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Think tunnel vision — literally.

For patients with a common form of glaucoma, a degenera-
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Students have links to DeKalb

By Alyssa Cashman

The community of DeKalb, home to Northern Illinois University, is coming together after tragedy befall the college town on Feb. 14.

Kelly Metcalfe, a UI freshman from DeKalb, said everything was a shock when he learned of the basketball game on the evening of Feb. 14.

She was driving through campus 10 minutes after the shooting occurred, and at first, she was oblivious to what was happening.

"With the students walking around like everything was normal, I kept thinking, I'm really far away from Old Main, I'm thinking of the on-campus running route," she said.

Kelly is a UI freshman who lives in DeKalb, Ill., and this spring she plans to attend the University of Illinois.

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By Melanie Kucera

The Ul and Iowa City are in the midst of a salt shortage.

Of the 600 tons of salt that the city has set aside for the winter, 180 tons are on the road, leaving the Ul and Iowa City with only 420 tons left.

Prior to this past weekend's snowstorm, only 30 tons remained on the road, requiring the Ul and Iowa City to search for more.

The Ul spends around $40 per ton on salt, which costs the Ul approximately $25,000 to $27,000 from the University of Iowa.

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Amazing Journey for Ford

Ford continued

In high school, street fighting and drug dealing were part of his life. He was involved in the "Urban Dreams" program, a community center for minority students. Ford credits his third wife, Romonda Hill, for more than three years now. He credits her for her understanding and patience.

In 1992, Ford was elected Iowa representative for House District 31. He saw himself as the most prominent black legislator in the state.

Ford was working as an automotive technician at a repair shop in Des Moines when he met Belcher Ford, his third wife. They were married in 1985, and she worked as an administrative assistant at the University of Iowa.

The couple has two children, Ryan and Taylor. Ryan is also involved in the community center, and Taylor is active in school and extracurricular activities.

Ford's family is his main priority, and he often speaks about the importance of family values.

Ford and his family live in Des Moines, where he is part of the local community. He is known for his dedication to his family and his work.

Ford is a strong supporter of education, and he has advocated for the rights of minority students.

He also supports community service, and he has been involved in various community service projects.

Ford is known for his humble beginnings and his determination to succeed despite the odds.

In his autobiography, "Urban Dreams," Ford shares his experiences and the lessons he learned along the way.

He encourages young people to follow their dreams and work hard to overcome any obstacles.

Ford is a strong advocate for minority rights and is committed to making a difference in the lives of those he serves.

He is a dedicated public servant who has given back to his community in a meaningful way.
News

Sunset for analog phone

Beginning Monday, the FCC allowed cellular and alarm system providers to shut down their analog networks, forcing some customers to upgrade to digital service.

By Lauren Sieben
THE DAILY IOWAN

As Sunday turned to Monday, many customers woke to a new day as analog phone networks were no longer used in older cell phones and alarm systems. The move was seen as one step toward becoming obsolete.

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Bad weather
Snow and high winds cause school closings and highway warnings.

By Amy Lorenz

DES MOINES — Drains of schools in central and eastern Iowa were closed or had delayed classes on Monday, and travel was not recommended in some highways as the state digged out from the weekend’s snowstorm.

The storm that hit Sunday brought snow, wind, and blizzard conditions.

Snowfall amounts of 4-6 inches were common across the eastern section of the state, while winds topped 50 mph in some areas.

The Iowa Department of Transportation did not recommend travel on icy highways in parts of eastern Iowa because of the conditions.

Monday’s snowfall followed an 80-mile stretch of 3 to 5 inches on Sunday from Newton to Iowa City and a 25-mile stretch of 1 to 3 inches from Iowa City to north of Cedar Rapids.

The storm was the latest in a rugged winter for Iowa.

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The measure, when it takes effect, will require health professionals to report to authorities about patients who display suicidal, or threatening behavior Right now, it isn’t required to report to state officials only on people who have been institutionalized, but on those who require only the most treatment.

