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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 Iowa 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 Iowa Firefighters Memorial.**

**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 firefighters 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 hour-long 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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## Chef 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* magazine.

Unlike many of the other "chefestants" 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.

### 'FINE DINING

"Top Chef" is a culinary competition 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

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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-Iowa-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 business.

"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.

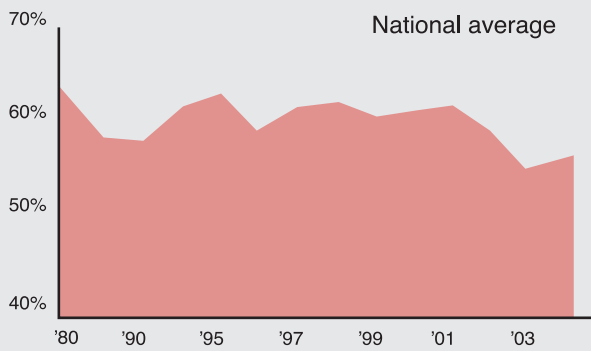
More than 80 percent of male infants born in hospitals in such states as Iowa, Wisconsin, and Nebraska had their foreskins surgically removed in 2004, higher than many other regions in the United States.

"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."

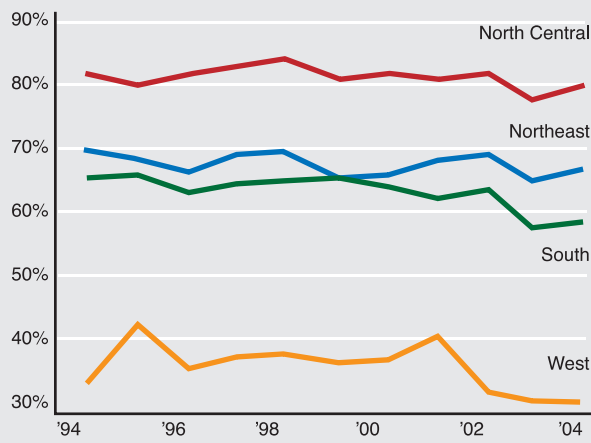
While it became popular in the late 19th century and early

### 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



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.

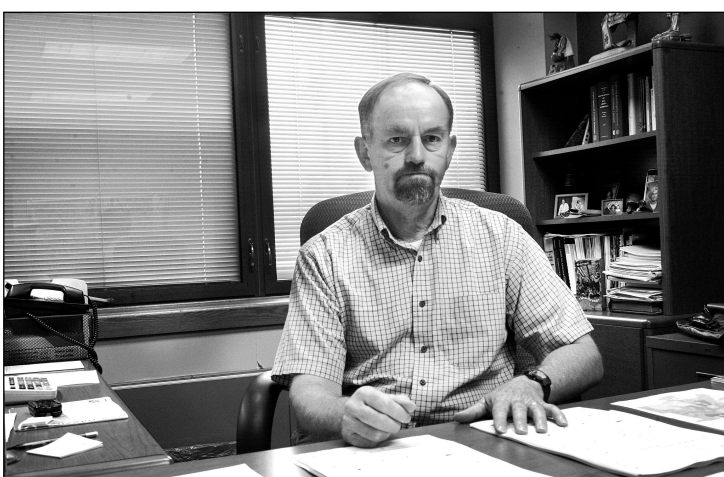
Harold Goff, a UI professor emeritus of chemistry, received the verdict on his appeal last week. He said he was unsure if others in his neighborhood contested their assessments.

"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 year.

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 change.



Whitney Wright/The Daily Iowan

**Iowa City Assessor Dennis Baldrige sits in his office at 913 S. Dubuque St. on June 20. Before becoming the Iowa City assessor, Baldrige 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 process.

"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 high-

priced 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 high-priced 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 of Realtors.

Iowa City Assessor Dennis Baldrige 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 year.

- 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 winter.

Source: Iowa City Chief Deputy, Brad Comer

"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 them."

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## BEAT CITY



Rebecca F. Miller/The Daily Iowan

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

## 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 Iowa code, punishable by a maximum of five years in prison and between \$750 and \$7,500 in fines.

