



HALF-STAFF FLAG

The flag will be lowered to half-staff today in honor of **J. Dawn Jensen**, who passed away on Sept. 6. She was a clerk-typist in the Parking and Transportation Department, and **Mary C. Richey**, who was a research scientist at the Hygienic Laboratory. She passed away on Sept. 11.

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REACTION TO THE POPE



Mohamad Elmasry reads from the Koran in his Coralville apartment on Monday. Behind him is his prayer rug that he sits on when he prays toward Mecca. Elmasry was disappointed with the pope's recent comments.

Pope's Islam remarks draw local criticism

BY MATT NELSON
THE DAILY IOWAN

UI Muslims on Monday criticized the apology from Pope Benedict XVI for misrepresenting their religion — arguing that the contrition does little to soothe tension that the controversial remarks sparked.

UI Muslim Student Association President Ahmed Faruk Diken said he was

disappointed by the Pope's Sept. 12 speech, in which the leader of the Catholic Church referenced a Byzantine emperor who condemned Islam for spreading religion "by the sword."

"I would have preferred, at such a sensitive time in our history, if he would have made comments that would correct misunderstandings about Islam," said Diken, a UI engineering student.

Graduate student Mohamad Elmasry,

the media-relations manager for the association and vice president of the Iowan Muslim American Society chapter, also condemned the pope's remarks and subsequent apology.

"The pope's decision to use a misguided quote from a badly informed 14th-century emperor can only be described as irresponsible," Elmasry said.

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Council may develop park

BY SUSAN ELGIN
THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa City residents may soon have a new place to ride bikes, sail boats, and bask in the sun on a weekend afternoon.

But with fun comes a price tag. The Iowa City City Council discussed spending \$1 million to purchase Sand Lake, a former gravel pit located at 4213 S.E. Sand Road, during a work session Monday night.

All councilors agreed the 158-acre property — slated for development into a recreation park — would be an asset for Iowa City, a few were concerned about the hefty cost. Possible grant applications could help curtail costs, which could raise as high as \$5.7 million before the development is finished.

"I like this but wonder if we can hold off and come up with a better price," said Councilor Bob Elliott, who said no one else had expressed interest in buying the land. "That's a steep price to pay for land."



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City director of parks and recreation

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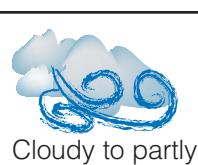
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The Hawkeye football chemistry is making for one of the best Septembers in recent memory.

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BY DANNY VALENTINE
THE DAILY IOWAN

Popeye would be gravely mistaken to eat this spinach.

E. coli-laden spinach, coming from a yet-to-be confirmed location, has infected 114 people in 21 states and prompted the state Department of Inspections and Appeals to recommend removing all fresh, bagged spinach from Iowa restaurants Monday.

Meanwhile, although no E. coli cases in Iowa have been identified, many Iowa City restaurants and grocery stores had removed fresh spinach and any dishes containing the uncooked vegetable before the department issued the advice.

"It's going to be a while," said Chris Friesleben, an assistant director of communication for Hy-Vee grocery stores. "We certainly aren't going to put this back in our freezers until we are 150 percent sure it's safe."



Joe Jurgens of John's Grocery stocks lettuce in the produce section Monday morning. Store employees, who recently pulled all the fresh spinach from the shelves as a result of the nationwide E. coli/spinach scare, are unsure when it will be safe to sell fresh spinach again.

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HALIFAX CALLING

No, not our friendly neighbors to the somewhat far north, the good-time rock 'n' rollers from sunny California.

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NEWS

METRO

Woman allegedly stabs husband in fight

After a fight in which her husband allegedly held her against a wall by her throat, an Iowa City woman reportedly stabbed her husband in the back, according to police.

Brian Fleming, 26, called the Iowa City police at 4:03 p.m. on Sunday to report he had been stabbed, authorities said.

Investigations reportedly show Fleming and his wife were fighting at 2409 Whispering Meadow Drive. Authorities said that at one point, he held her against a wall and caused scratches on her throat, face, and an abrasion to her knee.

Fleming was taken to the UI Hospitals and Clinics, where he was treated for his injuries. He has since been released, police reported.

He now faces a charge of first-offense domestic abuse causing bodily injury. The case is still under investigation. On Monday afternoon, he was being held in the Johnson County Jail on \$10,000 bail.

— by Emileigh Barnes

School Board campaign finances disclosed

With the Iowa City School Board election over, people can now see

how much revenue winners Tim Krumm and Jan Leff generated for their campaigns.

On Sept. 6 and 7, Leff and Krumm filed their campaign-disclosure reports detailing how much money they had gathered and where the money came from.

Leff, the only incumbent in the race, received contributions totaling \$1,200. Unitemized contributions totaled \$430 of that amount. In School District elections, any donation under \$25 is considered an unitemized contribution.

"I sent out letters asking for donations to my campaign fund," she said. "Most [letters] were sent out to friends and acquaintances; then a lot

of the money was used for advertising the campaign in newspapers."

Private lawyer Krumm received contributions totaling \$1,875, none of which were unitemized. As stated in the disclosure report, he had an "incurred debt," a debt for products or services received but not yet paid for by the time the report was filed. That debt has since been cleared.

"I hope the money was spent well," he said. "With School Board campaigns, you just need to make sure people know that there is an election. We didn't raise a lot of money, and we didn't spend a lot of money."

— by Andrea Waterfield

BAD BET



Beth Skogen/The Daily Iowan

Iowa City resident Holly Sileo puts a sign on Hawkeye Sewer and Drain employee Dana Eller while she stands on the median at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Highway 6 between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m. Monday. The owner of Hawkeye Sewer and Drain, Jeff Waite, bet Eller that the Hawkeyes would beat Iowa State on Sept. 11; the loser's punishment was wearing a tube top, skirt, heels, and a wig while holding a sign on the median for one hour. People drove by honking and yelling out the window; some stopped to read the sign and take photographs with their cell phones or digital cameras.

POLICE BLOTER

Erin Abraham, 20, Des Moines, was charged Sept. 16 with urinating in public, interference with official acts, and public intoxication.

Jesse Arlen, 19, Cascade, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

James Barnes, 24, 612 George St., was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Zachery Bates, 50, Rockwell City, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Aaron Berg, 22, Cedar Falls, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Katie Cannon, 21, 4724 Fox Lane N.E., was charged Sept. 16 with driving while barred and second-offense OWI.

Seann Casey, 22, Coralville, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Mallory Creger, 20, Ames, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Katherine Claassen, 26, 1503 Glendale Road, was charged Sept. 16 with having a passenger possessing an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Samuel Collora, 19, Indianola, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Pamela Danneman, 57, 1135 Richards Road, was charged Sept. 16 with simple assault on a peace officer.

Alexander Dennehy, 21, 508 E. Davenport St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Donald Dougherty, 46, Ames, was charged Sept. 16 with OWI.

Brian Fleming, 26, 2409 Whispering Meadow Drive, was charged Sunday with domestic assault causing serious or aggravated injury.

James Frary, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Cyrus Goodall, 22, De Witt, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Stephen Goodenow, 41, was charged Sept. 16 with having a passenger possessing an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Shawn Gorman, 18, N323 Hillcrest, was charged Sept. 16 with interference with official acts and public intoxication.

Casey Grabow, 18, 810A Mayflower, was charged Sept. 16 with public

intoxication.

Michael Gwen, 27, Davenport, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Sarah Hampton, 20, Davenport, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Jarrod Hauk, 20, Epworth, Iowa, was charged Sunday with urinating in public.

Jacob Hawkins, 18, 167 Columbia Drive, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA, falsifying a driver's license, and having a passenger possessing an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Thomas Hayhoe, 19, Ames, was charged Sept. 16 with assault causing injury, possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID, and public intoxication.

Zachary Hostetter, 19, 1335 Burge, was charged Sunday with possession of marijuana.

Krystle Hovey, 20, Decorah, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Scott Johnson, 23, Ames, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Jodie Jones, 23, West Des Moines, was charged Sept. 16 with OWI.

Jeffrey Kalas, 26, Hoffman Estates, Ill., was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Joshua Kappel, 21, Kirksville, Mo., was charged Monday with fifth-degree criminal mischief and public intoxication.

Drew Kindig, 19, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Justin Knock, 20, Pella, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Joshua Kreft, 18, 1135 Rienow, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Kyle Leners, 20, 522 E. College St. Apt. 1, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Michael Madden, 19, E236 Currier, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Rebecca Marth, 18, Ames, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Juan Martinez-Lopez, 20, 2801 Highway 6 E. Apt. 383, was charged Sunday with possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle, driving while barred, third and subsequent OWI, driving with a suspended/canceled license, and PAULA.

Joshua Samek, 22, 30 Lincoln Ave. Apt. 26, was charged Sunday with keeping a disorderly house.

Christina Schaefer, 18, S310 Hillcrest, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Sara Schafer, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Shelby McAndrew, 18, address unknown, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Matthew Mitchell, 21, 1802 E. College St., was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Bradley Molle, 19, Nevada, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA and public intoxication.

Michael Mullink, 20, West Liberty, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Shawn Murphy, 36, 819 River St., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Gavin Otto, 21, Dexter, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with OWI.

Jared Peck, age not listed, 321 Slater, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

John Pirnat, 26, 705 Manor Drive, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brandon Porter, 18, Des Moines, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Micah Price, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Matthew Prothero, 24, Des Moines, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended/canceled license and second-offense OWI.

Katie Ramirez, 18, Clinton, was charged Sept. 16 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jeffrey Raymond, 19, 910 W. Benton St. Apt. D212, was charged Sunday with interference with official acts.

Niel Riedemann, 20, Cedar Falls, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Juan Rodriguez-Lopez, 24, 1425 Langenberg Ave., was charged Sunday with possession of an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Charles Rose, 19, Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Lonnie Weldon, 35, 423 Highway 1 W. Apt. 18, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Derrick Williams, 20, Ames, was charged Sunday with giving a false report.

Michael Wostoupal, 19, address unknown, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Kayla Rose, 19, Stillwater, Minn., was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Zachary Russo, 22, Cedar Falls, was charged Sept. 16 with OWI.

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Benjamin Schilling, 19, 115 N. Dubuque Apt. H, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA and public intoxication.

Cory Sexton, 22, 1112 N. Dodge St., was charged Sept. 16 with having a passenger possessing an open container of alcohol in a vehicle.

Ryan Shannon, 19, Davenport, was charged Sunday with OWI and interference with official acts.

Brian Sheston, 20, Dyersville, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Gabriel Shockman, 19, Fargo, N.D., was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Matthew Shutt, 20, Ames, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Michael Sinclair, 19, Ames, was charged Sept. 16 with fifth-degree criminal mischief and public intoxication.

Jeffrey Sineean, 23, Bartlett, Ill., was charged Sept. 16 with criminal trespass.

Matthew Skahill, 18, Bettendorf, was charged Sept. 15 with public intoxication.

Arnold Smith, 19, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 16 with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Andrew Stewart, 19, 510 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 6 was charged Sept. 15 with second-degree robbery.

Linda Stipe, 57, 1120 E. Fairchild St., was charged Sept. 15 with simple assault.

Kyle Storey, 22, Swisher, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

Jessica Sullivan, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Shamus Terwilliger, 21, Boone, Iowa, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

Jonathan Wegman, 19, 2241 Quadrangle, was charged Sept. 16 with PAULA.

Jeffrey Young, 18, 1304 Burge, was charged Sept. 16 with public intoxication.

