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Snack in the Face
A local business offers caffeinated baked goods to anyone that might need a boost to make it through their day

Memorial Day
Local community closes their businesses, open their hearts to honor the memory of a Marine who lost his life

Marine Opinion
Many Americans still cannot comprehend the sensitivity or the lingering consequences of combat’s ugliest side: killing.
Police Blotter: ISU, Ames Police Departments

May 8
A resident reported unauthorized charges were made to a credit card. (reported at 9:57 a.m.)

Michael Tuttle, 38, of Nevada, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated — second offense, and driving without a license. (8:29 p.m.)

Bryan Pack, 34, 111 North Sherman Ave., was arrested and charged on a warrant for work release revocation. (10:35 p.m.)

Officers assisted a resident who was suffering from an alcohol overdose. The individual was transported to Mary Greeley Medical Center for treatment and observation. (reported at 10:45 p.m.)

May 9
Audri Weaver, 24, of Piedmont, Okla., was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 1:44 a.m.)

Lucas Flaherty, 21, 515 North Storm St., was arrested and charged with intoxication. (reported at 2:50 a.m.)

Nathan Michael Tjernagel, 32, of Melbourne, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated — second offense, and open container. (reported at 5:20 p.m.)

May 10
Kenneth Lee Hordeman II, 20, 601 Third St. unit 3, was arrested and charged with domestic assault (reported at 1:49 a.m.)

Christian Hibbing, 30, 819 Lincoln Way unit 5, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated. (reported at 2:20 a.m.)

A staff member reported broken glass in a hallway of the Office and Lab Building. (reported at 3:20 a.m.)

A student officer on patrol discovered an abandoned bike. The item was placed into secure storage. (reported at 5:57 a.m.)

Robert Steven Johnson, 30, 1102 Carrol Ave., was arrested and charged on a warrant for fifth degree theft. (reported at 7:47 a.m.)

Keith Swanson reported a dent in the side of a car door. The incident occurred sometime last week. (reported at 8:18 a.m.)

An individual reported losing a wallet at Hilton Coliseum. (reported at 8:46 a.m.)

Tommy Hummell, 21, 3310 West St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for failure to appear. (reported at 7:38 p.m.)

Eric Stevens, 44, 218 Dotson Drive, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated and driving with no insurance. (reported at 9:34 p.m.)

May 11
A vehicle driven by Yu-Hsin Liao collided with a parked pickup truck. (reported at 2:09 p.m.)

Officers assisted an individual who fell. (reported at 4:33 p.m.)

Xiaohang Li, 21, 109A University Village, was arrested and charged with simple misdemeanor domestic assault. (reported at 4:56 p.m.)

Eric Woods, 20, of Warsaw, Ind., was arrested and charged with failure to have a solicitor’s permit. (7:01 a.m.)

May 12
McKinley Daniels, 43, 4406 Castlewood unit 1, was arrested and charged with driving while barred. (12:20 a.m.)

Brandy Munoz, 31, 915 Maxwell Ave., was arrested and charged on a warrant for fifth degree theft. (8:45 a.m.)

Michael Munoz, 29, 915 Maxwell Ave., was arrested and charged on a warrant for fifth degree theft. (8:45 a.m.)

A staff member reported damage to a light pole. (reported at 8:55 a.m.)

A vehicle driven by Jessica Van Hemert collided with a wooden fence. (reported at 11:18 a.m.)

Scott Henry, 4226 Frederiksen Court, reported the theft of a bike. (reported at 11:32 a.m.)

Emma Broadnax, 4039 Oak Hall, reported the theft of a bike. (reported at 12:21 p.m.)

May 13
Nicholas Paulsen, 21, 200 Stanton Ave. unit 401, was arrested and charged with public intoxication. (reported at 12:48 a.m.)

Albert Taylor, 53, of West Des Moines, was arrested and charged on three warrants for failure to appear. (reported at 1:00 a.m.)

James Morrison, 21, 4325 Maricopa Drive unit 1, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated — second offense, and a Hamilton county warrant. (reported at 1:50 a.m.)

Vehicles driven by David Miller and Kevin Nabity were involved in a property damage collision. (reported at 8:43 a.m.)

Officers responded to a report of water damage caused by an overflowing bathtub in a hotel room. (reported at 5:46 a.m.)

Chao Zhang, 19, 1418 South Dayton Ave. unit 218, was arrested and charged with driving while barred — aggravated misdemeanor — and three counts of driving under suspension. (reported at 7:50 p.m.)

Peitao Yang, 18, 428 Stonehaven Drive unit 5, was cited for allowing an unauthorized person to drive. (reported at 7:50 p.m.)

