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Alexander scores high again

While adding to her stellar Game Time stats, Iowa junior Kachine Alexander helped carry Coralville Hy-Vee in its win over Pelling/Cullen on Thursday. **1B**

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Give and take

Residents who received tax relief for flood-damage may have to give back the money. **2A**

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Writers' Workshop graduate J.C. Hallman returns to Iowa City to read from his third publication, and first work of short stories, *Hospital for Bad Poets*, tonight at Prairie Lights. **7A**

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Sonia Sotomayor will almost undoubtedly be confirmed as a U.S. Supreme Court justice. But is she fit to serve? Two *DI* commentators weigh in. **6A**

CORRECTION

• In a July 14 article "Grad lives the 'green' life," the *DI* incorrectly quoted UI graduate Eric Holthaus. His roommate didn't mind when Holthaus asked him to turn off a light not in use. The *DI* regrets the error.

WEB BONUS

- Check out video of Iowa junior Kachine Alexander lighting up the hardwood in her Game Time showing, and see how vacations hurt Goodfellow/Imprinted.
- Listen in on conversations local women new to the area have as they gather for coffee.
- Read a copy of the letter several of the country's law-school professors, including some at the UI, sent in support of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor.

ON THE RECORD

Insights and information from inside today's *The Daily Iowan*. "The Horde is like all the metal that we've ever listened to growing up all slapped together into one band." Hoard guitarist Tim Matthews said. "It's got elements of power metal, black metal, and a little bit of death metal in it. It's got new wave of British heavy-metal style in it as well — dual guitar harmonies and solos. Hard-core stuff, too." • Read more about the Illinois- and Iowa City-based band. **7A**

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Women greet each other over coffee through the Newcomers' Division of the University Club on Thursday in Terrapin Coffee in Coralville. The Newcomers' Division meets once a month for coffee in addition to numerous outings and socials throughout the year.

Club embraces newbies

Newcomers to Iowa City cite culture and friendliness as a bonus.

By **KATIE SIMS**
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Margaret Kaltefleiter lost her ocean view when she moved to Iowa City for a new job. But after leaving Florida, she soon gained new friendships and insight into her city.

A flier for a women's group caught Kaltefleiter's eye at the Coralville Public Library. It advertised the Newcomers' Division of the University Club, which is designed to bring together women during their first four years of living in Iowa City and introduce them to the community.

Founded in 1917, the University Club — not directly affiliated with the UI —

allows women living in Iowa City to socialize and support the UI through social events and scholarships. Members don't have to be employed by the university — the only requirement is they live in the area.

The newcomers' group brought 25 women to Terrapin Coffee in Coralville Thursday morning. Mostly between the ages of 40 to 60, the monthly meeting featured coffee and conversation.

"It's a great way to form friendships when you are new in town," Kaltefleiter said, noting that a recent martini party one of the members threw was "a blast."

Once the caffeine-fueled chatter died down Thursday, Pat Boleans, the president of the Newcomers' Division, began the meeting by discussing an upcoming silent auction. The goal is to raise money for the groups' scholarship fund, which is usually awarded to two female UI students every year but will only be given to one this year because of the lousy economy.

All of the Big Ten schools have women's organizations similar to the University Club, Boleans said. And though the overarching group isn't affiliated with the UI, it stays connected. Professors and university employees speak at monthly

ON THE WEB

Check out dailyiowan.com for Katie Sims' video feature on the newcomers' group's Thursday morning gathering.

luncheons, and scholarships are given to UI students.

The summer meetings are every third Thursday at Terrapin Coffee, and the rest of the year, they are held at restaurants or members' homes. The yearly dues are \$15 — which pays for functions and events — and include membership to the University Club and other special groups such as newcomers, bridge, knitting, golf, and Texas hold 'em poker.

SEE **NEWCOMERS**, 3A

Law professors back Sotomayor

Almost two dozen UI law-school professors are part of a historically unprecedented showing of support for U.S. Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor.

by **AMY MATTSON**
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Law professors across the country drew their pens (or logged on to their computers) last week in defense of Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor, and some UI faculty members were eager to add their marks.

Twenty-one UI law professors signed a letter to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy on July 9, supporting the appellate justice. They joined a national initiative created by the non-profit Alliance for Justice.

The correspondence urged Sotomayor's "speedy confirmation" to the U.S. Supreme Court and expressed confidence in her character and skill. President Obama nominated Sotomayor — born in the Bronx to Puerto Rican parents — to the court



Sotomayor
nominee

ON THE WEB

Read the letter signed by more than 1,000 law professors nationwide at dailyiowan.com.

last month. She became the first Latina in U.S. history to be nominated.

John Whiston, a UI clinical professor of law, put his name on the missive in hopes of reaching Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, a Judiciary Committee member.

"I wanted to let him know that people in Iowa are paying attention to the nomination," Whiston said. Grassley grilled Sotomayor in the Senate hearings Wednesday, asking her, "Isn't justice supposed to be blind?"

Sotomayor's opponents have locked onto the case of Frank Ricci, one of 18 New Haven, Conn., firefighters whose reverse-discrimination lawsuit drew accusations of Sotomayor using ethnic bias in her ruling.

SEE **SOTOMAYOR**, 3A

Teens learn to be teachers

Local students are tuning up a free music program for younger musicians who cannot afford private lessons.

By **CLAIRE PERLMAN**
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Math and chemistry typically provide the most business for student tutors. But on the extracurricular side of things, UI freshman Amanda Rethwisch is teaching young, aspiring musicians learn to play their instruments — for free.

The program offers one-on-one and small group instruction for elementary and junior-high students as a supplement to their school rehearsals. In most cases, their families cannot afford private lessons.

Rethwisch began mentoring fifth- and sixth-graders in violin last winter; she has played for 12 years. Once a student herself in the elementary orchestra, she said she enjoyed the role reversal.

"Being the teacher instead of the student was really cool because I got to take all of the lessons I've learned and actually pass them on to somebody else," she said.

Rethwisch heard about the program from her orchestra instructor, Candace Wiebener, who is also the program's coordinator. Wiebener worked with Jacki



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

UI freshman Amanda Rethwisch plays her violin on Tuesday in her Iowa City home. Rethwisch, who graduated from City High, plays the piano and violin, and she was involved in a mentoring program to help young kids with their musical skills.

Brennan, the executive director of the Iowa City School District Foundation, and Linda Paul, who with her husband, Doug Paul, helped create the program — which pays its mentors — through a donation.

"The idea came about as not only a way to give the younger kids lessons but also to offer some great mentoring experience to the high-school music students," Brennan said.

There was a decided need in the district for such a project, and the School District Foundation fundraising cam-

1st UI smoke tickets issued

A woman and a man near Rienow receive the first smoking citations slightly more than a year after the ban went into effect.

By **SCOTT RAYNOR**
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UI police charged two with smoking in a prohibited area Tuesday, the first citations given out since the state's smoking ban went into effect more than a year ago.

Between July 2008 and March, police found more than 140 people violating the smoking ban on campus. UI police usually approach violators and advise them of nearby areas where they can smoke, said Larry Langley, an associate director of the UI police.

"What we have been trying to do is educate the people to the change of the law," he said.

ON THE WEB

Smoking poll: What's the verdict on smoking on campus? Tell us at dailyiowan.com.

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Getting involved

Organizers say the music-lesson program will likely see cost increases as more schools take on the project.

- Make a donation to the School District Foundation targeted toward the music mentoring program.
- Tell others about the program.
- Encourage advanced music students to mentor.
- Donate an instrument to the School District Foundation.

paign served as an opportunity to obtain funding and support for the idea, Linda Paul said.

SEE **MUSIC**, 3A



RAGBRAI-ers get set

With the 37th RAGBRAI just days away, riders are busy with preparations.

By **CHRIS CLARK**
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On July 19, 10,000 cyclists will gather to begin a 442-mile ride across Iowa. But many started getting ready months ago.

For UI-based Team Archaeology, that includes putting together exhibits — “Archaeology on the Road” — for stops along the way. Lynn Alex, a team organizer, said she has been busy preparing booklets and handouts for riders to take on the road.

“We’re hoping to show riders in RAGBRAI and members of the [host] communities along the way that there is archaeology in their own backyard,” Alex said.

“I see it as a chance to go out and ride while doing public outreach for archaeology,” said Dan Higginbottom, a staff archaeologist at the State Historical Society.

This year will be Higginbottom’s second RAGBRAI. In preparation, he tried to ride around 30 miles every night after work, longer when he could.

At World of Bikes, 723 S. Gilbert St., owner Ryan Baker said a number of RAGBRAI participants started pedaling in last month for tune-ups and to stock up on spare equipment. June and July are normally the store’s busiest months, he said.

Jeremy Wofford, a salesman and mechanic at Geoff’s Bike and Ski, 816 S. Gilbert St., said most of the customers coming into his

shop aren’t worried about training or endurance.

“Most people are just worried about where they’re going to get beer and how they’re getting to the start,” he said.

In its 37th year, RAGBRAI is the longest, largest, and oldest organized bike ride in the state. Last year’s flood challenged the cyclists, but it spoke volumes for the event’s atmosphere.

“I can’t even tell you how many people said they would give up riding if people needed help with flood recovery,” said RAGBRAI Director T.J. Juskiewicz. “The roads were pretty torn up from the floods, and everyone did a lot to help out.”

This year’s event will begin in Council Bluffs, attracting riders for a kickoff event Saturday.

Participants can ride across a bridge over the Missouri River through a spray of river water pumped to the bridge deck. The real journey begins July 19, and riders will end the ride on July 25 by dipping their front tires into the Mississippi River — what some riders call “the heart of the tradition.”

Participants can ride individually or with a team.

