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Locals pitch in for Ga. race



Brad Selken (left) checks names while UI junior Caitlin Ross (right) takes a break from making phone calls on Monday during a phone-bank effort for Georgia's Democratic Senate candidate Jim Martin. Ten Democrats gathered at the home of Johnson County Democrats member Ed Flaherty to make calls to Georgian voters the night before the runoff election today.

DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

In an act of party unity, local Democrats help a candidate in Georgia Senate race.

By SHAWN GUDE

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UI junior Caitlin Ross sat in a folding chair Monday night in a warm, welcoming home in Iowa City phoning Georgia phone numbers.

Family photos lined the wall, and several other callers joined her — three in the same room, two in the adjacent room, and one seated on the toilet in the bathroom.

"Hi, this message is for Douglas," Ross said, seated at a table in the home of fellow Democrat Ed Flaherty. "My name is Caitlin, and I'm a volunteer with Jim Martin's campaign for Senate, and I was just calling to remind you to vote for Jim Martin tomorrow."

In recent days, local Democrats such as Ross have looked southward to Georgia, where Democratic Senate

candidate Jim Martin is looking to unseat Republican incumbent Saxby Chambliss.

After neither garnered 50 percent of the vote on Election Day — Chambliss missed the threshold by 0.2 percent — the race was sent to a runoff, which is scheduled for today.

Neither the Martin nor the Chambliss campaign responded to requests for comment.

Despite being many states away, the Georgia race holds significant importance to Iowa Democrats.

An upset in Georgia, combined with an Al Franken victory in Minnesota would give Democrats an enviable 60-seat, filibuster-proof majority. Franken and Republican incumbent Norm Coleman are currently tied up in a recount.

The possibility of a larger



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Pins supporting various Democratic candidates sit on a dresser in the home of Johnson County Democrat Ed Flaherty on Monday. Flaherty held a phone bank on Monday to encourage voters in Georgia to vote for Democratic Senate candidate Jim Martin.

majority is precisely why UI sophomore Allie Patch decided to make calls on Monday night.

"It's really important to me as a Democrat because if Martin does win, we're going to have clouture in the Senate, which makes it a whole lot

easier to get everything passed," she said.

Seconding that, Johnson County Democrat Brad Selken said an extra seat for his party would be "lovely."

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IMU keeps returning

The IMU's River Room Café and Iowa House Hotel were reopened Monday.

By CAITLIN DICKSON

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After being closed for more than five months, the IMU River Room Café reopened Monday with what employees say is a greener menu, more efficient service, and a new second-floor riverfront location.

"We basically started at ground zero," said Richard Geer, the general manager of IMU Food Service, who started work after the flood. "We took it apart and put it together again."

Both Geer and new executive chef Donovan Campbell were hired to "revitalize the food service" in response to certain problems encountered

in previous years.

In addition to revamping approximately 80 percent of the Café's menu, Campbell said, he and Geer are working to ensure it doesn't run out of food before the end of the day, a problem in the past.

Geer said he has also brought a "green initiative" to the Food Service by using local and organic food and only fair-trade coffee.

UI sophomores Sam Collins and Blaine Mateer, who enjoyed hamburgers and fries from the Café's grill Monday afternoon, said they enjoyed the food and will likely come back.

SEE IMU, 3A

IMU grand reopening events

Here's a look at the specials at the IMU this week in honor of the reopening of the River Room Café and Iowa House Hotel:

- One free 12-ounce fountain drink with any food purchase at the River Room Café, offered all week.
- Bags tournament in the IMU Main Lounge sponsored by Coca-Cola and the IMU on Thursday at 5 p.m.. Free pizza will be served from 6-7 p.m.
- Midnight showings of *The Dark Night* in the Bijou on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- Holiday Thieves' Art Market on Saturday and Dec. 7 in the IMU Main Lounge from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., sponsored by the Fine Arts Council.

Source: IMU officials

Police turning to 'Twitter'

More police forces are using technology to communicate with the public, experts said.

By REGINA ZILBERMINTS

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"Did you know ... CPD has 2 Spanish speaking employees, 1 ofr that speaks Russian, & 1 ofr speaks Russian, Georgian, and German."

The Coralville police sent out this information in a Twitter update on Nov. 21.

For the last month, the police have sent updates, called "tweets," using this social-networking site.

Some updates, such as the one above, are fun. Others are

Snow plan has critics

Students say the plan will be troublesome.

By RACHEL GOODELL

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City councilors said Monday a new snow-emergency ordinance is ready for implementation, but many think the plan's benefits will not outweigh the parking limitations that come with it.

The plan, which was approved at the Iowa City City Council's Nov. 18 meeting, would regulate on-street parking in order to allow snowplows access. Officials say this will make way for more efficient plowing after a heavy snowfall.

UI students said on Monday night that the measure would cause hardships on students at a time of year when they are more tempted to drive to campus.

"Where's everybody going to park?" UI sophomore Kaitlyn Scheets said.

She lives in a sorority with 55 other women and eight parking spaces, she said, so many of them rely on having on-street parking available.

She thinks any snow emergency should only last a few hours instead of a few days, she said.

UI sophomore Megan Ficho said her mother wouldn't let her bring her car to school after Thanksgiving break because the snow-emergency plan would make parking too burdensome.

Under the plan, when a snow emergency is announced, streets on which parking is allowed on both sides would switch to parking on alternate sides of the streets in accordance with the odd-even plan (odd-address side of the street on odd-numbered calendar days, even on even). For streets on which parking is permitted on only one side, parking would be permitted only on the non-prohibited side and then only

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N. Liberty's growing pains

North Liberty public services are going through growing pains.

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North Liberty's City Hall, police force, and fire station are located on the same street corner — and they all need to expand.

"We're completely on top of each other," said Police Chief Jim Warkentin in describing his 11-person staff members, who are crammed into six rooms. The force will soon add two more officers.

City administrators have continually battled to keep up with North Liberty's burgeoning population, which has doubled since 2000 and continues to climb. City agencies, from public departments to charitable organizations, have been pushed to the limit to serve the growth.

"A few years ago, when we had a large number of subdivisions, it was difficult to keep up with planning," said City Administrator Ryan Heiar. "Now that things have slowed down, we have time to react to subdivision requests."

One of the city's highest priorities is widening Highway 965, which has evolved from having one stop sign 20 years ago to five stop lights today.

When longtime resident Doug Lee was in high school, it took him four minutes to drive from North Liberty to his job in Coralville, he said.

"Now, it takes you 10 minutes just to get across North Liberty," he said.

To accommodate the traffic, the city will soon begin widening the road to four lanes with additional turning lanes, bus stops, and bicycle lanes, said Mayor Tom Salm.

The highway will remain open throughout construction, but keeping businesses accessible will be a "difficult task," Salm said.

Improving the city's infrastructure has also been a bumpy process in the past, said Matt Bahl, who served on the City Council for eight years.

In 2005, a subdivision went up before a waste-water



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Condos sit near Liberty Centre in North Liberty, near Penn Street, on Nov. 24. The town's population has grown exponentially since 2000, bringing it to 11,000 residents. That has also created some problems with expansion.

pipeline to the area was built, Bahl said.

"The development was ready before the city was ready," he said.

But the city is gaining back the ground it has lost, Salm said. He noted the city has built a "state of the art" waste-water treatment plant and plans to drill a new well, which can store treated water underground for times of water shortage.

To relieve congestion, the City Hall is scheduled to move to a new location in two years. The police will move into the empty building, which will allow the fire station to expand.

But more space will not alleviate some city departments' needs. Chief Warkentin estimates the police need 15 officers to cover the 10,665 service calls they have received this year, nearly twice the number of calls in 2004. FBI codes state a town should have 1.5 police officers per 1,000 resi-

dents, Warkentin said. That means North Liberty needs three more officers.

The firefighters are also fielding more service calls, which means volunteers have to put in roughly 2,000 more hours each year, said Bryan Hardin, the assistant fire chief. The average firefighter gives approximately 50 hours each month, Hardin said.

"Retention is the biggest problem we have because of the increasing number of calls," he said. "It's not like old times, when you can just hang out."

Despite the firefighters' turnover rate, the roughly six new volunteers each year hold membership steady at about 37 members, Hardin said.

Members of charitable organizations have also boosted their services in recent years.

"A lot more families live in the area that need help," said Darlene Smith of the North Liberty Optimist Club.

ON THE WEB

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A key indicator of the growing need is the demand for Kid Friendly Food Baskets, which the North Liberty Family Resource Center distributes during winter break so children have food they usually get at school. The Resource Center gave out 90 baskets last year, compared with 30 in 2005, Smith said.

"We know we're not feeding all the kids or doing everything, but we're doing the best we can," she said.

Salm said while North Liberty's growth has been difficult to keep up with, it has also brought unprecedented commercial development.

"What's the better situation, to be here or in a community that's getting smaller and has a shrinking tax base?" Salm said. "It's a no-brainer."

Locals admire Obama's picks

By **SHAWN GUDE**
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UI student Nicole Dziuban said she wasn't surprised when President-elect Barack Obama tapped Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., to be his secretary of State.

News of the pick, after all, trickled out weeks ago.

But she was happy nonetheless, calling it a "positive step in the right direction."

"I think that, ultimately, [Obama] wanted to have the best representation and have all of America's views being represented," the former co-president of UI Students for Hillary. "And I think that choosing Hillary ... accurately reflects the needs of the American people."

Dziuban also touted the strengths Rodham Clinton brings, chiefly her experience and the worldwide respect she garners.

Obama also announced on Monday his appointments for secretary of Defense, national-security adviser, U.N. ambassador, Homeland Security secretary, and attorney general.

But was Obama's ubiquitous

National-security team

Obama announced on Monday who would serve in key positions in his administration:

- Secretary of State: Hillary Rodham Clinton
- Secretary of Defense: Robert Gates
- National-Security Adviser: Jim Jones
- U.N. Ambassador: Susan Rice
- Homeland Security Secretary: Janet Napolitano
- Attorney general: Eric Holder

"change" campaign message reinforced with the latest selections?

That question depends on "what you mean by change," UI political-science Associate Professor Brian Lai said.

"If change is bipartisanship, then it is consistent with change," Lai wrote in an e-mail. "If change is implementing a vastly different foreign policy, this might be a sign that change will be more gradual than some Obama supporters might have expected."

Another political-science

associate professor, Tim Hagle, agreed, rejecting charges that Obama's latest selections represent a break from his mantra of change.

While many of his appointments have ties to former President Bill Clinton's administration, Hagle said, the president-elect "can't go back to the last presidential Democratic administration — Jimmy Carter — because those people have been out of office for two or three decades."

"They're out of the loop at this point."

The selections also assuage potentially lingering concerns about Obama's inexperience, Hagle said.

While some liberal backers of the former Illinois senator have called the Cabinet overly hawkish, moderates on both sides of the aisle have lauded it as pragmatic and devoid of ideologues. Richard Lugar, R-Indiana, labeled the team "excellent," while Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat, said it was "strong, bipartisan, and highly competent."

The picks also reflect the for-

eign-policy direction the president-elect may take the country in — pragmatic, Lai said, "given the different viewpoints" in the team.

But Hagle argued events could change those views, pointing to President Bush post-9/11. While the president campaigned in 2000 against nation-building, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan were underway in his first term.

Obama campaigned on a diplomacy-heavy foreign policy, "but events may dictate otherwise," Hagle said.

Despite the team's divergent outlooks, Hagle said the war Cabinet will ultimately have to acquiesce to the boss.

"I can't imagine all these people are going to agree on everything. ... Obama is, as president, going to have the final say in this," Hagle said.

In a Monday press conference, Obama asserted his team was relatively cohesive ideologically.

"I would not have asked them to be part of this administration unless we shared a core vision of what's needed to keep the American people safe," he said.

METRO

UI researchers win cancer grants

Two UI researchers were awarded grants by the American Cancer Society totaling roughly \$1.4 million.

Kris DeMali, an assistant professor biochemistry, received a four-year grant worth nearly \$720,000 for research involving vinculin and its targets in the regulation of breast cancer.

A second four-year grant worth roughly \$717,000 was awarded to Aliasger Salem, an assistant professor of pharmaceuticals for researching synergistic TLR ligand microparticle-based cancer vaccines.

"The grant will enable my group to develop a platform drug-delivery tech-

nology," Salem said, and his group expects this technology to provide significant contributions toward the development of a new therapy for solid tumors.

The grants will go into effect Jan. 1, 2009.

— by Peter Gustin

Suicide prevention training comes to UI

The Crisis Center will provide free training on suicide prevention this week and next in the UI's English-Philosophy Building.

Training will address four aspects of suicide prevention: recognizing warning signs of suicide, learning how to ask if someone is suicidal, persuading someone who is suicidal to get help,

and referring a suicidal person to resources.

"With the two incidents we've had, it's clear we can use some education about suicide prevention," UI spokesman Steve Parrott said, and the program is a plus for the university.

The two training dates, which students must register for, will be held on Thursday and Dec. 9 from 6-8 p.m.

— by Peter Gustin

Man faces felony assault charge

An Illinois man accused of seriously injuring another person outside of a local bar in September now faces a felony, authorities said.

Andrew Reynolds, 22, Woodridge, Ill., was charged Nov. 13 with assault

causing serious injury.

According to Iowa City police reports, on Sept. 21 outside Firewater, 347 S. Gilbert St., Reynolds and another man were engaged in a fight during which Reynolds allegedly punched the other man in the face numerous times. The victim reportedly suffered a severe break to his orbital bone structure, which required immediate medical attention, a report shows. There is a possibility that the man will lose sight in one eye, police said.

Reynolds admitted to fighting with the victim, authorities said.

Assault causing injury is a Class D felony, punishable by up to five years in prison and a maximum fine of \$7,500.

— by Regina Zilbermints

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Marcus Abbott, 22, Coralville, was charged Aug. 21 with possession of an open container of alcohol in public and on Sunday with assault.

Bryan Babcock, 22, 2128 Riverside Drive Apt. 98, was charged Nov. 19 with interfering with official acts.

Chaka Cavin, 18, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 15 with carrying a concealed dangerous weapon, going armed with intent, interference with official acts, and intimidation with a dangerous weapons.

Daryl Coble, 37, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 26 with driving while revoked.

Wesley Curtis, 26, North Liberty, was charged Sunday with OWI.

Jonathan Noteboom, 25, Orange City, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and assault.