Mauresse Williams, 19, 820 Douglas Ave., was arrested and charged with interference with official acts and a warrant. (reported at 11:30 p.m.)

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Aquatic Center opening appeases Ames residents

By James Heggen
Daily Staff Writer

Come on in, the water’s fine.

More than 100 people, including the mayor, most of the city council and other city officials, were on hand for the dedication and opening of the new Furman Aquatic Center, 1635 13th St., on Saturday.

There were clear skies, accompanied with 80 degree weather for the first official day of being open. Mayor Ann Campbell opened the dedication ceremony with words of thanks to the city council and parks and recreation commission, Donald and Ruth Furman, as well as city staff and Ames residents as a whole.

“It seems like not just yesterday, in May of 2008, that we were at this very spot breaking ground, and here we are today ready to break the water,” Campbell said.

Campbell highlighted the partnership between the city, the university and the school district that made the construction of the aquatic center possible. She also said there were a number of environmentally friendly steps taken with the new center, including a solar station where cell phones and iPods can be charged.

Jane Acker, chairwoman of the Parks and Recreation Commission, talked about the path that led to the construction of the new facility. She said Ames began talking about the need for a new outdoor facility as far back as 1985.

“It took us a while to get there,” she said.

Donald and Ruth Furman, who gave $2 million toward the construction of the pool, were also in attendance at the dedication ceremony, along with members of their family and extended family, some who traveled as far as Arizona and Massachusetts.

“Thanks to all of you people for coming,” said Don, who turned 92 years old last month.

And with the Furmans in the center, and a team of city officials and little children helping, the ceremonial ribbon was cut, opening the aquatic center.

Many of the city officials and employees tested out the aquatic center, including city council members and Campbell.

Even Nancy Carroll, director of parks and recreation, tried out the 50-foot drop slide.

“That is a ride,” she said after being shot into the 13.5-foot depth of the 50-meter pool.

Tom Wacha, Ames city council member, also was in attendance and tried out the pool. Wacha was elected last November, after the bond was passed, but said he had supported the plans for a new aquatic center and said it felt great to see it open.

“This is just a wonderful facility,” he said. “Ames really deserves this.”

Alisa, current member of the Ames Parks and Recreation Commission, and Matt Frandsen, along with their daughters Ali, 5, and Meredith, 2, made a 15-minute bike ride to arrive at the opening day of the aquatic center.

“I think it’s great,” Matt said.

But the opening day wasn’t without its hiccups. The emergency response system was activated after a not very strong swimmer was pulled from the deep end after going on the drop slide. But Carroll said the boy was fine.
Allison Nelson, owner of A Snack in the Face, takes some of her bakery items out of the oven. Despite the location of the business in Campustown, customers from all over Ames stop by to discover new caffeinated treats to sate their energy needs. Nelson hopes to have her products produced for mass retail soon.

File photo: Iowa State Daily

Allison Nelson, owner of A Snack in the Face, 2414 Lincoln Way, offers free samples of some of the bakery's custom, caffeinated products. Nelson said she wanted to find a "new caffeine delivery system" to fill the desires of people on the go, and make her treats more readily available to anyone interested in caffeine influx. File photo: Iowa State Daily

By Micaela Cashman
Daily Staff Writer

Allison Nelson uses caffeinated baked goods to fuel ISU students. Nelson, owner of A Snack in the Face, 2414 Lincoln Way, wants her product to be on the counter of every college book store in the country.

“This is really an incubator for our product that we will manufacture,” Nelson said. She hopes to have her food produced for mass retail soon.

“Our products need to be more convenient,” she said. “Right now, people have to come to us.”

Despite the slight inconvenience of people having to take the time to visit her bakery, Nelson said she enjoys working in Campustown.

“It’s a good place to be; it’s a good place to test out our product,” she said. “Caffeine is a good match for students.”

Even though it’s located so close to students, Nelson gets a wide variety of clientele in her shop. Young professionals and people who want to experiment with caffeinated baked goods also frequent A Snack in the Face.

“These days, it’s go, go, go,” Nelson said. “That mindset took over our world. Every once in a while you want something that tastes good and gets you through your difficult day.”

Nelson said she had always loved baking. Her family owned a catering company, and she grew up baking and learning the ropes of running a business.

“I grew up on the job,” Nelson said, because she did not go to college, her experience is how she has been able to successfully handle her own business.

“I always did baking as a hobby,” she said. “I’d do wedding cakes and pies and stuff for the family business as a side gig. I guess I always had this desire to bake for people.”