While members of Team Archaeology have prepared individually, other teams organize group rides, some of which are open to the public. They also differ in riding routines; while

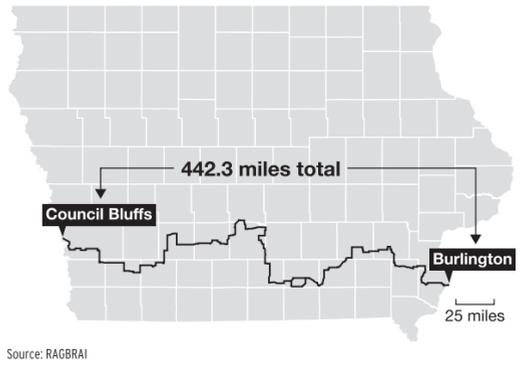


RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN
Iowa City resident and veteran RAGBRAI participant Jack Piper (second from right) relaxes with friends at the Bread Garden Market after a ride on Thursday. RAGBRAI is a 442-mile ride across Iowa.

Only one day left until RAGBRAI

With RAGBRAI approaching quickly, many participants are busy preparing for the ride through southern Iowa.

Participants will ride through 16 counties



SOURCE: RAGBRAI
DAN AMBRISCO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Higginbottom has logged some 2,000 miles this year, Jenny Keeney, founder of Team Evil Eyes, described her ride to be “more like a vacation.”

Keeney started Team Evil Eye after riding with a friend in 2006. Her group

cohosts an annual warm-up ride with Iowa-based Team Spin, who she called “RAGBRAI celebrities” for pedaling with purple wigs.

She said meeting people with different backgrounds from all over the country makes RAGBRAI fun.

Flood victims may have to repay damage deductions

Iowa flood victims may be forced to send back deductions from flood damages.

By **SCOTT RAYNOR**
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Victims of last year’s flooding were promised tax deductions. But now, they must give that money back.

After residents examined the damage, the Iowa Department of Revenue advised taxpayers — through a change in the tax code — to deduct their losses in anticipation of a change in state law.

That change never came.

The flood victims who have received the deductions have to make a difficult decision to either comply and return the tax relief money — as they are legally obligated to do — or they can hope for the law to pass

during the next legislative session.

If it passes, the legislation could be adopted retroactively. Or, taxpayers could find themselves forced to pay back the money — along with interest, said Susan Moore, a certified CPA and tax manager of RSM McGladrey.

“It is a shot in the dark,” she said. Approximately half of her clients chose to wait for the next legislative session, she said, but many will send back the deductions they received.

And even local CPAs said learning the legislation wasn’t adopted was “shocking.”

“I think it was very disconcerting to learn that three days before the end of the tax filing season

that they are not going to allow these deductions,” said John Garrity, whose accounting business is based in Coralville.

The expected deductions were included in the Midwest Flood Relief, which Congress passed in October 2008 to allow victims of flood damage to deduct losses. The Iowa tax code was adjusted to include the tax deductions in anticipation of the Iowa Legislature coupling with the federal law or adopting a federal regulation on the state level.

Depending on whether the taxpayer is a business owner or home owner, Moore said, the deductions could range anywhere from \$1,000 to \$1 million.

However, by the end of Iowa’s judicial session in

April, the federal provision was never coupled with state code because limited funds.

“It is all about the relatively precarious budget situation,” said Ed Wallace, the president of the Iowa Taxpayers Association.

Moore said timing played a big role. Because the federal law was passed so late in the year, it didn’t allow the Iowa government much time to react. And Moore said the Iowa Legislature not adopting certain federal tax codes is a regular occurrence.

The Iowa tax code didn’t adopt federal deductions for student fees such as textbooks and tuition, a move Moore and Garrity said took many by surprise.

“They knocked that one out in 2008, and no one knew about it until April 27,” he said.

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5. Getting safe tattoos should be an individual's job, not the state's

STATE

Meth trial moved back

A woman accused of manufacturing methamphetamines in a Swisher, Iowa, lab has her trial moved to Oct. 12.

Police arrested Amy Schuerer, 40, and four others at 1603 Blairs Cemetery Road in March. Executing a search at that location, authorities

allegedly found a camper housing an “active meth lab.”

Schuerer faces up to five years in prison and up to a \$7,500 fine for possession of a controlled-substance precursor, a Class D felony.

Records show her lawyer, Philip Mears, filed a not-guilty plea in April. He filed a motion to continue the trial July 13, a request granted Thursday.

— by Tyler Lyon

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METRO

Trial date in chess homicide moved

David Christian, accused of second-degree murder for allegedly killing his neighbor over a drunken game of chess, has his

trial date moved again.

Christian, 30, is set to stand trial Sept. 14.

According to authorities, the incident stemmed from a fight over a October 2008 chess game. Christian allegedly strangled

Michael Steward by holding the man’s head between his legs and applying pressure.

Christian reportedly tried to revive his friend, who lived in the same apartment building at 418 Brown St. He contacted a neigh-

bor, who called the police.

Steward died at Mercy Hospital.

Christian graduated from Iowa City West and had no criminal record before his arrest.

— by Tyler Lyon

POLICE BLOTTER

Beau Brockman, 40, 201 Myrtle Ave. Apt. 9, was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

Terrell Fulwiley, 28, 331 N. Gilbert St., was charged Thursday with disorderly conduct.

Jesus Garcia, 26, 3128 S. Riverside Drive Apt. 6, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Mildred Henderson, 18, 2425

Bartelt Road Apt. 2A, was charged Wednesday with fifth-degree theft.

Martel Horton, 23, 1311 Sandusky St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication.

Justin Hulsizer, 20, address unknown, was charged Thursday with third-degree burglary.

Patrick Martin, 25, North Liberty, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Arnoldo Martinez, 23, 1205 Laura Drive Apt. 6, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Brett Murdock, 23, Wilton, Iowa, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

Elizabeth Pujoe, 19, 2515 Bartelt Road Apt. 2A, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license and possession of a controlled substance.

Michael Rockafellow, 25, 1926 Broadway Apt. D, was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

Abelardo Rodriguez, 19, 3031 Friendship St., was charged Wednesday with second-degree robbery.

Francisco Verdinez-Hernandez, 26, West Liberty, was charged Dec. 4, 2005, with assault causing serious injury.

Club aids new women

NEWCOMERS
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"You can't get anything for \$15 anymore; it's a great deal," Kaltefleiter said.

One thing everyone in the bunch has in common is they have recently relocated to the city. Teri Blume, the vice president of the Newcomers' Division, moved to Iowa City from Columbia, Mo., with her significant other two years ago so he could get back to his roots.

"The people here are so friendly," Blume said. "And for the size of the town, there is so much culture."

Blume cited the Jazz and Art Festivals as some of her favorite events.

Iowa City has another draw: It's a great place to

retire. Jackie Harb, an adviser for the group, said Iowa City popped up on all of the top-10 lists during her search for a place to spend retirement.

She and her husband made the move from Milwaukee three years ago, and Harb joined the Newcomers' Division after seeing a notice in the paper.

Harb said she loves that the UI is near the heart of downtown; it reminds her of her hometown — New Orleans. She and her husband frequently eat downtown, and she said she can't wait to dine at Chef's Table, 223 E. Washington St.

The Newcomers' next event is a tailgate party on Aug. 29 at the Kent Park Deer Run Shelter. Families are welcome and instructed



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN
Donna Collentine (left) and Edna Mae Fisher sit in Terrapin Coffee in Coralville on Thursday during a meeting of the Newcomers' Division of the University Club. Fisher has been a member of the Newcomers' Division for a year and a half since she moved to the Iowa City area when her husband got a job at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

to wear their college colors — there is even a prize for the best-dressed couple. All of the

events can be found in the University Club's newsletter, the *Clarion*.

Sotomayor gets profs' support

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But that didn't sway UI law Professor Adrien Wing, who attended Princeton University with Sotomayor in the 1970s.

"I can't imagine that she wouldn't be confirmed," said Wing, who was among the letter's signers. "She is the best qualified candidate for the court."

At least two professors

said they were hesitant about signing the letter, saying public-school professors should refrain from displaying personal bias. Others, such as Nancy Hauserman, a UI business professor with an appointment in the College of Law, said they weren't worried about putting their names on the pro-Sotomayor letter.

"Professors have opinions, and students know that," she said. "It's less about

keeping them a secret and more about not forcing students to adopt them."

Hauserman said the fear of displaying partisanship was likely not a deterring factor for those who did not sign, however. Faculty receive a large volume of e-mails every day, and some Sotomayor supporters may have simply lacked the time to reply, she said.

"This is a very free environment," Hauserman

said. "I think most people here are comfortable expressing their opinion."

Professors from 49 states signed the letter. Alaska — the only state not represented — does not have a law school.

As the hearings continue, Sotomayor's supporters will likely not be disappointed. Because the Senate has a Democratic majority, her confirmation seems virtually ensured, faculty members said.

High-schoolers learn to mentor

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In the 2008-09 school year, the project cost a little more than \$2,000, which was paid for completely by the donation. The gifts will likely cover expenses for a few more years, though costs are likely to increase as more schools on the West Side of town begin to incorporate the program.

Lessons usually take place after classes at the younger students' school,

but sometimes Rethwisch and mentors help the kids at their group orchestra rehearsals.

Learning to be teachers wasn't always easy. On her first day of orchestra practice, Rethwisch had a minor tuning fiasco. She accidentally broke a student's viola strings, mistaking it for the violins in the rest of the row.

"I think I broke his heart," she said.

Fortunately, a more experienced teacher on

hand was able to repair the broken string in time for the concert that night.

But snafus aside, Linda Paul said mentors have sent e-mails detailing how rewarding the program was for them. Some said the experience reinforced their own love for music; one or two have seriously considered majoring in music in college.

"As everyone knows, when you have to teach something, then you

learn more," she said. "So they all felt that this had added to their own musical knowledge and ability to play."

Rethwisch said her favorite aspect of the program were the bonds she formed with the students she mentored.

"We were really able to make improvements in their playing," she said. "It's fun to see that you can really make a difference for someone."

UI police cite two smokers

SMOKING
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Iowa City police Sgt. Kelsay said that to his knowledge, Iowa City police, which follow the same enforcement practices, have not charged anyone with a smoking violation.

"The goal is to modify the behavior and not to write a bunch of tickets," he said.

Langley also did not think that the charges represented a change in the way the UI police enforce the smoking ban.

"I think the university will still make an effort to make the information available to the university community on campus," Langley said, and he thinks the university has done a good job in informing the residents.

Julie Carter, 39, and Roger Letts, 43, were charged for smoking near Rienow.