Last month, President George W. Bush signed federal legislation required state officials to provide the mental-health information they gather for use in a national background-check system.

Virginia lawmakers, meanwhile, are still considering a package of bills to change that state’s mental-health system to make it more comprehensive than most,” the Democrat said on Monday. “But every- thing needs to be evaluated and addressed to the problem so that something like this never happens again. That is the promise we have to make.”

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The sky’s the limit?

Aerzoe Air Force says budgets are billions of dollars short of what’s needed.

By Richard Lardner

WASHINGTON — Air Force officials are warning that unless their budget is increased by at least 3 percent annually, the military’s high-flying branch won’t dominate the skies as it has in decades past.

It’s not as if the Air Force has been idle for decades. Current F-15s and F-16s are among more than four decades. An F-15 with a top speed of 1,875 miles an hour has been in the inventory for more than four decades. B-52 mammoth C-5 transport planes and is fighting to keep the production line from being shut down too soon.

“Failing that, we take what is available,” Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley said. “If we’re going to do the mission, there’s just not enough.”

Each F-22 Raptor costs about $40 billion over the next 15 years to produce — a cost the Air Force says it’s unreasonably expensive.

The Air Force also is planning for new refueling tankers. A contract is expected to be awarded soon. Those new tankers, however, will be flying until 2031.

“The Air Force isn’t alone in wanting more money,” Donley said. “It’s going to require this kind of investment — would solve that problem.”

Senior Air Force officers.

“The top priority for the next five — beginning with an Air Force budget of approximately $137 billion in 2009 instead of the $117 billion prepared by the Bush administration — would solve that problem, at least until the next generation of weapon systems that cost twice as much as the other three services combined.

“Rogers said. “We need to get to right this thing that’s going to happen.”

Each F-22 Raptor costs about $180 million. The Air Force says it needs more money for these ultra-modern replacements are needed.

“Is this the strategy we want?”

Air Force Maj. Gen. Paul Selva gestures during an interview with the Associated Press on Feb. 5 at the Pentagon. Air Force officials are warning that unless their annual budgets are increased dramatically between 2009 and 2013, the military’s high-flying branch won’t dominate the skies as it has in decades past.

The Air Force’s “wish list” was expanded since the mid-1990s.

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Obama accused of plagiarism

DALLAS (AP) — Long-hidden items and documents related to the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy were revealed for the first time Monday after spending nearly two decades locked inside a courthouse safe.

Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins presented the items Monday while standing next to brown and white file boxes stacked in a pyramid.

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Gov. Deval Patrick. Obama pointed out that Patrick himself suggested Obama use the words.


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"The passage in question from Obama’s speech addressed the power of oratory, and he used it to make the point that Obama had borrowed lines from the Senate campaign motto "Yes, we can" in 2004.

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Hi! We are anonymous. Over the years, we have been watching the local news and weather reports on TV, and we have noticed that all of these things, which we call global warming, are all of these things that have caught our eyes... Anonymous has therefore decided to write an article for the English language newspaper, and we have decided to focus on a particular topic that is of particular interest to us, which is the issue of global warming. We are not sure if you are familiar with this issue, but we believe that it is important to raise awareness about it and to encourage people to take action to address it.

One of the main concerns about global warming is the impact it has on the environment and on human health. We have heard about the melting of glaciers, which is causing sea levels to rise, and about the increase in extreme weather events, such as hurricanes and droughts. These events are affecting people's lives in many ways, and we believe that it is important to take action to address these issues.

Another concern is the impact of global warming on the economy. We have heard about the loss of jobs in industries that are dependent on natural resources, such as fishing and logging. We believe that it is important to take action to support these industries and to create new ones that are less dependent on natural resources.

We hope that this article will raise awareness about the issue of global warming and encourage people to take action to address it. We are not sure if you are familiar with this issue, but we believe that it is important to raise awareness about it and to encourage people to take action to address it.

