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'Caring landlord, family man'



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Janet Versypt, whose husband, John Versypt, was killed in Iowa City on Oct. 6, sits on the deck of her Cordova, Ill., home with daughter Jennifer Wakefield, 26, and son Joel Versypt, 23, while flipping through a scrapbook on Sunday. John Versypt was a property owner of Broadway Condominiums, where he was killed.

The man killed in Iowa City on Oct. 8 'just enjoyed life,' his family said.

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CORDOVA, Ill. — John Versypt spent most of last week winterizing his cream- and charcoal-colored motor home. He waxed the entire structure by hand — he thought he could do better than a machine — and treated the roof. He mowed the grass in his spacious yard.

Between 1 and 2 p.m. on Oct. 8, he climbed in his truck to drive from his Cordova, Ill., home to check on rental units he owned in Iowa City and install "No Smoking" and "No Loitering" signs. He was supposed to come home that night.

Versypt, 64, always called his wife of 34 years, Janet, at 9 p.m. when he traveled. She prepared to go to sleep that night having not heard from him.

At 11 p.m., police came to her door.

John Versypt was found dead from a gunshot wound in the entryway of a Broadway apartment building just after 4 p.m. on Oct. 8. Police have not said whether they have any suspects in the investigation.

"He was a wonderful guy, a caring landlord, and a family man," his wife said.

On Sunday afternoon, 56-year-old Janet Versypt



Versypt



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Magnets sit on a coffee table on the deck of Janet Versypt's home on Sunday. Janet Versypt's husband, John Versypt, was killed at the Broadway Condominiums. The couple has traveled to 46 states and planned to complete their endeavor next year, with North Dakota and Wisconsin.

poured 46 magnets, one from each state she and John had visited in their motor home, from a plastic bag onto the wooden coffee table in a small sun room overlooking the Mississippi River.

SEE VERSYPT, 3A

DI DAILY IOWAN TV Learn more from the Versypt family on a television report at 9:30 p.m. on UITV.

Death shocks local community

Details of recent death prompt local real-estate agents to consider safety issues.

By SHANE ERSLAND
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Community members say they are perplexed by the irregularity of an act that left a man dead on the Southeast Side of Iowa City last week.

Iowa City police officers responded to 1958 Broadway

building C on Oct. 8 to find the body of John Versypt, a Cordova, Ill., resident, in the hallway next to a "No Smoking" sign, a screwdriver, and a handgun. Iowa City police are investigating the death as a homicide; they have not named any suspects.

The 64-year old Versypt

owned some units in the Broadway Condominiums, but he had contracted Southgate Property Management to manage them. Janet Versypt said her husband was there to tend to the properties and look at possible building improvements.

Shelly Hull, a real-estate agent from Sellers & Seekers Real Estate in Iowa City, said the details of the death are alarming.

"I'm also a landlord, and I have properties around the area," Hull said. "It sounds like he was there trying to do good things; this is really upsetting. Besides being a Realtor, I'm a concerned citizen."

Community members have set up a mini-memorial, made of notebook paper, on the hallway wall above the landing where Versypt was found.

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BUDGET CRISIS

How frozen is freeze?

UI officials are unclear about the specifics of a hiring freeze and construction moratorium.

By EMILY BUSSE and JOHN DOETKOTT
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UI officials say a directive to freeze hiring and suspend new construction projects in light of massive budget cuts is unclear, and the university has seemingly continued with normal operations.

State Board of Regents President David Miles announced the mandate on Oct. 8, calling for immediate cessation. But construction on projects such as the new Campus Recreation & Wellness Center continued on Oct. 9, and UI spokesman Tom Moore said university officials are waiting for more specific directions before deciding how to react.

Reduction methods

The UI has a number of plans and programs to help aid budget woes:

- Early and phased retirements
- Hiring freezes
- New construction moratorium
- Reducing supplies and services
- Possible campuswide layoffs
- Furloughs

Source: UI President Sally Mason

SEE BUDGET, 5A

Hancher forum could be contentious

Tonight's forum crucial in Hancher relocation decision.

By SAM LANE
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The public will have one of its final opportunities to weigh in on the relocation of Hancher Auditorium tonight.

The second and final forum on this issue, which will start at 6 p.m. in Macbride Auditorium, will include a presentation of research findings by an outside consultant and allow community members to give their opinions on the two possible locations.

UI officials are deciding between moving the Hancher/Voxman/Clapp complex just up the hill from its previous location on the West Side of campus or locating it across the river south of Burlington Street near downtown Iowa City.

The state Board of Regents will have the final say on the new location.

SEE HANCHER, 3A

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District eyes tough times

The Iowa City School District will likely borrow money.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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The Iowa City School District will need to use the majority of its reserve money to cover the roughly \$5.6 million in cuts it faces after recent statewide budget reductions.



Chet Culver
governor

The slash comes after Gov. Chet Culver announced a 10 percent across-the-board cut statewide last week.

With the district using most of its \$6.7 million in savings to comply with Culver's cuts, officials said they will likely need to borrow money to offset

operating and staffing costs from the district's general fund, said Paul Bobek, the executive director of administrative services.

The district can borrow from other funds, such as the sales-tax fund, he said. Officials are unsure of the logistics, such as when the state will start withholding money and how much the district needs to borrow.

Other districts in Iowa facing similar cuts will also likely borrow money, said Assistant Superintendent Jim Behle.

"We're very deeply concerned about the 2010-2011 school year," he said.

Though district officials have the means to tackle immediate budget concerns, they are unsure how to fund the following school

year, Behle said.

The state allocated the Iowa City School District a smaller increase in spending authority for next year than it usually receives — 2 percent compared with the traditional 4 percent.

And the district could receive even less than a 2 percent increase based on changing economic conditions, Behle said.

Spending authority is permission from the state regarding how much districts can spend. The state controls spending authority to help ensure communities that receive less tax money have the same opportunities as those receiving more, said Mike Cooper, a School Board member.

This change in spending authority means officials

will have less freedom to raise property taxes, if necessary, he said.

Property taxes are one of three sources of income for the district, along with state funding and federal funding.

"We've got to figure out a way to spend less money," Cooper said.

School Board members intend to discuss the budget cut at their meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, when Bobek is set to present an updated budget analysis and some projections, said School Board member Toni Cilek.

Board members and administrators plan to outline a process for addressing the cuts, she said, and they may also start making a tentative schedule of actions they need to take.

"We've got to be ready to move," she said.

Cambus delivers tidbits

By **NICOLE KARLIS**
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First, there was FML. Then texts from last night.

Now, UI students can swap juicy campus stories on a new website: Overheard on Cambus.

When a Cambus ride turns hilarious — usually after a passenger loudly divulges his personal life — UI music graduate student Jonathan Allen's new website provides a forum for sharing the story.

"The 'Oh my god, I can't believe I just heard that kind of thing,'" said Allen, the creator of Overheard on Cambus.com.

Roughly a month ago, the 28-year-old created the site, where eavesdroppers post ridiculous conversations they have heard on the Cambus.

He developed the idea after a suggestion from his

friends, who were talking about crazy dialogues they had heard.

"I just did it because my friends were like, 'Oh I wish there was a website like this,'" he said.

After creating the website, Allen sent the link to his friends, who either Tweeted it or posted it on Facebook, he said. The website received around 300 hits the first day, and the first week drew in about 15 submissions per day.

One post, dated Oct. 5, recounts a conversation among a trio of girls. "I only had one meal today, and I didn't have ANY yesterday," one says. "That's so great!" another replies. "You could totally get rid of your meal plan," the third says.

Allen is the only webmaster who posts the tips he receives on the website, and he said he's shared them all — with the exception of

some that have been edited for language.

While the submissions are anonymous, a name usually appears in the person's e-mail, he said. Still, he doesn't know who most of his informants are.

"I think a lot of posts are from actual or former Cambus drivers," Allen said.

But Tyler Olson, a UI senior and Cambus driver, said he hasn't submitted any posts and doesn't know of any other drivers who have.

"I haven't really heard anything," Olson said. "I haven't heard my boss talk about it, or people I've worked with."

However, Olson admitted he's visited the site frequently, adding he thinks its humorous and something he can relate to.

"I've had a couple stories, funny stuff that's happened on my bus," Olson said.

Allen agreed that because the site is focused on the local campus, the UI community can connect to the stories.

"It's something people know," Allen said. "It makes it more real."

And students around campus are buzzing about Overheard on Cambus.

"It's funny," said UI sophomore David Myers. "I may make a post in the future."

And Myers isn't the only student who revels in the witty website.

"I think it's a great site," said UI sophomore Jake Winter. "You can actually relate to it being an Iowa student and from your past Cambus rides."

As for the creator, he said he plans to continue bringing funny Cambus stories to UI students.

"As long as people are enjoying it, I'm happy to do it," Allen said.

METRO

City gets funding for fire station

Iowa City officials received slightly more than \$2 million to help fund a fourth fire station last week.

The city was granted \$2,268,867 in I-JOBS Local Infrastructure Program funding, which officials are planning to go toward building a fourth fire station.

Dale Helling, interim city man-

ager, wrote in an Oct. 7 memorandum to the Iowa City City Council that the city plans on accepting the award and will continue with the bidding process for the station in coming weeks.

Iowa City had originally applied for the funds from the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in July. But the city was not awarded the federal money, and instead plans on using the I-JOBS funding.

— by Nicole Karlis

Man charged with sexual abuse

An Iowa City man faces a felony charge after police arrested him for sexually abusing a woman in a downtown bar.

Diego Marquez, 22, of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, was charged with third-degree sexual abuse.

According to police reports, Marquez was dancing with a woman in the Union Bar, 121 E.

College St., at about 1 a.m. on Sept. 13 when Marquez reportedly slipped his hand under the victim's skirt and placed his finger on her vagina.

The victim stated the act was completely unexpected and done against her will, reports show.

Third-degree sexual abuse is a Class C felony, generally punishable by up to 10 years in prison or a fine of up to \$10,000.

— by Clara Hogan

POLICE BLOTTER

Thomas Anderson, 22, 528 N. Dubuque St. Apt. 11, was charged on Oct. 10 with keeping a disorderly house.

Cortney Behmer, 22, 200 Linn St. Apt. 1, was charged on Oct. 9 with public intoxication.

Nathan Bradley, 25, 1059 W. Benton St. Apt. 3, was charged on Oct. 9 with public intoxication.

Jacob Cobley, 20, Boone, Iowa, was charged on Oct. 9 with PAULA.

Joshua Gaumer, 20, 2110 Broadway No. C, was charged on Oct. 10 with OWI.

Matthew Gentry, 24, Camanche, Iowa, was charged on Oct. 10 with public intoxication.

Robert Gray, 26, Carlisle, Indiana, was charged on Oct. 10 with public intoxication.

Nathan Hentschel, 19, West Des Moines, was charged on Oct. 10 with PAULA.

Lindsey Jindra, 20, 330 S. Lucas St. No. 2, was charged on Oct. 9 with PAULA.

Rip Johnson, 24, 815 Cross Park Ave. No. 3D, was charged on Oct. 9 with OWI.

Shango Johnson, 19, address unknown, charged Oct. 9 with possession of a controlled substance.

Taylor Johnson, 18, Mason City, Iowa, was charged on Oct. 9 with unlawful use of a driver's license/ID to obtain alcohol and PAULA.

Joan Koos, 44, Lamontte, Iowa, was charged on Oct. 10 with public intoxication.

Kayla Kuchel, 20, Kingsley, Iowa, was charged on Oct. 9 with public intoxication.

Eric Kusiak, 23, 801 Oakcrest St. Apt. 1, was charged on Oct. 9 with OWI.

Alexis Lata, 19, 333 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 2132, was charged on Oct. 9

with PAULA.

Danielle Leopardo, 19, 270 E. Court St., was charged on Oct. 9 with PAULA.

Chaz McCain, 19, Chicago, was charged on Oct. 9 with possession of marijuana.

Michael McNabb, 18, Naperville, Ill., was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Tori Myhre, 18, 100 Burge Hall No. 4407, was charged on Oct. 9 with unlawful use of a driver's license/ID, PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Billy Nordyke, 32, Baltimore, Md., was charged on Oct. 10 with OWI.

Joseph Parisi, 23, Waukegon, Ill., was charged on Oct. 11 with public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Kayla Roling, 18, Tiffin, was charged on Oct. 9 with OWI.

Todd Sauser, 24, Cedar Rapids,

was charged on Oct. 9 with public intoxication.

Daniel Schreiber, 24, Blue Island, Ill., was charged on Oct. 9 with public intoxication.

Kyesha Smith, 20, 214 E. Church St., was charged on Oct. 6 with fifth-degree theft.

Dustin Snyder, 24, 4183 Dane Road, was charged on June 22 with disorderly conduct.

Benjamin Turner, 21, Burlington, was charged on Oct. 10 with public intoxication.

Rena Vonlienen, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged on Oct. 10 with OWI.

Jonathan Walker, 26, address unknown, was charged on Oct. 10 with public intoxication and fifth-degree criminal mischief.

Jacob Wilson, 19, 806 E. College Apt. 26, was charged on Oct. 11 with OWI.

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The Ida Cordelia Beam Distinguished Visiting Professorship Program was established in 1978-79 with the income from a bequest to the University by the late Ida Cordelia Beam of Vinton. The public is invited to the public lectures listed below of the Fall 2009 Ida Cordelia Beam Distinguished Visiting Professorship Programs.

Eavan Boland,
*poet & professor, Creative Writing Program,
Stanford University*
Monday, October 12, 8:00 p.m., Shambaugh Auditorium,
"The Paul Engle Memorial Reading".

