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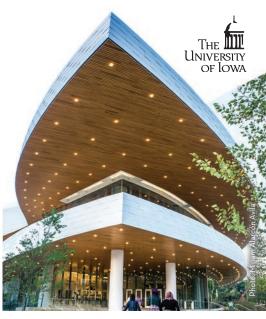
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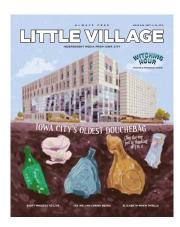
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Dear Kiki: I'm having an affair with my daughter's friend-and I'm not ashamed of it

Dear Kiki,

I've just read your piece to The Cake. I felt that your response was full of compassion, understanding of the complex situation, and genuine care for the people involved. I did not find any part of the response judgemental, which would have been ineffective in helping her. I always appreciated your thoughtful column in the LV, but today I felt strongly motivated to express my gratitude. Thank you for your work. Sincerely, Linda

Your Village: Where does the revenue from UIHC parking ramps go?

It is frustrating that parking revenues

exceed expenses, and demand for employee parking at uihc exceeds supply, but no new parking is built. It would be interesting to see if prioritization of parking supply would change if physicians stopped getting preferential treatment and were tossed into the same parking wait lists as everyone else. —Kim

Iowa City Latino Festival postponed out of respect for Mollie Tibbets and concerns over safety

It's an absolute disgrace that the Republican Party, including our apparently racist governor, is using this heartbreaking tragedy to stoke hate against an entire community. They might as well be wearing white sheets and marching around with torches. That's exactly who they are in this. So sorry for the Tibbetts family and also for







COHEN RATTED ME OUT, SEE? BUT MANAFORT -- THERE'S A

STANDUP GUY!



TRUTH ISN'T TRUTH! ALSO, OB-STRUCT! IF NOTHING IS REAL, HOW CAN DONALD TRUMP BE GUILTY OF ANYTHING? KNOW?

by TOM TOMORROW

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our Latino neighbors who are targeted by these horrible people. —*Grant*

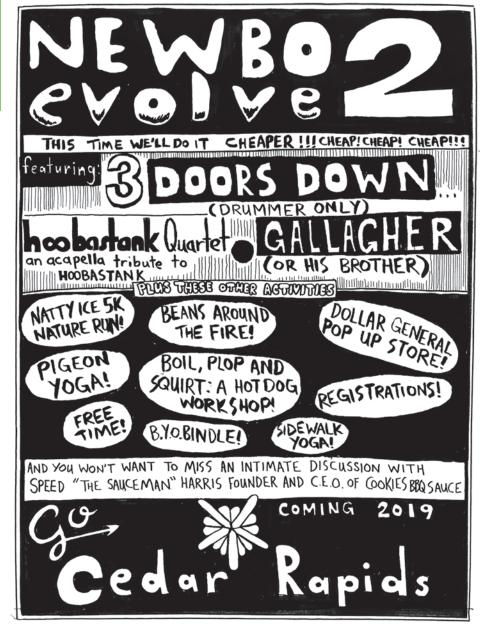
Being the father of five adult girls I feel extremely sad for the parents of Mollie Tibbets. —Rosalio R.

It is horrible that the Hispanic population is getting threats because of one man's actions! —Paula

Festival whiteness: Hinterland was a success—but for whom?

Thoughtful article and good eyewitness account, but as others said above it's not ultimately up to white intellectuals who love music and other cultural events to address this, but event organizers. I think Hinterland should get some credit for trying to bring in more diverse audiences—I attended the first year, and I got to see both TV on the Radio and Madisen Ward and The Mama Bear—the former definitely appeals to a good cross-section of music enthusiasts. So part of the solution might be to continue to bring in diverse performers, and hoping that leads to other changes.

City council candidates discussed core values at the first forum before Iowa City's special election





INTERACTIONS





Good job, *Little Village*. Good to hear what the forum was about and the values these five bring to the city council. I wish I had been able to make it there, but I look forward to the Aug. 29 forum at City Hall. With early voting underway, I hope that people will take time to inform themselves prior to the Sept. 4 primary. —*Garry K*.

I am attracted to Ann Freerks because of her interest in neighborhood preservation and her service on the Historic Preservation Commission. I was furious when the Civil War-era cottages were torn down to be replaced with ugly apartment buildings. I also resented the destruction of a charming building catty-corner across from New Pioneer on Washington Street. Greedy developers are running amok. — *Maria H.C.*

I was disappointed in the forum. I wanted to know where the candidates stood on

specific issues such as zoning issues. This did not help me choose who to vote for. — *Marin S-L*

Letter to the editor: We critiqued newbo evolve. Now here's how we fix it.

I decided very early on to not attend this event. Newspaper articles were written quoting the people in charge making decisions about locations, traffic, events, etc. before requesting permission from the Cedar Rapids community. One does not decide that certain roads needed to be closed and then tell community leaders to make it happen. All events were planned by a very small group with little or no input from the majority of citizens. The entire event came off as very elitist. —*Nicki M.*

I agree completely. Also, it was titled NewBo—why hold events at a downtown hotel? —*Kurt N.*



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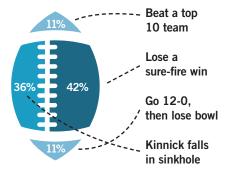






READER POLL:

What's your prediction for the 2018 lowa football season?



Well penned, Chad. I completely agree with you. This festival rung resoundingly tone deaf. In a region (and state!) with so much talent and creative energy bursting from the ground, the best newbo evolve organizers could think up was this? Kelly Clarkson and Maroon 5 are barely relevant! And of course they would be exorbitantly expensive: They're already incredibly successful and wealthy! Those bands have as much to do with the "Bohemian Spirit" (which, ugh) as inspirational-sloganslathered barn wood has to do with creative interior design. This was an uninformed and lazy imitation of what someone who doesn't actually attend successful festivals imagines them to be. I truly hope that this serves as a (maddeningly costly) lesson for organizers of future events. —Boondoggle

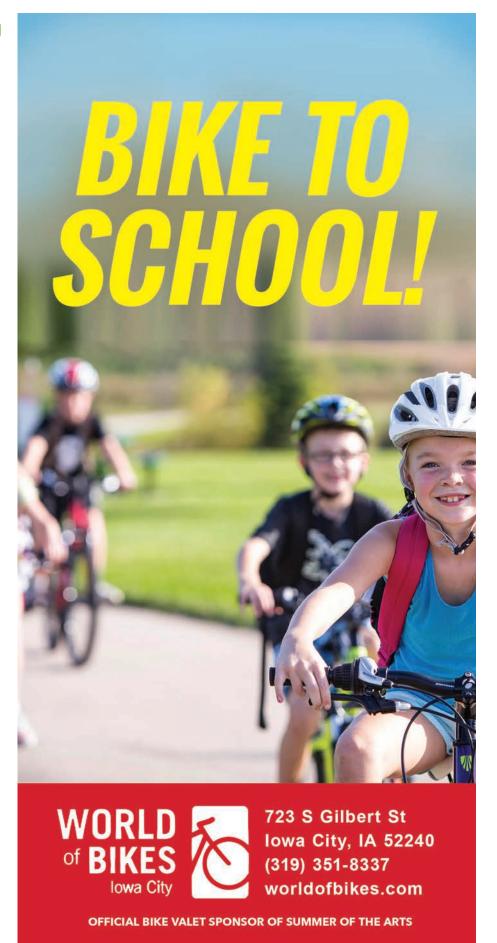
Not to mention it was held on the same weekend as Hinterland which was but one of the ultimate acts of poor planning attached to this event. —Susan M.

I just don't see a market for a \$400 event lineup in Cedar Rapids. It's hard to see what they were imagining here. —*Matt D.*

\$\$\$. —Einna O.

For patients in pain, opioid dependence may be a necessary evil

It's an addictive substance but they need to take it. You can't live when you're in pain. You can't expect them to not take it to avoid the effects. We need better medications. —Rezin S.



Iowa Dispatch

Farewell to Thee

An lowan living in Hawai'i recalls receiving the "imminent attack" warning. **BY SHANE O'SHAUGHNESSY**



The Iowa Dispatch features the voices of Iowans scattered around the country and the world, offering a local perspective on national and international issues.

Ha'aheo ka ua I naa pali Ke nihi a'ela I ka nahele E uhai ana paha I ka liko Pua 'ahihi lehua o uka

n Nov. 26, 2017, the Hawai'ian government reinstated the "attack warning" siren amidst growing fears of a possible missile attack from North Korea. My wife, Julia, and I were living in Wailuku, a town on the island of Maui. Along with the rest of the citizens of Hawai'i, we had watched with growing apprehension as Trump and Kim Jong Un began their volley of insults and threats with our islands stuck in between. Trump's earlier declaration to "Boycott Hawai'i" because of the state's refusal to uphold his travel ban also added to the feeling that we would be an acceptable loss if nukes started flying. There was strong skepticism that North Korea had actually created an ICBM which could reach us, but the state government wasn't taking any

chances.

Hawai'i had been preparing for the possibility of a nuclear attack for months prior to the reinstatement of the sirens as tensions flared and volatile rhetoric was lobbed back and forth across the Pacific. Many of the Japanese residents still feel the reverberations of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, while memories of the attack on Pearl Harbor linger in the minds of Hawai'ian residents. And yet, these preparations didn't give much comfort to many of us as the reality of an impact loomed ever closer.

We were told that we would have anywhere between eight and 12 minutes between the sounding of the alarm and when the missile would hit. We were made aware that there were no air raid shelters still in place, so the governor told us we should find a cave to hide in. We were informed that we should double our hurricane rations in the event of staying put for two weeks after the bomb fell. We weren't told much more beyond that.

We would have eight minutes.

O ka hali'a aloha I hiki mai Ke hone a'e nei i Ku'u manawa 'O 'oe noo ka'u ipo aloha A loko e hana nei

The elementary school at which I was a paraprofessional, working one-on-one with a student with autism, decided to have all of their emergency drills on one day. First came the fire drill. Then came the evacuation drill. Next was the new standard in all schools, the active shooter drill. Over the intercom, we were informed that the drill had begun. The teacher and I began to shutter the windows and lock the door, quickly gathering the children into a corner, shushing them as they huddled together and someone came around and banged on each door until the all clear was given.

Finally, our last drill was for the air raid sirens. The principal informed us that in the event of the sirens going off, students and staff were told to crawl under our desks and place our hands on top of our heads. We were asked to "duck and cover." The principal then attempted to play the air raid siren over the intercom but after a few minutes of silence broken by hushed curses, we were told to just imagine the sirens going off and to remain crouched under our desks. When we were released from this charade of security, one of the children yelled, "Why are we even doing this? We won't be sayed from the blast or the fallout!"

Maopopo ku'u 'ike I ka nani Naa pua rose o Maunawili I Laila hia'ia naa manu Miki'ala I ka nani o ka lipo

Julia and I awoke a bit later than usual on the morning of Jan. 13, 2018, just after 8 a.m. Going through our routines, I had finished cleaning the coffee pot when Julia asked, "Shane, what's this message? It's all over Facebook!" Handing her phone to me, I read, "Emergency Alert BALLISTIC MISSILE THREAT INBOUND TO HAWAII. SEEK IMMEDIATE SHELTER. THIS IS NOT A DRILL."

If you only had eight minutes to live, how do you think you would spend them? For us, we spent the first five minutes disbelieving the message. How can this be happening? This can't be real! But we watched as more of our friends posted the same message and even more began saying goodbye to their loved ones in short, resigned posts.

"What should we do?" Julia asked as she looked up from her phone and into my eyes. I put my arms around her and held her close in a tight embrace.