— by **Stephen Schmidt**

## POLICE BLOTTER

**Daniel Aguero**, 22, Nichols, Iowa, was charged June 23 with possession of cocaine with intent to deliver and an Iowa 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 fifth-degree theft.

**Ian Beard**, 20, Burlington, was charged June 22 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

**Matthew Bell**, 23, 417 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2321, was charged June 23 with public intoxication.

**James Blake**, 23, Orlando, Fla., was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

**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 domestic-abuse 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 second-offense public intoxication.

**Courtney Jackson**, 23, address unknown, was charged June 23 with littering/illegal dumping.

**James Jackson**, 45, Parnell, Iowa, was charged June 23 with second-offense OWI.

**Cathleen James**, 39, Washington, Iowa, was charged June 22 with simple assault and public intoxication.

**Juan Marban**, 21, Wheeling, Ill., 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, 938 Cottonwood Ave., was charged June 23 with public intoxication and third-degree criminal mischief.

**Jonathan Wegman**, 19, 910 Iowa Ave., was charged Sunday with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID.

**Lillie Williams**, 45, 1958 Broadway Apt. 108B, was charged June 23 with assaulting a police officer and interference with official acts.

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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 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 front-runners 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.

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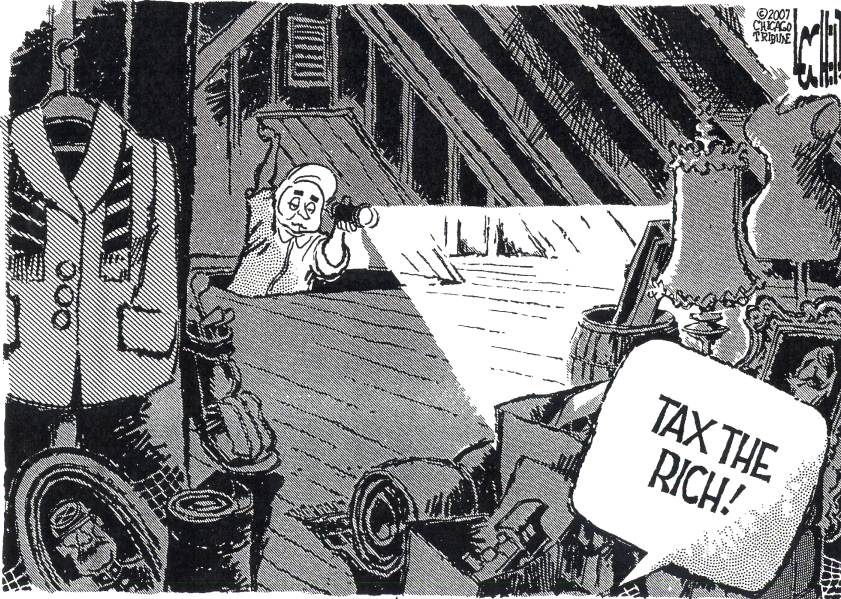
In response to the recent op-ed “Teddy bedlam” (June 21), I would like to compliment Nate Whitney for pointing out the absurdity of Ted Nugent's comments regarding vegetarianism and patriotism. The overwhelming majority of the American population disagrees with cruelty to animals, and people who support 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.

**Ryan Huling**  
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 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 Il 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.

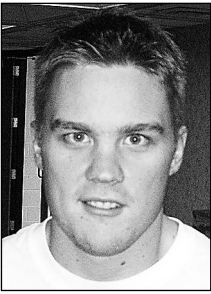
Yongbyon's dismantlement would indeed be a breakthrough. But months already have passed since the North missed the initial deadline for suspending operations at the reactor, with no consequence other than additional U.S. sweeteners. Kim seems adept at exploiting American impatience for a breakthrough. During its last weeks, the Clinton administ<sup>r</sup>ation 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 one-sided 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**  
 UI senior



“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**  
 UI alum



“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**  
 UI senior

# 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 of 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 disenchantd with the state of the country.