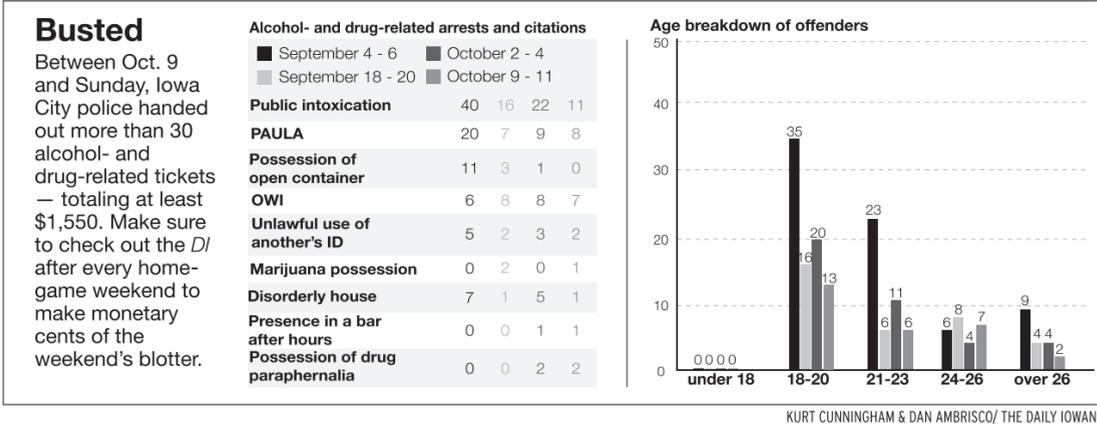
Victor Navasky,
*publisher/editor emeritus of The Nation magazine, chairman of
Columbia Journalism Review, George Delacorte Professor of
Magazine Journalism at Columbia University's Graduate School
of Journalism*
Tuesday, October 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in Shambaugh
Auditorium, Caricature: an "unserious" medium with
serious consequences. Preceded by a public reception in the
rotunda of the Adler Journalism Bldg., 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tracy C. Davis,
*Barber Professor of Performing Arts, Professor of Theatre and
English, and Director of the Interdisciplinary PhD Program in
Theatre and Drama*
Wednesday, October 14, 5:00 p.m., in Gerber Lounge, 304
English Philosophy Building, "Acting Black, 1824"
Reception following.
Thursday, October 15, 5:30 p.m., 107 English Philosophy
Building, "The Witness Protection Program: Making
Theatre, Every Day"

Avery Brooks,
acclaimed actor, director, singer, musician, and educator
Monday, October 19, 7:30 p.m., "The Time of Your Life," in
E. C. Mabie Theatre in the UI Theatre Building.

Colin Allen,
Professor at Indiana University
Monday, October 26, 8:00-9:15 p.m., Moral Machines,
Shambaugh Auditorium followed by public reception in the
Iowa Memorial Union, North Room.

Peter Stallybrass,
*Annenberg Professor in the Humanities and Professor of English
and of Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, University
of Pennsylvania*
Thursday, October 29, 7:30 p.m., "Why We Need to Know
How to Write" Shambaugh Auditorium
Friday, October 30, 3:45 p.m., Gerber Lounge, English
Philosophy Building, "The Blank History
of the Blank Book"



VERSYPT

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Her adult children, Jennifer Wakefield and Joel Versypt, sat on either side of her. The three leaned forward and attempted to arrange the state magnets into a map of the United States. Only Wisconsin and North Dakota were missing.

"We could be camping 10 miles across a state line and he'd need to get a magnet from that state," Janet Versypt said. "We'd planned to get the last two next summer or the one after."

Even though he hated coffee, John Versypt kept a coffee pot in their motor home for other guests. He also loved working with his hands and always had a project in progress, his family said. He designed and built the cozy yellow house the family still lives in, complete with a workroom crowded with tools in the basement, and he was continually helping friends with their homes.

And he was always working on his rental properties, often painting and making repairs to the units himself. He got to know his tenants and kept in touch with many even after they moved out.

"Sometimes, he'd pretend he was the maintenance man so they would tell him what the problems were,"

his wife said, chuckling.

When he was helping his daughter paint as she and her husband moved out, he worked until dinner at 11 p.m. and then insisted on finishing just one more room after eating.

"Leave it better than you found it, that was what he thought," said Wakefield, his 26-year-old daughter. "He was proud of his apartments. He liked working hard."

John Versypt loved his car, a red 1967 Pontiac GTO convertible.

"He would go to the bank for no reason, just to drive," Janet Versypt said. "It was his baby."

The car was on the December page of the Dwyer and Michaels calendar, a feat he was very proud of, his family said.

The last time he drove the car before putting it in storage for the winter was the last weekend in September, when he met his wife and other family for a party at her sister's house in Kalona. He and his wife went for a ride in the car, before he dropped her off and set off for a car show in Joliet, Ill.

He was a member of the Good Guys Car Club, and he sometimes got up at 4 a.m. to ensure a good spot at car shows.

He loved watching NASCAR, and he had purchased season tickets for next year — which arrived in his e-mail days after his death.

Funeral arrangements

- Visitation: 3-7 p.m. Monday at Van Hoe Funeral Home in East Moline, Ill.
- Funeral service: 10 a.m. Tuesday at Van Hoe Funeral Home
- Interment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery in East Moline, Ill.

Source: Janet Versypt

"He was meticulous," Janet Versypt said, pointing to a page in a trip scrap book where he'd planned each day's mileage. And it extended to everything. Sunday was laundry day, and he had a system for his laundry baskets.

After he and his wife met on a blind date over a homemade pizza at a friend's house, he didn't call her the next day because that was his grocery-shopping day. They married just five months later.

John Versypt was close to his two children. He retired from John Deere before they were in high school, so they were able to spend time together. Most recently, he was helping his daughter choose a house in Indianapolis and meeting his son, a graduate student at the University of Illinois-Urbana/Champaign, whenever he was in town.

"If someone needed him, he was always there," his wife said. "He just enjoyed life."

HANCHER

CONTINUED FROM 1A

The UI held its first Hancher forum in July, where officials revealed the two final locations narrowed down from an original list of eight sites. But because the forum was held in the summer, it lacked many UI students and employees.

"At the first forum, we just needed to share the information quickly," said Rod Lehnertz, Facilities Management's director of planning, design and construction, who will present opening comments at tonight's forum. "We're encouraging students, staff, faculty, and the general public to show up. We don't want any one group to outnumber another."

For more than 30 years, Hancher shimmered on the bank of the Iowa River, a symbol of the strength of Iowa City's arts community. But extensive flood damage forced the auditorium to close in June 2008. Commonly referred to as "The Hancher Debate," many feel strongly about where the auditorium should end up.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has pledged to cover 90 percent of the costs at either location.

"A lot of it is mathematics," Lehnertz said. "Sites were only viable if they were significantly protected from flooding sites."

The West Side location on Park Road is adjacent to the Levitt Center and near many campus arts buildings. Proponents of this location cite its ample space, a quality that would likely accommodate easier access to parking. In addition to the space capabilities, many consider the location's historic placement near the river as an important factor.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano walks through Hancher Auditorium on Feb. 11. The final forum on the auditorium's relocation will take place at 6 p.m. today in Macbride Auditorium.

"It's a no-brainer," said Iowa City resident Miriam Canter, 87. "[The West Side location] has an ambiance not seen downtown."

Despite the aesthetics of the West Side, many, including Iowa City Mayor Regina Bailey, see the downtown location as an opportunity to benefit the city's development and increase student accessibility.

"It will add vibrancy to downtown," she said. "The downtown location represents a 21st-century Hancher."

The west location seems more removed from the rest of the campus, an issue for some students.

"A downtown location would add more attention," said UI junior Andrew Phinney. "I didn't get over there much; downtown would make it more accessible."

But a group of freshmen walking along the Penitentiary agreed an auditorium by its past location would be better for music students.

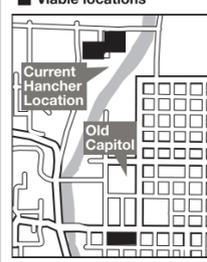
It would also be safer, they said, noting that the downtown location is often flooded with students at night.

Lehnertz said both locations would take up approximately 400,000 square feet, roughly two

New Hancher

Tonight, UI officials will hold a forum to discuss the two potential new locations.

■ Viable locations



Source: UI officials
DAN AMBRISCO/THE DAILY IOWAN

city blocks. The university owns the West Side land but would need to purchase the downtown site.

No official price for the project has been set, but Lehnertz and his planning team estimate the project at either location will cost between \$250 million and \$270 million.

Joe Hibbard, the consultant who will facilitate tonight's forum, said officials expect a high turnout.

"During the summer, there weren't as many people speaking for the School of Music," Hibbard said. "We expect this one will be well-attended — there's a fairly high level of community interest."

METRO

2 charged with 3rd OWIs

Authorities charged two local men with drunk driving for the third time over the weekend.

William Northamer, 33, Coralville, and Dejuan Rance, 39, North Liberty were charged with third-offense OWI in separate incidents on Oct. 10.

According to police reports, officers arrested Northamer around 6:30 p.m. after he was involved in a car accident. Northamer smelled of alcohol, had bloodshot eyes, and was slurring his speech, according to police. He had a blood-alcohol concentration of .242.

Police said officers charged Rance at about 3 a.m. after he allegedly drove his car into a garage and fled.

Police said they found him in his home, where they noticed he had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and smelled of alcohol.

He was also charged with interfering with official acts after he intentionally urinated in his pants and refused to walk back to the patrol car, according to police.

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

— by Marleen Linares

2 charged with fighting officers

Iowa City police charged two men with fighting police officers over the weekend in two separate incidents.

Police charged Cole Riley, 22, of Chicago with interference with official acts causing bodily injury after he allegedly fought with staff at Et Cetera, 118 S. Dubuque St., around 10:36 p.m. on Oct. 9.

According to reports, Riley continued to fight as uniformed officers intervened, attempting to swing a punch at officers.

Officers took him to the ground, police said, and he continued to refuse instructions to place his hands behind his back.

Riley reportedly suffered a cut above his right eye and required medical attention.

In another incident, police charged Thomas Luckett, 24, West Des Moines, for assault on peace officers and others.

Police said Luckett approached a uniformed officer, handing over an Illinois ID of a white female. Luckett said he wanted to know if it was real. The officer told him it appeared so, but he wouldn't get it back since it didn't belong to him. Luckett then grabbed the officer's wrist and hand to wrestle the ID back.

Assault on peace officers and others is a serious misdemeanor, generally punishable by up to one year in jail and a \$1,500 fine.

Interference with official acts is an aggravated misdemeanor, generally punishable by up to two years in jail and \$5,000.

— by Marleen Linares

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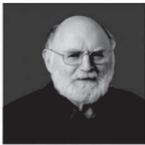
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Spotlight Iowa City

The engineer of human valves

By SAMANTHA HONKEN
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Andy Wagner is living life at large on a very small scale.

The fourth-year Ph.D. candidate spends most of his time in his research lab in the UI Pharmacy Building conducting cellular-level tissue engineering for heart-valve replacements.

Test tubes and microscopes scattered the counter tops in his lab, while several machines containing his ground-breaking research hummed and whispered away quietly.

Wagner, a 26-year-old with full black beard, reclined comfortably in jeans and a cotton T-shirt, describing in layman's terms how he and his colleagues are on the forefront of leading tissue-engineering research.

The process is quite complicated.

Essentially, Wagner removes an aorta from a sheep's heart and isolates cells in a test tube. He adds a cellulose scaffold, a narrow ladder of cellular material, into the tube and places

the mixture into a bio-reactor machine. After the biodegradable cellulose piece disappears in roughly a month, Wagner is left with tissue that can be implanted in a human heart.

His research is especially important in pediatric heart-valve replacements, Wagner said, because the valve can develop at the same pace as a normal child's body would grow. The current procedure available for children requires multiple replacement surgeries.

Both of the Galesburg, Ill., native's parents work in medical fields — father Robert is a family doctor in Galesburg, and mother Cindy is a nurse.

So going into tissue engineering was a great way for Wagner to continue the tradition, he said.

"But right now, it's a lot of work," he said. He completed his undergraduate studies in biosystems engineering at Iowa State University, and he now spends at least five hours a day in the lab.

Robert Wagner said he's excited about his son's research.

"I'm out on the frontlines," Robert Wagner said. "It's great because Andy's in the lab researching all the stuff we get to use."

Dan Schenck, a second-year Ph.D. student who works with Wagner, said he has enjoyed working with his friend. Wagner also was a teaching assistant for a class of Schenck's at the UI.

"It's been fun, actually, he's very bright and brings a lot of great experience to the lab," Schenck said.

The passion Wagner possesses about his research beats in another realm of his heart: He loves sports.

He makes appearances at Kinnick Stadium, though not to back the black and gold.

"My love of tailgating overcomes my dislike of the Hawkeyes," he joked, he spent around 12 hours tailgating at the Michigan game.

Back in the lab, though, Wagner will be busy whipping up his research over the coming years in the hopes of winning a different kind of victory.

Andy Wagner

- **Age:** 26
- **Hometown:** Galesburg, Ill.
- **Halloween costume this year:** Chuck Norris
- **Facial hair:** Always has a beard (unless he has a girlfriend)
- **International travels:** Has been to Oktoberfest in Munich twice, studied abroad in Wales for a semester
- **Lucky bar:** Sam's Pizza for watching St. Louis Cardinals' games
- **Latest Cookbook:** A Chinese cookbook he said he has yet to master

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Log on to dailyiowan.com to see more photos of researcher Andy Wagner at work.

"I've always been interested in working at the cellular level," he said. "I always wanted to engineer body parts."



UI fourth-year Ph.D. candidate Andy Wagner performs research in the College of Pharmacy on Oct. 9. He uses the aorta from a sheep's heart to create tissue to implant in the human heart.

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Further information about the Education Committee can be found at:
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Charter Committee of the Month

Student Health Services

With the current buzz about flu, our featured Charter Committee of the Month is Student Health Services. They advise concerning policies regarding the health care provided to students and student families at The University of Iowa, including (among others) those policies and practices respecting preventive health measures and health maintenance services both physical and mental, immunizations, health counseling, health education, screening, dental care, identification of "high risk" persons, and referral to medical and other health facilities within the University and outside it; Provide information concerning student health insurance plans; Advise concerning student participation in health surveys; Advise concerning the dissemination of information in the campus community about the availability of health care. More information on this group is found at: http://www.uiowa.edu/president/charter_committees/Student_Health.html

Staff Council Agenda

Wednesday, October 14, 2009
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- 2:30 Call to Order/Roll Call
- 2:40 Review/Approval of Minutes
- 2:50 Budget Issues
- 3:00 Sustainability on the UI Campus
Liz Christiansen, UI Office of Sustainability
- 3:30 Assistance to Furloughed Employees/Departments Using Furloughs - **Kevin Ward, Bob Milsap, Carol Wozniak-Rebhuhn, Central Human Resources Office**
- 3:50 Upcoming changes to UI Employee Healthcare Benefits - **George Herbert, Funded Retirement and Insurance Committee**
- 4:05 Compensation and Classification Redesign
Karen Shemanski, Compensation and Classification Specialist
- 4:15 Comments and Updates
Sue Buckley, Vice President of Human Resources
- 4:25 Announcements
- 4:30 Adjourn

Meet Your Councilors

Jane Zukin is a first-time member of Staff Council. She brings to the group ten years of experience as the internal communications coordinator for UI Health Care. In that role, Jane is a writer, editor, and project manager for internal communications initiatives. Jane says, "If you read Compass or Noon News or visit "The Point," you've seen my work. If you're at the hospital and pick up a wayfinding map or a "Where to Eat" rack card, or glance at an elevator poster, you've seen my work. If you shop at Wild Rose Gifts or Wild Rose Books, you've seen my work. Everything I do focuses on employees, patients, and visitors who are in the building." Recently, through a departmental expansion and reorganization, Jane also will work on internal communications for the Carver College of Medicine. She has a bachelor's degree in Mass Communications and a master's degree in Written Communications, specializing in teaching writing at the college level. Jane has taught at the University of Michigan, Eastern Michigan University, Kirkwood Community College, and the UI Tippie College of Business. Right now, she is participating in the Iowa State University Master Gardener Program in Johnson County. She is a recognized expert on the management of lactose intolerance and milk allergy, and is the author of four books on the subject—first published in 1982. Personally, Jane says, "I've been married to the same crazy guy for 40 years. We're originally from Detroit, so we always appreciate a great Motown song. Stan and I have three children and five grandchildren. Life is never ever dull."