"We wait," I answered.

Aloha 'oe, aloha 'oe E ke onaona noho I ka lipo One fond embrace A ho'I a'e au Until we meet again

It was 38 minutes before the state issued another alert claiming the previous had been a "false alarm." By then the panic had touched us all. Cars were abandoned on highways, children put into storm drains, the local Target had kicked customers out of their store and left them crying in the parking lot. Theories began circling about what had happened.

And yet, we were alive, and we all shared in that relief. Julia and I spent the rest of the day drinking mimosas at our friend's hair salon.

We were told a wrong button was pushed. Three days later, a staffer at NHK, Japan's national public broadcast, similarly "pushed a wrong button" and sent out a false missile warning to 300,000 people in Japan.

On Feb. 27, Hawai'i stopped future attack warning drills.

And now we're seemingly at peace with North Korea. The two leaders, who just last winter were causing worldwide concern with their traded insults, now smile and shake hands as if it was all a silly game they had finished playing.

North and South Korea plan to hold another summit in September to discuss denuclearization. The threat of nuclear war, at least from North Korea, seems to be rapidly diminishing. The realization of how grossly unprepared we are to handle such a situation, however, still lingers.

Eight months later, those eight minutes continue to remind me to hug and hold my wife whenever I get the chance. And that for many on this planet, the missile warning isn't false.

'O ka hali'a aloha I hiki mai
Ke hone a'e nei i
Ku'u manawa
'O 'oe nō ku'u ipo aloha
A loko e hana nei
—"Aloha Oe" ("Farewell to Thee"),
Princess Lili'uokalani, 1878 LV

Shane O'Shaughnessy recently traded the ocean for fields of corn, which are not entirely dissimilar. Aside from the spurts of writing, Shane also draws comics about potatoes and hot dogs and performs in TECHNO-LINCOLN and The Technicolor Union.



ONE WOMAN'S TRASH



IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS SINCE A RATHER CURIOUS ARTIFACT WAS UNCOVERED ON THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA CAMPUS.

BY BECK O'BRIEN

ouchebags.

Some might say Iowa City is full of them. Others might argue they're a rare find. While locals eligible for this title might be thought of as callous, the oldest douchebag in town is actually quite fragile.

So fragile, in fact, University of Iowa project archeologist Angela Collins said, "By just touching it, I could tell it wanted to crumble."

Collins is referring not to an aged alumnus, but rather to Dr. F. Wilhoft's (Original) Lady's Syringe, meant for vaginal cleanliness. A literal douchebag.

Raiders of the limestone well

On Sept. 12, 2013, construction workers were using backhoes to clear soil from the future site of the Voxman Music Building on the corner of Burlington and Clinton streets. *Thump.* One of the machines hit something. It was limestone.

As per protocol, the construction crew called in Collins from the Office of the State Archeology (OSA). She and other OSA employees had been excavating since June, thanks in part to a requirement that structures built with federal funds need to allow archeological research on site.

Whittaker was digging when he unearthed an object unlike all the others in the well: a bulbous, light cream artifact covered in dirt, ash and cinder.

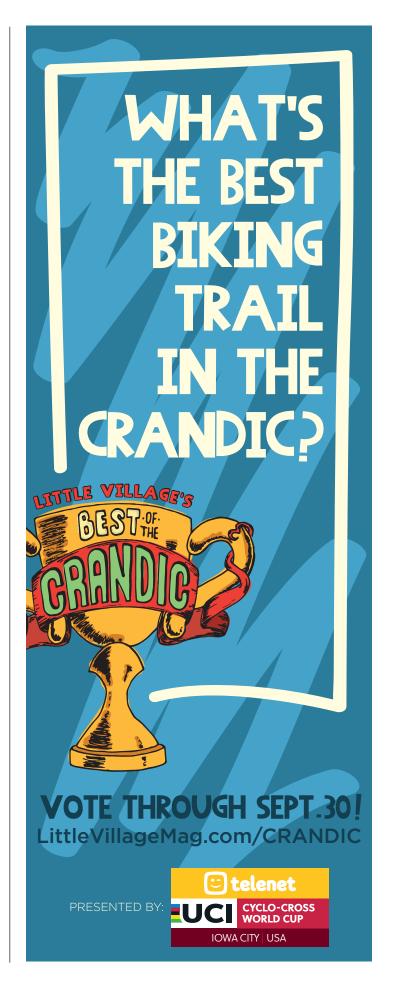
Trowels in hand, Collins and colleague Bill Whittaker walked five blocks north from the OSA to the site. After some initial digging, the two determined the limestone structure was a well. The well dates back to the 1850s, when the residential building also located on the site was built.

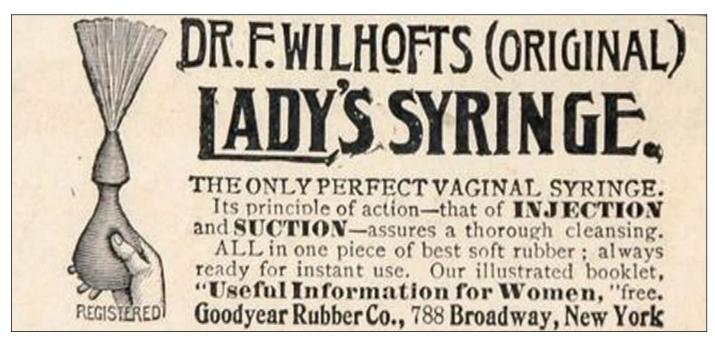
As Collins and Whittaker dug deeper and deeper, they began to unearth various objects: glass bottles, metal buckets filled with lime. Many were encased in ashy sill, presumably from the residents' fireplace. Clearly, at some point the well was no longer used for water. OSA research concluded that after the city began providing water in the 1890s or early 1900s, residents decided the well was a convenient pit in which to throw trash.

Whittaker was digging when he unearthed an object unlike all the others in the well: a bulbous, light cream artifact covered in dirt, ash and cinder. Neither he nor Collins had any idea what it was.

"We both scratched our heads on that one," Collins said. "We were like, 'What the heck?"

Collins says her first guess was that it was a pot. But after





So fresh and so clean, clean An ad from Women's Physical Development's first publication in 1900

poking at the rubbery exterior, it was clear the bulb was not ceramic. Her second guess was that it was a gourd. After all, at approximately seven inches tall with a spherical lower pouch and slender neck, it does resemble a smooth ornamental squash.

When found, the douchebag itself was moist. Since the well was dug to obtain water, the area where the objects were found was affected by the natural dampness of the watershed. As soon as it was exposed to the air, however, it started to dry up.

Key to the artifact's preservation was the light and ashy sill it was cushioned in. Collins says that if the douchebag had anything hard on top of it, it would have been crushed.

'The Only Perfect Vaginal Syringe'

Back at the lab at the OSA, the disguised douche was placed in a sieve and its exterior was gently washed with water and a toothbrush. The inside of the douchebag was not washed because the opening was too small. The object was partially collapsed and some of the exterior rubber was flaking off.

Washing away the dirt and ash revealed the ultimate clue: a raised circular stamp on the side of the artifact with the imprint reading "Dr. F. Wilhoft's Patent," and a plus sign in the middle that could be interpreted as a four-petal flower.

After reaching out to other researchers

online and discovering it was most likely a douche, Collins scoured newspaper archives for advertisements. In a 1900 publication of Women's Physical Development, she found the earliest advertisement for the item, which reveals that it was produced by Goodyear Rubber Co. and came with an illustrated booklet called *Useful Information for Women*.

The ad reads: "Dr. F. WILHOFTS (ORIGINAL) LADY'S SYRINGE. THE ONLY PERFECT VAGINAL SYRINGE. Its principle of action—that of INJECTION and SUCTION—assures a thorough cleansing. ALL in one piece of best soft rubber; always ready for instant use [sic]."

The process of injecting water—sometimes combined with vinegar, iodine, fragrances or other chemicals—into the vagina to "cleanse" it became prominent in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Douching is still practiced by millions of women today with devices not too different from Dr. F. Wilhoft's, but is not recommended by most physicians, as douching has been shown to throw off the natural balance of bacteria in the vagina and leave women more susceptible to infections, fertility problems and cervical cancer.

A century ago, douches were advertised as not only good for overall vaginal health, but often implied as a form of contraception. They are far from reliable birth control, but at that time, women had limited options, Collins said.

From census data, Collins knows that the former residence at South Clinton Street had

at least six female residents at the turn of the 20th century who could have purchased the douchebag. It is unknown whether it was used or not, but if it was, Collins suspects that it was not used for very long, as it was in the trash pit. She also suspects that the item was ordered via catalogue, considering its private nature, but has no way to know for sure.

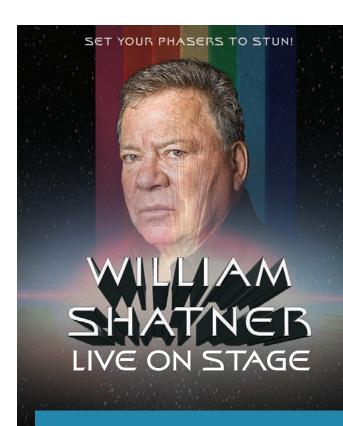
Also found in the well were several other women's items: a porcelain hatpin holder, razors, leather purses and corset stays. The metal corset straps were blistered from extreme heat, indicating the corset was burned, perhaps in a feminist move not unlike bra burnings in the 1960s.

Speaking of, the '60s are when the term "douchebag" began to be used as a slur.

Personal object, public display

You're free to visit the douche yourself: it rests in the Striking a Chord with the Past glass case in the Voxman Music Building. The display includes details about the history of the site, as well as other items that tell the story of the location's past, including Native American trade beads, a pig's knee bones and a small music sheet holder. The display is located on the second floor of the building, in the hallway just beyond the Recital and Concert Hall entrances. LV/

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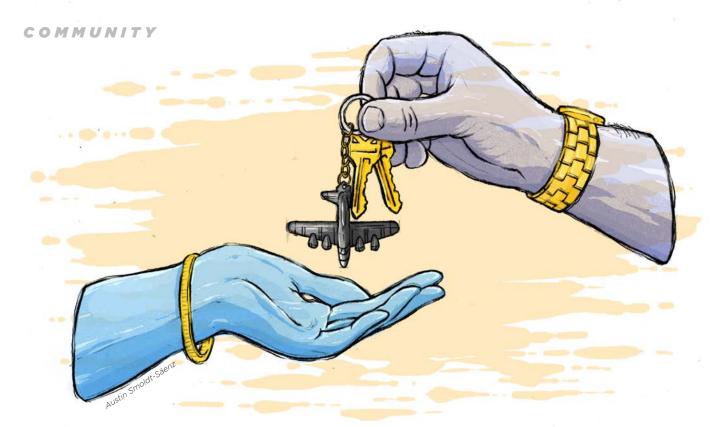
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Finding the Path to my Father

A daugher trades resentment for acceptance. BY SUSAN P. DOLPHIN

This essay won first place in the Love Letters: What Matters Most contest, hosted by Honoring Your Wishes, a division of Iowa City Hospice. Little Village's publisher Matt Steele served as a judge, alongside Inara Verzemnieks of the UI Nonfiction Writing Program and retired English professor Syndy Conger. The contest asked writers to reflect on themes of love, forgiveness and gratitude. Read the top three essays at LittleVillageMag.com, and visit HonoringYourWishes.org/love-letters for more information.

accompanied my dad on his appointment with his cardiologist the day he was diagnosed with cancer. Dad was looking for a reason for his lethargy and pain, looking for a diagnosis that made sense. The year before, he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. The doctor told us that within a year

we would know if it would progress slowly or rapidly. But now that his kidneys had become implicated, the cardiologist could not help.