Nelson, who worked as a marketing

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Study tracks Ames food spending

By Chelsea Davis  
Daily Staff Writer

Ames residents spend roughly $250,000 a day on food.

Rich Schuler and his partner, Teresa Opheim, along with Practical Farmers of Iowa, are conducting a study tracking how much 19 individuals are spending daily on food money, and what that food comes from. Vesuvius Wood Fired Pizza, 1620 S. Kellogg Ave., and Gamma Phi Beta, 318 Pearson Ave., are also participating.

"A PFI member survey question started it," said Tomoko Ogawa, program consultant of PFI. "We wanted to see if they were interested in participating in some sort of project to help increase local food purchases."

Ogawa and Schuler are looking at how much money Ames residents are spending on local food.

"It's a lot of visual feedback, looking at how the numbers compare to our perception," Schuler said. "We perceive them as being much higher locally than they actually are. If we want to get somewhere, we have to know where we are now."

Schuler's household ratio right now is 23 percent bought locally and 77 percent bought from a distance. Residents buy food locally through Community Supported Agriculture and Farm to Folk — an online way to buy fresh products from local farmers — every Tuesday downtown.

"It's important to realize how much we depend on the conventional food system and its dominant existence," Ogawa said. "It gives them more resiliency, in case something goes wrong."

"Once we are aware, we can evaluate if we're consistent with our goals and personal philosophies and make change," Schuler said.

"It's not good versus bad, it's just different," Schuler said. "The advantages of buying locally are that it maintains the community, but it's not realistic to expect 90 percent local and 10 percent distance."

Schuler said since its no longer winter, the ratio will favor local. He said the ratio is very fluid and tends to follow the seasons.

Opheim, executive director of PFI, said they have diverse members.

"They're all interested in more diverse farming operations, such as a farmer who has corn and soybeans and cattle and pigs," she said. "It gives them more resiliency, in case something goes wrong."

Opheim said if people start buying more locally, farmers will get about 80 percent of the food dollars.

Opheim and Ogawa also said ISU students can get involved in the effort.

"I think the first important step is to re-examine how much and where they spend their money on food and what greater influences their patterns might have," Ogawa said. "Also, they can look around and check out what's around in terms of local foods in Ames, such as the Farm to ISU program."

Farm to ISU "aims to increase food purchases from local farmers," Ogawa said.

"Once we are aware, we can evaluate if we're consistent with our goals and personal philosophies and make change," Schuler said.

The study will continue until next May, when PFI will examine the results and decide what will be the next logical plan of action.

"I want to find a different caffeine delivery system. This place is unique. There's no such manager before opening A Snack in the Face, owned several other small businesses with her husband, who now works in the ISU Research Park. However, this business in particular has been a special project of theirs.

"I took a combination of things important to me. I wanted people to experience what I did when I was a kid," Nelson said. She grew up with "real" ingredients and old recipes that were "not necessarily good for you, but they were real and decadent."

These days, Nelson said, people hardly ever taste real food, settling instead for cakes made from a box or fast food.

As for the caffeine aspect of her food, Nelson never liked coffee and didn't enjoy having to chug large amounts of soda all day.

"I wanted to find a different caffeine delivery system. This place is unique. There's no such thing as a caffeine bakery."

A Snack in the Face can customize and caffeinate everything, Nelson said. She experiments with whatever her customers ask her to caffeinate.

"Our customers are comfortable enough to ask us," she said. "And we get a number of requests for things."

Those requests have included puppy chow, which Nelson said flew off the shelf, and gummy bears. She said that is the beauty of her incubator bakery.

"We get to experiment all over the place, and with such an intimate place, we can take the time to chat with people."

All products are developed based on feedback from customers and many have evolved from core products. Those core products stay on the shelf every day, while the unique, and often experimental, creations are daily specials. Nelson said she can take a great sense of pride in her job.

"I'm in charge of everything. It's a dream of everyone's to have something you call your own."

iPad sales reach more than 2 million since initial launch

Apple Inc. released a statement Monday that said iPad sales have topped 2 million since its launch almost two months ago. The Cupertino, Calif., company began selling the iPad Friday in Asia and Europe. The iPad launched April 3 in the United States.

The company does not publicly break out sales figures by region, said Natalie Harrison, an Apple spokeswoman.

The company previously stated they had sold 1 million iPads in the U.S., just 28 days after its launch. As a result of the strong demand at home, Apple had pushed back the start date of its international sales.

The iPad can be used to send e-mails, draw pictures and play games. It can also be used as an electronic reader. The basic model costs $499 in the U.S., not including extras.

This past weekend, Apple began selling iPads in Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The device will be available in nine more countries in July, and in additional countries later this year, according to the company.