Joshua Hutchison is a Program Assistant for Classroom Scheduling in the Office of the Registrar. He has worked with Classroom Scheduling for the past year and a half and has enjoyed his time with this group immensely. Two months after joining this group the flood hit and the office is still working on the repercussions of this monumental event. Joshua works closely with many departments, faculty members and students to coordinate the scheduling of courses, exams, and special events on campus. This is Joshua's first term and year on the Staff Council and he is very appreciative to have been nominated and elected. When not working Joshua enjoys live music and tries to attend several music festivals every summer. Joshua lives with his wife Heather, two dogs, plus a foster dog, here in Iowa City.



Jane Zukin



Joshua Hutchison

When people think of fall, they think football, the leaves changing color, Halloween and pumpkins. Unfortunately, they might also find that fall is flu season. The flu does not discriminate in regards to student, faculty or staff. Vaccinations for the "seasonal flu" as well as the H1N1 strain are strongly recommended this year. More information on the resources available to the University of Iowa community can be found at: <http://www.uiowa.edu/flu/>

Staff Council hopes you experience the better attributes of fall this year!

Message from the UISC President

The uncertainties of our current economy and the challenges it poses to our university budgets have made many people anxious. In one way or another we have all been impacted. While we cannot control our economy, we can choose to have a positive attitude as we work together to find and implement creative solutions. Don't lose sight of the many wonderful reasons why the University of Iowa is such a great place to work, study or seek medical care. By refusing to compromise our values and giving our best efforts day by day, we will find solutions that will allow us to remain strong. We will be even stronger tomorrow as a result of the quality of our work today. Thank you for your role in making the University of Iowa remarkable.

Glenn Kell
UISC President, 2009/10

The results of the Working at Iowa survey are now available at:
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Did You Know...?

- The Catalyst Awards have been rescheduled for 4:00 – 5:30 PM, Wednesday, April 21, 2010. They will be held in the 2nd Floor Ballroom, IMU
- The 2nd Annual Veterans Reception will be held Tuesday, November 10, 3:00 – 5:00 PM. A program will be held from 3:30 – 4:30 PM with a screening of the film "Lioness" following at 5:00 PM. The event will be held in the 2nd Floor Ballroom, IMU.
- Since 1999, the Staff Council has allocated \$50,000 of the funds obtained by the University of Iowa's Coca-Cola contract on campus each year. Staff Council has designated the use of these "Coke funds" to fund programs and projects that are beneficial to staff in the broad categories of Professional Development, Education and Scholarship, Recognition and Reward, Family Services, and Outreach. Staff Council accepts applications for Coca-Cola funds twice a year, with application deadlines of May 1st and November 1st. Requests for Coke Funds are accepted through the Staff Council web site: <http://survey.uiowa.edu/wsb.dll/staff/CokeFunds.htm>

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Body may be that of missing student

Rescue team finds body along Cedar River.

By MARLEEN LINARES
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A rescue search team believes it found the body of missing UI student Jacques Similhomme on Oct. 10 along the Cedar River.

According to Cedar Rapids police, authorities found the body near Tait Cummins Park, where Prairie Creek empties into the Cedar River.

Volunteer rescuers organized by Similhomme's family found the body partially in the water along the shore around 2 p.m. on Oct. 10, according to police.

Police said they cannot confirm the body is Similhomme, a 28-year-old business student at the UI. An autopsy will be completed later this week to determine the cause of death and

a positive identification.

Similhomme was last seen in Coralville on Sept. 28, and his car was found in Cedar Rapids on Sept. 30. Police said he made threats to harm himself to his girlfriend before his disappearance.

The Coralville and Cedar Rapids police are jointly investigating the missing-person report, according to a news release.

UI officials did not notify the university community nor the business school of Similhomme's disappearance.

"If any [business] associate deans were notified, I would have been as well," said Charles Whiteman, an associate dean of the Tippie College of Business.

Under the university's missing-student policy, students are encouraged to

UI business student goes missing

Timeline of events:

- Sept. 28: Jacques Similhomme last seen
- Sept. 30: Similhomme's car found
- Oct. 9: Body thought to be Similhomme found along Cedar River

Source: Cedar Rapids Police

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choose a confidential contact to help officials find the student if they go missing. The policy does not say anything about notifying the university community.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said he was unsure if the UI police are involved in the investigation.



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A body of a man now identified as John Versypt is pulled out of the apartment building located at 1958 Broadway on Oct. 8. The man was reported as shot around 4:04 p.m. on the afternoon of Oct. 8.

REACTION

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Hanging above the ripped-up carpet, the handwritten sign reads: "In loving memory of John E. Versypt. See u when I get there. Sorry for the death of him to the family of John."

Police have recovered shell casings from the crime scene and indicated they believe the gun found next to Versypt was the one used in the crime. Officers have also interviewed people.

Andrew Shepard, who lives in the building, witnessed the crime scene but said he was unsure of the identity of any possible suspects.

"I saw a gun, and I came back upstairs," he said the night of the crime. "I saw him lying there, and I saw the gun. Someone [had] seen the people leave through the back door."

Versypt was also a past president of the Quad Cities Rental Property Association. Current President Ron Gruenhagen said Versypt had a tendency to improve his residences.

"He just wanted to make sure everything was done appropriately, that everyone followed the rules," he said. "He was a very fine person. He will be missed."

Spurred by Versypt's death, shocked neighborhood residents have come to Sue Freeman, the director of the Broadway Center, asking what they can do to prevent future tragedies. A group of area citizens have also been going door-to-door, trying to gather neighbors to discuss preventing criminal activity, she said.

"I oftentimes think, through crisis, people pull together," she said. "This tragedy could be turned into a change agent."

Iowa City's Southeast Side has garnered media attention in recent months

after a wave of criminal activity in the area. Since March 1, police officers have been dispatched to 1958 Broadway roughly 250 times for a variety of reasons.

Samuel Omoloiye, who manages some units on Broadway, said he is trying to sell them back to Southgate Property Management.

"They should buy back every single unit and pick the bad eggs out," he said. "I want to get out of here, but they don't buy it."

Hull, who has teenage children, said reconsidering a proposed curfew for teenagers is one way Iowa City officials could help prevent crime.

"I completely support the curfew," she said. "The police need an avenue to talk to people, and that gives them a way. Officers should stop and question kids if they're out that late."

Iowa City City Councilor Mike O'Donnell agreed.

"I did support it, and I continue to," he said. "It's a

Homicide

The Iowa City police found a body last week at the Broadway Condominiums.



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tool that police could use when they need it."

Realtor Jan Dendinger said she has participated in programs sponsored by the Iowa City Association of Realtors that educate landlords on how to remain safe when encountering residents.

But safety issues are still a concern for her, she said.

"I've never been attacked, but it does happen," she said. "If I don't know the people I'm going to see, I don't go by myself."

BUDGET

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In addition to halting construction, officials said the specifics of the hiring freeze will not be clear until a special regent meeting on Wednesday.

"We can't say much because we're waiting for more clarification," UI Provost Wallace Loh said. "What we're doing is sitting back and waiting for instructions as to how this policy will be managed."

Miles' mandate came in response to Gov. Chet Culver's announcement of a 10 percent across-the-board state budget cut. The cut translates into a \$59.8 million reduction for regent universities and a \$24.7 million gash to the UI's budget. In total, Culver has trimmed roughly \$950 million from the state's fiscal 2010 budget.

Regents did not return calls over the weekend, and Miles said in a statement he would not issue further comment until after Wednesday's meeting.

But regents' communication officer Sheila Doyle said the mandate is subject to board ratification and specifics of the plan should be ready by Wednesday's meeting.

"The assumption is that these two items will be ratified by the board," she said. "If not, then I'm not sure what that means."

Construction projects on the Ames campus have also continued as planned, said John McCarroll, executive director of university relations at Iowa State University.

Though he said ISU officials are also waiting on more instructions from the board, they "understand very clearly what the spirit of the statement is."

McCarroll also raised the issue of how the moratorium would affect contract negotiations on projects for which bids have been accepted but construction

has not yet started.

On Oct. 7, UI officials turned in bids for a proposed \$1.35 million central Cambus facility, but building has yet to begin. Facilities Management has several other multi-million-dollar projects on the horizon, including a \$47 million renovation for Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

UI Facilities officials did not return calls seeking comment on what projects will come to a standstill.

Miles' mandate also called for a hiring freeze on all general education-funded positions, which Loh said encompasses staff paid through appropriation or tuition.

But some hospital and athletics staff positions paid through clinical revenue or private funds may not be subject to a hiring freeze, he said.

One area of the hiring freeze that Loh said needs more clarification is whether top administrative positions could be filled under the mandate.

"For example, there is a search for a law school dean. Are we really going to have an entire college operate without a dean?" Loh said. "Right now, I would say the answer is no."

Loh said further explanation from the board in the coming week could answer the question of whether there will be exceptions to the freeze.

"With more than 20,000 employees, there are lots and lots of searches going on," Loh said. "The question then becomes, which searches are frozen and which can go on."

The hiring freeze comes after UI and regent officials implemented a slew of other options to meet budget cuts, and UI President Sally Mason said in an e-mail last week that long-avoided layoffs are now an option.

"We're going to try as much as possible to minimize layoffs, but I don't say prevent because I

Iowa faces midyear budget crisis

- Dec. 22, 2008: Gov. Chet Culver announces 1.5 percent budget cut for all state departments
- Jan. 13: UI President Sally Mason announces \$7.5 million UI budget-reduction plan
- Jan. 21: Officials announce temporary freeze of search for replacements for four executive-level positions
- Jan. 28: Culver announces additional cut of 7.5 percent for the state Board of Regents
- Jan. 28: Regents cut \$26 million from UI budget
- Feb. 11: Budget website created to keep UI community informed and garner feedback
- Feb. 14: U.S. Senate approves President Obama's \$787 billion recovery package, allocating \$411 million to education in Iowa
- Feb. 27: UI considers furloughs and pay cuts for faculty and staff
- March 12: Mason creates six budget "task forces" to propose budget solutions
- April 14: Mason announces increased class sizes during Faculty Council meeting
- Oct. 2: UI officials say more TA cuts are possible; 150 positions have already been cut this year
- Oct. 8: Culver announces a midyear budget cut of 10 percent for all state departments

Source: archives, UI news releases

don't know if it's a possibility to have absolutely zero," Loh said.

With some faculty and staff leaving under the early retirement program and the possibility of layoffs looming, the hiring freeze will increase staffing issues.

"If certain positions are not filled, someone still has to teach those students," Loh said.

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Editorial

In promoting gay-marriage, state and Iowa City shouldn't overdo it

The photo frame at Gay Days read, "Just Married in Iowa City." The gay-friendly event at Disneyland Resort in California, which hosted approximately 30,000 attendees last week, was the latest in an effort to attract same-sex couples to the state.

Since this spring's Iowa Supreme Court ruling, which struck down the ban on same-sex marriage, gay couples have poured in. The controversial verdict has also opened the state to a vast world of tourism opportunities for Iowa, opportunities that wouldn't exist had not the Supreme Court ruled for marriage equality.

But while the economic possibilities surrounding the legalization of same-sex marriage may increase state revenue, tourism, and population, the state shouldn't promote the decision ostentatiously.

This is marriage we're talking about. Those pushing tourism should place the utmost importance on not turning our state into an attraction or a joke. Iowa shouldn't be deemed — while obviously not true — a state that legalized same-sex marriage just for the profit-sharing and economic benefits.

Not surprisingly — and admirably — Iowa City has been at the vanguard of marrying gay couples.

Rev. Bill Lovin of Iowa City's Congregational United Church of Christ has married five couples since the court's ruling.

Mark Ginsberg, the owner of M.C. Ginsberg Objects of Art, 110 E. Washington St., has also embraced the decision.

"I'm a business person," he said. "I look to see how I can break down barriers and bring tourism and business to our city."

Likewise, UI alumnus Eric Heinkel told the *DI*, "we aren't expecting people to pack up their bags and rush to Iowa ... but we want them to know people in Iowa are open."

Heinkel, the convention sales manager for the Iowa City/Coralville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, was part of the group that traveled to Gay Days to encourage same-sex couples to tie the knot in Iowa.

And that's really what is important.

There's no need to promote Iowa as a Las Vegas-esque tourism destination where gays can marry. We do need to increase the tolerant image of the state, so those on the coasts realize places like Iowa are not seething tides of ignorance.



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN
John Bollenbacher watches as Michael Post fills out his portion of their marriage application, while Margaret Simpson serves as a witness at the Johnson County recorder's desk on April 27. The two have been together for 30 years and had a Zen tea-wedding ceremony in 1987 in California.

The Editorial Board has written extensively in the past on this subject, elucidating our steadfast commitment to marriage equality. We're thrilled same-sex couples are flocking to Iowa — especially Iowa City. There's no question that the influx of gay couples into the state is an enormous boon for businesses and pluralistic communities like Iowa City.

But we should be stauncher in our commitment to dignity and equality than the bottom line. Just as the Supreme Court didn't factor in potential tourism benefits when weighing its monumental decision, Iowa City — and the entire state — shouldn't singularly focus on attracting same-sex couples' pocketbooks. Sure, gay couples bring thousands of dollars into the state. But placing an undue emphasis on the monetary advantages of attracting same-sex couples bastardizes the Supreme Court's historic decision.

Iowa City and the state should be known as the destination for gay couples because of its nondiscriminatory population, not its penchant for attracting cash-infused couples.

If Iowa extravagantly promotes same-sex marriage, it risks creating a sort of show and lowering the legitimacy of the historic ruling. It's imperative the state and the Iowa City community remain cognizant of the fine line between promotion and excess.

Your turn. Does Iowa City risk overly promoting gay marriage? Weigh in on dailyiowan.com.