"Dad, I think he is saying that it is cancer," I said.

My dad turned and looked at me with a big smile on his face. "I have had such a

wonderful life!"

Dad was called to serve his country in 1944. He joined a flight team on a B-17 after basic training, after the rest of the team had been assembled. There was one position left vacant: belly turret gunner. On his 19th mission, bombing the oil fields that supplied Hitler's army, he was shot down. He barely got his parachute fastened—he couldn't fit in the turret with the chute in place. Not enough room.

When he ejected from the plane and finally got the chute on and opened, it jerked him so hard he lost his boots. His plane was shot down near the Adriatic Sea. My father survived and was taken as a prisoner of war by the Germans. On May 21, 1945, after nine months of captivity, he was freed by Russian soldiers close to the Baltic Sea, and had to hike



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for miles to catch a train to safety. He referred to it as his "all-expense-paid tour of Europe."

I didn't hear this story until I was in my mid-40s, when a high school student interviewed my father about his career in WWII. My dad had started to attend annual bomb group meetings, and it seemed to make him more whole, like a puzzle piece of his life had fallen into place. I joined him at one reunion, where a keynote speaker talked about the hike across Europe Dad spoke about so glibly. Many soldiers died during that march; Dad had won an actual lottery for a ticket on the train, and still did not have a fear of death. In fact, he never reported feeling abject fear.

My dad was the disciplinarian. He assigned chores, and made charts to track when they were done. Dad inspected our work and made us do it over if it wasn't right. He worked hard, as I recall from my childhood. He would take care of the house, the car, the yard. He did the jobs right. He used a blowtorch to remove old paint, peeling it down to the bare wood on the outside of the house before painting it. He did it to the old house; when we moved, he did it to the new house. He tore a whole car engine apart and put it back together.

He was tight about money. He taught me to discern the difference between "cheap" and "inexpensive." I came to realize that he didn't offer me the moon. If I wanted the moon, I had to figure out myself how to go about getting it. That was the way he loved me. He didn't get into solving problems for me, he left me room to figure that out for myself. I think he would have given me most anything I wanted, but I had to want that thing enough to ask for it.

My older brother Steve wishes Dad had offered fewer pearls of wisdom and more life guidance. I could relate to my brother's longing. I still have a picture that I found in

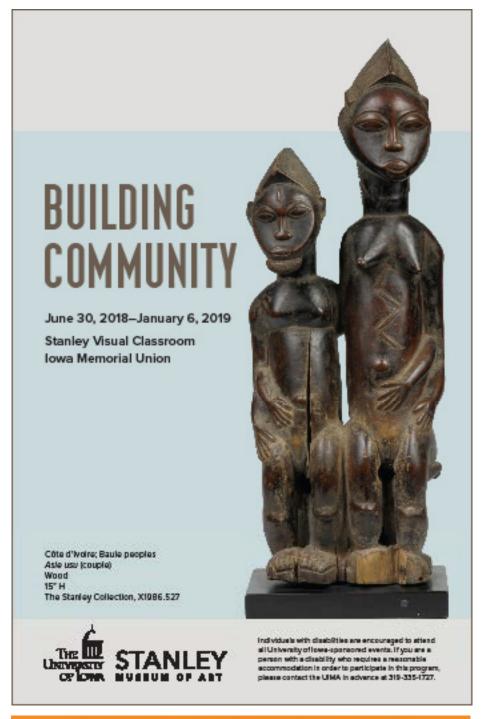
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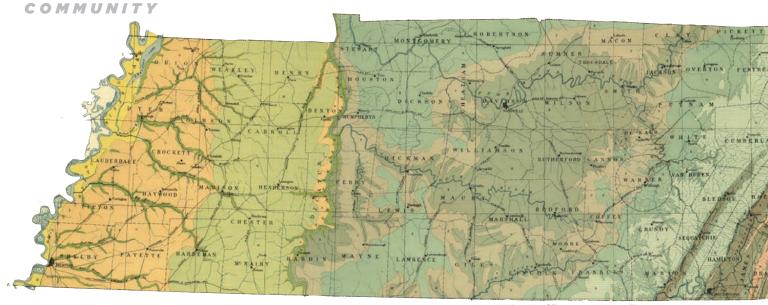
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En Español

Mi despedida sureña

POR MELANIE MÁRQUEZ ADAMS

na existencia simple y tranquila, protegida por montañas diminutas y lagos que parecen salidos de un cuento de hadas. Durante los últimos 10 años, esa ha sido mi vida en una zona rural de Tennessee. Este es el lugar donde escribí mi primer libro y es también donde conocí a mi esposo, un auténtico sureño que nunca habría imaginado casarse con alguien de un país tropical de Sudamérica. Nuestro hogar vibra con el contraste de nuestros acentos y bailamos a su ritmo (una mezcla de merengue y bluegrass) mientras navegamos las sorpresas y rutinas de nuestros días juntos.

Ahora que me alisto para una mudanza más (mi esposo asegura que mudarme es uno de mis pasatiempos), esta vez a Iowa City donde estudiaré un Máster en Escritura Creativa, cuán apropiado resulta que una de mis primeras clases sea un taller de traducción. La mayor parte de mi vida ha sido ex-

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actamente eso: un vaivén entre dos idiomas. Puedo empezar mi día pensando sobre los quehaceres en inglés—tengo que lavar los platos, ojalá hubiese un genio mágico que se University of Tennessee at Knoxville

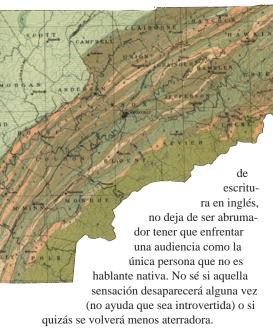
encargará de la ropa sucia, será que mi esposo por fin sacará la basura—y hacia la puesta de sol me encontraré escribiendo un cuento en español. La autocorrección de mi teléfono no puede seguir el ritmo al tango que bailan mi inglés y mi español (cabe anotar que a mis mascotas se les da bastante mejor). Los sueños me llegan en dos idiomas tam-

> bién, dependiendo de quiénes sean los protagonistas cada noche.

Hace un par de semanas, como una especie de entrenamiento para lo que se viene en Iowa, asistí a un retiro de escritura en la ciudad de Knoxville, sede de la Universidad de

Tennessee y su equipo de fútbol americano, los Volunteers, (¡quién lo diría! no me veo nada mal en el color anaranjado del equipo). Aunque me siento segura de mis habilidades





Sin embargo—y esta es la parte diverti-da—a lo mejor sea yo mi peor enemiga ya que, como uno de esos entrenadores físicos intensos, me empujo a mí misma a lanzarme directo en el medio de experiencias intimidantes. Tal como subirme a una montaña rusa, parece que anticipo y ansío aquella sensación de euforia. ¿La única hispanohablante? No hay problema. ¿La única latina? ¡A la carga mis valientes! Porque sé que al final de las vueltas y giros, lo que me espera del otro lado puede ser mágico: una satisfacción inmensa que me regala mejillas rosadas y un montón de energía.

Me complace reportar que la experiencia del retiro mereció todo el mareo y la incertidumbre. El sentido de comunidad es esencial en el mundo de la escritura y aunque durante los próximos dos años, mi comunidad de escritores consistirá en su mayoría de otros autores latinoamericanos quienes son hispanohablantes como yo, mi hogar en los

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y siempre será
el hermoso estado
de Tennessee. Toca
la canción "My Tennessee
Mountain Home" de Dolly Parton.
(¡Sí! He adquirido un enorme placer por
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(¡Sí! He adquirido un enorme placer por la música country.) Fue por eso fascinante descubrir un grupo floreciente de escritores en Knoxville, uno que me recibió con enorme calidez y gran emoción por mi próxima aventura. No podría haber encontrado una mejor manera de decir adiós a mis adoradas montañas que escribiendo en comunidad con personas a las que me sentí unida por una alianza que supera cualquier diferencia cultural e idiomática. Mi perfecta despedida sureña.

Hasta pronto Tennessee!

My Southern Farewell

WRITTEN AND TRANSLATED BY MELANIE MÁRQUEZ ADAMS

quiet, simple existence sheltered by tiny mountains and fairy-tale-like lakes. For the past 10 years, that's how life has been for me in rural Tennessee. This is the place where I wrote my first book and where I met my husband, a true Southerner who never could have imagined marrying someone from a tropical country in South America. Our home vibrates with the contrast of our accents and we dance to their beat (one that encompasses both merengue and bluegrass) as we navigate the routines and surprises of our days together.

As I get ready for yet another move (my

husband claims that moving is one of my hobbies), this time to Iowa City where I will be pursuing an MFA in Spanish creative writing, how fitting that one of my first courses is a translation workshop. Most of my life has felt exactly like that: moving back and forth between two languages. I can start my day thinking about house chores in English—Will I ever get those dishes done? How I wish there was such a thing as a laundry genie! Did my husband take out of the trash?—and by sunset I will be writing a short story in Spanish. My phone's predictive dictionary can't keep up with the tango performed in both languages. (I should note that my pets seem to cope a lot better.) My dreams also come to me in two languages, depending on who the protagonists are each night.

A few weeks ago, as a sort of warm-up for what's to come in Iowa, I attended a writing retreat in Knoxville, home of the University of Tennessee Volunteers. (Who knew I could pull off orange?) Even though I feel confident about my writing skills in English, having to face an audience as the only non-native speaker is still daunting. I don't know if that feeling will ever go away (it doesn't help that I'm an introvert) or if it will ever become less terrifying.

However—and here's the fun part—I might be my own worst enemy because, like one of those pushy fitness trainers, I force myself to dive straight into scary situations. Like getting on a roller coaster, I seem to anticipate and even look forward to the thrill. The only non-native English speaker? No problem. The only Latina? Game on! Because I know that at the end of the swirly ride, what awaits on the other side of those experiences can be magical: a feeling of

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In the Can

Craft beer gets canny. BY EMMA MCCLATCHEY

t's been an especially hot summer in Germany, and Germans have been drinking lots of beer—so much that the country is having a bottle shortage. Stone Brewing, a California-based craft beer company with a plant in Berlin, has tried to help by canning their beer instead of bottling, but they'll be hardpressed to find a German keen to drink from such a lowly package.

"A bottle is much more civilized," a Berliner beer-drinker told NPR. "[A can] just looks cheap. Cheap and a bit trashy."

Though Americans are much more likely to pick up a six-pack

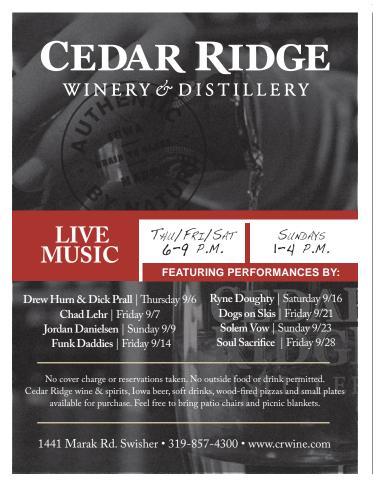
of tallboys for a tailgate, we, too, tend to turn our nose up at cans. They're fit for Busch Light, maybe, but when it comes to our beloved IPAs, Belgians, stouts, American Blonde Ales and other craft brews, bottles are better. They just are. Right?

Aesthetics aside, cans are actually the smarter way to package beer.