— The Associated Press

Mexican restaurant, El Patron, moves into Campustown

118 Welch Ave. will host the new restaurant, El Patron this summer.

The authentic Mexican restaurant will move to the location that previously hosted Es Tias.

Other Mexican restaurants include Angie's Cantina, Fighting Burrito and Mr. Burrito.

Details on the new restaurant will be provided as the summer progresses.
Friends, family at Iowa State remember lost loved ones

By James Heggen
Daily Staff Writer

A day of remembrance.

About 80 people gathered in the Reiman Ballroom of the ISU Alumni Center to remember friends and family lost in the past year, as Iowa State held its annual Memorial Day service for faculty and staff.

Pamela Williams, chairwoman of the ISU Reiman Alumni Center, led the ceremony as they read more than 40 memorials submitted on behalf of many of the deceased. In addition to the submitted written memorials, some in the audience volunteered to share memories on behalf of their friends and relatives being honored at the ceremony.

Among those being remembered was Lois Tiffany, who spent half a century working as a professor at Iowa State — she earned three degrees — and her time helping out the department after her retirement, Williams said. Tiffany spent more than 60 years at Iowa State.

"Few people can say that their entire career was spent at one place of employment," she said. "Fewer still can say they worked at their job for more than 50 years."

Tiffany was a longtime professor and expert of mushrooms in the botany and plant pathology department, which later became the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology.

Known throughout Iowa, and referred to as the "mushroom lady," many people would come to Tiffany’s home with different mushroom specimens for her to look at, Williams said.

She joined the botany department in 1950, when only three other women were teaching in the sciences at Iowa State.

Also remembered was Barry Larkin, former music professor that died unexpectedly last summer. Larkin taught percussion and helped with the drum line for the marching band, but he also performed outside of Iowa State, including being the principal percussionist in the Des Moines Symphony.

Larkin "found a percussive aspect in everything in life," Murphy said. "He regularly tapped out rhythms on tables, on drums, on break drums, on water bottles, anything that was available to make sound, he would beat on."

Nearly 100 people were honored at Monday’s ceremony.

Entire community honors memory of fallen soldiers

By Chelsea Davis
Daily Staff Writer

Residents of Perry closed their businesses and stood at the end of their driveways, quietly remembering the short life of Marine Lance Cpl. Joshua M. Davis, who was killed May 7 in southern Afghanistan.

"It was an outpouring of support I've never seen before," said First Sgt. Brandon Eckardt. "The entire town stopped their day, stood at the end of their drives and closed their businesses. They were standing shoulder to shoulder as we came off Highway 41."

Monday morning's Memorial Day events began with a parade from city hall to the Ames Municipal Cemetery.

The ceremony began with an invocation from Chaplain Judy Hemstock and the laying of the wreaths.

Sandy Deacon, member of the Ladies Auxiliary, presented a patriotic reading, in the form of a poem recognizing the sacrifices soldiers have made throughout history.

"The bottom line is that freedom isn't free," Deacon said. "It comes at a dear cost. This is the price that has been paid by the soldiers honored during this and past memorial services."

Eckardt has served in Korea, Thailand, Somalia, Haiti, Yemen and Iraq. He is married and has one daughter. He spoke of the sacrifices American soldiers have made throughout history and of the day’s theme, “lest we forget.”

"Lest we forget seems to be a fairly simple concept, and I had many ideas when preparing this speech," Eckardt said.

But May 7 altered my view of the phrase. That morning was going pretty much as expected when at 8:50 a.m. I realized it was not going to go as planned. I received a call saying Davis had been killed."

Eckardt’s next job was to tell Davis’ parents of their son’s death.

"No one covets this assignment," Eckardt said. "Nothing prepares you for that walk you take."

But Eckardt said even in the direst of circumstances, Davis’ family handled everything with grace.

"The phrase evolved in meaning once more. The true stakeholders are the families who comprise the quiet minority," Eckardt said.

"We can’t forget the families. There are those like the Davis
Awards

Teaching assistant’s hard work pays off

Student declared employee of the year, then wins statewide competition

By Abigail Barefoot
Daily Staff Writer

Mengmeng Liu shows that hard work at your job does not go unnoticed.

Liu, senior in accounting, won ISU Student Employee of the Year and 2010 Student Employee of the Year for Iowa. She received a $1,000 scholarship and a certificate for her achievement.

Liu works within the world languages and cultures department as a teaching assistant. She has been working within the department for two-and-a-half years.

After winning the campus competition, Liu went on to compete in the regional and statewide competition. Liu won the statewide competition.

“I was really surprised, and I feel really proud of myself and honored,” Liu said.

