day before the World Cup Round of 16 soccer match between Belgium and USA in Salvador, Brazil, on Monday, June 30. (Associated/Matt Dunham) BOTTOM: Americans Jozy Altidore (left), Fabian Johnson (center), and Jermaine Jones work out during a training session in Salvador, Brazil, on Monday. The U.S. will play Belgium today in the first knockout round of the 2014 World Cup. (Associated Press/Julio Cortez)

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DES MOINES — Manny Ramirez has been called everything from a World Series MVP to a cheater. The disgraced slugger is hoping to add "mentor" to his résumé. The 42-year-old Ramirez, a two-time champion with Boston and a two-time offender of Major League Baseball's rules against performance-enhancing drugs, joined the Triple-A Iowa Cubs as a player/coach on June 26 after signing with Chicago in late May. Ramirez is expected to play one or two times a week for the organization's top affiliate in Des Moines. But Ramirez's biggest responsibility will be to work with the Cubs' most promising prospects — and he's already got some simple advice for them. "Do the right thing, bro," Ramirez said Monday. "Follow the rules. That's it."

That was often a problem for Ramirez when he was starring in the big leagues.

Drama has always seemed to follow Ramirez, a happy-go-lucky but enigmatic slugger who clashed with managers, teammates, and front-office personnel during a 19-year major-league career that included 555 home runs and 12 All-Star selections.

But Cub President Theo Epstein, who spent years dealing with Ramirez as the general manager of the Red Sox, said Monday in an interview with Boston radio station WEEI that he believes Ramirez is a changed man.

"Manny gave me as many problems as he gave anyone, probably besides [former Red Sox manager Terry Francona] in his time in Boston. He's responsible for most of the gray hairs on my head. So it's not something that we entered into lightly," Epstein said.

"But people do change. I talked a lot to Manny, and he seemed like a completely different guy ... he's grown for the better. He's open and honest about all the mistakes he's made in the past, and he wants to fix that by being a positive influence on young players." Ramirez spent the last month working on his swing in Arizona, even though Epstein said that the club had no plans to add him to the major-league roster. But Epstein said that he's received glowing reports about Ramirez's attitude and work ethic from those in the organization who have worked with him so far.

"When you love the game and you want to help young players and give them your testimonial and the things that you went through so they don't go through that, it's easy," Ramirez said.

"When you come here and you're helping young players grow up and see them go to the next level, I think that's such a joy for yourself, to come and help somebody else. It doesn't matter who you are. It's who you're going to be."

Ramirez, whose trademark dreadlocks have been replaced by an outgrown Mohawk, was scheduled to hit sixth and serve as the designated hitter on Monday night for Iowa.

But what Chicago really wants is for Ramirez to share with his younger teammates the wisdom that made him such a great hitter.

Many of the cornerstones of the Cubs' rebuilding effort are now under the guidance of Ramirez, and perhaps shortstop Javier Baez will benefit most from Ramirez's tutelage.

- Associated Press



Manny Ramirez smiles during a news conference at Principal Park in Des Moines on Monday. Ramirez joined the Triple-A Iowa Cubs as a player/coach after signing with Chicago in late May. (Associated Press/Register, Mary Willie)



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"He didn't have a lot of coaching experience when he came here as a volunteer coach, but he is a student of the sport and has developed himself into being an outstanding coach," Wiecek said. "For the past eight years, he has brought a lot into this program and is a great leader and teacher."

In the years that he has been here, he has coached 10 athletes to Big Ten individual titles, has three conference relay titles under his belt and, in addition to that, has coached 33 All-Americans.

His latest achievement was transforming four very different runners into a sixth-place NCAA 4x100-meter relay team.

"I'm excited to have Joey Woody leading our program. He's achieved success at a high level during each step in his career and is well respected nationally in the track and field community," Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta said in a statement. "We have a tremendous group of coaches and a great nucleus of student-athletes returning next year. I'm very optimistic about the future under Joey's leadership."

The national respect that Woody is a fringe

benefit that could also lead to better and more widespread recruiting, something that the Hawkeyes could certainly use.

Another factor that will help the Hawkeyes adjust to life after Wiecek is that Woody comes from inside the program, and the athletes trust him.

For Woody, this is just about as perfect of a situation that could have been imagined.

"Being an Iowa guy, this really is a fortunate dream come true, and I think this was the direction I was meant to be in," Woody said. "I'm an Iowa guy, grew up here, so this is really something that I've always been working toward."



New Iowa track and field director Joey Woody stands on the Cretzmeier Track on May 3, 2011. Woody was the 1997 NCAA champion in the 400-meter hurdles while attending UNI and earned a silver medal in the 400-meter hurdles at the 2003 World Championships in Paris. (The Daily Iowan/File photo)

RUTGERS

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coach Kyle Flood told reporters Nova would be the starter if the season started on that date.

