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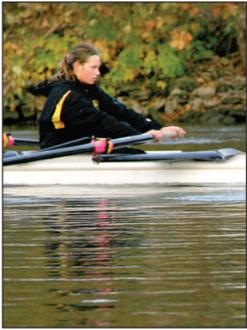
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## ELECTION WATCH

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## SPORTS



## The three little pigs

Haylie, Heidie, and Hannah Miller – nicknamed pigs – are sisters on the Iowa rowing team, but they've been able to coexist. **1B**

## The (sophomore) life aquatic

Second-year swimmer Conor Dwyer has been named team captain and earned a Big Ten Swimmer of the Week honor. **1B**

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## New security guards at high schools

The Iowa City School District has enlisted the help of two security guards for local high schools. **2A**

## ARTS &amp; CULTURE

## His treasure, not trash

Returning from his honeymoon, UI art alum John Hansen found thousands of dollars worth of his sculpting supplies gone, having been thrown away during the flood. **7A**

## OPINIONS

## Do we really need another holiday?

The answer is yes, and it should be Election Day. **6A**

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## Today's webcast

See what Iowa City officials are doing to go "green" on garbage pick-up, and find out where the women's soccer team gets its chemistry.

## WEATHER

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Mostly cloudy, brisk winds (yes, they're back), 70% chance of rain.

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## 2008 ELECTION WATCH | CONGRESSIONAL RACE

## 2nd District hopefuls spar

Second District candidates discuss economic issues at a Tuesday night debate.

## ON THE WEB



Check out a photo slide show of the 2nd District candidates' debate at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

By **SHAWN GUDE**  
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Rep. Dave Loeb sack, D-Iowa, and Republican challenger Mariannette Miller-Meeks discussed a wide range of issues at a Tuesday night debate — but their closing remarks revealed their true beliefs on government.

Loeb sack said government should play a substantial role in society, noting the "positive role government played in [his] life."

Meanwhile, Miller-Meeks espoused a more limited-government ideology, listing off some of her accomplishments, then saying, "I didn't have the government to help me do that."

On issues ranging from the economy to health care, their respective philosophies remained the same.

Loeb sack pushed for another economic-stimulus plan — a popular idea as of late on both sides of the political spectrum — which would address infrastructure needs and aid the unemployed.

"I think the focus, obviously, has to be on jobs," the first-term representative said.

Miller-Meeks agreed, but argued a cut in the capital-gains tax is needed to bolster the job market.

On health care, the

SEE **LOESACK, 3A**

### How much money each 2nd District candidate has raised:

Dave Loeb sack, Democratic incumbent: \$794,856  
Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Republican: \$262,767  
Brian White, Independent: \$6,533  
Wendy Barth, Green Party: \$0  
Source: Federal Election Commission



Rep. Dave Loeb sack, D-Iowa, participates in a debate with opponent Mariannette Miller-Meeks of Ottumwa in the KCRG TV studios in Cedar Rapids on Tuesday evening. Tuesday's debate was the last one held between the two candidates before the Nov. 4 election.

BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

## Artists find lights out

Artists struggle with lighting in the temporary arts building.

By **BRIANA BYRD**  
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UI lecturer Laura Young slides a set of skulls sitting on black stands toward a small, free-standing light in the corner. Lines of frustration streak across her face.

No, that position doesn't work, not enough shadows. Another light is carried over, but it's placed too high, then too low. Ten students circle around — a bevy of skulls, paper, and charcoal in front of them — and offer suggestions.

"Move the lamp to the left." "Turn the skull to the right."

Around 15 minutes later, the lights are ready and finally Young's art students began drawing.

This has become an all-to-frequent scene for the art students shunted to the old Menards building following the summer flood: frustration, bad lighting, a limited learning environment.

## ON THE WEB



Log on to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) to see video of the art exhibits in a new light.

### Problems artists face with current lighting

- The lights above painting and drawing classrooms flatten the appearance of objects and remove shadows.
- To turn off ceiling lights, maintenance crews must use lifts to cut the power.
- Positioning free-standing lights to cast shadows encroaches on class time.

With inadequate conditions such as this, art students and professors alike say, something needs to change, and quickly.

The solution could be as sim-

SEE **MENARDS, 3A**

## Homicide victim described as 'laid-back'

By **ASHTON SHURSON**  
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Before his death Sunday, Michael Steward was a "laid-back fellow" who enjoyed barbecuing, a maintenance worker at the Gaslight Village said Tuesday evening.

David Christian, 29, 418 Brown St. Apt. 6, allegedly killed Steward, 39, 418 Brown St. Apt. 4, early Sunday morning after an altercation over a game of chess escalated.



**Christain**  
accused

Drawing from conversations with Steward, Gareth Gingerich, an "all-around handyman," described the victim as an individual who may have battled some personal problems, including difficulties finding work.

Gingerich said Steward talked to him about his previous job as a restaurant cook.

But the maintenance worker stressed that he and Steward were merely acquaintances and



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

An unwelcoming sign sits outside of 418 Brown St. on Tuesday. The apartment building was the home of both David Christian, 29, and Michael Steward, 39. Police have accused Christian of killing Steward and charged him with second-degree murder.

shared only a few extended conversations.

During those conversations, Gingerich said Steward sometimes seemed "depressed."

Other times, Gingerich said Steward discussed his hobby, talking about the iconic chess player Bobby Fischer.

John Grace, who worked with

## Health care, taxes top issues

By **KELLI SHAFFNER**

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Although the national economy's recession has influenced Iowa, when compared with the limping economies of California and Michigan, it's not all that bad here, Iowa business leaders contend.

"I think we'll muddle through," said Paul Heath, the director of the UI's Small Business Development Center. "Though it will be tighter, [the recession here] isn't as big as other states."

Still, Iowans may feel the fiscal crunch on some major issues: employer-provided health care and the increasing price of commercial property taxes.

Come Nov. 4, these two increasingly troublesome problems should top the list of economic concerns for voters, business officials say.

### Pricy payments for hospital patients

A "serious barrier" has emerged in Iowa, sequestering employees to one side and health care on the other, local economic experts said.

"Health-care costs continue to increase and are becoming continuously more challenging," said Nancy Quellhorst, the president of Iowa City's Chamber of Commerce.

Between 2000 and 2007, the cost of Iowa's employer-provided health insurance rose, outpacing median wages by nearly 4 percent, according to a recent study by Families USA, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated

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### 2008 ELECTION WATCH ISSUES

#### Third in a five-part series

The *DI* will examine issues relevant to the Nov. 4 elections this week, talking to experts and average voters about what changes they want to see in important topics.

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The West High Auditorium fills up with students and parents for an orchestra concert on Tuesday. West High recently hired a new security guard for added security when the school is open to the public.

**TOP STORIES**

Most-read stories on dailyiowan.com for Tuesday, October 21

1. Police: Chokehold led to death
2. Beating cancer, not looking back
3. More than a lost violin
4. Point/Counterpoint: Who is the best running back in the Ferentz era?
5. Two men reportedly assaulted

**CORRECTION**

In the Oct. 21 article "Police: Chokehold led to death," the *DI* incorrectly reported that David Christian used a Brazilian jiu-jitsu chokehold on Michael Steward. The style of jujitsu was never specified by police. Police additionally did not specify the manner in which Christian knocked on a neighbor's door. Police's prior contact with the two men was also unclear in the article. Police had dealt with Christian and Steward on separate occasions for different circumstances. The *DI* regrets the errors.

# High schools using guards

The Iowa City School District will employ additional security — but some students don't like the idea.

By JENNIFER DELGADO  
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was not just the number but the intensity of the fights."

But many high-school students said the difference between hall monitors and the new guards appear slim, adding that it seems neither have any "real" authority similar to that of police officers.

"If a big fight breaks out, all he can do is pull them apart," said 16-year-old Matt Mason. "But anyone can do that."

Roughly 3,200 students attend the two schools, and some Iowa City high-school students said the district might be misusing funds — hiring an extra person to guard the halls is "pointless" said 16-year-old Wissal Graff.

And fights don't happen as often this year as last, students argued.

"The schools always complain that they don't have enough money," said 17-year-old Carla Flores. "This year,

we don't need it, and last year, we did — it's a waste of money."

School officials said the additional security will be especially helpful during after-school activities, which are on school grounds and don't have much adult supervision.

"It makes a big difference," City High Principal Mark Hanson said. "When an adult is present, fights or other inappropriate things tend not to happen as much."

The School District is paying for the new guards, with Plugge noting that such security personnel will bolster the current supervisory staff.

The two new staff members boast police experience and training in supervision. In their new roles, they are expected to work as liaisons with the school, administrators, and the police on volatile problems.

Although the School District looked into hiring an armed officer, a community committee working with the district advised against the idea last summer, saying guns are too dangerous for schools.

Plugge said schools frequently employ uniformed officers — but the community committee said an unarmed guard would be a better fit for high school.

Unarmed guards are also employed in Dubuque and Cedar Rapids schools.

"The idea is to make our schools a safer place," Plugge said.

Still, some students see a larger problem than just the new security guards.

"Most kids who want to get in trouble will do so," said 14-year-old Samantha Weiss. "If not here, they'll just go to the next school and start more fights."

**STATE**

**Schools making progress on sex-assault-policy reviews**

Iowa's public universities are making progress in their reviews of sexual-assault policies as required by the state Board of Regents, Regent President David Miles wrote in a letter.

The three schools will work with consultants from the U.S. Department of Justice to recommend new policies for the universities.

"The Department of Justice and its consultants will provide national expertise," Miles said. "I appreciate the universities' commitment to completing this review in a timely manner."

Miles presented a letter on the institution's progress to the Legislative Oversight Committee on Oct. 17. The letter was released on the regents' website on Monday.

The regents hired the Stolar Partnership law firm to investigate the UI's handling of a reported sexual assault allegedly involving now-former Hawkeye student-athlete. The report found the university mishandled the case.

Last month, the regents required all regent universities to redesign their sexual-assault policies. The new procedures will be presented to the regents in December. Updates will be due to the board at its Oct. 29 meeting.

Ex-Hawkeye football players Abe Satterfield, 20, and Cedric Everson, 19, are accused of sexually assaulting a former Hawkeye student-athlete in a Hillcrest dorm room in October 2007.

— by Amanda McClure

**Police look for assault suspects**

Police are looking for a group of sus-

pects after they reportedly attacked two men early Sunday morning, authorities said Tuesday.

Iowa City police said they responded to an assault report at the intersection of Burlington and Linn Streets at 1:48 a.m. Two men reported they were "jumped" by a group of men. Both victims received non-life-threatening injuries to their faces and heads, reports show.

The group fled eastbound on Burlington Street when bystanders started yelling that the cops were coming, the two men told police.

— by Ashton Shurson

**Man charged with 3rd OWI**

A Cedar Falls man was arrested Monday for allegedly driving drunk for the third time.

Brent Lyman, 39, was charged with third-offense OWI.

North Liberty police said Lyman was driving a gray 2006 Dodge Ram when he was stopped for a moving violation.

When officers approached him, he smelled strongly of alcohol, had watery bloodshot eyes, and slurred and delayed speech, reports show.

He also reportedly failed all three field-sobriety tests and registered a .171 blood alcohol concentration.

Third-offense OWI is a Class D felony punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of up to \$9,375.

— by Ashton Shurson

**Area man charged with vehicular homicide/OWI**

A West Liberty man reportedly involved in a car crash that killed one of his passengers last month now faces a felony charge.

Skylar Vanhoang, 25, was charged Monday with vehicular homicide/OWI and serious injury by vehicle.

On Sept. 21, Vanhoang was reportedly driving a Mitsubishi 3000 GT north on First Avenue in Coralville when he entered the I-80 eastbound off-ramp at Exit 242 going the wrong way, police said.