ISU employers submitted nominations for the award.

Stated in her nomination letter, “Liu is the ideal TA that every instructor wants. Other TAs, pale in comparison with her.” Liu has worked for and was nominated by all four instructors in the Chinese studies program.

Nominated Liu was no hard task, according to the nomination letter: “This unanimous recommendation has been the easiest decision for the whole program to reach.”

For Liu the best part of the job is getting to talk with the students one on one and learning more about them.

The job also is a chance to experience different cultures where she can teach others about her home, China, as well as learn about other traditions and values from the students she is helping.

“I may be able to fulfill their curiosity, not just about Chinese language, but culturally too.”

Some of the qualities needed to be a good employee, in Liu’s opinion, are to have an open mind as well as an upbeat and outgoing personality.

Three other students were awarded with distinction for their work on campus: Jeff Askey, junior in agricultural engineering; Dylan Jones, senior in landscape architecture; and Mara Schapman, junior in communications studies.

By Abigail Barefoot
Daily Staff Writer

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family who never have the luxury of moving on. That folded flag in their home is a constant reminder.”

After speaking with the father, Eckardt found out Joshua’s 17-year-old brother Joe also wants to be a machine gunner, the exact position Joshua held in Afghanistan.

“I doubt it’s what the father wanted to hear from his only remaining son, but it proves what type of man and patriot this country can produce. Let us forget those who will answer the country’s call in the future,” Eckardt said.

After Eckardt’s speech, a list of veterans who have died since last year was read, followed by the American Legion Firing Squad salute to the dead: firing three shots into the sky. “Taps” was then played by three trumpets.

Jim DeHoet sang the national anthem and a benediction was read by Hemstock.

Eckardt said there is a new meaning of “lest we forget.” It is that the nation can’t simply focus on remembering past soldiers but has to refuse to forget the future generations that will continue fighting for all of the things they’ve protected for us all along: freedom, liberty and justice for all.

“Semper fidelis,” Eckardt said. “Always faithful.”

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Making Healthy Choices Even Easier!

Mini Baja team’s aspirations confounded by malfunctions

By Abigail Barefoot
Daily Staff Writer

Despite a promising lead in last weekend, the ISU Mini Baja team faced malfunctions that stopped them short of their goal.

The 12-person team competed at the May 19-22 Society of Automotive Engineers Baja 2010 competition in Bellingham, Wash.

The competition consisted of three main parts, sales, design and dynamics.

One of the hardest things leading up to the event was the time span for the project.

“The idea of having students design, make and test a car in a year is a big challenge,” said Chase Schuette, senior in mechanical engineering.

Schuette is the team’s fabrication director and assistant project director. He is one of the 12 students who worked on this year’s off-road racer.

While the event focuses on engineering, Schuette said it’s much more than that. “There is a business side with the sales pitch, and as well as the design aspect, too.”

The opening day of the Baja competition consisted of judging the car’s design. The team this year decided to try new ideas on the vehicle including making it a lighter car than the team’s previous entries.

“We put in a lot more design work than any other year,” Schuette said.

The team built custom shocks from a volkswagen car’s shocks and a custom-made gearbox.

Also, they had an original idea of developing an electronic clutch, so the driver could press a button to choose whether to send power to just the left wheel, just the right wheel or to both.

Schuette said he hadn’t seen any other car with a similar clutch yet. The new style of clutch took more training for the driver so that he could get used to it.

After the design part of the competition, the team had the sales part of the event. The event focuses on teams trying to pitch their car compared to other off-road racers in the competition.

Schuette said the team did okay in the event but not outstanding.

Still, the team felt good going into dynamics, their practice runs had good times and thought they could reach their goal of being within the top 10 teams at the competition.

The dynamic event’s first day consisted of time trials in which the teams were awarded points on how fast they completed each competition. The trials included acceleration, rock crawl, traction and maneuverability.

The team was feeling even better when they found out they were ranked ninth going into the final and most challenging event.

The final event of the Baja competition is a four-hour race and the outcome determines the most points. For Schuette it’s challenging because it’s hours of nonstop driving, except for pit stops during the race.

At first, the race started out great, but after a couple of laps, the left front shock blew out and the car had to come back to the pit for a quick fix. Then the both rear shocks blew out, and the driver spent three hours with no rear shocks.

Then the car was hit in the rear by another car. Later, the electronics system controlling power to the rear wheels came loose and caused some blown fuses.

In the race, the team completed 23 laps and finished in 46th place. The top three teams completed 47 laps.

Their performance in the final race dropped the team to 28th overall among 85 scored cars.