Though UI nursing student Heather Humble doesn't disagree with the smoking ban, she said, "I don't know if I take it seriously."

"It looks bad," she said, and it reflects poorly on the UI Hospitals and Clinics, an organization promoting good health.

Gov. Chet Culver signed the Smoke-Free Air Act in April 2008. The ban outlawed smoking in businesses, public parks, on public- and state-school property, and during special public events, such as parades.

The law took effect in July 2008, a year before UI officials had planned to ban smoking on campus as a school policy.

STATE

FEMA, Cedar Rapids disagree on flood damage

CEDAR RAPIDS (AP) — The Federal Emergency Management Agency and Cedar Rapids officials aren't agreeing on the cost of flood damage to key city buildings.

Cedar Rapids flood-recovery

director Greg Eyerly says FEMA applied cost data based on square footage from prior disasters in New Orleans and elsewhere in the South. He says the city's consulting team used a room-by-room approach in key buildings.

As a result of the differing methods, there is a \$100 million gap between the city's and FEMA's versions of flood damage.

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Point/Counterpoint

Is Sotomayor fit for the U.S. Supreme Court?

More than 20 UI College of Law faculty members have signed a letter to Senate leaders, urging them to approve Sonia Sotomayor's appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court. In light of Sotomayor's confirmation hearings, two DI commentators weigh in on the judge's qualifications.

Controversy nothing but a sound bite

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We state a phrase in our society, and it is repeated for all to hear. No matter what your record says, you are branded with a label. Sonia Sotomayor has fought that battle for the last two months. Still, unless an amazingly egregious screwup happens in her last day of questioning, she will be our newest Supreme Court justice.

Yes, Sotomayor's "wise Latina" statement was not a prudent move. Her supposed play on words of a Sandra Day O'Connor quotation was misplaced and misguided. But in our frenzied world of politics and news coverage, sound bites rule the day. That is, unless you have a record that speaks for itself.

Sotomayor has such a record as a judge in this country.

In her years on the bench, she has followed the unanimous decision of the court a remarkable 94 percent of time. Now, if I were to agree with any group of people 94 percent of the time on a certain issue, I would find it hard to believe that I could be labeled a judicial activist. Furthermore, Sotomayor has voted with the majority in constitutional cases 98.2 percent of the time. Her record further illustrates an agreement with Republican judges on the court in a vast majority of her rulings.

These statistics show a body of work that depicts a fair and competent judge. Some will point out the New Haven, Conn., firefighter case as a point of concern, and rightfully so. Each controversial decision by a Supreme Court candidate must be scrutinized. But when looking for a judge who must uphold the Constitution of our nation, balance and consistency need to be priorities. Sotomayor has those attributes, and she would become a welcome addition to the high court.

Sotomayor shows lack of depth

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Sonia Sotomayor's "wise Latina" remark is more than just a passing statement. It is a thesis she repeated in numerous speeches. Neither is it the bigoted statement her detractors would portray it as. The remark is a good indicator of how Sotomayor will come to a decision and how it can cloud, as well as enhance, one's judgment.

Sotomayor said she hoped a "wise Latina woman" with the richness of her heritage and experience would reach a better decision than a white man. Her supporters call this empathy and say it would allow her to look beyond the letter of the law to spirit of what is right and wrong.

The remark is a phrase that needs the context in which she spoke. In each speech, Sotomayor was referring to judgments and opinions in discrimination cases. Let's examine her empathy in the context of a famous discrimination case, *Ricci v. DeStefano*: In this case Sotomayor's empathy did not lead to a better decision than a white man's but the same opinion as the white men sitting with her. The decision was apparently better at the time than a wise Latino's (dissenting Judge Jose Cabranes) opinion, however, who dissented based on the majority's lack of depth in analysis of the case. The appellate judges ruled on the case with only having read the initial judge's opinion and not any other evidence presented.

A wise anybody, regardless of sex or heritage or richness of experience, should look at the full details of the case before applying an interpretation of the law or empathy or experience. That is something Sotomayor failed to do in her *Ricci* decision. Her paragraph-long opinion on the case failed to grasp the complexities involved. Sotomayor did not act like a wise Latina in her judgment.

ON THE WEB

Your turn. Do you think Sonia Sotomayor should be confirmed? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.



Ups, downs of tuned-in world



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Some columns write themselves.

Earlier this week, for instance, I sat down to write a piece about Republicans in the 2010 gubernatorial election. I sat down at the keyboard, and words just poured onto the screen.

Other columns drag on and on, words dribbling out at a sluggish pace.

As a journalist, I'm aided immensely by technology, namely the Internet. However, I suspect that same powerful tool is damming up my writing flow.

Anyone who knows me even a little bit knows that I love Twitter. (Yes, this is going to be *another* social-networking column. I know you're tempted to turn the page or click the "back" button, but please stay tuned a bit longer. I promise I'll try to be interesting.)

Avidly using Twitter, I've trained myself to easily condense my thoughts into 140-character statements. A journalism student since my sophomore year of high school, I've been drilled on writing concisely, but Twitter boasts a whole new level of conciseness.

In journalism, you're trained to cut the frivolous words and get to the point. However, on Twitter, you're restricted to only including one or two absolutely vital bits of information.

That short, punchy style is great for communicating with masses of tech nerds on the web, but not so great for when I have to sit down and crank out a 600-word column.

Why, then, did the Republican politician column I mentioned write itself so smoothly? Because there was plenty of content to write about. The topic was better suited for column than for a Twitter post.

What we can learn from this analysis is that when the writing is painfully slow, it's probably not something worth writing a column about. That's why we have Tweets: to get the message across with messages that don't require 600-word

columns. In short, if the writing is hard and slow, find something else to write about.

Now to find another topic about which to write. And that's where one of social networking's greatest strengths come in. The night before this column was due, I posted this to my Facebook status: "I need to write a column in the next 20 hours. Ideas?"

And — through the magic of the Internet — I had almost a dozen fresh column ideas within a few hours from Facebook friends who had commented on my status. Here are a few of my favorites:

- "SpongeBob 10-year anniversary."
- "You could do something on something ... like swine flu."

- "Based on the SpongeBob thing, you can write about how cartoons have gone downhill ever since."

OK, so they're not ideas that will spawn award-winning columns, but certainly social networking can act as a powerful tool for tuning into your audience.

But there's even some who say the micro-blogging movement could be good for writers.

A widely aggregated blog post I stumbled upon last month argued that point. Jennifer Blanchard, a writer who blogs about writing, claims that in addition to forcing users to write more efficiently, it will help expand your vocabulary and edit more carefully.

On being concise, she wrote "You have to know exactly what you want to say."

And, on vocabulary, she stated "... you're forced to dust off your dictionary and thesaurus and find new words to use — words that are shorter, words that are more descriptive, and words that get the job done."

And, finally, in the way of editing, Blanchard wrote "I like to think of it as a brainteaser, forcing me to think hard and dig deep down into my vocabulary to find a way to shorten my message."

All of what she says borders on the truth, but I would argue all of those positives are things that can be gained from any kind of frequent writing.

And, perhaps that's social networking's biggest strength: It coaxes us into writing, reading, and interacting. ■

Letter

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Home tattoos not a safe route

As a tattooist who has been working professionally in state-licensed tattoo parlor in Iowa for 14 years, I found Kristin Peters' article "Tattoo you as art" (DI, July 15) both irresponsible and insulting.

Professional tattooists have been fighting long and hard to legitimize the craft and distance themselves from the jail-house scratch and poke clique. This clandestine needle and thread method is unsafe and unsanitary. Whether you reuse the needle and thread is irrelevant. Reusing the same ink caps is just as risky in the transmission of blood-borne pathogens such as hepatitis. If you don't have an autoclave, and the wherewithal to know how to use and maintain it, and

proper training in cross contamination and sterile techniques, you have no business giving yourself or anyone else a tattoo.

And transmission of disease isn't the only concern. The plating on sewing needles and safety pins can easily flake off and lodge in the skin, and this is not medical-grade, surgical stainless steel I'm talking about. It's usually some cheap nickel plating that can cause serious reactions and infection. Also, proper aftercare protocols are very important in caring for a new tattoo. If ignored, or cared for improperly, serious infections could occur.

Professional tattooists are called professional for a reason. It's not just a title we pull out of our butts just to sound

important. Tattooist are regulated by the state Board of Health, which inspects the shops once a year, checking for cleanliness, records of release forms, and record of biological monitoring of autoclaves. Also, the tattooists themselves are questioned on their procedure, sterile technique, and aftercare. Professional tattooists take a lot of time and care and work closely with the Board of Health to make sure what we do is safe, and it isn't just for the customer's benefit. Even though we only use our needles, inks, and ink caps once and autoclave everything, the tattooist is putting her- or himself at risk being exposed to whatever may be in the customer's blood. This is why sterile procedure and a profes-

sional relationship with the state Board of Health are so important.

As far as the "aesthetics" of home tattoos — or as we professional tattooists call them, "scratch-er" tattoos — are concerned, I personally have made a small fortune covering up these DIY messes applied by drunk idiots at some basement scratch party. More people regret this type of tattooing than not. Hacks and dilettantes give professionals a bad name, sully the craft we take great pride and care in by turning it into something dangerous, stupid, and amateur. And to add insult to injury, they extol its virtues in a local paper.

Hell, why not run an article about the joys and rewards of living with hepatitis?

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Guest opinion

Health care demands the nation's attention

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Today in Washington, some politicians like to suggest that the many challenges we face as a nation — mean we shouldn't tackle health-care reform.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

With more and more of America's families, businesses, and local, state, and federal governments struggling with the crushing costs of health care, health-care reform has never been more important.

As President Obama has often said, you can't fix the economy without fixing health care. Unless we fix what is broken in our current system, everyone's

health care will be in jeopardy. Health-care reform is not a luxury; it is a necessity.

It's important to look at the size of the problem we face and where we stand. Today, we have by far the most expensive health system in the world. We spend 50 percent more per person on health care than the average developed country, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. We spend more on health care than housing or food, the McKinsey Global Institute reported.