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-the-road 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. ■

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**ANDREW SWIFT**





# 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

### *Evan Almighty*

#### When:

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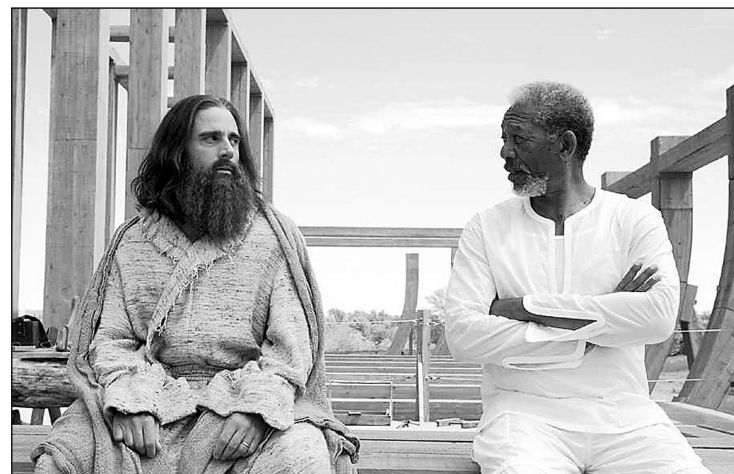
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★ ½ out of ★★★★★

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 film-makers did and perhaps even covering up my own disappointment. I wanted *Evan Almighty*



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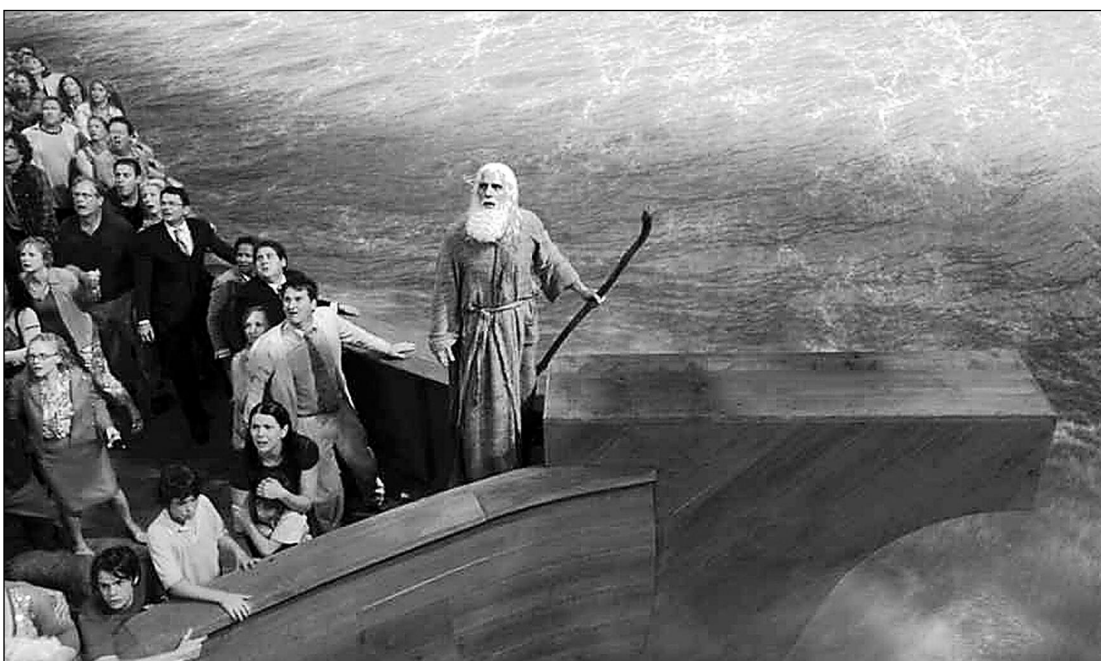
Nicknamed “weirdo with a beardo,” Evan Baxter (Steve Carell) endeavors to please God (Morgan Freeman) in *Evan Almighty*.

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.



Publicity photo

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 like 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 come.

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 well-being 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 debut 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

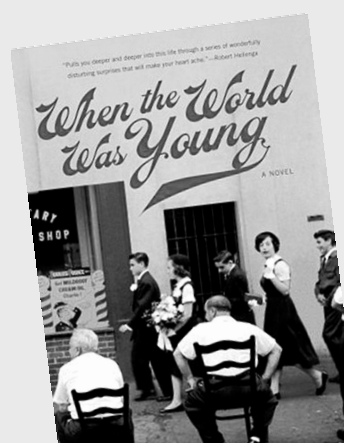
Tony Romano reads from his novel *When the World was Young*

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 type-writer and writing stories,” the Glen Ellyn, Ill., resident said. “I would scrounge for pop bottles and read comics all day.”