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The nuisance office

BY BEN FORNELL
THE DAILY IOWAN

With fewer than three and a half months left in the year, more than 900 nuisance complaints have been filed with the Iowa City Building Inspection office. And as citizens tell the city about ugly neighboring property, the city will become involved in countless neighbor-to-neighbor disputes.

The Iowa City nuisance guidelines define a public nuisance as "whatever is injurious to the senses or an obstruction to the free use of property so as essentially to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property by the public or community." This description comes four pages into an 11-page document listing the nuisances in cryptic legalese.

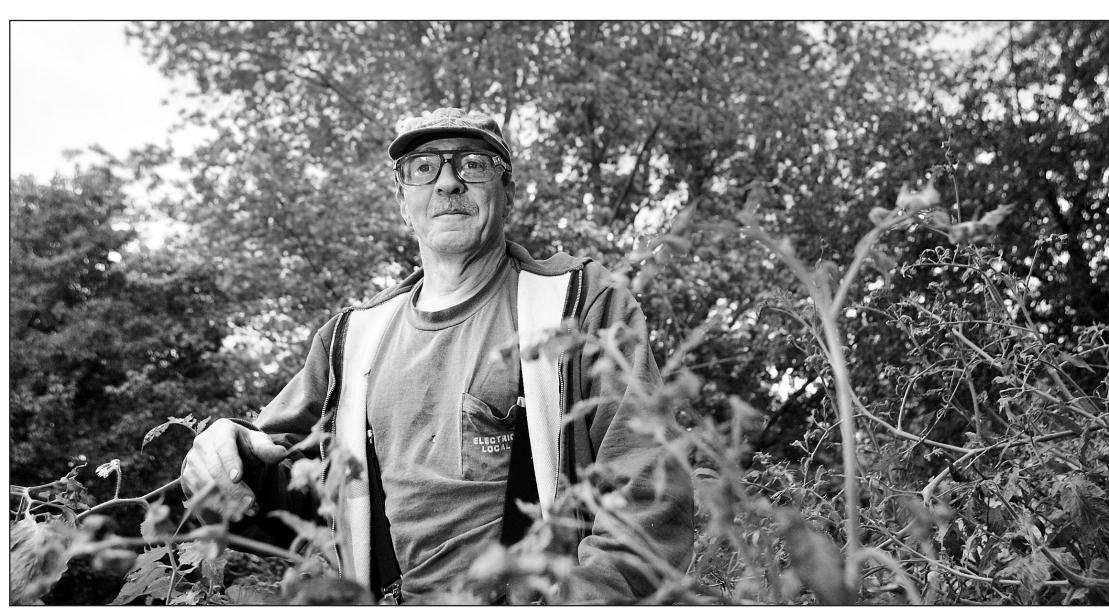
But that code is quickly translated into layman's terms when neighbors and concerned citizens file complaints about overgrown grass and weeds, trash in yards, and vehicles parked on lawns. It is left to code enforcers in the building inspector's office to resolve them.

Thousands of these complaints can be submitted in a given year, a volume so consuming that the city employs a "weed intern" during the summer to handle complaints dealing specifically with too-tall grass and weeds.

"If we get complaints, we are mandated to investigate," said Jann Ream, zoning-code enforcement assistant in the building inspector's office. "Quite honestly, we get involved in a lot of neighbor disputes." She noted that these tiffs "happen in every part of town."

Though the nuisance process is complaint-driven, she said, not every complaint becomes a citation. If city inspectors discover a violation, they inform the property owner with a letter, giving her or him 10 days to rectify or contest the complaint. In the case of overgrown lawns, the city will hire a contractor to trim the vegetation and bill the property owner for the cost, plus a \$50 administration fee.

For Dennis Ryan of 1906 Western Road, the process has gone beyond letters and fees. Ryan has received five citations from Iowa City in three and a half years at



Katrina Hawthorne/The Daily Iowan

Dennis Ryan stands in the garden in his Iowa City backyard on Monday. He grows basil, celery, tomatoes, asparagus, wild flowers, and many other plants.

his current residence: one for a tree limb hanging over the street, one for a boat parked in his front yard, one for having solid waste in his yard, one for his very large garden, and one for a 3/4-inch vertical disparity between two sections of sidewalk in front of his house.

"They may have me on this 3/4-inch thing, but I don't know how they could have measured, because it was filled in with mud and grass. Ground-seeking-radar, maybe," said Ryan, a union carpenter who said he has poured concrete for many years.

But some of his neighbors are frustrated with his lawn-grooming habits, and he has acted abusively toward city officials, court documents allege.

Neighbor Mary McNabb filed one complaint with the city about Ryan's backyard garden, which runs along a border to her own lawn. The garden is thick with medicinal and culinary herbs, tomatoes, and peppers and has been allowed to grow as naturally as the all-organic food Ryan eats.

"After he started shooting those rabbits, I got fed up," McNabb said. "I didn't call about the rabbits, though. I called about his overgrown back yard."

Additionally, the grill of Ryan's red and rusty 1971 Chevy pickup

is staring through her dining-room window.

"It's an eyesore," McNabb said. Ryan's backyard was investigated by Ian Ely-Tate, Iowa City's summer weed-inspection intern. Ely-Tate sent Ryan a letter telling him to trim his yard. In response, Ryan left a voice message for Ely-Tate telling him to "fuck off, eat shit, and die," according to a court transcript provided by Ryan to the DI. The Iowa City police alleged that the message constituted third-degree harassment, a charge that was dismissed in court with the help of UI law student Matt Süssinger and professors from the UI law clinic.

Though the summer is almost officially over, code inspectors will almost certainly encounter other angry home owners in nine months, though they hope no more Ryan-like situations will arise.

"I don't know why he got so mad," Ream said. "Wouldn't a reasonable person just call us?"

And with the aforementioned sidewalk dispute still pending, Ryan feels embattled.

"I try to be a good citizen, man," Ryan said. "But it [has] kind of got out of hand with Iowa City."

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IOWA CITY'S NUISANCE CODE

- The city defines a weed as: "any plant growing uncultivated and out of context with the surrounding plant life with a height of 14 inches or more ..."
- Residents of Iowa City may not have more than six operable vehicles on their property at one time, with that allowance increasing, after four drivers, by one for every licensed driver at the home.
- The nuisance ordinance defines refuse as: "Any waste that is putrescible, nonputrescible, combustible, or noncombustible ..." The American Heritage Dictionary defines "putrescible" as "subject to putrefaction."
- Junk is described in the ordinance as "any discarded or salvaged building material or fixture; any obsolete or inoperable machinery ..."



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Greetings from Nigeria

BY MATT SNYDERS

THE DAILY IOWAN

'These aren't single individuals. They're run by fairly large and elaborate consortia of individuals.'

—Charles Abbott, UI student

substandard financial safeguards, he said.

Dr. Edward Owusu would like to start by apologizing for sending this e-mail. He realizes you two have never met in person. Nor does he know you through any sort of correspondence.

But nonetheless, he knows you're the type of person reliable enough to transfer the \$30 million he inherited from his late grandfather's gold mines in Nigeria into your bank account.

Why? Well, it's complicated. But should you accept this responsibility, you'll receive 30 percent of the transferred sum as payment for your services.

Sound familiar?

To help people in the community "appreciate their spam," UI graduate student Charles Abbott led a presentation Monday examining this particular phenomenon of fraudulent e-mail solicitations, often referred to as 419 spam.

"To me, these are funny, but I don't know why," said Abbott, who is a doctoral student in geology. "After reading them, I'd always have a pang clicking the delete button."

His amusement and curiosity regarding the dubious solicitations compelled him to write a paper titled, "I Need Your Respond: The Imaginaries of 419."

Nigeria is the country most notorious for the onslaught of this sort of spam, and 419 is the legal code under which that prosecutes the form of fraud.

"My hypothesis is that most of us receive 419 e-mails," Abbott said. "My proposal is that we learn to enjoy them."

Cyber con men, or "419-ers," take advantage of geographic "imaginaries," which are individuals' perceptions of foreign countries, Abbott said. The con men almost always hail from impoverished countries with closed governments and

"These aren't single individuals," said Abbott. "They're run by fairly large and elaborate consortia of individuals."

The e-messages create assorted problems — and not just for those duped by their carefully crafted wording.

"It casts a pall on legitimate commerce, snares people who are duped, and exhausts goodwill toward unsolicited communication," he said. "It's not a joke. Nonetheless, I propose we learn to treat them like wild flowers, rare birds, or hard-to-find stamps."

But unlike birds, flowers, or stamps, 419 spam can sully the reputation of the countries from which the e-mails originate.

Native Nigerian Nadia Ingram, who attended the presentation, said poverty, instability, and Western approval of corrupt governments all create tempting environments for would-be con artists.

"Americans hear about these scams and say, 'How can they do this?'" she said. "I think some Nigerians hear about these scams and say, 'How can they believe this?'"

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NEWS

Iowa eyes Calif. hemp move

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger may sign a state bill legalizing the production of industrial hemp, which can be used in various ways including fibers for textiles and household products.

BY BRYCE BAUER

THE DAILY IOWAN

Today, when one envisions miles of the green hills that make up Iowa's landscape, only a handful of possible crops come into mind.

But California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger may set a national precedent by signing a state bill legalizing the production of industrial hemp, which could open the possibility for other states to enact similar legislation.

Industrial hemp has a multitude of different uses, including fibers for textiles and hemp oil, according to the Hemp Industrial Association. And unlike closely related marijuana — also a variation of the cannabis plant — industrial hemp possesses no psychoactive properties.

While Canada has allowed commercial production of hemp since 1998, previous attempts to legalize growing hemp in the United States have faced federal opposition. But supporters of the California bill say it won't conflict

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- Body-Care Products
- Fibers for Shipping Industry
- Fuel from Hemp Biomass
- Household Products

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with U.S. drug-control laws.

"We believe the way it is drafted, it avoids any effect on interstate commerce," said Patrick Goggin, a California attorney for Vote Hemp and the Industrial Hemp Association.

To keep cannabis from being used illegally, the bill bans growing any varieties containing THC, marijuana's active ingredient, at a level above 0.3 percent and subjects hemp producers to random crop tests before plants are sold.

Beyond its usefulness, proponents also point out that, unlike most popular agricultural products, hemp can be grown without pesticides and herbicides. The

plant also grows wildly in some parts of the country, including Iowa.

"Anything that is a weed doesn't have insect or disease problems," said Kathleen Delate, an associate agronomy professor and organic crop specialist at Iowa State University. "As far as I know, there aren't any pests that attack the local variety."

Although Iowa farmers are often open to new proposals, she said, she didn't expect a hemp-legalizing measure to become a reality in the state.

Federal drug agencies have often intervened in other states' attempts to legalize the production of industrial hemp. If the California bill passes, Goggin expected the federal government to sue the state, alleging it had overstepped its jurisdiction.

Marvin Van Haften, Iowa's director of the Office of Drug Control Policy, said he would remain open to the issue of industrial hemp.

"I think we would need to investigate," he said. "I would want to truly look at it and see if

it has the valid claims."

Delate also said it would be worth investigating hemp.

"Any new crop, I assume, would warrant investigation," she said. "Certainly, we have to get out of the commodity cycle," she added, referring to Iowa's dependence on its two staple crops, corn and beans.

She also said the stigma of hemp-as-a-drug may wear off if California's legislation does pass and people become more comfortable viewing the plant as a commercial crop.

And, while officials in Schwarzenegger's office said earlier this month that the Republican governor had not yet taken a position on the issue, Goggin remained confident that the bill will be enacted.

The governor has until Oct. 5 to make a decision.