Nearly 46 million Americans are uninsured, millions more are underinsured, and they aren't the only ones who are suffering. The high

cost of care is hurting all of us. A recent study by Families USA estimates that insured families pay a hidden health tax of more than \$1,000 every year. The hidden tax is the amount businesses and families with insurance have to pay in insurance premiums, taxes, and donations to help cover the cost of treating uninsured Americans.

Health-insurance premiums for families that are covered through a job at a small business have increased 85 percent since 2000, and more small businesses are thinking about dropping health-insurance benefits.

Nationwide, health-care costs consume 18 percent of

our gross domestic product. If we continue on our current path, health-care costs will consume 34 percent of our GDP by 2040, and the number of uninsured Americans will rise to 72 million, according to the Council of Economic Advisers.

Even though we spend more than any other nation on health care, we aren't healthier. Only three developed countries have higher infant-mortality rates. Our nation ranks 24th in life expectancy among developed countries. More than one-third of Americans are obese.

These statistics are the signs of a system that is both unacceptable and unsustainable. They also

show us the high cost of doing nothing. If we choose the status quo, more Americans will be uninsured, costs will continue to rise, and every American's health care will be at risk.

Inaction is not an option, and reform is long overdue. The Obama administration is working to enact reform that will reduce costs for families, businesses, and government, protect people's choice of doctors, hospitals, and health plans, and assure affordable, quality health care for all Americans. We are guided by a simple principle: Protect what works about health care, fix what's broken, and do it in a way that does not add to the deficit. The presi-

dent has already introduced proposals that will provide \$950 billion over 10 years in savings to finance health-care reform.

Working together, we can pass real health-care reform that gives Americans the choices they deserve and the affordable, quality coverage they need. And we know they do not want us to wait. Too many people have suffered without basic medical care or paid too much for it.

For years, the American people have called on Washington to meet this challenge. They have waited long enough. The time for reform is now.

Kathleen Sebelius is secretary of Health and Human Services in the Obama administration.

Where bad poets go

A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop revisits Iowa City today to read from his first collection of short stories.

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Although J.C. Hallman recently released his third publication, his days of seeing his writing on the printed page started early.

"Once, when I was about 16, [my teacher] brought into class a decade-old literary magazine, a collection of poems and stories by elementary-school students," Hallman wrote in an e-mail to *The Daily Iowan*. "I opened it up, and I was in there — this little poem I'd written when I was 6."

The 42-year-old author said that moment was a trajectory in his writing career. He will read from his first work of short stories, *Hospital for Bad Poets*, today at 7 p.m. at Prairie Lights Books, 15 S. Dubuque St. Admission is free.

Hallman grasped his obvious flair for writing during his undergraduate studies at the University of Pittsburgh, where he began taking graduate courses by his junior year. From there, Hallman entered the Iowa Writers' Workshop. According to the author, his experience at the prestigious writing school was not what one might expect.

"The Workshop for me was all about learning to take things seriously — raising the stakes of what I was doing," Hallman said. "When I came to the Workshop, the department administrative assistant had read my manuscript and discussed it with me ... the Workshop for me was as formative as family."



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Writers' Workshop graduate J.C. Hallman will read from his latest work, a collection of short stories titled *Hospital for Bad Poets*, tonight at Prairie Lights.

Hallman published two books prior to his debut collection of short stories, *The Chess Artist*, the story of his friendship with a chess master, and *The Devil is a Gentleman*, a detailed examination of unusual religions and spirituality.

That makes *Hospital for Bad Poets* Hallman's first work of fiction.

"For me, fiction is a way of exploring that which simply happens in my life, that which I experience as a function of living my life," the Southern California resident said. "Nonfiction comes from experiences I cultivate ... they're both tied to me intimately, and in each case, it's an attempt to create literature."

Hallman's work is weighted heavily with lines and ideas of philosophical tales. He said his fiction contains a somewhat fabulist note, but often those fantastic turns are an attempt to render actual

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experiences that don't lend themselves to a straight retelling of events.

"My fiction wants to be driven as much by ideas as by characters and plot," Hallman said. "In the same way, in my own life, I moved into nonfiction and began researching things, I noticed that the characters in my stories were doing their own kind of research, and the fruits of that research wound up in the stories."

Working the metal

The Horde will bring its old-school, in-your-face metal to the Picador tonight.

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If heavy metal was a religion, its bible would include Iron Maiden, Slayer, and Celtic Frost. The Horde manages to take these old-school elements and turn them into something new.

"The Horde is like all the metal that we've ever listened to growing up all slapped together into one band," guitarist Tim Matthews

said. "It's got elements of power metal, black metal, and a little bit of death metal in it. It's got new wave of British heavy-metal style in it as well — dual guitar harmonies and solos. Hard-core stuff, too."

The Illinois- and Iowa City-based metal band will perform today at 9 p.m. at the Picador, 330 E. Washington St., with Freaklabel and Identity Crisis. Admission is \$5 for the 19-and-over show.

Matthews is the primary songwriter in the group, and he plays



PUBLICITY PHOTO

Illinois- and Iowa City-based metal band the Horde will bring its hard-core tunes to the Picador tonight.

guitar alongside fellow shredder John Hopkins, vocalist/bassist Duncan, and drummer James Whitehurst. The Horde's debut album, *From Empire to Ashes*, dropped in 2008, and since then, the members have played as many shows as possible.

The group is writing the follow-up to its first album and plans on heading to the studio by the end of this year.

"There's going to be a better flow on this album," Matthews said. "It's a concept album based on a short story I wrote. It's completely swords and sorcery, but if you are willing to scratch beneath the surface, it deals with topics going on in the world now."

The new album has a more varied sound, Hopkins said, including some slower heavy songs not found on *From Empire to Ashes*.

"There's more Celtic Frost type stuff," he said. "It's not like

balls-out all the time." When the band performs live, it puts on a show reminiscent of metal bands from the '80s speed-metal scene. Both guitar players trade off leads and play harmonies that would make Iron Maiden guitarists Adrian Smith and Dave Murray proud.

"It's usually just kind of like slide by the seat of the pants, turn the amps up to 10, and go for it," Hopkins said. "We like going into these kind of out-of-the-way places that most bands don't go to where the kids are just ravenous when a metal band shows up."

Matthews said he's been told it's a different experience to watch the group perform live.

"It's loud, in your face, and pretty much nonstop," he said.

Both of the Horde's guitarists said they can't wait to play tonight's show.

"It's gonna rock, and it's gonna be awesome," Hopkins said.

TRENDSPOTTER

TRENDSPOTTER: FRESHMEN

Summer in Iowa City is arguably the most enjoyable and relaxing of any other season around here. Most students have fled the town, which means parking is no longer a battle of the fittest. The Sun is close and the Res, while donning a peculiar stench, offers sufficient cooling and gives permanent Iowa City residents a sense of beachdom.

But with the summer also comes the hordes of incoming freshmen. They line the downtown sidewalks holding those yellow folders like the scarlet letter. The days the parents are in town are the days Iowa City has forgotten how to drive. Dodging the groups on the Pentacrest makes getting to your summer class more a game of Frogger than a leisurely stroll.

When watching the nearly 10,000 new members of the university scamper around the makeshift IMU greeting area on Hubbard Park, the rest of the UI

students have the opportunity to scope the fresh meat.

Their thoughts are undoubtedly "Gosh, I'm finally in college," while their onlookers gasp, "My god, they look like high-schoolers." Both sexes do their part to don the appropriate attire to attract the opposite sex — short skirts and heavy makeup or flat-billed Cubs' hat — or to show they'd much rather be listening to My Chemical Romance in the comfort of their parents' basement.

Wal-Mart and Target display brightly colored dormitory furniture for the 18-year-olds to choose among. Miniature refrigerators and extra-long sheet sets come in bright orange and pink and Iowa Hawkeye gold and black. Apartments Downtown has filled its available apartments for August '09 to June '10 for the students who have opted to skip the overwhelmingly imminent temporary housing.

Yes, with the summer heat

comes the bountiful and impressive young folk. So hey, class of 2013, welcome to the University of Iowa. And hey, there's no cover for under 21 at the Summit on Monday nights.

— by Kristin Peters

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Rich Harden

MLB

Cubs spoil Rigglesman's debut as Nats manager

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rich Harden allowed three hits over six innings, Derrek Lee homered, and the Chicago Cubs beat Washington, 6-2, on Thursday night, spoiling the debut of Nationals' interim manager Jim Rigglesman.

Harden (6-6), who had won only one of his previous seven starts, improved to 4-1 on the road. He allowed an unearned run, walked none, and struck out seven, including Adam Dunn three times.

A managerial change did little to ignite the Nationals, who have dropped seven of eight and own the majors' worst record at 26-62. Rigglesman, who previously managed the Cubs, San Diego, and Seattle, replaced the fired Manny Acta on Monday after serving as his bench coach the first half of the season.

Lee had three hits, and Ryan Theriot drove in two runs for the Cubs, who have won three of four.

Ryan Zimmerman hit his 15th homer for Washington, a ninth-inning solo shot off Kevin Gregg.

Chicago went up 1-0 in the third on an unearned run. Koyie Hill reached second on third baseman Zimmerman's throwing error, moved to third on Harden's sacrifice, and scored on Theriot's two-out double to left.

SPORT

37 Hawkeyes honored

Thirty-seven Iowa student-athletes were recognized by the Big Ten this week for its first-ever Distinguished Scholar Award.

Established in February 2008, the award honors letter-winners at least in their second academic year who have maintained a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 or higher for the previous year.

Of the 37 recipients from Iowa, 12 of them recorded 4.0 GPAs, with seven coming from the two track and field teams. Other programs with 4.0 student-athletes were men's cross-country, women's tennis, men's tennis, rowing, and softball. In total, 14 of Iowa's 22 Division-I programs were recognized, and 25 of the 37 honorees were female. The Iowa rowing team led the way with seven recipients, and the women's track and field squad had six. Both the men's track and field team and volleyball team were represented with four each.

— by Brendan Stiles

TV TODAY

MLB

• Chicago Cubs at Washington, 6 p.m., CSN

GOLF

• British Open, second round, at Turnberry, Scotland, 6 a.m., TNT

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• Tour de France, Stage 13, Vittel to Colmar, France

SOFTBALL

• Women's Amateur World Cup, Italy vs. United States, at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m., ESPN

Game Time |

Alexander sparks win

Behind the play of Iowa junior Kachine Alexander, Coralville Hy-Vee locks up Game Time's top seed for next week's playoffs.