Big Grove Brewery of Solon and Iowa City launched their canned beer line in May. Head Brewer Andy Joynt said a number of factors went into their decision to can rather than bottle their beers, from the environmental



Zak Neumann









73% prefer glass bottles to cans



impact—cans are lighter, so less fuel is used when shipping, and easier to recycle—to taste.

"From a quality-of-beer perspective, the can in a lot of ways is superior to the bottle," Joynt said. "There's an outdated idea that cans impact the flavor of beer because there was a period of time many, many years ago it did, but that's no longer the case."

For the past two decades or so, aluminum cans have been made with a wax coating on the inside; any metallic taste you might detect in the beer itself is either in your head or just the natural character of the beer. Cans also seal much tighter than bottles, so oxygen, being an enemy of good beer, is kept much more at bay, leading to a fresher taste.

"Cans are quickly growing to be the preferred method for packaging for small breweries," said Quinton McClain, founder of Lion Bridge Brewing Company in Cedar Rapids. Lion Bridge debuted their first canned beers on Aug. 21 in four styles. "It works for our [target] demographic—they just grab a pack of cans and





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Besides being lightweight and less fragile than glass, cans also protect beer from its greatest foe: light. Exposure to light is what makes beer skunky (which is why Heineken, with its signature green bottle, has a signature skunkiness). Brown bottles stave off light better than clear or green, but aluminum lets in zero light at all.

When asked if there were any downsides to cans, Joynt came up empty. "From a brewer and consumer standpoint, I don't see any negatives."

If this is true, why are there so many bottles of beer on store shelves? Well, why do people spend more than \$30 on a bottle of wine? Why does Bradley Cooper keep getting nominated for Academy Awards? The only thing slower to change than our habits are our mindsets, and bottled beer is still perceived by many as more refined. You can hardly blame brewers for turning to the bottle rather than be seen as "cheap and a bit trashy."

Oskar Blues Brewery was one of the first to challenge the supposed superiority of bottles. The Longmont, Colorado brewers raised eyebrows when they first started canning their Dale's Pale Ale in 2002. Ultimately, consumers appreciated the move, and dozens of microbreweries have followed in the footsteps of the self-styled "original craft beer in a can."

"They've been canning beer as long as anybody in the craft world and they were the first domino to fall as far as getting craft beer into cans and having success with it," Joynt said.

Canned beer's only real competitor is draft beer, Joynt and McClain said, as both come from oxygen- and light-resistant containers (cans and kegs). But convenience may win the day, since the difference in taste between the two is negligible.

"If you hand someone a glass of beer and they don't know where it came from, they're not going to know if it was from a draft or can," McClain said.

Want to test the quality of canned craft beer for yourself? Crack open a can from one of the dozen or so Iowa breweries that have taken the aluminum leap. In addition to Big Grove and Lion Bridge, these include: ReUnion Brewery of Iowa City, SingleSpeed Brewing of Cedar Falls/Waterloo, Kalona Brewing Company, Toppling Goliath of Decorah, Okoboji Brewing Co. and Des Moines' Confluence Brewing Company and Exile Brewing Company. LV/





hile in France trying to make friends, a 15-year-old Elizabeth Moen buried a language barrier beneath guitar chords and a rising voice. She returned to the United States with budding spirit and, after five more years, played her first showan open mic at The Mill. At 21, she wrote her first original song. Moen has since become a staple of Iowa City's music scene, cementing a place in the hearts of local music lovers that, at 24, is still surreal for her to hold.

"I think people in Iowa City can see how hard I'm working and they can appreciate that. There are a lot of really hard-working artists here in town," Moen said. "It's the kind of place where I think everyone's

building off of each other's energy rather than making it a competition."

Moen sees bands supporting bands and serious young musicians stepping onto the scene more so than she's witnessed in the past. A strong music community starts with the musicians, she said. And Moen is right at the forefront, an unintentional yet inspiring leader.

While the actual record dropped Sept. 1, Moen will play a show at the Englert on Sept. 14 to celebrate the release of her third album, A Million Miles Away. The occasion marks her first headlining show at the iconic downtown theater. And that makes her incredibly nervous. In spite of her nerves, the show promises high energy stemming from Moen's

Zak Neumann

Elizabeth Moen w/ Hex Girls, **Good Morning Midnight** Octopus College Hill, Cedar Falls, Thursday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m., \$5

Elizabeth Moen Album Release Show w/ Hot Tang, Young Charles Englert Theatre, Iowa City, Friday, Sept. 14, 7:30 p.m., \$12-15

Elizabeth Moen w/ Peanut Ricky Triple Crown Whiskey Bar and Raccoon Motel, Davenport, Saturday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m., \$12

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burgeoning confidence as a performer and a writer. Her live shows being, as she puts it, "attainably heavy and loud," the setting for the release couldn't be more perfect.

"There are moments when [the show is] so quiet," she said. "But if you can hear everything happening, it's really meaningful. Then there are moments when it's loud and I'm screaming my ass off. I think the Englert's going to be a really great space for that, where you can hear all of those things."

people paid attention. Moen's still-humble charm and native Iowa affectations make her stand out as all the more real in a crowd. She is fine being popular in the Midwest. But her forecast calls for more.

Moen already released *A Million Miles Away* on vinyl in Dublin while playing a smattering of shows there (mostly planned, a few spontaneous). Though technically out before her U.S. release date on Sept. 1, only those in Ireland who bought the vinyl could hear the

record at that time. "There's this like threeweek period of this record's life

"[lowa City is] the kind of place where everyone's building off of each other's energy rather than making it a competition."

Lilting with flavor yet strong as espresso, Moen's voice is one of passion and heartache. I was cut to the bone by moments of levity on the heels of affective intensity. A Million Miles Away achieves a more mature sound while keeping a taste of youthful woe, worn like a badge of sentimentality. No one feels pain like the young. And no one creates a feeling within their music like Moen. There is a tenacity surrounding her newest melodies—sure guitar riffs and leading lines command the ear wherever Moen desires. Two conceptual giants propel Moen's newest to a higher level: growth and realization.

"This album is bigger," she said. Moen knew what she wanted from this album. Musically heavy and more curated, the big steps the album takes show prominently and are wholly amazing.

Every song she chose fits the theme: realizing within yourself that there is a mountain to climb and accepting that. "Time Is a Shitty Friend" emerged as the biggest change for her musically.

"The song is about if time were a person, it's trying to steal someone away from you," Moen said. "And then right as I say, 'Time doesn't always have your back/time changes everything,' there's literally a time change in the music. It happens unintentionally—but it's moments like that where the melody kind of mimics the lyrics ... That song really showed [me], 'OK, yeah, I wanna do this forever.'"

Her tone is world-worn, aging finely as she crosses Midwestern and European stages on her summer tour. She made herself heard, and where [it was] super old fashioned," Moen said dreamily. "You [couldn't] just look it up online or get a CD or anything—it's super retro. I just realized that. Right now."

More than the fact vinyl is having a revival, the choice to release on the format stemmed from friends' insistence that having an actual physical copy of the music she's created would be magical. Moen went along, slightly skeptical. Once she got the test press, however, it was all worth it.

"I can see the grooves and that's my music," she said of the moment.

Her music will be heard soon enough at the Englert, Moen's last show in Iowa City for the better part of a year. For seven or eight months after Sept. 14, she and her band will tour in Europe for a few more shows and then elsewhere in the Midwest.

"I get really into each song I perform," Moen said. "For each song, I have to go back to the moment I wrote it even if it's really sad. There's definitely a lot of emotion in the set. There are times when, even if it's about something I'm totally over, it's chill, that's a thing from the past, I can still get back in that moment and tear up because I'm just really into it."

Ideas of devotion act as the backbone of her music. And she is likewise devoted to it. Luckily for her and listeners, music has a grip on Moen that won't let go anytime soon. LV/

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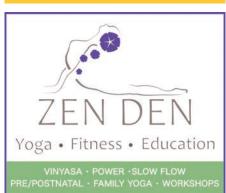
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NewBo Farmers Market, NewBo City Market, Cedar Rapids, 4:30 p.m. (Weekly)

Iowa City Wednesday Farmers Market, Chauncey Swan Ramp, Iowa City, 5 p.m. (Weekly)

Gentle Yoga, Public Space One, Iowa City, 5 p.m., \$5-10 (Weekly)

Break Dance Group, Public Space One. Iowa City, 6 p.m., Free (Weekly)

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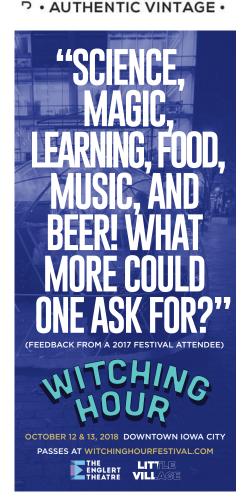
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▲ Neko Case Hoyt Sherman Place,
Friday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m., \$30-60 Neko Case
was barely on my radar until a few years ago
when I heard Furnace Room Lullaby (2000)
for the first time and was utterly blown away
by her voice. Rooted in American country
(and Bulgarian folk singing!), it contains a
bravado that almost resembles contempt for
the modern world. Her distinctive nasal vocal
power and non-traditional song structures
totally disregard stupid pop expectations.
Her lyrical honestly is admirable. I want to
hear her sing up close and feel inspired to do
something even distantly comparable.

—Jordan Sellergren

Soul Sherpa Presents: The Corridor Record Project Englert Theatre, Iowa City, Friday, Sept. 7, 8 p.m., \$12-15 $\rm A$

little bit of soul does everything some good! Cedar Rapids band Soul Sherpa (Ian Draves, bass; Shawn Fliger, keyboards & vocals; Inga Aleckson, vocals; Casper Huggins, guitar; Lukas Jack, drums; Hank Welter, reeds; Casey Schultz, reeds & keyboards; Benjamin Drury, trumpet; Duroje Gwamna, trombone) is adding its unique style and groove to new works by 10 musicians representing a wide array of different genres from across the Cedar Rapids and Iowa City area. Soul Sherpa will collaborate on stage with Jeremy Jacobs, Evan Stock Band, Ivory James, Treesreach, Joe Blesz (from 6 Odd Rats), Case the Joint, Layton White, Duchess, Flash in a Pan and the Uniphonics.

