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The Iowa Firefighters Memorial Service draws citizens from all over the state.

Memorial honors firefighters



Rebecca F. Miller/The Daily Iowan

Jim Beck contemplates the bronze sculpture that commemorates lowa firefighters at a candlelight vigil in Coralville on June 23. His granddaughter, Olivia Griner, and her family came from Story City to attend the annual memorial service at the lowa Firefighters

BY BEN TRAVERS

THE DAILY IOWAN

A vast American flag hung over the First Avenue entrance in Coralville for the Iowa Firefighters Memorial Service on Sunday morning. Supported by two fire trucks, the red, white, and blue colors flew as a beacon to firefighters honoring their fallen brethren.

The 13th-annual memorial service began on June 23 with a candlelight vigil for 76 recently deceased firefighters

'My father has been on the [memorial] wall for two years now.'

- Mark Powers, firefighter from Hiawatha, Iowa

from across Iowa, though none of the honored firefighers died in action. The strong winds yanked out power cords and blew out many of the candles held by more than 200 guests. But the men, women, and children who participated in the

vigil stayed until the hourlong event was over.

Mark Powers, a firefighter from Hiawatha, Iowa, made the 30-minute trip specifically for the vigil.

"My father has been on the wall for two years now," said Powers, referring to the memorial

wall that was built via donations and dedicated in 1994.

Iowa was the first state to create a monument specifically for its fallen fire personnel. Four walls stand in rows of two, listing the names of firefighters who died after serving the state for more than 10 years. A fifth wall stands alone behind the others, inscribed with the names of firefighters who died in the line of duty.

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test

A former UI student competes on Bravo's 'Top Chef,' hoping for cuisine glory.

BY SHAJIA AHMAD

THE DAILY IOWAN

Dale Levitski doesn't always wear a chef's toque when he's cooking — but he does wear a Mohawk.

And on his sleeve, he wears his Hawkeye pride. "Once you're a Hawkeye,

you're always a Hawkeye,' said Levitski, a former UI student and athlete who works as a chef in Chicago. "It never leaves you."

Levitski is a contestant on this season's "Top Chef," a reality cooking show on Bravo. Set in Miami, 15 of the country's top culinary artists baste, blanch, and barbecue their way to winning \$100,000 and a feature spot in *Food* & Wine maga-

series in its third season that showcases 15 of the country's rising chefs. Tune in to see if Dale Levitski, a former UI student, cooks his way to the top or packs his knives this week. When: Wednesday, 9 p.m. CST Where: Bravo

"Top Chef" is

a culinary

competition

Unlike many of the other 'cheftestants" on the show, Levitski has never been to culinary school. His experiences in Iowa City, he said, have helped get him to where he is now.

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IOWA CITY FARMERS' MARKET

Creating pet delectables

Local Farmers' Market vendor Martha Boysen specializes in treats for dogs and cats.

BY BRIAN STEWART

THE DAILY IOWAN

For Martha Boysen, being a vendor at the Iowa City Farmers' Market isn't about produce or baked goods. Instead, Boysen has specialized in selling her gourmet homemade treats for dogs and cats for the past four years.

Boysen, who owns Prairie Dog Bakery, has been selling her "organic, all natural" treats at the Iowa City market since 2003, when she founded the company.

The demand for products such as hers is high, she said, noting that around a quarter of the market's customers shop for delectables outside of produce and baked goods.

Boysen finds her motivation in her love for pets that she gained as a child. She is the owner of one dog, Ranger, an Australian shepherd.

"I pretty much just made dog treats for my dogs, and [my] mom used to make dog treats for our dogs when I was



Going to the market Every Monday, *The Daily Iowan* plans to

bring the reader an intimate, dare we say, slice-of-the-lowa-City-Farmers'-Market life, down to the oh-so-good last bite.

growing up," she said. "My friends' dogs all really liked them, so it seemed like a natural thing to make it into a business.'

Will Thomson, a friend of Boysen's and loyal customer, said she has everything one needs to be successful in busi-

"It's a really good fit [for her] she's a motivated person with a good product," he said. "My dog enjoys [her treats] tremendously, and every time

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Circumcision rates stay high in Midwest

Male circumcision has become less common in hospitals across the nation, but the Midwest has not followed the trend.

BY ZHI XIONG

THE DAILY IOWAN

The ancient Greeks and Romans passed laws banning male circumcision. But Midwesterners don't seem to agree.

More than 80 percent of male infants born in hospitals in such states as Iowa, Wisconsin, and Nebraska had their foreskins surgically removed in 2004, higher than many other regions in the United States.

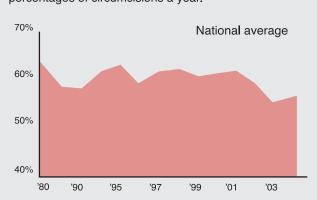
'The U.S. is unique actually, it is unusual — in its common practice of pediatric circumcision," said Tarah Colaizy, a UI assistant professor of pediatrics. "We're really the only country in the world that does it without religious reason. While it became popular in

the late 19th century and early

SEE CIRCUMCISION, PAGE 3

Circumcision on the decline

While rates of circumcision continue to drop, the North Central region, including Iowa, remains the highest in percentages of circumcisions a year.



Regional trends 90% North Central 80% Northeas 70% 60% 50% 40% West

'04 source: Department of Health and Human Services; Circumcision Reference Library

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The trick art of assessments

The Iowa City Board of Review upholds most property-assessment appeals.

BY STEPHEN SCHMIDT

THE DAILY IOWAN

Amid public frustration that Iowa City assessors raised property values in contrast to national trends, the Iowa City Board of Review evaluated 257 appeals from home and commercial owners looking to lower their assessments, upholding 159 of the appeals.

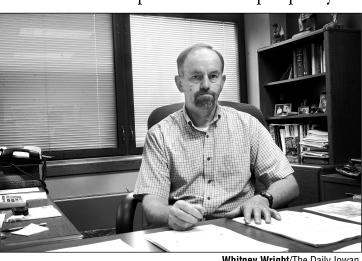
Harold Goff, a UI professor emeritus of chemistry, received the verdict on his appeal last week. He said he was unsure if others in his neighborhood contested their assessments.

"Certainly, everyone is unhappy, but people just live with it," he said. "Nobody likes to see the housing assessment go up."

Displeasure stems from the relationship between the assessed value of a person's home and the amount of property taxes he or she pays. Brad Comer, the chief deputy assessor for Iowa City, said that although property assessment is an ongoing project, the assessed value is supposed to reflect the market value of a property as of Jan. 1 every other

The Iowa City property tax rate is \$17.30 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation, which means that even with the 45.55 percent residential rollback benefiting home owners, they could pay an additional \$7.88 for every \$1,000 of value added to a home.

The Board of Review upheld 125 out of 193 residential appeals this month, granting partial reduction to the assessment, according to a report. Thirty-four out of 64 appeals for commercial properties were also upheld. The board adjusted an additional 120 residential properties and two commercial properties to reflect the overall



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City Assessor Dennis Baldridge sits in his office at 913 S. Dubuque St. on June 20. Before becoming the lowa City assessor, Baldridge worked as a deputy assessor for almost 20 years.

Goff asked the appeals board for \$90,000 as a correction to his assessment. He received a \$37,000 reduction but said he felt his treatment by the board was fair, for the most part. His biggest qualm was with developers, who benefit from adding new, high-cost housing raising the property values for existing neighborhoods.

This potential conflict of interest has led Goff and others to question the presence of two real-estate agents on the five-member Board of Review.

But Richard Donahue, a general contractor with McComas-Lacina Construction, argued that the agents are invaluable to the appeals

"I think they are immersed in the housing market, and they know more about it than someone who is looking at statistics after the fact," he said.

A member of the board since 2002, Donahue said this year's appeal process was similar to what he's experienced in previous years. He noted the reduction in value of highpriced homes versus an increase in medium-priced homes, as one interesting difference.

This matches national trends. Walter Molony, a spokesman for the National Association of Realtors, noted a national decline in house prices but said a reduction in the value of highpriced houses has skewed the total value. Meanwhile, the value of low- to medium-priced homes in strong job markets has grown.

Although numbers are down from a year ago, he said, they have shown growth in some sectors in the first quarter of 2007. Iowa's housing sales have increased 8.2 percent compared with the fourth quarter of 2006 - the highest sales increase of any state in the Midwest, according to data from the National Association

Realtors. Iowa City Assessor Dennis Baldridge said that even though the housing market has slowed down nationally, Iowa City has not seen a big effect.