Kachine Alexander of Hy-Vee takes on a pair of defenders during her team's Game Time contest against Pelling/Cullen on Thursday in North Liberty. Alexander scored 34 points to lead Hy-Vee to an 88-78 win.

ON THE WEB

Go to dailyiowan.com for video footage from Thursday's Game Time contest between Hy-Vee and Pelling/Cullen.

By ZACH CHRISWELL

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Led by the play of Iowa junior Kachine Alexander, Coralville Hy-Vee beat L.L. Pelling Company/Cullen Painting, 88-77, Thursday night in a Game Time contest in the North Liberty Community Center.

Alexander, who had notched three-straight triple-doubles going into Thursday's contest, was two assists shy of her fourth-consecutive triple-double. The Minneapolis native ended the night with 34 points, 13 assists, and eight rebounds — all game highs. Also shining in the Coralville Hy-Vee win was Coe College's Kayla Lincoln, who finished the game with 25 points.

Hy-Vee was without incoming Iowa freshman Morgan Johnson and junior Kelsey Cermak but still managed to lock up the No. 1 seed for next week's playoffs, finishing 9-1 in the summer league.

"We were short-handed today," Alexander said. "We don't have our two top players — Kelsey and Morgan, and [Marion High School's] Morgan Paige. So it was

SEE ALEXANDER, 3B

Smith eyes pros

Former Iowa point guard Kristi Smith looks to take her game overseas.

By ROBBIE LEHMAN

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The chances of a high-school athlete earning a Division-I scholarship are pretty minimal. Similarly, very few make it to the professional level.

Kristi Smith is one of those lucky few. The former star point guard at Iowa is in negotiations between her agent and professional basketball teams in Greece and Turkey.

With all the built-up excitement, all she can do is be patient.

"It's very nerve-racking," Smith said. "It's kind of been like playing the waiting game. I'm tempted to send [my agent] an e-mail or call him every day, but I know I'm not his only client, so I don't want to annoy him."

"He's working his magic." A numerous first-team All-Big Ten selection, Smith first realized her pro potential during her senior year at Iowa while talking to former Hawkeye teammate Johanna Solverson, who was playing in Greece at the time.



Smith former Hawkeye

SEE SMITH, 3B

Hawk football scheduling 101

For schools such as Iowa, scheduling future football opponents is complex.

By TRAVIS VARNER

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Who wants to play the Iowa Hawkeyes?

Annually, colleges around the country work out deals to play future games against one another. It's a part of college football. So, what does Iowa look for when creating its schedule?

Iowa Associate Athletics Director Mark Abbott said a lot of communication is involved throughout the year among schools. It's a never-ending cycle of phone calls and e-mails among colleges, all trying to solidify quality schedules.

"Well, there's certainly nothing magical ... we make calls all over the country and talk with schools all over to gauge interest," Abbott said. "[It's] to determine whether there are spots available, matchups with places that needs games as well, and that's how we go about it."



Abbott associate athletics director

Iowa plays four nonconference games every year, with one of those game slots being filled by Iowa State. The Hawkeyes essentially have three games each year that must be filled.

Although the format is flexible, the Hawkeyes tend to end up with two non-BCS home opponents and one BCS opponent on a home-and-home deal. This season, Iowa begins a home-and-home with Arizona. The Hawkeyes face the Wildcats at Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 19 and will play them again next year in Tucson.

Abbott thinks that home-and-home agreements are great for the football program because money is saved and the team is able to play a recognizable university.

"The draw of having a home-and-home is there's usually good, solid opponents, and it makes for interesting competition at their place and ours," he said.

SEE SCHEDULING, 3B

Short-handed but game

A short-handed Goodfellow/Imprinted squad let its Game Time contest slip away in the final seconds.

By SEAN MORGAN

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With only five players on hand, Goodfellow Printing/Imprinted Sportsware head coach Brendan Unkrich couldn't ask much more of his team.

That doesn't mean the 65-63 loss his team suffered at the hands of Active Endeavors/McCurry's on Thursday wasn't still painful.

"They played extremely well, especially because many of our players were on vacation," Unkrich said. "The problem was slowing them down in the second half. We were tired and needed to slow it down and play the old Tom Davis-style offense. I would have liked to control the final few possessions, but [Active Endeavors/McCurry's] had the energy."

Playing calculated, tempo-controlling basketball was not how Goodfellow/Imprinted took an early lead in the contest, though. It outworked and outshot Active Endeavors/McCurry's to the tune of a 45-31 halftime score, thanks in part to a 14-point first half by Iowa sophomore Shante Jones. She finished the game



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Jamie Printy of Active Endeavors/McCurry's steps up her defense during a Game Time contest against Goodfellow/Imprinted on Thursday in North Liberty. Active Endeavors/McCurry's clinched the No. 2 seed in next week's playoffs by edging Goodfellow/Imprinted, 65-63.

with 18 points, seven assists, and four steals.

"We only had five players, so the strategy was to just go your hardest and whatever happens, happens," Jones said. "I'm really pleased with how we played even though we lost."

As dominant as Goodfellow/Imprinted looked in the first half, the second half started out every bit as one-sided, only in Active Endeavors/McCurry's favor. It went on a 11-4 scoring run at the start.

"We had a slow start,"

ON THE WEB

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said incoming Iowa freshman Jaime Printy, who had an uncharacteristically cold shooting night, finishing with only eight points. "We stepped up on defense and came out with more energy in the second half."

SEE NO BENCH, 3B



SPORTS 'N' STUFF

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	49	38	.563	—
Florida	46	45	.505	5
Atlanta	44	45	.494	6
New York	42	46	.477	7½
Washington	26	62	.295	23½
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	49	42	.538	—
Milwaukee	46	43	.517	2
Chicago	44	43	.506	3
Houston	45	44	.506	3
Cincinnati	42	46	.477	5½
Pittsburgh	38	50	.432	9½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	56	33	.629	—
San Francisco	49	39	.557	6½
Colorado	48	41	.539	8
Arizona	38	51	.427	18
San Diego	36	53	.404	20

Thursday's Games
 Chicago Cubs 6, Washington 2
 Milwaukee 9, Cincinnati 6
 Atlanta 5, N.Y. Mets 3
 Philadelphia 4, Florida 0
 Colorado 10, San Diego 1
 Houston 3, L.A. Dodgers 0

Today's Games
 Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 5-4) at Washington (Stammen 2-4), 6:05 p.m.
 San Francisco (Lincum 10-2) at Pittsburgh (Maholm 6-4), 6:05 p.m.
 Milwaukee (Suppan 5-6) at Cincinnati (Arroyo 9-8), 6:10 p.m.
 Philadelphia (Harnes 5-5) at Florida (Nolasco 6-7), 6:10 p.m.
 N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 7-4) at Atlanta (Jurjens 7-7), 6:35 p.m.
 Arizona (Garland 5-8) at St. Louis (Carpenter 7-3), 7:15 p.m.
 Colorado (Jimenez 6-9) at San Diego (Geer 1-4), 9:05 p.m.
 Houston (Oswalt 5-4) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 9-4), 9:10 p.m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	54	34	.614	—
New York	51	37	.580	3
Tampa Bay	48	41	.539	6½
Toronto	44	46	.489	11
Baltimore	40	48	.451	14
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	48	39	.552	—
Chicago	45	43	.511	3½
Minnesota	45	44	.506	4
Kansas City	37	51	.420	11½
Cleveland	36	54	.400	13½
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	50	37	.571	—
Texas	48	39	.552	2
Seattle	46	43	.517	5
Oakland	37	50	.425	13

Thursday's Games
 Cleveland 4, Seattle 1
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Today's Games
 Detroit (French 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (A.Burnett 8-4), 6:05 p.m.
 Seattle (F.Hernandez 9-3) at Cleveland (D.Huff 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
 Boston (Buchholz 0-0) at Toronto (R.Romero 7-3), 6:07 p.m.
 Minnesota (Perkins 4-5) at Texas (Padilla 7-4), 7:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (J.Shields 6-6) at Kansas City (Bannister 6-7), 7:10 p.m.
 Baltimore (Berken 1-6) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 7-6), 7:11 p.m.
 L.A. Angels (Saunders 8-5) at Oakland (Cahill 5-8), 9:05 p.m.

TOUR DE FRANCE AT A GLANCE

VITTEL, France (AP) — A brief look at Thursday's 12th stage of the Tour de France: **Stage:** A 131.4-mile ride from Tonnerre to Vittel featuring six minor climbs. **Winner:** Nicki Sorensen of Denmark, who clinched his first career Tour win at the age of 34. After a long breakaway, he surged ahead near the end and finished 48 seconds before Laurent Lefevre of France. Franco Pellizzotti of Italy took third place. **Yellow Jersey:** Rinaldo Nacentini of the AG2R-La Mondiale team held onto the overall lead by finishing in the main pack with Lance Armstrong and Alberto Contador of Astana. Nacentini is the first Italian to wear the yellow jersey since Alberto Elli in 2000. **Quote of the Day:** "I'm 34 years old now and it's a big thing for me to perform at this level at this age. I started bike racing when I was 19 and I always hoped that I could maybe go on

for many years and I think it shows today that it is possible." — Nicki Sorensen. **Next stage:** Today's 13th stage is a 124.2-mile ride between Vittel and Colmar that features two difficult climbs: the Col de la Schlucht, and the Col du Platzerwasel.

FINAL GAME TIME STANDINGS

Coralville Hy-Vee	9	1
Active Endeavors/McCurrys	8	2
L.L. Pelling/Cullen Painting	2	8*
Goodfellow/Imprinted Sportswear	2	8

*Won coin flip for 3rd seed

Thursday's Games
 Active Endeavors/McCurrys 65, Goodfellow Printing/Imprinted Sportswear 63
 Coralville Hy-Vee 88, L.L. Pelling/Cullen Painting 78

Playoffs:
Tuesday, July 21 Semifinal Games, New Gym
 Coralville Hyvee vs. Goodfellow Printing/Imprinted Sportswear, 6 p.m.
 L.L. Pelling/Cullen Painting vs. Active Endeavors/McCurrys, 7:30 p.m.
Thursday July 23 Championship Semifinal winners, 6:30 p.m.