-Genevieve Trainor



▲ Everything is Terrible The Mill, Thursday, Sept. 13 at 8 p.m., \$10 The found VHS footage collective Everything Is Terrible is known for grim, surreal video collages that leave you feeling all the cold camaraderie of the cultural emptiness that is now. They will be in Iowa City with a live screening and performance based on "over 2,000 horror, Satanic panic and singing Christian duck VHS tapes, remixed, re-edited, and re-contextualized." You will laugh at the absurdity and you will squirm at the truth of it (especially if you were alive in the '80s). You might leave early. Take the worst of that place where we are—where we, ourselves, have brought us-go deeper, and stay there for as long as you can stomach it. —Matt Steele

Immigrant Foodways: Strudel National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library, Cedar Rapids, Saturday, Sept. 15, 1 p.m.,

\$5 With a German-sounding name like Schneckloth, you might think I'd be a real bratwurst-loving, beer-drinking, strudel-eating frau. I hate bratwurst, I don't drink very much beer and I've never made a strudel or even eaten an authentic, quality strudel in my 30-plus years of existence. Thankfully this month, the National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library is giving me the perfect opportunity to embrace my heritage! They'll be celebrating German American Heritage month with a workshop focused on making strudel and the cultural and traditional aspects that surround it. My office mates are already looking forward to the bounty of flaky pastry treats that will make it to the office after class-we'll see how successful I truly am. —Frankie Schneckloth LV

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Daddy-O, Parlor City Pub and Eatery, Cedar Rapids, 7 p.m., Free (Weekly)

POETIC MUSICAL LEGACY

Lucy Wainwright Roche w/ Lily DeTaeye, The Mill, Iowa City, 7:30 p.m., \$12-15

Underground Open Mic, Open Jam and Mug Night, Iowa City Yacht Club, 8 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Live Jazz, Clinton Street Social Club, Iowa City, 8 p.m., Free (1st & 3rd Thursdays)

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Karaoke Thursday, Studio 13, Iowa City, 8 p.m., Free (Weekly)

PROGRESSIVE CEDAR FALLS SOUL ROCK

The Copper Smoke Trials w/ the Mystic Cats, Blue Moose Tap House, Iowa City, 9 p.m., \$5-7

FRI., SEPT. 7

LIVE PASTEL DEMO W/ GORDON KELLENBERGER

Opening Reception: Spectrum, Gilded Pear

Gallery, Cedar Rapids, 5 p.m., Free

BENEFIT FOR THE BRIAN CRETZMEYER TRUST FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

6th Annual BrianFest, The Mill, Iowa City, 6 p.m., \$10

Friday Night Out, Ceramics Center, Cedar Rapids, 6:30 p.m., \$40 (Weekly)

READING FROM'HOW TO BE PERFECT LIKE ME'

Dana Bowman, Prairie Lights Books & Cafe,
Iowa City, 7 p.m., Free

OPENING NIGHT! RUNS THROUGH SEPT. 9

Young Footliters Presents: 'Kazoo,'
Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 7 p.m.,
\$12-17

FAC Dance Party, The Union, Iowa City, 7 p.m. (Weekly)

CLASSIC MOTOWN

The Temptations and Four Tops, McGrath Amphitheatre, Cedar Rapids, 7:30 p.m., \$49-110

ALSO PERFORMING SEPT. 8

Michael Thorne w/ Eric Brown, Penguin's Comedy Club, Cedar Rapids, 8 p.m., \$12-15 OPENING NIGHT! RUNS THROUGH SEPT. 23

'To Kill a Mockingbird,' Giving Tree Theatre,
Marion, 8 p.m., \$15-120

AN EVENING OF MUSICAL COLLABORATIONS

Soul Sherpa Presents: The Corridor

Record Project, Englert Theatre, Iowa City, 8
p.m., \$12-15

CHICAGO NOISE, FRESH OFF GREY AREA **Dead Rider w/ the Commanders,** Gabe's,

lowa City, 9 p.m., \$10

Sasha Belle Presents: Friday Night Drag & Dance Party, Studio 13, Iowa City, 10:30 p.m., \$5 (Weekly)

SoulShake, Gabe's, Iowa City, 10 p.m., Free (Weekly)

SAT, SEPT. 8

Iowa City Sunday Farmers Market, Chauncey Swan Ramp, Iowa City, 7:30 a.m. (Weekly)

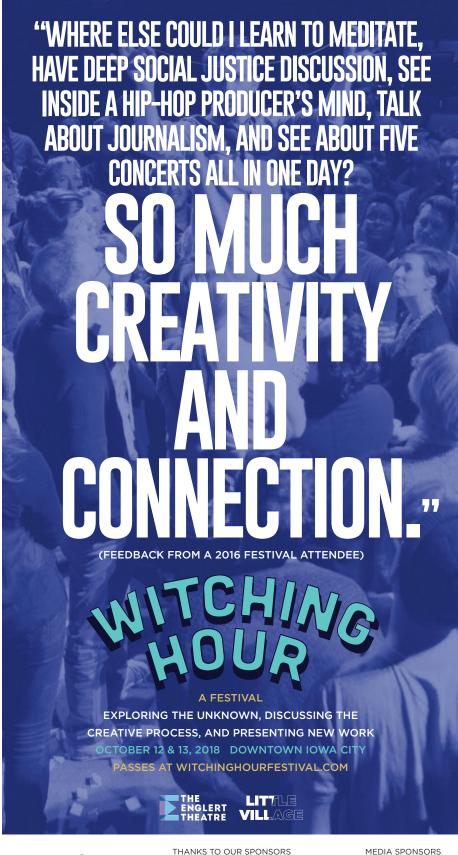
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I.C. Press Co-op Open Shop, Public Space One, Iowa City, 12 p.m., Free (Weekly)

CHILDREN'S & YA AUTHOR:

CONVERSATION WITH ALEXIA ARTHUR

Jacqueline Woodson, Englert Theatre, Iowa City, 1 p.m., \$15

Elation Dance Party, Studio 13, Iowa City, 9 p.m., \$5 (Weekly)

BIJOU AFTER HOURS

'Akira,' Film Scene, Iowa City, 11 p.m., Free-

SUN., SEPT. 9

Sunday Funday, Iowa City Public Library, 2 p.m., Free (Weekly)

NEW YORK SOUL

On the Sun, Gabe's, Iowa City, 7 p.m., \$8-10

Pub Quiz, The Mill, Iowa City, 9 p.m., \$1 (Weekly)

MON., SEPT. 10

IOWA WRITERS' WORKSHOP GRADS READ FROM THEIR NEW NOVELS

Abby Geni and Frances de Pontes Peebles, Prairie Lights Books & Cafe, Iowa City, 5:30 p.m., Free

DOCUMENTARY PREMIERE

'The Queens,' Iowa Memorial Union, Iowa City, 7 p.m., Free

Open Mic, The Mill, Iowa City, 8 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Honeycombs of Comedy, Iowa City Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$3 (Weekly)



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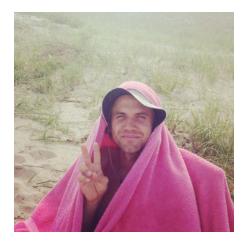
uncertainty there is one sure thing and that's Dinosaur Jr. Since their return in 2005, Dino Jr. have released a steady stream of quality LPs. Whether you're a fan of the early days or the later years, fans old and young will come together in a barn in Iowa to celebrate the legend that is Dinosaur Jr. This is going to be one to remember. —JC

▲ The Moondoggies w/ special guests, **Triple Crown Whiskey Barn and Raccoon** Motel, Davenport, Thursday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m., \$10 The Moondoggies play new rock and roll in a classic style. Imagine a more rugged version of the Shins or Dr. Dog. The songs have a modern feel with just enough '70s sound to keep your dad interested. The Moondoggies have been hard at it since 2005 and have toured with bands like Dawes, Delta Spirit and the Head and the Heart. — Johnnie Cluney

Arc Flash w/ Condor & Jaybird, **Everlasting Light, Opium Rex, Rock** Island Supper Club, Rock Island, IL, Saturday, Sept. 8, 8 p.m., \$5-10 Lawrence, Kansas has an incredible music scene, and if you didn't know-now you do. At the forefront of that scene is Arc Flash, the self-proclaimed "space punk" band that plays faster than lightning strikes. Joining them will be QC psych-lords Condor & Jaybird along with industrial noise duo Opium Rex and atmospheric metal group Everlasting Light. This show is stacked with bands who aren't afraid to get a little (or a lot) heavy. —Paige Underwood



▲ Dinosaur Jr., Codfish Hollow Barnstormers, Maquoketa, Monday, **Sept. 10, 8 p.m., \$28-30** In the days of



▲ Loud Sun w/ Devata Daun, White Batzzz, Rozz-Tox, Rock Island, IL, Tuesday, Sept. 11, 8 p.m., \$5-10 Loud Sun's psych-infused bedroom pop songs are the type that easily get stuck in your head, but you're happy that they're there. Andrew Jansen's hushed vocals drifting over jangly guitar melodies create the perfect recipe for blissed-out, summer slacker songs. Devata Daun will bring the lo-fi darkwave vibes, and QC electro-R&B duo, White Batzzz, will be celebrating their record release at this show. —PU

C.J. Boyd w/ Sing Soon, Rozz-Tox, Rock Island, IL, Sunday, Sept. 16, 8 p.m., Donation C.J. Boyd has been on tour for close to a decade. His music ranges anywhere from reflective a capella to cello and bass sadcore. On his release Over My Obstructions Volume 1: This Voice Saying These Words, you can really hear how deep he goes compared to other artists his age. Don't take my word for it. Come to Rozz Tox yourself and see why C.J. exists within a genre all his own. —JC LV



EDITORS' PICKS

Timeghost w/ John Bender, Gabi Vanek, Trumpet Blossom Cafe, Iowa City, 9 p.m., \$8

TUE., SEPT. 11

Cultivate Hope Market, Cultivate Hope Urban Farm, Cedar Rapids, 4:30 p.m. (Weekly)

BENEFIT FOR FIELD TO FAMILY

2018 Culinary Walk, Downtown Iowa
City, 5:30 p.m., \$15-30

READING FROM 'BECOMING LEONARDO'

Mike Lankford, Prairie Lights Books & Cafe, Iowa City, 5:30 p.m., Free

Practice in the Prairie, Indian Creek Nature Center, Cedar Rapids, 6 p.m., Free (Weekly)

READING FROM 'IF YOU HAVE TO GO'
Katie Ford, Prairie Lights Books &
Cafe, Iowa City, 7 p.m., Free

Blues Jam, Parlor City Pub and Eatery, Cedar Rapids, 7 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Yahoo Drummers, Downtown Iowa City, 7:30 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Weekly Old-Timey Jam Sessions,

Trumpet Blossom Cafe, Iowa City, 7:30 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Comedy & Karaoke, Studio 13, Iowa City, 9 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Karaoke Tuesdays, The Mill, Iowa City, 10 p.m., Free (Weekly)

WED., SEPT. 12

Iowa City Open Coffee, Merge, Iowa City, 8 a.m., Free (Weekly)

Food Truck Wednesdays, NewBo City Market, Cedar Rapids, 11 a.m. (Weekly) **NewBo Farmers Market,** NewBo City Market, Cedar Rapids, 4:30 p.m. (Weekly)

Iowa City Wednesday Farmers

Market Chauncey Swan Ramp Iowa

Market, Chauncey Swan Ramp, Iowa City, 5 p.m. (Weekly)

Gentle Yoga, Public Space One, Iowa City, 5 p.m., \$5-10 (Weekly)

Witching Hour 2018 Fundraiser, Iowa Writers' House, Iowa City, 5 p.m., \$50

Break Dance Group, Public Space One, Iowa City, 6 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Burlington Street Bluegrass Band, The Mill, Iowa City, 6 p.m., \$5 (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

JOURNALIST LECTURE

Cokie Roberts: An Insider's View of Washington D.C., Hancher, Iowa City, 7:30 p.m., Free **Open Mic Night,** Penguin's Comedy Club, Cedar Rapids, 8 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Open Stage, Studio 13, lowa City, 10 p.m., Free (Weekly)

THIS WEEK: 'GET MY GUN'

Late Shift at the Grindhouse, Film Scene, Iowa City, 10 p.m., \$4 (Weekly)

Talk Art, The Mill, Iowa City, 10:30 p.m., Free (2nd & 4th Wednesdays)

THU., SEPT. 13

I.C. Press Co-op open shop, Public Space One, Iowa City, 4 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Meet Me at the Market, NewBo City
Market, Cedar Rapids, 5 p.m., Free (Weekly)







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Iowa City Meditation Class: How To Transform Your Life, Quaker Friends Meeting House, Iowa City, 6:30 p.m., \$5-10 (Weekly)

READING FROM THEIR RECENT FICTION

Mikkel Rosengaard and Maxim

Loskutoff, Prairie Lights Books &

Cafe, Iowa City, 7 p.m., Free

IOWA CITY UNPLUGGED

The SunDogs, Downtown Iowa City, 7 p.m., Free

Thursday Night Live Open Mic, Uptown Bill's, Iowa City, 7 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Daddy-O, Parlor City Pub and Eatery, Cedar Rapids, 7 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Underground Open Mic, Open Jam and Mug Night, Iowa City Yacht Club, 8 p.m., Free LIVE SHOW WITH PUPPETS AND COSTUMES, PLUS FOUND FOOTAGE FEATURE