THE ASSESSMENT **PROCESS**

- · Every assessor in Iowa uses a manual, developed by the Iowa Department of Revenue, that provides a base value for building characteristics, such as land size, square feet of living area, basements, and garages. The city assessor keeps such information in a database, using it to estimate building costs.
- · Assessors then make adjustments based on such characteristics as the quality of construction and the property's age and condition.
- Values are further adjusted based on the property's location and the cost of similar properties in that neighborhood over the course of the previous
- The value is then adjusted further. The state requires the city's median assessed value to be between 95 and 105 percent of its market value as of Jan. 1 before notices are sent out to property owners in April.
- Homeowners can then appeal their assessments to the board of review between April 16 and May 5. The deadline was extended to June 5 this year after Johnson County was declared a disaster area last

Source: Iowa City Chief Deputy, Brad

"Because the university is here, there is a lot of turnover in the housing market because people are coming in and out of town all the time," he said. "It just makes sense that people will want to sell the houses for more money than they paid for

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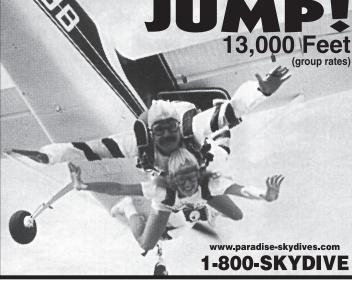
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BEAT CITY



enter the hotelVetro ballroom at on June 22. The band played at a retro-themed benefit dance sponsored by Tim Dwight, wnose proceeds go to the Children's Hospital and to a scholarship fund for low-income. high-potential high-school students.

Members of the Chicago band The **Afrodisiacs**

METRO

2 charged with extortion

Police have charged two Coralville residents with extorting money from two fellow patrons on June 22 at Pizza Ranch, 1610 Sycamore St.

Police said Allen Bramwell, 20,

told the two patrons that he would assault them if they did not give him their money. Meanwhile, his girlfriend, Crashawn Foster, 20, tried to reach into one of the patron's pockets to steal money while the patron was distracted.

One of the victims willingly gave Bramwell money, while both

reported feeling "intimidated and frightened" by the threats, police said.

In addition to the extortion charge, Foster is charged with marijuana possession; police allege that they found a small amount of the drug in her purse when she was arrested. She

allegedly admitted having the substance after police asked her if she had anything illegal.

Extortion is a Class D felony under lowa code, punishable by a maximum of five years in prison and between \$750 and \$7,500 in

- by Stephen Schmidt

POLICE BLOTTER

Daniel Aguero, 22, Nichols, Iowa, was charged June 23 with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and an lowa drug tax-stamp violation.

Michele Arcand, 42, North Liberty, was charged June 20 with driving with a suspended/canceled license. Dora Avery, 24, 2218 Taylor Drive, was charged June 22 with fifthdegree theft.

lan Beard, 20, Burlington, was charged June 22 with driving with a

Apt. 2321, was charged June 23 with public intoxication. James Blake, 23, Orlando, Fla., was

charged Sunday with disorderly conduct. Brittany Brown, 19, 2203 Hickory Court, was charged twice June 23

suspended/canceled license. Matthew Bell, 23, 417 S. Gilbert St.

with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Dameka Bryant, 33, 1958 Broadway Apt. B4, was charged June 23 with interference with official acts.

Jose Carreon-Espin, 42, 423 Dakota Trail, was charged June 19 with first-offense OWI.

Anthony Chavez, 20, Merrillville, Ind., was charged June 23 with marijuana possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ross Davisson, 27, Coralville, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct. Jose Delgado, 25, West Liberty, was charged June 22 with driving while barred.

Rylan Devalois, 23, 1310 Whiting Ave., was charged June 23 with OWI. Lance Forbes, 37, 926 E. Davenport St., was charged June 15 with violating a no-contact domesticabuse protective order.

Roshe Hepburn, 20, Orlando, Fla., was charged Sunday with interference with official acts.

Anthony Huth, 29, 1223 Fourth Ave., was charged June 23 with secondoffense public intoxication. Courtney Jackson, 23, address

littering/illegal dumping. James Jackson, 45, Parnell, Iowa, was charged June 23 with secondoffense OWI.

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Cathleen James, 39, Washington, Iowa, was charged June 22 with simple assault and public intoxica-Juan Marban, 21, Wheeling, III.,

was charged June 23 with public intoxication. Eugene Morse, 38, West Branch, was charged June 23 with fifth-

degree theft. Talesha Peterschnidt, 21, 1958

Broadway Apt. 12B, was charged June 23 with disorderly conduct. Brandon Pittman, 19, 2422 Lakeside Drive Apt. 4, was charged June 22 with marijuana possession

and PAULA. Franco Scirpo, 40, North Liberty, was charged June 23 with OWI. Greg Shuelke, 22, Tiffin, was

charged June 22 with OWI. Stephanie Tsevas, 41, Cottonwood Ave., was charged June 23 with public intoxication and third-degree criminal mischief.

public intoxication, interference with official acts, and possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID. Lillie Williams, 45, 1958 Broadway Apt. 10B, was charged June 23 with assaulting a police officer and

interference with official acts.

Jonathan Wegman, 19, 910 Iowa

Ave., was charged Sunday with

IOWA CITY FARMERS' MARKET

Pet treats hot items

FARMERS' MARKET

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I've given them to people as gifts, their dogs have loved them, too."

Boysen now sells several flavors of her gourmet treats, including choices from "peanut butter," "cheese," "beef," and "veggie" for dogs to "chicken" and "catnip" for cats, along with a variety of pet toys, every Wednesday and Saturday at the market.

Although she has mainly focused on dogs and cats, she does see potential for expanding her line in the future.

"I've had a lot of customers ask about rabbit treats," she said. "That's probably going to be our next step."

In addition to operating Prairie Dog Bakery, she is an instructor at Kirkwood Community College, where she teaches English composition and literature. Limiting herself to selling solely at the Farmers' Market leaves time for her "other profession," she said.

"I like the Farmers' Market, because you can actually meet your customers and talk to them," she said. "I've met a lot of really great people in the community and I have a lot of great customers that I just



love working with."

In the end, Boysen feels right at home with the typical "plants and produce crowd" of the market.

"Animals are part of peoples'

families, too," she said. "So I think of us as sort of being in the same business as the people selling the baked goods."

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Honoring fallen firefighters

FIREFIGHTERS

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Before the 10:30 a.m. service began on Sunday, family members and firefighters searched the walls for familiar names. Some took photographs. Others put a piece of paper over their loved one's name and rubbed a pencil over the surface, obtaining a lasting, transportable imprint of the wall.

During the ceremony, nearly half of the crowd of more than 500 people stood and brought flowers and wreaths to place at the base of each wall. Some chose to pause briefly at the microphone and dedicate their gifts to loved ones whose names appeared on the wall behind them.

Rev. David Arnold of Coralville spoke at both the candlelight vigil and Sunday morning service. "We want to pay honor to all

of the firefighters in Iowa," said Arnold, who has been a part of the past three memorials.

Michael Kuk, the fire chief in Fort Polk, La., presided over the bell incantation, a tradition used in old firehouses to communicate the death of a fellow firefighter. He rang the bell five times, then

paused, and repeated the cycle twice.

"When the bell system is conducted at a firefighter's funeral, it tells the whole thing," he said.

After the 76 names were read, a balloon was released for each deceased firefighter as "God Bless the U.S.A." played over the sound system. The audience gazed upward as the sky was filled with purple and black orbs, signaling the end of this year's ceremony.

"The service was moving," said Janet Wietlispach, a Coralville resident. "It was very touching."

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CIRCUMCISION UP IN MIDWEST

CIRCUMCISION

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20th century, male circumcision for non-religious reasons has lost favor in the past two decades. The national average was under 50 percent in 2004 — an 11.3 percent drop since its peak in the 1980s, according to the Department of Health and Human Services.

One explanation for the decline is an influx of immigration from Latin American and Asian countries, where the procedure is not the norm. As such, the percentage of circumcised babies is lowest in the Western part of the country.

For some, male circumcision is a necessary ritual rather than a choice. In the Jewish tradition, the bris is a religious ceremony welcoming the child into the community. It is in fact a commandment the Jews followed under the threat of death from the Greeks, said Rabbi Jeff Portman of Agudas Achim Congregation, 602 E. Washington St.

"I've only had one or two [families] in 30-some years who chose not to circumcise their son," Portman said.