Matthew Scoville, 23, Cedar Rapids, was charged Nov. 29 with OWI.

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Bobbie Paxton searches through phone numbers on Monday during a phone-bank effort to support Georgian Democratic Senate nominee Jim Martin. If Martin wins the runoff in Georgia today, it will put the Democrats one step closer to reaching the filibuster-proof majority of 60 seats in the Senate.

Dems make Ga. push

POLITICS

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Although “Republicans and Democrats are human beings, and they’re never going to vote down party lines,” another seat wouldn’t hurt, Selken said. With such a majority, the Democrat said he hopes his party will have an easier time passing alternative energy and health-care legislation.

Johnson County Democrats Chairman Brian Flaherty also

stressed the need for 60 votes.

“By electing Martin to the United States Senate, it will help President-elect Obama move his agenda forward,” Flaherty said from Suwanee, Ga. “I think that agenda is very important for the country.”

Flaherty made the 800-mile journey last week to the northern suburbs of Atlanta to knock on doors for the Martin campaign.

Martin needs all the help he can get — one poll released

Monday showed Chambliss leading by 7 points.

University of Georgia political-science Associate Professor Scott Ainsworth didn’t give Martin much of a chance, either.

“Martin’s chances tomorrow are slim,” Ainsworth wrote in an e-mail on Monday. “Georgia is still a red state.”

Now, it all comes down to turnout.

“That’s what we need to do at this point — making sure they actually get out to vote,” Patch said.

Police learn to go ‘tweet’

TWITTER

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Still, a few share breaking information — “UICCU robbed in N. Lib. Suspect vehicle white Toyota Camry 449SJK. Suspect lt-skinned black male. May be heading to CR or Solon.”

“It creates an extra set of eyes for us,” Droll said. “But I more wanted to use it as a tool to reach the public.”

Droll was exploring Twitter on her personal account last month when she noticed police departments outside Iowa had accounts, she said. She got permission from Coralville Police Chief Berry Bedford to set up the department’s account, she said.

As of Monday, the Coralville police had sent out 50 messages and had 57 followers.

More police departments in the United States are using new technology to communicate with the public, said Mike Tellef, a former president of the National Information

Officers Association.

Law enforcement has had to adapt to current technology, he said, citing the transition from media releases to newspapers, then to TV and radio, and finally to RSS feeds — a way to disseminate real-time information through e-mail — and Twitter.

Despite this, the public doesn’t seem to be taking advantage of the increased communication, Tellef said, though he didn’t know why. As a spokesman for a police force in Arizona, he noticed that fewer than 10 percent of the community is signed up for RSS feeds, and he has only 19 followers on Twitter.

“If people are happy and content, they don’t check in as much,” he said.

But with more incidents, more people may sign in.

“All we can do is offer the service, then it’s up to the public,” Tellef said.

In addition to Twitter, Coralville police have a page on the city’s website, but their capabilities to use it are limited by the site’s capabilities,

Droll said.

Iowa City police also use their website to communicate with the public, Sgt. Troy Kelsay said. Officials looked into using a text-messaging system but decided against it.

“It was proven to us that it is just as easy to use the website, more information can be put into a media release, and it is just as timely,” Kelsay said.

Last spring, the UI’s Hawk Alert drew angry responses after a vague text message about an “active shooter” left students wondering what the message meant.

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Snow plan draws ire

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on the odd-odd or even-even plan. In other words, parking would not be allowed on those streets at all on some days.

Snow emergencies would last for at least two days so both sides of the streets could be plowed.

Parking regulations already in place — such as day of the week or metered parking — supersede the snow-emergency plan. Additional parking will be available at city parks and in city parking ramps at night.

UI sophomore Weston Marling said students are going to have to walk farther

from their parking spaces to their classes because of the ordinance. The cold and icy winter weather will only make the problem worse, Marling said.

But Iowa City Mayor Regina Bailey said city staff members have a clear understanding of the plan and are well-prepared to answer questions from concerned residents.

“Every effort has been made to publicize the plan,” she said.

Around 1,000 fliers will be distributed along streets the ordinance will affect, and officials are planning to use the web, television, e-mail, text messages, and the UI to publicize the ordinance.

The first-ever policy will

serve as a trial for the snow-emergency ordinance, said Transportation Services Director Chris O’Brien, and he expects to gain new insight once the procedure is actually used.

“I think each time we utilize the snow emergency, we’ll learn something from it,” he said.

The City Council also discussed future plans to control vehicle congestion downtown through a comprehensive plan that may include turning Dubuque Street into a one-way road. Officials hope to keep trucks from parking across the center line and still allow adequate consumer parking.

More of IMU reopens

IMU

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However, not everyone was impressed with the newly renovated River Room. UI senior Trevor Kniffen, one of a few people eating lunch at the new location, said he preferred the Café’s previous ground floor location.

“This pizza sucks. Look, it’s soggy as hell,” said Kniffen. He said he will probably come back, but “just because I can put it on my U-bill, not because I enjoy the place.”

Despite Monday’s modest lunch crowd, Geer said he thought the reopening was successful.

“I was pleasantly surprised at how well it flowed together today,” he said.

The IMU will host special events throughout the week, including a bags tournament and various showings of *The Dark Night* film, to celebrate

‘It’s just an added incentive to get folks to come back to the building. We want to let people know that the IMU is back open.’

— David Grady, a UI associate vice president for Student Services.

the reopening.

“It’s just an added incentive to get folks to come back to the building. We want to let people know that the IMU is back open,” said David Grady, a UI associate vice president for Student Services.

The Iowa House Hotel also hosted its ground reopening Monday, but it won’t be occupied until Jan. 5.

Temporary closing has not deterred guests from booking

rooms, said Patricia Kruse, the hotel’s general manager. As of Jan. 9, the hotel is booked solid, she said.

The hotel itself did not sustain any water damage, but a flooded heating and electrical systems in the basement kept the hotel out of commission until now.

“We will not make up for the time it was closed,” Kruse said. “All that time will just be considered lost revenue.”

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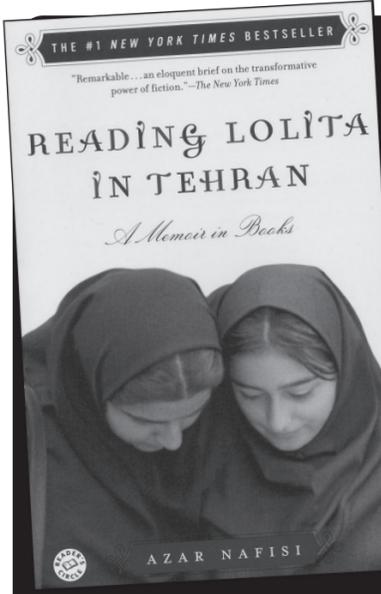
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More Iowans get AIDS tests

Numerous people took advantage of a local AIDS screening event on Monday's World AIDS Day.

By MELANIE KUCERA
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As the world focused on the AIDS crisis Monday, officials said a large number of Iowans and UI students were tested for HIV so far this year.

The Planned Parenthood sites across Iowa have issued 1,500 more tests so far in 2008 than in 2007.

Though no exact reason was given for the substantial increase, one official attributed it to more sites offering rapid HIV tests, which only take 20 minutes to develop.

"We love to see the increase, and we hope to move all of our sites [to rapid testing] by January 2009," said Lindsay Eliason, the HIV integration project coordinator at Planned Parenthood for Greater Iowa. "It is really great."

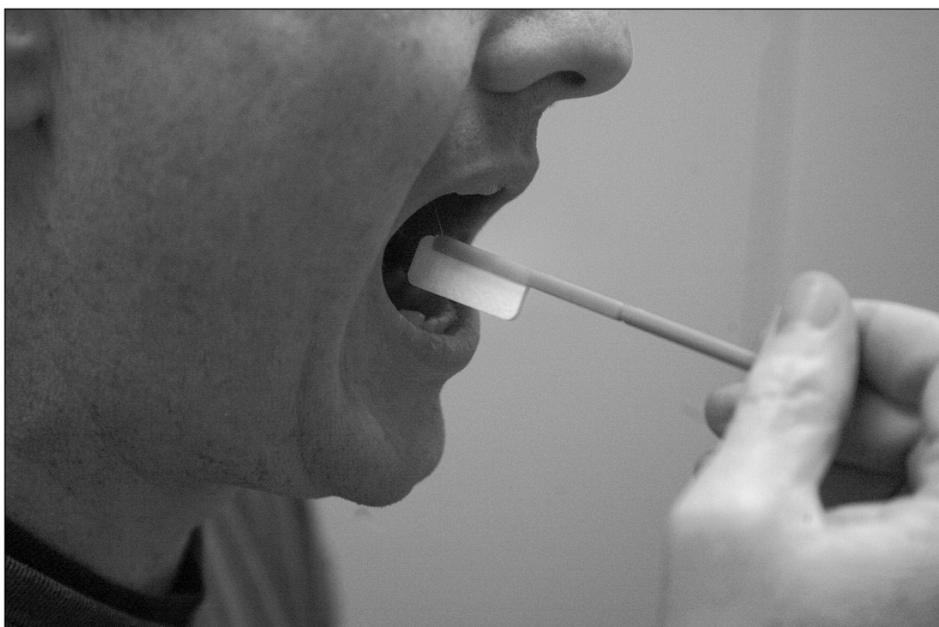
The UI Student Health Service has also seen an increase of approximately 100 tests from 2006 to November 2008.

Lisa James, an associate director of Student Health, cited a recent 2007 change in Iowa law that allows students to receive their results over the phone for the increase.

"It's much more streamlined to do the education and testing now, takes less time and paperwork to do, and the big thing is that students no longer have to come in to the clinic and have an appointment to get their results," James wrote in an e-mail.

Ann Laros, a Student Health gynecologist, said the increase could be attributed to a recent recommendation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommending all college-age people seek testing.

In 2006, the CDC said HIV tests



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Iowa Center for AIDS Resources and Education (ICARE) worker William Batten demonstrates how the OraQuick is used to test for HIV at the Iowa City Public Library on Monday. ICARE offered free HIV testing at the library, where those who took advantage of the swab test would find out in 20 minutes the test results.

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should be a routine part of medical care for people age 13 to 64.

Two local groups made that recommendation a little easier Monday by offering free HIV testing at the Iowa City Public Library.

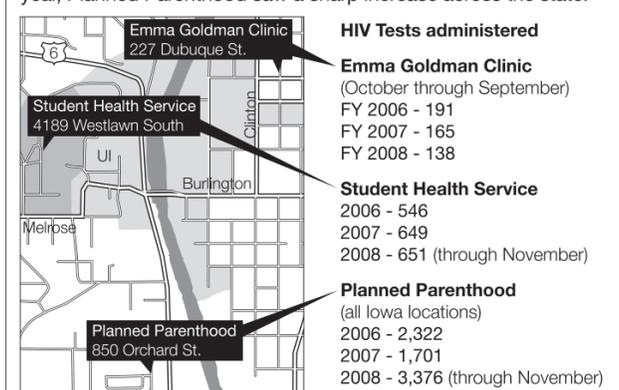
The Iowa Center for AIDS Resources and Education (ICARE) teamed up with the Johnson County Public Health to offer the testing on World AIDS Day.

Halfway through the four-hour long event, ICARE program manager Heidi Cuda said she had seen a steady flow of people coming to get tested. She stressed the importance of people getting tested, and the prevalence in Iowa.

"You hear about HIV in Africa, but HIV at home is still a concern," she said. "It is out there [in Iowa], and we want people to get tested — it just

Testing for AIDS

While the Emma Goldman Clinic saw a decrease in HIV testing this year, Planned Parenthood saw a sharp increase across the state.



Jacqueline Cieslak/The Daily Iowan

takes that one time."

Officials also gave out free condoms and red ribbons and played an informational video.

Around 189 individuals in

Johnson County have been diagnosed with HIV, and 37 percent of cases in Iowa involve people who don't know they have it, according to ICARE.

STATE

Midwest, Plains economic index drops again

OMAHA (AP) — A Nebraska economist says he sees signs that the regional recession will rival the 1981-82 recession for unemployment.

Professor Ernie Goss of Creighton

University said the primary index from his Mid-America Economic Survey has plunged to its second record low in as many months. The November index hit 37.8 in November, down 2.1 percentage points from October.

Any score below 50 on the index, which ranges between 0 and 100, indicates a contracting economy over the next three to six months.

"These readings are much lower

than those recorded before and during the 2001 recession," said Goss in a news release released late Sunday. "The regional economy is now in a recession, and I expect it to rival the recession of 1981-82 in terms of joblessness and job losses."

States in the survey are Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, and South Dakota.

The survey index on confidence, which looks ahead six months, also hit a record low in November, 22.4, compared with 22.8 in October.

"Despite very forceful action by the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve, the business confidence index has been below 40.0 for all of 2008, reflecting an economic outlook that is at its lowest level since we began the survey in 1994," said Goss.

STATE

State deploys laser plows for snow removal

DES MOINES (AP) — State officials are bolstering their efforts to plow snow with some laser-guided help.

The Iowa Department of Transportation has installed a specially designed laser-guidance device on a half-dozen snowplow trucks statewide.

The technology is designed to more precisely remove snow. State officials said it's an effort to eliminate damage typically caused by traditional wing plows, which can bump into mailboxes, signposts, bridge abutments, and other obstructions.

Mark Turkal, a veteran Department of Transportation snowplow driver who has tried the new technology, said it's a big help and allows him to plow right on the edge of a curb without being worried.

"I know that I am not going to tear off my wing or hit a sign or anything," he said.

The technology works by using a laser gear, located above the truck cab. It shoots a green beam approximately 60 feet ahead of the truck's wing plow, alerting the driver the precise location of the blade as it clears snow on the road.

State officials said the device is particularly useful for inexperienced drivers and drivers who may be tired at the end of a 12-hour shift. Other Western and Midwestern states use similar technology.

Report questions Iowa tax policies

IOWA CITY (AP) — An Iowa City-based group claims Iowa's tax revenues can't

keep up with long-term spending and argues the state should consider changes to raise more money.

In a report released Monday, the Iowa Fiscal Partnership predicted Iowa's revenue will remain stagnant as education and health-care costs continue to rise. It noted the state could offset some of those increased costs by changing corporate tax rules and tax policies for seniors.

The fiscal partnership is a joint initiative of the generally liberal-leaning Child and Family Policy Center and the Iowa Policy Project.

