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ROCKWELL COLLINS DEVELOPING INNOVATIONS FOR GLOBAL SECURITY

Rockwell Collins

Technologically speaking, some of the brains behind U.S. military brawn can be found at Cedar Rapids-based defense contractor Rockwell Collins. From handheld global positioning devices to GPS microchips that provide pinpoint accuracy for regular bombs, a.k.a. dumb bombs, technologies from Rockwell Collins are showing up on the battlefields. Fifty thousand U.S. soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan carry the company's advanced GPS handhelds. Weighing less than a pound, these units provide satellite-fed, moving maps of the ground, locating precisely a soldier's position and that of the rest of the unit; soon the GPS devices will include radios that allow soldiers to call in artillery fire or air support. Also in the works are color displays with new avionics that will enable helicopter pilots to safely navigate the skies.

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IOWA'S BIOSCIENCE INDUSTRY ON DISPLAY AT BIO 2006

LIFE SCIENCES



In April, the Biotechnology Industry Organization (BIO) held its annual convention in Chicago, and representatives of Iowa's burgeoning bioscience industry were on hand to promote exciting opportunities in the state. More than 1,800 establishments are currently engaged in Iowa's bioscience industry, and their work has far-reaching ramifications for renewable fuels; advanced food products; pharmaceuticals; and plant, animal and human genomics. During the four-day event, Iowa representatives from government, industry and universities mingled with researchers and entrepreneurs from all over the United States and the world.

Representatives from BioForce Nanosciences, Kemin and Integrated DNA Technologies, Inc., were among the Iowa contingent. As in years past, Iowa was highly visible as the sole sponsor of the closing reception — a gala held at the Chicago Theater and attended by some of the world's preeminent players in the bioscience industry.

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DUBUQUE WELCOMES SEDGWICK EXPANSION



Dubuque's corporate community welcomes the expansion of Sedgwick Claims Management Services, Inc. (Sedgwick CMS). Sedgwick CMS, based in Memphis, Tenn., is the country's largest provider of third-party claims administration services and has brought approximately 100 new career opportunities to the area. Sedgwick CMS designs, implements and manages workers' compensation, liability, disability and FMLA claims for major employers. With more than 400 notable clients in a variety of industries including 25 Fortune 100 companies and a revenue of \$400 million in 2005, Sedgwick CMS provides great career opportunities in the financial services industry. Sedgwick CMS chose Dubuque, Iowa, for its pool of highly educated workers, competitive cost of doing business, and the financial support available from state and local government. The company is currently training new colleagues and plans to be fully operational in Dubuque on June 1st.

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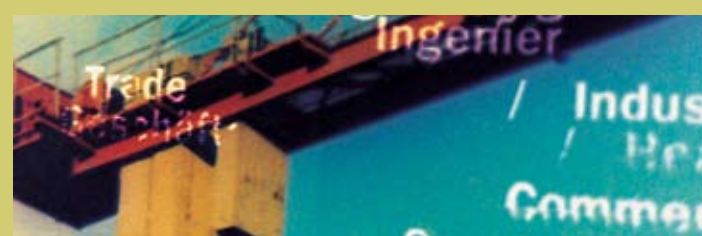
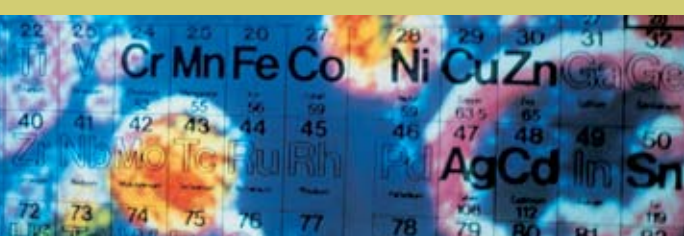
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➤ IOWA HEATS UP ATLANTA

The Iowa Careers Consortium (ICC) recently held an Iowa Alumni Reception in Atlanta, Ga. Iowa Governor Tom Vilsack and First Lady Christie Vilsack, as well as 20 representatives of Iowa companies, communities and universities, were on hand to welcome former Iowans to Twelve Atlantic Station in midtown. Approximately 200 Atlantans attended the reception to network with other Iowa college and university alumni and to hear Governor Vilsack discuss the quality of life and career opportunities that exist in Iowa. "We have rush minutes, not rush hours," said Gov. Vilsack.

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SMARTNEWS READERSHIP SURVEY A SUCCESS

Thank you for your valuable feedback! Congratulations to the four incentive winners: Kathleen Anderson of Oregon, Carrie Deam of Iowa, Julie Dietz of Illinois and Chris Kaiden of California. In exchange for their opinion on this quarterly newsletter, they each received an Apple® iPod® shuffle. We received excellent feedback about *SmartNews*, and over the next several issues, you may see a few changes here and there to deliver on the most requested recommendations. Most importantly, per your feedback, we'll keep you well informed about the opportunities and lifestyle available in Iowa.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



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FINDING SUMMER FUN IS NO SWEAT

In keeping with Iowa's reputation as one of the nation's healthiest states, summertime recreation will once again include a full slate of running events taking place this summer. A favorite among running enthusiasts is the Marathon to Marathon, which begins in Storm Lake and ends in Marathon, Iowa, on June 17. Other runs include the Red Oak Junction Day 10K run on June 24 in Red Oak, the Moonlight Chase on July 8 in Eldridge, and the University of Okoboji Homecoming Marathon on July 15 in the beautiful Iowa Great Lakes country. Other summer running events can be found in Marshalltown, Davenport, West Branch, West Point and the Quad Cities.