Feed Me Weird Things and FilmScene Present: Everything is Terrible! 'The Great Satan!,' The Mill, Iowa City, 8 p.m., \$10

Karaoke Thursday, Studio 13, lowa City, 8 p.m., Free (Weekly)

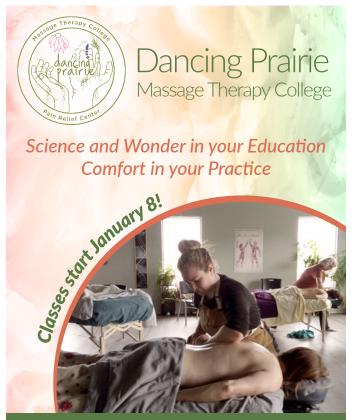
FRI., SEPT. 14

NewBo Open Coffee, Roasters Coffeehouse in NewBo City Market, Cedar Rapids, 8 a.m., Free (2nd & 4th Fridays)

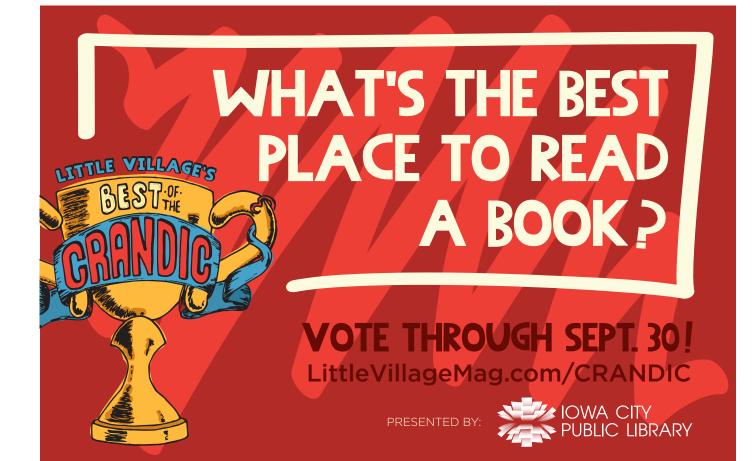
Friday Night Out, Ceramics Center, Cedar Rapids, 6:30 p.m., \$40 (Weekly)

READING FROM 'A LUCKY MAN'

Jamel Brinkley in conversation with Charles D'Ambrosio, Prairie Lights Books & Cafe, Iowa City, 7 p.m., Free



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EDITORS' PICKS

BLUEGRASS & FIREWORKS!

Steep Canyon Rangers, Hancher, Iowa City, 7 p.m., Free

FAC Dance Party, The Union, Iowa City, 7 p.m. (Weekly)

OPENING NIGHT! RUNS THROUGH SEPT. 23 ICCT Presents: 'Assassins,' Johnson County Fairgrounds, Iowa City, 7:30 p.m., \$11-19

OPENING NIGHT! RUNS THROUGH

'My Fair Lady,' Theatre Cedar Rapids, 7:30 p.m., \$25-40

HOMEGROWN INDIE FOLK

Elizabeth Moen Album Release Show w/ Hot Tang, Young Charles, Englert Theatre, Iowa City, 7:30 p.m., \$12-15 CLASSIC COUNTRY/ROCKABILLY

The Delta Bombers w/ Interstellar Cave Dweller, Iowa City Yacht Club, 8 p.m., \$10

ALSO PERFORMING SEPT. 15

Tim Gaither w/ Jesse Turney, Penguin's Comedy Club, Cedar Rapids, 8 p.m., \$12-15

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Dan DiMonte Trio, Big Grove Brewery

& Taproom, Iowa City, 9 p.m., Free

CHICAGO ELECTRO-POP

Mielo w/ Inzo, Align, Blookah, Blue Moose Tap House, Iowa City, 9 p.m., \$8-10

Sasha Belle Presents: Friday Night Drag & Dance Party, Studio 13, Iowa City, 10:30 p.m., \$5 (Weekly) **SoulShake,** Gabe's, lowa City, 10 p.m., Free (Weekly)

SAT., SEPT. 15

Iowa City Sunday Farmers Market, Chauncey Swan Ramp, Iowa City, 7:30 a.m. (Weekly)

Pop-Up Market, NewBo City Market, Cedar Rapids, 10 a.m. (Weekly)

Family Storytime, Iowa City Public Library, 10:30 a.m., Free (Weekly)

I.C. Press Co-op Open Shop, Public Space One, lowa City, 12 p.m., Free (Weekly)

CLASSIC U.S. 2K ROCK AND ROLL

Rooney w/ Mating Ritual, Halfloves, Gabe's, Iowa City, 6:30 p.m.,
\$15-85

PRE-SHOW RECEPTION AT 5 P.M.;
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Brucemorchestra XI: The American Rhapsody, Brucemore, Cedar Rapids, 7 p.m., Free-\$30

"WAVE ON WAVE" TEXAN BENEFIT FOR STEAD FAMILY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL Pat Green w/ Justin Adams, First Avenue Club, 8 p.m., \$20-110

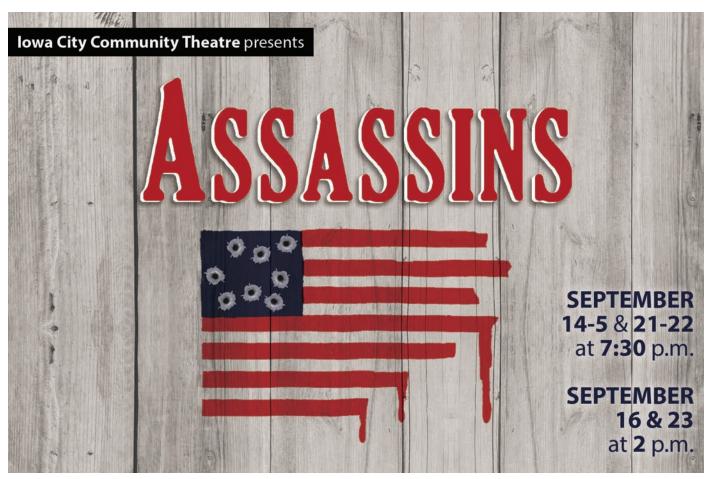
WILD SEATTLE HEAVY METAL

Big Business w/ Aseethe, In the Mouth of Radness, Iowa City Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$10

Elation Dance Party, Studio 13, lowa City, 9 p.m., \$5 (Weekly)

CHICAGO INSPO-JAZZ

Chachuba w/ Reggae Rapids, Palindromes, Gabe's, Iowa City, 10 p.m., \$7-10



BIJOU AFTER HOURS

'Girl, Interrupted,' Film Scene, Iowa City, 11 p.m., Free-\$6.50

SUN., SEPT. 16

SEVENTH ANNUAL!

Cedar Rapids Latino Festival, Mc-Grath Amphitheatre, 11 a.m., Free

STORYTELLING TO BREAK MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA

This is My Brave, Englert Theatre, lowa City, 2 p.m., \$17-22

Sunday Funday, Iowa City Public Library, 2 p.m., Free (Weekly)

EARLY SHOW SOLD OUT! **T.J. Miller,** Penguin's Comedy Club, Cedar Rapids, 9 p.m., \$32-35

ROOFTOP SERIES

'Con Air,' FilmScene, Iowa City, 8 p.m., \$15

Pub Quiz, The Mill, Iowa City, 9 p.m., \$1 (Weekly)

MON., SEPT. 17

PRIDE AT FILMSCENE

'Pariah,' FilmScene, Iowa City, 7 p.m., \$8-10.50

Open Mic, The Mill, Iowa City, 8 p.m., Free (Weekly)

OMAHA, NEBRASKA SENDS A DOUBLE DOSE OF JAZZ POP

Magū w/ Jacob James Wilton, Gabe's, Iowa City, 8 p.m., Free

Honeycombs of Comedy, Iowa City Yacht Club, 9 p.m., \$3 (Weekly)

TUE., SEPT. 18

Cultivate Hope Market, Cultivate Hope Urban Farm, Cedar Rapids, 4:30 p.m. (Weekly)

Practice in the Prairie, Indian Creek Nature Center, Cedar Rapids, 6 p.m., Free (Weekly)

BIJOU FILM FORUM

'Grizzly Man,' Film Scene, Iowa City, 6 p.m., Free-\$6.50

READING FROM 'PLAGUE IN PARADISE'

Jeffrey Copeland, Prairie Lights Books & Cafe, Iowa City, 7 p.m., Free

Blues Jam, Parlor City Pub and Eatery, Cedar Rapids, 7 p.m., Free (Weekly) GET SWAG, A MEET-AND-GREET AND MORE WITH VIP PACKAGES

Counting Crows: 25 Years and Counting, U.S. Cellular Center, Cedar Rapids, 7:30 p.m., \$40-825

Yahoo Drummers, Downtown Iowa City, 7:30 p.m., Free (Weekly)

Weekly Old-Timey Jam Sessions,

Trumpet Blossom Cafe, Iowa City, 7:30 p.m., Free (Weekly)

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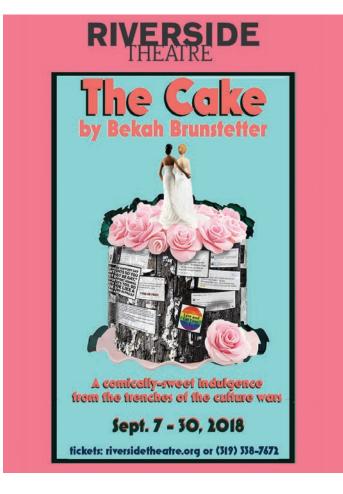
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ARTapalooza Cedar Falls Downtown District, Saturday, Sept. 8, 9 a.m., Free This annual juried art show brings together some of the best visual artists in the region. There will also be demonstrations from the artists, along with children's activities and other entertainment. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cedar Valley Arts Summit 2.0 Waterloo Center for the Arts, Thursday, Sept.

13, 9 a.m., \$18-25 Workshops and speakers throughout the day, including keynote speaker Dana Knapp of ArtsKC, will explore what is necessary to shape and define an arts community. Other presenters include Rachel Buse of Art Beacon and Liesl Voges of the Iowa Arts Council. Student tickets are \$18; standard are \$25. A reception and exhibition opening for An Elegy to America in Black and White at 5 p.m. is free and open to the public.

The Pear Fair Cedar Falls Municipal Lot G, Saturday, Sept. 15, 11 a.m. The eighth annual Pear Fair, hosted by the Mohair Pear boutique, promises to be chock full of crafty goodness. Illustrators (Genevra Bell, Nathan T. Wright) share the space with ceramicists (Allison Fretheim), and handmade soaps (Thumbprint) vie for your dollars with snarky greeting cards (No Coast Paper Co.). There will also be psychic readings available from

Three Witches & Magpie Alchemy and Arts and much more. Many vendors will be there for the first time this year.



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▲ Elizabeth Moen w/ Hex Girls, Good Morning Midnight Octopus College Hill, Cedar Falls, Thursday, Sept. 13, 8 p.m., \$5 If you can't catch Elizabeth Moen at her Englert album release show on Sept. 14, you've got another chance the night before, with Cedar Falls locals Hex Girls and her fellow Iowa Citians Good Morning Midnight.