At the same time, a semi was traveling eastbound on I-80 in the outside lane approaching the exit, reports show.

The car struck a semi head-on at approximately 10 p.m.

West Liberty resident Kelly Oseguera, 24, the front-seat passenger, was pronounced dead at the scene.

A passenger in the back seat was also seriously injured and taken to UI Hospitals and Clinics, authorities said.

At the time of the crash, Vanhoang allegedly had bloodshot, watery eyes and smelled strongly of alcohol, police said. He also failed all field-sobriety tests and blood tests indicated he had a .268 blood-alcohol concentration, reports show.

Vehicular homicide/OWI is a Class B felony punishable by 25 years in prison. Serious injury by vehicle is a Class D felony punishable by five years in prison and a fine of up to \$7,500.

— by Ashton Shurson

**2 to serve probation for drug, endangerment charges**

A man and a woman arrested for growing marijuana in the presence of a 4-week-old baby and 1-year-old toddler will serve probation, online court records show.

A 6th District judge convicted Peter

Mayberry and Jennifer Oxley, both 29, with felony controlled-substance violations and child endangerment, an aggravated misdemeanor, late last week.

The pair will serve three years' probation each for their controlled-substance violations and two years' probation each for the child-endangerment charges. They are ordered to pay a total of \$1,375 in fines.

Police reported in April that an officer accompanied a Department of Human Services employee to Mayberry's and Oxley's residence to check on the baby and discovered pipes, a bong, and marijuana sitting in plain view. The officer also reported finding a "marijuana grow" on the property.

— by Olivia Moran

**2 charged with drug violations**

North Liberty police arrested two people after they allegedly found more than 100 grams of pot at a woman's residence.

Kimberly Landuyt, 34, North Liberty, and Steven Johnson, 31, Milan, Ill., were charged Oct. 20 with controlled-substance violations and drug tax-stamp violations.

Police said they arrived at Landuyt's residence to serve an arrest warrant. When officers entered the house, Johnson was leaving the back bedroom, where Landuyt was lying on the bed, authorities said.

Next to her was a scale and a bag with roughly 110 grams of marijuana, police said, adding, "This is far more than is possessed for personal use."

Controlled-substance and drug tax-stamp violations are Class D felonies generally punishable by up to five years in prison and fines of up to \$7,500.

— by Ashton Shurson

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**Shane Davis**, 49, address unknown, was charged Monday with public intoxication.

**Joanna Giampoli**, 18, S104 Hillcrest, was charged Oct. 18 with PAULA.

**Jason Hansen**, 27, 2127 Kountry Lane Apt. 6, was charged Tuesday with OWI. Robert Hock, 22, 403 S. Johnson St., was charged Oct. 18 with third-degree

harassment. **Larry James**, 34, 2221 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Oct. 18 with OWI.

**Joel Jimenez**, 27, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4202, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

**Demetrius Lee**, 21, address unknown, was charged Oct. 18 with disorderly conduct.

**Deon Luedtke**, 50, 133 W. Oak St., was charged Oct. 18 with fifth-degree theft.

**Michael Lynch**, 18, 2307 Burge, was charged Tuesday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

**Luis Matos Mendez**, 21, 2401 Highway 6 E. Apt. 4202, was charged Monday with fifth-degree theft.

**Clark Reyes**, 19, 1958 Broadway Apt. 4C, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

**Mathew Setier**, 31, 739 Michael St. Apt. 7, was charged Monday with domestic abuse.

**Jason Wandling**, 22, 319 E. Court St., was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

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# Many want tax relief

## BUSINESS

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to providing more affordable health care.

The cost of health insurance in the state has catapulted more than 72 percent during those years, with the average family health-insurance premiums jumping more than \$4,700 annually.

To keep quality employees, Heath said, many business will need to provide benefits, which are becoming increasingly more difficult to afford.

"A lot of times, [that's] more important for employees than what they make an hour," he said, adding that this strains businesses because choosing to provide insurance affects profit.

But as medical technology improves, and doctors can do more for patients, employees may need to endure costlier — but more effective — health care, he said.

Most employers merely want their benefits to stay the same but don't get that stability, said Mike Ralstam, the president of the Iowa Association of Business and Industry.

For instance, an employee's co-payment could be \$10 one day and \$15 the next.

To counteract this inconsistency, employees should become better-educated consumers and shop around, such as choosing generic prescriptions over name brands, said Eric Upchurch, a benefits broker for A.W. Welt Ambrisco Insurance.

"We live in a society where diabetes, obesity, and individual health is out of control," Upchurch said. "We have to find a way to fix this."

### Extremely high commercial property taxes

Iowa's highly priced

commercial property taxes have steadily escalated for many years, creating a tremendous burden on commercial property owners, said Quellhorst, and that is the state's highest priority.

Vacant commercial spaces used to freckle places such as Coralville — but since the flood, things have changed. Demand has driven rent of these sites north, Heath said.

Ralstam said the solution to this problem is simple: Property taxes should be based on the value of the property.

During 2008, Johnson County made more than \$80.2 million from commercial tax revenues. The state made nearly \$1.2 billion in the taxes, according to the Iowa Department of Management.

The state relies heavily on this money to fund state programs, said Dale Hyman, the Iowa Department of Revenue property tax administrator.

High property taxes have concerned the state Legislature for some time now, but a way out of the problem isn't clear yet, Hyman said.

"I'm not hopeful no matter who is elected," he said.

Adds Quellhorst: "The state really needs a comprehensive tax reform."

### Iowa remains stable

Iowa's stable economy shoots from the state's greatest resource: farms.

"Agriculture is doing better than most industries," Ralstam said, noting that many Iowans are involved in overseas markets.

He also attributes the positive economic outlook in Iowa to slower credit situations.

"This area is pretty healthy," Heath said. There's a "little slowdown in activity and people are being a little more conservative with money."

But "Overall, people are surviving."

# Candidates debate

## LOESACK

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Republican challenger argued for a more market-based approach to the issue, while Loeb sack supported more government intervention and consumer protections.

When it came to Social Security, the candidates stuck to their ideological guns — Miller-Meeks favored private accounts, while Loeb sack rejected the notion.

Overall, Miller-Meeks was sharper in her criticisms, while Loeb sack calmly deflected — or outright ignored — swipes at his record.

When Miller-Meeks, an Ottumwa doctor, blasted Loeb-

sack for his flood-recovery work, the incumbent pointed to the bipartisan Loeb sack-Grassley relief package.

Miller-Meeks' pointed response?

"You are no Sen. Grassley," said Miller-Meeks, taking a line from former vice-presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen, who in a 1988 debate famously told Republican vice-presidential candidate Dan Quayle he was no Jack Kennedy.

The debate, held by KCRG-TV and the *Cedar Rapids Gazette*, didn't include independent Brian White or Green Party candidate Wendy Barth.

The two candidates were upset at the omission.

On Tuesday afternoon, White called it a "disservice to citizens of Iowa and the 2nd District." Barth condemned the decision at an earlier debate.

"The need to hear from independent candidates has never been greater," White said in a pre-debate press release.

Barth conducted her own online virtual debate, answering the same questions online.

Two years ago, Loeb sack defeated 30-year Republican incumbent James Leach in an election that saw Democrats gain 31 House seats.

Loeb sack now holds substantial monetary advantages over his three challengers; the \$800,000 he's raised dwarfs his

opponents' combined \$300,000.

At Tuesday night's debate, the candidates agreed on a few matters: the need for ethanol, the failures of No Child Left Behind, and the need to punish employers who knowingly hire illegal immigrants.

After the debate, both contenders said they were confident of their chances on Nov. 4, with both noting their appeal to the youth. Loeb sack touted his record on college affordability, and Miller-Meeks pointed to the specific issues.

"When I talk about reforming health care and Social Security, I'm looking out for young people," Miller-Meeks said.

# Arts hits light hitches

## MENARDS

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ple as new lighting, which officials say will soon be installed.

"If you're painting a painting and looking at real objects or people, you need light to come from a certain direction," said Young, who teaches painting and drawing. "When it comes from up on top, it tends to flatten out objects."

At present, bowl-shaped lights hang from the ceiling, casting a pall that's insufficient for painting and drawing.

Many UI arts students agree, saying it's difficult to work under such conditions.

"Making shadows is really challenging because there's so much light flooding," UI freshman Adam Parker said. "A bunch of light comes from different directions, messing up the shadows you want. You can work around it, but it's a big hassle."

So, teachers have asked the maintenance workers to turn off lights, instead choosing to employ free-standing lights



BENJAMIN ROBERTS/THE DAILY IOWAN

An easel sits near a garage door on Tuesday at the former Menards store, which the UI is using as a temporary arts campus.

that throw shadows about the cavernous room.

But Jim Kenyon, the construction manager at studio arts, said shutting the lights off isn't simple — a crew member must use a lift to unplug individual sections over specific class areas.

We have to "turn off the lights in sections," Kenyon said. "You can't turn off a room."

And then, when the lights are dark, the next step is overcoming the hassle of correctly positioning free-standing lights.

"It takes a long time to set up, so you're wasting a lot of time," Young said.

This may be annoying for some, infuriating for others — but for UI freshman Rogan Barkhoff, it's merely "interesting."

"The lighting from the ceiling is anti-productive, so we usually just cancel the lighting and use our own," Barkhoff said. "Here, there are a lot of bad lights. You have to work hard to make a good light for your paintings."

Kenyon said the new lights, ones that can be switched on and off individually, might be available soon if everything goes well.

First on the crew's agenda: lighting the painting and drawing rooms. But as instructors and students anxiously await the new system, maintenance crews say tight class schedules could complicate the installation of lights.

And while it's harder to learn in the current environment and it could be some time before anything changes because of scheduling conflicts, teachers, construction workers, and students say they'll work together to solve problems.

"Everyone's willing to compromise," Barkhoff said. "It's more of a hassle, but it's nothing we can't deal with."

# Victim remembered

## HOMICIDE

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"nice enough guy" who sometimes drove him home after work.

Though the two didn't interact much outside of work, Grace said he had seen Christian by himself at local bars.

"He was too drunk to really talk," Grace said. "But he was never violent, just annoyingly drunk. I've never seen him in anyway violent."

Christian faces a second-degree murder charge after he told police he grabbed Steward's hands and held them while he placed Steward's head between his legs, repeatedly applying pressure to his neck until he realized Steward was unresponsive, authorities said.

Steward died shortly after at Mercy Hospital.

Iowa City police Sgt. Troy Kelsay said Tuesday that Christian registered a .268 blood alcohol content at 7:01 a.m. — four hours after police were dis-

patched to his residence.

Kelsay said the physical autopsy of Steward is completed, but preliminary results are vague, and no cause of death has been released.

Asphyxiation could be the cause of death and would be consistent with Christian's statement, Kelsay said.

Christian is being held at the Johnson County Jail on a \$500,000 bond; if convicted, he could face 50 years in prison.

## October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month



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# Minority numbers in education are decreasing

UI notes a lack of minority male students in education.

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Between 2004 and 2007, the number of minority males in the UI College of Education dropped 24.6 percent, from 175 to 132, while minority students looking for a future in teaching dropped nearly 50 percent from 42 to 19.

The UI has recognized this decrease, and it has started collaborating with different organizations to attract such students, said Tina Hoffman, UI education graduate student at an education fair Tuesday in the Linquist Center.

One such organizations, the Center for Diversity and Enrichment, gives individual guidance to "underserved" students from diverse backgrounds, according to its website.

Hoffman said government funding may be to blame.

"Federal funding is getting a lot of grants for [science] projects, so the kids are going into these fields because more scholarships are available," Hoffman said.

The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education and Coalition is a program that supports the nation's education system. With government attention directed to just these areas, some important aspects of education sometimes get excluded,



Vernita Morgan, a graduate research assistant in psychological and quantitative foundations, speaks with Jim Verry of the UI Educational Placement Office during the New Opportunities and Passport Fair at the Lindquist Center on Tuesday.