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 said.

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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## CORRECTION

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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## the ledge

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ANDREW R. JUHL

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

- *Three Amigos!*
- *The Adventures of Milo and Otis*
- *All the President’s Men*
- *The Bear*
- *Bones*
- *Big Top Pee-wee*
- *Freddy Got Fingered*
- *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen*
- *Big*
- *A Man Apart*
- *Manhunter*
- *Cobb*
- *Ernest Goes to Jail*
- *A Few Good Men*
- *Four Brothers*
- *McHale’s Navy*
- *An Officer and a Gentleman*
- *Shaft*
- *Quigley Down Under*
- *Roman Holiday*

— Andrew R. Juhl thoroughly enjoyed *The 400 Blows*. The movie wasn’t bad, either. E-mail him at: [andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu](mailto:andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu).

## horoscopes

**Monday, June 25, 2007**  
— by Eugenia Last

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take a break, plan a vacation, or go on a day trip with someone you love. Get out with the kids or take up a new hobby. Don’t let anyone get you down, mess up your plans, or stand in your way.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Aggressive action will bring results, but prepare to disappoint or upset someone who is counting on you. You will be faced with some emotional decisions. Someone may be too shy or embarrassed to tell you the truth.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Take the time to get to know people better and find out what friends, family, and neighbors are up to. Broadening your horizons will help you make new friends. Changes at work will not be as they appear but will be to your benefit.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Your mind is in overdrive, and your emotions are leading you in the right direction. Don’t deny yourself the joy or pleasure of someone’s company because you are unsure of yourself or too shy. You are ready to take on a new challenge.

**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 exciting developments. An older relative may be a burden.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You can’t win by addressing just one issue. Rather, let things develop naturally. Focus on work, helping others, and learning how to improve things in all aspects of your life.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Surround yourself with people who inspire you and contribute to the things that are important to you. Love is on the rise, but emotions are also close to the surface. Don’t let jealousy or waffling be your downfall.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Someone may try to maneuver you out of a position or something you really want. Be aggressive — don’t take no for an answer. If you are passionate about what you want, you stand a better chance of getting it.

**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 be made, developed further, or rekindled.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** You can make a strategic move that will alter your 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 struck.

**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 care about take notice and be proud of your accomplishment.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Money is in the picture, and a change will make your life easier. Renovate, redecorate, or make a move that will benefit you financially, spiritually, or physically. Less will be more in the end.

## TABLED



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.**

## UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

**12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)  
**1 A** Prairie Lights Reading from the UITV Archives, Tom Lutz  
**2** News from Germany (in German)  
**3** “Live from Prairie Lights,” Keith Donahue

**4** Race and Sport, Keynote Address by Colin King, Goldsmith College  
**5** Live from Prairie Lights 15th Anniversary Special  
**7** “Live from Prairie Lights,” Keith Donahue

**8** The Never Ending Struggle for Funding in Clinical Trials  
**9:30** David Cole, Less Safe, Less Free, Why we are Losing the War on Terror  
**11** “Live from Prairie Lights,” Keith Donahue


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## today’s events

- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Iowa Summer Writing Festival, “Elevenes,”** 11 a.m., 101 Becker Communication Studies Building
- **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 Rapids
- **Independent Media Collective**, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library

- **Children’s Story Time**, 7 p.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,” Tony Romano, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Severance**, 7 and 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Introduction to Meditation: Kadampa Buddhism**, 7:30 p.m., Lamrim Buddhist Center, 505 E. Washington third floor
- **Iowa Summer Music Camp, “Standards,” Jazz Faculty Concert**, 8 p.m., Clapp Recital Hall
- **Open Mike, with Jay Knight**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Free Pool**, 10 p.m., Charlie’s, 450 First Avenue, Coralville