But the ever-controversial issue is whether circumcision in infancy is necessary for health reasons. Since the 19th century, it has been known to lower

chances of penile cancer - an extremely rare disease — and urinary tract infections during the first year of life. Strong pro-circumcision evi-

dence came from a February study of adult heterosexual men in Africa: Those who were circumcised were found to have a 60 percent lower rate of contracting HIV. "It's one reason to say it's

good in a less-developed country, but is less crucial for us [in the United States]," said Heather Zimmerman, a UI fellow associate in pediatrics who performs the procedure. She noted the higher level of condom use in the United States as compared with Africa.

The American Academy of Pediatrics revised its view on routine circumcision in 1999, stating the medical benefits are not solid enough to recommend to all boys. In light of the African study, however, the academy might reconsider its policy. Meanwhile, the current recommendation is for parents to make a choice.

When Amy Williams' son was born two years ago, she and her husband decided whether or not to have him circumcised based on medical and social

Indeed, the potential medical benefits are often trumped by social stigmas. Maintaining family tradition and preventing

PEDIATRIC CIRCUMCISIONS

The Midwest has not followed the national trend of the decreasing procedures of male circumcisions in hospitals. At the UI Hospitals and Clinics, the 15-minute procedure consists of several steps to ensure the child's comfort: Administering Tylenol

- Swaddling from the waist up Giving sucrose water (sugar water) for further calming effects
- · Playing Iullabies in the back-
- ground Local anesthesia

associate in pediatrics at UIHC

Source: Heather Zimmerman, fellow

locker-room angst remain some of the most common reasons for families to choose circumcision for their sons. "The most common reason in

Iowa is because the father of the infant is circumcised, and they think the father and son should look the same," Colaizy

Yet another element in the decline of circumcision is an emerging awareness of personal health care and accessibility of information, Colaizy added.

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Cooking up a challenge

TOP CHEF

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The 34-year-old Chicago native studied sociology at the UI in 1991 and was close to graduation until an issue with his financial aid forced him to quit school. Though unable to graduate, nearly five years of college coursework disciplined him at developing his cooking craft. As a former Hawkeye diver, he said, standing in front of thousands of people while competing also taught him how to remain poised under pres-

"There are 15 people in one huge kitchen, you're running all over the place, you don't know where anything is, and you have to be creative," Levitski said.

To find that inspiration, he said he had to "dig deep." He got his start at Iowa City's Ground Round Restaurant & Lounge, 830 S. Riverside Drive.

Jeremy Kittelson, a and former chef at the Ground Round, said he was always impressed by Levitski's ambition.

"He was a good cook, hardworking, and talented," said Kittelson, who now works as an executive chef in Michigan. "And he has a great sense of humor, really witty and smart."

Levitski spent several years cooking in Iowa City before moving back to Chicago in 1998 with his beat-up Ford Escort and \$400 in his pocket. His first home upon returning, he said, was a friend's kitchen pantry.

"There was basically room for a bed and a TV," he said. "You gotta start somewhere.'

Since moving out of the pantry, Levitski has moved up to work at many of Chicago's famous restaurants, such as Stone Lotus, Blackbird, and Trio Atelier. But when he's cooking for himself, he says it only takes him three to five minutes — all he wants is pizza.

"Cooking is the last thing you want to do when you get home,"

Unlike many of the other chefs who have been nominated and recruited for the show by producers and other top chefs, Levitski was inspired to apply while watching a "Top Chef"

He made the final cut, and now as he watches himself on television, he said it's the "most unnerving and bizarre experience ever. And Levitski said he hasn't

fared well in the first few

episodes, receiving bad reviews from the judges and facing the challenge of cooking with ingredients he has never tasted before — including alligator tail and monkfish liver. He can't discuss his fate on the show, said Emily Robinson,

Bravo publicity coordinator. No matter the results, he said he has plans to open his first restaurant in downtown Chicago early next year. There are a lot of different

reasons people become chefs. Many are egomaniacal — they cook for themselves," he said. "I cook more from the heart

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"Amma's spiritual hugs and charitable works... have helped her to become what many consider a living saint." Los Angeles Times

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EDITORIAL

Minor candidates' debate unfortunately irrelevant

Six Republican presidential-nomination candidates — none of whom supported by more than 12 percent of GOP voters — are set to spar in a Saturday debate in Des Moines sponsored by Iowans for Tax Relief and the Iowa Christian Alliance. Meanwhile, Iowans couldn't care less — or, at least, they shouldn't.

To the delight of many Republicans, the names of debating "candidates" - Sam Brownback, Duncan Hunter, Mike Huckabee, Mitt Romney, Tom Tancredo, and Tommy Thompson — read like the roster of the National Rifle Association's board of directors. Realistically, though, the likelihood of any of them becoming the next president is, at best, miniscule. Romney, the debate's "front-runner," has the support of a whopping 12 percent of GOP voters, according to a June 20 poll conducted by Newsweek. Huckabee, Thompson, Brownback, Tancredo, and Hunter and are polling at an abysmal 4, 2, 2, 1, and 0 percent respectively.

What about Rudy Giuliani, John McCain, and Fred Thompson? Apparently, they are far too popular — Newsweek has them at 27, 15, and 19 percent respectively among Republican voters. That's right: The top three candidates for the GOP nomination won't appear at a Republican debate, if it can still honestly be called such. Forum attendees in Des Moines, then, will be treated to an awe-inspiring political bout between six candidates who share the same positions on nearly every issue and who, if victorious, may be able to move up from fourth to third among Republicans (i.e., have no chance at the nomination). Far from compelling, the debate is doomed to irrelevancy.

But it gets worse, in the form of another grievous oversight. It is understandable that the religious right might view the politics and lifestyle of Giuliani — pro-choice, pro-gay civil unions, and a serial divorcee — as antithetical to its message. But why stiff Ron Paul, the pro-life Texas congressman whom the National Taxpayers Union ranks No. 2 of the 435 U.S. Representatives as a "Friend of the Taxpayer"?

Good question. Nicknamed "Dr. No" for his dissent on nearly every tax bill in Congress and for his ultimate aim of abolishing the federal income tax and the IRS, Paul is an obstetrician/gynecologist who delivers babies and spends his spare time rallying against abortion. In other words, he represents the debate sponsors' ideals perfectly.

Which makes the excuse of Edward Failor Jr., the executive vice president of Iowans for Tax Relief, all the more absurd. Implying that Paul's candidacy is less viable than those chosen for the forum, Failor told critics of Paul's exclusion — including the National Taxpayers Union — that the board had to have a cutoff point, and as a fringe candidate, Paul simply didn't make the cut. Paul, though, is supported by 2 percent of Republicans, the same proportion as Tommy Thompson and Brownback and greater than that of both Tancredo and Hunter. So, even if the Christian Alliance and tax-relief group were trying to remain true to their ideals — ostensibly excluding Republican frontrunners because they are big spenders and "sinners" —they nonetheless failed miserably.

As far as Saturday in Des Moines is concerned, if only Pat Robertson, Steve Forbes, and a posthumous Richard Nixon show up, don't blame Rudy. He'll be busy elsewhere, securing the Republican nomination by a landslide. And Paul, again left out in the cold, may fade into obscurity, the latest victim of American machine politics.

Up the middle

Bill James is not a household name The Boston Red Sox senior baseball operations adviser is, however, the most visible of the sabermetricians. Baseball insiders derided the disciples of the Society for American Baseball Research some 20-odd years ago. Now, the separation between well-run baseball teams and poorly run teams strongly correlates with those organizations that accept sabermetricians' work versus those that don't. When James was still working in a

pork-and-beans factory in Lawrence, Kan., it was assumed that his views o the game would never stick. Baseball is indeed a conservative sport — its puritans have long refused to even consider that teams could be more effective by adopting different tactics. But stick they did, and baseball is the better for it.

Similarly, American politics seem stuck in old ways. Political advisers, would-be candidates, and ordinary citizens assume that the current structures or attitudes are – to use the neoconservative term the end of history. Clearly, this is hardly the case.



At least half the electorate seems to believe they have no effect on politics; the vast majority of those who do are disenchanted with the state of the

Baseball insiders previously believed that the sacrifice bunt was an effective tactic — and some still do and political insiders remain convinced that partisanship is the only way to win elections and govern the country. The conventional wisdom that the two modern political parties are "catch-all parties" and that there is no space for a "third way" is pervasive.

America's political institutions do

put third parties in an unenviable position. Indeed, the peculiar processes that have solidified the two-party system have crippled democracy in America. A single-member district lower house forces the representatives of the lower house of Congress to consider the issues relevant to their tiny constituencies before the interests of the country. Overly stringent rules make third-party candidates swim against a raging current to even find their way onto ballots. This is hardly a healthy political system.