Hoffman said.

The reasons for the decrease in the number of male minority students studying education may be complicated, she said.

But other people contend they haven't noticed any such decrease.

"It's not uncommon for the male to female ratio to be 50-50," said Nancy Langguth, UI secondary-education instructor.

Some students agree.

"Teaching history within an inclusive, multicultural cur-

riculum is one of the best approaches to preparing Americans to adapt to change," said Leah Slick-Driscoll, who is from the Meskwaki and Winnebago tribes and plans teach history and American Indian studies.

In her eight classes, she said, she has noticed there are only four other minority students.

The U.S. Census Bureau predicted last summer that by 2050, around 46 percent of

the nation will be non-Latino white. At present, 66 percent of the nation is non-Latino white.

With the country's cultural makeup destined to change, Slick-Driscoll feels it is important for more minorities to get involved in the education field.

"The way people are going to be able to adapt to the change in cultural makeup will be through education," she said.

# Council: Sheraton may close interior walkway

City Council approves resolution to close passage in the Sheraton at night.

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Iowa City City Councilors turned a cold shoulder Tuesday night to people who would use the Sheraton Hotel's indoor passage at night.

The council passed a resolution that allows the Sheraton to lock its passage that connects the Pedestrian Mall and Dubuque Street between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Ron Kim, a representative for Sheraton, said the hotel is interested in keeping its guests and employees safe. Denying rowdy bar patrons entry by closing the interior walkway at night would help meet that goal, he said.

We want "to keep unwanted behavior out of our vestibule," Kim said.

Sheraton representatives offered to cover 50 percent of the cost to improve the exterior passageway, which runs along the hotel's west side.

Kim said Sheraton wants to make the outside passage more aesthetically pleasing to discourage pedestrians from using the interior walkway. Such improvements could include public art and signs, according to the terms of the agreement.

"It's ugly," he said. "But we

want to fix that."

But some of the councilors said closing the indoor walkway could create safety problems for students walking home late at night.

"I can't close off a safe passageway in the evening," said Councilor Amy Correia, who voted against the resolution. "I think there are other things the Sheraton can do."

Councilor Mike Wright, who also voted against it, said he approved of narrowing the indoor walkway to discourage loitering but doesn't think the inside should be closed at night.

To divert pedestrian interest, he suggested the Sheraton remove the ATM inside.

"That is meant to be open at night, a safe-haven to the public," Wright said.

Other councilors said the improvements to the exterior passageway could include features such as better lighting and security cameras, which would alleviate some safety issues.

Councilor Mike O'Donnell said the added lighting to the exterior would make the passageway safer than other exits from the Ped Mall.

"I think it's certainly going to be a lot brighter than continuing down College Street," O'Donnell said.

The contract can be nullified if the property is substantially redeveloped or is turned into something other than a hotel, according to the agreement.

Sheraton representatives said they expect the project to be completed within 18 months.

STATE

## Iowa limits public health-insurance choices

DES MOINES (AP) - State workers in Iowa will have one choice, not two, when it comes to selecting health insurance carriers.

The Executive Council, which consists of five state leaders, has approved a proposal to eliminate United HealthCare and keep Wellmark. Gov. Chet Culver, chairman of the council, backed the plan and Monday's vote on the change was 3-2.

"We continue to provide excellent health care, we're reducing costs and we're saving taxpayers millions," Culver said.

Under the plan, beginning Jan. 1 employees won't be able to choose plans offered by United HealthCare and must select those offered by Wellmark.

Supporters said the change will save the state as much of \$9.5 million in 2009 and possibly that much in 2010. Estimates show that in some cases family coverage would cost about \$100 less a month.

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# Someday, UI might like jail property

The university's interest in purchasing the county-jail space remains 'very, very preliminary.'

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UI officials said they don't want to give up any land — but they may want to gain some.

Discussion over whether the Johnson County Jail should be moved to a new location has been circulating for months, and recently, UI officials said they're interested in purchasing the land the jail sits on.

"We are willing to start discussions, but it is a long process for us to get approval. We believe the property in that area is important to the university."

— Steve Parrott, UI spokesman

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## UI eyes the county-jail space

With the possibility of the Johnson County Jail changing locations, the UI could be moving in. The following are university buildings close to the jail:

- Facilities Management
- University Services
- Cambus garage

Source: UI spokesman Steve Parrott

the university would like to expand further.

And though he was unsure of the potential property's use if acquired, he said the university is more likely to use the land than the jail, which would be torn down but not right away.

The property's estimated worth is \$5 million, Johnson County Sheriff Lonny Pulkrabek said.

The issue requires future discussion, Parrott said.

Meanwhile, he stressed that the UI isn't interested in selling its land that sits next to the jail, a plot that stretches two city blocks long and is used as a parking lot. And that is property Pulkrabek would like to have.

"The university coming and telling us that they would be willing to sell that property is what I view as a positive step," he said.

"We would not want to sell the property adjacent because we feel it is too valuable for the future," he said. "Who's to know what we might use it for in the future?"

Pulkrabek said a new jail is necessary but conceded that the county won't likely acquire the desired space.

"This jail is 30 years old,

and we are out of space," said Pulkrabek, noting it will cost roughly \$1 million to move inmates to other counties during the current fiscal year.

The Durrant Group, a consulting firm from Des Moines, is conducting a site-analysis study for the county. The group will make formal recommendations on Nov. 5.

Johnson County Supervisor Sally Stutsman said county officials are waiting to hear the Durrant report before making any decisions about the jail.

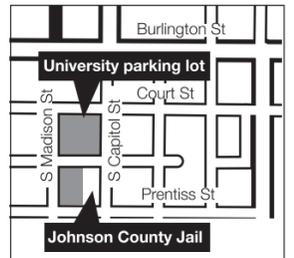
The supervisors have discussed the move frequently, she said, and she knows about the UI's interest in the space.

"We certainly knew that the university was interested in the space," she said. "It fits with its whole plan."

## Land purchase

Though UI officials said they aren't interested in selling land adjacent to the Johnson County Jail, they expressed interest in possibly purchasing the property currently occupied by the jail if it relocates.

## Prospective land purchases



Jessica Baker/The Daily Iowan

# Even UIHC touched by economic crisis

Hospital officials delay a \$33 million loan due to a credit slowdown.

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Though financial worries have caused a dip in some industries, business is good at UI Hospitals and Clinics.

"If anything, we're seeing more patients right now. We have been quite full," said Ken Fisher, the UIHC's chief financial officer. Outpatient clinics have 7 to 8 percent more patients than last year, he said.

But that doesn't mean the hospital is detached from the effects of the global economic crisis; the UIHC is being affected by frozen credit and high prices.

Because it's a state-backed institution, UIHC doesn't borrow money the same way as the average business does. Instead, the hospital issues bonds through the state Board of Regents. Still, the credit situation has led to high interest rates in the bond market.

Late last month, the UIHC was scheduled to borrow \$33 million for routine maintenance and renovation projects. However, when stocks took a tumble, officials decided to delay the loan until December, Fisher said.

UIHC's brush with the dire economic situation is unsurprising, UI economics Professor John Geweke said.

"Any business that needs a substantial amount of capital is going to be severely affected in a credit crisis," he said.

Adding to the poor credit sit-

## Effects of credit crisis expand

Banks and financial institutions aren't the only businesses suffering from the credit crisis.

The following groups are also being negatively affected by a poor lending climate:

- Hospitals
- Charities
- Colleges
- Nonprofit agencies

Source: The Chronicle of Philanthropy

uation is ever-increasing prices on goods necessary to operate hospitals.

Fisher said the UIHC has seen inflated prices "all over."

"Anything that's related to plastic has gone up," he said. "Food products have gone up pretty dramatically. Some of the durable metal stuff is not jumping quite as rapidly, but we expect it to."

He attributed the spiking costs in part to oil prices. However, recent gas-price decreases that drivers are enjoying doesn't guarantee relief in the way of increasing cost of goods, Geweke said. Short-term dips in fuel costs won't necessarily affect anything in the long-term.

"Low oil prices lower the cost of production, and that's good news," he said. "However, it remains to be seen if prices will stay as low as they are now — eventually, it's almost certain that they're going to go back up again. The normal ups and downs don't do that much to the prices you and I pay."

Despite monetary struggles, Fisher said patient care will not be threatened.

"We don't really have the choice of cutting back," he said. "If the patient needs it, you've got to have it."

## STATE

### Students seek spots as Statehouse pages

DES MOINES (AP) — The Statehouse filled Tuesday with high-school students seeking coveted spots as pages during the upcoming four-month legislative session.

The students were interviewing Tuesday for approximately 40 spots as pages for the House, Senate, Governor's Office, and a few other agencies.

Many of the pages leave home for the first time to live in Des Moines during the session, but typically, there are few problems. Those who watch over them say that's a credit to the students — and plenty of watchful eyes.

"The kids who are applying to be pages are the cream of the crop," said Secretary of the Senate Michael Marshall. "We're seeing Iowa's best students applying for these positions."

The students aren't paid for their work running errands, getting coffee for officials, and passing notes to lawmakers. The hours can be long and the work often menial, but there's never a shortage of applicants.

Legislative officials said they make sure to give plenty of time to the pages, who are easy to spot in their blazers — blue for the 20 House pages and red for the 15 in the Senate.

"That's one of the points of emphasis I've had since I got his job," said Mark Brandsgaard, chief clerk of the House. "I talk to the pages every day and try to get a sense of where they're at and what's going on."

### Iowa's unemployment rate drops to 4.2%

DES MOINES (AP) — Iowa's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 4.2 percent in September, an improvement from August though still higher than last year.

A year ago, seasonal unemployment in Iowa was at 3.8 percent. Last month, the rate stood at 4.5 percent.

Iowa Workforce Development released seasonal unemployment figures on Tuesday. Total employment for September increased slightly to 1,614,200 compared to 1,605,700 in August.



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Editorial

# Make Election Day a national holiday

Universal suffrage refers to the right to vote for all adults regardless of ethnicity, sex, and economic status; however, a myriad of Americans every election season are limited in their access to the polls. Many are forced to choose between exercising their right to vote and putting food on the table. A steady paycheck takes precedence over taking time off to vote. Every election cycle, countless Americans use the excuse "I didn't have the time" when asked why they failed to vote. If a lack of time is a common obstacle to voting, the solution seems simple enough: Election Day should be a national holiday.

Pundits and public officials alike complain of the low voter turnout each election year. Voter apathy is a serious problem in this country. If the government wants to increase public interest in the fundamental democratic freedom of voting, then Congress should take the appropriate steps to make Election Day a national holiday. An entire day devoted to the right to vote could change the public's perception of voting as a hassle or burden into something to be proud of and worthy of people's time. This concept isn't new; many other countries have national holidays on their election days.

A national holiday provides us with more than just free time. Growing up, our teachers paid particular attention to national holidays. Plays, papers, and presentations are assigned by our teachers in order to educate the youth of America about the significance behind our national holidays. Children are taught to celebrate why they don't have to attend school, not just to relish in a three-day weekend. Promoting the importance of voting during our youth may go a long way to cure voter apathy in younger generations. Moreover, an Election Day holiday would allow parents to take their children with them to the polls, reinforcing the importance that their teachers placed on the process.

A government holiday would also free up voting stations

in government buildings, such as schools, for longer periods of time, increasing voter access. In theory, with more Americans off work, voting stations would be better staffed on Election Day, thus increasing efficiency. An election holiday may decrease the need for early voting, allowing resources to be spent on increasing the number of voting stations and volunteers on Election Day.