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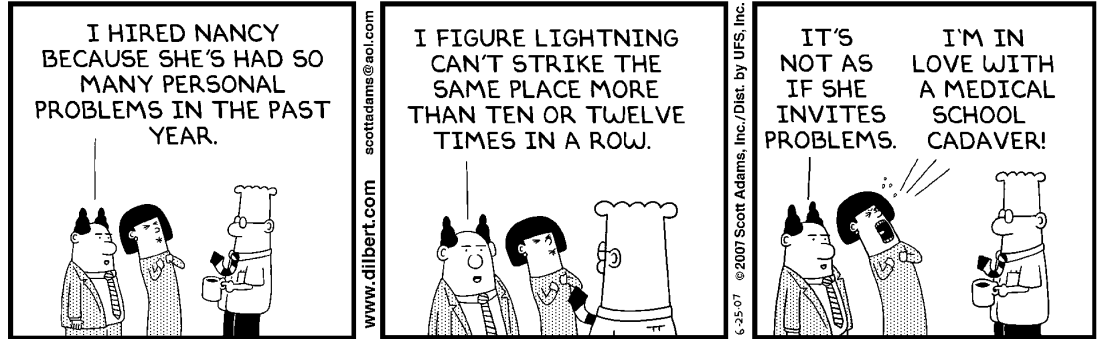
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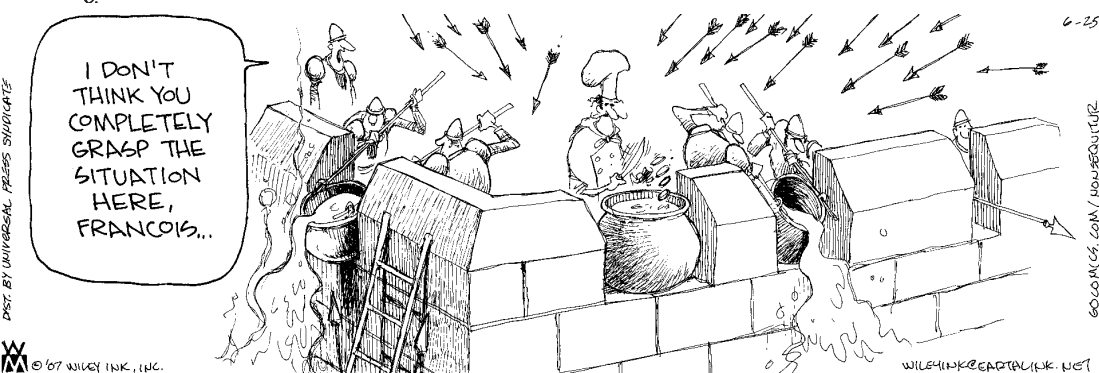
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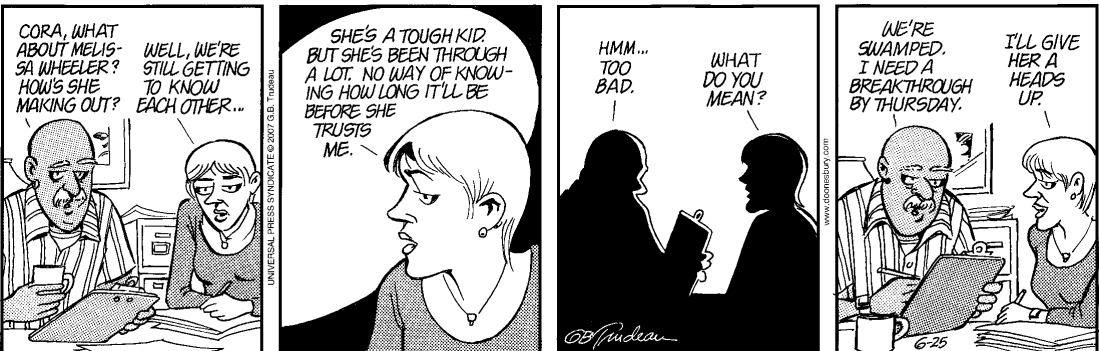