Peter Fisher, one of the study's authors, said that in the coming decades, the state will spend more on education and health care even as its population ages and its share of school-age children shrinks. Cutting spending could be difficult, and the state could increase taxes by a closer look at where and how it gets its money, he said.

"However bleak things look now, the long-run prognosis isn't particularly cheery," Fisher said. "We need to take that into account when we think about what policies we adopt in the short-run to account for the current economic downturn."

The study pointed to a proposal backed previously by Gov. Chet Culver to close what he called a loophole that allows multi-state businesses to report profits from Iowa operations in states that have a lower — or no — corporate income tax. Lawmakers have shown little interest in Culver's proposal.

The report also suggested considering changes to tax rules that give elderly Iowans a break by taxing pensions and Social Security at a lower level.

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Recession is (ho-hum) official

Social, retail, manufacturing, and employment are all factors that determine whether the country is in a recession.

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A research group on Monday confirmed UI professors' suspicions the nation has entered into a true recession.

"It's not like naming who won 'American Idol,'" said UI economics Associate Professor John Solow. "It's not hard to figure out we're in a negative economic situation. This shouldn't come as a surprise to people."

The recession announcement from the National Bureau of Economic Research comes in the wake of two consecutive quarters of a decreasing gross domestic product.

This is the first classified recession since 2001. According to the National Bureau of Economic Research, the country entered into this recession exactly one year ago, in December 2007.

Monday's announcement was met with a 680-point drop in the Dow Jones Industrial Average — the fourth-biggest single-session decline in history.

The National Bureau of Economic Research also takes social elements into consideration when determining a recession. Retail, manufacturing, and employment are all weighed.

Over the four-day Thanksgiving weekend, retailers saw a 7.2 percent increase in sales compared with last year, according to the National Retail Federation. However, the \$41 billion four-day weekend could mean consumers won't spend as much throughout the holiday season.

"The fact that we saw record numbers on Black Friday says that shoppers were still out in full force, and it was largely because of the abundant sales," UI economics student Dave Drustrup said. "Because of that influx of activity, the next month could take a big hit."

Meanwhile, the auto industry's second trip to Congress is expected to be better than the

first. GM, Ford, and Chrysler must submit proposals today for how they will use a \$25 billion bailout.

Unemployment rose to 6.5 percent across the nation in October, leaving 10.1 million Americans without jobs, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor.

"It doesn't matter who announces it — consumers are already concerned with rising unemployment, and bailout packages, the fact that it's finally considered a recession won't have a huge impact on them," Solow said.

Beth Ingram, the associate dean for undergraduate programs in the UI Tippie College of Business, acknowledged the effect of the stock market plunge but said unless people are trading on a daily basis, the fluctuation of the market doesn't have as severe of an effect.

"What it does is make people nervous, but it doesn't necessarily change their consumer patterns," she said.

Solow said the reaction from the stock market isn't necessarily a reflection of consumers, but rather firms and investors who are able to control the market movement.

There was little reaction Monday from investors and policymakers, who have been working to revive the economy. The drastic fluctuation in stock prices are familiar sights for many traders and officials — reactions, overall, were placid.

"Most policymakers have been anticipating this for weeks now, meaning we're not going to see an immediate change in the way things are moving," Ingram said.

Solow agreed. "What it means is that they finally said, 'Yeah, OK, our economy is hurting,'" he said. "Unfortunately, this isn't the sort of thing where an official announcement is going to change anything about the situation."

STATE

Steady snowfall drops on central, eastern Iowa

DES MOINES (AP) — Parts of central and eastern Iowa saw snowfall ranging anywhere from 1 to 5 inches as the state had its first significant snowfall of the year.

National Weather Service meteorologist Roger Vachalek said the snow has fallen over an extended period of time during the post-Thanksgiving weekend, leading to fairly light accu-

mulations and fewer problems on the roadways.

"The snow has fallen over an extended period of time, so the rate of the snowfall has been pretty light and that's helped considerably," Vachalek said. "Some of it melted on the roads overnight, but it's still slippery out there."

Vachalek said temperatures are rising slightly, and road conditions have improved since Sunday morning, even as snow continued to drop on central

and eastern Iowa.

Mandates driving surge to hydropower

HAMILTON, Ohio (AP) — Many decades ago, cost-conscious Henry Ford turned to hydroelectric plants to power his car factories like the one by the Great Miami River, near this Cincinnati suburb. That assembly plant is long gone, but the power plant and the technology behind it isn't. Far from it. The push to get electric-

ity from moving water is only picking up steam.

There is mounting political pressure to get more energy from alternative sources and developers are pushing ambitious projects to exploit America's biggest rivers for power.

"Some of these applications have been around for decades, but there's renewed interest now," said Jeff Hawk, spokesman for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pittsburgh district. "We've seen a spurt of applications; we're busier now than ever."



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STATE

Authorities investigating death of Delmar baby

DELMAR, Iowa (AP) — The Clinton County Sheriff's Office says it is investigating the death of a week-old infant in Delmar.

According to a release from the sheriff's office, authorities received a 911 at 5:44 a.m. on Sunday regarding a

baby who was not breathing.

First responders went to the home of Dana Clark and Tonya Clark, where they discovered Delilah Clark, who was born Nov. 23, was already deceased.

The Clinton County Medical Examiner's Office and the Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation are both investigating the death, and Delilah's body was transported to the Iowa State Medical Examiner's Office in Ankeny for an autopsy.

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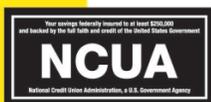
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Editorial

Iowa Legislature: Bar owners are baby-sitters

Bar violence is undeniably an Iowa City issue. While Friday and Saturday nights spell out fun and relaxation for many bar patrons, others fall victim to brutal assaults, sexual harassment, and in extreme cases, become casualties of alcohol-related killings.

The Iowa Legislature is proposing a bill that would make liquor-license holders responsible for “knowingly permitting or engaging in criminal activity in areas adjacent to the licensed premises.” While bar owners have previously only been held responsible for patrolling criminal activity inside their establishments, the new bill, if passed, would force bar owners to become enforcers outside their establishments as well.

While the premise of this bill is legitimate, the bill itself is not. Requiring bar owners to control what is going on both inside and outside of their bars is sure to be costly for bar owners. Just recently, taverns were forced to readjust to the smoking ban in the name of Iowa’s health. And while some owners say that shooing smokers outside has hurt their businesses, bar owners have nevertheless adjusted for the most part.

But forcing these owners to be law-enforcement figures is sure to kill business. The police force in most cities is already short-staffed as is, and without the officers to patrol the areas surrounding bars, bar owners will likely be forced to hire more security personnel and bouncers. These things definitely do not come without a cost, both to bar owners and their patrons. If hiring additional staff members doesn’t send many of these small businesses into the ground, then the rising cost of drinks and cover charges certainly will. Soaring prices are enough to drive even the most loyal of customers out the door.

The sheer fact that this bill would force a bar to control the behavior of its patrons and even those people who just happen to pass by the establishment is ridiculous. Ron Frantz, the owner of Lumpys on Harrison Street in Davenport, in an interview with the *Quad City Times*, said forcing bar owners to patrol the activity outside of their bars is “like saying someone needs to police the cars driving by their house.”

Controlling the behavior of outsiders should not be a bar owner’s responsibility. And even if policing the streets within a certain radius of the owners’ establishments were the responsibility of the liquor-license holders, how exactly would bar owners handle violence committed on their properties, when they are unarmed and untrained? Bar owners are not responsible for issuing tickets and making arrests, nor are they properly certified to do either of these things. This should be the duty of the local police force — a force that should be spread throughout the city rather than assigned to certain establishments with liquor licenses.

In order for any of these things to happen, local authorities must be given much tighter control over liquor licenses, and the state should also have more power to revoke the liquor licenses of certain problematic establishments. And as for these licenses that are revoked, the Iowa Alcoholic Beverages Division should not be as lenient as it has been in the past in reissuing licenses to bars with problematic histories. Many bars have enough problems to deal with on the inside of their establishments and must center their energy on cleaning up these problems. Alcohol-induced violence continues to be a problem, but bar owners should not be forced to be the gatekeepers of the violence that occurs outside of their own bars.

Talking turkey



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As Pythagoras once said, 3.14 out of 4 Ancient Greeks agree that pi always goes better with nutmeg ice cream.

No matter how long, the famous thinker wrote, that some foolish writer spends whipping up heavy whipping cream. (Writers should really spend their time whipping up adjectives and herding them toward the door, no matter how much it seems like herding cats or prepositions. And pay no attention to that good-looking adverb at the bar.)

Those are the lessons I learned from this past holiday.

Oh, and that when Pythagoras wrote “foolish writer,” he wasn’t intentionally being redundant.

I think. (Therefore, I yam.)

Just think — most other cultures can’t celebrate Thanksgiving, because their societies aren’t predicated on being saved by the native people of the faraway shores their forbearers landed upon. And then gave thanks by slaughtering said native people for the next couple centuries or so.

You gotta love the English. Did I mention I come from the Irish?

Of course, these days, the Irish and the English get on quite well, or so it would seem. For instance, as the BBC radio noted last week (it might even have been on Thanksgiving Day), the number of young Irish men volunteering for the British army is rising rather remarkably. (Those would be young men who are citizens of Eire, the Irish Republic, not young men from Northern Ireland, who are, of course, citizens of the UK. I mention this only because, in my experience, some Americans’ sense of Irish history is — how to put it politely? — a shade on the hazy side of the street.)

That Irishmen should be joining the British army is at least a bit remarkable, given the rather turmoil- and strife-filled history of Ireland and England over the past 700 years or so. But it is, I suppose, what the heavy lifters in the punditry trade would label a sign of the times.

Whatever, I say. Being a shade lazy, I’m allergic to heavy lifting.

But if you can get your mind around the Irish volunteering for the British army, you can probably twig (to use a British expression) why

Barack Obama picked Hillary Rodham Clinton to be his secretary of State.

And then you can explain it to the rest of us.

Oh, I can understand why it’s politically a good choice: It’s a sign of unity to pick a former foe for an important position, this way she’s on his side, not sniping from the sidelines, it’s smart for her because she had nothing left to do in the Senate given that the Senate was supposed to be her springboard for the presidency and we all saw how that worked out, blah, blah, blah.

But if you can cast your memory back to ancient times — say, the primary season, which makes the NBA season seem like a couple weeks long — you’ll remember that Obama and Rodham Clinton (and Bill, the ever-lurking Bill) pretty much slugged it out for several months. It wasn’t exactly a mud-ball fight, but it was about as close as I’ve seen since elementary-school playground days. (Not, of course, that I ever flung any mud. Then or since.)

And now it’s all kiss-and-make-up time. (I’ve gone through some kiss-and-make-up times; they last about as long as nice weather in an Iowa December.)

Hmm. Actually, trying to twig Obama-Rodham Clinton requires some heavy lifting, and I’m starting to sneeze.

And when I sneeze, it always comes out sounding like, Iraq, Barack? Iraq, Barack?

Besides, there are more pressing things facing America, such as the economy — which, now that we’re officially in a recession, we should call it for what it is: toilet bowl.

And in this time of toilet-bowl turmoil, there is one glowing bright spot, one growth industry demonstrating that good, old-fashioned Yankee know-how is alive and well. And it is, ta-da:

Online-dating coaches. No, really. According to NPR, the hot new line of work to get into is online-dating coaching. So there is hope for all you English majors out there, especially you creative-writing majors — if you know what I mean.

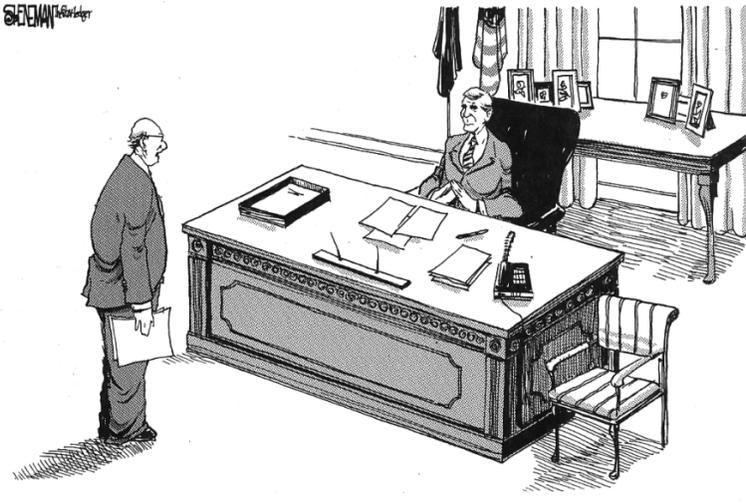
Because so many Americans, being busy and all (and having dozed through their rhetoric classes), have trouble putting two sentences together when writing their online-dating profiles. Voilà — online-dating coaches buff it up. So’s to speak.

Hmm — maybe that’s how Obama and Rodham Clinton got together — online dating coaches.

Now, if we could only figure out why, once a year, we really try to commit suicide by turkey. ■

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Guest Opinion

Surface selves, messy, tangled interiors

C.T. GILBERT
from the *DI* blog, the Podium

How far into our fantasies do we allow ourselves to get? Oh, I don’t mean psychotic breaks or shrines to a secret admirer in the closet, but the smaller fantasies, the day-to-day moments we play out. Body-image fantasies, let’s say: The perception of the body as flawed, “wrong,” too fat, too bald, not enough muscle, weird earlobes, hairy knuckles, that yellow toenail ... It can go on and on. But the scary part isn’t the initial body fantasy, but when people try to “correct” their flawed bodies with absurd diets, overindulged fitness programs, Just For Men, the whole array of body-adjustment — some of it healthy, some not — that our culture provides. This always seemed strange to me. If the body is made up of these overlapping fantasies, then why do people try to fix it with more fantasy?

And that’s what I mean when I ask how far do we go. How tangled and complex do we allow our daily fantasies to get, and how much control do we grant them?

A man in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was charged with murder last month. Mark Twitchell is a filmmaker who once worked in a Davenport furniture store; his only complete accomplishment is a *Star Wars* fan film that he wrote, directed, produced, and starred in. His other project was halted in the middle of filming: an eight-minute short depicting a man being tied to a chair and tortured by a vigilante out for undone justice. Eventually, the man is decapitated. This little gem sadly won’t be the darling of the Sundance short-film category, because Twitchell has been charged with killing a man in much the same fashion as his character does on screen. He reportedly even used the set designs of his film

in the alleged homicide.