FINAL PTL STANDINGS

Culver's of Coralville	6	2
Jill Armstrong of Lepic Kroeger	4	4*
Vinton Merchants	4	4
Mike Gatens Real Estate/McCurrys	4	4
Imprinted Sportswear/Goodfellow	4	4
L.L. Pelling/Iowa City Ready Mix	2	6

*Ties broken by coin flip for playoff standings

Playoffs All Games in New gym
Monday, July 20 First Round Games
 Vinton Merchants vs. L.L. Pelling/Iowa City Ready Mix, 6 p.m.
 Mike Gatens Real Estate/McCurrys vs. Imprinted Sportswear/Goodfellow, 7:30 p.m.
 Culver's of Coralville and Jill Armstrong of Lepic Kroeger have byes.

Wednesday, July 22 Semifinal Games
 Vinton Merchants vs. L.L. Pelling/Iowa City Ready Mix winner vs. Jill Armstrong of Lepic Kroeger, 6 p.m.
 Mike Gatens Real Estate/McCurrys - Imprinted Sportswear/Goodfellow winner vs. Culver's of Coralville, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, July 27 Championship Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

GOLD CUP SOCCER GLANCE

QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, July 18
At Philadelphia
 Canada vs. Honduras, 4 p.m.
 United States vs. Panama, 7 p.m.
Sunday, July 19
At Arlington, Texas
 Guadeloupe vs. Costa Rica, 2 p.m.
 Mexico vs. Haiti, 5 p.m.

SEMIFINALS
Thursday, July 23
At Chicago
 Philadelphia quarterfinal winners, 6 p.m.
 Arlington quarterfinal winners, 9 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday, July 26
At East Rutherford, N.J.
 Semifinals winners, 2 p.m.

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W	L	Pct	GB	
Indiana	10	2	.833	—
Connecticut	6	6	.500	4
Washington	6	6	.500	4
Atlanta	7	8	.467	4½
Chicago	7	8	.467	4½
Detroit	4	7	.364	5½
New York	4	7	.364	5½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
W	L	Pct	GB	
Phoenix	11	4	.733	—
Minnesota	9	6	.600	2
Seattle	8	6	.571	2½
San Antonio	6	6	.500	3½
Los Angeles	4	8	.333	5½
Sacramento	3	11	.214	7

Thursday's Games
 Atlanta at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 Connecticut at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
 Seattle at Sacramento, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
 New York at Washington, 6 p.m.
 Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Holtz leads Hall class

By TOM COYNE
 Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — He is the only man to lead six universities to bowl games. Still, Lou Holtz never considered coaching his primary calling. He had a lot more to teach than Xs and Os.

"I coached life. The same thing that would enable you to be a good player would enable you to be a good student, a good father, a good business person, et cetera," he said.

Holtz, who led Notre Dame to its last national championship in 1988 and also coached William & Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, Minnesota, and South Carolina during his 33-season career, will be enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame on Saturday. He will be joined by fellow coaches John Cooper, the only coach to win a Rose Bowl with both a Pac-10 school (Arizona State) and Big Ten school (Ohio State), Jim Donnan, who coached at Marshall and Georgia, and former Missouri Valley coach Volney Ashford.

Former UCLA quarterback Troy Aikman, 1959 Heisman Trophy winner Billy Cannon of LSU, and former Oklahoma State tailback Thurman Thomas head the class of 17 players being enshrined during two days of festivities today and Saturday.

Despite all the star power, Holtz will be the main attraction as he returns to the city where he enjoyed his biggest successes, bringing Notre Dame back to power after

five lean seasons under Gerry Faust.

Who would have thought that the frail-looking kid who graduated 234th out of a class of 278 at East Liverpool High School in Ohio would have become a standout coach and master motivator? Certainly not his high-school guidance counselor, who once told Holtz: "A lot of people don't know what's going on, but you don't even suspect anything's going on."

Holtz proved her wrong. There always seems to be something going on when the wisecracking, bespectacled man with a lisp is around. He led every team he coached to a bowl game by his second year on campus and led the Fighting Irish to a national championship in his third season en route to a 100-30-2 record in 11 seasons at Notre Dame. That gives him the second most wins in Irish history, just behind Knute Rockne's record of 105-12-5.

Holtz ranks eighth all-time in number of victories by Football Bowl Subdivision coaches, 11 ahead of Ohio State's Woody Hayes, a mentor. Holtz was the defensive backs coach for the Buckeyes when they won the national title in 1968.

What he learned from Hayes was not to worry about being popular with his players.

"Your obligation is to make them the best you possibly can and to have high standards, not lower the standards, and to believe in people," Holtz said.

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Watson shocks British Open

By DOUG FERGUSON
 Associated Press

TURNBERRY, Scotland — Tom Watson, famous for winning the "Duel in the Sun" that forever links him with Turnberry, is at the stage in his career where the British Open should be a ceremonial stroll into the sunset.

This is the era of Tiger Woods. This is the title defense of Padraig Harrington.

Yet at age 59, with wrinkles framing his gap-tooth grin, Watson poured in birdie after birdie, reviving his spiritual connection on Scottish links with a bogey-free round of 5-under 65.

"There are certain shots on the golf course that I remember how to play," Watson said.

His name was atop the leaderboard Thursday for six hours, giving Turnberry the buzz that Woods couldn't deliver, until Miguel Angel Jimenez came through with a 66-foot birdie putt on the final hole for a 64 and his first lead in a major.

Even then, the 45-year-old Spaniard knew the moment belonged to Watson.

"What a legend," Jimenez said.

Watson might have been the only one who saw this coming.

He said two weeks ago that his primary objective was to play well to "compete against the kids," some of whom were not even born when he won his epic duel against Jack Nicklaus in 1977.

Watson, though, couldn't help but embrace the memories himself on the eve of the British Open. He told of receiving a text



Alastair Grant/Associated Press
 Tom Watson plays out of a bunker on the 14th hole during the opening round of the British Open at the Turnberry golf course, Scotland, on Thursday.

message from Nicklaus' wife, Barbara, wishing him luck at Turnberry.

"I texted her back and said, 'You know, we really miss you over here,'" Watson said. "And I really meant it. It's not the same without Jack playing in the tournament."

At times, it sure looked the same.

Dressed in an argyle sweater, Watson fired a 9-iron into 8 feet for a birdie on the opening hole. He dropped in another birdie from 20 feet on the 489-yard third hole, and never backed off. In surprisingly still conditions, he made it around Turnberry without a bogey, holing a 6-foot par putt on the last hole.

"I can still beat this golf course somehow," Watson said.

Jimenez also played bogey-free and finished strong. He lashed a 5-

wood onto the green at the par-5 17th for a two-putt birdie from 65 feet, then rolled in a birdie putt on the 18th from just off the front of the green.

"Since I woke up this morning, you can see through the window and you look at the sea, it looked like a pond. So nice, so calm," Jimenez said. "You can't ask a better day to play golf. It took care of me."

Ben Curtis, who like Watson won the British Open in his first try in 2003 at Royal St. George's, had four birdies over his last six holes for a 65. They were joined by Kenichi Kuboya of Japan, who finished birdie-birdie-eagle-birdie from one of the final groups.

Steve Stricker led the group at 66, and he was among those who was swept up in seeing Watson's name atop the leaderboard. "I think if Watson plays

the way he played today, he can beat Tiger Woods and everyone else," Stricker said. "He flushed it today."

It helped that Turnberry laid down, a rare day along the Ayrshire coast with barely a breeze. Fifty players broke par.

Woods was not among them.

He had as many birdies as clubs thrown in disgust — three — and was still in the mix until a poor chip led to bogey on the 15th. He missed his target by some 40 feet on the 16th, where is ball bounded into the burn. He had to scramble for bogey and finished with a 71.

Woods was seven shots behind, his largest first-round deficit ever in the British Open.

"I certainly made a few mistakes out there," he said. "Hopefully, tomorrow I can play a little better."

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Alexander shines again

ALEXANDER
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a little difficult; we were underzied playing against Kelly [Krei] and those tall girls, but I think our team did pretty well."

Hy-Vee head coach Mike Stoermer was impressed with his team but admitted it was a little difficult playing short-handed.

"Getting Kachine the ball and letting her play [was the key to victory]," he said. "She creates not only for herself, she creates for our other players, and that

really helps."

He said Johnson and Cermak will both be back for the playoffs, which will begin July 21.

Pelling/Cullen also had a key player not on the court, going without Hawkeye sophomore Hannah Draxten, who had back spasms. Stepping up in her place was Iowa sophomore Kelly Krei, who finished the game with 24 points, 11 rebounds, and five assists.

Also playing well in the loss was Southwest Minnesota State's Trisha Van Dusseldorp and Coe's Sarah Anciaux. Van Dusseldorp had 18 points,

while Anciaux had 15 points and six rebounds.

The loss gives Pelling/Cullen an overall record of 2-8, but thanks to being on the winning side of a coin-flip, it will be the third seed in the Game Time playoffs.

Despite the loss, Pelling/Cullen coach Randy Larson was happy with his team's performance.

"What I'm looking for more than wins and losses is are they playing the right way," he said. "Are they playing together, are they hustling every time, are they trying to get better every night? There is no doubting

our team, they're great kids, and I'm not disappointed with a single one of them."

The July 21 semifinals will be played in a double-header format. Coralville Hy-Vee will face Goodfellow Printing/Imprinted Sportswear, which will be the playoffs' No. 4 seed at 6 p.m. Following that contest, Pelling/Cullen will take the hardwood in a 7:30 p.m. tip-off against the No. 2 seed, Active Endeavors/McCurry's. Both games will be played in the North Liberty Community Center, with the winners meeting on July 23 in the championship game.

Football sets future games

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"When we have a home-and-home with a school, we essentially just trade enough money to keep us from not having to pay out of pocket on travel."