Some advocates of an election holiday have suggested merging Veteran's Day and Election Day into a common holiday during election years. We continually praise our nation's soldiers for giving their lives for our freedom — which would include the right to vote. Perhaps more Americans would take a moment to realize the importance of their right to vote if it was linked with honoring our nation's heroes.

For those that believe a merger would diminish the significance of Veteran's Day and Election Day, there are superfluous holidays that can be recalled. Columbus Day is based on a myth; moreover, it's a controversial holiday that celebrates European dominance over the American Indian population. A holiday to commemorate our right to vote is a far superior reason to close government offices.

Many of us spend an entire afternoon and day watching the election coverage. We have spent countless hours watching debates, listening to pundits, and being bombarded with TV ads. An Election Day holiday would be the culmination of the entire arduous process of an election year. Certainly the American people deserve a holiday after surviving an presidential-election process that now takes almost two years to complete.

As Americans, we gather all over the country in large parties to celebrate the Super Bowl. Even the commercials are subject to great fanfare and are usually the topic of water-cooler conversations on Monday morning. It's time we, as Americans, treat the right to vote and Election Day with the same exuberance.

# Finding the muse



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**3:48 p.m. 10/20/2008** — *In apartment, dishabile. Air conditioner on. Decide on basic article idea. Roughly Ascertain that between Fark links and Flaubert, there may be enough for a column.*

**3:49 p.m.** — *Temporarily abandon project, check fridge, return to couch and await muse.*

The creative process — for some it's a method to madness, for others an exercise in futility. Invoking the muse, being in the line of fire for a bolt from the blue, the struggle to make "eureka" moments fit a certain schedule is anything but easy. Nevertheless, a recent survey suggests that inspiration is just a matter of time.

10:04 p.m. to be exact. On Monday, England's *The Daily Telegraph* reported that a poll of 1,426 respondents conducted by the Crown Plaza hotel chain showed "People are at their most creative late at night with 10:04 p.m. the most likely time for a eureka moment."

While few would be bold enough to doubt the validity of the scientific discoveries of a major hotel chain, one can't help but wonder how much water Crown Plaza's findings hold, given that almost everyone has her or his own theories on how to best get the creative juices flowing.

**4 p.m.** *Express overwhelming joy that "Modern Marvels" is on tonight.*

**5-7 p.m.** *Inspirational nap.*

Instead, history would seem to indicate be that the creative process is equal parts unique and inexplicable for each individual. For some it can be a plodding, deliberate process. While writing his masterpiece, *Madame Bovary*, Gustave Flaubert would pen agonized letters to paramour Louise Colet expressing the laborious pace at which he was composing his book. The perfect model of a tortured artist, Flaubert would claim it would literally take him days to complete even a few lines of his novel.

Conversely, for other artists the problem may simply be to *keep up* with all the inspiration. Jack Kerouac was said to have sped up the process of writing *On the Road* by connecting his typewriter to a single gigantic roll of paper — not wanting to break his creative stride by having to change pages.

**7:30 p.m.** *Check my sites.*

**7:52 p.m.** *Check my sites (again).*

**8 p.m.** — *Shower, briefly wonder why bathroom smells of popcorn. Resolve to question*

roommate about this. Continue arduous task of writing column.

For some, both place as well as time may play a role in how they're able to create. The same *Telegraph* article that reported the alleged 10:04 phenomenon notes that 44 percent of the respondents claimed to find their inspiration in the shower.

For others, the location may be unique. Ernest Hemingway, for example was said to write best while standing — his typewriter often perched on a bookshelf to make up for the height difference. It's also claimed that famed physicist Sir Isaac Newton may have done his best work near or underneath a particular type of fruit tree.

**9 p.m.** — *Accidentally sucked into TV program. Now need to run errand (beverages). Will soon return to exhausting task of column writing.*

**9:40 p.m.** — *Provisions bartered for. My spoils: chips 'n' salsa + mushrooms bebidas. Consider asking editor if they can be expensed.*

**9:48 p.m.** — *Note that six-hour mark in the excruciating task of plucking editorial bliss from the ether has been eclipsed. Debate asking for larger compensatory sum from publication to reflect my monumental effort. Decide against this — art should be its own reward.*

**10:01 p.m.** — *Finish first of beverages with gusto. Belch. Crudely forget to excuse myself, luckily no one will ever know.*

Then, there are always other routes that artists have taken to chase down that pesky muse. *Howl*, poet Allen Ginsberg claimed to have had something of a creative epiphany once while spending and afternoon in his apartment smoking marijuana, masturbating, and reading William Blake's "Ah Sunflower!"

For others, snippets of sobriety would be the source of inspiration. While literary luminary William Faulkner spent a large amount of his non-creative hours bound for a bender he is known to have abandoned his abuse of alcohol when he would become engaged in a serious writing project.

**10:18 p.m.** — *Find inspirational hymn to facilitate column creation — Albert King's "Killing Floor"*

**10:18-10:22 p.m.** — *Air Guitar.*

**10:22-11:39** — *Write, finish most of column, stare longingly at neglected television, lament.*

**12 a.m. 10/21/08** *Attempt to pen snappy conclusion.*

Nevertheless, no matter what the method an artist, or author, painter or poet, musician or master-chef decides to use, as long as the result is a finished product it can certainly be said that ...

**12:01 a.m.** — *Something good on TV.*

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It's worth noting that federal law governing student records generally defines information in discipline records as confidential. However, the law permits disclosure of disciplinary records in cases of health or safety emergencies. In addition, a 1998 amendment to the federal law allows universities to notify parents of students under the age of 21 in nonemergency cases that involve alcohol or illegal-drug violations. The UI uses both of these exceptions to communicate with parents.

For more information, see Section IV of the most recent Annual Report on Student Discipline: <http://student-services.uiowa.edu/documents/2007ReportforPublicRelease.pdf>

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DI Blog

# Thank you, Iowa



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My former Islamic-studies professor at the UI was born in Tehran. He was a California transplant in Iowa City after getting admitted into the Writers' Workshop. Based on what he learned in school in California, the "fly-over states" — such as Iowa —

were nothing but fields, livestock, and hicks. When the tragic events of 9/11 happened, he was worried about backlash. He had heard negative stories from some of his friends and former classmates now teaching across the United States. He was proud of the reaction here in Iowa; in short, we didn't lash out against the local Muslim community. He later told me that he shouldn't have been surprised that Iowans reacted so maturely, for we are the home of the "Mother Mosque of America" — the oldest mosque

in the United States (Cedar Rapids is also home to the first exclusively Muslim cemetery in the United States, the National Muslim Cemetery).

As the campaigns come to a close and the bigots stream from the sewers like rats, scared that a minority with a non-Anglo name may become their commander in chief, I would like to thank my fellow Iowans for not aping our Midwestern brethren and embarrassing America. For every Steve King linked to Iowa, there are the tens of thousands of Iowans who pro-

mote tolerance and goodwill just because it's the right thing to do. I would like to take a moment to say thank you to Iowans of the past that welcomed change in the form of Lebanese and Syrian immigrants; I would also like to thank the Iowans of the present for showing America that we may be a flyover state filled with fields, livestock, and hicks, but we still believe in tolerance and aren't afraid of change.

Comment on this post and read more from Neal Schuett and other opinions writers at [diopinions.blogspot.com](http://diopinions.blogspot.com).

# Flood cleanup costly for sculptor

Former UI grad student John Hansen lost most of his sculpture tools when flood waters and cleanup crews left little for him to reclaim after leaving them in his locked studio over the summer.



PATRICK LARKIN/THE DAILY IOWAN

John Hansen, a UI art adjunct assistant professor, on Monday shows his sculpting class a slide of one of his works that was destroyed in the June flood. Hansen, who was out of town on his honeymoon when the flood hit, lost thousands of dollars worth of tools and materials that he had kept in his studio in the UI Art Building.

By ELIZABETH TIMMINS  
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When UI alum John Hansen returned to Iowa City in mid-June, it was evident his honeymoon was over. The newlywed discovered mucky waters occupying the lower level of his apartment and his nearby studio located on the UI Arts Campus.

Within a week of his homecoming, he entered his condemned apartment and removed valuables. But across the street, UI officials had closed the studio art buildings, a second home to many, forcing students and faculty to surrender possessions stored inside. Hansen estimates he lost more than \$4,500 worth of tools and materials ranging from wood chisels to a welding helmet.

"At first I was kind of sick, but there was so much in my life that distracted me from it," he said. "I stored everything in there from my digital camera to my backpack."

Still under a teaching-assistant contract when the flood occurred, Hansen sent a list of missing items to the UI, hoping for reimbursement. However, the university's flood-insurance policy does not cover personal items. For the three years he had worked toward obtaining a Master's of Fine Arts in sculpture, Hansen inhabited the same locked UI-owned studio.

Despite receding waters, the UI limited property access.

"They just wouldn't let anyone in," Hansen said. "I just kept waiting around; there were a couple people who broke in. I was like, 'I'll just wait, hopefully, they'll let me in.' I think that was the wrong thing to do. I should have just broken in and got my stuff out. Within a couple hours, I could have it all thrown out of the building, and within another couple hours, I could've had it all moved wherever it needed to. But they just never let me in."

In July, Hansen and his new wife had family obligations in Utah. While the couple celebrated their recent marriage and attended family reunions, cleanup crews in Iowa City treated the abandoned buildings.

However, when UI officials cleared departmental access, Hansen was not around. For much of July he remained in



Artist recovery series

## Second in a three-part series

The *DI* takes a look at the stories of fine-arts students with lost or damaged possessions and the post-flood efforts to help these affected students recover, leading to the development of the UI Artists' Recovery Fund.

**Tuesday:** UI violinist Kate Truscello returns from Italy to find her \$4,500 violin ruined.

**Today:** Recent UI art grad John Hansen finds a number of his sculpting equipment and supplies, stored in his locked studio on the Arts Campus, destroyed.

**Thursday:** The Artists' Recovery Fund begins, created by COGS for community members and artists seeking assistance. Two benefits concerts have been scheduled to raise funds to help replace damaged and stolen supplies.

## John Hansen

- Former UI sculpture graduate student
- Completed undergraduate degree at Utah State
- Originally wanted to be an anthropologist
- Was on his honeymoon during the week of the flood
- Most of the tools lost were Christmas gifts

them over to [Hansen's] house."

Despite the help, Hansen said, he lost thousands of dollars' worth of tools, most of which he said he suspects were thrown away by contracted cleanup crews.

"To them it's 'Why does this guy even have this crap,' but to me, it's valuable, and a lot of it I hauled from Utah and other places," Hansen said. "Wash it off, and I'll use it."

Without renter's insurance or eligibility for student loans, he will have no financial assistance when replacing the lost tools. He bought enough supplies to make do, but he does not have the spare cash to purchase replacements for all the tools he lost.

"I'll still make stuff, but it's been a big obstacle to get around, that's for sure," he said.

# 'South Park' going south

Twelve seasons deep, and "South Park" is showing its age. What will it take for the show to find its Fountain of Youth?



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I was watching the latest episode of "South Park" the other day when a sobering thought occurred to me. When this ridiculous animated satire about four elementary schoolers from Colorado first aired in 1997, I was just starting the sixth grade. It's enough to make one feel downright elderly. (Also, it's much more socially acceptable to admit you watch cartoons when you are 11 years old.)

Now in the middle of a 12th season, "South Park," like its audience, has changed dramatically since the airing of its first episode, the straightforward "Cartman Gets an Anal Probe," in which Cartman ... well, I'm sure you know what happens. I hesitate to use the word "sophisticated" in any description of this show, but creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone have guided "South Park" in an increasingly mature direction over the years, at least in the aesthetic sense, if not in content.

Episodes now feature complex, multi-plot story lines spanning numerous episodes, and contemporary computerized animation techniques are often used for gory, visceral effects — a major shift from the cardboard cutout stop-motion of the first

seasons, which looked about as outdated as "Looney Tunes," even in the '90s.