“It was a fine job, we were still in the top quarter, but we were a little bummed,” Schuette said.

The team is backed by several sponsors: Iowa Laser Technology Inc., of Cedar Falls; Dassault Systemes SolidWorks Corp., of Concord, Mass.; Compressor Controls Corp., of Des Moines; and 3M, of St. Paul, Minn.
**War**

**Culture remains thoughtless**

People kill other people in war. Most people understand this, but have no understanding how such an event affects the surviving combatants. Luke Devine knows what it's like: October 12, 2004, just four days after he turned twenty-two, he ended a human life. He was on a combat deployment to Iraq with the Marine Corps, in the town of Rashheed. He was taking part in a presence patrol at night, and tensions were high across the board due to a recent escalation of violence in the area.

“I could hear a vehicle coming from behind us at a high rate of speed,” Devine said. “The last conscious thought I remember having was, ‘Boy I hope that guy sees us and slows down, because everybody's kind of nervous.’” The vehicle didn't slow down, and proceeded to attempt to run over several of Devine's fellow Marines. Devine's recounting of the event is a surreal one of confusion, fear and survival.

After the dust settled, Devine said his first thoughts after the incident were, “I just remember being happy that I was alive and wasn't hurt.” One other Marine wasn't as lucky, and was shot in the face during the altercation. The impact to Devine was evident shortly after, when asked by his superiors, who he had known for years, what had happened.

“I couldn't talk, I couldn't think of their names. I could not remember who they were. I knew something had happened, but I could not pin point quite exactly what they were talking about, and I tried to explain what had happened, but I couldn't, because I didn't really remember,” Devine said. “I almost think I was in shock.”

What makes Devine's story unique is that a few days later his squad was tasked out to talk to the family of the Iraqi man whose life was ended. Devine said the deceased man's children looked “hurt, scared, and confused. It felt to me like I had caused that, like I had taken some part of these boys' life away from them. Devine struggles with it even now, over five years after the event took place.

That is what the wars overseas are: putting young men in positions where they must engage their fellow man in mortal combat in order to survive. The victors must then deal with the emotional aftermath the rest of their lives.

When so few civilians understand what soldiers are going through, this healing process is made to be so much harder. Every time someone rudely asks, “Did you kill anyone?” it shows how little the average person really knows about what happened. How the media has turned something that is a tragedy into something that is flipantly asked about at bars and restaurants.

Devine has put a lot of thought into how he feels about what he did. He has pondered it, and run over it again and again in his mind. I think he put it best when he said:

“I'm sorry that guy had to die, and that those boys had to grow up with no dad, but I'm not sorry that I killed him. You have to do what you have to do to survive. What's right is what makes you and your friends come home, and what's wrong is anything else.”

If only our culture would put as much thought into these things as Devine has. If only we could stop for second, as a whole, and ponder what we are doing to ourselves, to our own humanity; when we violently conclude the life another human being. We need to ask ourselves, “Is it worth it? Are we there for the right reasons?”

I have a hard time thinking it's worth it, when most people can't explain why we're in Iraq and Afghanistan, or what our goals are over there. I support the troops 110 percent, and it kills me inside to know how thoughtless our culture is being in their use, and how little we think about their personal struggles after the fact.

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Assessment

2010 off to a wild start, eventfulness unlikely to end

W
ow 2010 is shaping up to be a historic year. I’m not sure I can remember a year in my life that witnessed so much upheaval around the world, and we’re not even halfway through it yet.

Now granted, I was born in 1986 and don’t remember the fall of the Berlin Wall or its aftermath. Well, except I do remember seeing tanks rolling through Moscow the day before my father was offered a position to move our family there.

I will admit, I’m not sure 2010 has produced any generation-defining moments, moments that cause you to remember where you were when you heard the news like 9/11 in 2001, JFK’s assassination in 1963, etc.

However, there have been many events that really stand out, such as the following:

Earthquakes in Haiti — magnitude 7.0 causing the deaths of over 200,000 people and displacing roughly 1.3 million, according to official estimates — and Chile — magnitude 8.8, one of the largest earthquakes ever.

Passage of the Health Care Reform Bill, which is the widest-sweeping piece of legislation since Medicare was passed in 1965.

Greece’s financial crisis threatens the stability of the European Union.

Volcanic ash shut down airports across Europe.

President Lech Kaczynski and many other leaders in the Polish government died in a plane crash.

A BP oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico, and is on its way to surpassing the Exxon Valdez as the worst oil spill in history.

Arizona passed a controversial immigration bill to deal with the growing illegal immigrant problem.