If the fantasy line is almost entirely blurred away by this point, then it was erased when Edmonton police discovered Twitchell’s obsession with the television show “Dexter” and his idolization of its main character. On the program, Dexter is a serial killer, claiming that he has no feelings or emotions, and he blends into society by wearing a constant mask of cheer and friendliness. This allows him to hunt his victims without drawing attention to himself, and his victims are all themselves murderers or serial killers. Anyway, the premise of the show and Dexter’s psychology apparently resonated with Twitchell, who first translated his own version into film, and then reality. I want to know why.

Sometimes characters in movies, books, and TV shows seem pretty real. They have traceable, defined habits and mannerisms, and they are gen-

erally bound by premise to behave in certain ways toward their circumstances or other characters. I often find myself wishing I were Dr. House, smart enough to get away with pissing everyone off. A friend of mine wants nothing more than to have lunch with a real-life Rory and Lorelai Gilmore. I’m pretty sure my uncle wants to be Humbert Humbert. I have to stop myself and remember that real people aren’t like that. People aren’t coherent, or defined by cause and effect, and overall just don’t make sense. We are messy creatures with histories and hang-ups we ourselves can’t even parse out. Maybe that’s why befriending a character is easy — they never change, or if they do, it’s in a straight shot, tied to events themselves grounded in story and fantasy.

But where is that line again? What makes a man descend into himself so fully that he can’t recognize his fantasy?

Catharsis in watching a torture-porn flick such as the latest *Saw* sure, why not, if it works for some. But when a man watches the blood and gore go dripping down the screen and says to himself, “I will make this happen” — can it be called the same thing? Twitchell must have at some point noticed that Dexter isn’t real, otherwise he wouldn’t have felt the need to create such catharsis in his garage. If, indeed, he did.

Or maybe I have it backwards. Maybe he just finally felt he’d found someone who was similar enough that he could learn something. We all have our idols, don’t we, those fake people who for whatever reason seem like they have something to say, even if it comes from fiction. Twitchell might have thought he’d really learned from Dexter, really seen some kind of shining possibility for his own life.

So I come again to the

nature of fantasy. How enmeshed in ourselves, and the things we incorporate into ourselves, are we? How do we create for ourselves a reality that seems so concrete when it ultimately just isn’t? (I am thinking of the Buddhist concept of absolute reality, wherein nothing has inherent meaning and therefore everything is nothing, unless we convince ourselves otherwise ... more or less). It’s necessary, I guess, this world-building that we do, otherwise we wouldn’t go to work, do our chores, learn, fight for causes, or even write. We have to generate for ourselves these less-than-realities. But that line again, that blurry line will always be there, and I worry sometimes whether I’ve stepped across it without knowing. I wonder if Mark Twitchell worries about that, as well.

More from Colin Gilbert at diopinions.blogspot.com

MOVIE REVIEW

An epic Down Under – no worries, mate

Australia, the latest from frenetic director Baz Luhrmann, is as wide-ranging as the continent it's named after — which is mostly good. You just might want to prepare yourself for the long haul.



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Baz Luhrmann has done four films in his time as a director, thus far. Were you as surprised by this as I was? Taking the beloved Internet Movie Database at its e-word (and who wouldn't?), there are no early projects lurking around, no TV episodes, nothing. There is Luhrmann's so-called "Red Curtain Trilogy" (1992's *Strictly Ballroom*, 1996's *Romeo + Juliet*, and 2001's *Moulin Rouge*).

And now, there is *Australia*, which is, on one hand, completely in line with the rest of Luhrmann's work as a sweeping, epic director — it may in fact be the culmination of things. Instead of dallying around with having to adhere to genre or plot specifications (such as, you know, speaking in Shakespearean verse or fitting in musical numbers), *Australia* is just an *epic*. In the course of its butt-busting two-hour, 40-minute spectacle, it careens from Western to family drama to romance to World War II picture without blinking.

In fact, viewers might be able to get a hint at the breakneck style of Luhrmann from *Australia*'s kickoff, when we're presented with an hour's worth of information in around 20 minutes. Our narrator is Nullah (Brandon Walters, a charming new presence, even if the voice-over tactic gets wearisome after a while), a white/Aboriginal

child who lives on the cattle ranch of Faraway Downs. He has recently been witness to the murder of the ranch's owner, an Englishman whose wife, Lady Sarah Ashley (Nicole Kidman), has been largely abandoned for her husband's preference for the

Australia
When: 4:30, 8 p.m.
Where: Sycamore 12
When: 4:40, 8 p.m.
Where: Coral Ridge 10
★★★ out of ★★★★★

Land Down Under. Thus, though Sarah had primarily set out from Mother England to sell the ranch, she ends up falling for the stark beauty of Australia herself, and is determined to have Faraway Downs succeed against the local cattle baron and his eeeevil henchman (believe me, numerous "e's" are necessary). Alongside her is the Drover (Hugh Jackman), a man whose job title (cattle "droving," as it's referred to here) and name are interchangeable and with whom she may just have the beginnings of an odd-couple romance. Oh, and then the Japanese, after bombing Pearl Harbor, move south and bring World War II to Australia, both the continent and the film.

Don't worry, it all fits together somehow (logically, even!) in the film. Even if I can't quite figure out how Luhrmann did it, with a team of three additional screenwriters, he's managed to make *Australia* into two coherent films that adhere somewhere in the middle. And, most frustratingly, it's



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Lady Sarah (Nicole Kidman) and the Drover (Hugh Jackman) make out right after discussing the waterproof hair products Australia is able to produce. Who knew?

hard to determine where the cuts should have been made to make the *one* movie capable of going even a single round in the award-show circuits that film nerds were initially pegging *Australia* of being a contender in.

Because if there's one thing that Luhrmann has always been able to do better than most directors currently working, it's stage a sequence. And really, when it boils down to it, that's what *Australia* is: a series of really fabulous-looking sequences, thanks in about equal part to both the production and costume-design work of longtime

Luhrmann associate Catherine Martin, and the landscape of the continent itself. The scene in which the first rain comes, signaling the beginning of the wet season, for example, is stunningly gorgeous — from the Asian-inspired dress Kidman is rocking to the loving camera work echoing the rainy romance of classic Hollywood melodrama.

As for those other important aspects of ardor — you know, the lovers themselves — they seem game enough. Jackman has little to do for much of the film's runtime other than look rugged, which

he excels at, I guess. Kidman, though, has small touches to portray Sarah's initial distaste and, later, growing fondness for the Australian country and its people — spreading out newspapers before she kneels on the ground was one of my personal favorites. Unfortunately, the same courtesy is not extended to anyone else — David Wenham, as *Australia*'s villain, is only given depth by having an even more one-dimensional bad guy behind him.

While the film as a whole has numerous issues — an overly relying on Nullah and his Aboriginal grandfather

possessing magical abilities, some CGI that's a little shoddy-looking considering Australia (the actual land) helped finance the film — it's scenes such as the "first rain" one that stick in a viewer's mind.

Luhrmann knows that, and he has built a career (even if it is significantly shorter than I might have guessed) out of moviemaking that often bypasses all forms of reason and goes straight for the heart/gut/soul (take your pick). And while *Australia* works best in bits and pieces, the whole isn't a bad ride, either.

CD REVIEWS

Hit the dance floor with Britney Spears

After a few years of head-shaving and baby-making, Britney Spears finally seems ready to take back control of her career, as evidenced by the raw pop powerhouse that is her sixth album, *Circus*.

Spears certainly has a lot of pressure to live up to with this album. While last year's **Blackout** was good, the lack of promotion and continuing shenanigans in the singer's personal life hindered its success. But now, that's all in the past, and Brit can put the haters to rest with *Circus*.



Britney Spears
Circus
★★★½ out of ★★★★★

Opening with the infectious No. 1 single, "Womanizer," the album takes listeners on a nonstop thrill ride through a land of digitized vocals, smokin' hot beats, and, as expected, cheesy lyrics. It's exactly what the world has come to expect from — and love of — Spears and her nearly flawless production team.

She is obviously ready to party, showcased in the abundance of fierce, dance-floor-ready tracks such as "Kill the Lights," "Mmm Papi," "Mannequin," and "If U Seek Amy" (say the title three times fast to get the joke). The album's deluxe edition also contains several sweet bonus tracks, namely the guitar-riff-filled "Rock Me In" and "Phonography," an ode to phone sex.

Also included as a bonus track is a new version of "Radar," the best song from *Blackout*. It's not totally clear why the song was put on the new album, but it's a fabulous ditty and deserves all the recognition it can get.

Circus does have its faults, however. Fans hoping to get an introspective look at Spears' troubled times will be sorely disappointed. Aside from a few references to her personal life here and there, she fills her album with songs about dancing, boys, and feeling hot. The eerie, mid-tempo "Out From Under" is the only song to substantially touch on anything personal, and even then, it's not explicit.

The album's producers aren't afraid to alter the singer's distinctive nasally voice with computers, and they do so at some point on nearly every track. "Unusual You," for example, is purely digital. The process is necessary to flush out her less-than-stellar vocals, but it only contributes to the impersonalness already on display.

Calling her album *Circus* certainly gave Spears the potential to create a tongue-in-cheek statement about her ridiculous public image, but aside from the catchy, explosive title track, the theme is all but ignored. And, as customary, she struggles with slow, underprocessed ballads, such as the almost country-sounding "My Baby," one of only two songs Spears is credited with writing.

Spears is in full comeback mode, and *Circus* is the ultimate step in the right direction. It's funky, danceable, catchy, and modern, yet lacking the personal touch that would be nice to hear from the recovering megastar. She's more than ready to hit the dance floor, but not the psychiatrist's office just yet.

Jake's Picks: "Kill the Lights," "If U Seek Amy," "Phonography," "Circus"

– by Jake Hothan

Say goodbye to my little friend

Emeritus, Latin for "to earn by

service," is a fitting title for Scarface's self-described final outing as a solo artist, and this release serves as the capstone to a 20-year career including nine albums. Unfortunately, in the shadow of 2007's superb *Made*, Scarface's last effort falls almost as flat as the case it comes in. Beginning with a four-minute long intro in which someone who *isn't* Scarface dryly runs down a laundry list of petty grievances he has with other industry folks who also *aren't* Scarface, it's clear this is an album marred by the appearance of anyone not named Scarface.



Scarface
Emeritus
★★★ out of ★★★★★

If there's one thing you can count on when it comes to a Scarface album, it's his raucous, angry lyrics, as crass as they are clever. He's certainly not going to appeal to the soccer moms, but beneath the profanity and masculine posturing lies substantial and thoughtful lyricism. *Emeritus* is no different in that regard, yet like the gangster lifestyle Scarface frequently references, success is often as much about who you surround yourself with as it is related to your own level of talent.

Of the dozen or so guest artists featured on *Emeritus*, only two feel as if they really belong next to such an industry legend. Lil' Wayne's verse on "Forget About Me" and Bilal's "Can't Get Right" chorus are solid additions to the album, but everybody else seems to be utterly dominated by the skillful ease of Scarface's delivery. Back-to-back songs near the end of the album feature some unknown vocalist,

dubbed simply "Wacko," who manages to single-handedly ruin the otherwise enjoyable tracks with embarrassingly bad singing and grating lyrics throughout the choruses.

The album is at its strongest when Scarface stands by himself, sans choruses, accompanied only by percussion and a few subtle piano tones. Standout tracks include "Still Here" and the aptly titled "Redemption Song," a cut which truly redeems this album and is reminiscent of the quintessential Scarface track "No Tears." If only the rest of *Emeritus* was this good, but apparently, it's too much to ask for as solo Scarface as possible on his final solo project. It's not the best way to send off a hip-hop legend, but there's no doubt the 38-year-old rapper has earned an honorable discharge.

Brian's Picks: "Redemption Song," "Still Here," "Can't Get Right"

– by Brian Dau

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Skylar Cannon, 13, sits in a trail rider in front of the Colorado River with former UI instructor Jim Ebert. Cannon was the first physically disabled person, unable to walk, to reach the bottom of the Grand Canyon by trail. Cannon and Ebert's families helped the teenager to the bottom.

A UI student helped carry the first person unable to walk to the base of the Grand Canyon.

A canyon-ful of help

By MARY HARRINGTON
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Skylar Cannon has never walked.

But last weekend, the 13-year-old traveled 9.5 miles down a rugged path to the bottom of the Grand Canyon, which those involved say is the first recorded instance of someone who couldn't walk making the trek by land.

"Seeing Skylar be the one to make history and be the first, well that was just awesome," said Tami Cannon, Skylar's mother.

A former UI instructor and UI senior were among those who helped her achieve the feat, carrying the teen in a device designed to wheel disabled individuals down outdoor trails.

Before this trip, Skylar had camped only in her grandparents' backyard. Speaking softly and politely, addressing questions as "yes ma'am" or "no ma'am," she used few words to describe the biggest trip of her life.

"It was really cool and made an extra special Thanksgiving," said Skylar, who was diagnosed at birth with spinal muscular atrophy — a genetic disease that results in a loss of muscle control and movement and is often fatal.

Jim Ebert, the director of Camp Kysoc, a program for disabled children and adults in Carrollton, Ky., organized the

trip. The former UI physical education instructor creates hiking opportunities for those who cannot walk with his "Alpenglow Adventures" trips.

Ebert made the first two trips to the canyon this past fall, trying to get two other disabled individuals to see the canyon's base, but after exhausting hikes, both trips failed. This time around, the crew members were confident they would succeed, motivated by Skylar's desire to see the canyon's base.

"It's a great feeling you get, working with these people and getting so much joy from watching them," said UI senior Justin Ebert, who helped carry Skylar down the trail. "These trips really put things in perspective for you."

While Skylar's mother photographed the hike, the others carried the teen in a trail rider, a \$7,000 push-pull device resembling a stretcher with a wheel at the base.

"We were exhausted," Jim Ebert said. "Every step involved lifting the trail rider over an obstacle on some of the bumpiest trails in the world, but we just assumed that we would make this happen this time, and we did."

The hike began on Nov. 28 at 5:15 a.m., and more than nine hours later, the crew was resting at the Phantom Ranch camp at the base, feasting on a steak dinner and eager for sleep.

On the morning of Nov. 29, the 13-hour ascent back to the rim began at 3 a.m. with a mid-way break at 8 a.m. Skylar said she was most excited to get some sleep on the night of Nov. 29, and her mother said it was difficult to celebrate right away because everyone was so exhausted.