"I think it is the right thing to do, and I believe, at the end of the day, he will sign the bill," Goggin said. "California has a long tradition of pushing the envelope."

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT

UISG mulls structural change

BY ASHTON SHURSON

THE DAILY IOWAN

While debate over the structure of the UI Student Government continues, many student governments across the state and among Big Ten schools are content with their models and work, despite much variance among the institutions.

At present, UISG consists of a Student Assembly with a president and vice president. The legislative branch is separated into two undergraduate senates — Undergraduate Activities and Undergraduate Collegiate — and one Graduate- and Professional-Student Senate.

Almost every Big Ten school has already adopted the model the UISG Separation Committee is mulling: splitting the government into one undergraduate body and one graduate- and professional-student government.

Ryan Fournier, the undergraduate student government president at Ohio State University, called the school's split system "great."

"As undergraduate body president, I don't know issues concerning professional and, especially, graduate students," he said.

Meanwhile, the salaries of UISG President Peter McElligott and Vice President Addison Stark — \$8,250 each per year — have faced scrutiny from students. While there are no paid positions in student government at Ohio State, Fournier said, during the year that they govern, both he and the student Vice President Kate Christobek receive full tuition, extra money to cover room and board, and a faculty parking pass.

Student President Emily



UISG Vice President Addison Stark (left) chats with President Peter McElligott outside the Java House on Sept. 15 after a long day of meetings.

Jensen appears to be bringing home the bacon, quite appropriately, at ag-happy Iowa State University. For her services, she receives a salary of roughly \$10,000, free tuition, and a free parking pass, McElligott said.

Grant Erwin, the University of Northern Iowa's student president, also receives a salary — albeit the lowest of the three state universities. Erwin earns \$6,500 per year and puts in 60 hours of work each week, he said.

The paycheck isn't the only difference between the Panthers and the Hawkeyes. At UNI, students are represented by their location and residence — one senator advocates for a group of 300 people, either on- or off-campus.

"We're looking to change

this," Erwin said, noting that the organization is pondering a proposal to have representatives from the different colleges.

One thing he doesn't want to change anytime soon is the overall structure of his student government. Like UISG, UNI has just one senate, which "works out well," he said.

"Everybody is united and working together," Erwin said.

Farther north, the University of Wisconsin-Madison also uses the non-segregated model. Its student government is composed of 33 elected officials, the student judiciary committee, a student elections commission, and a nomination board, said Dylan Rath, the chairman of the university's Associated Students of Madison.

"I think ours is effective," said

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- Michigan State University
- Indiana University

Three Governments

- University of Michigan

Rath, who receives \$5,200 per year. "It really focuses on grass roots, rather than policy."

The adequacy and usefulness of UISG's model has been examined in the past, but McElligott said he believes the UISG is known for its structure and services.

"Iowa is very well-respected for working efficiently," he said. "Our student government has much more authority than other schools. What works for [other schools] may not work for us."

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City has no tiff with TIF

BY MARK MAGOON
THE DAILY IOWAN

City officials will discuss today whether to grant a pharmaceutical and skin-care company millions in taxpayer funds to help build a new facility in southeastern Iowa City.

National Genecular Institute Inc., wants to use tax-increment financing to fund a new building to be located in the Northgate Corporate Park near Sycamore Mall. The request calls for Iowa City to contribute roughly \$800,000 annually for seven years for the new Biobank facility, the construction of which will cost between \$5 million and \$6 million.

The institute's request follows one from another Iowa City project. City officials are considering a TIF request from the Hieronymous Square high-rise project, which would be located at the intersection of Clinton and Burlington Streets.

Local officials urge taxpayers to familiarize themselves with the TIF process because it's their money that will be going to fund both operations.

"TIFs are important for the long-term community benefit," City Manager Steve Atkins said.

TIF is an economic-development tool used by municipalities looking to raise the value of properties. The policy allows local communities to use taxes that result from an increase in property values — which come via construction of a new commercial facility — to provide monetary incentives to a building or industry.

In short, TIFs are a means to pay for public investments in an area that needs redevelopment. Iowa City adopted its TIF policy in 1971.

"We've used TIFs at Sycamore

Mall a few years ago when it was declining in performance," Atkins said. "In that case, we used a performance-based TIF."

That allowed the dying shopping center to receive a tax rebate if it met certain standards, and the money helped reenergize the mall, Atkins said.

TIFs are usually deemed appropriate when areas have deteriorated to a slum, street layouts are deemed inadequate, conditions are unsafe, when ownership exceeds fair value of the land, or when there is a problem in relation to size and accessibility.

But while TIFs were first used to revitalize a struggling area of town, the use of such financing has changed in recent years, said Peter Fisher, a UI professor of urban and regional planning.

Fisher said the original thought process behind TIFs was that the public would later recover tax money that had financed a blighted area of town, but some cities are now using TIFs as a moneymaker.

"The entire process has moved away from redevelopment," he said.

While state law can be used to abuse TIFs, "thus far, Iowa City has been fairly restrictive on its use," Fisher added.

Meanwhile, city officials said they believed tax-increment financing is highly beneficial.

"People need to see the big picture," city economic-development coordinator Wendy Ford said.

Ford said TIFs only take taxpayer money for a short period of time and that the revenue is being redirected to the project so it can get off the ground. The primary purpose of the policy is to make property more valuable, Ford said.

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Council considers new park

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The final plan for development will be finished in the next several months, provided the transaction is made, Trueblood said.

The city envisions the land to be used for "passive recreation," such as walking, biking, and bird watching. The final concept includes a marina on the north shore to service small craft such as rowboats, paddleboats, canoes, kayaks, and sailboats. The city has yet to decide whether boats will be available for rent at the lake or if residents

will bring their own vessels.

"Water is very popular recreation," Trueblood said. "Any time we can get land with a large body of water, it's attractive."

Iowa City residents will be able to access two beaches, which will be constructed on opposite sides of the lake and connected by a trail. The city hasn't decided if residents will pay a fee to sunbathe on the beach and will discuss whether to hire lifeguards.

Six fishing piers will span the circumference of the lake. Numerous shelter buildings are planned for the area — some open-air and two indoors that



will accommodate larger events such as weddings, Trueblood said.

Councilor Dee Vanderhoef said she would like to see a campground planned in the park area,

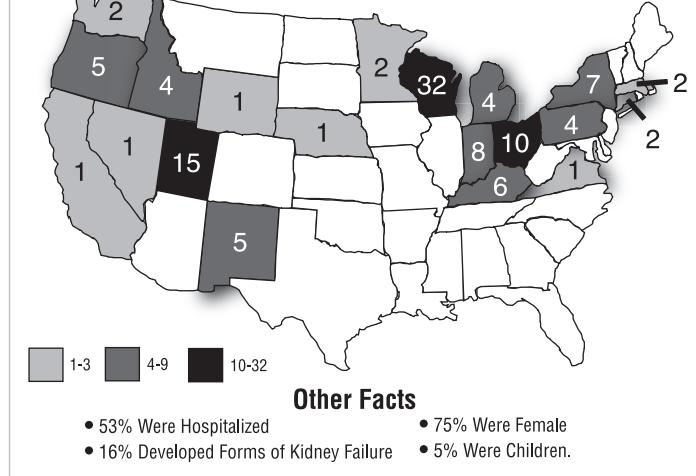
saying that could add to the "destination" ideology of the concept.

The former gravel pit, owned by S&G Materials, is tentatively named the Sand Lake Recreation Area, but that could possibly change, City Manager Steve Atkins said. Trueblood said the area will be developed in phases depending on the availability of funding, and that could take at least five years to be fully completed. Initially, the city plans to clean up the area and put in trails around the lake so residents can make use of the areas as soon as possible.

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according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The Des Moines-based Hy-Vee destroyed existing fresh spinach from all its of their brands over the weekend, which includes four from the Natural Selection Foods company.

Natural Selection issued a voluntary recall on Sept. 15 for all 31 of its spinach brands. The investigation that could link the company's product to the E. coli outbreak is still underway.

Companies carrying the recalled brands will be reimbursed, although they will miss out on the profit normally generated from spinach sales.

"We are going to suffer financially," Friesleben said, adding that it was too early to estimate losses.

John's Grocery, 401 E. Market St., and Cub Foods, 855 Highway 1 W., also followed advisories last week to remove fresh spinach. The first warnings from the CDC about the outbreak of the dangerous E. coli O157:H7 strain came Sept. 14.

"It's more of an inconvenience for the customers" than an economic loss, said Joe Jurgens, a produce manager at John's Grocery, who said the store will receive credit from its

supplier for the lost spinach.

Both UI residential marketplaces at Burge and Hillcrest removed the potentially contaminated greens last Tuesday, said Bill Kelly, a Burge food service worker.

Among the 114 people stricken with E. coli, 60 were hospitalized, 18 developed a type of kidney failure, and one died, according to a Monday night update from the CDC.

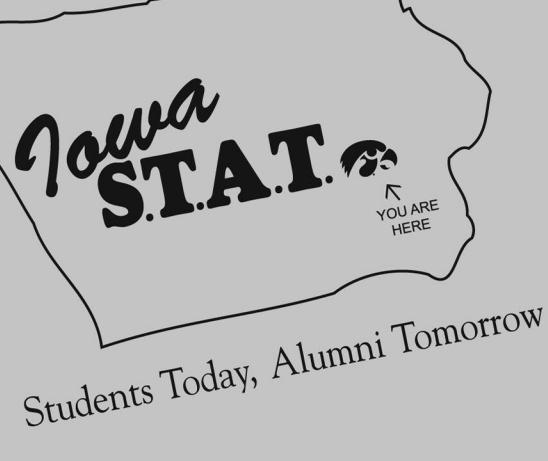
The Johnson County Department of Public Health does not currently have plans to combat the outbreak, said Ralph Wilmoth, the county's public-health director.

Three states bordering Iowa have seen illnesses because of the E. coli infection, including Wisconsin, which has 32 reported cases and the lone death.

Since Sept. 14, the number of cases reported has jumped from 50 to its current level of 114.