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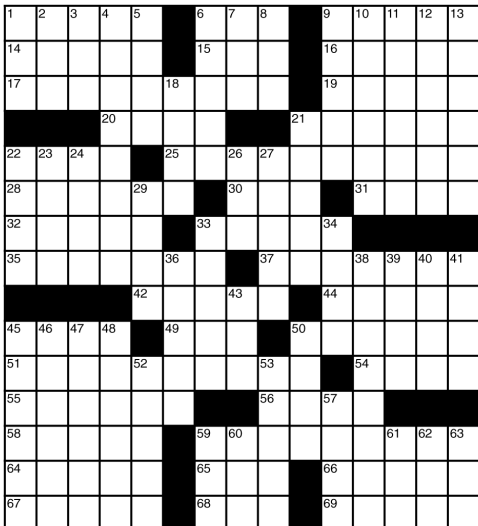
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  - End of an Aesop fable
  - Eggs
  - Secret languages
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  - From the country
  - Hides the gray
  - Old-fashioned “Scram!”
  - “Dear” dispenser of advice
  - “Revealer of vowels, on TV
  - Hardly trim
  - Enclosure for grain or coal
  - “Cut it out!”
  - Hearing-related
  - Hawaiian veranda
  - “Part of a Valentine’s Day bouquet
  - Seasoned seaman
  - The mating game?
  - Rarin’ to go
  - Citrus coolers
  - Parts of lbs.
  - Tie the knot
  - “Local place for making deposits or getting loans
  - \_\_\_\_ empty stomach
  - Garb
  - 56 Long, long time
  - Around, as a year
  - Be logical ... or what the last words of the answers to the five starred clues can do?
  - Parts of eyes
  - Nothing’s opposite
  - Rub out
  - Oozes
  - “Affirmative”
  - Projectiles
- Down**

  - Quick online notes, for short
  - Clean the floor
  - \_\_\_\_ Onassis, Jackie Kennedy’s #2
  - Butterfinger or 3 Musketeers
  - Smite
  - “\_\_\_\_ luck!”
  - Gardner of “The Night of the Iguana”
  - Space between the teeth, e.g.
  - Fastener that turns
  - Robitussin suppresses them
  - Skifful
  - Crude shelter
  - Dozing
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# Charting a course to personal knowledge

Young artists express themselves in Belin-Blank summer program.

BY LAURA SHATZER  
THE DAILY IOWAN

Red tape arrows lead the viewer through the charcoal figures etched onto a road-map 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



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 11th-grade 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 high-school-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 box."

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 show their abilities."

## 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 program.
- 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 of recommendation, and a 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.

"It's just so fun to really dive into the work in an intense way," she said.

Davis noted that for small-town 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

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

BY JONATHAN VAN DYKE  
THE DAILY IOWAN

A health spotlight is shining brightly on the Hawkeye State after a study ranked Iowa second of all states in health-system 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 study that compiled statistics between 2000 and 2005 — the most recent available data — for 32 subtopics in five main areas.

The study, published June 13, highlights categories in health-care 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.

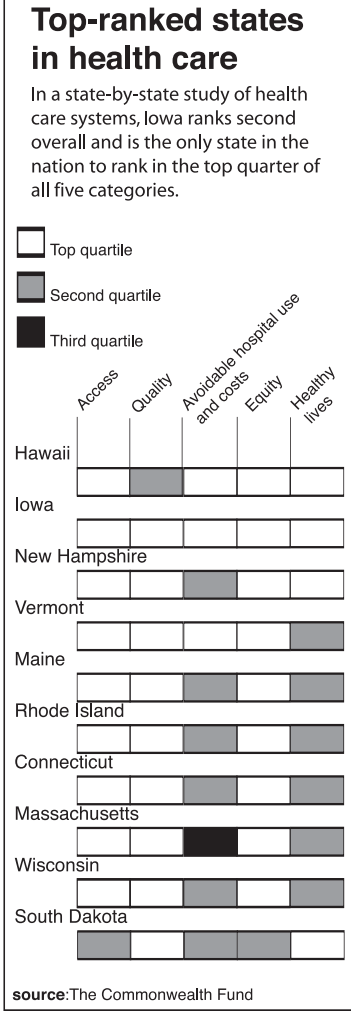
"Even though we're No. 2, that doesn't mean we meet the top criteria," he said, explaining that the top possible performance wasn't met in any category by any state. "This particular report was graded on a curve."