That list doesn’t even include the sex scandal in the Catholic Church involving the Pope, the assassination in Dubai, elections in Iraq or the riots in Kyrgyzstan.

So 2010 is off to a wild start. Sometimes, it makes me feel as if the apocalypse is approaching. The earth will just blow up or implode and humanity as we know it will end.

I don’t really believe that will happen, but it would probably make for a pretty cool sci-fi flick.

The question is: What’s going to happen next? More natural disasters? Will the federal government ever show some fiscal restraint before the national debt destroys the country? Will BP go bankrupt from the oil spill cleanup? Will gas prices hit $5 per gallon? Will Iowa State win the Big 12 North this year before it no longer exists?

It’s hard to say. The Earth is pretty unpredictable and people are too. So it’s difficult to foresee what will happen in the next few months.

However, big businesses seem to have been screwing up a lot lately — see: BP along with the other two companies involved in the oil spill and Goldman Sachs isn’t looking too good either.

Therefore it’s probably safe to say another one will screw up again soon.

The same goes for the government — see: Greece, Thailand, Kyrgyzstan, Arizona and our own federal government, and the list goes on. So it’s probably safe to assume some governmental entity will blow it soon too.

Overall, it’s probably a pretty even race between the government and big business to see who messes up first.

Sometimes, I am a part of conversations talking about “change” and “progress.” And the more I look around, the more I agree with the old proverb, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.”

So while we do live in interesting times, remember to take things with a grain of salt.

Gain some perspective and realize the world is probably not coming to an end. It also is not on its way to a Utopian paradise.

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Games

Daily Crossword: edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Across
1. Cry out loud
2. Pain for a sitter
3. Presumed evolutionary link
4. Bee’s grandnephew
5. Brazilian-themed Vegas casino, with “The”
6. Like the sea
7. City near the base of Pikes Peak
8. Increase by
9. Floral greeting
10. Trial
11. Letters that get things moving
12. One with a brush
13. National Economic Counsel director
14. Saharan
15. Prefix with state or sect
16. Make eyes pop and jaws drop
17. Producer’s dream
18. Flye bread seed
19. Gentle bear
20. Barber’s blade
21. Indian-themed Atlantic City casino, with “The”
22. Star’s part
23. Where to board the Maid of the Mist tour boat
24. Horse house
25. Final, e.g.
26. ‘New Mexico ski resort
27. ‘“Golly”
28. Put back to zero
29. Tenor Bocelli, Prize for American Humor
30. Watches over
31. Tea cart treat
32. Friends help you pull together
33. ‘‘move on!’’
34. Star’s part
35. ‘Raging Bull’’ boxer Jake
36. ‘Indian summer’
37. ‘Good lord!’
38. ‘Happy Birthday’
39. ‘Encore’
40. ‘Quit trying’
41. ‘I am’
42. ‘I have’
43. ‘I love you’
44. ‘I really love you’
45. ‘I’m sorry’
46. ‘I’m not really sorry’
47. ‘I’m really sorry’
48. ‘I’m so sorry’
49. ‘I’m sorry!’
50. ‘I’m sorry, but I can’t’

Down
1. Lauderdale neighbor
2. Like two peas in...
3. Untrained
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Pisces: You’ll have tons of fun today.

Daily Horoscope: by Nancy Black & Stephanie Clements

Today’s birthday (6/1/10). Although you may have doubts from time to time, this year offers powerful creative choices regarding your home and work situations. Pay attention to any negative thoughts just long enough to understand the facts. Then, shift into a more dynamic mode. To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19). -- Today is a 6. -- Instead of focusing only on the details at work, direct your attention toward creative possibilities. Imagine that change is a good thing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). -- Today is a 9. -- Circumstances dictate the rate of speed that you can employ. Create a factual base before you tell others what you want.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). -- Today is a 6. -- Do you really know what you’re doing? Let your subconscious reveal creative possibilities by relaxing for a few minutes. Then adapt the message to the circumstances.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). -- Today is a 6. -- You’re on the high road to understanding this time of life and love. Draw upon cultural roots to create a nurturing atmosphere for self and family.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). -- Today is an 8. -- Your thoughts focus on how to use resources wisely. Others demand more expenditures than you think prudent. Find creative ways to make due.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). -- Today is a 6. -- Friends help you pull together creative ideas so they make sense. You imagine you know what others want. Take time to actually consult them.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22). -- Today is an 8. -- If only you didn’t need to make any concessions ... wouldn’t that be great? Stir the pot but don’t let it boil over. Season with love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). -- Today is a 6. -- There’s no limit in the love you can employ. Create a more dynamic mode.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). -- Today is a 9. -- Use your imagination to add more fun to your work. What seems stuck can get moving with just a little thought. It all works out perfectly.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). -- Today is a 6. -- Others act mysteriously today. They clearly want you to help them but don’t tell you how. Use your creative abilities to extract their real needs.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). -- Today is a 6. -- You think you know your bank balance, but you ought to double-check it. Then you can move forward with household projects without worry.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). -- Today is a 6. -- You’ll have tons of fun today, especially if someone supplies tasty treats. Slave off hunger so you can keep playing for hours.
Sudoku

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Games

LMAO[txt]

[612] dreamed last night that we went to Lowes and puked in their display toilets. I woke up thinking we had a mission to accomplish.