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Pot for more than medicine



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Our esteemed Editorial Board — of which I am a member — advocated medical marijuana's legalization on Oct. 9. In an interview with Sen. Joe Bolkcom, D-Iowa City, he talked with passion about the need to legalize medical marijuana but hesitated to support recreational use. He said Iowa was not ready to legalize recreational marijuana, and the Editorial Board agreed.

I agree Iowa should legalize medical marijuana, but only because everyone should be able to use it.

That's not to say I believe marijuana has limited medicinal benefits. In fact, I have very personal reasons to advocate medical marijuana use. My mother suffers from glaucoma and has terrible headaches from the pressure. Many times she goes without sleep from the pain and takes large doses of ibuprofen to little avail. She hesitates (rightly so) to take stronger medication because of adverse effects. Marijuana is known to reduce glaucoma pressure and could effectively treat my mother's ailments.

Doctors at the UIHC recently replaced nearly my father's entire aorta. The hospital had to extend his stay because of chronic wasting. He lost more than 50 pounds. An appetite stimulant like marijuana or its derivative, Marinol, could've reinvigorated his appetite and expedited his recovery.

Marijuana has significant medical benefits, but that's not the only reason to legalize it.

I call marijuana a commodity, because that is what it is. There is nothing inherently wrong with the substance. Most evils associated with marijuana are ones our prohibitionist culture has thrust upon it.

Marijuana made up more than 60 percent of Mexican cartels' revenue in 2006, according

to the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy. I'm not among the chorus condemning the drug war as a failure, but I do believe decriminalization would undermine narco-terrorists more than increased police and military activities.

Drug traffickers gain all their money and power through the monopoly they maintain in the black market. The United States should break up that market with market forces. Competition from legal markets would draw revenue away from the cartels and thus diminish their power.

Marijuana's health risks are quite minuscule, especially compared with controlled substances currently available. Last week's editorial pointed that out, so I won't discuss it much here.

Marijuana opponents will also bring up the dreaded gateway effect: Marijuana use leads to much harder drugs. The Institute of Medicine concluded there was no evidence linking marijuana use to harder drug use in a 1999 study and debunked the marijuana-as-a-gateway myth.

Marijuana's legalization could also produce fiscal benefits. A study cited in *Forbes* magazine estimated the United States would save \$10.7 billion through legalization and bring in \$31 billion in revenue. That's only through taxing and licensing. There's a whole industry that could blossom as a result. Iowa City already has two hookah bars (that only serve tobacco), but just think how many could open if pot were legal. That's marijuana tax, licensing fees, and corporate tax. And I know the City Council's been looking for a dry alternative to the bars.

Perhaps the biggest reason to legalize marijuana is in our Declaration of Independence, whose preamble states people have the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Marijuana legislation violates at least two of those rights. We should be free to choose whether or not to smoke pot. ■

Guest opinion

Current health system already has rationing

By DOYLE MCMANUS

Late last month, as the Senate Finance Committee labored to produce its version of a health-care bill, the Republican whip, Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, renewed an old warning. If the federal government intervenes to hold health-care costs down, he said, the result would be something nobody wants: rationing.

Kyl is mostly right. If government agencies (or insurance companies or individuals) limit the price they are willing to pay for a service, then providers probably would provide

less of it. To Kyl, that's rationing. But it's also sound economics.

Both Republicans and Democrats are in denial on this point. Republicans pretend that our current system doesn't stop anyone from getting all the care they need. Democrats pretend that efforts to control costs won't limit medical choices and treatment. But most real-world consumers know better: There is no free lunch. As medical technology improves, there's no way all of us can have all the high-end care we want — unless we are willing to pay for it.

At least one conservative Republican, Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, acknowledges what this debate is really about.

"Rationing occurs now," he said recently. "The question is: Who does it? Is it the government, or is it the patient [and] the doctor along with the insurance?"

As Ryan said, we already have rationing — and we have for many years, even when Republicans controlled Congress.

It's true that we don't ration health-care directly. If you're willing to pay cash, you can buy all the health care you want — at

ruinous retail prices.

But we do ration health care indirectly, in two ways:

First, we ration health insurance. We make affordable insurance available to some people, but not to others.

Second, our insurers — insurance companies or the government, if you're on Medicare or Medicaid — ration what they'll pay for. They'll reimburse some costs but not others.

These things aren't "rationing" in the old-fashioned sense, but as far as patients are concerned (to quote Kyl), "it's the same

result."

The Democrats' proposals would make affordable insurance available to millions more people, if not to everyone. So one major form of rationing — the rationing of health insurance — would be relieved.

As for making decisions about what care is paid for and at what price — the indirect form of rationing Kyl warned about — that's a stickier point. The Democrats mostly kick the can down the road. Their bills set up a council on "comparative effectiveness research" to study which forms of care are cost-effective.

and which are wasteful, but they insist the board won't have power to deny payment for inefficient practices — at least, not now. Republicans are right to warn that the board might grow teeth: If it finds that a treatment produces negligible results at high cost, it will push to stop paying for it.

So the bad news is: Yes, there will be rationing. The good news: Whether we realize it or not, most of us are used to it already.

Doyle McManus is a syndicated columnist. A version of this commentary originally appeared in Sunday's *Los Angeles Times*.

Comic-book artists pitch in against breast cancer

As National Breast Cancer Awareness Month continues, North Liberty resident Jason Gavin creates a new benefit using comic-book art in honor of his mother and sister, two breast-cancer survivors.

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The world has been splashed in pink. Hues of blush illuminate skyscrapers and many hand out pink ribbons on campus. Pink bats and pink sweatbands speckle Major League Baseball and NFL games. Why is everyone looking through rose-colored glasses?

It's the 25th Anniversary of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

For North Liberty resident Jason Gavin, this month holds even more meaning. In December 2008, his older sister, Marla, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Just two months later, his mother, Bea, was also diagnosed. Both went through chemotherapy and radiation treatments and are now considered breast-cancer survivors.

After this emotionally draining ordeal, Gavin said, he wanted to do more than just donate money, so he decided to raise funds using an interest he's had for a long time.

Gavin's interest in comic books began in the fifth grade. He drew on this passion when he created the Marla Bea Benefit for the Holden Comprehensive Cancer Center at the UI Hospitals and Clinics.

Gavin asked numerous comic-book artists from across the nation to donate a sketch or drawing centered on a strong

female character or incorporating the color pink. These images will be auctioned off today on eBay, Marla's birthday.

Gavin said he never understood the importance of Breast Cancer Awareness month until he experienced it firsthand seeing his sister and mother going through chemotherapy.

"You hear about it," he said. "Every October would come and go, and you'd see all the pink ribbons everywhere. But you really don't understand it until you see your older sister and mom both going through it. It kind of makes your mortality hit home, and you realize that cancer is one of those things that can hit anybody at any time ... It was like a cause kind of just dropped in my lap, and I felt like I needed to do a little something to help out."

Helping out has meant Gavin collecting more than 80 sketches from numerous comic-book artists. One contributed sketch was of Power Girl, by Katie Cook, who has penned various books and cards such as *Star Wars* and *X-Men Origins*. Cook had a mentor in college who was a breast cancer survivor. The artist said she was amazed by how her mentor didn't let breast cancer affect her and never complained — an attitude Cook admired. Then, when Gavin asked for sketches, she was

AUCTION
Marla Bea Benefit
When: Today through Oct. 19
Where:
www.marlabebenefit.com

happy to contribute.

"I think that what Jason is doing is wonderful," Cook said. "He's taking something that most people would consider a low point in his family and turning it into something amazing. He's put a lot of hard work into organizing this and has gotten a lot of wonderful artists to participate."

Tony Moore, a contributing artist of *The Exterminators* and *The Walking Dead*, also contributed a Batgirl sketch. Moore, whose wife's father passed away from brain cancer a few years ago, was happy to help Gavin.

"We've known Jason for a few years from comic-book conventions, and my wife and I both think he's a great guy," Moore said. "When he told us about the benefit in his mom and sister's honor, before he even finished his sentence, I was already on board. I think this benefit is really heartwarming. It speaks a great deal to Jason's character, and it's for a cause that I think just about anyone can get behind, whether you personally know Jason and his family or not."



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Grammy nominated rapper Yung Joc, originally from Atlanta, performs in front of a packed house at the Industry on Oct. 9. The Iowa chapter Phi Beta Sigma sponsored the event. There were 12 acts before Yung Joc took the stage. For a multimedia slide show of the performance, go to dailyiowan.com.

Cheese as satire

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Cheese balls: spherical cheese rounds rolled in pecan, walnuts, and macademia nuts. Who knew an entire play could be centered on the joys and jealousy of making cheese balls? It's only a feat the hilarious David and Amy Sedaris could undertake.

The Book of Liz opened Oct. 8 at the Theatre Building's Thayer Theatre, and the show will run through Oct. 18. Admission is \$17 for nonstudents, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for youth, and \$5 for students.

The play begins with a Sister Donderstock (played by Katie Consamus), a sweaty nun who lives in a pre-Industrial, Amish-type village that follows a simple way of life. Her sole purpose is to make cheese balls.

But trouble strikes in her life when the uptight, goodie-two-shoes Brother Nathaniel Brightbee comes to the town from a neighboring village and sneakily maneuvers his way into replacing her in the cheese-ball-crafting department.

Feeling that the community is ungrateful for everything she has done, Sister Donderstock runs away in search of a new life outside the Bible-thumping village.

There begins the adventure that leads the audience through a satirical look at the modern world.

The story includes ridiculous characters, ranging from a Ukrainian in a peanut suit who helps Sister Donderstock get a job to a restaurant full of flamboyant waiters who banter with the nun. Despite the ludicrous script, *The Book of Liz* still delivers a message anyone can relate to.

Throughout the play, Sister Donderstock is not confident and tries to find out who she really is and what she really wants. Most people in her home treat her as if she is nothing more than the cheese balls she creates.

As the play continues, she slowly realizes what she wants out of life and how she can get it.

The Book of Liz proves to be an in-depth look at what life is like in today's society. Many people, like Sister Donderstock, must learn to break out from what they perceive as the norm and search for their identity outside of their comfort zone. The simple premise of the message forces people to look at themselves and wonder if they take advantage of the most precious people, or things, in their life, like cheese balls.

PLAY
The Book of Liz
When: 8 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
Where: Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
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The actors in the play accurately depict that reality. They have taken their own experiences and put a fresh, new twist on their characters, making them easily relatable. From every entrance to every exit, the actors proved their drive by delivering each line as if it was their last.

Anthony Nelson, the director of the play, has taken this relatively small cast and made quite a satirical impact on the UI stage. His actors not only had an overly enjoyable performance but also crossed the line between acting and art by allowing their love for the stage to flow through their characters.

It was evident from the opening scene that *The Book of Liz* was not to be taken too lightly, but looked at with watchful and analytic eyes. It's more than a simple ball of cheese.

Reading for Engle

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The achievements of Paul Engle continue to ripple through the Iowa City community. Some know him as a poet, others know him and his wife, Hualing Nieh Engle, as the founders of the International Writing Program. But there is no doubt of his tremendous effect on the very fabric of Iowa City's writing culture.

Besides cofounding the IWP, Engle directed the Writers' Workshop from 1941-1965. As a writer, he penned a dozen collections of poetry, a novel, a memoir, and an opera libretto for Philip Bezanson. He was also nominated in 1976 for a Nobel Prize for his work with IWP.

In 2000, then-Gov. Tom Vilsack proclaimed Oct. 12 to be Paul Engle Memorial Day, in honor of the writer's birthday. Every year since, IWP has celebrated this day with a reading honoring Engle.

This year's event will take place at 8 p.m. today in the Main Library's Shambaugh Auditorium. Eavan Boland, a distinguished Irish poet and the director of the Creative Writing Program at Stanford University, will read. Admission is free.

Boland's first book of poetry, *New Territory*, was published in 1967. Since

then, she has received a Lannon Award for her collection of poetry *In a Time of Violence* and an American Ireland Fund Literary Award. An IWP alumna, she said she is anticipating her return to the UI community.

"It will be wonderful to be back," she said. "I still remember how my husband and I instantly loved Iowa City. We could see at once that this was not just an extraordinarily distinguished community, it was also a welcoming one."

She said she is honored to do the reading and to be one of the students who was extremely affected by Engle's generosity and care.

"It's extremely rare to build what Paul Engle built — a world that recognizes writing and sustains it and looks outward at the same time," she said. "It involved huge work and endless generosity. And Paul and Hualing did that."

She finds that this generosity and work ethic to be consistent with what is going on in the IWP.

"That work is still being continued by Christopher Merrill and the program today," she said. "It's wonderful to come back and see that tradition sustained."

Merrill, the IWP current director, believes Boland is equally worthy of praise.

"She does many of the

READING
When: 8 p.m. today
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Admission: Free

things that Paul Engle did — Eavan Boland is one of the most distinguished poets on the world stage, and a credit to the IWP," he said. "She has the distinguished career that Engle had, she had a similar kind of teaching record, and she also has the ability to run a program that Engle exemplified."

Merrill said Boland has a certain importance not only to Iowa City residents but people all across the world.

"By the time she got to the UI, she was on her way to becoming a star in the literary community," he said. "Now [with her achievements], she is a superstar."

This made her an ideal candidate to read from her works at the Memorial Reading.

"Boland comes into the culture of Iowa City offering her poems and her wisdom," Merrill said. "She'll be around campus for a whole week, so she'll be interacting with students, with faculty, and with people from the community, giving a bigger sense of what's possible for poetry in this world."

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Panel to aid in redistricting

School District seeks a range of opinions on redistricting.

By **HOLLY HINES**
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As part of a plan to address redistricting in the Iowa City School District, officials are reaching out to the community to form a committee specifically targeting the issue.

Parents, teachers, and various community leaders will serve on a committee of 30 people, said Assistant Superintendent Jim Behle. District officials are in the process of finding the committee members, who will study enrollment data and design various redistricting scenarios, including the possibility of a third high school and new elementary-school boundaries, he said.

After several meetings, the first of which is planned for sometime in November, the committee will make a recommendation to the School Board, which has the final say in redistricting decisions.

"We want representation from parents who typically have not engaged in this process," Behle said.

Comprehensive input is important because boundaries may change throughout the district, said School Board member Tuyet Dorau, and it will probably affect the entire community.

In the past, district officials have changed boundaries one section of the city at a time rather than comprehensively, often only getting input

from those directly involved. The last time officials changed boundaries districtwide was roughly 20 years ago, Dorau said.

Two School Board members could serve on the committee, but the level of involvement they would have is unclear.

Some want board representatives to have an active role on the committee, while others prefer they have a passive presence, said School Board member Mike Cooper.

He thinks board members participating on the committee would help keep the meetings focused, he said.

District officials plan to meet with a recently contracted consultant from RSP & Associates LLC of Kansas on Oct. 27 to discuss expectations.