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 become.

"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 better?"



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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 access."

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

"It is, I think they would admit, a snapshot," he said. "It gives us a start."

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Sports

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE

<b>East Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
New York	41	32	.562	—
Philadelphia	39	36	.520	3
Atlanta	38	38	.500	4½
Florida	36	40	.474	6½
Washington	32	43	.427	10
<b>Central Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Milwaukee	43	32	.573	—
Chicago	35	39	.473	7½
St. Louis	33	39	.458	8½
Houston	32	43	.427	11
Pittsburgh	31	44	.413	12
Cincinnati	29	47	.382	14½
<b>West Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Arizona	44	32	.579	—
San Diego	42	32	.568	1
Los Angeles	42	33	.560	1½
Colorado	38	37	.507	5½
San Francisco	32	42	.432	11

**Sunday's Games**  
Philadelphia 5, St. Louis 1  
**Today's Games**  
Washington (Bergmann 1-3) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 6-5), 6:05 p.m.  
St. Louis (Maroth 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (JSosa 6-3), 6:10 p.m.  
Colorado (Francis 7-5) at Chicago Cubs (Marquis 5-4), 7:05 p.m.  
Houston (Jennings 1-1) at Milwaukee (Sheets 8-3), 7:05 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers (Penny 9-1) at Arizona (Swains 5-1), 8:40 p.m.  
San Diego (Germano 5-1) at San Francisco (Lincoff 2-2), 9:15 p.m.

**Wednesday's Games**  
Pittsburgh at Florida, 6:05 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 6:10 p.m.  
St. Louis at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.  
Washington at Atlanta, 6:35 p.m.  
Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m.  
Houston at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.  
L.A. Dodgers at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.  
San Diego at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

<b>East Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Boston	48	26	.649	—
Toronto	37	37	.500	11
New York	36	37	.493	11½
Tampa Bay	33	40	.452	14½
Baltimore	32	43	.427	16½
<b>Central Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Detroit	45	29	.608	—
Cleveland	43	31	.581	2
Minnesota	38	35	.521	6½
Chicago	29	42	.408	14½
Kansas City	30	46	.395	16
<b>West Division</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Los Angeles	49	27	.645	—
Seattle	39	33	.542	8
Oakland	39	35	.527	9
Texas	30	45	.400	18½

**Sunday's Interleague Games**  
Minnesota 7, Florida 4  
Toronto 5, Colorado 0  
N.Y. Mets 10, Oakland 2  
Washington 9, Cleveland 1  
Tampa Bay 9, L.A. Dodgers 4  
Kansas City 4, Milwaukee 3, 11 innings  
Chicago Cubs 3, Chicago White Sox 0  
L.A. Angels 4, Pittsburgh 3, 10 innings  
Boston 4, San Diego 2  
Seattle 3, Cincinnati 2  
San Francisco 7, N.Y. Yankees 2  
Arizona 8, Baltimore 3  
Detroit 5, Atlanta 0  
Houston 12, Texas 9, 10 innings  
**Today's Games**  
Texas (Loe 3-6) at Detroit (Bonderman 8-0), 6:05 p.m.  
Oakland (Gaudin 6-2) at Cleveland (Lee 4-4), 6:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox (Danks 3-6) at Tampa Bay (Howell 1-1), 6:10 p.m.  
Toronto (Halladay 8-2) at Minnesota (Slowey 2-0), 7:10 p.m.  
Boston (Tavarez 5-4) at Seattle (Weaver 1-6), 9:05 p.m.  
Kansas City (Thomson 0-0) at L.A. Angels (Lackey 10-4), 9:05 p.m.  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Texas at Detroit, 6:05 p.m.  
Oakland at Cleveland, 6:05 p.m.  
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.  
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.  
Toronto at Minnesota, 7:10 p.m.  
Boston at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.  
Kansas City at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

**At Rosenblatt Stadium, Omaha, Neb. Friday, June 15**  
**Bracket 1**  
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. eliminated  
**Wednesday's Games**  
North Carolina 6, Rice 1  
Oregon State 7, UC Irvine 1, UC Irvine eliminated  
**Thursday's Game**  
North Carolina 7, Rice 4, Rice eliminated  
**Championship Series (Best-of-3)**  
Saturday, June 23: Oregon State 11, North Carolina 4  
Sunday, June 24: Oregon State 9, North Carolina 3, Oregon State wins series 2-0