Bill James is a baseball prophet. He refuses to accept he has all the answers and, indeed, willingly accepts that his work is both incomplete and has faults. Leading Democratic strategist Bob Shrum — whose candidates have never won a presidential campaign and Karl Rove, George Bush's alleged brain, are vanguards of a decaying ideology. Likewise, the sabermetric skeptics attempt to defend the indefensible. Some continue to peddle their hallucinatory beliefs (see: the National League) in the face of all reason.

It is frightening that the political status quo looks victorious over change. Competence is irrelevant during campaigns, and style triumphs over substance. My Michael Bloomberg and Arnold Schwarzenegger love fest last week is not unique. Polls show that nearly 70 percent of voters would consider voting for an independent candidate in 2008. It's obviously still a long way from the election, but these feelings shouldn't be ignored.

Americans are substantially more moderate than the wings of either party, and I firmly believe an independent candidate could win in 2008 by running an ideologically middle-of theroad campaign, wedging between the Democratic and Republican candidates I might be delusional; I might be wildly prophetic. But baseball fans are much more interested in supporting a winning team than adhering to obsolescent traditions. I'd venture to say Americans are more interested in results than the fulfillment of left- or right-wing ideals.

There is no limit to idiocy among both Democrats and Republicans. Iraq is a prime example: Democrats insist on insanely ignorant timetables, while Republicans offer more of the same incompetence they've shown for the last four years. I don't have faith in either to properly advance U.S. policy I don't imagine a Baltimore Oriole or Pittsburgh Pirate fan thinks all that differently about the management of their favorite squads.

The aforementioned sacrifice bunt is an unlikely allegory to the electoral cycle. The sacrifice is usually a bad managerial move, as are campaigns that dumb down the issues and play up personalities. Outs are the only "non-renewable resource" in baseball. as are concurrent elections in the political cycle. Baseball teams hurt their chances of victory; America hurts

its chance of a better vision for society. Baseball doesn't affect the daily life of most Americans. Mood swings dictated by favorite teams aren't common — I'm probably one of very few exceptions. But the decisions of our policymakers affect us all and increasingly in negative ways. The solution isn't to castrate government — the metaphorical sacrifice bunt — but make it more effective. After all, a walk is as good as a hit.

LETTER-

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Factory farming cruelty

In response to the recent op-ed "Teddy bedlam" (June 21), I would like to compliment Nate Whitney for pointing out the absurdity of Ted Nugent's comments regarding vegetarianism and patriotism. The overwhelming majority of the American population disagrees with cruelty to animals, and people who support this abuse, such as Nugent, are an ever-shrinking minority. The current situation for animals killed for food is critical, and speaking out on their behalf is in itself a patriotic act.

On today's factory farms, chickens have their beaks seared off with a hot blade, pigs are crammed into tiny spaces that don't even allow them turn around, and cows are often skinned and dismembered while fully

conscious. Cruelty like this is standard in an industry that refuses to make even the most basic changes in the way it treats its animals. If these kinds of abuses were done to dogs or cats, they would result in felony cruelty-to-animals charges.

Defending the rights of animals is something that people of all political stripes can agree with. Nobody wants to support an industry that systematically abuses animals, and thanks to the exciting new products available in grocery stores and restaurants these days, it's easier than ever to boycott these companies by going vegetarian.

> Norfolk, Va The author is the college campaign coordinator for People for the Ethical

Treatment of Animals



COMMENTARY-

U.S. must stop conceding ground over North Korean nukes

One hundred thirty-one days ago, North Korea committed itself to shutting down the plutonium-producing Yongbyon nuclear reactor within 60 days, readmitting international inspectors, and discussing "a list of all its nuclear programs" in exchange for 50,000 tons of fuel oil and the beginning of a normalization of relations with the United States. Since then, the Bush administration has made a string of concessions to Pyongyang, most of them unmentioned in the Feb. 13 accord. The regime of Kim Jong II has done nothing, other than skillfully extract those favors.

On June 22 in Pyongyang, Assistant Secretary of State Christopher Hill predicted that the payoff for the United States and its negotiating partners was imminent. U.N. inspectors, he said, would visit the North this week, and the reactor would be shut down "the week after that or two weeks after that." If so - and we won't be holding our breath — that will be good news. But the means of getting there ought to prompt more caution about a process that, even with a Yongbyon shutdown, will not have reached the point where North Korea's seriousness about denuclearization could be confirmed.

Hill's presence in Pyongyang was one of those extra concessions obtained by the North. In the past, the Bush administration has resisted such one-on-one talks in favor of the six-party format; his was the first visit by a senior U.S. official in almost five years. While he was there, administration officials were anxiously awaiting confirmation of the return of \$25 million in North Korean funds that had been frozen in a Macao bank because of a U.S. Treasury investigation. The United States promised a "resolution" of the investigation at the time of the Feb. 13 agreement; since then, it has caved to the North's demands that it return all of the money — not just that unconnected to criminal activities and transfer it through the U.S. Federal Reserve, thereby signaling Kim's restored access to the international banking system.

Though still waiting for the North's first step, Hill sounded almost euphoric on June 22. "I come away ... buoyed by a sense that we are going to be able to achieve our full objectives — that is, complete denuclearization," he said in Seoul. As for the turning point defined by his boss, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice — North Korean action to permanently disable Yongbyon, along with a complete disclosure of its nuclear programs — "that's a few months down the road," Hill said.

Yongbyon's dismantlement would indeed be a breakthrough. But months already have passed since the North missed the initial deadline for suspending operations at the reactor, with no consequence other than additional U.S. sweeteners. Kim seems adept at exploiting American impatience for a breakthrough. During its last weeks, the Clinton administ^oration was drawn in by North Korean hints about a deal on its missile program, and it dispatched Secretary of State Madeleine Albright to Pyongyang for what became a grotesque propaganda windfall for Kim. The missile deal never came close to materializing.

Given the threat posed by a loathsome dictatorship apparently armed with nuclear weapons, the Bush administration is right to explore whether Kim's promises of disarmament are serious this time. But it should stop making onesided concessions to a regime that has, as yet, not shown it will do more than pocket them.

This editorial appeared in Sunday's Washington Post.

ON THE SPOT

Should presidential debates be limited to the candidates with the best chance for success?



"I agree with limiting it to a certain extent. It's going to be extremely inefficient if they try to include a large number. " Luke Bell

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The candidates who are left out should use other means to lobby for airtime. If a private [news] organization such as CNN doesn't want to show all viewpoints, it shouldn't be forced to. Jeffrey Coble

UI medical student

I think anyone, literally anyone, who's crazy enough to throw her or his name in there should get a chance to be heard. You shouldn't cut it off at half a dozen, or whatever, but rather let everyone speak her or his mind. Michael Dorn



I don't think it should be allowed that someone decides to run and isn't included in debate or isn't heard. We should find a way to let everyone [speak]." Wanakee Carr

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D/columnist Andrew Swift takes every chance he gets to rip the NL. E-mail him at andrew-swift@uiowa.edu.

Arking up the wrong cinematic tree

Build all the arks you want — Evan Almighty is one vessel made to sink.



FILM REVIEW

by Anna Wiegenstein

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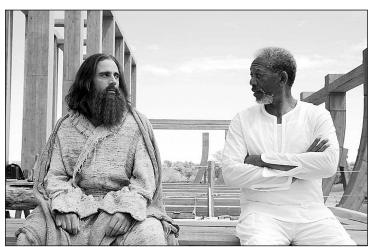
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When a movie is this bad, it's easy to go for the simple pun a failure of biblical proportions (thanks, Richard Roeper), divine retribution (ditto, Slate.com), a holy mess (that one's my own). Ha, ha, ha.

Attempting to squeeze a bit of wit out of this modern-day Noah tale would simultaneously be doing more work than the filmmakers did and perhaps even covering up my own disappointment. I wanted Evan Almighty



Nicknamed "weirdo with a beardo," Evan Baxter (Steve Carell) endeavors to please God (Morgan Freeman) in Evan Almighty.

to be good. I wanted it to be worth every penny of the \$175 million spent on making it. Most of all, I wanted it to be the latest in a series of amazingly good decisions made by its star, Steve Carell. Sadly, Evan Almighty is exactly none of those things.

As fans of this film's predecessor, Bruce Almighty, will remember, Evan Baxter was notable for being Jim Carrey's news anchor nemesis. Finicky and annoying, Evan ultimately got his comeuppance once Bruce learned how to exploit the whole "God-like powers" thing. A film about that Evan being given a

holy mission I might have been interested in.