So the show no longer has the campy appeal of a crudely drawn Barbra Streisand Godzilla-robot wrecking a small town fashioned out of paper and glue, but can that be the reason for its recent comedic stagnation? If anything, the modernization of "South Park" forced Parker and Stone to focus on the show's satirical strengths over anything else.

And that's OK, right? If we're the *Fight Club* generation of grown men acting like boys, isn't "South Park" the ideal commentary on our national case of arrested development? (By my math, those immortal fourth-graders should be halfway to college degrees by now). Our popular culture undoubtedly still provides ample ammunition for the skewering of current events that made "South Park" so great, so it doesn't seem plausible that the creative well has run dry, even after nearly 200 episodes.

Simply put, in spite of the addition of flashy animation and more money than the creators ever dreamed they could make, "South Park" is a satire at heart, and satires live and die on the strength of their writing. And there's no doubt the show's writing has been pretty hit-or-miss of late. Two weeks ago, an episode featured a story line in which George Lucas and Steven Spielberg rape an unsuspecting Indiana Jones numerous times over the course of its 30-minute running time, in scenes that were pretty graphic even by the boundary-

pushing standards of "South Park."

Because by releasing a fourth Jones movie, Lucas and Spielberg are "raping" the franchise for the money. Get it? That's an expression someone might use when describing that movie! A figurative-turned literal conceit like that is a punch line at best; there's just no way to sustain a plot on that kind of substance. It's heavy-handed moments such as these that increase the cringe factor in an already cringe-worthy episode.

That heavy-handedness has become the show's biggest problem lately. Parker and Stone are at their best when they keep things subtle — it becomes apparent they are making a commentary on such things as the American response to immigration or the absurdity of psychic detectives without them having to explicitly tell the viewer how to think about the issue. Now, it seems like they're trying to teach everyone a lesson first, and if it happens to be funny, then that's OK, too.

The success or downfall of "South Park," then, rests on the respective egos of Parker and Stone. Maybe it's an unavoidable result of making an obscene amount of money (I certainly wouldn't know anything about that), but they need to keep their egos in check if they want to retain the core audience that has been with them since the beginning. Comedy Central has the two locked in for at least three more seasons, so let's hope they can find a way to channel some of the magic that got them to where they are today.

## ON THE WEB

Iowa Writers' Workshop graduate Steven Sherrill returns to the UI campus tonight for a reading from his latest work, *The Locktender's House*. Sherrill was nominated by his publisher for the Pulitzer Prize for his previous novel, *Visits from the Drowned Girl*.

Now a professor of English and integrative arts at Penn State-Altoona, Sherrill tells the *DI* that he's always been a terrible student. Today, he said, he aims to "teach to the kind of student that

I was" and credits his time in Iowa City for improving both his fiction and his teaching.

The author of three novels, Sherrill said each features "single characters struggling with their environments — basically, one character fucking up."

For the complete story on Sherrill, his time at the Writers' Workshop, and his latest novel — which centers on a woman suffering from the loss of her husband when he is killed in the Iraq War — visit [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## READING

### *The Locktender's House*

**Who:** Steven Sherrill  
**When:** 7 p.m. today  
**Where:** Prairie Lights Books,  
15 S. Dubuque  
**Admission:** Free

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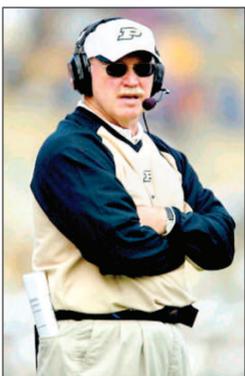
## Wearing o' the Greene

Read a web-exclusive commentary at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) about UI students clamoring for not a black-or-gold-, but a "Greene Out" against Penn State on Nov. 8.

## SCOREBOARD

**NBA PRESEASON**  
Cleveland 91, Philadelphia 83  
Miami 102, Memphis 85  
Boston 101, New York 90  
New Orleans 101, Indiana 96  
Chicago 109, Dallas 105  
Denver 105, Toronto 94  
L.A. Lakers 102, Charlotte 98

**NHL**  
Anaheim 3, Toronto 2  
Buffalo 3, Boston 2, SO  
Columbus 4, Vancouver 2  
Tampa Bay 3, Atlanta 2, OT  
Calgary 2, Washington 1



Joe Tiller

## FOOTBALL

### Purdue's Tiller fires back

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Purdue football coach Joe Tiller says he's not happy with some of the comments running back Kory Sheets made after the Boilermakers' Oct. 18 48-26 loss to Northwestern.

Sheets said he wasn't pleased with Purdue's performance and that he can't carry the team by himself.

Today, Tiller said nothing Sheets says surprises him. But he said Sheets is playing hard and his heart is in the right place. He said Sheets is just frustrated because he's a competitive player and wants to win.

The loss was Purdue's fourth straight and dropped the Boilermakers to 2-5 going into Saturday's game against No. 25 Minnesota.

Despite the losing streak, Tiller doesn't believe his team is coming apart.

## NFL

### Vick ready to plead guilty on Va. charges

SURRY, Va. (AP) — Former NFL quarterback Michael Vick plans to plead guilty to state dogfighting charges, a step that could allow him to qualify for an early release from federal prison and into a halfway house.

In court papers filed in Surry County Circuit Court, Vick's attorneys are seeking to have Vick enter his plea by video teleconference.

The papers also note that the guilty plea would save the government the considerable expense of transporting Vick to Surry and satisfy the county's need to hold him accountable for the crimes he bankrolled and participated in at a rural house he owned there.

Under federal rules, Vick would not be eligible for programs such as release to a halfway house if he has pending charges.

"I'm not trying to make him suffer," Commonwealth's Attorney Gerald Poindexter said in a telephone interview. "I'm just trying to make him account for what he's done."

Surry County Circuit Court administrator Sally Neblett said a hearing has been scheduled for Oct. 30 to permit him to enter his plea via video conference from the federal prison in Leavenworth, Kan., where he is serving a 23-month term.

Vick will have three years of federal probation upon his release from prison, and the deal offered by Poindexter would tack on an additional year of probation in the county, he said.

## TV TODAY

**MLB**  
• 2008 World Series, Game One, Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m., Fox  
**NHL**  
• Edmonton at Chicago, 8 p.m., CSN  
**NBA PRESEASON**  
• Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m., CSN+

# Sisterly act flies on the water



AMY ANDREWS/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hannah (left), Haylie, and Heidie Miller share a laugh in their East Bloomington Street house on Monday. The sisters are teammates on the Iowa rowing team.

## The Hawkeyes' rowing sisters are closely knit.

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When Hannah Miller started teaching her younger sisters to row, it didn't take long before they had a nickname for her.

"She was the mother of the pig pen," said Haylie, one of her younger sisters.

Senior Hannah and sophomores Haylie and Heidie Miller are three sisters who race for the Iowa rowing team.

Why pigs?  
All three have initials that spell "HAM."

However, athletically, no one could confuse them for livestock.

The three sisters were stand-out softball players at their high school in Leaf River, Ill., but had no rowing experience.

Hannah, a softball second-team all-state selection, joined the rowing team after a family friend recommended it to her.

"I came to Iowa not for rowing," she said. "Then I decided to give it a try and stuck with it for the past four years."

Two years later, with their sister's endorsement, twin sisters Haylie and Heidie followed. Neither knew much about rowing.

"I didn't even know it existed," Heidie said.

Despite their inexperience, the sisters have excelled.

At the team's last race, all three competed in the varsity-8s, with Hannah and Haylie competing in the top varsity boat.

Hannah and Heidie have also rowed in pairs together. They said that racing with a sibling allowed each of them to be more blunt.

"We're not afraid to tell each other, 'You're doing something wrong,'" Heidie said.

Once, when Hannah and Haylie decided to go out in a pair boat, everything did go wrong.

Hannah and Haylie both row

on the port side. When they went out in a pair together, Hannah went over to the starboard, or right side, where all her motions were switched.

"I just couldn't comprehend how to row the right way," she said.

To add to the confusion, Haylie was relatively new to rowing, having only been on the team for three weeks. Heidie looked on from the launch boat, a small motorboat coaches ride in during practice.

Their racing shell rocked back and forth, but they managed to keep from flipping.

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## Through the years

Senior Hannah Miller started teaching her younger sisters, now-sophomores Haylie and Heidie, to row after she joined the Iowa team as a freshman. The sisters have made several accomplishments since.

### AS FRESHMEN

**Haylie (2007-08)**  
Member of the Varsity-4 in the spring. Placed third in the Big Ten Petite Final.

**Heidie (2007-08)**  
Member of 2Varsity-8 boat at Longhorn Invitational, member of Varsity-4 boat at Big Ten Challenge that beat Indiana, member of Varsity-4 boat that placed third in Big Ten Petite Final.

**Hannah (2005-06)**  
Novice Member

### AS SOPHOMORES

**Haylie (2008-09)**  
Member of Varsity-8 that placed second at the Head of the Rock.

**Heidie (2008-09)**  
Member of 3Varsity-8 boat that placed 15th at the Head of the Rock.

**Hannah (2006-07)**  
Member of Varsity-8 boat, Big Ten Boat of the Week April 9. Placed first in the Big Ten Petite Final.

### AS A JUNIOR

**Hannah (2007-08)**  
Member of Varsity-8 that earned Big Ten Boat of the Week April 15.

### AS A SENIOR

**Hannah (2008-09)**  
Member of Varsity-8 boat that placed second at Head of the Rock.

Jacqueline Cieslak and Mike Slusark/The Daily Iowan

### ON THE WEB

Watch the three sisters discuss handling rowing and so much more with each other at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).



# Dwyer adds to résumé

The Big Ten recognizes Iowa men's swimming captain Conor Dwyer with the conference's Swimmer of the Week honor.

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Conor Dwyer has come a ways since learning to swim in his grandmother's pool more than 14 years ago.

Even with that seeming head start, learning from a mother who swam for Florida State, Iowa's sophomore leader admits it's hard to believe how far he has journeyed in what is still a young career. Dwyer came to Iowa last year from Loyola Academy in Wilmette, Ill., where he swam under coach Dennis Stonequist.

The latest addition to Dwyer's already impressive résumé was being honored last week as this season's first Big Ten Swimmer of the Week. He earned the accolade after leading a dominant performance by the Hawkeyes against Truman State on Oct. 10. He swept his individual events that night, taking the top spot in the 50 and 500 freestyles (21.31, 4:46.99) as well as the 200 individual medley (1:54.31).

"I don't focus much on winning awards like this, but it's still an honor," he said. "It's exciting to be mentioned with the best in the Big Ten."

The award was the first for Dwyer in his career, who was named team MVP in 2007 after posting two NCAA provisional qualifying times and placing in the Big Ten championships.

"Conor has become a lot more



BECKY MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Hawkeye Conor Dwyer swims a few cool-down laps after winning the men's 50 freestyle with a time of 21.32 on Oct. 10 in the Field House pool. Dwyer also finished first in the men's 500 freestyle.

dedicated in the pool and in the classroom," fellow sophomore Richard Salhus said. "Basically, the top eight in the Big Ten are consistently in the top 15 nationally, so it's pretty special to win this award."

Salhus would know. Not only is he Dwyer's roommate, Salhus was the last member of the Iowa men's team to be named Big Ten Swimmer of the Week, garnering the honor Jan. 8 after his performance in the Florida International Invitational.

Dwyer followed up his award-winning performance against Truman State when Wisconsin visited the Field House pool

### ON THE WEB

Watch Conor Dwyer lead the Hawkeye swimmers and prepare for a strong sophomore campaign as captain at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

Oct. 17, winning the 100 and 200 freestyles (46.28, 1:39.36). The Hawkeyes went on to pull out a 166-134 victory over the Badgers, ending their drought in recent years against Wisconsin and sending a message to the Big Ten that Iowa swimming and diving is back.