One interesting opponent Iowa recently agreed to terms to play in 2015 and 2017, North Texas, is historically significant. Legendary coach Hayden Fry left North Texas for Iowa after five years with the Mean Green in 1979.

North Texas Sports Information Director Eric Cappers was glad to play Iowa because of its name recognition. Fry's link between the two schools just made it an easier decision.

"Hayden Fry's history just made it a natural fit ... [his] being at both places, that was just kind of an added bonus," Cappers said.

Another reason North Texas agreed to play the Hawkeyes is the financial guarantee that the Hawkeyes offered the university. Mid-major level schools play BCS schools because of the financial incentive the game presents. The big universities, such as Iowa, provide a dollar amount to cover that particular school's travel, food, and lodging costs. In return, that school, such as North

Texas, gains exposure, as well as money to help subsidize its athletics budgets.

Abbott said that although the Hawkeyes are paying these schools to come to Kinnick Stadium, Iowa still ends up with a profit because the game is at home.

"If we pay them a guarantee, and we have a home game, then we keep the gate," Abbott said.

Missouri State will receive that financial guarantee from Iowa in 2013, when it plays the Hawkeyes in Kinnick. Head coach Terry Allen agreed the smaller schools play BCS programs largely because of the financial gain. Another reason Missouri State agreed to go to Iowa City was the distance between the schools is not large. He hopes his fans will travel.

"Having been from Iowa and knowing Gary Barta, we thought it'd be a great opportunity for both of us," Allen said. "I think it works out for everybody. It's cheaper, and our fans can travel to Iowa City."

Hamlin nails 22 in victory

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The real key to Active Endeavors/McCurry's comeback was Iowa senior JoAnn Hamlin, who was the game's top performer with 22 points and six rebounds. The depleted Goodfellow/Imprinted roster lacked a player with the height and skill set to match up against the 6-3 Hawkeye cocaptain,

who was fed the ball down low repeatedly.

Still, the game came down to the wire. Following a missed lay-up by Brooke Quigley of Ellsworth Community College, Active Endeavors/McCurry's gained possession with 30 seconds left on the clock. Milking the clock down to five seconds, Hamlin got the ball 10 feet from the hoop and scored with two seconds left in regulation. Terri Dirks of Mount Mercy

College missed a desperation 3-pointer on the ensuing possession, giving Active Endeavors/McCurry's the 65-63 come-from-behind victory.

Even though the game-winner didn't come in a Big Ten game, Hamlin still felt the excitement of the shot.

"It was an emotional comeback," she said. "Especially since we came from being down by so much. It's always good to get the game-winning shot."

By losing a coin flip, Goodfellow/Imprinted, which finished tied for third at 2-8 with Pelling/Cullen, is the No. 4 seed in the Game Time playoffs and will face top-seeded Coralville Hy-Vee at 6 p.m. on July 21. Active Endeavors/McCurry's clinched the No. 2 seed with the win and will face Pelling/Cullen at 7:30 p.m. that same day.

Smith may play hoops in Europe

SMITH
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"She told me I could play over there, so that gave me a little boost of confidence," Smith said. "As soon as the season was over, I started getting e-mails from agents and stuff, so I thought I'd check it out."

The process really began to take off when Smith signed with Greek agent Vasilis Giapalakis. She sent him highlight tapes that he then passed on to several teams in Europe. At 5-6, Smith ranks first in Iowa history for 3-point shooting percentage at 40.7 percent.

She hopes to find a good fit for her style of play, one she described as "fast-paced."

"I'm a scoring point guard, so obviously I'm going to look to score," she said. "But obviously, I got to start at the bottom and work my way up, so I'll probably look to pass a little more."

"I like to run. I'm not the most vocal player out there, but when I do open my mouth, I mean business."

The Thornton, Colo., native is living in Iowa City and working at Active

Endeavors this summer. Smith is also working out with an Iowa strength coach three days a week, scrimmaging with the current women's team, and doing shooting workouts on her own whenever possible. She also plays in the Game Time League; the sharpshooter dropped 39 points in a game on July 14.

Game Time director Randy Larson has followed Smith her entire Hawkeye career, and, a former European pro himself, he thinks she has the skills it takes to succeed overseas.

"I think she's going to be a good professional player because she can score," he said. "Sometimes the teams over there don't understand the value of a point guard who can score. She really can score, and in fact, she probably really is an off-guard. Defensively, she can guard anybody."

"She's so unselfish, she's got such a quick release, and she's such an unflappable player."

Larson believes having Solverson in Greece, as well as another former Iowa teammate, Crystal Smith, in Turkey will help

Kristi Smith when she gets to Europe.

"The situation she's going to is good for her because she's got friends over there and people to live with her and things like that," Larson said. "That's the hardest part is adjusting to the social media and everything, but I think she's going to be a big success if she wants to do it."

"She's also personally been through a lot of things, and so she may get tired of it and feel as if life is passing her by to not get started on a career. But I think it's the perfect time to go try when she's first done with college, and she's going to a good situation."

The marketing major said if she weren't pursuing a professional basketball career, she would most likely go to graduate school or get into coaching.

But any day now, Smith expects to hear good news from Giapalakis. She summed up the feeling of signing her first professional contract in one word at first and then added a few more.

"Amazing," she said. "I've put in a lot of time and effort, especially in the past four years. It will be a great feeling when I actually sign and make it official. It will definitely be a dream come true."

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Armstrong ready for climb

By **JEROME PUGMIRE**
Associated Press

VITTEL, France — Lance Armstrong is ready to climb again, ready to leave the pack at the Tour de France after days of flat riding that belonged to sprinters.

After three days of sitting back in the main pack while others challenged for stage wins, the worst thing to happen to Armstrong was a small puncture to his back tire on Thursday's 12th stage. Nicki Sorensen of Denmark won it, Rinaldo Nocentini of Italy kept the yellow jersey, and Armstrong's tire was repaired in a flash.

Finally, today, it's back to serious business as Armstrong goes up against his Astana teammate Alberto Contador on a tricky trek that features one grueling mountain climb.

"Tomorrow is hard, that is a real stage," Armstrong said Thursday. "The climb up Col du Platzerwassel is difficult, it is a long way. It is a longer day, and anything can happen."

Armstrong, who retired after his seventh



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The Astana team, with (from right to left) seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong, Andreas Klöden, Yaroslav Popovych, Levi Leipheimer, Alberto Contador, lead the pack during the 12th stage of the Tour de France on Thursday.

straight Tour win in 2005 only to stun the cycling world by announcing he would race again this year, expects some of the Tour contenders to make their move today.

"You have to watch all the rivals, even someone like [Denis] Menchov," Armstrong said about the Giro d'Italia winner. "Some might say he is five or six minutes behind, and his race is finished, but if he gains back time, he has the

Alps, and then if he is close enough on the [Mont] Ventoux, he could present a problem."

Armstrong briefly looked to be in trouble after about 37 miles on Thursday, when he had to pull over to let his Astana team repair a puncture in his back wheel.

But after a few moments, four of Armstrong's teammates helped him catch up with the main pack again.

"Up and down all day

long and was aggressive from the start," Armstrong said on his Twitter feed.

Although Nocentini will keep the yellow jersey heading into today's 13th stage, he is not considered a threat for overall victory — and seemed to be saying he's done the best he can.

"It's a tough stage tomorrow, but I'm already really happy," Nocentini said.

AP writer Samuel Petrequin contributed to this report.

Poker series down to final nine

By **OSKAR GARCIA**
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The World Series of Poker has thrust nine millionaire winners into the spotlight as they wait 116 days to get back to the table for the rest of the no-limit Texas hold 'em main event.

They hung on to win at least \$1.26 million as poker's richest tournament played at an unexpectedly brisk pace, and they now must decide how to best spend the next four months to set up a run at the \$8.55 million crown.

"So I guess I'm going to actually start watching some poker on TV," said Phil Ivey, a 33-year-old

poker legend who regularly plays the biggest cash games in Las Vegas and is one of the best players in the world.

The seven-time tournament winner at the series is guaranteed his best finish yet at the \$10,000 buy-in main event after placing 10th in 2003, 20th in 2005, and 23rd in 2002. His wins here have come playing games other than no-limit Texas hold 'em, including two gold bracelet wins this year with a chance for a third in 57 events.

"So far, I've just made the final table, so it's a pretty big accomplishment," said Ivey, who has won \$3.46 million at the

series, not including this year's main event. "Winning it would be top of the line."

Ivey will start in November with 5 percent of the chips in play — \$9.75 million — and a goal of winning them all to take the title.

To do it, he'll have to get past eight relatively unknown players, including a former Bear Stearns Cos. executive who won his seat in a hometown poker league, the publisher of *Card Player* magazine, and Darvin Moon, a married, self-employed logger from Oakland, Md., who currently leads with 30 percent of the chips at the table.

"Everyone at this table is way better than I am," said Moon, 45, who said this trip was his first to Las Vegas. "Something is helping me."

Moon busted 27-year-old professional poker player Jordan Smith in 10th place on Wednesday night by catching an eight on the board to match the pair in his hand for a set. Smith held pocket aces — the best starting hand in Texas hold 'em.

The bust sent the nine players and hundreds in the crowd into a collective frenzy and instantly paused the tournament after nearly eight hours of play on the players' eighth session.

Infidelity a hot topic

By **LUCAS L. JOHNSON II**
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The shocking death of former NFL quarterback Steve McNair and infidelity among sports stars are the main topics of discussion among families of professional athletes.

"They can't take their mind off it," said Tisha DeShields, the ex-wife of former major leaguer Delino DeShields.

McNair had been married 12 years before he was shot to death on July 4 at his condo by 20-year-old Sahel Kazemi, who then turned the gun on herself. Police said Kazemi was struggling financially and suspected McNair might be involved with another lover.

DeShields, a 38-year-old Atlanta businesswoman who divorced her husband after discovering his seven-year affair, remains friends with a number of male pro athletes and their wives. She said McNair's death is what they've been discussing.

"If this were a banker down the street, then it would just be the banker down the street," she said. "But this was one of their own, their colleague, someone they respected."

One question that comes up is will any of the athletes learn from the tragedy.

Dr. Sherry Blake called McNair's death "a wake up call" for players, but she expects most eventually will forget about the homicide-suicide and return to their old habits.