Cycling will again take center stage in Iowa July 23 – 29 when thousands of riders from Iowa and all over the world convene for RAGBRAI. This year's statewide event begins in Sergeant Bluff on the Missouri River, then meanders east with overnights in Ida Grove, Audubon, Waukee, Newton, Marengo and Coralville, before concluding in Muscatine on the Mississippi River.

Cyclists wanting to let the good times roll will enjoy the Bicycle Blues and BBQ Festival in Clear Lake, July 7 – 9. The event takes place at the Ludwig Wangeberg band shell at the Clear Lake City Park and includes performances by nationally known blues bands along with organized bike rides for riders of all abilities.

For tunes without the tires, music lovers can indulge in the Glenn Miller Festival in Clarinda, June 8 – 11; the Cherokee Music Festival in Cherokee, June 16 – 18; the Cedar Basin Jazz Festival in Cedar Falls, June 23 – 25; the Mississippi Valley Blues Festival in Davenport, June 30 – July 2; Saturday in the Park in Sioux City, July 1; Bix Beiderbecke Memorial Jazz Festival in Davenport, July 27 – 30; or the Bluesmore Outdoor Blues Festival in Cedar Rapids, Aug. 5.

To learn about other running and biking events as well as the numerous festivals happening in Iowa this summer, go to www.traveliowa.com. While you're there, you can even view the 2006 Iowa Travel Guide online.

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BLUESMORE OUTDOOR BLUES FESTIVAL, CEDAR RAPIDS



IOWA'S ADVANTAGES ARE ADDING UP

Iowa is ranked the third-most-livable state in America.
Morgan Quitno, 2006

Iowa leads the nation in renewable fuels production:

- First in the nation in ethanol production.
Renewable Fuels Association, 2006

- First in the nation in biodiesel production.
National Biodiesel Board, 2006

- Third in the nation in wind energy production.
American Wind Energy Association, 2006

Iowa has 156,000 acres of state parks.
Iowa Department of Natural Resources

Iowa has the third-highest high school graduation rate in the nation.
Morgan Quitno, 2005

Iowans enjoy the sixth-lowest housing costs.
U.S. Census Bureau, 2002

HEADING BACK HOME FOR A WEDDING, GRADUATION PARTY OR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION?

MAKE SURE TO VISIT www.traveliowa.com to get the most out of your trip to Iowa!

IOWA NOTES

IOWA FILMMAKERS STRIKE A DEAL WITH MTV



MTV Films has awarded two University of Iowa juniors a development deal. Bettendorf filmmakers Scott Beck and Bryan Woods, both 21, entered MTV's Best Film on Campus: Trailer Challenge competition and won the grand prize.

Beck and Woods had two films in the top five. Their trailer for "University Heights" was judged and declared the winner by Hollywood directors including John Singleton (*Boyz n the Hood*), MTV staff and online voters. With cameras rolling, an MTV crew flew to Iowa City to surprise both men. "University Heights" was screened at U.S. film festivals and received five nominations from the Wild Rose Independent Film Festival in Des Moines. With 13 short and four feature-length films under their belts, Woods and Beck are hardly novice filmmakers. The pair have been writing, directing and producing films together for seven years and formed their production company, Bluebox Limited, in 2001.



ANOTHER IOWA NATIVE MAKES A SPLASH ON THE BIG SCREEN

According to *Newsweek*, she is among the "people to watch." *The New Yorker* raves "what a find," while the *Boston Herald* named her "the next 'It' girl." Winthrop native and proud Iowa export Michelle Monaghan is on her way to becoming

a top Hollywood star. If you didn't see her on the big screen in 2005, you weren't looking hard enough. It was a breakout year for Monaghan; she appeared as the leading actress in "Kiss Kiss, Bang Bang" alongside Robert Downey Jr., played a supporting role in the critically acclaimed movie "North Country," and appeared in "Mr. & Mrs. Smith." After graduation, Monaghan set her sites on the big city and enrolled in the journalism school at Columbia. Taking on modeling jobs to pay tuition, she realized she wanted to

pursue a more lucrative career. Within a year, she appeared in TV commercials and landed guest roles on "Law and Order" and "Boston Public." Her modesty and hard work ethic shine through when explaining that it didn't happen overnight, "for every job I've gotten, there are fifty I haven't." Look for this Iowa native in "Mission: Impossible III," and the upcoming "Gone, Baby, Gone."

IOWA'S LANDSCAPE PROVIDES THE IDEAL STAGE FOR HOLLYWOOD DIRECTORS

Do you ever wonder how Steven Spielberg chooses a location for a film? How about the economic impact a movie has on a community? Just like California, Illinois and New York, the Iowa Film Office promotes the State of Iowa to filmmakers and location scouts from all over the world. Movie and commercial crews look to the Iowa Film Office to assist with permits, location fees, camera-ready locations, movie extras and production companies. Notable movies filmed in Iowa include: "About Schmidt," "Twister," "The Bridges of Madison County," and "Field of Dreams." Music videos for Slipknot, the Black Crowes and Brian White have also included an Iowa background. The film office not only works with movie and television production crews, but is also an information resource for Iowa actors, directors and producers. Iowans with dreams of the big screen can look to the film office for casting calls, screenings and film festivals. For more information on Iowa's film production industry, visit www.iowalifechanging.com/filmiowa.