SEE DWYER, 3B

## COMMENTARY

# Going Greene

Shonn Greene for Heisman? Maybe, but not by himself.



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It's amazing how quickly something goes from totally disregarded to the spotlight.

Despite putting together what was — before Wisconsin — an obviously great season, Shonn Greene was hardly mentioned on the national scene.

Now, 217 yards and four scores later, there are five Facebook groups titled "Greene for Heisman," another pleading the junior from New Jersey to stay in Iowa City another year, and another advocating a "Get Your Greene On" (the crowd wears green) against Penn State. There's also a weekly "helmet sticker" award from the ESPN College GameDay crew, a Big Ten Player of the Week award (and nomination for All-American Player

of the Week), and the No. 1 spot on the Oct. 18 "SportsCenter" top-10 plays.

Although it was a four-touchdown game, it was his one run, *that* run, that barreling, clobbering, slip 'n' sliding touchdown bolt that put him atop the Oct. 18 playlist. Even without the 52-yard sprint, the first run for paydirt, and the second and the less-remembered of two 34-yard touchdowns, Greene has made his signature.

His Heisman signature. Reggie Bush had Fresno State in '05, Troy Smith had Penn State in '06, Tim Tebow had Kentucky in '07, and Greene has Wisconsin in '08. But Greene isn't going to win the bronze stiff-arming trophy in 2008 because he's not a Big 12 quarterback or Georgia's Knowshon Moreno, and I don't know that I can say he should win it.

But he should get votes, or at least be in New York.

SEE COMMENTARY, 3B

SPORTS 'N' STUFF

2008 WORLD SERIES

Tampa Bay vs. Philadelphia
Today's Game
Philadelphia (Hamels 14-10) at Tampa Bay (Kazmir 12-8), 7:35 p.m. Fox
Thursday's Game
Philadelphia (Myers 10-13) at Tampa Bay (Shields 14-9), 7:29 p.m. Fox
Saturday, Oct. 25
Tampa Bay (Garza 11-9) at Philadelphia (Moyer 16-7), (n)
Sunday, Oct. 26
Tampa Bay (Sonnantstine 13-9) at Philadelphia (Blanton 4-0), (n)
Monday, Oct. 27
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, (n), if necessary
Wednesday, Oct. 29
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, (n), if necessary
Thursday, Oct. 30
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, (n), if necessary

WORLD SERIES ROSTERS

Philadelphia Phillies
Manager: Charlie Manuel
No. Player B T Born Ht Wt
Catchers
27 Coste, Chris R R 02-04-1973 6-1 215
51 Ruiz, Carlos R R 01-22-1979 5-10 202
Infielders
4 Bruntlett, Eric R R 03-29-1978 6-0 190
6 Howard, Ryan L L 11-19-1979 6-4 256
7 Feliz, Pedro R R 04-27-1974 6-1 208
11 Rollins, Jimmy S R 11-27-1978 5-8 174
19 Dobbs, Greg L R 07-02-1978 6-1 205
26 Utley, Chase L R 12-17-1978 6-1 200
Outfielders
10 Victorino, Shane S R 11-10-1980 5-9 180
10 Jenkins, Geoff L R 07-21-1974 6-1 215
12 Stairs, Matt L R 02-27-1968 5-9 210
28 Werth, Jayson R R 05-20-1979 6-5 225
99 Taguchi, So R R 07-02-1969 5-10 169
Pitchers
16 Romero, J.C. S L 06-04-1976 5-11 203
18 Cole, L L 12-27-1983 6-3 190
37 Durbin, Chad R R 12-03-1977 6-2 200
39 Myers, Brett R R 08-17-1980 6-4 238
43 Happ, J.A. L L 10-19-1982 6-6 200
47 Eyre, Scott L L 05-30-1972 6-1 220
50 Moyer, Jamie L L 11-18-1962 6-0 185
54 Lidge, Brian S R 10-30-1979 6-0 185
55 Cordero, Clay R R 03-09-1983 6-11 200
56 Blanton, Joe R R 12-11-1980 6-3 256
63 Madson, Ryan L R 08-28-1980 6-6 200

Tampa Bay Rays

Manager: Joe Maddon
No. Player B T Born Ht Wt
Catchers
30 Navarro, Dioner S R 02-09-1984 5-9 205
41 Hernandez, M. R R 08-12-1978 6-0 211
Infielders
1 Iwamura, Akinori L R 02-09-1979 5-9 176
3 Longoria, Evan R R 10-07-1985 6-2 210
8 Bartlett, Jason R R 10-30-1979 6-0 185
15 Aro, Jose S R 03-09-1983 6-11 200
23 Pena, Carlos L L 05-17-1978 6-2 215
Outfielders
2 Upton, B.J. R R 08-21-1984 6-3 185
5 Baldelli, Rocco R R 09-25-1981 6-4 200
13 Crawford, Carl L L 08-05-1981 6-2 215
18 Zobrist, Ben S R 05-26-1981 6-3 200
26 Gross, Gabe L L 10-21-1974 6-3 222
38 Perez, Fernando S R 04-28-1983 6-1 195
Designated Hitter
15 Floyd, Cliff L R 12-05-1972 6-4 230
Pitchers
14 Price, David L L 08-26-1985 6-6 225
19 Kazmir, Scott L R 10-24-1984 6-0 190
21 Sonnantstine, A. L R 03-18-1983 6-3 185
22 Garza, Matt R R 11-26-1983 6-4 205
33 Shields, James R R 12-20-1981 6-4 214
35 Wheeler, Dan R R 12-10-1977 6-3 222
36 Jackson, Edwin R R 09-09-1983 6-3 210
39 Howell, J.P. L L 04-25-1983 6-0 175
50 Balfour, Grant R R 10-30-1977 6-2 192
53 Bradford, Chad R R 09-14-1974 6-5 203
57 Miller, Trevor R R 05-29-1973 6-3 200

TOP 25 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

(Subject to change)
Friday, Oct. 24
No. 13 Boise State at San Jose State, 8 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 25
No. 1 Texas vs. No. 7 Oklahoma State, 2:30 p.m.
No. 2 Alabama at Tennessee, 6:45 p.m.
No. 3 Penn State at No. 10 Ohio State, 7 p.m.
No. 4 Oklahoma at Kansas State, 11:30 a.m.
No. 5 Florida vs. Kentucky, 11:30 a.m.
No. 6 Southern Cal at Arizona, 9:15 p.m.
No. 8 Texas Tech at No. 19 Kansas, 11 a.m.
No. 9 Georgia Tech vs. Virginia, 2:30 p.m.
No. 14 South Florida at Louisville, 2:30 p.m.
No. 15 TCU vs. Wyoming, 6 p.m.
No. 16 Missouri vs. Colorado, 5:30 p.m.
No. 17 Pittsburgh vs. Rutgers, 2:30 p.m.
No. 18 BYU vs. UNLV, 1 p.m.
No. 20 Ball State vs. Eastern Michigan, 11 a.m.
No. 21 Georgia Tech vs. Virginia, 2:30 p.m.
No. 23 Boston College at North Carolina, 11 a.m.
No. 24 Florida State vs. Virginia Tech, 2:30 p.m.
No. 25 Minnesota at Purdue, 11 a.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26
No. 22 Tulsa vs. UCF, 7 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic
N.Y. Rangers 6 2 1 13 23 18
Pittsburgh 4 2 1 9 18 16
New Jersey 4 1 0 8 10 9
N.Y. Islanders 2 3 0 4 11 16
Philadelphia 0 3 2 14 22
Northeast
Buffalo 5 0 1 11 22 10
Montreal 5 0 1 11 23 11
Boston 2 1 3 7 18 19
Ottawa 2 2 1 5 16 15
Toronto 1 2 3 5 11 21
Southeast
Carolina 3 1 1 7 17 15
Washington 3 2 1 7 21 19
Atlanta 2 2 2 6 16 17
Tampa Bay 1 2 3 5 11 15
Florida 2 3 0 4 12 17
WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central
St. Louis 4 1 0 8 22 15
Detroit 3 1 1 7 16 14
Columbus 3 3 0 6 20 23
Nashville 2 3 0 6 21 22
Chicago 2 2 2 6 17 18
Northwest
Edmonton 4 0 0 8 9
Minnesota 4 0 0 8 15 7
Colorado 3 3 0 6 24 22
Vancouver 3 4 0 6 22 25
Calgary 2 3 1 5 16 23
Pacific
San Jose 5 1 0 10 18 12
Dallas 2 2 1 5 18 24
Los Angeles 2 3 0 4 12 14
Phoenix 2 3 0 4 12 17
Anaheim 2 5 0 4 16 22

Tuesday's Games
Buffalo 3, Boston 2, SO
Anaheim 3, Toronto 2, SO
Columbus 4, Vancouver 2
Tampa Bay 3, Atlanta 2, OT
Calgary 2, Washington 1
Today's Games
Dallas at New Jersey, 6 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 6 p.m.
San Jose at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Detroit at St. Louis, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Chicago, 8 p.m.

NBA PRESEASON

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic
Boston 6 2 .750 —
New York 3 3 .500 2
Philadelphia 3 4 .429 2½
Toronto 3 4 .429 2½
New Jersey 2 3 .400 2½
Southeast
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Of soccer and Obama

Iowa junior starting midfielder Alex Seydel may be the next has political aspirations. This week The Daily Iowan talks with Seydel about finances, the 2008 election, and her apathy about Ron Burgundy.

By AMIE KIEHN
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DI: You hail from California; what made you leave the Golden State to come to Iowa?

Seydel: My parents actually grew up in Iowa City. They both went to the local Catholic high school, Regina. And of course, the soccer program.

DI: So you must have always heard about Iowa; was the school just the right fit?

Seydel: At first, it was not even on my mind to go here, but [the coaches] started recruiting me, and I came for my official visit, and I just fell in love with the city and the university.

DI: You are from San Diego, so this question has to be asked — what is your favorite Anchorman quotation?

Seydel: To be honest, I probably have never fully sat through the movie. I really like Will Ferrell, but I don't really like that movie for some reason. You would probably have to go to [teammate] Jackie Kaeding to get a good quotation from that. With movie quotations, I have to rely on her.

DI: You are majoring in business and political science, are you grooming to be a politician someday?

Seydel: Well right now, my specific majors are finance and political science, but yes and no. It is a thought for sure [to be a politician]. I have always had a dream to be a senator, but I am realistic in the way that it might not work out. It is something that may take a lot of time and effort to start from the bottom and move my way up. And right now being finance major, I am looking to get into the financial sector, which, of course, is doing amazing right now.

DI: Are you planning on heading back to California when you graduate?

Seydel: Probably not. I have always thought of myself as a true Midwesterner because of my parents. I love California. It is a great place to visit and see family and friends, but I love the Midwest, so I am thinking about Chicago or Milwaukee.

DI: It's obvious you're really involved in politics. What are your thoughts on the 2008 election?

Seydel: I am just really excited. I think it is great, the type of primary season, with the first major potential female candidate and the first major potential black candidate doing so well. I just think it is fascinating. For someone who is interested in politics, I love it. I love that I am 20 years old and I am experiencing one of the most historic elections in U.S. history.

I saw Obama come to speak in Iowa City before he announced his candidacy on Earth Day. It was one of our first nice days of spring, and I remember sitting out there on the grass being like, "Oh my gosh, this is what politics is about." I am getting all nostalgic and ideological, but I'll be honest, I fell in love with [Obama] at that moment. I am a huge supporter of him.

DI: Political and financial aspirations aside, you are busy enough with being one of the starting midfielders for the Hawkeyes. What have been some of your favorite memories about being an Iowa soccer player?