Thank you for reading this article. We hope that it will be useful to you and that you will take action to address the issue of global warming.
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Now that the writers’ strike is over, TV is coming back in full force. @ropert Meyer flapjack is especially stoked about Jon Stewart’s return on The Daily Show. Jon’s personality seems so genuine, especially when he takes on some of the biggest names in the business. From America’s Next Top Model to the Academy Awards, Jon always manages to make everyone look like a fool. We think he should be presented with an award for his uncanny ability to keep his audience entertained. Next week, The Daily Iowan will host a live question-and-answer session over the Internet.

Click on over to DAILYIOWANARTS.BLOGSPOT.COM to read the following article.

From the Blog

The most important Oscar host... ever

Hilary Hott is an album that reporter Meryn Fluker is especially stoked about

The Mountain Goats
Hericet Pride

Describing yourself as a performance mayor is a leap of faith. Doing so while also studying for a biochemistry degree can transform that leap into a plunge. Fortunately for any more music — unless I’m looking for the soundtrack for banal situations. There are records that might as well mean “really, really

Also, much like Head Automatica, The Mountain Goats chug up the tempo with an alt-staccato sound. The person melodic with cheer — a much preferred sound. On this track, drums, keyboards, and a whole chise of slightly off-kilter voices chime in to get even the standard of bees happy.

The next two songs, “Market Girl” and “Airplanes,” sound like a trip around the world.

The lead singer for The Mountain Goats, John Darnielle, sings of being cut off from the rest of the world. TheMountainGoats.com doesn’t even work in this case.

The bold then-16-year-old, minor, Hott took the issue head-on. The bold then-16-year-old junior found that the group desires to be heard only by those who seek to find.

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**Baseball has lofty goals**

By Andy Pettit

Hoping to build off a fourth-place conference finish last year, the Hawkeyes hope their pitching can catch up to their dominant offense.

By Diane Hendrickson

**Iowa's pitching staff, with a stockpile of experienced hurlers, intends to bring the heat.**

By Ryan Young

In his head, Hawkeye baseball coach Jack Dahn knows who his starting pitchers are going to be. He's only in charge of organizing a workable lineup. And it's likely going to take a pair of pre-spring road trips before Dahn's front-office four find themselves in a set rotation this coming season.

**Dahn's pitching staff**

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In the spring, Ketelsen had also struggled. "I've pretty much kept it the same — if anything I'm trying to add difficulty," he said. "I added one skill to that routine — it's a back kip. Ketelsen had also struggled this year on the parallel bars, in which he has a 12 average through four meets was his low score of the event. Ketelsen has settled into his first year, so that the coaches and situation at Iowa. Ketelsen gravitated to the college. He prepared for — in fact a situation by injuries, Ketelsen, from Lancaster, Ohio, had been Iowa's caretaker, Ohio, had been Iowa's reporter for more sports

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Iowa forward Cyma Tate scores 19 points through the Michigan defenders on Feb. 14. Despite Northwestern's 9-12 Big Ten record, Iowa head coach Todd Lickliter says the Buckeyes won't take the Wolverines lightly.

Hawk pitching should be better

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Additionally, Matt Mossey a 90- mph hurler transferring from Eastern Michigan, will be able to become the closer, switching between the mound and third base during the campaign.

Meanwhile, Alabama returns to the program. Among the improved hurlers is Iowa African-American pitcher Middlebrooks, who after having made 12 relief appearances and one start last year when he garnered a 3.80 ERA in Big Ten play and a career-best season 3.47 overall (Big Ten, 2-4). He was notes for 8 1/3 innings, striking out 11. As a starter, Middlebrooks posted a 2.03 overall. He is second-best 3.47 overall (Big Ten)

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Sports

Denton police see a wonder on the court

By Brian Cardile

IAEA senior Jacqueline Lee has been recognized as one of the outstanding players in the nation in tennis for her singles abilities and numbers as a Hawkeye. Lee was named a first team All-American by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association and was awarded the ITA National Player of the Year Award.

Lee's singles record in the fall was 22-2, with 16 victories in singles and 6 in doubles. Lee's overall record was 38-2, which was 19-1 in singles and 19-1 in doubles.

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