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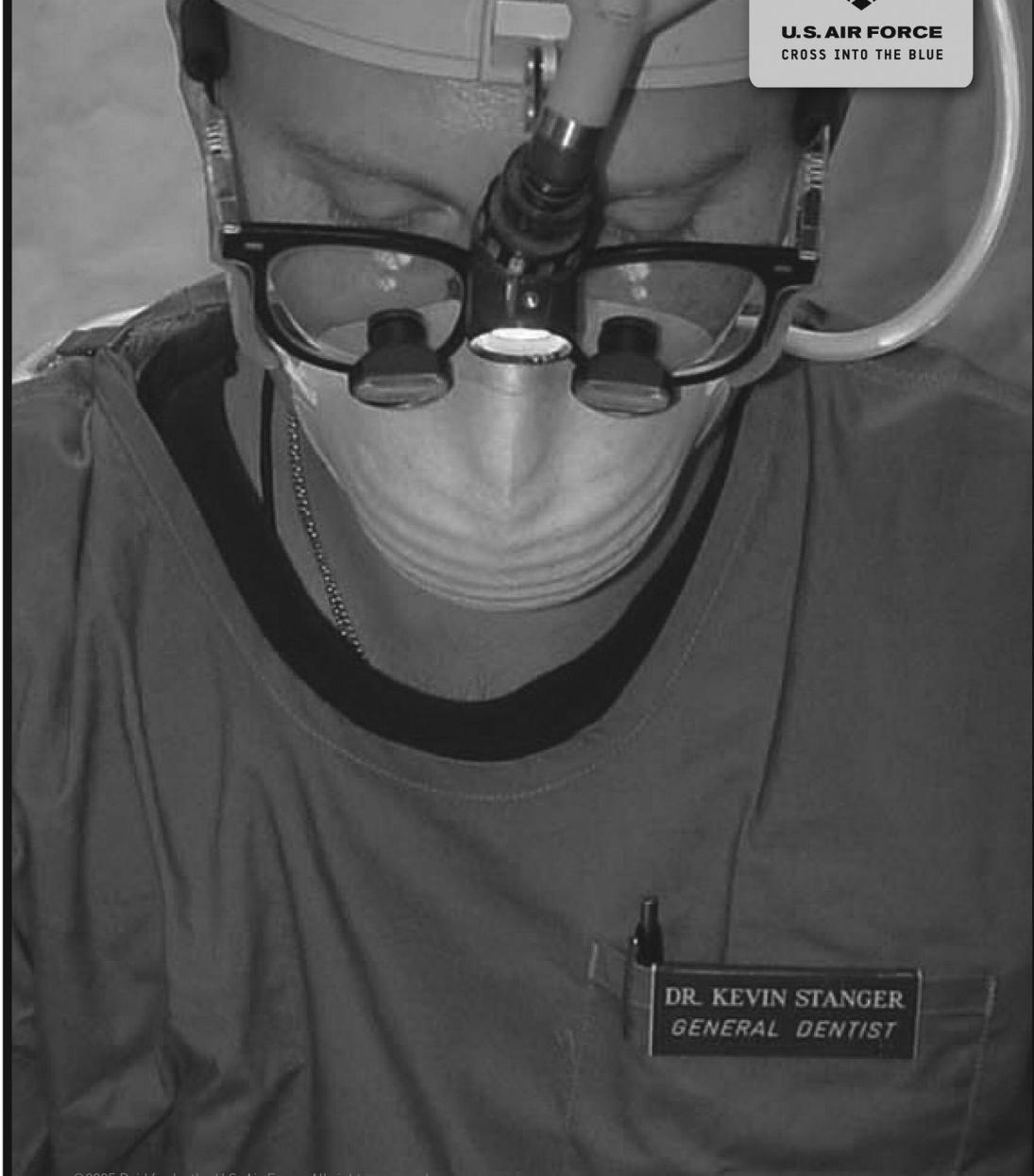
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EDITORIAL

UI must work to ensure allegations don't taint research reputation

The swift investigation into allegations of scientific misconduct levied against three UI researchers is to be commended as an example of the oversight that is necessary in a research institution such as the UI. At the same time, however, the idea that assistant professors, such as the one accused in this probe, are conducting research with "a basic lack of knowledge of research methodology" is absolutely inexcusable. More must be done to ensure that such allegations will not taint the university's name in the future.

As a top-25 public university, Iowa is certainly a leader in research in the country. Programs in some fields, particularly in the health sciences, are consistently ranked among the top handful of such programs by the *U.S. News & World Report* every year. Competition in these high-powered specialties, coupled with the previous administration's drive to launch the UI into the top-20 public universities, place tremendous pressure on faculty and researchers in those departments to produce work that will translate into grant money for the institution.

If the university wishes to market itself as a major research institution, a system of checks must be in place to ensure researchers are accountable and that the millions of dollars in grants researchers receive each year are used correctly.

Mirroring what is, in fact, a nationwide trend toward an emphasis on research, cases of fraudulent studies and scientific misconduct are similarly on the rise as researchers are increasingly held accountable for bringing funds into their departments. While this type of inaccuracy in research has not occurred often at the UI — this is only the fourth such case in the past seven years — a 2005 Associated Press report revealed allegations of research misconduct reached record highs in 2004, when the Department of Health and Human Services received 274 complaints.

Fortunately for the university, last week's allegations were not as serious as the 2002 instance of UI researcher Pat Palmer conducting studies under false credentials. In that case, she used her falsified résumé to attract federal grant money.

The current situation does seem to be an honest mistake; there has been no indication that the three researchers involved falsified data or information to embezzle funds. The point stands, however, that where simple measures, such as background checks, could have prevented the 2002 debacle; so, too, could more comprehensive training for researchers. For the university to protect its reputation as a top research institution and ensure the continued presence of grant money, it must demand accountability.

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Tailgaters: Keep it clean

It seems that the undeniably carefree partying continues to take its toll on the aesthetics of this town. From Saturday mornings to some time during the week, portions of this beautiful town resemble Third World countries. Everybody gives excuses, as the guilty parties are many: tailgaters who do not take personal responsibility nor have the patience to look for trash cans, the university and the city, which do not provide an adequate amount of bins for such an influx of people. If you consider the amount of local tax dollars that these events generate and the amount of revenue the games provide the university, the economics of the problem seem clear. Why do I care? Because my infant son tripped on the street where a broken bottle lay strewn. (Luckily, he did not cut himself). Because I participate in environmental-education programs abroad that try to prevent littering.

So, next time you tailgate (and you know the Ohio State game will be a full day of drinking and littering), please take the extra 10 seconds to put your trash where it belongs. And if you can't find an

appropriate and convenient place, take it with you.

Marcelo Mena
UI Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research

Criticism not enemy aid

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, says people who criticize the way Bush is handling the war in Iraq are aiding the enemy. Does Grassley think a president should be able to start a war based on lies and then no one should speak against it? Even when the United States was overrun and Washington, D.C., burned during the War of 1812, the founders of this country never suspended a single constitutional freedom; yet, ever since 9/11, these conservatives have continuously tried to limit debate and suspend our liberties.

Grassley was not upset when Republicans criticized Bill Clinton about his actions in Somalia and Bosnia. Clinton not only got us out of the messes he inherited from G.W.'s father, he also gave us a balanced budget, record employment, and consistently low gasoline prices. When the Constitution

defines treason as providing aid to the enemy, it refers to material aid — such as when Bush senior provided the Iranians with our missiles or the president's grandfather provided funding and war material to the Nazis.

One of the main reasons I joined the U.S. Army back in 1983 was to defend people's

freedom of speech, but I feel politicians such as Bush and Grassley pervert that mission, and, instead, U.S. soldiers end up fighting wars to conquer resources for big corporations, such as the oil fields in Iraq.

Jay Miller
UI graduate



GUEST OPINION

A school day of reckoning, over steroids?

It was a long time ago, but the memories of those first days of football practice linger with me the way the taste of sweet little cakes did with Proust. For me, the smell of freshly cut grass does it. I am immediately drawn back some 50 years ago, when I would stretch out on the field at my little New England college doing what we called "grass drills."

For a lineman, there was only so much to the skill part of football. The bulk of it was a function of size, which I had. I was a 6-2 tackle weighing 230 pounds, which, in those days, meant I was considered a big guy.

Not anymore. The other day, I went down to my old college field to watch the current generation begin to get ready for their season, and the size of the kids was astonishing. Not only were they enormous, they were also exceptionally muscular. As they stood there with shirts off, I could see the effects of all their weight training — even on the smaller backs and receivers. Some of the linemen were obviously pushing 300 pounds — and it wasn't fat.

My immediate thought was how fortunate I was to have played when I did. For, while I may envy today's players their youth, I have to wonder about their size. Is it all diet, exercise, training? Or is some of it attributable to chemicals? Another former player at my college, who went on to a distinguished career in medicine, marvels at the size of even Division III players. "You cannot get that big eating your Wheaties" is how he put it.

It got me thinking of the possible consequences of what has been going on the past few years with young athletes in virtually all sports. If, as seems likely, many of this generation have been taking such things as steroids and

human-growth hormones, they have been doing so with the benign neglect of their coaches and school officials.

We are doing little to educate young athletes about the risks of using such chemicals. Perhaps some of us believe we're excused because we have no hard data on the long-term medical consequences of taking whatever these kids have been taking. But, I wonder about the risks for the schools.

Let us shift forward several decades. Now, the players are returning to their old fields, as I did to mine, to sit in the shadows of advancing age and watch others sweat in the grass. I wonder whether they'll feel as warm and fuzzy about their colleges and their experiences on the field as I do. Or will some be coping with serious medical ailments and disabilities — problems they now attribute to the failure of others to have warned them against using chemicals that inflated their bodies but also injured them and distorted their genes?

Will our universities and colleges be like the tobacco companies, forced to argue in court that these kids knew or should have known that the substances they were using weren't for their health? I wonder whether the schools will be faced with major litigation claims based on the mounting numbers of former athletes who might allege that they were victims of neglectful abuse by their former educational mentors.

And, I wonder whether those former athletes taking their alma maters to court might not have a pretty good case.

This is an excerpt from a guest opinion written by former MLB Commissioner Fay Vincent that appeared in the *Washington Post* on Monday.

ON THE SPOT

Today is International Talk Like a Pirate Day. Do you plan to participate?

"No."

"Aye."

"Of course;
I'm Captain
Morgan."

"Arrrrrrg, yeah."



Luda Burge
UI freshman



Alison Kilman
UI staff member



Morgan Nicholson
UI sophomore



Rob Witt
UI sophomore

Dis connect

So maybe this is the winter of our disconnect.

I mean, of course, if you can tear yourself away from the YouTube/Lonely Girl minidrama long enough to notice.

Lonely Girl, Lonely Whirl. Ho, hum. I'm feeling disconnected already.

Not as disconnected, from reality or whatever passes for that these days, as, say, the university and its non-smoking policy. Oh, I know, secondhand smoke, danger, danger, danger, Orange Alert. Blah-blah-blah.

This secondhand-smoke blather ignores at least two major studies (WHO in the late-90s and UCLA in 2003) that found no connection between secondhand smoke and disease. Not to men-

tion that the "science" of the EPA meta-analysis of the early '90s (which lit the fire of the secondhand-smoke debate, so's to speak) has been thoroughly discredited, by the Congressional Research Service, among others (the good folks at the EPA appear to have cooked the data to get the conclusion they wanted).

But we'll disconnect ourselves from all that.

Let's just say that nonsmokers don't want to be bothered by cigarette (or, land's sakes alive, cigar) smoke. OK, fine. No smoky classrooms, no smoky restaurants, etc. Well and good.

But the new UI policy on smoking concerns the great outdoors. Yes, that would be *outdoors*, where cigarette smoke dissipates nearly immediately. As opposed to, say, auto pollution and coal-plant emissions.

More precisely, the signs on the doors of the campus building I frequent read that one is not allowed to smoke within 25' of the doors of any campus building.

Well, once again, well and good, but exactly how far is 25 apostrophes? I don't know — who has ever measured 25 apostrophes? (Pythagoras, maybe? Did the ancient Greeks even have apostrophes? Or were apostrophes some kind of commie plot?)

And why does the university now want us to figure out the distance of 25 apostrophes? Is this part of a well-rounded liberal-arts education?

Well, as life or the universe or whatever would have it, 25 apostrophes is something on the order of "~~~~~", give or take a superfluous hyphen. Which, you have to admit, doesn't seem to be all that far from the doors. (Depending on the point size and the font, as so much seems to these days.)

In any case, we're talking about outdoors, which, you might have noticed, is pretty damn big. And you also might have noticed, if you saunter around campus, as I do about every day, that the university is bisected, tri-sected, and just about every other way sectored by streets. And those streets are filled with hundreds, if not thousands, of vehicles each day, the vast majority of which are powered by internal-combustion engines, spewing tons of pollution on the campus.

And the university is worried by some smokers fouling the outdoor air?

It's as if the UI policymakers walked up to the Exxon Valdez oil spill with a coffee mug, scooped out a cupful of gunk, and said, "There — problem solved."

Talk about disconnected.