"Many players have had extra affairs for years," said Blake, a clinical psychologist who practices in the Atlanta area and has counseled athletes and entertainers about the temptations of drugs, alcohol, and women.

Some affairs involving

marquee players have played out in public.

In 2003, NBA star Kobe Bryant — then 24 — admitted to adultery when accused of sexually assaulting a 19-year-old woman who worked at the exclusive Colorado spa where Bryant was staying for knee surgery. That case later was dismissed. Last year, Cynthia Rodriguez divorced Yankees star Alex Rodriguez after allegations of repeated infidelity.

One way to possibly get athletes to heed the warnings of experts is for the advice to come from their peers.

Chris Sanders, who played with McNair, says he should have been more involved in the personal life of his one-time teammate.

"I beat myself up ever since it happened," the former Tennessee Titan wide receiver said. "Maybe it was something I could have said, or maybe it was something I could have did, instead of just talking about football. Maybe the situation would have been different."

Sanders said most of pro leagues have "player-development programs" designed to help with certain personal aspects of their lives, such as finances. But he said the programs don't deal enough with relationships or marriage.

The NFL discusses the potential risks in personal relationships at its annual rookie symposium each June. Each club can access the Life Skills options that include programs for managing relationships and violence against women.

"Relationship management is a critical part of what we do in Player Development," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello wrote in an e-mail.

AP writer Teresa M. Walker contributed to this story.

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Haiku Fridays:

I fear genetics.
My dad is a hairy man.
(That's not a sweater.)

Whatever happens,
I will be proud of my son.
I named him "Doctor."

From my comfy chair
to the liquor cabinet:
exactly twelve steps.

The mousetraps don't work.
Maybe I should just buy it
a motorcycle?

Jesus was awesome.
I respect the man a lot.
But his fan clubs? Meh.

Wrinkled dollar bills
always make me wonder if
they've been in a thong.

Oh, Michael Jackson!
Woe is the pain of losing
the office death pool.

Love is when she wears
her sexy stiletto boots
and not a thing else.

Dragging ass today,
so I drank seven Red Bulls.
I CAN SEE THROUGH TIME!

I love how the rain
clears away my mind and the
bird poop off my car.

I want you to know
I've had a wonderful time,
and this wasn't it.

- Andrew R. Juhl,

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horoscopes Friday, July 17, 2009

- by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 It's vital you deal swiftly with any personal affront you face. Concentrate on making your home more comfortable. Easing the stress in your life will help you become more productive, so take care of any problems you are facing.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Get ready to fight back if someone tries to take advantage of you. Good things will happen if you put your time and effort into what really counts. Don't run from change - embrace it and make it work for you.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 You may have to bend a bit in order to get what you want. Putting up a fight will be a waste of time and will accomplish little. Have your facts straight before you indulge in a healthy debate. Your ability to spar intellectually will impress someone influential.

CANCER June 21-July 22 Set aside a certain amount of time and money for something special. A trip will do you good. A proposal you present will draw attention and lead to an enticing counteroffer.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Keep a lid on your true feelings, especially if you are worried about something that may or may not happen. You don't want to promote someone who may end up being your biggest competitor. Look out for your own interests, and don't let your emotions lead you.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Don't deviate from your set plans, or you will face ridicule. Hands-on efforts will bring you the best results and will allow you to stay in control while you message situations to favor what you want and need to get ahead.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Back away from anyone who is pushy or giving you ultimatums. Focus on the people you love, or get in touch with someone from your past whom you miss. A creative idea will take off if you present it properly to someone with similar insight.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Someone who is painting a pretty picture will disappoint you. Ask questions so you are fully aware of what's being offered. Don't give in to emotional blackmail. Be pragmatic in your approach.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 If you feel someone is using you, back away. An emotional issue will be brought to the surface and must be dealt with immediately if you don't want to face controversy and possible embarrassment at a later date.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Put an end to anyone trying to push you into paying for something that isn't your responsibility. You can turn something negative into a positive and make a little extra money on the side doing what you do best.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't believe everything you hear. Someone will mislead you. Love is in the stars, and engaging in activities you both enjoy will bring you closer together. Spend time at home fixing things.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Be more protective of your private plans. Take people by surprise. Being too impulsive will backfire, leaving you in an awkward position that will result in questions and complaints.

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by Scott Adams



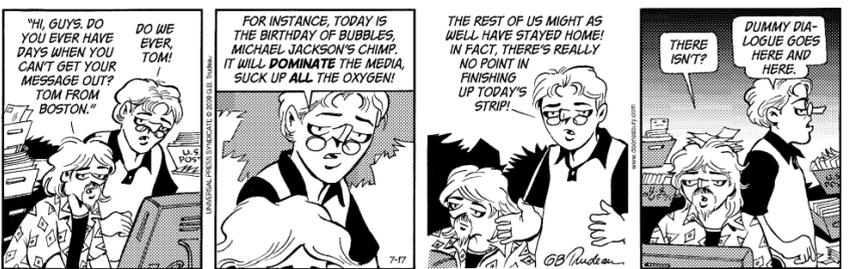
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today's events

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- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Iowa City Book Festival: Marvin Bell, Robert Dana, and Mary Swander reading**, 10:30 a.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **Iowa City Public Library's Stories in the Park**, 10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Mercer Park
- **Burgers and Blues**, 11 a.m.-1:15 p.m., Hubbard Park
- **Kidrobics**, 11 a.m., Performance Health & Fitness, 3290 Ridgeway Drive, Coralville
- **UI Freshman Orientation DeGowin Blood Center Blood Drive**, 12:30-4 p.m., IMU Sun Porch
- **Solon Beef Days, golf tournament at Lake Macbride Golf Course** at 1 p.m., festivities in downtown Solon
- **Knitting Nurse**, 2 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **The Wizard of Oz**, 2 and 7:23 p.m., Englert, 221 E. Washington
- **Art Night**, 4-8 p.m., Amana Colonies
- **Camp Euforia**, 4 p.m., 5335 Utah Ave. S.E., rural Lone Tree
- **Farmers' Market**, 4-7 p.m., St. Joseph's Church, Hills
- **Iowa City Book Festival, Annie Gauger, Annotated Wind in the Willows**, 4 p.m., Main Library
- **Auditions for Camelot**,

- **Iowa City Community Theatre**, 6-9 p.m., Iowa City Public Library Meeting Room A, 123 S. Linn
- **Magic the Gathering: 2010 Release Party**, 6 p.m., Critical Hit Games, 89 Second St., Coralville
- **Friday Night Concert Series, BF Burt and the Instigators**, 6:30 p.m., Pedestrian Mall fountain stage
- **Daytime Drinking**, 7 and 9:15 p.m., Bijou
- **Iowa City Book Festival, The Oxford Project**, 7 p.m., Main Library
- **Unknown Component**, 7 p.m., Public Space One, 129 E. Washington
- **Iowa Summer Rep, Dead Man's Cell Phone**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **McPhisto Band**, 8 p.m., Agave Bar & Grill, 2781 Oakdale Blvd., Coralville
- **Sean Boarini**, 8:30 p.m., Piano Lounge, 217 Iowa
- **Gemini Karaoke**, 9 p.m., American Legion Post No. 17, 3016 Muscatine Ave.
- **The Horde, with Freak-label, Identity Crisis**, 9 p.m., Picador, 330 E. Washington
- **Shame Train with She Swings She Sways**, 9 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Twist and Shout**, 9 p.m., Ugly's, 210 N. Linn
- **Big D's Karaoke Jamz**, 10 p.m., Saloon, 112 E. College
- **Iowa City Book Festival Film Screening, Touching Home**, 10 p.m., Main Library

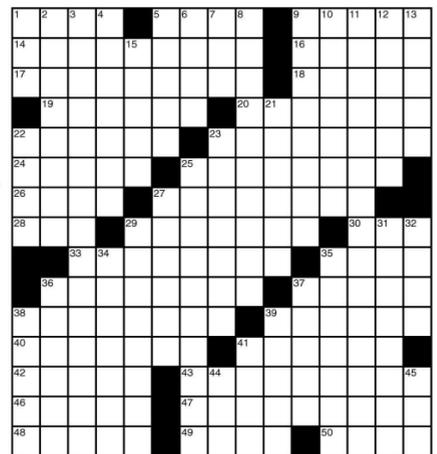
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- Across**
- Served well
 - Without ____ (religiously)
 - It has a facility with animals: Abbr.
 - Nice figure
 - Truffula Tree defender, with "the"
 - Red carpet events
 - Hunting companion, maybe
 - Uninteresting voice
 - Main ingredients in hasenpfeffer
 - "Don't give up!"
 - Manufacturer of boxy cars
 - Friend of Harry and Ron
 - Isolated PC key
 - Unilateral decision-makers
 - Excellent, slangily
 - Frequent subject on "Desperate Housewives"
 - Empty bottles
 - Like some jewel cases
 - Bygone players
 - Wasted
 - "Char-r-rgel"
 - Head set?
 - Lousy driver, say
 - Imaginary surface coinciding with the earth's sea level
 - Alopecia sufferer's purchase
 - "Donnie ____" (2001 cult film)
 - Like gazebos, often
 - Pitching staff?
 - Communism battler, with "the"
 - Miss
- Down**
- Deadly desert denizen
 - They come with belts
 - Potential blackout cause
 - Puts in a bad position?
 - Less reserved
 - Show of superiority
 - Winter coat
 - Central concept of minimalism
 - Quick movements
 - "Come and get it!"
 - 1894 adventure novel, with "The"
 - Putting away
 - Giving a pink slip
 - Singer's gift, colloquially
 - Body
 - Mule, e.g.
 - Midgard ____ (monster of Norse myth)
 - Find objectionable
 - Early phonograph cylinder covering
 - Things getting a lot of buzz about them?
 - Portrayer of TV's Ricky
 - 34 Find objectionable
 - 35 Early phonograph cylinder covering
 - 36 Musical O'Connor
 - 37 Swordsman's grips
 - 38 One of the Gabor sisters
 - 39 Very well done
 - 41 Conks out
 - 44 Caricature
 - 45 Certain investments, for short

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