Defensively, All-American Steve Longa leads the way at middle linebacker. He recorded 123 tackles last season.

Rutgers is not on Iowa's schedule.

Wrestling — 11-5 in 2013-14

Anthony Perrotti, a 157-pounder, made his way through the backside of the NCAA Tournament to take eighth and earn All-American status. Ken Theobald and Billy Smith also made the tournament at 149-pounds and heavy-weight, respectively.

Iowa and Rutgers are set to clash on Jan. 2, 2015.

Men's Basketball — 12-21 in 2013-14

With only five conference wins, the Scarlet Knights may be in for a rough welcome in one of the toughest, if not the toughest basketball conference is in the country. Rutgers shot below 43 percent from the field, good for 260th in Division-I.

Louisville ended the Scarlet Knights' season in the AAC quarterfinal with a 92-31 beat-down.

Women's Basketball — 28-9 in 2013-14

Former Iowa head coach Vivian Stringer led Rutgers to the women's NIT championship title last season. It wasn't the same success the women's basketball powerhouse is used to — the Scarlet Knights only beat one ranked team, a 61-58 win over then-No. 16 Georgia.

Stringer and Company suffered losses to No. 15 Louisiana State, two to top-5 Louisville, and defeats from No. 1 Connecticut.

Baseball — 30-25 in 2014

Iowa and Rutgers baseball have a lot in common. Rick Heller and Joe Litterio both inherited pedestrian — at best — programs and turned them into 30-win teams.

Rutgers finished 30-25, good for the No. 7 spot in the AAC. Iowa finished eighth in the regular season in the Big Ten and lost to Michigan in the Big Ten Tournament.

Track and Field

The men's track and field team sent seven student-athletes to the NCAA East Regional, with only one advancing to the NCAA meet. Corey Crawford finished seventh in the long jump with a leap of 24

feet, 6¼ inches.

On the women's side, six Scarlet Knights went to NCAA regional. The 4x100-meter relay team finished 14th, while the 4x400 squad finished 13th. Gabrielle Farquharson and Asha Ruth took 20th and 24th in the long jump.

Other Sports

Softball — 28-19 in 2014. Rutgers and Iowa are not scheduled to compete in the regular season.

Men's Cross-Country — Finished 17th at NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional.

Women's Cross-Country — Finished 16th at NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional.

Men's Golf — Finished 10th at AAC championships.

Women's Golf — Finished seventh at AAC championships.

Field Hockey — 9-9 in 2013. Iowa is scheduled to travel to Rutgers on Sept. 21.

Women's Gymnastics — Finished sixth at the NCAA regional.

Soccer — 14-5-5 in 2013. Iowa will host Rutgers on Sept. 28.

Swimming and Diving — Two athletes competed at the NCAA championships.

Women's Tennis — 21-4 in 2014, lost in the semifinals of the AAC championship.

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Woody to be new track director



Eight-year assistant coach Joey Woody will be the next Iowa director of track and field and cross-country.

By **JORDAN HANSEN**
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After an internal search that focused on four current Iowa assistant coaches, Joey Woody has been picked to succeed Larry Wiczorek as director of track and field and cross-country. "I'm excited to hear them feel that I could take the step up to the next level and to continue to uphold the strong track and field tradition that Iowa has," Woody said. "I feel very honored and blessed to have this opportunity and it's something I've worked hard for."

Woody, an Iowa City native, has been with the Hawkeyes since 2006, first as a volunteer assistant coach

and then hired after that season. In 2013, he also picked up the additional responsibilities of associate track and field head coach.

A bona-fide track star, he was a four-time All-American at Northern Iowa, culminating in a 1997 NCAA victory in the 400-meter hurdles.

Once he graduated from Northern Iowa, he began as an assistant coach for the team as well as running professionally. Perhaps his greatest achievement on the track was winning a silver medal in the 2003 World Championships and being ranked second worldwide in the event.

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(The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

A look at Rutgers' athletics

Rutgers and Maryland became the 13th and 14th members of the Big Ten today.

By **DANNY PAYNE**
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This is part one of a two-part series taking a look at how Iowa athletics match up against Big Ten newcomers Rutgers and Maryland. The Daily Iowan will break down Maryland Wednesday.

July 1 marks the beginning of yet another new era in the Big Ten: Rutgers and Maryland are officially part of the now-14-school league. Rutgers has nine men's sports and 13 women's sports.

Football — 6-7 in 2013

The Scarlet Knights had an interesting season, to say the least. After five games, Rutgers had put up a whopping 194 points with a 4-1 record. Beginning with a 24-10 conference loss at Louisville, the Scarlet Knights went 2-6, only putting 149 points on the board.

There is some uncertainty for the Scarlet Knights at quarterback. Gary Nova and Chris Laviano are battling it out for the starting job, but at the Rutgers spring game in April, head

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