How disconnected? Well, there was the Einstein over at the UIHC who, when the health-science campus banned all outdoor smoking this past summer, gushed that now the parking ramps would have clean air.

Excuse me? Those are parking ramps. Thousands of cars move in and out of them each day. What? People aren't driving their vehicles in and out of the ramps? They're pushing them by hand in order to preserve the clean air?

Geniuses. We've got geniuses on our team.

You want to clean up the air? Ban the automobile. Otherwise, you're just a hypocrite.

I mean, with policymaking such as this, these people could be running the war in Iraq.

Maybe they are. Hmmm. That would explain a lot of things, such as how swell the war in Iraq is going.

Meanwhile, what's going on with that Lonely Girl, anyway? I don't know about you, but I'm starting to feel some disconnect. ■

Beau Elliot does not own a motor vehicle; he walks everywhere. How disconnected is that? we wonder.

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For the metal-sounding tune "Our Revolution," Feldmann said, Hunau asked the audience to "tear shit up," and the crowd delivered. The room reached its rambunctious zenith during the chorus, when Hunau screamed, "So get up and dance the night away; I want to hear you say, hell yeah."

Despite the heat on that first day of class, kids packed together, pushing and shoving to get a glimpse of the black faux-hawked rocker.

"It was one of the best atmospheric concerts I've ever been to, for the crowd being that small and that intense," Feldmann said.

It's unusual for Halifax to play the same city twice within a month, but Hunau anxiously anticipates the band's show tonight.

"It's a pretty good thing for us," the singer said. "Kids will be stoked to come back."

Halifax will share the stage with headliners Spitalfield, an alternative-rock outfit from Chicago, on a day break from its supporting slot with Sugarcult.

"[The band members are] crazy," he said, noting that Spitalfield's antics have included sporting pirate costumes on stage. "The first show we ever played and got drunk onstage was with them."

Halifax, however, appears to have no problem creating mayhem all by itself. On MTV's "The Real World: Austin," the band had fun partying with the likes of near-socialites Danny and Melinda. Now, after the television exposure, Hunau said some people come to the show just to party with the members afterwards.

"It's affected our popularity," he said. "It's gotten people who wouldn't normally be into us, into us. And it was fun, drinking for free every night."

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Not a stroll through the Garden State

FILM REVIEW

by Anna Wiegenstein

The Last Kiss

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★★★½ out of ★★★★

Is it possible to review *The Last Kiss* without referring to *Garden State*? At first, they seem like companion pieces, in both theme (Zach Braff has some stuff to work out) and content (Zach Braff looks glum while listening to Coldplay). For the first 10 minutes, it looks as though *The Last Kiss* is heading straight for *Garden State* territory, complete with a Snow Patrol (Coldplay, except Irish) track over the credits and some slightly heavy-handed voice-over from Braff.

Thankfully, however, this movie doesn't revolve around Braff's character, Michael. The film, a remake of the 2001 Italian *L'Ultimo Bacio*, is much more of an ensemble piece, with almost uniformly excellent performances saving what would otherwise be a rather forgettable "human-relationships-are-difficult" flick.

At the center of this web lie four guys, all almost 30, all failing with women: Kenny (Eric Christian Olsen, reaching far, far beyond his earlier personae in *Not Another Teen Movie* and *Dumb and Dumberer*), who has no trouble getting laid but freaks at the first mention of commitment; Izzy (Michael Weston), still unable to get over his ex-girlfriend from high school; Chris (Casey Affleck, who should really be getting more work), struggling to make his marriage work with the added pressure of having his first child; and Michael, who seems to have it made with his newly pregnant girlfriend, Jenna (Jacinda Barrett), but is harboring quite a bit of commitment-phobia all his own.

This leads him to Kim (Rachel Bilson, making her film debut post-*"The OC"*), who flirts with him and says, "Everyone I know is having a crisis" and tells him to meet her after her Monday-Wednesday-Friday class — she's only a sophomore in college. Needless to say, the temptation puts strain on his relationship with Jenna, about whom he initially says, "If you want to settle down, this is the girl to do it with." Also having trouble are Jenna's parents, played flawlessly by Blythe Danner and Tom Wilkinson, who separate early in the film and have the baggage of a 30-year marriage to deal with.

Though most of the press surrounding *The Last Kiss* has been mainly Braff-centric, his character reads the most difficult. His complex, nearly unlikeable personality staves off the temptation to read Michael as *Garden State*'s



Publicity photo

The Last Kiss, starring *Garden State*'s Zach Braff.

Large, a few years down the road. Likewise, Bilson exhibits none of the eccentric charm Natalie Portman possessed, basically coming off as incredibly young and sweetly simple.

The other male leads help the film gets its feet under itself, while Danner manages to own every scene she appears in. Wilkinson, by contrast, plays it subtly for a majority of the film, then blazes through a moment with Braff later, reminding us that, yeah, this dude was Oscar-nominated. Scenes such as it make the final

Having never seen the Italian film from which *The Last Kiss* came, I can't judge how well Paul Haggis (last seen winning two Academy Awards for *Crash*) did on adaptation, but his script works well — keeping such characters as Michael and Danner's Anna hard to understand but never impossible to like. A fight scene between Braff and Barrett is especially effective, capturing the way hurt feelings and anger make it almost impossible to communicate. Scenes such as it make the final

sequence, one straight out of moviedom, seem a little tacked-on and false — after so many relatable incidents and people, it's hard to swallow.

People searching for the next *Garden State*, look elsewhere. But for fans of effective ensemble pieces that move from drama to comedy with equal ease, I advise that you look beyond the indie-yuppie veneer of *The Last Kiss* to the first-rate film underneath.

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NEWS

Police have busy weekend



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Police Officers Shane Krone (far right) and Marty Leik watch four people who allegedly looked suspicious and earned themselves PAULA tickets while tailgating in Lot 48 before the Iowa-Iowa State game on Sept. 16. The students were given the option to take a breath test; two of them accepted and failed.

TICKETS

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The 19-year-old said he was at a party at a College Street residence when a fight began and someone broke a window on the house. Residents ordered everyone to clear out, and he stuck around to help clean up the mess, he said.

He recalled drinking a Keystone Light outside the house about 20 minutes later. Then he

saw red and blue lights approaching.

"It's not like I was being out of line or anything," Clark said. "I was sitting on a rocking chair on the front porch."

He called his ticketing unreasonable and said he thought officers had other, more pressing matters to address.

Steffen said authorities generally only ticket offenders who are breaking additional laws or endangering the people around them.

"The mistaken idea is that police officers arrest everyone who's been drinking," he said.

Steffen added some telltale signs authorities use to spot impaired drinkers include balance problems, a strong smell of alcohol, watery/bloodshot eyes, and poor decision making — such as walking into a busy street without looking.

Although officers probably don't misidentify impaired drinkers very often, "just because the person has one indi-

cator doesn't mean they're intoxicated," Steffen said.

He said receiving a citation doesn't necessarily deter an offender from behaving illegally.

Clark said although he was furious about his PAULA, it won't prevent him from partying in the future.

"I'll be out this Friday and Saturday," he said. "Actually, probably, I'll be out this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday."

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REACTION TO THE POPE

Pope's apology criticized

ISLAM

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The pope's remarks came the day after the five-year anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, exacerbating an already tense time in world politics. Following several church burnings in the West Bank and the killing of a nun in Somalia, the pope issued a statement on Sunday in which he stated he respected those who practiced Islam and apologized for passages of his speech that offended Muslims.

But Elmasry pointed out that the pope's apology focused solely on the reactions of Muslims after the speech was made.

"His attempted apology didn't actually express regret for anything he said," Elmasry said. "I hope he'll do more."

Benedict's statements last week and the following outcry reflected, to some, the reactions after cartoons published in Danish newspapers sparked worldwide Muslim outrage because of their portrayal of Muhammad — which is strictly forbidden in Islam.

Tarcisio Cardinal Bertone, the Vatican secretary of State, defended the papal miscue in an official statement, saying the pope never meant to take the quote as his own.

UI senior James O'Hollearn, a deputy grand knight in the Knights of Columbus and an active Catholic, also

'For someone in such a leadership position, he needs to understand the difference between [Middle East and Western] cultures.'

There's a lot of misunderstanding.'

— Nadia Igram, VP of UI Muslim Student Association

defended the Vatican and its actions.

"The pope wasn't trying to inflame any fervor," O'Hollearn said. "I think the Catholic Church has done a really good job in respecting other religions."

He emphasized that at the UI, the Catholic-organized Newman Center is open to all beliefs, and he expressed his hope that nothing worse results from the pope's statements.

But Nadia Igram, the vice president of the UI Muslim Student Association, said the pope needs to do a better job representing Islam accurately.

"For someone in a such a leadership position, he needs to understand the difference between [Middle East and Western] cultures," Igram said. "There's a lot of misunderstanding. Islam always has been and always will be a peaceful religion."

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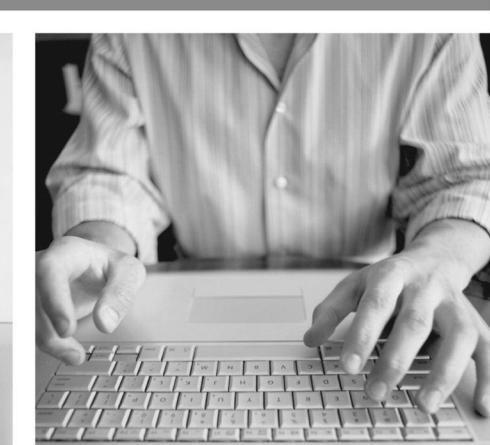
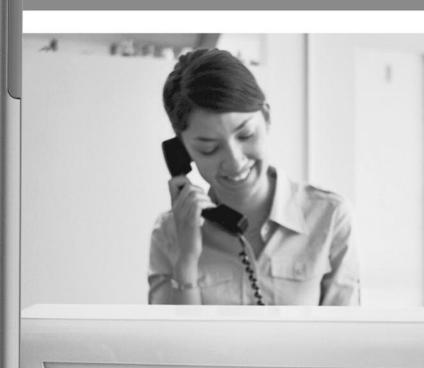


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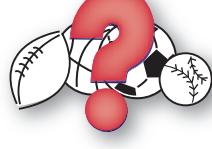


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 N.Y. Mets 4, Florida 0
 Houston 5, Cincinnati 3
 Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3
 Colorado 20, San Francisco 8

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 Baltimore 4, Tampa Bay 1
 Detroit 8, White Sox 2
 Texas 8, Seattle 1
 Cleveland 7, Oakland 2
NFL
 Jacksonville 9, Pittsburgh 0

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Q: Who was the youngest pitcher to win his 100th game?
Answer on page 2B

AWARD

V-ball's Meister honored

The accolades keep accumulating for Iowa volleyball's Melanie Meister, who earned Big Ten Player of the Week honors for her effort last weekend, the league announced Monday.

Meister, who also won her second-straight Most Valuable Player tournament designation at the College of Charleston Invitational, has led the squad to an 11-1 mark — the best start for the team since 1986, when Meister was 1.

"This award is a great reflection of all the hard work Melanie has done to get to this point," Iowa coach Cindy Fredrick said in a statement. "She has really put in extra time and effort to improve her game, and she has been a major key to our success this year."

Meister hit .385 for the Hawkeyes over the weekend, including a .528 clip against Eastern Michigan. She also recorded 21 kills and a career-best seven digs in the match.

Iowa will host No. 2 ranked Penn State on Friday and No. 15 ranked Ohio State on Saturday. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

Check out DITV, at cable channel 17, campus 4, or on DAILYIOWAN.COM for a video feature on Meister.