Seydel: I would say there are countless inside jokes and team memories that come with bus rides, traveling trips, and plane rides, this season, at least. That will stick with me for the rest of my life. Soccer-wise, it would definitely be the win against Illinois a couple of weeks ago. That was huge and might go down as the one the biggest upsets in Iowa history. It was just unbelievable.

NFL

Reggie Bush has knee surgery

LONDON (AP) — Reggie Bush had surgery on his left knee, and it's unclear when the New Orleans Saint running back will be back with the team.

Bush, injured on a punt return in the first half of Sunday's 30-7 loss to the Carolina Panthers, had the operation Monday in Birmingham, Ala., Saints spokesman Greg Bensel said Tuesday in an e-mail to the Associated Press. He gave no other details.

Instead of accompanying his teammates on the trip to London to face the San Diego Chargers on Oct. 26 at Wembley Stadium, Bush instead visited Dr. James Andrews.

"He has been a big part of what we have been able to do offensively, and it's an injury that we have to deal with," Saint coach Sean Payton said shortly after the team arrived Monday.

"Hopefully, on a short-term basis rather than a long-term basis, and it sounds like that's the case."

Bush sustained cartilage damage, and some athletes have missed several months because of surgery to repair similar injuries.

"From a timing standpoint, it falls with this game and then a bye weekend, so there is a little bit of time there for him as it pertains to his recovery," Payton said. "We'll have to make some adjustments offensively."

Aaron Stecker or Pierre Thomas will be called on to play alongside Deuce McAllister in the backfield.

The Saints played the final four games of last season without Bush when he suffered a knee injury, and they went 2-2.

"Hopefully, we won't skip a beat," Saint quarterback Drew Brees said. "Obviously, we will miss Reggie, just as we would miss any guy who is that productive for us offensively."

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Devil-less Rays bedevil AL

Tampa Bay Rays see heavenly results after dropping word from name.

By RACHEL ZOLL
Associated Press

Devil ... be gone! For 10 years, they were a lousy team with a fiendish nickname: the Tampa Bay Devil Rays. Then the club exorcised the "Devil" from its name, and suddenly Tampa Bay is in the World Series.

Was it the hitting, the pitching, the coaching — or the hand of God?

"I told my wife before the season started, 'Whoever is in that organization made, to me, a very interesting decision,'" said Les Steckel, a former NFL coach and head of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, an evangelical ministry. "Six months later, look what happens."

Belief that dark forces are at work in all facets of life runs throughout many religions. And even though theologians universally will tell you that God takes no rooting interest in sports, fans often manage to find signs of damnation and redemption everywhere — particularly in baseball.

Until their 2004 World Series win, the Red Sox were operating under the so-called Curse of the Bambino, denied a World Series win for selling Babe Ruth to New York after the 1919 season.

The Billy Goat curse still haunts the Chicago Cubs. In 1945, the Greek immigrant owner of the Billy Goat Tavern damned the team when he was kept out of a World Series game because he wanted to bring a goat to Wrigley Field. Chicago, of course, hasn't been back to the Series since.

How seriously does Chicago take it? Earlier this month, the



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Grounds-crew members paint the 2008 World Series logo on the Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla., on Tuesday. The Philadelphia Phillies will meet the Tampa Bay Rays in Game 1 of the World Series today.

Cubs had a Greek Orthodox priest bless the home dugout and spread holy water before their first-round playoff series with the Dodgers. Chicago got swept.

Still, when the suffering does end for some teams, fans insist it's divine intervention lifting players beyond their limits.

Think Boston's Curt Schilling in 2004 and his bloody sock, a miracle on the mound.

Fast-forward to Tampa's Game 7 American League Championship Series win Sunday night over the Red Sox to advance to the World Series against the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Rays won the pennant less than a year after they put the Devil behind them — although many fans in Tampa Bay still call the team by its old name.

Until this season, the Rays hadn't even had a winning

season. "You take the 'Devil' out of the Devil Rays," said Boston shortstop Alex Cora, pointing to the sky, "and Jesus helps them out."

Casual use of "devil" in team names and elsewhere troubles Christians who literally interpret Old Testament passages against witchcraft and the occult, said Larry Eskridge of the Institute for the Study of American Evangelicals at Wheaton College in Illinois.

Yet there is little outcry for change.

In college sports, Duke's teams have been called the Blue Devils since the 1920s — a monicker that seems to have originated with a heroic French regiment in World War I, according to school archives. The name caused remarkably little stir at the school, despite its Methodist roots, and it hasn't stopped Duke

from winning ACC and national titles.

Eskridge says he occasionally hears a story of protests by parents of young athletes. Steckel says ministries like his still support players and coaches no matter what their team's nickname.

The thornier religious question behind Tampa's nickname is this: Does God care about the name or the fate of a team?

The NHL's New Jersey Devils haven't been cursed, winning the Stanley Cup three times — although the Buffalo Sabres lost the 1999 finals with star Miroslav Satan (pronounced shuh-TAN) on their roster.

And a team with a nickname God might favor — the Los Angeles Angels — lost to the Red Sox in the American League first-round series.

Christopher Evans, a professor of church history at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, N.Y., said most sports fans mistake superstition for religion.

A Red Sox fan, Evans said that in the 2004 World Series he feared that if he watched the game on TV, he'd jinx them. And he said he knows other Boston fans who believed that they had to watch every minute for the team to win.

"The rational part of our brain sort of recognizes that a lot of the curse stuff is silly," said Evans, co-author of The Faith of 50 Million: Baseball, Religion, and American Culture.

"The reason that Tampa Bay has done well is that they have a great team. They have a great manager."

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# Trophy dreams

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At third in the nation in rushing yards with 1,154, Greene is just 25 yards behind Michigan State's Javon Ringer (and 20 behind Connecticut's Donald Brown). And he's only speeding up, ramming defenders harder with each game — unlike the slowing Ringer and Brown.

Even if Greene puts on a red cape and blue tights in the final four games, it's that one day against Wisconsin that really set off Greene's season and Heisman candidacy.

But maybe it wasn't. If you ask me, the most important game for Greene's season might be at Indiana. Not because it was what re-grooved the Hawkeye offense (namely quarterback Ricky Stanzi), not because he persisted despite an ankle injury for his seventh-consecutive 100-yard game, and not because it was his best game.

It was because of Jewel Hampton.

Hampton has given Iowa a second running back. And as the season and carries wear on for Ringer and Brown, Greene can finish drives that he didn't bring from his own 20 to the opponent 10 alone — Greene won't have to do all the work, just most of it. If Hampton doesn't have that day of arrival against the Hoosiers (regardless of their bottom-of-the-laundry-hamper play) with 114 yards and three touchdowns, who knows if he improves enough to get noticeably more time against Wisconsin and beyond. Hampton taking some of the hits otherwise absorbed by Greene might be the difference between the 34-yard highlight touchdown and a 25-yard back-of-the-reel run.

It's obvious that Greene needs another back, and it's even more obvious he needs his offensive line — one of the Big Ten's best — but he might also need some national attention. Perhaps it might take 70,585 (perhaps "Jewel"-encrusted) green Greene shirts against Penn State and a few write-ins votes at <http://promo.espn.go.com/espn/contests/theheisman-vote/thanksVote>.

One thing is certain, Greene and his 144.3 rush yards per game will have a chance for the Iowa record books (paced for 1,731 yards, a would-be Hawkeye record) in addition to consideration for the Doak Walker Award for best running back, the Maxwell Trophy for best offensive player, and maybe, just maybe, the Heisman.

But he can't do it alone.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN  
**Hawkeye Conor Dwyer practices in the Field House pool on Jan. 28.**

# Dwyer leads AquaHawks

DWYER  
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The Iowa men knew how much the Wisconsin meet meant, and they were well-prepared. A lot of the swagger this year's team has been infused with seems to have come from Dwyer, a competitor in the Olympic Trials over the summer.

"Coming back from the trials, I've tried to bring some of that experience back to the guys' team," he said. "You gain a lot swimming against some of the best guys in the country."

Sure, he leads by example and brings the experience of competing against world-class swimmers to Iowa's table, but he has also gained the respect of the team outside the water. Before just his second year on campus, Dwyer was chosen by his teammates to serve as captain.

"Conor had a great year [last year], and he did it in kind of a blue-collar way," head swimming coach Marc Long said. "That gained him a lot of respect from the team."

Although Long is proud of his young leader and is happy his success doesn't go unnoticed, he understands there's still room for improvement. That has the fifth-year head coach optimistic as the Hawkeyes dive further into a long season.

"As far as the award goes, it's satisfying and recognizes some of Conor's accomplishments, but we know that that's just scratching the surface," Long said. "Certainly there's a much bigger picture, but it is nice for him to get recognized."

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# Sisters on the water

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"I thought I was going to die," Haylie said.

"I was laughing," Heidie said. Heidie's amusement at her sisters' peril aside, the three are very close. They all live in a house together and are able to delegate chores without conflict.

"I think all three of us kind of share a mom-type role because I kind of take care of the cooking or the grocery shopping, or if we need something for the house," Hannah said. "Haylie and Heidie tend to take care of the cleaning and the laundry and the general 'you should be doing this' sort of thing."

On the weekends, Hannah, two years older, tends to hang out with a different set of friends from that of her sisters.

Haylie and Heidie are always with each other.

Last year, when the two received their room assignments, they were surprised to find out that not only were they in the same dorm, they were next-door neighbors.

"We both submitted our housing at the same time," Haylie said. "We put the same dorms in the order that we wanted them, hoping that we

would be in the same dorm, but different floors, but we were right next to each other."

Because of the proximity, the twins made the same friends, and therefore, they spend most of their free time together.

"Heidie and I pretty much do everything together," Haylie said.

This closeness has yielded some interesting results, Hannah said.

"They tend to finish each other's sentences and talk about things that they understand, but you don't understand," she said.

In their childhoods, the three sisters also spent much of their time together.

Heidie and Haylie played on the same youth softball teams. At home, they pitched to Hannah, who played catcher.

When the twins got to high school, the three of them all

played in the same infield, Heidie at first, Haylie at third, and Hannah the catcher.

Throughout their shared history of competitive sports, not much of a rivalry ever developed among the three, except for when they recently played recreational slow-pitch softball in the summer.

"I like playing [Hannah's] team because we always win," Haylie said.

"No you don't," Hannah retorted.

"Most of the time," Haylie said.

Although slow-pitch softball rivalries can be contentious, the three little pigs on the rowing team are content spending much time together.

"I think I'd be bored if I weren't with them," Haylie said. "I wouldn't know what to do with my alone time."

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# From under the radar to top ACC linebacker

By DAVID GINSBURG  
Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Moise Fokou was born in Cameroon, hardly a hotbed of football talent. He began his college career at Frostburg State, which is not to be confused with Florida State as a grooming ground for the NFL.

Then he came to the University of Maryland, taking out a loan to pay for tuition before gaining a place on the scout team as a walk-on.

From those roots, Fokou grew into one of the best linebackers in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The 6-2, 225-pound senior leads Maryland in sacks, ranks third in tackles, and is a force on special teams.

"He has had a phenomenal year for us," said coach Ralph Friedgen, whose Terrapins can become bowl-eligible with a victory over North Carolina State on Saturday.

After coming to the United States from the central African

nation of Cameroon at age 5, Fokou played another brand of football as a youth.

"I started out with soccer, because they have a very good soccer team in Cameroon," he recalled Tuesday. "I had some friends in my neighborhood who said, 'Moise, you've got to come out and play football with us.' I was always a physical kid, always running and getting into trouble, and then I found a way to hit someone and get away with it. I found a love for the game, liked the physical aspect of it, and from then it just took off."

Well, not exactly. Fokou was not heavily recruited after earning two letters at the Bullis School in Potomac, so he played one season at Frostburg (Md.) State before heading to College Park. As a member of the Maryland scout team, he made an immediate impression.