WNBA

<b>EASTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Detroit	10	2	.833	—
Indiana	10	3	.769	½
New York	7	4	.538	3½
Chicago	6	7	.462	4½
Connecticut	5	8	.385	5½
Washington	3	10	.231	7½
<b>WESTERN CONFERENCE</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Pct</b>	<b>GB</b>
Sacramento	9	4	.692	—
San Antonio	8	4	.667	½
Phoenix	8	7	.533	2
Los Angeles	6	6	.500	2½
Seattle	6	6	.500	2½
Minnesota	4	10	.286	5
Houston	2	11	.154	7

**Sunday's Games**  
Indiana 74, New York 63  
Phoenix 90, Houston 85  
Seattle 83, Los Angeles 71  
**Today's Games**  
No games scheduled  
**Tuesday's Games**  
Washington at Connecticut, 6 p.m.  
San Antonio at Houston, 7:30 p.m.  
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 director of amateur scouting.  
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated RHP Jake Westbrook from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Edward Mujica to Buffalo.  
**National League**  
FLORIDA MARLINS—Activated 1B Mike Jacobs from the 15-day DL. Optioned Reggie Abercrombie to Albuquerque (PCL).  
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with OF Kellen Kulbacki. OF Bradley Chalk and LHP Cory Luebke.  
WASHINGTON NATIONALS—Traded OF Darnell McDonald to Minnesota for RHP Levele 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 Columbus.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**Women's National Basketball Association**  
WNBA—Suspended Phoenix G Diana Taurasi two games for inappropriate conduct toward game officials.  
**FOOTBALL**  
**National Football League**  
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed LB Orlando Huff and TE George Cooper.  
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed CB Marcus Hamilton.

OREGON ST. 9, NORTH CAROLINA 3

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 Barnev'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 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 throwing error.

Putkonen, a sophomore, went only 1½ 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 6½ 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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Franchitti wins 1st Corn Indy

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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 kept it by using his head.

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 on Sunday.

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 51-point lead over Tony Kanaan in the overall standings.

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



Dario Franchitti celebrates his first place-finish in the IRL's Iowa Corn Indy 250 auto race on Sunday at the Iowa Speedway in Newton, Iowa.

allowed Andretti to close the gap.

"We took a bit of a gamble there at the end to extend our lead, and it worked for us,"

Franchitti said. "We didn't need that last yellow, though the car was fantastic all day."

Franchitti held the inside groove, however, and Andretti

never got a chance to make a move.

"At the end it came down to just the two of us, and I had nothing for Dario," Andretti said.



CUBS 3, WHITE SOX 0

# Cubs get out their brooms

## CUBS

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

“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 6½ 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 in 1999.

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 Soriano’s throw.

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



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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 in time to beat a hard-sliding Thome.

## 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 400-meter hurdles with a time of 50.95, missing out on the finals.

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

## BARTA

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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 well-received 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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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 year, 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 year and return to Tennessee. He ranked second for Iowa in scoring with 14.9 points a game and a team-high 4.9 rebounds as a freshman.

DEATH

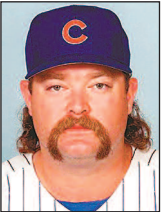
Relief pitcher Rod Beck dead at 38

(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 San 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.



Beck

died June 23

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.



File photo/The Daily Iowan

Iowa 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

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:



SEPT. 1, 2006

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



SEPT. 30, 2006

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



MARCH 22, 2007

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



APRIL 2, 2006

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

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

yet now it feels like a brand-new 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.

“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 with.”

Barta mentioned that Alford left him on good terms, and

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 three-game 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 Wiecezorek 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 at an event of this level provided a major confidence boost heading into next season.



Wiecezorek  
men's track coach

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TV TODAY

**MLB** — Cardinals at Mets, 6 p.m., ESPN2  
Rockies at Cubs, 7:05 p.m., CSN  
**Arena Football** — Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m., ESPN2  
**Tennis** — Wimbledon, early round play, 7 a.m., ESPN2