— by Tyson Wirth

FOOTBALL

Pac-10 suspends officials for one game

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The Pacific-10, finding merit in Oklahoma's complaints about the officiating in its loss to Oregon, on Monday suspended for one game the officiating crew and the instant-replay officials who worked the game and issued an apology to the Sooners.

The Ducks won the game 34-33 after scoring two touchdowns in the last 72 seconds.

"Errors clearly were made and not corrected, and for that we apologize to the University of Oklahoma, coach Bob Stoops and his players," Pac-10 Commissioner Tom Hansen said in a statement. "They played an outstanding college football game, as did Oregon, and it is regrettable that the outcome of the contest was affected by the officiating."

Two plays were reviewed on Oregon's game-winning drive — an onside kick that gave the Ducks possession and a pass interference call one play before Oregon's winning touchdown.

RADIO

Purdue announcer McConnell takes leave of absence

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Longtime Purdue football radio play-by-play announcer Joe McConnell will be out indefinitely because of medical problems, the school said Monday.

McConnell is in his 12th season calling Purdue action. He took himself off the air during the last two games because of double vision.

"First and foremost, we want Joe to get better," said interim athletics director Tom Schott in a press release. "Our thoughts and prayers are with him. He is a Hall of Fame-caliber announcer, and we hope to have him return to the booth."

Tim Newton, producer and pregame, halftime, and postgame host on the broadcasts, will replace McConnell. Newton is in his second season as host of the "Joe Tiller Show." He also has done play-by-play for Purdue women's basketball since 1990.

SPORTS

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Hawkeyes jelling as team

The Hawkeyes look to Saturday's game against Illinois, where they will begin the Big Ten season



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan

Hawkeye quarterback Drew Tate calls a play during the game against the Cyclones at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 16. After missing the previous game with an abdominal strain, Tate led Iowa to victory, completing 26-of-38 passes for 274 yards and three touchdowns.

BY JASON BRUMMND

THE DAILY IOWAN

Just three games into the season, No. 14 Iowa has nearly experienced a year's worth of story lines.

A dramatic second-half comeback against Iowa State, a tough road victory with the backup quarterback at Syracuse, a season-ending injury to a starting receiver, and one player's personal tragedy define the 2006 season. Coach Kirk Ferentz says Iowa's last two games only help bring the team closer together for the long haul.

"I've been on some good teams in my life, but this team, there's more team chemistry than any team I've ever been on, and it's not even close," senior Drew Tate said.

"That might have been something we lost last year. We don't have any guys like [Chad] Greenway, [Abdul] Hodge or [Robert] Gallery. We're all the same, and we've accepted that, and we're playing together."

Ferentz said the 2004 Hawkeyes, who suffered a slew of injuries in the backfield before earning a trip to the Capital One Bowl, were a similar outfit. The eighth-year coach likes what he's seen so far.

"That is what good teams have," he said. "That is one of the big things. You are always fighting and working toward that. It all starts with how our guys feel about each other and what they are willing to do for each other. I think we are on the right path."

Next on the Hawkeyes' schedule is a trip to Illinois on Saturday to start Big Ten play. Iowa, which opened as a 21½-point favorite Monday, has lost its last three conference openers — all on the road.

Illinois (2-1) is 1-23 in Big Ten games during the last three seasons, including nine-straight losses. The Illini lost to Syracuse last week, 31-21, at Memorial Stadium, despite totaling almost 400 yards of offense.

Illinois coach Ron Zook has played 16 true freshmen in the team's first three games, which ranks second in the nation. The Illini are likely to play two quarterbacks Saturday — senior Tim Brasic and true freshman Juice Williams, who tossed two touchdowns against the Orange.

The Hawkeyes want to balance the offense after being forced to pass during a nonconference slate that saw opposing defenses frequently stack seven or more defenders in the box. Running back Albert Young led the Big Ten in rushing last season during league games and expects conference defenses to play the Hawkeyes more straight up because of Tate's abilities.

Either way, Iowa's trying to become 4-0 for the second time under Ferentz.

"We've had a lot of things thrown at us, so far," Young said. "And we're only going to get more things thrown at us."

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COMMENTARY

Paths to glory



CHARLIE KAUTZ

They've seen a dramatic goal-line stand, the ailing abdomen of a Heisman candidate, and the tragic loss of a linebacker's father.

Over the three-week stretch, chemistry has grown, seniors have stepped up, and hard-hitting head-hunters have patrolled the defensive backfield. Teary-eyed postgame interviews tugged the heartstrings of the Hawkeye faithful, an encroaching billboard has been figuratively torn down, and the state of Iowa has a new football king.

Unlike 2005.

The suspense building over the past three Saturdays ended with a mob scene at midfield, a sprint to the Cyclone sideline, and the shift of instate bragging rights for the next year. The Carrier Dome caused cardiac arrest, a kicker sat out an opening-week waltz, and an almost 20-year trend was tainted.

Two yards became two miles, eight unforgettable plays entered the history books, and a stalled running game sparked a second-half passing attack. Thousands of smiling faces poured out of Kinnick Stadium, as hundreds of cardinal and gold frowns began the long journey back west. Tiger Hawks roared as fierce tornado winds subsided.

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MEN'S AND WOMEN'S CROSS-COUNTRY — Daily struggles on and off the course

Running through asthma

CHECK OUT [DAILYIOWAN.COM](#) FOR DANA O'SHEA'S EXCLUSIVE VIDEO PACKAGE ON ESCHE.

BY DIANE HENDRICKSON

THE DAILY IOWAN

Imagine having allergy shots every few weeks. And taking asthma medication every morning and night, in addition to using a rescue inhaler when needed. Then think about having needles puncture your spinal cord.

Tough to imagine for anyone, let alone a cross-country runner such as Hawkeye Molly Esche.

"I'm an expensive child," she said with a grin.

She's one of many. Iowa cross-country trainer Douglas West estimates that 15 percent of athletes he oversees battle asthma as well as opponents.

Esche's allergies, to "everything except for food," influenced the development of exercise-induced asthma when she was a high-school senior in the 2003-04 school year. More challenges piled on when during the spring of 2006, doctors diagnosed Esche with compartment syndrome in her calves — oversimplified, her body couldn't handle her muscle size. She redshirted the outdoor season.



Esche

junior

SEE ESCHE, PAGE 3B

HAWKEYE HOPES FOR FROST

BY ALEX JOHNSON

THE DAILY IOWAN

The "Above the Influence" ad campaign warns against the use of drugs. But for one Hawkeye cross-country runner, using drugs takes him above the influence of allergies and asthma.

Alex Webster, a sophomore from Delafield, Wis., said he's had both allergies and asthma for as long as he can remember.

It's something common among athletes, especially runners. Doug West, the cross-country team's trainer, said because runners tend to push the cardiovascular envelope, they might be slightly more susceptible to asthma.

Every case is unique, though.

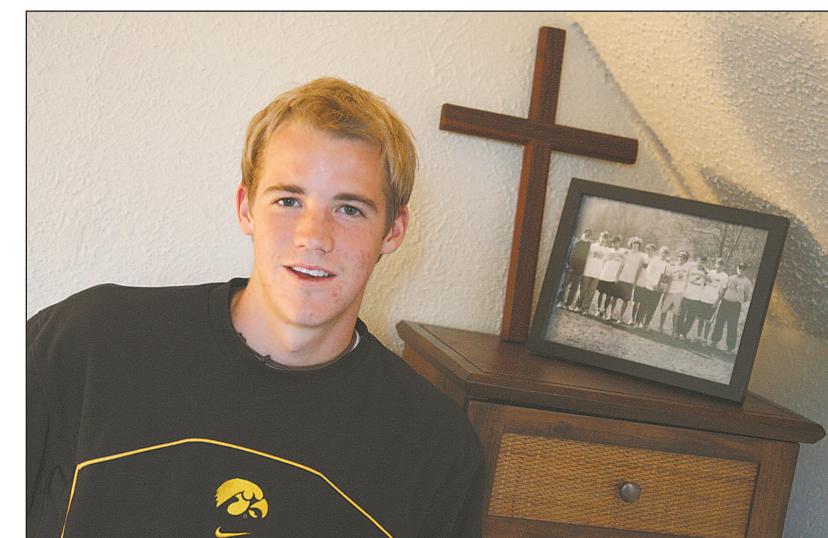
"I know a few other guys have asthma on the team, but I don't know that their allergies trigger it like [my allergies] do," Webster said.

The combination of seasonal allergies with asthma is complicated, and trainers must watch closely. West described how treatment is started.

"First, we test to see whether it's asthma," he said. "They may have symptoms similar to allergies, and we work with [the athlete's] primary physician to see which way they want to go with it."

'It feels like you're handicapped [in the lungs]. It feels like you've been given two flat tires, and you're just not really able to compete at the level that you should be able to.'

— Alex Webster, Hawkeye cross-country runner with asthma and allergies



Lindsey Walters/The Daily Iowan
 Hawkeye cross-country runner Alex Webster sits in his bedroom near a photo of his high-school cross-country team on Monday evening. Webster, who has asthma and bad allergies, uses an inhaler an hour before he runs. He says his allergies bother him most when he runs in the fall.

SPORTS

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NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division	91	58	.611	—
Philadelphia	77	73	.513	14½
Florida	74	76	.493	17½
Atlanta	73	77	.487	18½
Washington	65	85	.433	26½
Central Division	91	58	.611	—
St. Louis	79	69	.534	—
Cincinnati	73	77	.487	7
Houston	72	77	.483	7½
Milwaukee	68	82	.453	12
Pittsburgh	63	87	.420	17
Chicago	62	89	.411	18½
West Division	78	70	.527	—
San Diego	78	71	.523	½
Los Angeles	74	75	.497	4½
Arizona	71	78	.477	7½
Colorado	70	80	.467	9
x-clinched division				
Atlanta 6, Washington 1				
Chicago Cubs 11, Philadelphia 6				
N.Y. Mets 4, Florida 0				
Houston 5, Cincinnati 3				
Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3				
Colorado 20, San Francisco 8				
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, late				
Today's Games				
Atlanta James (10-3) at Washington (B.Perez 0-0), 6:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Miller 0-1) at Philadelphia (Moyer 2-2), 6:05 p.m.				
Florida Olsen (12-8) at N.Y. Mets (Glavine 13-6), 6:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Harang 13-11) at Houston (Petitte 13-13), 7:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Weaver 3-4) at Milwaukee (Sheets 5-6), 7:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Cain 13-9) at Colorado (Jennings 8-12), 7:35 p.m.				
Arizona (L.Hernandez 12-12) at San Diego (Hensley 9-11), 9:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh (Snell 13-10) at L.A. Dodgers (Kuo 1-4), 9:10 p.m.				
Wednesday's Games				
Cincinnati at Houston, 1:05 p.m.				
San Francisco at Colorado, 2:05 p.m.				
Atlanta at Washington, 6:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cube at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.				
Florida at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.				
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.				
Arizona at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.				
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10 p.m.				