Robert Schwarz, the principal planner for RSP, is in charge of gathering statistical data to aid redistricting, including compiling a five-year enrollment forecast.

To predict future enrollment, Schwarz said, he is analyzing local, regional, and national economic trends, as well as taking inventory in local neighborhoods.

Schwarz said he expects to finish the enrollment forecast by mid-November.

District and RSP officials also said they have teamed up with Patron Insight, a marketing communication firm, to plan online and

School District Committee

Members on the Iowa City School District committee to address redistricting include:

- Parents
- District teachers
- District principals
- Staff from Neighborhood Centers, a Johnson County human-services agency
- Representatives from area city councils
- Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce members
- One student from each high school
- A real-estate agent

Source: District officials

telephone surveys they will likely start distributing to parents, teachers, and students in early November.

"It's another way to get more public involvement in this process," Schwarz said.

RSP officials plan to provide a final redistricting recommendation to the School Board next spring. The School Board will make its final decision after the recommendation, though board members said they haven't decided on a specific date.

The situation calls for critical analysis, Dorau said, and she thinks the Board should schedule extra meetings in the future.

"Two evenings a month is not going to cut it for the amount of work that we need to do," she said.

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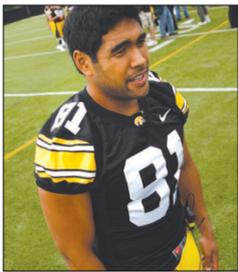
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Tony Moeaki

FOOTBALL

Moeaki, Murray honored

Iowa tight end Tony Moeaki was named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week for the first time on Sunday following his performance in the Hawkeyes' 30-28 win over Michigan.

Moeaki becomes the sixth Iowa player to be named Big Ten Player of the Week this season. The 6-4, 250-pound senior, caught six passes for 105 total yards and two touchdowns.

He returned to the lineup for the Hawkeyes' Homecoming game against Michigan after having been out for three games with an ankle injury.

The Wheaton, Ill., native was also named Big Ten Offensive Player by ESPN.com and was named national Tight End of the Week by the College Football Performance Award committee.

Junior kick Daniel Murray received a weekly honor as well. He was named Big Ten co-Special Teams player of the Week by ESPN.com.

Against Michigan, Murray connected on 28-, 41- and 40-yard field goals for a career best.

— by Ryan Young

FOOTBALL

Iowa gets oral commitment

Texas defensive lineman Donovan Johnson announced over the weekend he will be a member of the Iowa football team, orally committing shortly after the Hawkeyes' 30-28 victory over Michigan on Oct. 10.

Johnson, a three-star recruit, according to Rivals.com, decided to give his promise to Kirk Ferentz and the Hawkeye program because he enjoyed both the campus atmosphere and fans, as well as the football and academic facilities.

The 6-2, 245-pound Johnson received offers from Nebraska, Purdue, Kansas State, Iowa State, and TCU.

According to Rivals.com, Johnson ranks as the No. 43 defensive tackle in the nation.

Possessing a great deal of athleticism and versatility, Johnson gives Iowa many options as a skilled defense end, defensive tackle, and offensive lineman.

"Everything was great," Johnson told Rivals.com. "We went out and ate with some of the coaches and got to tour the facilities and everything. I really like the school and the campus, and the fans at the game were great."

— by Travis Varner

FOOTBALL FORUM

Be sure to visit dailyiowan.com every day throughout the 2009 football season for the Football Forum, an in-depth discussion among *DI* and Daily Iowan TV football reporters about the Iowa Hawkeyes.

The daily videocasts can be viewed exclusively online. Today's Football Forum discusses Iowa's 30-28 thriller against Michigan over the weekend in Kinnick Stadium.

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Good Hawkeye reception



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Iowa tight end Tony Moeaki celebrates with Iowa offensive lineman Dace Richardson after a touchdown by Moeaki during Iowa's Homecoming game against Michigan on Oct. 10 in Kinnick Stadium. Moeaki scored two touchdowns in Iowa's 30-28 win.

Iowa assistant Erik Campbell received the game ball following a 30-28 win over Michigan.

By **BRENDAN STILES**
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For the Iowa Hawkeyes, any win over a storied program such as Michigan is special. Fans storming the field demonstrated how special after the 12th-ranked Hawkeyes defeated the Wolverines on Oct. 10, 30-28.

The victory over Michigan was the first Homecoming win in three seasons, and it put Iowa at 6-0 for the first time since the 1985 campaign, which saw the Hawkeyes win the

Big Ten and play in the Rose Bowl.

But inside the Iowa locker room, there was a little extra significance after the win. The team presented its game ball to wide receiver/tight end coach Erik Campbell.

The game marked Campbell's first against his alma mater since joining Kirk Ferentz's coaching staff in 2008 after a 13-year stint with former Michigan coach Lloyd Carr's staff.

In addition to being an assistant for Carr, Campbell also played for legendary head coach Bo

ON THE WEB

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Schembechler at Michigan during the 1980s.

"I know the whole team," he said. "I know all the players I recruited over there, and I've coached a lot of those guys. I knew the staff and knew all the support people, so it was an emotional game starting off."

Campbell treated this weekend's game as he would any other. But receivers such as Colin Sandeman and Derrell Johnson-Koulianos said they noticed a difference in his demeanor throughout the week.

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COMMENTARY

Iowa remains undefeated with a win over Michigan this past weekend.



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Well, this is getting interesting.

Thanks to Ricky Stanzi's short memory, Tate Forcier and Denard Robinson's turnovers, and Tony Moeaki's career night, Iowa sits at 6-0 for the first time since 1985. No other team in the Big Ten, and only seven

other Football Bowl Subdivision teams in the country, can boast an undefeated record.

How did the Hawkeyes get to this point?

How did they get over their we-can-never-win-close-games mental block to win three games by three points or fewer this season, including a 30-28 black-out thriller against Michigan?

Before this season, Kirk Ferentz's squad was 4-9 since 2006 in

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Baseball drops one to Central

The Iowa baseball team falls short against Iowa Central in Banks Field over the weekend.

By **TRAVIS VARNER**
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The Iowa baseball team loves ninth-inning drama.

Similar to its Oct. 4 fall-ball victory over Des Moines Area Community College, Iowa had runners in scoring position in the bottom of the ninth. This time, the Hawkeyes couldn't muster any late-game heroics, losing to Iowa Central, 6-5, in Banks



Dahm
coach

Field on Oct. 9.

Iowa had runners on second and third with two outs. The circumstances created a tension that heated up the night, and the bitter-cold air seemed to be absent from the diamond at the time.

Iowa sophomore shortstop Andrew Host walked up to the plate to face Iowa Central's closer.

Host crushed a high fastball but was on top of it. Consequently, the ball skipped across the grass and went straight into the mitt of the Iowa Central shortstop.

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V-ball upends Spartans

The Iowa volleyball team upsets No. 18 Michigan State in a 3-0 sweep in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

By **EVELYN LAU**
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The Iowa volleyball team turned its anger into motivation on Sunday.

A mere 48 hours after pushing No. 8 Michigan to the brink in a five-set loss, the Hawkeyes (10-8, 2-4) returned to the court to take on No. 18 Michigan State (14-4, 2-4) in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

After allowing the Wolverines to rally for a win, the Hawkeyes overpowered the Spartans en route to a 3-0 sweep (25-14, 25-15, 25-19).



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Iowa senior Megan Schipper serves the ball against Michigan State on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes won in three sets.

Iowa head coach Sharon Dingman said she felt frustration from the earlier loss played a role in the team's mentality heading into the afternoon match.

"I think they were really mad," the second-year

coach said. "We probably let an opportunity slip away [against Michigan]. At some point, you've got to turn that anger you're feeling right now into something positive, and I

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Intramurals

Edgy in the fraternity flag-football league

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Flag-football typically doesn't conjure images of hard fought battles or passion, but for UI fraternities participating in the intramurals league, the games can get intense.

Aside from men playing football, something different adds an extra edge to fraternity contests — something so unknown, different fraternities have different answers.

"It's pride among the fraternities," said sophomore Steven Schwartz, captain of Pi Kappa Phi's flag football team. "If you can win [the flag-football league], then it's almost like a recruiting tool where you could say to other people that you won."

With pledge recruiting already competitive, almost all of the fraternities agreed winning the 10-team league helps get students interested in going greek.

"We like to use anything we can when we're going through formal recruitment that we can use for bragging rights," Sigma Chi's Ross Meany said. Sigma Chi told this year's recruits that the frat had won last year's league championship.

A title can send a different message, though, based on the fraternity.

"[You can say] you're the most athletic team on campus," Schwartz said. "People want to join something like that."

But Derek Schmitt of Sigma Alpha Epsilon looks at it a different way. In his eyes, it may be the recruits lost, not gained, that makes the league intense.

"The whole recruitment



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Junior Dave Evans runs past a defender during the Tau Kappa Epsilon/Sigma Pi game on Oct. 6 at the Hawkeye Recreational Fields. Some fraternities practice to try to gain an edge over opponents.

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process in general, [fraternities are] competitive with that," he said. "You're fighting to get members, and then when you're seeing people that you've tried recruiting [who] decided to go to different houses ... then that causes a competitive edge."

And with competition comes physicality. Fraternity league games are known for their physical nature, and players will not shy away from contact.

"It's not like we hate another fraternity, but you're going to back up your brother [in a physical game]," Schwartz said.

But some players say it may be the game, not the fraternity that makes things chippy.

"Because it is football, it is more of an aggressive sport," Brandon Rodriguez of Tau Kappa Epsilon said.

Rodriguez's team is one of the tops in the fraternity league and exemplifies one of two philosophies in the division. He said his frat will "definitely take it somewhat serious."

His team may even practice once a week by playing catch and talking strategy, he said.

Schwartz said his Pi

Kappa Phi team also plans ahead, and it even uses a passing chart with routes on occasion.

Meanwhile, other fraternity teams feel that planning is not the way to go about getting a victory.

"We usually just go out and wing it," Schmitt said of his SAE I team.

Sigma Chi also upholds the same idea, feeling flag football should be more about a good time than a game plan.

"We kind of just meet on Sunday and go with whatever we've got," Meany said. "We try to have more fun with it."

No matter the amount of planning, games are always competitive. But most said it never gets too nasty on the gridiron.

"There's still a level of respect," Schmitt said. "It's competitive. Everybody is out to win, but nobody has any enemies or anything."



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Sigma Pi rushes the ball during the team's flag-football game against Tau Kappa Epsilon at the Hawkeye Recreational Fields on Oct. 6.

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The team ended the season on a winning note.

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On a cold and mud-churned turf, the seventh-ranked Ninjas squad came up with a flag-football regular-season finale victory, 40-7, over Touchdown There on Sunday night at the Hawkeye Recreation Fields.

The win pushed the Ninjas record to a perfect 4-0 heading into postseason play.

"We don't feel like we've really been challenged yet," Ninjas senior quarterback Corey Hahn said.

Sunday night was no different.

After falling behind 7-0 on Touchdown There's first possession, the Ninjas stormed back, scoring 40 unanswered points.

The only points Touch-

down There could muster came on a deep pass from senior quarterback Jon Geppert that was tipped into the hands of one of his receivers for the score.

Hahn had an easier time finding his teammates. He led the Ninjas with four touchdown passes.

"Most of us have been playing together for three or four years," Hahn said. "So we've had some turnover. I think we fit in well together."

The Ninjas' cohesiveness was most evident on defense. The squad was able to force five interceptions — one returned for a touchdown by senior Shaun Flander.

"We always try to force turnovers," Hahn said. "We like to play pressure defense."

Touchdown There's Geppert can certainly attest to the Ninja's rush.

"They have some good athletes," Geppert said. "They're fast and play aggressively."

The Ninjas sent seniors Clint Kadolph and Jake Havenridge to rush the quarterback on every play. The pressure didn't result in many sacks, but it did force Geppert to throw on the run and often off his back foot, causing inaccurate and dangerous passes.

"We're speed-oriented, but the mud kind of slowed us down tonight," Hahn said. "But it does that to everyone. Both teams have to play in it."

The weather and playing conditions seemed to affect Touchdown There a little bit more. Several players had trouble running their routes and rushing the quarterback.

"The field sucked, but we didn't play up to our potential," senior Jacob Darby said. "We have to blame this one on ourselves."

Playing without any subs, Touchdown There had a hard time getting into any kind of rhythm. The squad took a more pro-style approach on offense, hud-

dling before every play — although, it didn't seem to yield any positive results.

"We don't really have any plays," senior Jason Williams said. "We huddle up, see what the defense gives us, and then go from there."

The Ninjas didn't have nearly as much trouble finding their offensive stroke.

Much of the Ninjas' offense came off short slants and outs that turned into laterals.

"We don't really practice doing that or anything," Hahn said. "We just kind of start doing it, and then, it's contagious. It's our X-factor."

Another factor that may start to affect the playoff-bound teams is the weather. With temperatures dipping into the 30s for some night games, the style of play for teams changes.

"Well, the weather sucks by the time the playoffs start," Hahn said. "It's definitely going to be a factor."

HAWKEYE SPORTS

Field hockey falls

The Iowa field-hockey team fell to No. 20 Ohio State, 2-0, in Columbus, Ohio, on Sunday.

With the loss, the Hawkeyes' season record falls to 4-7 overall, 1-2 in Big Ten play. The win improved Ohio State's record to 9-4, 2-1 in the conference.

Despite combining for 13 first-half shots, neither team could find the back of the net in the first frame of play. Both defenses held until the 64:57 mark in the second half when Ohio State's Maria Briones scored on a deflection following a Buckeye penalty corner.

Briones later assisted on Berta Queral's goal to give Ohio State a 2-0 lead under two minutes later. The shutout was the first against the Hawkeyes since Aug. 30 when Iowa lost to No. 2 North Carolina, 5-0.

Iowa will return to Grant Field this weekend for two more Big Ten battles. Iowa will face No. 8 Michigan State (11-3, 2-0) on

Saturday at 4 p.m., then face Penn State (4-9, 1-2) on Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. Iowa's game with Penn State will be shown on broadcast delay on the Big Ten Network at 7 p.m. Oct. 19.

— by Jordan Garretson

AquaHawks down Truman State

The Iowa women's swimming and diving team started its season on a good note over the weekend, defeating Division-II Truman State, 182-78.

Iowa swept every event in the meet except the 200-yard butterfly.

Junior cocaptain Verity Hicks and senior Julie Feingold led the AquaHawks.

Both swimmers took first in two events — Hicks won the 200 and 500 freestyle, and Feingold won the 100 and 200 breaststroke.

Hicks also swam a leg on the 400-freestyle relay, which took

first in the final event.