However, Carell's former character is here in name and appearance only, the rest of his traits having been hollowed out somewhere in the interim. This Evan is an incoming congressman (... yeah, I've got a unicorn to sell you, too) with a loving and supportive family made up of a weary-looking Lauren Graham (Gilmore *Girls*) and three adorable sons. Things start out well for him until God (Morgan Freeman) steps in — ain't that always the case? — and demands that Evan build him an ark



God (Morgan Freeman) demands that Evan Baxter (Steve Carell) build him an ark in the sequel to 2003's Bruce Almighty. Unfortunately, Evan Almighty sinks — at least as a movie.

At this point, Evan Almighty turns itself into a slightly more Christian-ized version of *The* Santa Clause, complete with Evan's family and coworkers looking stunned as animals begin to follow him around and his hair and beard suddenly grow out of control. He starts to build the ark. Musical montages occur. Nicknames even get tossed around — "New York's Noah," "the weirdo with a beardo."

Carell, aside from being the current go-to funny guy, possesses a truly likable onscreen quality. It's what kept his 40-year-old virgin from being neither creepy nor sad, and it manages to keep

the opening moments of *Evan* Almighty entertaining. Some nice work is also done by the increasingly indispensable Jonah Hill (lately of *Knocked Up*) as well as John Goodman, slipping into his sleazy politician act easily. The supporting women don't fare as well, with comedian Wanda Sykes shrieking her way through the film, while Graham acts about as lifeless as they

Despite the amusing 30 minutes that open Evan Almighty, the ultimate conclusion is not only frustratingly anticlimactic but an honest-to-god cheat. Evan becomes simplistic and

simpering, taking the least offensive (or, most spineless) way out of its story. The irony that a movie so seemingly concerned with the Earth's wellbeing was produced for such an exorbitant amount of money resulting in some incredible tacky-looking computer-generated imagery, no less — is strikingly apparent.

Evan Almighty may have laid the groundwork for the next theme park ride at Universal Studios, but "change the world" as Congressman Baxter's campaign slogan claimed? Hardly.

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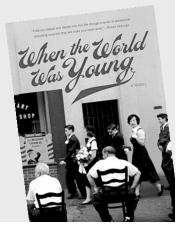
Growing up young & Italian in Chicago

In his début novel, *When the World was Young*, Tony Romano captures the brutalities of 1950s American life as an Italian immigrant, using snippets from his real-life experiences.

READING

Tony Romano reads from his novel When the World was Young

When: 7 p.m. today Where: Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque St. **Admission:** Free



BY JULIE URBANEK

THE DAILY IOWAN

Tony Romano is a writer by nature, not nurture. Raised by immigrant parents who spoke almost exclusively in Italian, he relied primarily on himself to grasp English as a young boy in Chicago. This was his calling in the making.

"I craved stories as a child," he said. "So I started writing my own."

Romano will read from his latest creation, When the World was Young, at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, today at 7 p.m.

Born in Italy, Romano moved to Chicago with his family when he was 11 months old. As a child, the author soon took an interest in writing, taking his passion on alone in part because his parents possessed the equivalent of an elementary-school education.

"I remember having a typewriter and writing stories," the Glen Ellyn, Ill., resident said. "I would scrounge for pop bottles and read comics

A high-school English and psychology teacher for 26 years, Romano writes about the Italian immigrant experience in the 1950s. Though the book is not autobiographical, he based some material on the neighborhood in which he grew up.

"I think a lot of people living in that area will be able to relate to the neighborhood,"

He develops each scene with great detail and thought, effectively placing the reader in the '50s setting and the

characters' struggles. "Ribbons of sunlight streamed through the open doorway, yet the rest of the club remained washed in shades of pale ruby brown that spoke faintly of privacy," he writes in When the World was Young. Elsewhere, he describes a married man and another woman. "... he could barely conceal his gasp. She was all liquid brown eyes and sleek black wool."

Romano's story, much like his book, is one of determination and endurance.

The 49-year-old author has published in the Chicago Tribune and VIA: Voices in Italian Americana, and he won a PEN Syndicated Fiction Project award. His short stories have also appeared in National Public Radio's "The Sound of Writing" series.

Despite his past publications, his road to releasing When the World was Young was long and grueling.

"When I tried to get a collection published, they said it wouldn't sell," he said. "They

said come back when you have a novel."

Rejection after rejection, five years passed.

"I was just at the point of maybe this is not too good, maybe I'm fooling myself," he went on. "I was really close to giving it up," the author said.

Eventually, Harper Collins expressed interest in having Romano pen a '50s-era novel. Now, he finds himself a local celebrity at William Fremd High School. Some of his fellow teachers have incorporated When the World was Young into their curricula, leading to a few impromptu book signings in between classes.

"[The students] were visibly excited, stopped me in the hallways wanting me to sign copies of the book," Romano said. "It was thrilling. All this is completely unexpected."

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Blueberry Crisp Prep time 20 minutes

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Preheat oven to 375. Arrange blueberries in a 1½ quart baking dish. Sprinkle cup sugar and 1 tablespoon lemon juice over

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blueberries. Bake 35 to 40 minutes until

golden brown. Serve warm with ice cream.

Check back every Monday for another simple recipe courtesy of the D/arts and culture staff.

In the June 21 80 Hours article "The day the music didn't die," the D/incorrectly stated that Simon Parks is a Chicago rocker signed under the Iowa City label Slanted Records. Chris Goettel, who plays under the pseudonym "Simon Parks," is a Cedar Rapids musician who is unsigned. The D/regrets the error.

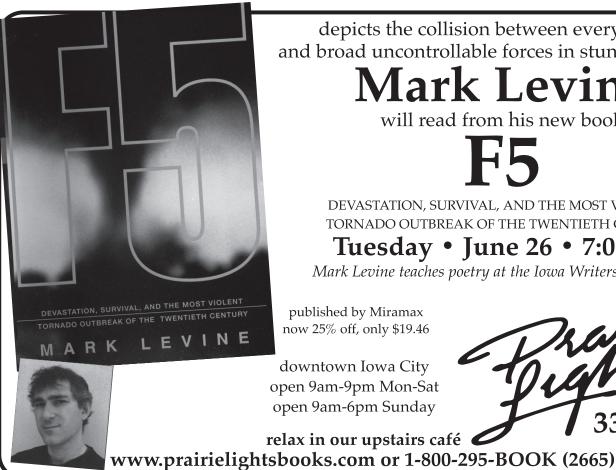




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what friends, family, and neighbors are up to. Broadening your horizons will help you

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CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your mind is in overdrive, and your emotions are leading

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Make alterations at home. Getting involved in self-improvement projects, physical exercise, or doing more with children will all lead to new and

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things develop naturally. Focus on work, helping others, and learning how to improve

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Travel, learning, and spending time with those who

have the experience you want will pay off. Listen and observe. A love connection can

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position in society personally or professionally. You will have the wisdom and the

knowledge to push for what you want. Money is in the picture, and a deal can be

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You should be looking to try something new. Regardless of the change, it will put you in a new category that should make those you

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ANDREW R. JUHL

20 movies I might have thought were gay porno flicks, based solely on their titles

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enjoyed The 400 Blows. The

movie wasn't bad, either.

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Wesley Cropp/The Daily Iowan

Stanford senior Thaisan Ton-That returns a serve from his father, UI math professor Tuong Ton-That during a game of late afternoon Ping-Pong at the Iowa City Recreation Center on Sunday. Thaisan Ton-That, who is visiting his father on a summer vacation, goes to the Rec Center with his father every day to play Ping-Pong. On Sunday, "the old man won," said Tuong Ton-That.

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- 12:30 p.m. News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
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• Argentine Tango Class, 4:45 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn

- Farmers' Market, 5 p.m., Coralville
- Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St. Juneteenth: Taste of Freedom, 5:30
- p.m., African-American Historical Museum/ Cultural Center, 55 12th Ave. S.E., Cedar
- Independent Media Collective, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
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- Romano, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque

• Children's Story Time, 7 p.m., Coralville

- Severance, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou
- Buddhism, 7:30 p.m., Lamrim Buddhist Center, 505 E. Washington third floor
- "Standards," Jazz Faculty Concert, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall

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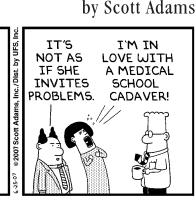
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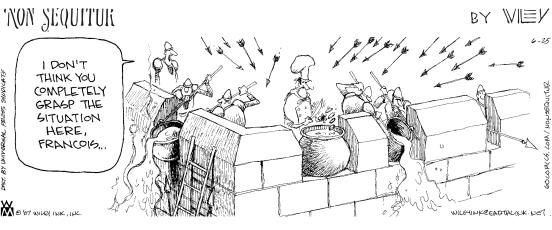
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Charting a course to personal knowledge

Young artists express themselves in Belin-Blank summer program.