THE AP TOP 25

By The Associated Press

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 16, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Ohio St. (59)	3-0	1,617
2. Auburn (2)	3-0	1,507
3. So. Cal (2)	2-0	1,494
4. W. Virginia (2)	3-0	1,419
5. Florida	3-0	1,354
6. Michigan	3-0	1,301
7. Texas	2-1	1,179
8. Louisville	3-0	1,127
9. Georgia	3-0	1,104
10. LSU	2-1	1,085
11. Virginia Tech	3-0	934
12. Notre Dame	2-1	902
13. Oregon	3-0	837
14. Iowa	3-0	833
15. Tennessee	2-1	583
16. TCU	3-0	530
17. Oklahoma	2-1	513
18. Florida St.	2-1	456
19. Clemson	2-1	407
20. Boston Coll.	3-0	393
21. California	2-1	386
22. Arizona St.	3-0	384
23. Nebraska	2-1	160
24. Penn St.	2-1	143
25. Boise St.	3-0	109

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	2	1	0	1.000	43	34
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	33	25
N.Y. Jets	1	1	0	.500	40	40
Miami	0	2	0	.000	23	44
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	2	0	0	1.000	69	45
Jacksonville	2	0	0	1.000	33	17
Houston	0	2	0	.000	34	67
Tennessee	0	2	0	.000	23	63
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Cincinnati	2	0	0	1.000	57	27
Baltimore	2	0	0	1.000	55	6
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	31	53
Cleveland	0	2	0	.000	16	32
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	67	7
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	19	24
Kansas City	0	2	0	.000	16	32
Oakland	0	2	0	.000	30	55

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	1	1	0	.500	51	50
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	44	34
Philadelphia	1	1	0	.500	48	40
Washington	0	2	0	.000	26	46
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	2	0	0	1.000	34	9
New Orleans	2	0	0	1.000	53	41
Carolina	0	2	0	.000	19	36
Tampa Bay	0	2	0	.000	3	41
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0	1.000	60	7
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	35	29
Detroit	0	2	0	.000	13	43
Green Bay	0	2	0	.000	27	60
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	30	16
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	44	48
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	47	47
St. Louis	1	1	0	.500	31	30

Sunday's Game

Buffalo 16, Miami 6

Chicago 34, Detroit 7

Indianapolis 43, Houston 24

Minnesota 16, Carolina 13, OT

Baltimore 28, Oakland 6

Atlanta 14, Tampa Bay 3

New Orleans 34, Green Bay 27

Cincinnati 34, Cleveland 17

N.Y. Giants 30, Philadelphia 24, OT

Seattle 21, Arizona 10

San Francisco 20, St. Louis 13

New England 24, N.Y. Jets 17

San Diego 40, Tennessee 7

Denver 9, Kansas City 6, OT

Dallas 27, Washington 10

Monday's Game

Jacksonville 9, Pittsburgh 0

Sunday, Sept. 24

Chicago at Minnesota, 12 p.m.

Green Bay at Detroit, 12 p.m.

Tennessee at Miami, 12 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Buffalo, 12 p.m.

Washington at Houston, 12 p.m.

Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 12 p.m.

Jacksonville at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.

Carolina at Tampa Bay, 12 p.m.

Baltimore at Cleveland, 3:05 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.

St. Louis at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.

Philadelphia at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.

Denver at New England, 7:15 p.m.

Open: Kansas City, Oakland, San Diego, Dallas

Monday, Sept. 25

Atlanta at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore at Tampa Bay, 3:15 p.m.

Minnesota at Boston, 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at Toronto, 6:07 p.m.

Seattle at Texas, 7:05 p.m.

Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 7:05 p.m.

L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.

COMMENTARY

Classic season?

COMMENTARY

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The Hawkeyes are witnesses to a Pontiac Game-Changing Performance, a Syracuse survival, and the reclamation of the coveted Cy-Hawk trophy. They fought through four picks and a season-ending injury to a locker room leader.

Unlike 2004.

Three hours erased the agony of six losses, the horrors of last season and the lingering questions about the team's determination. Once-closed playbooks were stretched wide open, gritty comebacks were made, and coaching mistakes were exploited.

A botched late-game fumble was recovered, a costly interception proved unimportant, and a cohesive 11-man unit clamped down for the biggest 15 minutes of the sun-soaked afternoon.

Games previously lost early in the season were won, insurmountable situations were overcome, and an ugly victory still looks beautiful in the win column.

Another long, disappointing September has become a very special start to the 2006 season. Confidence oozes, as the conference schedule looms, beginning with a trip to Champaign to take on the barely fighting Illini this weekend.

Believe it or not, the dreaded nonconference calendar is over, and the Iowa Hawkeyes are undefeated. As in no losses. As in a 3-0 record.

Unlike, even, 2002.

And you know what? It feels good. Really, really good.

A much-hyped preseason roster could've cracked under the pressure, melted amid the fourth-quarter heat, or blown another outstanding opportunity to move up in the rankings. The Hawks could've forfeited key momentum, played up major injuries, and blamed old-fashioned bad luck for more early-season woes.

How easy it would've been to pull Jason Manson in week two, formulate excuses for a home loss or collapse like a house of cards down 11 points to the Cyclones. They had the chance to cancel the "Gameday" crew's plane tickets, the prospect of a perfect season, and the expectations of Big Ten analysts.

What looked like an Iowa football DVD on rewind has become a season racing by in fast-forward, and one of the biggest games in Kinnick Stadium history is only a week and a win away.

Maybe it's destiny, maybe it's good fortune, and maybe this team is a shadow of what we saw last Saturday.

Whatever, these Hawkeyes are different. A death, a double-overtime thriller, and a dose of success have changed them. For the better or for the worse, at least this year we'll have a chance to find out.

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TUESDAY



\$2 MOJITOS & JAMAICAN TEN SPEEDS

ATLAS

AFTER 10

BREVITY IS THE SOUL OF WIT



Morris Lamont, London Free Press/Associated Press

Students Stephanie Mortimer (left) and Maria Tibbo share a laugh over the briefs sported by a group of runners taking part in the annual Terry Fox run at the University of Western Ontario in London, Canada, on Sunday.

No quit in Esche

ESCHE

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However, the Waukesha, Wis., native has not let the challenges slow her down, literally.

Although her asthma is not as bad as some people's, Esche always keeps her inhaler close during practice. She uses it before she runs and says she's never suffered an attack during a competition. The condition worsens during extremely cold or hot weather and high humidity, and stress also affects her breathing.

"It's not a good feeling," she said. "It feels like your air supply is cut off. You breathe as deep and as fast as you can, but you can't get enough air."

Jessica Schmidt, who has been Esche's running mate since freshman year, believes her partner's asthma has improved over time, but she still worries during runs.

"It makes me nervous and want to slow down," she said. "I don't know whether to keep pushing or stop."

Aside from managing her own training, Schmidt calms Esche's nerves.

"She panics," she said. "I have to tell her to relax, take deep breaths, put her arms over her head. The more you think about it, the worse it gets."

However, asthma is the least of Esche's problems right now.

Compartment syndrome causes tingling, as well as poor circulation, in her calf muscles. They're too big for the space allowed, and push on nerves and veins. The condition could not have started at a worse time.

It "mysteriously appeared," coach Layne Anderson said, at the end of the indoor track season, when Esche was making huge improvements.

"It's not like a sore shin," he said. "It's something she will

have to deal with for a long time."

The intense pressure feels like a clamp on Esche's legs.

"Sometimes it feels like my legs will explode," she said.

The worst days are hill workouts, when Esche must stop frequently to stretch. Schmidt always pauses as well.

"When someone is having problems... never leave her alone," she said. "She'd do the same for me."

Despite all the setbacks, the deeply religious junior remains positive.

"I have such a passion for running," Esche said. "I love it so much... [This is] a test to make me stronger. I'm blessed with the opportunity to continue and still do what I love."

"She's tried every option," Schmidt said. "She does everything she's told. I'm in awe of someone who goes through all that and comes to practice with a smile on her face."

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Frost on his mind

WEBSTER

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Most of the time, the training staff can handle the issues, but the situation sometimes gets more advanced, West added. Then runners see Jeffrey Wilson, the preferred doctor for the cross-country team.

Webster's condition hasn't warranted a trip to Wilson. The athlete does, however, need treatment.

"I use an inhaler, and I went to the doctor recently," Webster said. "And we're trying some other medicine and seeing how that goes... I guess that's all I really can do, just take some allergy medicine and hope for the best."

As West said, that really is the only treatment.

"It's more drug-oriented," he said. "Because what's happening is [the lungs] are not able to get enough oxygen."

It makes the early portion of the cross-country season dismal.

"It feels like you're handicapped [in the lungs]," Webster said. "It feels like you've been given two flat tires, and you're just not really able to compete at the level that you should be able to."

Thankfully, there's an air pump around the next corner.

"Once it frosts and the weather cools down, I feel my stride open up a lot," Webster said. "And I'm able to slowly breathe, and I don't have the

asthma attacks I'd normally have... I definitely feel like I can compete at a much higher level when it's colder."

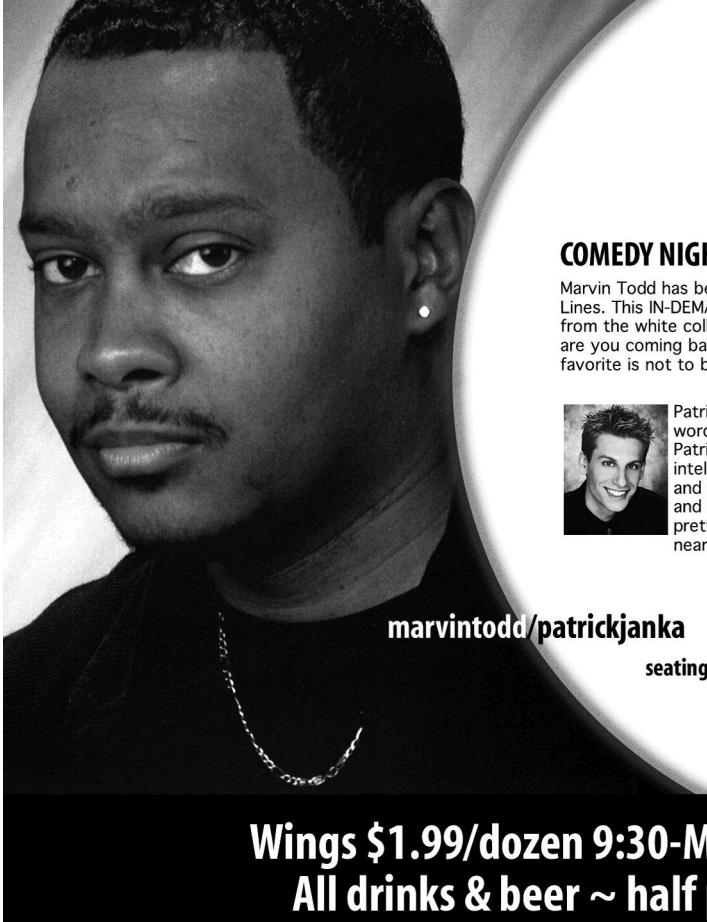
That's because he's allergic to ragweed and other seasonal allergens.

"The first frost normally kills all the pollen in the air," Webster said. "So it's a lot easier for me to breathe then, because the allergies aren't triggering my asthma."

Once the frost comes, Webster and the rest of the team feel he can compete for the fourth or fifth position. And although asthma, as West said, gets worse in drier, cooler air, Jack Frost has found a friend.

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Who is college football's biggest disappointment so far?

MIAMI HURRICANES — BY SEAN MONAHAN

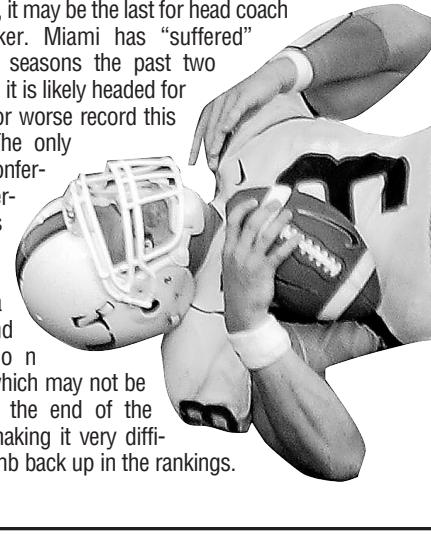
Hurricane season is over in Miami. The Miami Hurricanes are 1-2 this season and, by all accounts, out of the national-title picture. To be in this dire position is unacceptable for a team that won the championship only five years ago.