Sophomore cocaptain Danielle Carty and junior Katarina Tour, last year's MVP, took first in the 100 backstroke and the 100 butterfly.

Carty and Tour were also members of the 200-relay team that won in the meet's opening event.

Iowa has little time to rest, starting its Big Ten season in less than a week.

The AquaHawks will continue on the road, heading to Madison on Friday to take on Wisconsin, which defeated Wisconsin-Milwaukee in its season-opener.

— by Mitch Smith

Men's swimming starts with a bang

The Iowa men's swimming team began its season in compelling fashion, blowing by Truman State, 182-78, in Kirksville, Mo.

At least one Hawkeye swimmer came out on top in every single match on Oct. 9.

Iowa began the meet with juniors Max Dittmer and Sean Hagan, freshman Byron Butler, and sophomore Ryan Phelan, who won the 200-medley relay in a time of 1:33.78.

The Hawkeyes didn't look back from there, winning the rest of their events.

Dittmer paced the Hawkeyes. He helped the team score 40 points overall, winning the 100 breaststroke (59.69), 200 backstroke (1:55.11), and taking part in the 400 freestyle relay (3:11.50) with Phelan, Hagan, and sophomore Paul Gordon.

Butler also stood out for Iowa. Butler won the 100 butterfly (51.84) and the 100 backstroke (51.40) after taking part in the winning 200 medley relay team.

The Hawkeyes next meet will be against Wisconsin on Friday in Madison.

— by Patrick Rafferty

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Vikings plunder St. Louis, 38-10

By JOHN MARSHALL
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A 40-year-old in pink cleats was good enough to beat the St. Louis Rams.

OK, so maybe it wasn't any 40-year-old. It was Brett Favre, and it doesn't seem to matter what color his cleats are.

Favre threw for 232 yards and a touchdown a day after a milestone birthday, leading the undefeated Minnesota Vikings to a 38-10 rout over the hapless and helpless Rams on Sunday.

Showing no signs of a let-down just six days after an emotional win over Green Bay, his former team, Favre didn't put up big numbers and didn't have any last-second heroics. He was simply spry and efficient, dodging defenders and winging passes in every direction in his 274th-straight regular-season start.

Now Favre is 5-0 for the first time in his career, 1-0 as a 40-year-old.

"I hope there's many

more to come," he said. "I'd be lying if I said I thought I'd still be playing at 40 and not miss a game at this point. I just hope I can lead this team to bigger and better things."

It's a good start. The Vikings are 5-0 for the first time in six years by winning last-second games, emotional games, games they were supposed to win.

Against the Rams, they simply overwhelmed an overmatched opponent.

Minnesota led 14-0 by the midpoint of the first quarter, let up a bit, then methodically wore down St. Louis. Jared Allen returned one of his two fumble recoveries 52 yards for a touchdown, Adrian Peterson rumbled in for a pair of touchdowns, and the Vikings forced four turnovers for their 400th win (400-322-9).

"We think we're a good football team," Allen said. "The worst we can finish now is 5-11."

St. Louis (0-5) wore throwback uniforms from 1999, a nod to the team's only Super Bowl victory. The Rams looked nothing like the Greatest Show on Turf, bumbling their way to three turnovers inside the 10-yard line in an NFL-worst 15th straight loss.

St. Louis has scored four offensive touchdowns this season, none rushing, allowed at least 35 points in three-straight games, and has seven turnovers the past two games while getting outscored 73-10.

No, it can't get much worse. "This is extremely tough," Ram guard Richie Incognito said. "It wears on you, but to be a professional, you don't let it show. You just keep preparing hard to go out and get a win."

Favre, sporting pink-and-black cleats for Breast Cancer Awareness month — his wife, Deanna, is a breast-cancer survivor — came out firing early. He threw for 66 yards on Minnesota's first drive to set up

Peterson's 5-yard scamper around left end.

He also hit Sidney Rice on a 47-yard pass early in the third quarter, then connected with Visanthe Shiancoe on 13-yard pass that put the Vikings up 24-3. Favre finished 18 for 24 with one interception and seems to be getting more comfortable with his receivers.

"It's a work in progress," Viking coach Brad Childress said. "It's going to be still until we get done playing this year. I just see him getting incrementally better."

The Rams had plenty of good plays on offense. They just couldn't get out of their own way.

Quarterback Kyle Boller, starting for the second-straight game in place of Marc Bulger (shoulder), fumbled without being hit on St. Louis' fifth play from scrimmage, the ball popping out like a half-melted ice cube to the turf. Allen, who had 4½ sacks against Green Bay last week, scooped it up and ran 52



TOM GANNAM/ASSOCIATED PRESS
Minnesota Viking running back Adrian Peterson (28) goes in for a 7-yard touchdown run during the fourth quarter against the St. Louis Rams on Sunday in St. Louis. Minnesota won, 38-10.

yards for a touchdown to put the Vikings up 14-0.

Another St. Louis drive in the second quarter ended inside the Vikings 5-yard line, where Steven Jackson couldn't handle the exchange with Boller

and Allen recovered. The Rams got to Minnesota's 10-yard line after Favre's interception, settling for Josh Brown's 29-yard field goal after Boller was dropped for a loss and threw two errant passes.

Angels stun Papelbon, Red Sox in ninth

By JIMMY GOLEN
Associated Press

BOSTON — Torii Hunter emerged from the visitors' clubhouse at Fenway Park to spray champagne over the fans and family gathered there. Erick Aybar did him one better, handing over bottles of bubbly to those who came from California to see the Los Angeles Angels go for the sweep.

History gave no reason to hope for such a celebration.

The Angels and Vladimir Guerrero shrugged off their postseason failures and swept away the Red Sox on Sunday, scoring three runs off Jonathan Papelbon in the ninth inning to beat Boston, 7-6, and advance to the AL championship series.

It was the first postseason sweep in Angels franchise history. And they did it against the team that has knocked them out of the playoffs the previous four times they met.

"I told you guys earlier: It's going to be a different scene," Hunter said in the clubhouse afterward. "Vladdy came through. That's probably one of the biggest hits of his career. They've been waiting for him to do it, and he did it."

Papelbon was one strike away from extending the series with three different batters, but Aybar singled on a two-strike pitch, Chone Figgins walked after fouling off a full-count offering, and Bobby Abreu fouled off three-straight pitches before doubling in

one run. Hunter was walked intentionally before Guerrero singled the first pitch to center and Figgins and Abreu raced home to give Los Angeles a 7-6 lead. Major league saves leader Brian Fuentes pitched the ninth, and when Aybar caught Dustin Pedroia's popup to end the game, pumping his right arm even as he tracked the ball with his left, the Angels advanced.

"It's nice to be going home and playing again, instead of going home and it's over," said pitcher John Lackey, who was part of the Angels teams that were eliminated by Boston in three times in the previous five years. "This is the most fun for me, and I've got a ring. That says a lot."

An eight-time All-Star and former AL MVP, Guerrero has a .321 career batting average, 407 regular-

season homers and 1,318 RBIs. But he'd managed only one extra-base hit in 69 at-bats going into Game 3, and he had one RBI in 19 playoff games since his grand slam against Boston in the 2004 division series.

And he came through against Papelbon, who had never before allowed a run in 27 postseason innings.

"You're not going to get to him too often. But we did this afternoon," Angel manager Mike Scioscia said. "And I felt great for Vlad. Hopefully, that's a momentum-builder for him. ... I know he's relieved. He's excited about contributing. And hopefully it will be the start of something good."

For the AL West champion Angels, it was a chance to extend their tribute to pitcher Nick Adenhardt, who was killed in an April car crash with a man who has been charged with drunken

driving. As they streamed out of the dugout to celebrate, Game 2 winner Jered Weaver carried Adenhardt's jersey onto the field.

"When it comes down to honoring Nick Adenhardt, and what happened in April in Anaheim, yes, it probably was the biggest hit [of my career]," Guerrero said. "Because I'm dedicating that to a former teammate, a guy that passed away."

The Angels open their first ALCS since 2005 on Friday against either the New York Yankees or Minnesota. The Yankees led that series 2-0 going into Game 3 Sunday night.



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Los Angeles Angels' Bobby Abreu (right) celebrates with teammates after scoring in the ninth inning against the Boston Red Sox during Game 3 of an American League Division Series in Fenway on Sunday.

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Iowa Michigan

FIRST DOWNS

Iowa: 17
Michigan: 18

RUSHING YARDS

Iowa: 83
Michigan: 195

PASSING YARDS

Iowa: 284
Michigan: 124

COMP-ATT-INT

Iowa: 20-38-1
Michigan: 11-23-2

KICK/PUNT RETURN YARDS

Iowa: 4-91/5-50
Michigan: 7-121/5-25

AVERAGE PUNTS

Iowa: 39.7
Michigan: 49.2

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Iowa: 0
Michigan: 3

PENALTY YARDS

Iowa: 45
Michigan: 25

TIME OF POSSESSION

Iowa: 32:15
Michigan: 27:45

BOX SCORE

IOWA 30, MICHIGAN 28

Michigan	14	0	7	7-28
Iowa	10	10	3	7-30

First Quarter
Michigan – Warren 40 interception return (Olesnavage kick), 14:34
Iowa – Moeaki 34 catch from Stanzi (Murray kick), 9:20
Iowa – FG Murray 28, 5:55
Michigan – Minor 3 run (Olesnavage kick), 1:12

Second Quarter
Iowa – FG Murray 41, 12:50
Iowa – Wegher 1 run (Murray kick), 5:49

Third Quarter
Iowa – FG Murray 40, 10:45
Michigan – Minor 1 run (Olesnavage kick), 4:23

Fourth Quarter
Iowa – Moeaki 42 catch from Stanzi (Murray kick), 12:56
Michigan – Robinson 3 run (Olesnavage kick), 3:16

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INDIVIDUAL STATS

RUSHING—Michigan, Minor 22-95, Robinson 9-49, Forcier 8-26, Shaw 4-17, TEAM 1-6, Smith 1-2, Iowa, Robinson 10-70, Wegher 13-21, Stanzi 8-12, TEAM 3-minus 20.
PASSING—Michigan, Forcier 8-19-1-94, Robinson 3-4-1-30, Iowa, Stanzi 20-38-1-284.
RECEIVING—Michigan, Odums 4-76, Koger 3-27, Stonum 1-9, Hemingway 1-7, Grady 1-4, Minor 1-1, Iowa, Moeaki 6-105, Johnson-Koulianos 3-63, McNutt 3-36, Stross 2-37, Wegher 2-12, Morse 1-16, Robinson 1-7, Reisner 1-5, Chaney Jr., 1-3.

PRIME PLAYS

Right after Michigan took the lead on a 40-yard interception return for a touchdown by cornerback Donovan Warren, Iowa quarterback Ricky Stanzi found senior tight end Tony Moeaki for a 34-yard touchdown strike on third and 12.

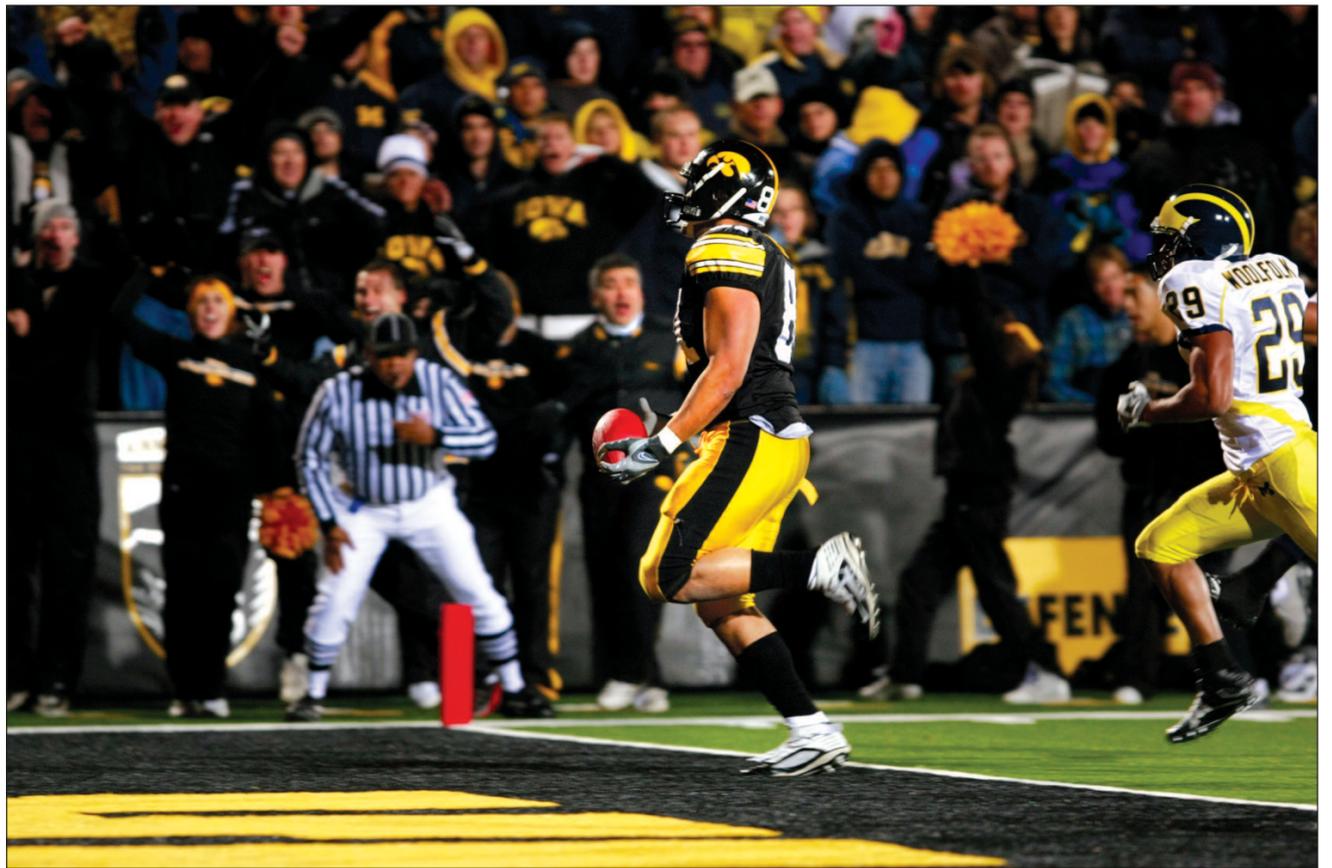
Facing third and 24, Stanzi found junior wideout Derrell Johnson-Koulianos for a 47-yard completion, which led to a go-ahead touchdown by freshman running back Brandon Wegher, giving Iowa a 20-14 lead that it didn't relinquish.