"We are all in so much pain we can hardly move. I thought I was dying," Cannon said on her way home to Kentucky on Sunday afternoon. "It was the most grueling experience ever, but I would do it again in a heartbeat for Skylar."

The experience likely empowered the teenager, area officials said.

"Whether disabled or not, to go beyond expectations of others is always an empowering experience that will expand individuals' thresholds," said Charlotte Des Jardins, the executive director of the Family Resource Center on Disabilities in Chicago.

College students can sign up to help other disabled individuals see the bottom of the Grand Canyon in four new spring break trips in March through Alpenglow Adventures.

"Kids with disabilities can do just about anything," Cannon said. "And with a little help from others, they, too, can go far beyond their own backyards and experience all of life's beauties."

Provost Office picks up business-school dean

Beth Ingram will hold the UI associate provost position for up to a year and a half.

"I think it's a great opportunity to work with the students we have at the University of Iowa and try to make a difference in their lives"

— Beth Ingram, associate dean for undergraduate programs

By ASHTON SHURSON
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An associate dean in the UI Tippie College of Business has been named the interim UI associate provost for undergraduate education, officials announced Monday.

Beth Ingram, the business school's associate dean for undergraduate programs, will take over Tom Rocklin's former position on Jan. 1, 2009. Following the firing of Phillip Jones in September, Rocklin became the interim vice president for Student Services and dean of students.



Ingram new interim associate provost for undergraduate education

UI Provost Wallace Loh selected Ingram for the position last week.

"It gives me the opportunity to use some of my experiences in a new way," Ingram, 49, said, and she is "quite happy" to be chosen for the position.

Before becoming an associate dean three years ago, she was the head of the UI economics department. She continues to hold an endowed professorship in the business school.

Loh said Ingram's work at the UI with the registrar, financial aid, admissions, and

advising center qualifies her for the position, and she can build on her relationships within those offices.

"I think it will go very well because she knows all the players," Loh said. "She will hit the ground running."

Ingram has also been involved with undergraduate education since she came to the UI in 1988, she said.

Her new position will continue for up to a year and a half. Ingram will expand initiatives Rocklin started, including an investment in the UI Honors Program, expanding the number of living and learning communities, and improving retention and freshman education, Loh said.

Ingram wants to continue working on the Student Success Team — a group that focuses on undergraduate issues — and other programs with admissions and financial aid. The new associate provost will also oversee the UI academic support services.

"The goal I gave her is that I want the University of Iowa to have the best undergraduate educational experience in the Big Ten," Loh said.

Rocklin will continue to fill Jones' former position and extend his leave of absence from the Office of the Provost while the search continues for a new vice president for Student Services and dean of students.

Beth Ingram

- Age: 49
- New position: Interim UI provost for undergraduate education
- Current position: Associate dean for undergraduate programs in UI Tippie College of Business for the past three years and an endowed economics professor since 1988
- Past positions: head of the UI economics department, assistant professor at Cornell University from 1986 to 1988

Since Rocklin left, Loh said, employees in the Provost's Office have taken on "double duty"; duties should now return to normal.

The search for the interim position began two months ago, and roughly five people made up a search committee. Loh said there were a number of applicants interviewed before the committee narrowed the candidates down to a small group that Loh interviewed.

Though Ingram has held several positions at the UI, she said, she is excited to begin the new position.

"I think it's a great opportunity to work with the students we have at the University of Iowa and try to make a difference in their lives," Ingram said.

Officials have formed a search committee to fill Ingram's position in the College of Business.

STATE

Iowa lawmakers could change sex-offender law

DES MOINES (AP) — As Iowa faces a deadline to update its sex-offender law to match a stricter federal one, state lawmakers may use the opportunity to get rid of a controversial 2,000-foot rule restricting where offenders can live.

Under the federal law, sex offenders would have to stay on an online public registry at least five years longer, reveal more personal information about where they work and go to school, and face more supervision from law enforcement.

If Iowa doesn't comply with the federal provisions by the July deadline, the state could lose up to \$450,000 for law-enforcement activities.

For some Iowa lawmakers, the federal law is providing an opportunity to toss out the state's 2,000-foot state rule, which bans sex offenders from living near childcare centers and schools.

"Scrap what we have because it's not working," said Rep. Clel Baudler, R-Greenfield, a former state trooper.

The proposed legislation would replace that residency restriction with "exclusion zones," which would limit where sex offenders may be present or loiter and require written permission to visit school grounds and childcare centers.

Baudler and others say that while the federal law does not require Iowa to repeal its 2,000-foot rule, it would provide lawmakers some cover if they want to do so.

University of Iowa
FINAL PUBLIC NOTICE

Final Notice is hereby given of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) intent to provide funding to the University of Iowa to assist in repairs to the main college campus, which was damaged during FEMA Disaster DR-1763-IA. Funds will be provided in accordance with the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

Under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Executive Order (EO) 11988 and EO 11990 FEMA is required to provide public notice of any proposed actions in or affecting floodplains or wetlands. Federal actions must also be reviewed for opportunities to relocate facilities and evaluated for social, economic, historic, environmental, legal, and safety considerations.

The Power Plant, utility distribution system, Main Library, Becker Communications Building, Adler Journalism Building, Stanley Hydraulics Laboratory, Theater Building, Voxman Music Building, Lagoon Shelter House, Museum of Art, Art Building West, Iowa Advanced Tech Labs, Iowa Memorial Union, Art Building, Butler Storage Building, Track Equipment Building, English Philosophy Building, Softball Equipment Building, Hydraulics Wind Tunnel Annex, Track Storage, Madison St. Service Building, Danforth Chapel Building, WSI Transmitter Building, UIHC Patient Transportation Building and possibly other buildings are located within the 100-year floodplain. Many of these buildings were substantially damaged during the event. Various components of the buildings as well as the contents were damaged.

Alternatives Considered: Alternatives being considered for the University of Iowa are to repair to pre-disaster condition, repair with mitigation to minimize future loss, relocate outside of the floodplain, reorganize campus building contents and activities to locations less susceptible to flooding, and no action.

The University of Iowa is proposing to repair the damaged buildings and replace the contents. Practical alternatives including mitigation and relocation are being considered. Where practical, buildings that have experienced greater than 50% damage will be assessed for relocation.

Mitigation measures that will be examined include the application of proven "Dry-Floodproofing" techniques and could include the installation of temporary flood protection barriers that would be installed just prior to the flood stage arriving on campus, elevating ventilation ductwork intake locations to a height above the recorded flood height, or elevating electrical and mechanical utilities to a height above the recorded flood height when or wherever possible. In some cases, "Wet-Floodproofing" techniques will be incorporated into the options considered for mitigation efforts.

Applicability of State/Local Floodplain Standards: All work will be conducted in compliance with State Floodplain Ordinances. Any change in the original footprint or other modification to the site which may impact the floodplain must be coordinated with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Funding for the project will be conditional upon compliance with all applicable federal, state and local floodplain standards, permit requirements, building codes and project conditions.

Affects to the Floodplain and Mitigation: Hazard mitigation to reduce flood impacts will be incorporated wherever possible. The structures located in the floodplain will still be at risk for flooding. Damages, however, will be minimized through mitigation.

If any opportunities are identified to relocate structures outside of the floodplain, benefits to the floodplain will occur.

The public is invited to comment regarding these repairs. Comments or questions regarding these repairs should be directed to the responsible official.

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Further information can be obtained from the responsible official. All comments should be submitted to the responsible official within fifteen (15) days of this publication.

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Columbus 3, Vancouver 2
Detroit 2, Anaheim 1
Colorado 6, Minnesota 5



Jeremiah Hunter

FOOTBALL

Bowl-ticket applications ready online

The destination is still unknown, but Hawkeye fans have a chance right now to put orders in for tickets to whichever bowl game Iowa finds itself in after this weekend.

Athletics department officials announced Monday that electronic applications are set up online, allowing fans to print out all the forms needed in order to obtain bowl game tickets. However, no orders will be accepted until after the Hawkeyes receive an official announcement, most likely to come Dec. 7.

Among the games currently in play for the Hawkeyes as of today are the Capital One, Outback, and Alamo Bowls. Most bowl prognosticators have Iowa heading to the Outback Bowl, to be played on New Year's Day at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. If this is where the Hawkeyes head, their likely opponent appears to be South Carolina, which is 7-5 and would be the SEC's representative in the game.

— by Brendan Stiles

CYCLING

Armstrong to race in 2009 Tour

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Lance Armstrong will ride in the 2009 Tour de France, marking the first time he will compete in that race and the Giro d'Italia in the same year.

"I'm committed to riding for the best guy," Armstrong said Monday, acknowledging the taxing schedule could leave him riding in a supporting role in France.

The Giro runs May 9-31, and the Tour begins July 4.

With such a quick turnaround between two grueling races, the seven-time Tour champion acknowledged his body might not perform at the same level it did when he won his last Tour in 2005.

"If you've been away for three or four years, it would be silly for anybody to think I could pick up where I left off," Armstrong told the Associated Press in a telephone interview from Tenerife in the Canary Islands where Astana is training. "I can tell you I feel better than ever, I feel stronger than ever on Dec. 1. How that translates to racing, we'll have to see. Mentally, in terms of motivation, this feels like 1998-1999 to me."

TV TODAY

NCAA BASKETBALL
• Iowa at Boston College, 6 p.m., ESPN
• Ohio State at No. 21 Miami, 6 p.m., ESPN
• Clemson at Illinois, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2
• No. 4 Duke at No. 9 Purdue, 8 p.m., ESPN
• Virginia at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2
NHL
• Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6 p.m., VERSUS

A battle of raptors



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior forward Cyrus Tate shoots a lay-up against Oakland on Nov. 23 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes will play at Boston College this evening as part of the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

The Iowa men's basketball team will face its third-straight tough nonconference test against Boston College today at 6 p.m.

By **SCOTT MILLER**
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Coming off a whirlwind Thanksgiving weekend that included a 19-point thumping at the hands of West Virginia and a last-second victory over Kansas State a day later, thanks to senior

Cyrus Tate's lay-up at the buzzer, the Iowa men's basketball team will resume its three-games-in-five-days road trip against Boston College at 6 p.m. today in Chestnut Hill, Mass. The game is part of this year's ACC-Big Ten Challenge, which the ACC has dominated to the tune of 56-30

and winning the challenge every season it has existed.

The Hawkeyes arrived home from Las Vegas Sunday night, then hopped on a charter plane to Chestnut Hill late Monday — a total of 2,715 miles of air travel in

SEE **BASKETBALL**, 3B

Harriers look ahead to next season

The Iowa men's cross-country team showed steady improvement over the season and expects bigger things in 2009.

By **ZACH SMITH**
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At the beginning of the 2008 cross-country season, Iowa head coach Larry Wieczorek wore a sly grin. Following a less-than-notable 2007 campaign where Iowa finished eighth out of 10 teams in the Big Ten, Wieczorek had a handful of reasons to believe the Hawkeyes were a team on the rise.

For starters, Iowa signed a

blue-chip recruit Nick Holmes. Holmes, an Illinois state champion and the state's male runner of the year in 2007, was expected to come in and have an immediate effect on a lineup that could use it. The freshman fulfilled those expectations in his debut for the Black and Gold, leading the Hawkeyes to both the finish line and a convincing win over Texas A&M and Wichita State.

Unfortunately, that was the only time Iowa had Holmes in the lineup — the freshman sat out the rest of the season with a knee injury.

Iowa also returned a pair of seniors



Mactaggart
senior

SEE **CROSS COUNTRY**, 3B

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Should Iowa leapfrog other Big Ten schools?

YES

As of Monday, the Dow Jones had dropped almost 700 points, which lately seems about as shocking as the plunging Iowa temperatures as we head into December.

It is also a clear indicator of why Iowa should go to the Outback Bowl ahead of Northwestern.

The two colors visible at the Wildcats' Ryan Field during a typical home game are purple and gray — purple for the few fans that show up and gray for the thousands of empty seats. Of course that's excluding the thousands of visiting fans, who, if like Iowa's, have no trouble securing tickets and filling it to its meager 47,130-

person capacity.

Iowa fans not only sell out the 70,585-seat Kinnick Stadium on a regular basis, but thousands of Hawk fans travel to watch the Hawkeyes play in bowl games.

If the Outback Bowl selects Iowa, Raymond James Stadium will be filled with black and gold. If it chooses Northwestern, however, it'll probably look like Carver-Hawkeye Arena the last few weeks.

Even if Northwestern does manage to bring out its supposedly strong alumni base in Florida, Wildcat fans

SEE **YES**, 3B

NO

Get over yourselves, Hawkeye fans. Just because you supposedly "travel well" is not a good enough reason to pass either Michigan State or Northwestern for a chance to play in either the Capital One or Outback Bowls.

Let me lay it out for you — Iowa finished tied for fourth with Northwestern in the Big Ten, but it lost to both the Spartans and the Wildcats. There is no conceivable way that Iowa should pass either of those teams and get anywhere close to Florida and a New Year's Day game.

As far as Michigan State is con-

Field hockey gleams

The Iowa field hockey team had a season full of accomplishments not seen in Iowa City since 1999.

By **JEFF PAWOLA**
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The only thing missing from the 2008 season for the Iowa field-hockey team was a national championship.

Capping off a remarkable season, the Hawkeyes (18-5) advanced to the Final Four for the first time since 1999 before falling 2-1 in double overtime to eventual national champion Maryland, which was the tourney's top overall seed.