The 31-7 drubbing at the hands of Louisville last weekend gave Miami its second loss in three weeks. The score itself is enough to send Cardinals soaring through Cane fans' nightmares. The failure is surprising for a team that prides itself on defense and boasts such alumni as Ray Lewis, Ed Reed, and Warren Sapp. The former Canes certainly were not done justice by the current defensive unit, which surrendered 31 points to a wounded Louisville squad.

The Cardinals had their claws removed recently by the loss of Heisman candidate running back Michael Bush, who scored 144 points last season, the second most in Division-I. All-American candidate Brian Brohm also suffered from the injury bug and did not play a good portion of the second half of the Miami contest.

On offense, the Hurricanes boast high-school All-Americans at nearly every position and exude an image of world-class athleticism. Managing only seven points against Louisville, not known for its defense, is inexcusable for a team with such firepower. Even more disturbing is the seven points the Canes scored pales in comparison with the 28 the apparently up-and-coming Kentucky Wildcats posted against Louisville in week one.

While the season may be a disappointment for most fans, it may be the last for head coach Larry Coker. Miami has "suffered" three-loss seasons the past two years, and it is likely headed for a similar or worse record this season. The only worthy conference adversaries remaining are Virginia Tech and Boston College, which may not be ranked at the end of the season, making it very difficult to climb back up in the rankings.

**COLORADO BUFFALOES — BY BRENDAN STILES**

It didn't take long for the Colorado Buffaloes' expectations this season to evaporate into the thin air of the Rockies.

If you're looking in a dictionary for college football's biggest disappointment in 2006, all you have to do look up the word "abysmal" and you'll find a picture of Ralphie — a real buffalo used as the school's mascot in its margins.

The Buffaloes have been notorious for off-the-field issues over the last five years, which ultimately led to coach Gary Barnett's firing. Colorado ended last season with four consecutive defeats, including a 70-3 thumping at the hands of the Texas Longhorns in the Big 12 title game.

After luring away coach Dan Hawkins from a still-rising Boise State program, Colorado lost its home opener to Division-II-A Montana State. What? Then Montana State lost to Chadron State the following week. Who?

Right now, Colorado is 0-3 and has lost seven straight, dating back to 2005. The Buffaloes play at No. 10 Georgia Saturday. I feel bad for Georgia fans, because I'm sure this game once received lots of hype down in Athens.

How could this happen to a school that has appeared in four of the past five Big 12 Championship games? I know Iowa State gift-wrapped those trips the last two years — but, seriously.

In the 1990s, the Buffaloes won a national championship and produced

a Heisman Trophy-winning halfback.

In 2001, Colorado dropped 62 points on a "vaunted" Nebraska squad and the following week beat Texas in the Big 12 title game. In a span of five years, Colorado has gone from national-title contender to unable to beat Division-II-A teams at home.

The good news for the Buffaloes is, except for Texas and Oklahoma, the Big 12 is a watered-down conference this year. While the Buffs dodge the defending national champs this year, road trips to Norman, Okla., and Lincoln, Neb., still await them.

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- Illinois Sen. Barack Obama attends Harkin's Steak Fry.
- University officials warn people about phony credit union e-mails.
- Security breached on loan database.

VIDEO

- Harkin Steak Fry with Illinois Senator Barack Obama.
- Cy-Hawk series football highlights.
- Emotional interview with linebacker Mike Klinkenborg on Sept. 16.
- Hawkeye receiver Andy Brodell reflects on Iowa-ISU match-up.
- Sushi in Iowa City.
- The last interview with Dr. James Van Allen.

- Matt Kroul talks about being a leader this season. See him, Alex Kanellis, coach Ron Aiken, and more.
- Alan Mayer interviews Erik Lie about backdating.
- Madden die-hards sweep up their newly released favorite game at midnight in EB games.
- D/I reporter Kelsey Beltramea feels what it's like to have heart failure.

Sports series: Football positions

- Offensive lineman Mike Jones evaluates Dace Richardson and Rafael Eubanks, new starters at left tackle and center.
- See Iowa receiver Herb Grigsby talk about an anxious open scrimmage.
- Charles Godfrey, entering his first fall as a cornerback,

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says he's the Iowa football team's fastest man. His closest competitor is guaranteed to shock you.

- Albert Young talks respect and a versatile offense.
- See the Mike Brothers — Humpal and Klinkenborg — break down this year's crop of linebackers.

PHOTO

- Hawkeye football 2006

- Barn tour

- Iowa State Fair

- RAGBRAI

- Sen. John McCain

- 2006 Aerohawks air show

MP3s

- Death Ships

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- Shame Train

- CSS

- Matt Bar

- The Tanks

- P.O.S.

- Jason Forrest

today's events

To submit events e-mail daily-iowan@uiowa.edu, please put date of event in the subject and follow the format in the paper.

- Office of Student Life Poster Sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Hubbard Park
- Career Center Fall Job & Internship Fair, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque
- Coffeehouse, Campus Activities Board, noon, IMU Wheelroom
- Excerpts from Oliver, Iowa City Community Theatre, noon, UIHC Colloton Pavilion Atrium
- Foster Crossing Lunch and Learn, "Bridging Communities and Building Neighborhoods," noon, Elks Lodge, 637 Foster Road; contact (319) 358-5648
- Just what is a livable community and how can Johnson County be a national example? Elinor Ginzler, AARP aging expert, 3 p.m., 2117 Medical Education and Research Facility
- Faculty Council Meeting, 3:30 p.m., 337 IMU
- One Community, One Book Event: The Tortilla Curtain, by T.C. Boyle, book discussion, 3:30 p.m., West High School Library, 2901 Melrose

- From Baby Dolls to Babies in Their Caskets: Motivating Adolescent Sexual & Reproductive Health in Early Twentieth-Century France, 5:30 p.m., Hardin Library
- Indian Cooking, Shelly Sarin, 6 p.m., New Pioneer Co-op, 1101 Second, Coralville
- Three Times, 6:45 p.m., Bijou
- Book Group, Blood of Angels, by Reed Arvin, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- Fallujah, UI Antiwar Committee, 7 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- Israeli Film Series: Circus Palestina, 7 p.m., Hillel, 122 E. Market
- Live from Prairie Lights, Jay Hopler, poetry, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque, and WSU
- Teach for America Information Session, 7 p.m., 256 IMU
- Green Lemon and Bump, 9 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Down in the Valley, 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- Throwdown (Free Dance Party), 10 p.m., Yacht Club

UITV schedule

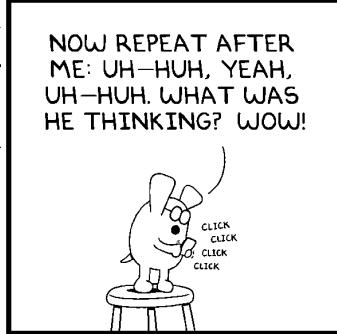
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- 3 p.m. From Kabuki to Peter Pan: Cross-Gender and Cross-Cultural Theatre Costumes with Loyce Arthur
- 4:30 UI School Of Art And Art History Dedication
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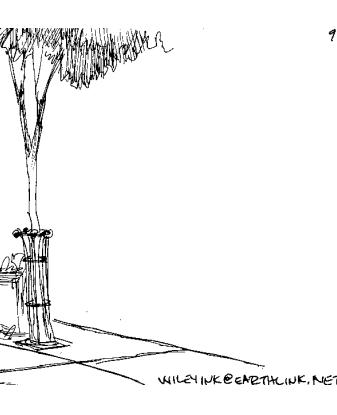
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When we make big mistakes in America, it is usually because the people have not been given an honest accounting of the choices before us. It also is often because too many members of both parties who knew better did not have the courage to do better.”

— Al Gore

horoscopes

Tuesday, September 19, 2006

— by Eugenia Last

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't let a deal that sounds too good to be true put you in an awkward position. Opt out, and take a safe route that will ensure you can afford the things you want in the future. A creative project could lead to a new relationship.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Added responsibilities may get you down today. You should be out doing things with children or someone you love. A product that will make your life easier should be on your shopping list.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): As much as you try to do things the right way, someone is likely to criticize you today. Try not to let this get to you. Be forceful and creative, and have the freedom to express yourself in your own way.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Get involved in whatever process is taking place at home. You want to stay in the loop and get the gist of what everyone around you is doing. You may not be pleased by it all, but you will be able to start to make the necessary changes that will keep everyone you love on track.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may find it difficult to express yourself emotionally today. Messages will not come through properly, and getting the wrong idea about something or someone is likely. Be sure you fully understand what's going on.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A surprise will turn out extremely well. Changes to your home will make you feel good about your life and where you are headed. Follow your heart, and you will do what's best for everyone.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Try to get the different generations of your family or a group you belong to together. You will get a different perspective on something you are going through. New beginnings are apparent.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Trust in the people you have always been able to count on. Someone will confuse you if you let her or him. Focus on the task given, and you will avoid the fear that everyone else is doing a better job.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You should visit an older friend or relative. The information shared will help you get ahead. You will be offered chance to take on a project that interests you. Trust in your own judgment.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't believe everything you are told, or you will be disappointed in the outcome. A contract you have been working on will have some underlying demands. You have to make things worth your while or take a pass.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A serious emotional matter will keep you on your toes. You can get what you want and move in a personal direction that will lead to a better future. Compromise, share, and be completely honest. Someone you respect will have the answers you need.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): It is so unlike you to change in midstream, but today, you will see the benefit in keeping what you are doing a secret. Business deals or changing positions will be to your advantage. Be careful how you handle a lover or partner.



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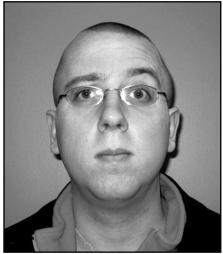
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4	9	1	8	7	2	3	6	5
8	6	3	1	9	5	7	2	4
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1	8	7	5	2	9	6	4	3
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ANDREW R. JUHL

Thoughts while waiting to see the dentist:

• In a side-by-side comparison of graphical, photographic, and textual quality, Cats and Kittens really takes Cat Fancy to school in the felinophile periodicals department.

• If you had a friend with a baseball-sized sebaceous cyst in his neck, took that friend to the hospital, and waited around while he had it excised, then took that cyst, put it in your palm, squeezed, and licked whatever greasy fluid that ran down your wrist, well, then, I'm pretty sure you'd experience a taste sensation somewhat akin to Coca-Cola Blak.

• In the first verse of the Black Sabbath classic, "War Pigs," Ozzie Osbourne chokes out, "Generals gathered in their masses / Just like witches at black masses." Now, I realize "masses" is being used here as a homonym — but, still, that's kind of lazy. Was it really that hard to find a rhyme for "masses"? What about "gasses" or "passes"? Maybe "opera glasses," or even "The Second Battle of Manassas?" HOUSED.

• If we're placed the letter "e" with the "ə" in print and in speech, it might go a long way in combating drug abuse. I mean, who'd want to use a drug called "schwa"?

• Other than my tattoo artist, my dentist is the only person I willingly let inflict pain on me or get so close to my person for any extended period of time. Another thing my dentist and tattoo artist have in common is that they both operate out of their garages and answer to the name "Juicebox."

— Andrew R. Juhl would much rather be checked for cavities than be cavity checked.

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