BY LAURA SHATZER

Red tape arrows lead the viewer through the charcoal figures etched onto a roadmap collage. There isn't one correct direction in this circuitous maze, but each path winds up in the corner, where a girl is curled up into a fetal position.

This girl is 16-year-old Alyssa Lundgren, and the red-arrow diagram of her love life is the final product of her work during last week's Visual Arts Institute, the second of two sessions offered by the UI Belin-Blank International Center for Gifted and Talent Development.

"It shows how teenage love is all confusing," Lundgren said. "I mistakenly get led to different guys, and it all seems to lead back to me being alone in the corner."

During the second session, June 18-22, Lundgren and her



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

Amethyst Barron (left) and Yuki Matsuyama pose for a photo in front of their artwork during a reception for the Visual Arts Institute summer program on June 22. The one-week program is for 14 ninth- to 11thgrade students who have demonstrated artistic talent.

peers focused on making maps and incorporating text into their two-dimensional art, with each artist charting a personal journey. Emphases on self-expression and collaboration also made the institute a milestone in the artistic journeys for the 28 highschool-age participants.

"I don't think any of us have ever done anything like this," said Lundgren, who said she started drawing at the age of 3. "It's good to step outside the

Blossoming young artists came from all over Iowa and as far away as Colorado to attend the institute, Belin-Blank's first-ever program specifically geared toward cultivating high-school artists' talent.

"When people think of gifted kids, they think more of math and science," said Sarah Davis, the coordinator of the institute. "This is a chance for students who are artistically gifted to

admit, a snapshot," he said. "It

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gives us a start."

CRAFTY KIDS

The Belin-Blank program offers gifted high-school students to use the UI's art studios for their personal use.

- Twenty-eight self-nominated students ranging from 10-12 grade levels participated.
- They traveled as far away as Colorado to participate in the
- The program held two sessions from June 11-15 and June 18-22.
- The students received scholarships that covered most of the cost.

Students nominated themselves for the program, submitting a portfolio. letters recommendation, and personal statement. The invited students each received a \$475 scholarship covering most of the institute's costs

Instructor Rebecca Ringquist, who teaches at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, said the students' passion for art is what inspired her to teach.

into the work in an intense way," she said.

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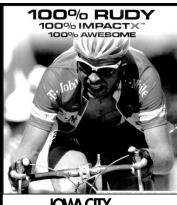
Davis noted that for smalltown residents such as Lundgren, who lives in Lehigh, opportunities to interact with other artists are limited. While institute participants worked individually, they gave each other feedback during daily critique.

With such titles as "This is me get used to it" and "Can you map insanity?," students' work got personal. Best in show winner Gregory Hansen was inspired by his peers to defy his usual style and opt for something far more intimate, he said.

The 18-year-old started his artistic career watching cartoons as a child. His award-winning piece theoretically maps a journey through different alter egos he's experienced.

"[It shows] four personalities that don't represent myself but have manifested themselves over the years," he said. "But you can think about it as whatever you want."

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Iowa shines in health-care study "It is, I think they would

A nationwide health-care report card puts Iowa near the top, though officials say there's still room for improvement.

BY JONATHAN VAN DYKE

A health spotlight is shining brightly on the Hawkeye State after a study ranked Iowa second of all states in healthsystem performance and legislators formed a commission on Affordable Health Care Plans for Small Businesses and Families a week later.

A bipartisan effort, the commission — which kicked off on June 20 — will seek ideas from all over the state to discuss how to make health care more affordable. It comes on the heels of the Commonwealth Fund tudy that compiled statistics between 2000 and 2005 — the most recent available data for 32 subtopics in five main

The study, published June 13, highlights categories in healthcare access, quality, avoidable hospital costs, equity, and healthy living in the state.

"[The report] doesn't really create any new data but combines it in a different way," said Scott McIntyre, the communications director for the Iowa Hospital Association. "We kind of knew where we stood, but for us to come out in the top two, that was a nice thing."

A principal finding of the study involved how adult insurance coverage has fallen recently for all but six states, with Iowa included in the decline —

another motivation for the commission. McIntyre was quick to point out that although Iowa was the only state to rank in the top quarter of the nation in all five broad categories, there was room for improvement.

"Even though we're No. 2, that doesn't mean we meet the top criteria," he said, explaining that the top possible performance wasn't met in any category by any state. "This particular report was graded on a curve."

Chris Atchison, an associate dean in the UI College of Public Health, saw plenty in the report to be addressed by not just Iowa but by the nation as a whole.

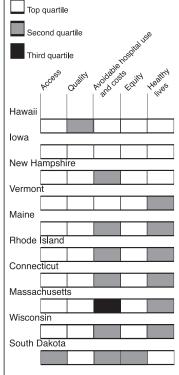
'I think overall quality remains important," he said. "We're in an era of health information technology. The whole nation, we need to move it from a discussion of cost and payment to quality."

Atchison, who heads the UI Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Task Force, attended a meeting on the newly formed affordable health-care commission before its launch on June 20. With respect to the study's findings, he noted how important the commission may

"The commission needs to look at chronic care and the mechanisms that we have to provide for the needs of these patients," he said. "We need to figure out, what can we do

Top-ranked states in health care

In a state-by-state study of health care systems, lowa ranks second overall and is the only state in the nation to rank in the top quarter of all five categories.



Dylan Salisbury/The Daily lowar Atchison felt the commission

had a few immediate demands. "One thing right away should be, what's the scope of [the commission's] agenda?" he said. "We need focus on access and how do we improve

Atchison noted cost as another natural concern. The study goes some way to help start the dialogue.

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BY LUKE MEREDITH

NEWTON, Iowa — Dario Franchitti hung around the lead as car after car ran into trouble on the Iowa Speedway's new

short oval. He made a daring

move to grab the top spot as

soon as he saw an opening, then

Franchitti, the IndyCar

Series points leader, survived a slippery track and a furious late charge from teammate Marco Andretti to win the inaugural Iowa Corn Indy 250

Franchitti, whose other victory in 2007 came at the Indy 500, held the cherished bottom line on the final laps to win by 0.0681 seconds. The victory helped Franchitti open a 51point lead over Tony Kanaan in

"I knew if I stopped at the yellow line, Marco was going to have a hard time getting around me," Franchitti said. "He

kept it by using his head.

on Sunday.

the overall standings.

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Rice 15, Louisville 10
North Carolina 8, Mississippi State 5
Saturday, June 16
Bracket 2
Arizona State 5, UC Irvine 4
Oregon State 3, Cal State-Fullerton 2
Sunday, June 17
Louisville 12, Mississippi State 4, Mississippi St. eliminated Rice 14, North Carolina 4

Monday, June 18
UC Irvine 5, Cal State-Fullerton 4, 13 innings, Cal-State Fullerton eliminated
Oregon State 12, Arizona State 6
Tuesday, June 19
North Carolina 3, Louisville 1, Louisville eliminated
UC Irvine 8, Arizona State 7, 10 innings, Arizona St.

Wednesday's Games North Carolina 6, Rice 1 Oregon State 7, UC Irvine 1, UC Irvine eliminated Oregon State 7, October 9, 1975

Thursday's Game

North Carolina 7, Rice 4, Rice eliminated

Championship Series (Best-of-3)

Saturday, June 23: Oregon State 11, North Carolina

Sunday, June 24: Oregon State 9, North Carolina 3, Oregon State wins series 2-0

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Chicago at Seattle, 9 p.m.					
New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.					

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed OF Darin Erstad on the 15-day DL. Activated OF Scott Podsednik from the 15-day DL. Named Doug Laumann directo of amateur scouting.
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP Jake

Westbrook from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Edward Muiica to Buffalo. National League FLORIDA MARLINS—Activated 1B Mike Jacobs

from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Reggie
Abercrombie to Albuquerque (PCL).
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with OF Kellen Kulbacki, OF Bradley Chalk and LHP Cory WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Traded OF Darnell

McDonald to Minnesota for RHP Levale Speigner Activated RHP Jason Bergmann from the 15-day DL. Placed SS Cristian Guzman and RHP Jesus Colome on the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Chris Schroder to Columbus (IL). Recalled Schroder from BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association WNBA—Suspended Phoenix G Diana Taurasi two FOOTBALL

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Franchitti wins 1st Corn Indy

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Beavers repeat in college series

BY ERIC OLSON

ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. — Oregon State became the first team in a decade to repeat as College World Series champion, completing a dominant run through the tournament with a 9-3 victory over North Carolina on Sunday night.