[443] Sorry for puking in your backyard. I hope we can still be friends.

[319] Went to sleep in my bed, woke up on my couch. Hmmm....

[563] I'm pretty sure I just saw you driving.

[870] I'm pretty sure you didn't

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Joke of the Day

Four friends decided to go out of town and party with some friends the weekend before finals. They had a great time. However, after all the partying, they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to college until early Monday morning.

Rather than taking the final then, they decided to find their professor after the final and explain to him why they missed it.

They explained that they had gone out of town for the weekend with the plan to come back and study but, unfortunately, they had a flat tire on the way back, didn't have a spare, and couldn't get help for a long time. As a result, they missed the final.

The Professor thought it over and then agreed they could make up the final the following day. The guys were elated and relieved.

They studied that night and went in the next day at the time the professor had told them. He placed them in separate rooms and handed each of them a test booklet, and told them to begin.

They looked at the first problem, worth 5 points. It was something about free radical formation. "Cool," they thought at the same time, each one in his separate room. "This is going to be easy."

Each finished the problem and then turned the page. On the second page was written: (For 95 points):

Which tire?

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**Iowa Artists 2010**

**2 ISU faculty members’ art to be displayed in Des Moines**

By Abigail Barefoot  
**Daily Staff Writer**

Two ISU College of Design faculty members are among 15 artists selected to participate in Iowa Artists 2010.  
Ingrid Lilligren and Teresa Paschke are both faculty in the integrated studio arts program at Iowa State. Their artwork will showcase in Iowa Artists 2010 at the Des Moines Art Center.

The exhibition will include five porcelain sculptures by Lilligren and two textile artworks by associate Paschke.

“It's a great show, and it's an honor to represent the state,” Paschke said.

Paschke's work was completed through a 2009 Summer Fellowship Award from the ISU Center for Excellence in the Arts and Humanities.

Paschke's textile work selected for the show began two years ago in Prague. While there, Paschke selected and gathered images she found interesting, including gates and moldings on buildings. The images were then processed through Photoshop.

“I like the idea of combining high tech with low tech; it has always interested me,” Paschke said.

For Paschke, the best part of the experience is the embroidery added near the end.

“I could spend hours and hours on just the stitching,” she said.

While Paschke's work shows conceptuality of ornament graffiti, Lilligren's work conveys a sense of playfulness.

“I selected the work I thought was the most unique. I want people to chuckle when they see it,” Lilligren said.

The artwork begins with Lilligren throwing the clay on the wheel to shape it before it goes into a kiln to be fired.

If one looks closely at the finished sculpture, lines from the throwing of the clay are visible.

“I like having evidence of throwing. Whether you are conscious of it or not, I think you can respond to the notion that hands had a part of making it,” Lilligren said.

Once in the kiln, the sculpture is heated and cooled multiple times. As the sculpture heats, it expands. This process is difficult. As the piece expands, parts can move around. Lilligren said she had an 80 percent loss due to the process.

“For me, the best part is problem solving. Playing with new ways of putting the pieces together. It's like playing music; you have the notes, but each time you play, it's a little bit different,” Lilligren said.

Lilligren was not just thrilled that her artwork will be shown, but also that Iowa State will be represented.

“People tend to see Iowa State as just science and engineering, so it's amazing that two artist from Iowa State are being represented,” Lilligren said.

While the two artists showcase different styles and evoke different emotions, both artist's talents will be showcased this summer and fall.

“Both Ingrid Lilligren's and Teresa Paschke's work merges the distinctions between craft and fine art without creating a hierarchy between the two,” said Jeff Fleming, director of the Des Moines Art Center.

“I'm very excited,” Lilligren said. “The Des Moines art center really is a treasure of Central Iowa.”

An opening reception will be from 6 – 8 p.m., June 10. Lilligren will present her work at 6:30 p.m., July 15, and Paschke will speak about her artwork in a gallery talk at 6:30 p.m., June 17.

The event will run from June 11 – September 19 at the Des Moines Art Center.