Griesbaum
Field hockey coach

SEE **FIELD HOCKEY**, 3B



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

MEN'S BIG TEN BASKETBALL

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Minnesota	0	0	.000	6	0	1.000
Illinois	0	0	.000	6	0	1.000
Ohio State	0	0	.000	3	0	1.000
Iowa	0	0	.000	6	1	.857
Penn State	0	0	.000	6	1	.857
Wisconsin	0	0	.000	6	1	.857
Purdue	0	0	.000	5	1	.833
Michigan	0	0	.000	5	1	.833
Michigan State	0	0	.000	4	1	.800
Northwestern	0	0	.000	4	1	.800
Indiana	0	0	.000	4	2	.667

Monday's Games

Wisconsin 74, Virginia Tech 72
 Northwestern 59, UC Riverside 43

Today's Games

Iowa at Boston College, 6 p.m. ESPN
 Ohio State at Miami (Fl), 6 p.m. ESPN
 Clemson at Illinois 6:30 p.m. ESPN2
 Duke at Purdue, 8 p.m. ESPN
 Virginia at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m. ESPN2

Wednesday's Games

Indiana at Wake Forest
 Michigan at Maryland
 Penn State at Georgia Tech
 Michigan State at North Carolina
 Florida State at Northwestern

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#2 Connecticut 79, Delaware State 49
 #16 Syracuse 86, Colgate 51

WOMEN SCORES

#15 Rutgers 64, Temple 60

Others
 Minnesota 98, St. Mary's 72

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New Jersey	8	8	.500
New York	8	8	.500
Toronto	7	10	.412

Southwest

W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	13	5	.722
Atlanta	10	6	.625
Miami	8	9	.471
Charlotte	6	11	.353
Washington	2	12	.143

West

W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	14	3	.824
Detroit	10	6	.625
Chicago	8	9	.471
Indiana	6	10	.375
Milwaukee	7	12	.368

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB
Southwest	7	11	.611
New Orleans	9	6	.600
San Antonio	9	7	.563
Dallas	8	8	.500
Memphis	4	13	.235

Northwest

W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	12	6	.667
Portland	12	6	.667
Utah	11	7	.611
Minnesota	4	12	.250
Oklahoma City	2	16	.111

Pacific

W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	14	1	.933
Phoenix	11	7	.611
Golden State	5	12	.294
Sacramento	5	14	.263
L.A. Clippers	3	13	.188

Monday's Games

Charlotte 100, Minnesota 90
 Boston 107, Orlando 88
 Miami at Golden State, late

Today's Games

L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 Washington at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
 Portland at New York, 6:30 p.m.
 Detroit at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
 Toronto at Denver, 8 p.m.
 Utah at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	17	8	2	36	72
N.Y. Rangers	14	6	3	31	75
Pittsburgh	11	7	5	27	76
Philadelphia	12	8	2	26	65
New Jersey	10	12	2	22	65
N.Y. Islanders	10	12	2	22	65

Northwest

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	16	4	4	36	82
Montreal	13	6	4	30	67

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Buffalo	11	10	3	25	65
Toronto	9	6	6	24	74
Ottawa	8	10	4	20	52
Washington	13	8	3	29	77
Carolina	12	11	2	26	65
Florida	9	11	3	21	56
Atlanta	8	12	3	19	67
Tampa Bay	6	10	7	19	53

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	16	4	4	36	84
Nashville	12	10	2	26	70
Chicago	10	6	6	26	75
Columbus	11	10	3	25	71
St. Louis	10	10	2	22	63

Northwest

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	14	9	2	30	75
Minnesota	14	8	1	29	67
Calgary	14	9	1	29	72
Colorado	12	12	0	24	64
Edmonton	10	11	2	22	61

Pacific

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
San Jose	20	3	1	41	92
Anaheim	14	9	3	31	75
Los Angeles	10	10	3	23	60
Phoenix	10	11	2	22	65
Dallas	8	11	4	20	65

Monday's Games

Nashville 2, Buffalo 0
 Columbus 3, Vancouver 2
 Detroit 2, Anaheim 1
 Colorado 6, Minnesota 5
 Toronto 3, Los Angeles 1

Today's Games

Florida at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Atlanta at Montreal, 8:30 p.m.
 Dallas at Calgary, 8 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.
 Toronto at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East	8	7	0	.667	340
N.Y. Jets	7	5	0	.583	277
New England	7	5	0	.583	253
Miami	6	6	0	.500	276
Buffalo	6	6	0	.500	276

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	11	1	0	.917	304
Indianapolis	8	4	0	.667	257
Houston	5	7	0	.417	282
Jacksonville	4	8	0	.333	241

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	9	3	0	.750	269
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667	292
Cleveland	4	8	0	.333	213
Cincinnati	1	10	1	.125	151

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	7	5	0	.583	292
San Diego	4	8	0	.333	290
Oakland	3	9	0	.250	172
Kansas City	2	10	0	.167	116

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East	10	0	0	.917	352
N.Y. Giants	8	4	0	.667	299
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	299
Washington	7	5	0	.583	208
Philadelphia	6	5	1	.542	319

South

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	9	3	0	.750	280
Carolina	9	3	0	.750	285
Atlanta	8	4	0	.667	298
New Orleans	6	6	0	.500	337

North

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	7	5	0	.583	287
Chicago	6	6	0	.500	281
Green Bay	5	7	0	.417	334
Detroit	0	12	0	.000	203

West

W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	7	5	0	.583	338
San Francisco	4	8	0	.333	262
Seattle	2	10	0	.167	216
St. Louis	2	10	0	.167	159

Monday's Game

Houston 30, Jacksonville 17

Thursday, Dec. 4

Oakland at San Diego, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 7

Minnesota at Detroit, 12 p.m.
 Jacksonville at Chicago, 12 p.m.
 Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 12 p.m.
 Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 12 p.m.
 Miami vs. Buffalo at Toronto, 3:05 p.m.
 New England at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Jets at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
 Kansas City at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
 Dallas at Pittsburgh, 3:15 p.m.
 St. Louis at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.
 Washington at Baltimore, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 8

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7:30 p.m.

Kiffin officially Vols' coach

By BETH RUCKER
 Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Even though Tennessee's new coach is the youngest one leading a major program, Lane Kiffin has been around football for almost all of his 33 years.

The former coach of the NFL's Oakland Raiders and son of longtime NFL defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin is five months younger than the previous youngest coach in the Bowl Subdivision, Northwestern's Pat Fitzgerald.

"During our process, Lane Kiffin stood out," Tennessee Athletics Director Mike Hamilton said. "He has great football bloodlines and has been part of a strong football tradition since birth."

Kiffin remembers being surrounded as a child by chalkboards scrawled with defensive plays and spending weekends in pregame meetings with his dad's teams.

"The experience has been unbelievable, and then to combine that with still being young enough to be able to relate to recruits and be able to manage them and handle them, I think is very valuable," Kiffin said on Monday when he was introduced at Tennessee.

He's the Volunteers' 21st coach but only the third in the last 32 years. His selection came after "the first national search for a football coach in University of Tennessee history," Hamilton said.

He took over the Volunteers two days after Phillip Fulmer's 17-season tenure ended with a win over Kentucky and has a six-year contract worth \$2 million in 2009 with the chance for bonuses.

"I'm extremely honored to follow him," Kiffin said. "I'm not trying to be him. All I'm trying to do is carry on some of the things he's done."

Kiffin was the youngest coach in the NFL's modern history when hired to lead the Oakland Raiders in January 2007 at age 31 after spending

two seasons as Southern California's recruiting and offensive coordinator.

It's not the first time Tennessee has hired a youthful coach — Fulmer had no previous head coaching experience, and the Vols' revered Gen. Robert Neyland was 33 when he was hired.

Kiffin's success with recruiting during a six-year stint at Southern California under the tutelage of Pete Carroll was a huge draw for Hamilton. One criticism of Fulmer was that the quality of his recruiting classes in recent years had been inconsistent.

Before he announced on Nov. 3 that he was being pushed out, Fulmer was building a class that was ranked at the time in the top 10. Since then, several top recruits have decommitted or said they planned to look at other colleges before signing with the Vols.

Kiffin began contacting recruits on Sunday, as soon as he was cleared by the NCAA to do so. He said he was planning to travel to Memphis on Monday afternoon for a trip to talk with the No. 1 recruit of the class, presumably Harding Academy's Marlon Brown, a wide receiver.

He said he planned to recruit nationally, much as he did at USC, and he wants to "put a fence around the state of Tennessee" to keep recruits from going elsewhere.

Those recruits who do make it to campus will be given a chance to play immediately, and any former starters will have to compete to earn their jobs back. Kiffin first met with players on Sunday night.

"Coming away, he left a really good first impression on me. I'm really excited and I think a lot of other guys are really excited," said sophomore tight end Luke Stocker, a starter this season. "It's going to do nothing but make me better personally and make our team better."

To help with recruiting,



LANE KIFFIN/ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Lane Kiffin speaks at a press conference Monday in Knoxville, Tenn. Kiffin, 33, replaces Phillip Fulmer, who was forced out after 17 seasons as the Vols' coach. Kiffin was the youngest coach in the NFL's modern history when hired to lead the Raiders in January 2007 at age 31 after spending two seasons as Southern California's recruiting and offensive coordinator.

Kiffin has hired his brother-in-law, David Reaves, who just resigned his job as South Carolina quarterbacks coach. Reaves had been the recruiting coordinator there since 2006, and Kiffin believes his ties to the Southeastern Conference are necessary.

Kiffin also has retained — at least temporarily — wide receivers coach Latrelle Scott, running backs coach Stan Drayton, offensive line coach Greg Adkins and tight ends coach Jason Michael to help with recruitment. He said he will decide later whether they will be asked to stay.

All other assistant coaches, including longtime defensive coordinator John Chavis and first-year offensive coordinator Dave Clawson, were not retained.

"There's a direction on part of our staff, some of the positions where I know where we're going to go," he said. "I wanted to make sure that got handled with class. The last thing I wanted to do was keep those guys around knowing where I was going to go."

What Kiffin wouldn't say

was whether he will hire his father to handle defensive responsibilities for the Vols. Monte Kiffin called those reports mere speculation on Sunday.

Kiffin credited Raider owner Al Davis, who fired him for what Davis said was insubordination, for giving him his first shot as a head coach. He said learning to "deal with a completely dysfunctional franchise" was valuable.

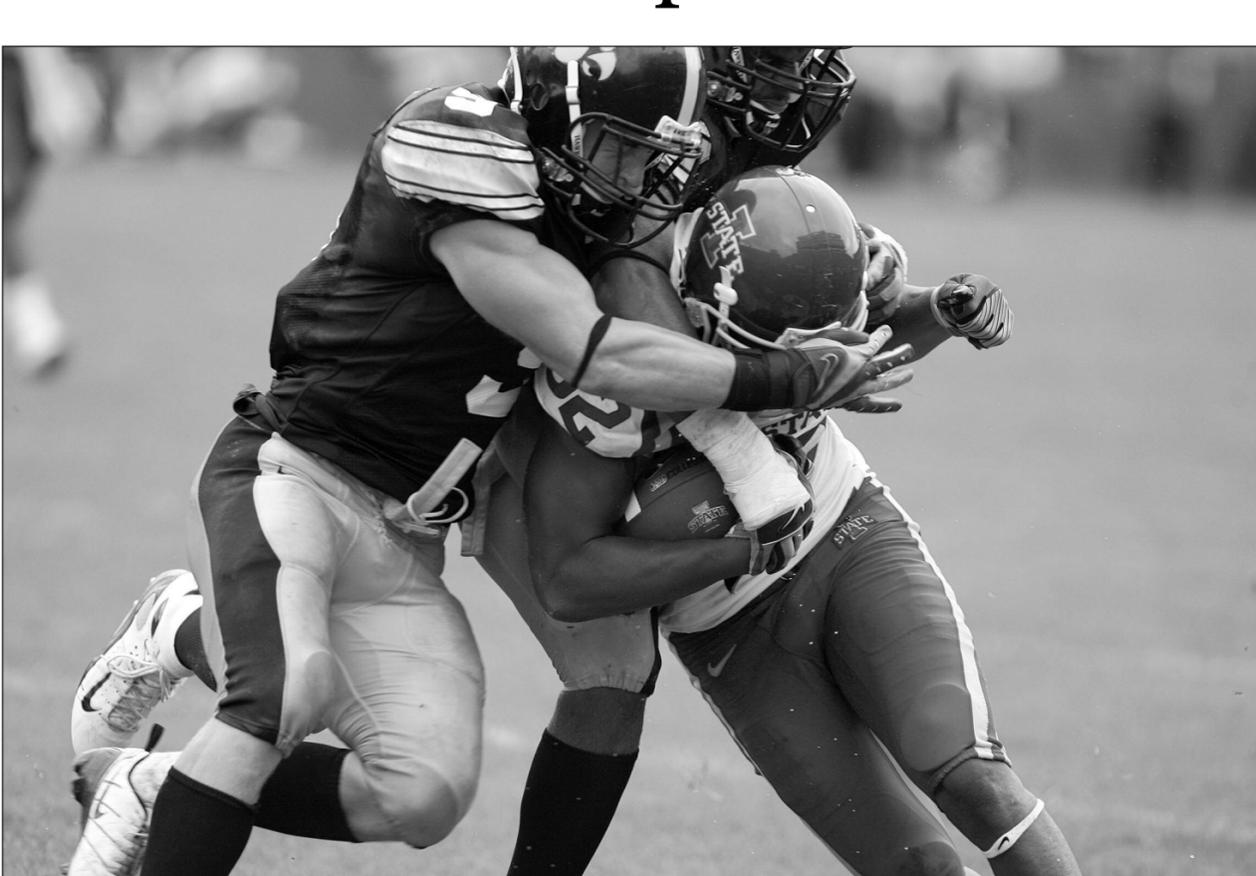
"You can't go to school and learn crisis management like going there," he said.

After moving 17 times in his lifetime, mostly thanks to his father's job, Kiffin said he hopes to remain at Tennessee for a long time and has no plans to return to the NFL.

He also assured Tennessee fans of what may be their greatest hope from a new coach: a win over the Florida Gators, who own a four-game winning streak over the Vols.

"Singing 'Rocky Top' all night long after we beat Florida next year, it's going to be a blast," Kiffin said with a smile. "That line was Mike's idea, by the way, all right, Urban?"

Football shake up at Iowa State



LINDSEY WALTERS/THE DAILY IOWAN
 Hawkeye redshirt freshman Tyler Sash (left) takes down ISU's Marquis Hamilton with help from sophomore Jeremiha Hunter during the fourth quarter in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 13. On Sunday, Iowa State coach Gene Chizik announced a major staff shakeup after the Cyclones finished a winless season in the Big 12.

By LUKE MEREDITH
 Associated Press

AMES — Iowa State coach Gene Chizik has shaken up his coaching staff, just one week after the Cyclones finished winless in the Big 12.

Chizik announced on Sunday that offensive coordinator Robert McFarland and defensive coordinator Wayne Bolt have been stripped of those duties — after just two years on the job — and reassigned within the staff.

Chizik also fired quarterback coach Tony Petersen and sec-

ondary coach Shawn Raney. McFarland will be Chizik's assistant head coach and continue to serve as the offensive-line coach. Bolt will stay on as the line-backers coach.