The Beavers (49-18) won all five of their series games, including a sweep of the Tar Heels in the best-of-three finals, and they trailed for only one of 45 innings they played in Omaha.

North Carolina was runner-up for the second-straight year after the first College World Series finals rematch since Arizona State and USC met in 1973. Oregon State is the first back-to-back champion since LSU in 1996-97 and the fifth overall.

Darwin Barney's two-run homer gave the Beavers the lead in the second inning of the decisive game. Jordan Lennerton hit his second homer in two nights, a two-run shot in the eighth.

The Tar $\stackrel{\smile}{\text{Heels}}$ (57-16) didn't get much going against Oregon State's steady pitching and solid defense, and they were shut down whenever they appeared on the verge of a big inning.

Mark Grbavac and Joe Paterson combined to retire the last seven North Carolina batters. Paterson got a called third strike on pinch-hitter Kyle Shelton to end the game and send the Beavers sprinting out of their dugout for the celebratory pile.

The Beavers knocked out North Carolina starter Luke Putkonen (8-2) in the second inning after Barney lined a pitch over the left-field wall.

Another run scored on third baseman Chad Flack's throw-

Putkonen, a sophomore, went only $1\frac{2}{3}$ innings in the shortest outing of his career.

Tar Heels coach Mike Fox made a surprise move by bringing in closer Andrew Carignan, whose appearance in the second inning was his earliest in a game in two years.

Not even Carignan, who had given up one hit and no runs in 6¹/₃ series innings before Sunday, could stop the Beavers. Singles by Santschi in the third and John Wallace in the fifth stretched the Beavers' lead to 5-2.

Dustin Ackley hit his second homer of the series and 10th of the season to pull North Carolina to 5-3, but Scott Santschi's third RBI single and Chris Hopkins' infield hit made it 7-3 in the seventh.

Ackley's RBI single in the first put North Carolina up 1-0 and ended a streak of 61 innings over seven games in which Oregon State led or was tied. The Beavers hadn't trailed in a series game in 50 innings, since the fourth frame of Game 2 of last year's finals.

North Carolina's first three batters reached against Mike Stutes (12-4) in the first and third innings, but the Tar Heels came away with only one run each time.

Ackley homered in the fifth, and two more batters reached before Stutes induced an inning-ending groundout.

After Garrett Gore doubled in the sixth, Anton Maxwell entered and hit Josh Horton to put two runners on with the dangerous Ackley coming up. Ackley drove a liner into left field that Wallace snagged to end the threat.

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never got a chance to make a

"At the end it came down to Franchitti held the inside just the two of us, and I had nothgroove, however, and Andretti ing for Dario," Andretti said.

Matthew Putney/Associated Press Dario Franchitti celebrates his first place-finish in the IRL's Iowa Corn Indy 250 auto race on Sunday at

move.

🔀 Dario Franchitti

allowed Andretti to close the Franchitti said. "We didn't need "We took a bit of a gamble

there at the end to extend our lead, and it worked for us,"

was very smart." Scott Sharp was third, followed by Buddy Rice and Darren Manning. Eight of the top 10 drivers in the points standings, including Kanaan and Sam Hornish Jr., were either involved in crashes or had mechanical trouble through the

first 100 laps. Unseasonably cool weather left the drivers with cold tires coming out of pit stops. That led to three accidents that knocked out seven cars on the 0.875-mile track, which ran fast and offered very little room to

maneuver.

Franchitti went high up the steep banking to pass Rice on lap 151 and take the lead. He was quickly joined by Andretti, and the pair took a sizable edge over the rest of the field. Franchitti made his final pit stop with 35 laps to go, refusing to take new tires and opting for fuel only.

That decision proved critical in the final laps. Franchitti opened his lead to more than five seconds shortly after pitting, but a caution flag

that last yellow, though the car was fantastic all day.'

the Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa.

CUBS 3. WHITE SOX 0

Cubs get out their brooms

CUBS

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 12

Crew chief Joe West said Guillen acted like a gentleman and did not use profanity but asked to be thrown out of

"You can't blame him. It was a messed-up play that you don't see very often. Uribe is not known for trying to cheat or get in somebody's way, but it happens," West said. "He got two outs, and he ended up getting no outs, and that's why Ozzie said, 'You're just going to have to run me.'

Cub lefty Sean Marshall (4-2) allowed five hits in $6\frac{1}{3}$ scoreless innings against the White Sox, who managed only two runs in the three-game set. They have lost 22 of their last 27.

Bob Howry got three outs for his second save.

The Cubs won five of six meetings this season with the White Sox, the most by either team since their interleague series expanded to six games

Luis Terrero twice tested Soriano's arm in the fifth inning and the second time at the plate — he lost. Terrero went from first to third on a single by Uribe, beating Sori-

But when Scott Podsednik hit a fly to medium left, Terrero took off for the plate, and Soriano made a strong throw to Hill, who applied the tag to complete the double play and keep the White Sox scoreless.

The Cubs then scored in the next inning off Jose Contreras (5-8) when Aramis Ramirez doubled, Cliff Floyd sent him to third with a single, and Angel Pagan, who scored the winning run on a ninth-inning squeeze bunt in a 2-1 victory June 22, hit an RBI grounder.

Soriano homered in the seventh. Contreras allowed 10 hits and two runs in seven innings

The Cubs had first and second and none out in the eighth after a walk by Felix Pie and a single by Pagan. When Mark DeRosa hit a ball over Rob Mackowiak's head in right, Pie stopped at third and that



Chicago White Sox's Scott Podsednik (right) is forced out at second base by Chicago Cubs Mike Fontenot during the third inning game Sunday in Chicago. The White Sox's Luis Terrero was safe at first.

left Pagan caught between second and third as DeRosa headed to second.

The White Sox appeared to turn a double play as they threw to second, where Uribe tagged out Pagan and then threw home. Pie was tagged out at the plate in a rundown. But after the umpires conferred for around five minutes, they ruled all three runners safe because Uribe initially interfered with Pagan as he attempted to go from first to third.

After Guillen was tossed, acting manager Joey Cora came out to protest the game, but it wasn't allowed.

"We didn't let him. You have to protest a rule interpretation," West said. "In Joey's behalf, he had no idea, he was told to protest the game. So he went out there with a

pocketknife to a gunfight."

The White Sox also threatened in the third when Uribe and Podsednik singled. With two outs and runners at first and third, Jim Thome hit a hard grounder to first. Derrek Lee knocked the ball down and then scrambled behind the bag to recover it, flipping to Marshall covering just in time to beat a hard-sliding

MEN'S TRACK

Coach sees bright track future

Iowa sophomore-to-be Adam Hairston, graduated senior Adam Hamilton and assistant track coach Joey Woody wrapped up a strong weekend at the USATF junior and senior nationals.

TRACK

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"I can use this as a good steppingstone for next year," Hairston said. "I hope to do some good things next year. Do well at the conference level and qualify for the NCAA championships."

For senior Adam Hamilton, the meet wrapped up his accolade-loaded throwing career. The two-time All-American in the hammer throw finished ninth in the event's semifinals with a throw of 219-09, finishing one spot out of the finals.

"He finished on a high note," Wieczorek said. "Adam had an illustrious career at Iowa."

Also competing at the event was Hawkeye assistant coach Joey Woody, who finished 16th in the semifinals of the 400meter hurdles with a time of 50.95, missing out on the

Along with Hamilton, the track team will lose seniors Micah VanDenend, Jeff Kent, and David Pierre.

"They were big contributors," Wieczorek said. "Their loss is really big. They've had wonderful careers here.

"We have some significant losses, but that's the natural attrition of losing good athletes. We feel the guys coming back are a group of great athletes.'

Key returnees for the 2007-2008 season include Hairston, NCAA qualifying hurdler Ray



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Hawkeye senior Adam Hamilton practices the hammer throw at the outdoor track on March 28. This past weekend at the USATF junior and senior nationals he wrapped up his Hawkeye career, finishing ninth in the event's semifinals, one spot out of the finals.