Just before halftime, junior defensive tackle Karl Klug forced a fumble inside Hawkeye territory that was recovered by Iowa's Adrian Clayborn, giving the Hawks a 20-14 lead at halftime.

Stanzi found Moeaki again in the fourth quarter for a 42-yard touchdown pass that put Iowa ahead two possessions and proved to be the game-winning score.

In the game's final minutes, junior safety Brett Greenwood picked off Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson to seal the 30-28 Hawkeye win.

Iowa staves off Michigan



JULIE KOEHN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa tight end Tony Moeaki scores his second touchdown during Iowa's Homecoming game against Michigan on Oct. 10 in Kinnick Stadium. Moeaki returned to the field after sitting out the last couple of games because of an ankle injury.

Michigan cornerback Adrian Witty misses the ball and Iowa steps up to recover it during the Hawks' Homecoming game against Michigan on Oct. 10 in Kinnick Stadium. Iowa won, 30-28.



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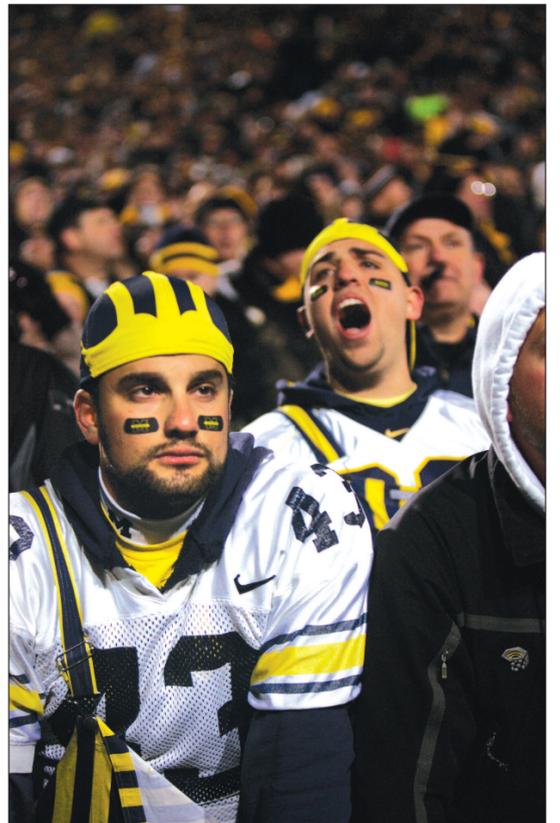
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Iowa linebacker Pat Angerer races to tackle Michigan quarterback Tate Forcier during Iowa's Homecoming game against Michigan on Oct. 10 in Kinnick Stadium. The Hawkeyes won, 30-28.



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa linebacker Bruce Davis celebrates after a tackle during the game against Michigan in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 10.



RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Dismayed Michigan fans watch Iowa's game against Michigan in Kinnick Stadium on Oct. 10. Iowa fans, however, had something to cheer about after the Hawkeyes held on to defeat Michigan, 30-28.

IOWA GAME BALL TONY MOEAKI



After missing three games with an ankle injury, the senior tight end tore apart the Michigan defense, hauling in six receptions for 105 yards and two touchdowns of 34 and 42 yards. It marked the second time in Moeaki's career he has surpassed 100 yards receiving.



MICHIGAN GAME BALL BRANDON MINOR



The Wolverine running back had a big game considering Michigan was missing its other back, Carlos Brown. Minor had 95 yards rushing and scored twice on the ground, with the first touchdown snapping a streak of 33-consecutive quarters in which Iowa had not given up a rushing score.

'There's nothing about Tony that's a fluke. He works hard, he thinks about football, and every time he gets a chance, he makes plays'
— Derrell Johnson-Koulianos on the performance of Tony Moeaki.

West's Rogers sparks blowout

Charles Rogers scores three touchdowns to put West in playoff position.

By IAN MARTIN
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The sophomore strikes again. If Iowa City West's victory Oct. 9 were a movie, that would be its title.

After two possessions that only lasted three plays each led off the game for the Trojans, a 77-yard touchdown pass from super-sophomore Charles Rogers to senior Tayler Bontrager late in the first quarter propelled the Trojans to an eventual 35-0 victory over lowly Dubuque Wahlert.

"I put the ball up in the air for Tayler to go get it," Rogers said. "And I guess it was just perfectly placed, and he grabbed it."

Rogers, who won the full-time QB job time after splitting snaps with Luke McLeran earlier in the year, accounted for three of his team's five touchdowns. Along with the pass to Bontrager, he added 11-yard and 1-yard running touchdowns, in the second and third quarters, to put his team further ahead.

While not playing much spread offense early in the game, Rogers ran through the Golden Eagle defense in the second quarter after switching to the shotgun.

"We started off under center, and we got

stopped the first two times," the 6-2 quarterback said. "So we came out in the spread formation, and I guess it just loosened up."

Along with the success of Rogers, the Trojans also received a few gifts from the Wahlert offense to aide the win. Wahlert's center snapped the ball over the head of quarterback Zack Brautigam numerous times, including once in the red zone. An interception in the third quarter by West's Ian McBrearty as well as a late fumble recovery by the Trojans also contributed to the victory.

The Trojans are now 3-4 on the season. Wahlert fell to 1-6 after the loss. This means that even with the Hawkeyes gunning for a BCS bid, West could be Iowa City's biggest playoff surprise after the regular season ends.

"We knew for us, the third win tonight, its pretty likely that we'll get, at a minimum, in the substate [playoffs], which is huge for the program," said West coach Brian Sauser.

The program, which was winless last year, is undeniably improving, and this week marked a new situation for the team. Very rarely in the past two years have the Trojans been favored

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going in to a ball game, but their head coach said his team dealt with the expectations by not taking notice.

"We didn't talk about it any differently than we talked about City High," Sauser said. "I'm really proud of our kids to come out and focus."

Up 14-0 at halftime, he noted the team's defense was a key.

"Our kids just kind of closed it down the second half and played pretty well," Sauser said. The front four "completely dominated the line of scrimmage" in the second half, he noted.

But even with defense, any team will still appreciate a good offense. While putting the game away with 14 third-quarter points, Rogers and Bontrager pitched and caught three more times after the initial touchdown for another 34 yards and two first downs.

And just as any coach would enjoy hearing, apparently his quarterback and senior receiver have chemistry that is hard to form.

"We got so much in common," said Rogers. "We talk a lot during school. He's a great receiver to throw to."



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Top: West High quarterback Charles Rogers finds a hole during the Trojans' match-up against Dubuque Wahlert Oct. 9.

Bottom: West High students cheer at the beginning of the game.



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Regina blasts West Liberty

Five West Liberty turnovers propel an undefeated Regina in an Oct. 9 blowout.

By SHANE ERSLAND
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Holding on to the football seemed to be an impossible task for West Liberty's offense during the first quarter of the district game against Regina on Oct. 9 in Iowa City.

The Comets fumbled the ball away on their first three possessions, and Regina returned two of those for touchdowns en route to a 49-13 win.

"We've been really solid on defense all year," said Regina coach Marv Cook. "Getting points off turnovers was huge."

Quarterback Mason Garcia fumbled on West Liberty's first drive, and Regal defensive lineman Jordan Corpman recovered. Regina's quarterback Jack Verducci capitalized on the turnover during the fourth play of the Regal's ensuing drive, when he ran 10 yards for a touchdown.

During the Comets' second possession, Regal defensive end Braden Lehman picked up Erik McKillip's fumble, and returned it 15 yards for a touchdown.

"[Tyler] Nelson stuck the guy, and I was able to come away with the ball,"

Lehman said. "We were playing hard-nosed D."

Nelson got his opportunity on the following Comet drive. On West Liberty's first play from scrimmage, Nathan Smith fumbled the ball away, and Nelson scooped it up and took it back 26 yards for a score.

A pass from Verducci that hit Daniel Larew for a 12-yard score highlighted the Regals' second drive, putting the team up 28-0 around five minutes into the game.

First-quarter scoring continued for the Regals. Verducci delivered a 26-yard pass to wide receiver George Sehl for a score with 4:22 left in the period.

West Liberty turned the ball over again in the first quarter when Garcia threw an interception to Nate Streb. In the second quarter, the Comets couldn't get anything going offensively and went into halftime down 42-0.

"West Liberty's a good team, but when you're down 28-0 five minutes in, it's tough to overcome," Cook said.

In the second half, the Comets were able to take advantage of the Regal defense while Regina had several reserves playing.



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Regina High School quarterback Jack Verducci looks for an open receiver Sept. 18. Verducci helped the Regals to a win over West Liberty on Oct. 9.

Garcia threw two touchdowns to Jonathan Lopez, making the score 42-13.

The Comets held the Regals scoreless in the third quarter, but with 1:12 left in the fourth, Josh Adam picked off a Garcia pass, and took it back 20 yards for the Regals third defensive touchdown of the game.

Regina improved to 7-0 with the victory; West Liberty fell to 2-5.

The Regals will host top-ranked Solon next week in a battle of undefeated teams.

"This win meant a lot to us," Lehman said. "We get to take on Solon undefeated in a big game next week."

CLEAR CREEK

Clippers claim Homecoming victory over Washington

Clear Creek Amana played a complete game against Washington on Oct. 9, with the offense, defense, and special teams all contributing in a 31-7 win.

The Homecoming spirit from the crowd lifted the Clippers in their victory.

"It's a lot more fun to dance when you win," said assistant coach Bob Broghammer, smiling.

After an injury and two games on the sidelines, quarterback Blaze

Smith was ready to step in again. "I felt great, fast, and powerful," he said. "It was a good night to be healthy again."

Smith passed for 269 yards, and Ted Hergert caught two touchdown passes.

Josh Rohret's kickoff return, Caleb Sedlacek's field goal, and Tyler Grauer's touchdown run capped off the scoring.

"As opposed to getting shut out 21-0 last year ... it was great," Smith said. "It was great for the team and also for the community."

- by Kayla Buffington



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"He kind of played down this whole game, but I think deep down, he really wanted this game more than he told us," Sandeman said. "It just feels awesome for us to be able to do that for him."

Johnson-Koulianos said Campbell's excitement during the past week was noticeable during practices and team meetings, but the coach was "genuine" in wanting to win this game

for the entire team.

"He emphasized to us the importance of going out and making plays, finishing everything 100 percent, and you could really see it in his eyes," Johnson-Koulianos said. "There was a little something extra this week."

That emphasis Campbell discussed with his players was evident in third-and-long situations. Whether it was third and 12, when quarterback Ricky Stanzi found tight end Tony Moeaki for the first of his two scores, a third-and-6 completion to

receiver Trey Stross for 33 yards, or a third and 24 when Johnson-Koulianos hauled in a 47-yard reception, the players under Campbell's guidance put on a display in front of a sold-out Kinnick Stadium.

"We need to do that," Campbell said. "I told them all week that we need to make plays to keep the drive alive and to keep the momentum going and be able to score points when we needed to score points in this game."

Campbell's past will always include the colors maize and blue. But the

Black and Gold are glad to have had him on their side and have considered him a "Hawkeye" since the day he set foot in Iowa City and was introduced as one of Ferentz's assistants.

The team loved being able to give him that game ball.

"With Erik, we've got a guy who is an excellent coach, tremendous character, and he's got a great attitude," Ferentz said. "It's infectious with everybody on the team and with the staff, so we lucked out."

COMMENTARY

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games decided by five points or fewer.

"This is great experience because we'll probably be involved in more 2-pointers than 20-pointers," Ferentz said after the game.

How did they win despite all of the injuries and illnesses going against them — Jewel Hampton's knee, Bryan Bulaga's thyroid, Derrell Johnson-Koulianos' hamstring, Tony Moeaki's ankle, and Julian Vandervelde's pectoral tendon?

Before this season, I didn't know where/what a thyroid was or that you could tear a pectoral tendon, but thanks to Ferentz's Tuesday press conferences, I feel I'm one step and a few credit hours away from being a medical student.

How did the Hawkeyes shake off Stanzi's third pick-six of the season to win against an explosive Michigan team?

Think about that. On three different occasions this season, Iowa's starting quarterback has thrown an interception that was subsequently returned for a touchdown — and the Hawkeyes have won every one of those games. It was remarkable when it happened the first time.

Now, it's almost laughable. That's the thing about this team.

Everything that's happened thus far can be categorized as the following: 1) completely, utterly, and almost laughably ridiculous (think, Iowa's two-consecutive blocked field goals to beat Northern Iowa and Stanzi's 3-0 record when throwing pick-sixes), 2) unbelievable (think, Tyler Sash's penchant for interceptions getting thrown right to him), 3) jaw-droppingly,

head-shakingly shocking (think, the Hawkeyes' 21-10 dismantling of Penn State).

That's it.

And really, when Iowa is 6-0 for the first time in 24 years, there shouldn't be any other descriptors other than ridiculous, unbelievable, and shocking.

"The whole season, it just feels like everything is going our way," linebacker Jeremiha Hunter said. "I don't know, but the only thing I can say is God is good. Things are working out in our favor."

Coming into the season, I had Iowa penciled in for an eight-win season, a fourth-place Big Ten finish, and a January bowl game — a solid season in every sense of the word. I even confidently made a bet with former Hawkeye safety Matt Bowen to cement my prediction.

But being 6-0 changes everything.

Fans start looking at the schedule, dissecting matchups, and planning bowl trips. Players spout clichés about being only halfway through the season, and fighting through adversity, and not looking ahead of Wisconsin this weekend.

And writers who made uninformed pre-season bets with former players all but concede them at the midway point of the season.

I have to admit: This is a weird feeling. Undefeated seasons are expected at places like Florida and Texas and USC. But here, fans will take a nine-win year and January bowl game. I don't think anyone would complain about that.

But I don't think anyone is complaining about a 6-0 start, either.

BASEBALL

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An easy throw to first ended Iowa's hopes.

Despite the defeat, Iowa head coach Jack Dahm said he was pleased with his players' performances. He preached better defense and said the Hawkeyes responded by completing an error-less game.

However, he said, he wished the team hadn't allowed three runs in both the first and eighth innings.

"We did a lot of good things," Dahm said. "I feel like we played better in some ways than [Oct. 4], but ... pretty tough to overcome two big innings. One of our goals is to never give up three or more runs in an inning, and we did it twice."