"As soon as I met him, I could tell he was a hard worker, a real aggressive kind of guy. He would go out there and try to beat you with his intensity," Terp wide

receiver Danny Oquendo said. "I couldn't believe then that he wasn't a scholarship player. But I knew it just a matter of time, because they wouldn't want to lose him."

Although Friedgen didn't know Fokou's name, it didn't take long for the coach to realize he was a darn good football player.

"We didn't recruit him; he wasn't even on our radar screen," Friedgen said. "Then I'm seeing this guy on the scout team run people down all over the place. I'm saying, 'Who the heck is this guy?' I found out his background, brought him in, said I was impressed."

Fokou was handed a scholarship, and after sitting out a season because of NCAA transfer rules, he played in all 13 games in 2006 before starting every game last year. Now he's part of a defense that last week handed Wake Forest its first shutout since 1998.

The Terrapins held the Demon Deacons to 73 yards rushing and

sacked Riley Skinner four times in limiting him to a meager 127 yards through the air. In the process, Fokou and Maryland made a distinct impression on North Carolina State quarterback Russell Wilson.

"If you do just one thing really well, they can focus on that. And so we've got to go into the game with a good mentality, a tough mentality," Wilson said. "They're going to be a real good defense, experienced defense, so we're going to have to take what we can get."

If Fokou has his way, that won't be much. He's had seven tackles in each of his last two games, including his fourth sack — twice his total of a year ago.

"He's gotten better every year since he's got here, not only on defense but on special teams," Friedgen said. "Anytime he is on the field, he gives 110 percent. And he's that way off the field, too. I think he has a chance to be very successful in life."

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### Lessons I've taken away from movies I've seen

- *Three Amigos!* — A plethora is not a sweater.
- *The 13th Warrior* — Antonio Banderas can play any nationality, just not convincingly.
- *2001: A Space Odyssey* — In space, no one can hear you snore.
- *50 First Dates* — Brain trauma can't stop love ... or Adam Sandler from making movies.
- *About a Boy* — Regardless of what the Missouri state Court of Appeals says, the bond formed between a man and a boy can be a beautiful thing.
- *Akira* — The future is no match for pissed-off teens on crotch rockets.
- *Alien: Resurrection* — DNA is the most easily used and well-understood things in the known universe, unless you write for Hollywood.
- *All Dogs Go to Heaven* — All dogs go to heaven.
- *Along Came Polly* — Incredibly hot, free-spirited chicks fall irrevocably in love for uptight, nerdy guys every single day, which seems improbable, and is in fact quite unlikely, but is also an idea I will continue to believe in, as it helps me make it through the day.
- *Amélie* — It is perfectly acceptable to intimately screw with other people's personal lives.
- *The American President* — Aaron Sorkin should be our official presidential speechwriter.
- *Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy* — "San Francisco," discovered by the Germans in 1904, is a German for "a whale's vagina."

- Andrew R. Juhl thanks Netflix for help with today's Ledge.

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## UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 12:30 p.m.** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
  - 1** "Prairie Lights Archive," Frederick Turner
  - 2** News from Germany (in German)
  - 3** "Live from Prairie Lights," Porter Shreve
  - 4** "Memorization or Understanding," Eric Mazur, Harvard University
  - 5:20** Teaching Peer Workshop, Eric Mazur, Harvard University
  - 6:50** "Visualization in Teaching," Eric Mazur, Harvard University
  - 8:05** "Live from Prairie Lights," Porter Shreve
  - 9:05** Special events at the UI
  - 9:30** Daily Iowan TV News
  - 9:45** Order of the Eagles Project, cooperative efforts at the UI
  - 10:30** Daily Iowan TV News
  - 10:45** "Java Blend" Encore, Brian Joens
  - 11** "Live from Prairie Lights," Porter Shreve

## today's events

Want to see your super special event appear here? Simply e-mail the name, time, date, and location information to: [daily-iowan-calendar@uiowa.edu](mailto:daily-iowan-calendar@uiowa.edu)

- **Pain Research Program Seminar, "Operant Assessments of Orofacial Pain (Building a Better Mouse Trap),"** John Neubert, University of Florida, 9 a.m., Bowen E.G. Gross Reading Room
- **Preschool Story Time,** 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Fall Preschool Story Time,** 10:30 a.m., Hiawatha Public Library, 150 W. Willman
- **Preschool Story Time with Andres,** 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Toddler Story Time,** 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Leadership Development Series: "Show Me the Money — Understanding the Student Assembly Budgeting & Allocating Committee, Budgeting & Fundraising for Your Organization,** noon, 2390 University Capitol Centre
- **Scrapbooking: Finished in Four,** noon, Linn-Mar High School, 3111 N. 10th St., Marion
- **Whose Wives are They Anyway?,** 3 p.m., Old Creamery Theatre, 39 38th Ave., Amana
- **One Community, One Book, A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier** by Ishmael Beah, 3:30 p.m., Oaknoll Retirement Residence, 1 Oaknoll Court
- **Government and You Listening Post, with Johnson County Supervisor Terrence Neuzil,** 4 p.m., Joensy's Restaurant, 101 W. Main St., Solon
- **Iowa City Farmers' Market,** 5:30 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Welcome Home Wednesdays,** 5:45 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Let's Dance Latin,** 6 p.m., Wickham Elementary, 601 Oakdale Blvd., Coralville
- **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Iowa,** 6 p.m., UI Center on Aging
- **Story Time for All Ages,** 6 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **How to Have the Talk,** 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Open rehearsal with the Chiara String Quartet,** 6:30 p.m., Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce, 325 E. Washington No. 100
- **Burlington Street Bluegrass Band,** 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Steve Sherrill, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- **One Community, One Book, A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier,** by Ishmael Beah, 8 p.m., Main Library
- **Comedy Night,** 9 p.m., Summit, 10 S. Clinton
- **Fucked Up, Psychedelic Horseshit, Quick Fix,** 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Karaoke Night,** 9:30 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **Talk Art Cabaret, Writers' Workshop Readings,** 10 p.m., Mill
- **The Jam,** 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

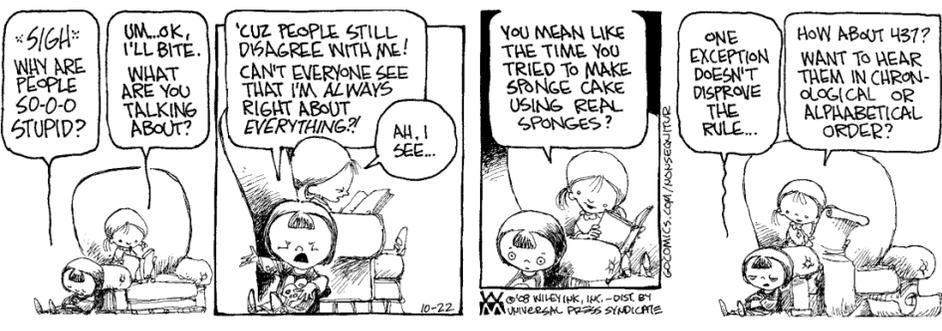
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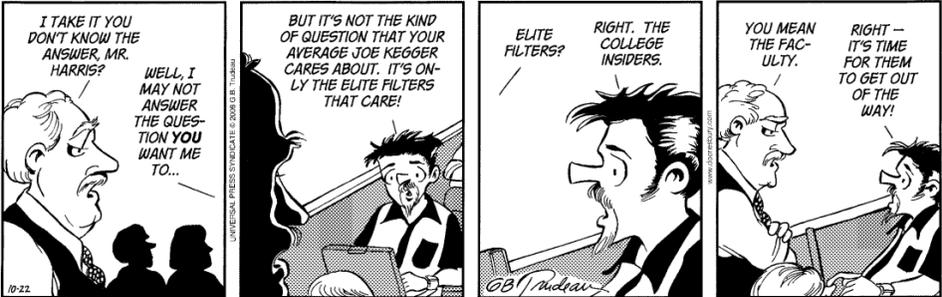
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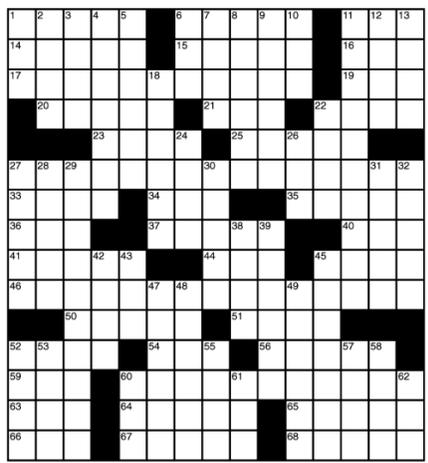
## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0910

- Across**
- 1 Empty-headed sort
  - 6 Battle to remember, with "the"
  - 11 "And \_\_\_!"
  - 14 Frequent Jacques Brel song subject
  - 15 Like the Battle of Trafalgar
  - 16 Work by Gray or Spenser
  - 17 One of the "dumbest dumb animals," according to 60-Across
  - 19 Eye protector
  - 20 Polynesian land
  - 21 Walton who founded Wal-Mart
  - 22 Some Jim Beam
  - 23 Classic Main Street liners
  - 25 Unpaid factory worker
  - 27 Start of the reason the 17-Across is one of the "dumbest dumb animals"
  - 33 Pics for docs
  - 34 Corn locale
  - 35 Shown in full
  - 36 Course number
  - 37 Chairs
  - 40 Car wash item
  - 41 Award for Best Novel won three times by Dick Francis
  - 44 Person to bum around with
  - 45 Driver's warning?
  - 46 End of the reason
  - 50 Tropical vine
  - 51 Unpleasant look
  - 52 "The Grapes of Wrath" surname
  - 54 Easter egg brightener
  - 56 Goddess of home and family
  - 59 "Golly!"
  - 60 See 17-Across
  - 63 F.D.R. employment initiative
  - 64 Craze
  - 65 Steaming
  - 66 Trip provider?
  - 67 Wilderness walks
  - 68 Conical home
- Down**
- 1 "Humph!"
  - 2 "\_\_\_ in the Morning"
  - 3 Guggenheim alternative in N.Y.C.
  - 4 Lousy breaks
  - 5 Orange-and-black flier
  - 6 Taiwanese-born director Lee
  - 7 Where many cultures thrive
  - 8 Home for a 5-Down, maybe
  - 9 Rockies rodent
  - 10 Out of vogue
  - 11 Imp plus
  - 12 Jon's comics canine
  - 13 Ends an engagement
  - 18 M.V.P. of Super Bowl III
  - 22 Home of the Galleria Borghese
  - 24 Gin flavoring
  - 26 Something to drool over?
  - 27 Force
  - 28 Vocation

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SPAM GLENS PUZZLE  
ALSO RELAY RIOT  
LAWBREAKER AREA  
INA ACRES EDW  
VERSION CREASE  
ADMAN TEALEAVES  
RES NRA EXT  
DIRTYDISHES  
SCI REA HOT  
SPAGHETTI WRING  
WALLOP DINEDON  
TIP ASIDO OVA  
MOOD INHOTWATER  
ANNE ANITA LOLLI  
JEER NOMSG POSY



- Puzzle by Lynn Lempel
- 29 "Le Morte d'Arthur" figure
  - 30 Took a giant step
  - 31 Found out
  - 32 Outer reaches
  - 38 "Fantastic Mr. Fox" author
  - 39 Elbow locale
  - 42 Perennially parched
  - 43 Protein-producing substance
  - 45 Definitely
  - 47 Make lovable
  - 48 The beginning
  - 49 Tad
  - 52 Bloodhound feature
  - 53 Bungler's cry
  - 55 "CHIPS" actor Estrada
  - 57 Decoy
  - 58 Start to date?
  - 60 Clock setting at 0° longitude: Abbr.
  - 61 Fuel on the range
  - 62 Witness

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