Varner, sprinter Paul Chaney, distance runner Jesse Luciano, throwers John Hickey and A.J. Curtis, and 2006 All-American distance runner Eric MacTaggart

"We feel good about that group of guys," Wieczorek said. "We did a lot of good things this year and look

forward to becoming a better track and field team next year."

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Barta looks back, ahead

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"That aside, I was very excited about the next chapter. Immediately, you have to move on and start focusing on what you have to do for this program."

Seeing Lickliter receive support from the get-go by Hawkeye fans is something Barta said was pleasing but not surprising.

"I don't say that out of arrogance," he said. "The same reasons I thought Todd was going to be a great fit, were the reasons and are the reasons that people feel comfortable with him and have given him such a great reception.

"I knew he would be wellreceived because he was the kind of person whom I was excited to hire as our head coach, and I know Iowa well enough to know the type of person that [Hawkeye fans] were going to be excited about."

The search for a new basketball coach wasn't the only thing on Barta's agenda. Currently, he is looking for a men's golf coach, Carver-Hawkeye Arena renovations are in their beginning

stages, two other athletics facilities are being put in place, and the athletics department is preparing to unveil its five-year plan later this summer.

As he moves ahead with his plans to make Hawkeye sports better, he feels people have fully supported him thus far and that coming to Iowa last year has been rewarding for him and his family.

He also feels grateful to have been hired by UI interim President Gary Fethke to take over where he has felt at home. "I'll be indebted for him forever

because he chose to hire me, and he has provided me positive feedback," Barta said. "Our staff is providing positive feedback, and our coaches, and our student-athletes. "One of the things that makes

me feel very good is the way my family has been accepted, and the fact that my family has adjusted very easily and very well. It just feels so right, and so good after a year, which is a good sign, and it just gives me excitement to get ready for the next year."

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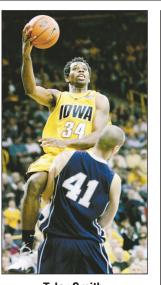
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Tyler Smith

MEN'S HOOPS

NCAA approves waiver, Smith eligible

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) The NCAA has granted Tyler Smith's hardship waiver, making the forward eligible to play this fall for Tennessee, school officials announced June 22.

The waiver was approved by the NCAA's administrative review subcommittee, according to Brad Bertani, the university's associate athletics director for compliance. Coach Bruce Pearl called it good news for Smith, his family, and the program.

"I am pleased to see the process work, and I believed all along that granting the waiver was the right decision. I am looking forward to Tyler contributing to the team next vear, and I'm pleased that his Dad will have an opportunity to watch him play in a Tennessee uniform," Pearl said.

Smith is from Pulaski, Tenn., and decided to leave Iowa after his freshman vear and return to Tennessee. He ranked second for lowa in scoring with 14.9 points a game and a team-high 4.9 rebounds as a freshman.

DEATH

Relief pitcher Rod Beck dead at 38

(AP) - Rod Beck, an All-Star relief pitcher who wore a bushy mustache while earning 286 career saves, was found dead June 23. He was 38.

Beck was found by police officers responding to a call to his home in suburban Phoenix, police department spokesman Andy Hill said on Sunday. Foul play is not suspected, though the cause of death might not be

known for several days.

With unruly hair framing a menacing stare and an aggressive arm swing

before



delivering a pitch, the outgoing right-hander was a colorful baseball personality and a three-time All-Star who twice led the NL in saves. He spent the first seven of his 13 major-league seasons with the

Francisco Giants. Beck was popular with teammates, reporters, and fans, but he battled personal demons late in his life. He abruptly left the San Diego Padres for a two-month stint in drug rehabilitation during his final major-league season in 2004.

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Pleased with Year 1, Barta looks ahead

In an exclusive interview with *The Daily Iowan*, Hawkeye Athletics Director Gary Barta reflects on the first year of his tenure and says he looks forward to the future.



lowa Athletics Director Gary Barta works at his desk on Oct., 18, 2006. Barta, who completed his first year as athletics director on June 23, is preparing to unveil the department's five-year plan later this summer. He is also working to find a new men's golf coach and help begin the proposed renovations for Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

BY BRENDAN STILES

THE DAILY IOWAN

It was a homecoming of sorts for Iowa Athletics Director Gary Barta.

One year ago, on June 23, the then-Wyoming AD was being introduced to the Iowa faithful as Bob Bowlsby's successor.

Today, as he oversees the progress being made with the school's athletics programs, Barta already has plenty of memories from year one at the post.

"I've been very fortunate enough to have been doing this for about 20 years, so I'm very comfortable with how our business works, how university and intercollegiate athletics works," he said. "The other advantage I had is I knew the state of Iowa so well.

"I'm so familiar with what the Hawkeyes stood for, what the University of Iowa stood for, and what the state was like, that you take those two things, and there really were no huge surprises, either positive or negative."

BARTA'S YEAR IN REVIEW

On June 23, 2006 Gary Barta was introduced as the new Hawkeye athletics director, and one year later, he has made many changes in the school's athletics programs. Here are some highlights of his year:



Kinnick Stadium is rededicated following an \$86.5 million renovation.

Among the moments that made Barta proud came in September 2006, when all the Kinnick Stadium renovations were completed, followed by the mass exposure coming from the Iowa-Ohio State contest.

"When we opened Kinnick Stadium, that was one of the most memorable days of my career, because it's such an incredibly historic place, and



A sold-out Kinnick Stadium plays host to the then-No. 1 Ohio State Buckeves on national television. Iowa Ioses, 38-17.

yet now it feels like a brandnew stadium," Barta said. "Watching that Ohio State game, I'm a fan like everybody else, so that night was a special night, even though we didn't win the game."

He also discussed the coaching search last spring, when Todd Lickliter took over the men's basketball reins left by Steve Alford, who went to New Mexico.



Former men's basketball coach Steve Alford meets with team members to inform them of his decision to leave Iowa for New Mexico University.

"Hiring Coach Lickliter was something that I enjoyed," he said. "I enjoyed the fact that I had the opportunity to go out, talk to some of the best coaches in the country, and sell them on Hawkeye basketball, and the end result I'm very pleased

Barta mentioned that Alford left him on good terms, and



Barta introduces Todd Lickliter as the new head coach of the men's basketball program.

that neither side holds any

animosity. "Steve and I parted ways very professionally," he said. "I know we'll talk going forward in both of our futures. I wished him the very best, and we talked about the excitement he had to take another step, and we've talked since he's been gone.

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CUBS 3, WHITE SOX 0

Cubs sweep ChiSox

BY RICK GANO

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Alfonso Soriano took his game eight miles to the other side of town and powered the Cubs to a threegame sweep of the punchless White Sox, using both his lively bat and his strong arm.

Soriano threw out a runner at the plate and also homered for the third-straight game Sunday as the Cubs blanked

the White Sox 3-0. "I think [it's] the weather, and I feel more comfortable with the team and the city here in Chicago, so I got my

swing back, and that's most

important," said Soriano, who got off to a slow start in his first season with the Cubs.

"What you're seeing here now is the player that he is," manager Lou Piniella said about the Cubs' \$136 million leadoff man. "He's swinging the bat, and he's driving the ball. He's a catalyst out of that leadoff hole as we anticipated."

White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen was ejected in the eighth inning after a bizarre play on the bases. The White Sox appeared to turn a double play after a Cubs baserunning blunder, but the umpires conferred and ruled interference on White Sox shortstop Juan

Uribe. They put all the runners back, loading the bases, and after a long argument with a relatively calm Guillen, Koyie Hill hit a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0.

"I think they got it right," Guillen said. "One thing, we didn't lose the game because of that. ... This weekend, they played better than we did, they made the plays, they pitched right, they had clutch hitting, and we didn't. ... If those guys keep playing the way they did against us this weekend, they have a chance."

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Future looks bright for Hawk Hairston

BY MIKE BROWNLEE

THE DAILY IOWAN

A strong showing by a Hawkeye with a bright future wrapped up the year for Iowa men's track team on June 22 at the USATF junior and senior nationals.

Sophomore-to-be Adam Hairston barely missed qualifying for the junior Team USA that will compete at the Pan-America Games in Brazil in July, finishing third in the 800-meters with a time of 1:50.98.

Despite being tripped up in the final, Hairston said he "felt

pretty good." "I got tripped, but I thought I recovered well," he said. "I was happy with the race."

Hawkeye men's track coach Larry Wieczorek agreed.

"It was the end of a terrific

season for him,' he said. "He competed real tough two days in a row. It indicates some great things to come for him as

a Hawkeye." Hairston said competing well

next season.

men's track coach at an event of this level provided a major confidence boost heading into

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