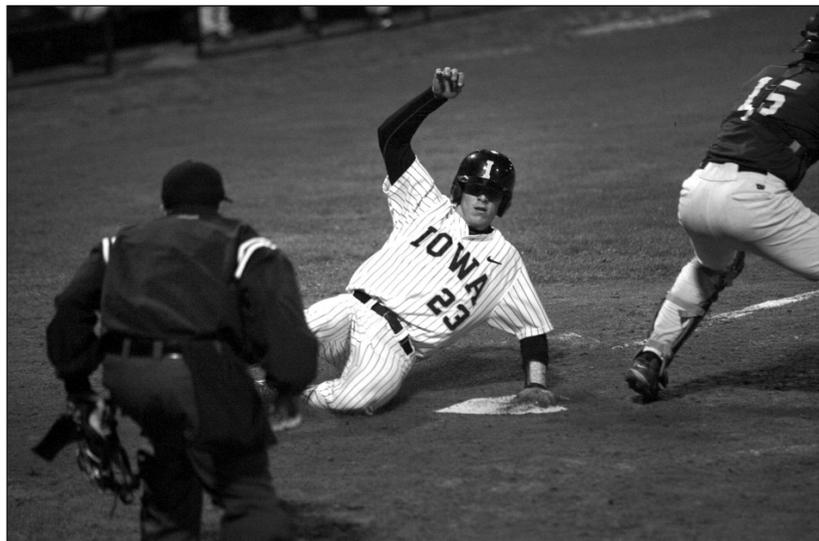
Iowa seemed sound on the diamond for the majority of the game. The Hawkeye pitchers threw strikes, and hitters created opportunities. The Hawkeyes led, 5-3, entering the top of the eighth.

Senior pitcher Zach Robertson got into trouble early in the inning, allowing runners on first and second without an out. But after two-straight strikeouts by the right-hander, Iowa appeared ready to escape.

Instead, Robertson grooved a fastball to Iowa Central lefty Ryan Keele, who promptly smashed the baseball over the 375 mark in right-center field.

Robertson, a former Iowa Central player, said he was forced to throw a meatball because he fell behind in the count.

"I didn't want to put the tying run on second base with a walk," Robertson said. "We were going fastball there, and it just happened to get hit out of the park. Just goes to show that one pitch



Iowa catcher Dan Sheppard slides into home during the Hawkeyes' game against Iowa Central at Banks Field on Oct. 9. Iowa lost, 6-5.

can change the ball game."

Although Robertson stumbled, the Iowa pitchers were effective throughout the night. The Hawkeye hurlers struck out 11 and only gave up two walks. Freshman left-hander Matt Dermody led the team with three punch-outs and did not allow a run in two innings of work.

Dermody, a Pittsburgh Pirate draft pick this year, said he's glad he chose to come to Iowa.

He's also thankful for his curve ball.

"I love it. I like the atmosphere. I like the team and everything about it," Dermody said. "My curve has really been improving, so I think that was my strong point. I had a lot of control and a lot of command."

The Hawkeyes commanded the plate from the batter's box as well, smashing 12 hits.

Sophomore catcher Dallas Burke, who went 3-for-4 with an RBI single and double, said the team as a whole is improving its swing, stance, and strategy. He said he



Iowa pitcher Michael Jacobs pitches during the Hawkeyes' game against Iowa Central at Banks Field on Oct. 9. Iowa lost, 6-5.

thinks the team is on the rise and is hopeful for the upcoming 2010 season.

"You just got to go up there and believe in the

stuff you worked on at practice," Burke said. "We're going to be in a lot of close games this season."

VOLLEYBALL

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thought they did a tremendous job with that."

As a team, Iowa hit .356 in the match and held Michigan State to a .129 attacking percentage. Senior Megan Schipper had 13 kills, junior Mara Hilgenberg had 36 assists, and senior Christina Meister added 15 digs.

After losing four-straight conference games, the Hawkeyes were ready to be on the winning side again. Team consistency was one of the things Iowa players said they needed to improve on.

"We really came out wanting to win this game," Hilgenberg said. "We're trying to be really consistent with our offense and defense, so that's one thing we focused on."

The Hawkeyes had a .424 attack percentage and held the Spartans to a minuscule .051 in taking the first set. Junior Aimee Huffman had six

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— Mara Hilgenberg, junior

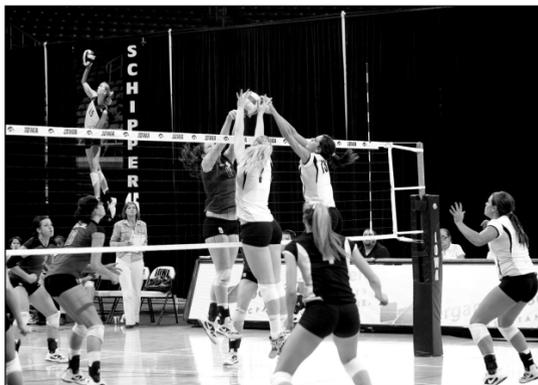
kills, Hilgenberg dished 12 assists, and Meister had 12 digs.

After taking an 11-3 lead, Iowa maintained its offensive assault, shutting down Michigan State. A kill by Huffman sealed the 1-0 set lead.

In the second set, the Hawkeyes managed to stay hot, hitting .414 as a team. Junior Katie Kennedy led the team with five kills, Hilgenberg added 12 assists, and Schipper had three digs.

Facing a 18-9 Hawkeye advantage, the Spartans tried to rally but were denied as a kill by Schipper gave Iowa a 2-0 lead on the match.

In the decisive third set, Michigan State showed signs of life as



Aimee Huffman and Katie Kennedy block a Michigan State player during the Hawkeyes' game on Sunday in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. The Hawkeyes defeated the No. 18 Spartans in three sets.

the two teams traded points. Down 20-18, the Spartans called a time-out.

However, a 5-1 Iowa run ended the set.

"Today's effort was totally an all-out team effort," Schipper said. "Everybody individually did her job, and we just came together as a team and were able to do the big things during the big times."

The win might come as a little bit of surprise to those around the Big Ten. But the Hawkeyes say

they have what it takes to hang with the country's best as proven by their victory.

"We go into every match thinking we're going to give ourselves an opportunity to win," Dingman said. "I don't think we ever think we can't compete with somebody in the Big Ten and that's one nice thing about this team. We do have that kind of confidence but winning of those against a Big Ten ranked opponent is nice."

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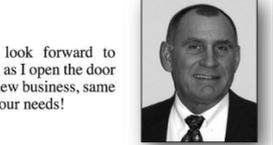
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" A marriage is always made up of two people who are prepared to swear that only the other one snores. "

- Terry Pratchett

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Famous bands' first-try names

- Aptitude Test Dummies
- Blowie & the Hootfish
- Heavy Petting Pistols
- About the Same as Ezra
- Faith Wavering Slightly
- Guns 'N' Chrysanthemums
- Duran
- Dr. Doctor
- 3/4-foot Nails
- Green Morning
- Bait Shop Boys
- Foreign Person
- Judas Initiate
- Foo Combantants
- C++ Music Factory
- Jane's Proclivity
- Gaslight Orchestra
- Blind False Berries
- Appreciative Departed
- Huey Lewis and an Update
- Frankie Goes to Albuquerque
- Guaranarama
- Santanarama

- Andrew R. Juhl continues this list tomorrow.

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Sophomores Doug Sutherland (right) and Jeff Tanaka (left) play hockey on the courts near Burge on Sunday. The two play the sport every other day usually, sometimes even at 3 in the morning.

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PRESENTS...

horoscopes Monday, October 12, 2009 - by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 You won't be willing to stop for anything or anyone until you reach your goal or destination. Your ideas are right on the money. Don't stop because someone is enticing you to play a different game.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Don't waste your time on the impossible or trying to win someone's favor who isn't worth your time and effort. Study your situation before you let frustration cause you to make an error. Being stubborn will lead to nowhere.

GEMINI May 21-June 20 There is nothing to stop you from going the distance if you follow your heart. Allow yourself the freedom to do what you do best and to let what comes naturally unfold. If you are going to make some changes, don't go halfway.

CANCER June 21-July 22 You may be surprised when you check your financial situation to discover that you have less cash on hand. Find ways to cut corners, and you will feel more confident about your future.

LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Not everyone will get what you are trying to do. Impulsive action or changing your mind too often will confuse the people around you. Show compassion toward those who depend on you or you may give the wrong impression.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Tread carefully when making changes; not everyone will agree with what you are trying to do. Go forward with your plans in order to satisfy your own needs. It may be time to move on from some of the people holding you back.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't hesitate when what's required of you is to go right to the source and keep moving. Once everyone in your circle realizes you will not back down, you will get the support you need. Stability will follow.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 If you show jealousy or possessiveness, it will work against you. Focus on what you can do to create a better life or pursue a creative talent that can turn into a moneymaker and your success.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Be very selective about whom you let into your inner circle. You have some great ideas and plans, and only a few very creative contributors should be allowed to take part. You can turn something that has potential into something great.

CAPRICORN Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You can start doing the calculations required to put a new idea into motion. An investment now will help to pay for some important, high-cost items when the time comes. A secret financial deal can buy you the freedom you desire.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 The right choices will be important if you want to be able to pursue your goals. Turn your stress into passion by working on something creative that requires intuition, imagination, and innovation.

PISCES Feb. 19-March 20 Any concerns you have about your future must be dealt with before matters escalate. If it's time to move on, do so now. Keep your eyes open for any opportunity that will give you more creative freedom and a higher income.

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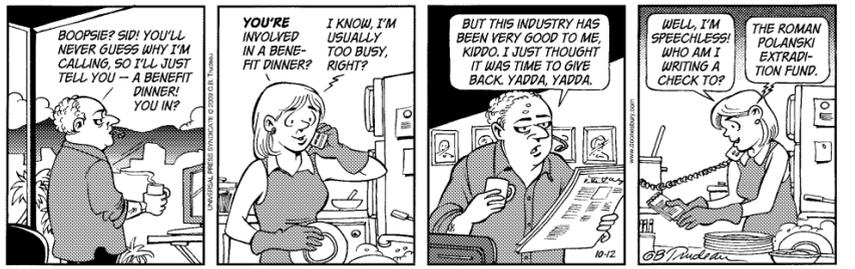
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today's events

- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford Drive
- **Sociable Seniors**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **International Mondays Lecture Series, "American and Australian Federal Constitutions: Where is the Bill of Rights (and does it matter)?"** William Buss, noon, Congregational United Church of Christ, 30 N. Clinton
- **Exploring Majors Fair**, 12:30 p.m., IMU Main Lounge
- **Euchre Club**, 2 p.m., Legacy Senior Living Community, 1020 S. Scott Blvd.
- **Iowa City Council Candidate Forum**, 2 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Peace in the Middle East,"** Palestinian attorney Jonathan Kuttab, 3 p.m., Boyd Law Building Levitt Auditorium
- **Visiting Nurses Association Flu Shot Clinic**, 3:15 p.m., Coralville Central Elementary, 501 Sixth St.
- **Visiting Nurses Association Flu Shot Clinic**, 3:15 p.m., Lucas Elementary, 830 Southlawn Drive
- **Creepy Cute Crochet**, 6 p.m., Home Ec. Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Embroidery Hoop Bulletin Boards**, 6 p.m., Home Ec.

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- Workshop, 207 N. Linn
- **Public Forum on Voxman, Clapp, and Hancher**, 6 p.m., Macbride Auditorium
- **Coping with Loss: New Beginnings, Lensing Funeral Service and Iowa City Hospice**, 6:30 p.m., Kirkwood Room, 515 Kirkwood
- **Health For Your Lifetime Series, "What's New in Treating Prostate Cancer,"** Richard Williams and Fadi Joudi, 6:30 p.m., UIHC East Room (elevator "F" to eighth floor)
- **Marvelous Monday**, 6:30 p.m., Coralville Public Library
- **What's New in Treating Prostate Cancer**, 6:30 p.m., University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics
- **Dead Snow**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **The Laramie Project: 10 Years Later, 80-minute staged reading to mark the 11th anniversary of the 1998 murder of 21-year-old college student Matthew Shepard**, 7 p.m., CSPS, 1103 Third St. S.E., Cedar Rapids
- **Monday Night Swing**, 7:30 p.m., 515 Field House
- **Paul Engle Memorial Reading, Eavan Boland**, 8 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **Open Mike, with Jay Knight**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Soul Power**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **Blues Jam**, 9:30 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

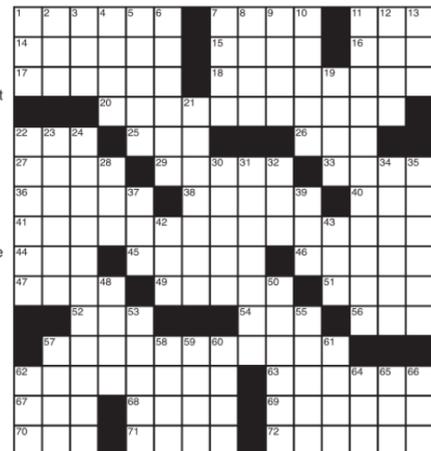
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- Across**
- Card game in which a player might ask "Got any 8's?"
 - Sluggers' stats
 - B'way's "Les ___"
 - Southwest Indian home
 - Alan of "M*A*S*H"
 - Useful item accompanying a face card in blackjack
 - San ___ (Hearst castle)
 - Coconut source
 - Fall for it
 - "The Simpsons" clerk
 - "The Simpsons" neighbor
 - Raggedy ___
 - Give away temporarily
 - Jilts
 - Brother of Cain and Abel
 - Walk the runway at a fashion show
 - Complains
 - Actress Scala
 - Start something that one shouldn't start
 - Certain camera, for short
 - Sacred song
 - Liberates
 - Head: Fr.
 - Bowler's button
 - Steeple contents
 - Hem's partner
 - Astronaut
 - Grissom
 - Bill the Science Guy
 - Be a sucker
 - Insert in a tape recorder
 - Boxing combo
 - What the rings signify on a tree
 - Verb go-with
 - Hell-___ (rowdy sort)
 - Call to a shepherd
 - State when one's nose is out of joint
 - Hook, line and ___
- Down**
- Navigational gizmo
 - Yes, in Québec
 - Masc. alternative
 - "Yeah, sure"
 - M.I.T.'s ___ School of Management
 - Gave a toot
 - Transfixed
 - Unexciting
 - Twiddling one's thumbs
 - Latin ballroom dance
 - Algae color
 - Rapper turned actor
 - New York's Tappan ___ Bridge
 - Bronzes at the beach
 - Escapee's run
 - Abbr. in personals
 - Where streets meet: Abbr.
 - Us Weekly rival
 - Disney lyric repeated before "Darling it's better / Down where it's wetter"
 - Lion's lair
 - Lions' hair
 - Tutee
 - Globe
 - Grabbs dinner
 - English monarchs from Henry VII through Elizabeth I
 - Birds in many birdhouses
 - Egyptian desert
 - Dafny
 - School for princes William and Harry
 - Decorative needle case
 - Period of fasting
 - No. in Nuremberg
 - Taxi
 - "Tut-tut"
 - Itsy-bitsy
 - Hockey's Bobby

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