"It's the head coach's responsibility to evaluate all facets of the program and make whatever changes are necessary to improve the team's overall performance," Chizik said in a statement released by the school.

He said a national search to fill the four open positions will begin immediately.

Iowa State spokesman Tom Kroeschell said Monday that

Chizik was out of town on a recruiting trip and unavailable for further comment.

Iowa State finished 2-10 in 2008, Chizik's second season on the job, and ended the year by losing 10 in a row.

The Cyclones averaged 25.3 points per game in 2008, which would have been a respectable number if they weren't in the high-flying Big 12.

Iowa State was 10th in the league in scoring — and dreadful in the red zone. The Cyclones scored just 26 touchdowns in 52 red-zone trips and attempted a league-high 15

field goals inside the 20-yard line, as drive after drive stalled out in opponents' territory.

But Iowa State's biggest problem last season was its defense. Iowa State finished tied for 111th nationally with 35.8 points allowed per game, and its secondary allowed 276.7 passing yards per outing and 31 touchdowns against just 11 interceptions.

Iowa State allowed at least 35 points in seven of its eight Big 12 games, despite a favorable schedule. The Cyclones didn't play South powers Oklahoma, Texas or Texas Tech.

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Hawks to face Eagles



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore guard Jeff Peterson passes the ball against Oakland on Nov. 23 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. A win over Boston College tonight would put the Hawkeyes at 7-1 this season.

BASKETBALL

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a two days. But head coach Todd Lickliter isn't worried about jet lag affecting his young team.

"I don't see it as a big issue," the second-year head coach said during a teleconference Monday. "We got in fairly early [Sunday] night, even though we had a small delay. The guys were able to sleep in their own beds. They were able to go to class today, which is terrific."

"I don't recommend it, but I think this: These guys are young and healthy, and they love playing."

Once Iowa touches down in the Bay State, it will have to deal with a Boston College team that, after losing two-consecutive games to St. Louis and Purdue by a combined 10 points, rebounded against Alabama-Birmingham to finish third in the NIT Season Tip-Off at Madison Square Garden.

Led by Tyrese Rice, the Golden Eagles' depth (they have four players who average double-figures) and physicality could present problems for the Hawkeyes inside Conte Forum tonight.

"They're a very physical team," Lickliter said. "They play ... a power game. ... They're going to attack you as much as they can. ... If you help, and they shoot, you've got big problems, because they really go to the glass well."

"[It's] another great challenge. The level in competition in these three games is going to be [at] the highest level."

The Golden Eagles also have a stud point guard and preseason All-ACC first-team selection in Rice, who has been known to be a streaky shooter, scoring 24 points in 27 minutes against Alabama-Birmingham. The senior point guard is shooting 50 percent from 3-point range on the season.

"He's so versatile," Lickliter said. "He's a very, very good scorer."

IOWA (6-1) AT BOSTON COLLEGE (4-2)

When: 6:05 p.m.
Where: Conte Forum, Chestnut Hill, Mass.
TV: ESPNU
Radio: KXIC 800 AM

But that's only part of his game. His assists-to-turnover ration is like 2-1 almost. He looks to get people involved. [He's] very difficult to contain. He can finish different ways, plus he looks to pass — you've got problems."

Coached by Al Skinner, Boston College can also defend the perimeter well, holding its opponents to 27 percent shooting from beyond the arc. Lickliter hasn't made it a secret that a great emphasis for the Hawkeyes will be placed on outside shooting this year. So far, Iowa is averaging more than 22 3-point attempts per game, making nine per contest.

This long-distance assault is led by Anthony Tucker who, after scoring a season-high 24 points against West Virginia, struggled when playing Kansas State, going 1-for-11 from the field and finishing with only three points. Despite the freshman's struggles, Lickliter remains confident in his star who accounts for 42 percent of his team's 3-point field goals.

"Oh, he'll be fine," Lickliter said. "Every once in a while, something like that's going to happen, and the thing about it is when you have Anthony on the floor, it creates opportunities for other people because they're not going to leave him."

"He's going to have to remain patient. He shot a couple of difficult shots the other night. ... I trust him. I'm not concerned. I've seen guys that are great shooters have an off night and they bounce back."

Field hockey tops off season

FIELD HOCKEY

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"It's unbelievable. I approach every single season pretty similarly with my philosophies and what I believe in," head coach Tracey Griesbaum said on Nov. 19, two days before the Final Four. "It's just all coming together with the brand of athlete that we have and the commitment level that we have."

Before reaching the Final Four, the Hawkeyes had a plethora of accomplishments along the way. In its second game of the season, Iowa defeated defending national champion and then-No. 1 North Carolina, 3-2, on Aug. 31. Prior to the matchup, the Tar Heels won 25-consecutive games, dating back through the entire 2007 season. Griesbaum later said the victory over North Carolina is one of the most memorable wins of her career.

She crossed the century mark for career wins at Iowa on Sept. 13 with a 3-2 victory against Stanford. Preceding her landmark victory was the program's 500th victory on Sept. 5, a 4-1 thrashing of American University.

"It was a little anticlimactic, just because we were thinking about the game and our performance," Griesbaum said after both milestone wins. "But I think as I've really sat back and had a couple of days to let it sink in a little bit, it's really special just to be

a part of it all."

Starting with the victory against Stanford, Iowa went on to claim eight straight, matching the longest winning streak since 2003. In that span, four different Hawkeyes were named Big Ten Player of the Week — senior Caroline Blaum on Sept. 15, junior Meghan Beamesderfer on Sept. 22, senior Roz Ellis on Sept. 29, and senior Lauren Pfeiffer on Oct. 6. Five different Hawkeyes garnered conference Player of the Week honors on seven different occasions.

The Hawkeyes missed out on the regular-season title, finishing 4-2 in conference play, but they claimed their third-consecutive Big Ten Tournament championship with a 2-1 overtime victory over Ohio State on Nov. 9.

"After sophomore year, when we won as a five seed, we knew it was possible to win three [conference titles]," Pfeiffer said after the win over the Buckeyes.

She became one of the most decorated Hawkeyes in recent memory during the 2008 campaign. She led the Big Ten with 20 goals and totaled 44 points, good for second in the conference. And the accolades came pouring in, being named Big Ten Player of the Week twice, All-Big Ten first team, Big Ten Tournament MVP, NCAA All-Tournament team, NCAA All-American first team, and a Honda Award Finalist for the best field-hockey player in the country.

"[Pfeiffer's] been evolving



BECKY MNUK/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa senior Lauren Pfeiffer fights for the ball during the Hawkeyes' game against Northwestern at Grant Field on Oct. 3. Pfeiffer and the Hawkeyes went on to win their third-straight Big Ten Tournament this season and reached the Final Four for the first time in nine seasons.

for four years; I think she just rises to the challenge. She's a competitor," Griesbaum said in a release after winning the Big Ten Tournament. "She wanted to prove to herself and to her teammates that Iowa is for real."

After winning the Big Ten Tournament, Iowa advanced beyond the first round of the NCAA Tournament for the first time in nine years with a 1-0 victory over Louisville on Nov. 15. The Hawkeyes then ended Michigan State's season on Nov. 17 with another 1-0 victory. It was the third time that Iowa beat the Spartans on the year, and it was also the longest field-hockey game of the season.

Iowa and Michigan State

started play on Nov. 16, but the game was suspended because of blizzard-like conditions in East Lansing, Mich. The game picked up where it left off the following day with 27:45 remaining in the second half, and fewer than 10 minutes after resuming play, sophomore Sarah Pergine scored the eventual game-winner.

"It was probably the craziest weekend of my life ... Just for the fact that there's this curse of us losing in the first round, and we defeated that," Ellis said on Nov. 19. "The blizzard happened, and it was just the longest drawn-on game ever ... I [didn't] think we were going to lose, no matter what."

Luciano sets some high goals

CROSS COUNTRY

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with NCAA championship experience from years past as cocaptains of the squad in Eric MacTaggart and Andy Napier.

MacTaggart had high goals coming into the season. Having sat out all of 2007 as a member of the Iowa Marching Band in order to fulfill a school requirement, the senior had plenty of time to think about how he wanted his final season to end. The senior finished 21st overall at the NCAA Midwest Regional in Stillwater, Okla.

Unfortunately for the All-American, he was unable to compete at the NCAA cham-

pionships for a fourth and final time — Iowa finished seventh in spite of MacTaggart's strong performance.

"It would've been nice to qualify for nationals at the individual level," MacTaggart said after competing in regionals. "I would have liked to come in a little closer to Jesse [Luciano], but I felt as though that was the best race I could've run."

Even though things did not go according to plan, Wieczorek took time after regionals to recognize his most accomplished runner.

"I think he certainly was terrific, and he just seemed to be awesome throughout the whole season," Wieczorek said. "Not quite up to where he was as an All-American and All-Big Ten,

but I think this gives him momentum now [going into the off-season] to get himself back to where he was early on and finish up leading our track team to some good things."

Though the cross-country Hawkeyes will lose Napier and MacTaggart, Wieczorek will once again have a solid core of experienced talent to steer the ship next fall.

Junior Jesse Luciano will be the headliner for Iowa following a stellar 2008. The Villa Park, Ill., native was the team's most impressive and consistent runner, earning All-Big Ten and All-Region honors. Luciano also cashed in his 15th-place individual finish at regionals for a trip to the NCAA championships, where he

ran the fastest 10,000-meter race of his career (30:18.7) and the second fastest in school history.

The junior's goal of being an All-American will have to wait until next season, though, after missing that status by three finishers [in slightly fewer than five seconds].

"Just being an All-American is one of those things that will be with you for the rest of your career," Luciano said before competing at the NCAA championships. "Just stepping into any race thinking, 'I'm an All-American,' obviously mentally you're just going to be more into it. You're going to push yourself to the front."

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Should Iowa leapfrog other Big Ten schools?

YES

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won't spend the kind of money that Hawkeye fans will.

Iowa fans will make a vacation out of the bowl game. They'll stay in area hotels, eat in restaurants, shop, and visit tourist attractions for several days leading up to and even

after the game. If Northwestern really does have a strong base in Florida, chances are its fans will probably just go to the game, not spending nearly the amount of money thousands of tourists from the Hawkeye State would.

As far as television ratings, Iowa has one of the most exciting players in college football in Shonn Greene, a Doak Walker finalist who leads the

nation in rushing. He alone will attract a national audience.

In the end, Iowa fans will fill Raymond James and provide the type of tourist dollars that Northwestern simply cannot match. In these tough economic times, the Outback Bowl should make the wise financial decision and pick the Hawkeyes.

— by Mike Slusark

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The school that makes the Big Ten credible for its academics, Northwestern, won't disappoint bowl officials with its fan attendance, either. One reason is because everybody who has graduated from Northwestern has gone on to be successful and will already have retired to Florida, making it an easy com-

mute to Tampa and Orlando.

More importantly, Northwestern fans rarely get an opportunity to see their team in postseason play, having only played in six total bowl games. Of the six bowl games Northwestern has played, it has contributed to selling out four.

Northwestern is bad almost every year, so when its fans get a chance to see a bowl game, they don't disappoint anyone. Plus, the Wildcats

beat Iowa.

The only thing the Hawkeyes have going for them is their fan support, but the two schools ahead of them in the rankings have formidable fan support as well.

I'm not even sure the Capital One or Outback Bowls will want Iowa fans after what happened in one of the restrooms at the Metrodome in Minneapolis.

— by Jeff Pawola

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Giants' Burress posts bail

By COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Taken to court in handcuffs, Plaxico Burress posted \$100,000 bail on weapon-possession charges Monday as the frenzy grew around the Giants' star receiver who accidentally shot himself in a nightclub.

Authorities said teammate Antonio Pierce was being investigated over his role in the weekend shooting, while the Super Bowl-champion Giants weren't sure what action they would take, if any, against Burress. The NFL said it was monitoring developments. Mayor Michael Bloomberg also weighed in, saying it would be an outrage "if we didn't prosecute to the fullest extent of the law."

Burress shot himself in the right thigh in the VIP section of the Latin Quarter nightclub in Manhattan about 1 a.m. Nov. 29, police said. He did not have a permit to carry a handgun in New York.

A witness reported hearing a popping sound before Burress' legs began to shake, according to a criminal complaint. It said the person saw a bloody pistol fall out of his pant leg and land on the floor before Burress said "Take me to a hospital."

It's believed Pierce took Burress to a car and then left with him, according to police. Burress was treated at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center and released later on Nov. 29.

Burress was charged with two counts of second-degree criminal possession of a weapon, which could result in a prison sentence of 3 1/2 years to 15 years if he is convicted. He was not required to enter a plea Monday; he is due back in court on March 31. Burress did not say anything in court.

"He is standing tall. He is a mature adult," said Benjamin Brafman, his defense lawyer. "I think any professional athlete in this situation would be concerned."

He said Burress is feeling OK. "If they let him play, he will be able to play. ... I think he will be a superstar for the rest of his career."

Originally, police had said that running back Derrick Ward was with Burress and Pierce at the club, relying on information given to them from security guards at the bar. But police said later that it was unclear if Ward was at the club, and the running back denied that he was.

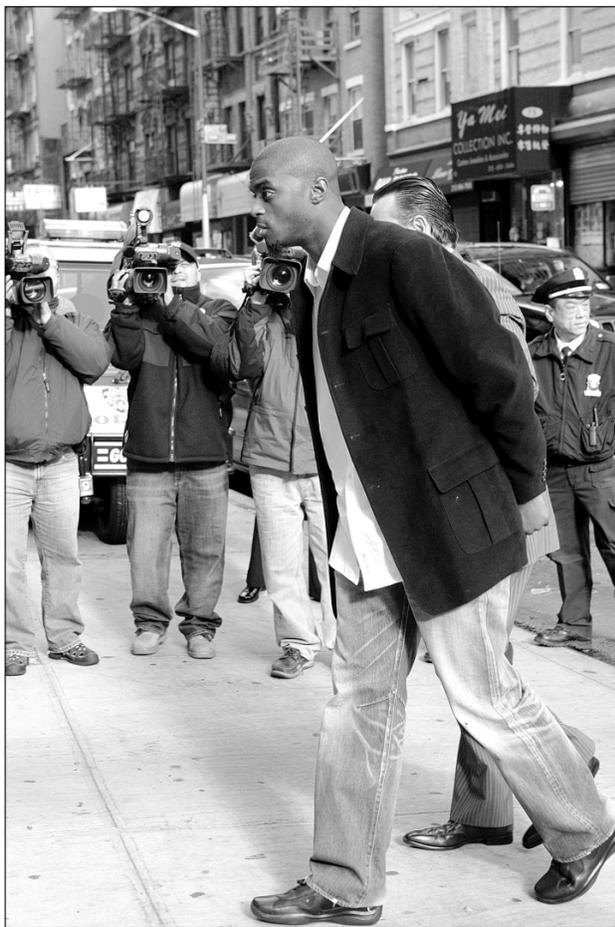
The Giants have not decided what to do with Burress, who was suspended for a game and fined earlier this season for missing a team meeting in September. New York could either suspend him again or deactivate him for the Dec. 7 game at home against the Eagles. There are more extreme actions, such as releasing Burress, but that could put a strain on the team's salary cap next season.