Mosh 4 Mutts: A Cedar Bend Humane Society Benefit Spicoli's Reverb,

Waterloo, Saturday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m., \$5 donation The Evan Stock Band, Condor & Jaybird, TANG, Pulsing, One Of Us, Illegal Smile and Zachary Daniels—this panoply of artists comes together for one wild evening all in support of the Cedar Bend Humane Society. Don't have the \$5 to get in the door? They'll also accept items for the animals: pet toys, pet food, blankets, etc. can all be donated in lieu of the entrance fee. LV/



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a magazine of an animated grandpa and his two young grandchildren, sitting on a dock in winter, all bundled up in wool hats and winter coats and mittens. I had cut it out, matted and framed it with the thought of it being my imagined ideal of who I wish Dad could be towards us and his grandchildren.

I was in my mid-30s when I sat down to have a heart-to-heart with him. I needed to tell him the things I had wanted from him during my childhood, and the things that hurt and angered me. He listened attentively and with compassion. I didn't get rebuffed. He didn't stonewall. It seemed like he really heard me and understood. So I thought he would change, be more open, communicative, loving. But that didn't happen. He kept on being himself.

I didn't realize it that day, or that month, or even that year, but that talk changed me profoundly. I took the risk to tell my dad how I felt about how he parented me. In taking that risk, I seemed to have opened a path of acceptance within me to let Dad be himself, and become curious about this man as a person, not just my dad. It was a path that led me to seeing him as a fallible human being, rather than demanding that he be the image of my ideal father. I learned to love him and accept him as he was.

At Dad's funeral, I shared what I knew about him. Steve came up to me afterwards in a state of wonder, saying, "I didn't know that about Dad." He hadn't moved beyond hurt feeling yet, but has since released his resentments. "He is who he is," Steve says.

That day, in that chapel, we picked the music, we told the stories, we laughed and cried and we felt the joy of having this man for our father. He was a hero, even though it took us all so long to find out.

Shortly before my dad passed, a job came through with Rock Hill outpatient mental health clinic in South Carolina, a VA contract clinic. Knowing that my father was a World War II hero helped my clients take a risk to open up and share their experiences in war with me. My father was a precious key to a door that is difficult for many veterans to unlock and open. For me, it was a treasured inheritance. LV/

Susan P. Dolphin is a retired clinical social worker who specialized in working with people affected by trauma. She attended the Creative Writing Seminar at the University of Iowa School of Social Work this summer and is an alumnus of their program.

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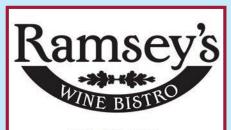
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ear Kiki. I am a female in my early twenties, and although I'm not interested in a serious, longterm relationship at this point in my life, I do enjoy dating and meeting new people. Up to this point, I've only dated men within my age range, but I often find myself attracted to men who are older. A while ago, I developed an intense crush on a (single and childless) man who is more than twice my age, and I've tried ignoring it, but it isn't going away. Our interactions are fun and flirtatious, so much so that I'm beginning to think my crush may not be entirely one-sided. Part of me wants to pursue these feelings. After all, we are both adults, and I find

ear Kiki I recently got intimate for the first time with a guy that I had been seeing for about a month. However, this wasn't just our first time getting intimate together. It was also my first time having sex with anyone. While I made it clear that I was inexperienced, I didn't outright tell him that I was a virgin. Now I'm wondering if that was a bad decision. What if he asks me about my past experiences? I wouldn't ever lie to him if he asks me, but i'm also worried he might be upset that I didn't tell him beforehand. I personally didn't feel the need to tell him beforehand. I didn't want him to feel pressured or for him to think that I had been waiting for "the one." Realistically, I just

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him more compelling and attractive than any man I've been on a date with in the past year. However, I am not naive, and recognize that we are in entirely different stages of our lives and the age gap would certainly raise eyebrows. What do I do? How old is too old?

-Minding the Gap

Dear Gap,

You're both single adults, and you're not looking for a life partner or a sugar daddy, so I'd say if the chemistry is there and the time is right—go for it! Granted, as a woman twice your age, it does irritate me when men my age date much younger women. Clearly, women his age are no longer as attractive. But I would not date a man who would date a woman in her early 20s (or late 20s or early 30s, for that matter), so your gain is not my loss. Lol. Men in their early 20s are rarely compelling, even if they are attractive. Have fun turning your crush into a lover. I advise not falling in love though—you're still in your prime. xoxo, Kiki

haven't dated many guys and hadn't found anyone that I liked enough to have sex with. Should I bring it up to him? Should I wait to see if he asks about my past?

-My First Time

Dear First,

Although you didn't divulge, I hope your first time was uh-mazing! Since you did not mention how long you've been dating, or how long you hope to date this person, I will share with you my MO. I play my cards close to my chest until I am in a relationship that deserves my intimate details. There isn't a lot more humiliating than to start pouring your heart out to someone who really doesn't give a shit. If, however, when/if this becomes a mutually loving and honest relationship, I'm sure the right time will present itself sooner than later. Don't be embarrassed or feel like you're keeping something from him. Your sexual history is your business. Period. You only share what you want to share. I do hope this is the beginning of a fulfilling sexual life for you—which is something we all deserve. xoxo, Kiki LV

KIKI WANTS QUESTIONS!



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satisfaction that leaves me rosy-cheeked and full of energy.

I am happy to report that the retreat was worth all the dizziness and uncertainty. A sense of community is essential to the writing world, and although for the next two years, my writing community will be composed mostly of other Latin American authors who are Spanish native speakers just

like me, my American home is and always will be the beautiful state of Tennessee. Cue Dolly Parton's "My Tennessee Mountain Home." (Yes, I am a country music convert!) I was therefore thrilled to discover a thriving group of writers in Knoxville, one that welcomed me with great warmth and heaps of encouragement before my upcoming adventure. I could not have found a better way to say goodbye to my dear mountains than writing in a community of people

for whom I felt a kinship that surpasses any cultural or linguistic differences. My perfect Southern farewell.

See y'all soon! LV/

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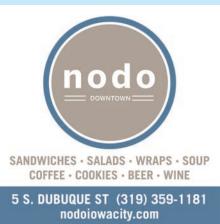


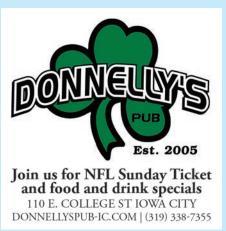




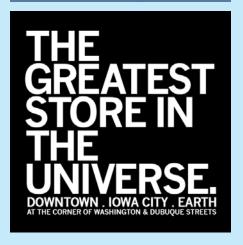














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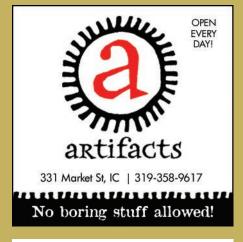
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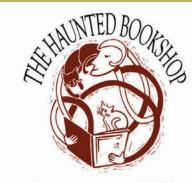
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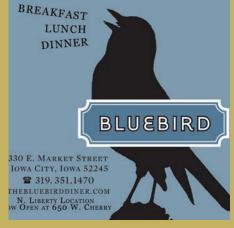


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YOUR VILLAGE BY PAUL BRENNAN

What's going on with the bike-share program for Iowa City? Is it still going to happen? -Anonymous via the Your Village feature on LV's homepage

he goal is to have it in place by the fall," said Iowa City Transportation Director Darian Nagle-Gamm.

Anyone with a memory that stretches back to 2015 might view that statement with skepticism. Three years ago, it was announced the city and the University of lowa had entered into a partnership to bring a bike-share program to Iowa City. Hopes were high, a request for bids was issued, the city had funding in place to build the program's infrastructure. Then nothing happened.

Or rather, nothing happened in Iowa City, but something big happened to the bike-share business.

In 2015, the model for bike-sharing programs began to rapidly shift from a system with centralized kiosks where bike are checked out and returned, to a dockless one modeled on programs that had recently launched in Beijing, Shanghai and other major Chinese cities.

A dockless bike-share program uses self-locking bikes equipped with digital locks and GPS trackers. Anyone can locate and rent a bike using a smartphone app. In Iowa City, it will also be possible to unlock and rent a bike using a debit or credit card.

Not only is a dockless system more flexible than a kiosk-based one, allowing the distribution of bikes to be easily shifted to areas with the greatest demand, it also doesn't have the same infrastructure costs associated with building and maintaining rental kiosks.

As the potential advantages of the new dockless system became apparent in 2015, the city put its decision about the bike-sharing program on hold. Earlier this year, it solicited bids for a dockless system.

"We are in the final steps of selecting a vendor," Nagle-Gamm said. Bids from three companies are currently under consideration. This time, no grant money or partnerships to help cover expenses is needed. "The [winning] company will bear



all the costs of setting up and running the system," Nagle-Gamm explained.

Until a company is selected, it isn't possible to say how much it will cost to rent a bike. Around the country, the average fee is \$1 for 30 minutes. But in some cities, such as College Station, Texas (home of Texas A&M), it's much cheaper—50 cents an hour.

Dockless bike-share programs in bigger municipalities—including New York, Washington, D.C. and Dallas—have run into problems. In addition to problems with the bikes being vandalized, each of those cities allowed multiple companies to set up programs. More programs meant more bikes, which led to large numbers of unused bikes taking up room on city sidewalks. People complained, and cities responded by imposing limits on the number of bikes in the dockless programs. Some of the bigger bike-share companies decided pull out of cities that have imposed new restrictions.

Iowa City plans to award only one contract for its bike-share program.

"We're hoping to launch the program as soon as possible after a contract is signed," Nagle-Gamm said. LV



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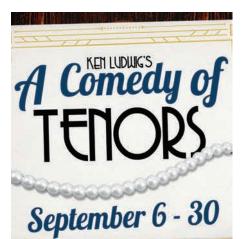














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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): By volume, the Amazon is the largest river in the world. But where does it originate? Scientists have squabbled about that issue for over 300 years. Everyone agrees the source is in southwestern Peru. But is it the Apurímac River? The Marañón? The Mantaro? There are good arguments in favor of each. Let's use this question as a poetic subtext as we wonder and meditate about the origin of your life force, Virgo. As is the case for the Amazon, your source has long been mysterious. But I suspect that's going to change during the next 14 months. And the clarification process begins soon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): When Warsan Shire was a child, she immigrated to the UK with her Somali parents. Now she's a renowned poet who writes vividly about refugees, immigrants and other marginalized people. To provide support and inspiration for the part of you that feels like an exile or fugitive or displaced person, and in accordance with current astrological omens, I offer you two quotes by Shire. 1. "I belong deeply to myself." 2. "Document the moments you feel most in love with yourself—what you're wearing, who you're around, what you're doing. Recreate and repeat."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): "Once in a while came a moment when everything seemed to have something to say to you." So says a character in Alice Munro's short story "Jakarta." Now I'm using that message as the key theme of your horoscope. Why? Because you're at the peak of your ability to be reached, to be touched, to be communicated with. You're willing to be keenly receptive. You're strong enough to be deeply influenced. Is it because you're so firmly anchored in your understanding and acceptance of who you are?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): In 1928, novelist Virginia Woolf wrote a letter to her friend Saxon Sidney Turner. "I am reading six books at once, the only way of reading," she confided, "since one book is only a single unaccompanied note, and to get the full sound, one needs 10 others at the same time." My usual inclination is to counsel you Sagittarians to focus on one or two important matters rather than on a multitude of semi-important matters. But in accordance with current astrological omens, I'm departing from tradition to suggest you adopt Woolf's approach to books as your approach to everything. Your life in the coming weeks should be less like an acoustic ballad and more like a symphony for 35 instruments.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Not many goats can climb trees, but there are daredevils in Morocco that do. They go in quest of the delicious olive-like berries that grow on argan trees. The branches on which they perch may be 30 feet off the ground. I'm naming them as your power creature for the coming weeks. I think you're ready to ascend higher in search of goodies. You have the soulful agility necessary to transcend your previous level of accomplishment.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): From 49-45 BC, civil war wracked the Roman Republic. Julius Caesar led forces representing the common people against armies fighting for the aristocracy's interests. In 45 BC, Caesar brought a contingent of soldiers to Roman territory in North Africa, intent on launching a campaign against the enemy. As the general disembarked from his ship, he accidentally slipped and fell. Thinking fast, he exclaimed, "Africa, I have tight told of you!" and clasped the ground, thus implying he had lowered himself on purpose in a ritual gesture of conquest. In this way, he converted an apparent bad omen into a positive one. And indeed, he won the ensuing battle, which was the turning point that led to ultimate victory and the war's end. That's good role modeling for you right now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Below are sweet words I've borrowed from poets I love. I invite you to use them to communicate with anyone who is primed to become more lyrically intimate with

you. The time is right for you to reach out! 1. "You look like a sea of gems." —Qahar Aasi; 2. "I love you with what in me is unfinished." —Robert Bly; 3. "Yours is the light by which my spirit's born." —E. E. Cummings; 4. "Tell me the most exquisite truths you know." —Barry Hannah; 5. "It's very rare to know you, very strange and wonderful.' —F. Scott Fitzgerald; 6. "When you smile like that you are as beautiful as all my secrets." —Anne Carson; 7. "Everything [you say is] like a secret voice speaking straight out of my own bones." —Sylvia Plath.

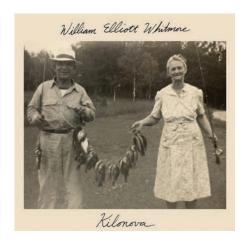
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Now is an excellent time to feel and explore and understand and even appreciate your sadness. To get you in the mood, here's a list of sadnesses from novelist Jonathan Safran Foer: sadness of the could-have-been; sadness of being misunderstood; sadness of having too many options; sadness of being smart; sadness of awkward conversations; sadness of feeling the need to create beautiful things; sadness of going unnoticed; sadness of domesticated birds; sadness of arousal being an unordinary physical state; sadness of wanting sadness

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Do you have any feral qualities lurking deep down inside you? Have you ever felt a mad yearning to communicate using howls and yips instead of words? When you're alone, do you sometimes dispense with your utensils and scoop the food off your plate with your fingers? Have you dreamed of running through a damp meadow under the full moon for the sheer ecstasy of it? Do you on occasion experience such strong erotic urges that you feel like you could weave your body and soul together with the color green or the sound of a rain-soaked river or the moon rising over the hills? I ask these questions, Taurus, because now is an excellent time to draw on the instinctual wisdom of your feral qualities.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): "Close some doors today," writes novelist Paulo Coelho. "Not because of pride, incapacity or arrogance, but simply because they lead you nowhere." I endorse his advice for your use, Gemini. In my astrological opinion, you'll be wise to practice the rough but fine art of saying *no*. It's time for you to make crisp decisions about where you belong and where you don't; about where your future fulfillment is likely to thrive and where it won't; about which relationships deserve your sage intimacy and which tend to push you in the direction of mediocrity.

CANCERIAN (June 21-July 22): To casual observers you may seem to be an amorphous hodgepodge, or a simmering mess of semi-interesting confusion, or an amiable dabbler headed in too many directions at once. But in my opinion, casual observers would be wrong in that assessment. What's closer to the symbolic truth about you is an image described by poet Carolyn Forché: grapes that are ripening in the fog. Here's another image that resonates with your current state: sea turtle eggs gestating beneath the sand on a misty ocean beach. One further metaphor for you: the bright yellow flowers of the evening primrose plant, which only bloom at night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): I want to make sure that the groove you're in doesn't devolve into a rut. So I'll ask you unexpected questions to spur your imagination in unpredictable directions. Ready? 1. How would you describe the untapped riches in the shadowy part of your personality? 2. Is there a rare object you'd like to own because it would foster your feeling that the world has magic and miracles? 3. Imagine the perfect party you'd love to attend and how it might change your life for the better. 4. What bird most reminds you of yourself? 5. What's your most evocative and inspiring taboo daydream? 6. In your past, were there ever experiences that made you cry for joy in ways that felt almost orgasmic? How might you attract or induce a catharsis like that sometime soon? **LV**



WILLIAM ELLIOTT WHITMORE

Kilonova

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ill Whitmore has been performing and making albums since the turn of the millenium, always faithful to his own idea of what makes a song that sticks. He writes songs that are simple and devastating. His voice, as it did even when he was in his 20s, sounds not just older than his years, but as though it comes from a different century.

Kilonova, out Sept. 7, is an album of cover songs, a common mid-career choice for commercial artists. The only thing more dire is every artist's inevitable Christmas record. But while Whitmore plays music for a living, his music has always seemed like an act of defiance to the calculated products of the music business. Kilonova is no exception.

While most of these songs were commercial hits in the past—Johnny Cash's songs "Busted" and "Five Feet High and Rising," especially—Whitmore strips away studio artifice and presents the songs that he grew up listening to in his gravelly raw baritone, with no more support than is absolutely necessary.

The original version of album opener, the Magnetic Fields' "Fear of Trains," is dense and low-fi, with drum machine beats and synth bass. As Whitmore takes it on with just his voice and guitar, it foregrounds the devastating lyrics and adds a hint of country twang. It's arguably the definitive version of the song, bringing the story of a Blackfoot Indian woman's hard life into sharp focus.

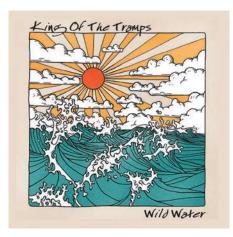
"Ain't No Sunshine" has some of Bill

Withers' soul but Whitmore's voice is rough where Withers' is smooth. The next song on the album, Red Meat's "One Glass At A Time," seems to rhyme with "Sunshine"—both songs are about yearning for an absent lover. Whitmore's version is emotionally desolate in the great country tradition.

The album closer, "Bat Chain Puller" by Captain Beefheart, seems at first the odd song out in this collection—but it fits brilliantly. Whitmore sounds like Captain Beefheart, but takes the song into droney, krautrock territory. The original is wonky and jerky, Whitmore's is groovy and meditative, even as he finds his harshest vocal tone to deliver Beefheart's surreal tale of cruelty to animals. And it contains a lyrical wormhole back to the album opener "Fear of Trains": "This train with grey tubes that houses people's thoughts."

Paradoxically, *Kilonova* may be more personal than Whitmore's albums of original songs. This collection is William Elliott Whitmore exposing his musical foundations for all to see. Each song is delivered with obvious affection, but it's more than homage: it finds something new and unexpected in well-worn classics.

-Kent Williams



KING OF THE TRAMPS Wild Water

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odd Partridge sent me King of the Tramps' 2016 release, *Complir con el Diablo*, for review the day after the 2016 presidential election, and it included a note that said, "It's an apolitical protest and love record perfect for a day like today."

The Tramps' latest album, Wild Water,

returns with the southern rock-influenced formula the band is known for—dual Allman Brothers-style guitar leads, searing slide, driving drums and lots of groove. Partridge draws from his small town Iowa experiences, yet delivers songs I think can resonate with anyone. But, while I wouldn't call *Wild Water* a political record per se, it's clear that Partridge has had some hot button issues on his mind.

"Fuck it! Just Dance." Sage advice.

Track three, "Smoke 'Em," includes the perspective of the 99 percent: "Got both ends fightin' just to get to the middle; red state blue state/it's your ass on the griddle/poor is poor no matter where you come from" sung over the top of an *Exile On Main Street*-esque riff.

But the real message song here is a cover of the Mann/Weill/Russell track "None of Us Are Free," originally covered by Ray Charles but perhaps more famously by Solomon Burke. "None of us are free/None of us are free/None of us are free, if one of us are chained/None of us are free." Amen.

Lest we think that Partridge and band have consigned to political pulpit pounding, they include "Just Dance" a four-on-the-floor anthemic stomper that delivers the clarion call to "dance and let the worlds collide" and (in the non-radio friendly version) "Fuck it! Just Dance." Sage advice.

"Byron's Boogie" is a tribute to his regular roost, Byron's in Pomeroy, Iowa—possibly the coolest bar in a small town anywhere. A bunch of Iowa bands and Iowa regulars get called out: "We got Brother Trucker, Kevin Gordon, Joe and Vicki Price/Studebaker John, baby play the blues nice/Kelly Richey, David Zollo, Jon Dee Graham/Doing the Byron's Boogie/Doing the Byron's Boogie."

King of the Tramps continue to do what they do best: translating their stories into floor shaking rock and blues, delivering it as gospel to the masses. Partridge is still writing about love, but for *Wild Water*, his protests are now political, and that's gospel too. LV/

-Michael Roeder

TURNING GREEN BY PAOLO PASCO

The American Values Club Crossword is edited by Ben Tausig.

ACROSS

- 1. Best Musical Tony winner after The Book of Mormon
- 5. Prospector's tool 9. "____ for Her" (much-mocked stationery product)
- 12. Loutish type
- 13. Wiesel who wrote, "there may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest"
- 14. Words shouted on a Jumbotron
- 16. Burrowing rodent
- 17. Kills time in the car, say
- 19. Like Urdu, ancestrally 21. BFFs
- 22. Colonizer John who married Pocahontas
- 24. They can be rated on
- 25. "Time to turn this fight up to 11 ..."
- 27. Action star who will be in Disney's upcoming Mulan remake
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- 30. Players under the Citgo sign, familiarly
- 32. Dulce de
- 36. Duel cry, or an unlikely duel outcome
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- 40. Where the Sidewalk Ends name
- 41 Seinfeld's ex on Seinfeld
- 43. Not go further than 45. "What's the time? It's
- time to get ____"
- 46. Opportunity at home?
- 48. Controversial issues, metaphorically
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- user hopes to find 62. Shouted reply in a pool
- 63. Ducks with blue-green feathers on their wings
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- 66. "___ the Stars" (Kendrick Lamar/SZA
 - song on the Black Panther soundtrack)
 - 67. Wasn't in the dark 68. Channel that's the "opiate of the male masses." per my drama

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2. When shadows are shortest 3. Episodestarting sketches.

on SNL 4. To this point, poetically 5. What some rallies (or pills)

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9. Like blockbusters but not

B-movies, most of the time 10. Social media manag-

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- 14. Mark of The Last Jedi
- 15. Former 31-Down players
- 18. Alphabetize, maybe
- 20. Hunk of meat
- 23. Certain big dos
- 25. Website for finding out who that girl in that one

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- 28. Deleted, with "out"
- 31. Stadium where the 15-Down used to play
- 33. Restaurant chain with
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- 34. The bad place, as it is never referred to on The

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- 35. Cosmo alternative 37. Visibly damaged by the elements
- 39. He wrote about the **Buckets**
- 42. Braces (for)
- 44. Chuck E. Cheese's patrons, typically
- 47. Explosive onomatopoeia
- 49. Word that appears 20 times on a Scrabble board

50. Beefing

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- 51. Titular character in a Euripides tragedy
- 52. "Mr. ____ Your Girl" (suave type, jocularly)
- 53. Luke Skywalker, to Kylo Ren
- 55. Thing on a corkboard 56. Alma mater for Tom Hiddleston
- 58. Keep time, in a way
- 59. Rhino's feature (and a near-anagram of RHINO)
- 61. Cut down