"We're dealing with that," coach Tom Coughlin said in a conference call Monday. "Today we had some discussions and those discussions will be ongoing."

Coughlin would not speculate what the team would do if Burress showed up for practice Wednesday.

Police have looked at security video from the club and hospital and determined that Burress arrived at 1:20 a.m. and left at 1:50 a.m. He arrived at the hospital at 2:04 a.m. and went home 11 hours later.

The shooting occurred as Burress somehow fumbled his



DAVID KARP/ASSOCIATED PRESS

New York Giants' Plaxico Burress (right) arrives at Manhattan Supreme Court for arraignment Monday in New York. Burress accidentally shot himself at a Manhattan nightclub early on Nov. 29 and was treated at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. He was released later on Nov. 29.

gun — .40-caliber Glock — in the VIP section and it discharged, hitting his leg. Pierce was with Burress when that

occurred, police said. The weapon was eventually recovered at Burress' house in New Jersey, authorities said.

Knicks to Marbury: Stay away

By BRIAN MAHONEY
Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — Stephon Marbury was ordered to stay away from the New York Knicks on Monday while the team looks for a solution to the latest controversy surrounding its point guard.

"After meeting with Stephon and his representative this afternoon, we have directed Stephon not to participate in practice or attend games until further notice," Knick President Donnie Walsh said in a statement. "We want to continue to meet with him to discuss a long-term resolution."

Marbury's future with the Knicks was "not resolved" during his meeting with Walsh, according to the players' association attorney representing him.

Marbury arrived at the team's practice facility at 2:25 p.m. and met with Walsh for around 20 minutes. His representative, Hal Biagas, walked out of the building shortly after 3 p.m. and into the car where Marbury was waiting.

"[We'll] try to keep this in-house and so no comment at this time," Biagas said. "We'll keep you posted if things happen."

Walsh suspended Marbury for one game without pay and docked him an additional game's salary last week after the Knicks said the point guard refused coach Mike D'Antoni's request to play in a loss to Detroit on Nov. 26.

Biagas wouldn't say if Marbury, who was penalized nearly \$400,000, was reinstated, or if there had been any progress toward a buyout.

"We had a conversation," he said.

Marbury wants out of New York and lashed out at teammates and coach Mike D'Antoni in Monday's *New York Post*.

"I sat there for three weeks and didn't say one word," Marbury told the *Post*. "I didn't hear one of my teammates say, 'Why isn't Stephon Marbury playing?' This is a good system for him, even to play with the second unit and bring more firepower."

"When things got bad and then worse, guys like Quentin Richardson say, 'I don't consider him a teammate. He let his teammates out to dry.' He didn't care I was his teammate when I was



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New York Knicks' Stephon Marbury watches the Knicks' NBA basketball game against Milwaukee Bucks from the bench on Nov. 2 in Madison Square Garden. The Knicks have told Marbury to stay away from the team.

banished. They left me out for dead. It's like we're in a foxhole, and I'm facing the other way. If I got shot in the head, at least you want to get shot by the enemy. I got shot in the head by my own guys in my foxhole. And they didn't even give me an honorable death."

The Knicks' players have grown tired of the repeated controversies caused by Marbury, especially because they'd like more focus on their improved play this season. New York (8-8) ended November at .500 or better for the first time since going 7-6 in 2004.

"I don't know what to say to that, more than I'm sorry he feels that way, and I don't get the impression that we've done that," forward David Lee said. "But moving forward, as I said, this has just got to get taken care of whenever it gets taken care of, and we've just got to focus on

winning. And buying into comments like that or responding to them does nothing more than take the focus off our team and winning."

Richardson criticized Marbury after the game in Detroit, when the Knicks were forced to play short-handed after injuries and trades. He seemed amused when asked about Marbury's comments after practice.

"He's entitled to his opinion just like I am. And obviously I said what I said, and he feels differently about that, and he's entitled to that," Richardson said. "The main thing we want to do is we want to play basketball and win games. These aren't the things we want to come off the court and talk about."

Marbury isn't part of D'Antoni's plans, and he has been on the inactive list most of the season. However, D'Antoni twice asked Marbury if he

would play when the Knicks were undermanned.

"Mike had no intentions of me playing basketball here," Marbury said. "He gave me straight disrespect. It was beyond disrespect. He put in [Danilo] Gallinari, whose back is messed up and [who] didn't participate at all in training camp ahead of me [in the season-opener]. ... That's saying, 'I'm letting you have it right now.' He was sticking it to me."

Marbury also blasted D'Antoni in another interview with the *Post* last week, saying he didn't trust the coach. Asked about Marbury's comments about playing time, D'Antoni said: "I hate that. Obviously, he's in a tough position, and I don't think anybody's thrilled with where anybody is, but that's not really true. Again, I'm sure he feels that way and I can understand."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Penn State mascot arrested on DUI charge

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — The Penn State senior who plays the Nittany Lion mascot was arrested on a DUI charge and his status for the Rose Bowl is in doubt, police and school officials said.

James Sheep was pulled over on campus around 3:15 a.m. on Nov. 22, hours before Penn State's 49-18 win over Michigan State, university police Capt. Bill Moerschbacher said Monday. The officer who made the stop saw that the vehicle was overloaded, with passengers piled onto each other and blocking the driver's view.

After determining that Sheep had been drinking, the officer administered sobriety tests and took him to the hospital for blood tests, Moerschbacher said. He was later charged with DUI and summary traffic violations.

A telephone message left for Sheep by the Associated Press was not immediately returned Monday.

At the Michigan State game, the final home game of the year, Sheep was honored for serving as the mas-

cot since January 2007.

School spokesman Geoff Rushton said he expects some action from the Office of Judicial Affairs, but said that it would likely be up to the coaching staff to determine if Sheep can attend the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 1.

The student in the mascot suit receives a scholarship, but Rushton said he did not know how much it was worth. In addition to football games, the mascot attends several hundred events a year and must maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

University sanctions can range from requiring students to take mandatory education classes to expulsion, Rushton said.

Head injuries kill ex-Cyclone star

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Head injuries caused the death of a 25-year-old former Creighton Prep and Iowa State University football player.

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Other Upcoming Obama Administration Appointees

- Secretary of Energy: Tony Stark (Guy was able to build an arc reactor in a cave with a box of scraps! Imagine what he might do to reduce our dependency on foreign oil!)
- Secretary of Defense: Every Non-Offensive Player on the Baltimore Ravens
- Secretaries of Transportation: Jerome "The Bus" Bettis, Steve "Air" McNair, and Anthony "A-Train" Thomas. (What can I say? Dude loves his football.)
- Director of Complete Ass-Kickery (Department of Face Annihilation): Jason Statham
- Secretary of Homeland Security: Losamabin Aden (never said without a snicker)
- Secretary of Urbane Development: Bond. James, Bond.
- Director of the Central Intelligence Agency: I'd tell you, but then I'd have to kill you.
- Administrator Having Two Thumbs and Using Hackneyed Jokes: *This Guy*
- Secretary of War: This post has been abolished. (The Secretary of War? Uh! Good God, y'all. What is it good for? Absolutely nothing.)
- Secretary of Education: Whoever most stringently argues for mandatory Catholic schoolgirl outfits.
- Secretary of Bad Education: Pedro Almodóvar.
- Director of the Office of Management and Budget: FOR GOD'S SAKE, ANYBODY!
- Andrew R. Juhl has no relevant experience in politics or governmental administration; he's hoping to soon be named director of FEMA.

ON TOUR



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UI admissions tour guide Annie Galus (right) talks with prospective student Haley Johnson, 17, by MacLean Hall on Monday. Johnson is from Johnston, Iowa.

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UITV schedule

Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

- 12:15 p.m.** News from Russia (in Russian)
- 12:30** News from China-Beijing (in Chinese)
- 1** "Prairie Lights Archive," Michael Pritchett
- 2** News from Germany (in German)
- 3** Women at Iowa Interview
- 4** UI Health Sciences Lectures & presentations
- 5:30** Fine Arts Performances at Iowa
- 6:30** Lisa Bluder News Conference 7 Women at Iowa Interview
- 8** UI Health Sciences Lectures & presentations
- 9:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 9:45** Student Affairs Programs, student life, issues, and activities
- 10** Lisa Bluder News Conference
- 10:30** Daily Iowan TV News
- 10:45** "Java Blend" Encore, Eli Jones
- 11** Women at Iowa Interview

today's events

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- Molecular Physiology and Biophysics Seminar, "Analysis of protein complexes and interaction networks using mass spectrometry-based proteomics," Alexey Nesvizhskii, University of Michigan Medical School, 9:30 a.m., 5-669 Bowen
- Story Time, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- Tot Time, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- Preschool Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- Toddler Story Time, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- King's Singers Workshop, choirs from City High and West High, 11 a.m., City High Opstad Auditorium, 1900 Morningside Drive
- "Today's Banking and Financial Market," 11:30 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- Biochemistry Research Workshop, "Biology and Pathology of Type XVII Collagen," George Giudice, 12:30 p.m., Bowen Spivey Auditorium
- Department of Microbiology Seminar, "Where's You Get That 'Sweet' Coat? Dissecting Mechanisms of Surface Polysaccharide Synthesis in *Cryptococcus* and *Aspergillus*," J. Stacey Klutts, Veterans Administration Medical Center, 3 p.m., Bowen Auditorium III
- Library Community Writing Center, 4-6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- European Studies Program Lecture,

- "Ways of Seeing History: Thoughts on Filming Catastrophe and Redemption in Post-Katrina New Orleans, Marline Otte, Tulane, 4:30 p.m., 2520 D University Capitol Centre
- Santa, Snacks, and Stories, 5:30 p.m., Brucemore, 2160 Linden Drive S.E., Cedar Rapids
- "Meet the Planners," screening of two short films to present different aspects of the planning profession, 6 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Room A, 123 S. Linn
- Aviation Movie Night, 6:30 p.m., Alexis Park Inn and Suites, 1165 S. Riverside Drive
- Free Pool, 7 p.m., Ugly's, 210 N. Linn
- Undergraduate Art History Club, 7 p.m., 256 IMU
- "Live from Prairie Lights," Mark Bumberg, nonfiction 7 p.m., Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque
- Inclusive Ballroom Dance, 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- Local solo artists, 8 p.m., Drinks Neighborhood Pub, 245 Beaver Kreek, North Liberty
- Actors Dance Lab, 8:30 p.m., Old Brick
- Big D's Karaoke Jamz, 9 p.m., Big Ten Lounge, 707 First Ave., Coralville
- Tuesday Night Social Club: Petit Mal, the Black Slacks, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- Free Dance Party, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn
- Free Pool, 10 p.m., Charlie's, 450 First Ave., Coralville

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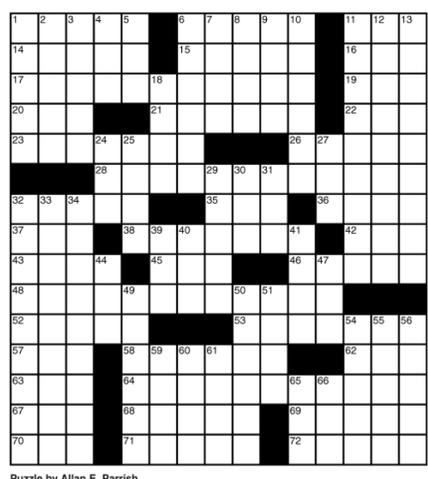
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1021

- Across**
- Place for a dictionary
 - In pursuit of
 - Asian holiday
 - Skater-turned-actress Sonja
 - Sculpted figure
 - "Xanadu" band, to fans
 - Dickens lad
 - Align the cross hairs
 - Itinerary word
 - Motorcyclist's wear
 - Rental ad abbr.
 - Takes out surgically
 - Red dye
 - Small equine
 - ___ nous
 - Thurman of "Gattaca"
 - W.W. I fighter plane
 - MGM's lion
 - Activity exemplified in the '60s by the ends of 17-, 28-, 48- and 64-Across
 - Summer, in Sèvres
 - Caesarean rebuke
 - Last article in the Constitution
 - Grant portrayer on TV
 - Weightlifter's lift
 - Oscar winner Marisa
 - From one side only, in law
 - AOL, e.g., for short
 - Norman of the Clinton and Bush cabinets
 - Hole-making tool
 - Brandy label letters
 - Rum/vodka cocktail
 - Wriggly fish
 - Singer/actress Lenya
 - Lets loose
 - NNW's opposite
 - Showy display
 - Take a sip of



- Down**
- Action on a crowded subway
 - Double ___ (DNA structure)
 - Computer that debuted in 1946
 - Actress Tyler
 - Attorney's charge
 - Swear to
 - Poultry
 - Far from pudgy
 - Latin 101 verb
 - Went bad
 - Unwraps in a hurry
 - Rule out
 - "The Tomorrow Show" host
 - South Korea's first president Syngman ___
 - Mount Carmel's locale: Abbr.
 - Lawn mower's spot
 - Photo ___ (media events)
 - Readily comprehended
 - "What a good boy ___!"
 - Bert Bobbsey's twin sister
 - Nonrequired courses
 - Red ink entries
 - Indian carving
 - Jamaican music
 - Frank Sinatra's wife before Mia
 - Trendy travelers
 - Proctored event
 - Landscapers' tools
 - Call from a nest
 - "Family Ties" mother
 - ___Z (zippy Camaro)
 - Hardly clumsy
 - 60 N.L.R.B. part: Abbr.
 - Novelist
 - 54 Landscapers' tools
 - 55 Call from a nest
 - 65 Frequently, to bards
 - 66 New Deal ints.

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