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Jon Trouten sits with his husband and children in their home on April 20.

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Gay parents gain ground

Two years after Iowa legalized same-sex marriage, the debate over the health of children raised by gay couples continues nationally and in Iowa.

By **SARAH BULMER**
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Nick Pearce could never understand why his elementary-school classmates were so curious about his parents, particularly their sexual orientation.

"Someone would ask me, 'You have a mom and a mom? That's weird,'" the now-16-year-old West High sophomore said. "And I said, 'You have a dad and a mom? That's weird.'"

As Nick entered junior high, the questions turned into bullying. He said he asked his principal and other teachers for help, but his requests were often ignored.

"I filed eight grievances in two years for people calling me a faggot and people making fun of my parents," he said.

But any struggles from having two moms haven't quelled his sense of family pride. Now, he is involved with Colors, his school's gay, lesbian, and straight alliance group.

Nick's experience is similar to that of many local same-sex families, who say intolerance and misconception of gay parenting often comes from a lack of exposure.

SEE PARENTS, 3A



Romy Bolton checks out some of the items at Raygun with two of her adopted children, Nick Pearce, 16, and Allie Pearce, 13. Bolton married her wife, Julia Moffitt, on July 4, 2009.

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Bar fine passes 1st test

The City Council also approved a \$250,000 grant to help rehabilitate the space formerly known as Vito's.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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Those caught in a bar underage are one step closer to seeing lower fines for their first offense.

The Iowa City City Council barely passed the first consideration for a tiered fine system with a 4-3 vote Tuesday evening.

Iowa City Mayor Matt Hayek, along with City Councilors Mike Wright and Susan Mims, voted against reducing the fine — \$500 plus an additional \$235 in fees — for being underage in a bar after 10 p.m.



Higgins
UI SG president

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Students abroad receive advisories

More than 300 UI students are currently studying abroad.

By **ALLIE WRIGHT**
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Summer Schoop stayed up all night Sunday to watch President Obama inform the world about the slaying of Osama bin Laden.

The University of Iowa junior, who is studying abroad in Seville, Spain, said she streamed Obama's speech online after she saw the news on Facebook and Twitter.

The next morning, Schoop, 20, began to receive e-mails from the U.S. Embassy

SEE ABROAD, 3A

PROVOST SEARCH

3rd provost hopeful to speak

The candidate holds two degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

By **NINA EARNEST**
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Uday Sukhatme, the executive vice chancellor of academic affairs and dean of faculties at Indiana University/Purdue Uni-

versity in Indianapolis, is the third and final candidate for the University of Iowa provost position, officials announced Tuesday afternoon.

Sukhatme is scheduled to speak at an open forum in the Bijou at 3:30 p.m. today.

The physicist said he became familiar with the UI when his son attended law school in Iowa City.

"I know this is one of the premier research universities in the country, and it's an excellent opportunity to further strengthen the academic side,"

Sukhatme told *The Daily Iowan* Tuesday.

The vice chancellor's presentation is the last in the series of three candidates, following UI interim Provost P. Barry Butler and Johns Hopkins Carey School of Business Dean Yash Gupta.



Sukhatme
provost candidate

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Council backs rights info

Apartments Downtown is currently facing several lawsuits regarding landlord/tenant issues.

By **ALISON SULLIVAN**
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The Iowa City City Council unanimously passed an amendment Tuesday night that would require landlords to make tenant rights information more readily available to students and first-time renters.

The Tuesday evening vote is the first of three considerations needed to enact the change.

During Elliot Higgins' tenure as the City Council liaison, the now-University of Iowa Student Government president proposed amending the city code to better educate students on their rights as tenants.

"Why should the tenants have to jump through hoops to get money that is legally theirs?" said Greg Bal, the supervising attorney for UI Student Legal Services,

who often deals with students' rental problems.

The proposal requires landlords to include information on reobtaining security deposits, documenting the state of the unit before and after, and providing a forwarding address for the deposit after the tenant's lease is up in the Informational Disclosure and Acknowledgment Form.

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Plotting downtown's future

Tom Markus would like to see more retail downtown that caters to the student population.

By JON FRANK
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Iowa City City Manager Tom Markus said officials aren't trying to push University of Iowa students out of downtown — they would instead like to simply add more permanent residents.

Markus spoke to a group of local business people Tuesday as part of a meet and greet at Share Wine Lounge, 210 S. Dubuque St.

The former Birmingham, Mich., city manager presented his view on the future of Iowa City, which includes residential development and new commercial offices. Markus spoke about his ideas on shifting downtown into the 21-ordinance era.

"Downtown is a major part of what we're trying to do to grow our economy," Markus said, and he hopes to achieve "a sustainable balance."

At a work session Monday night, the Iowa City City Council discussed the shifting downtown landscape and the necessity for new, nonalcohol-related businesses. Those talks also involved solutions to an increasing number of student-centered housing in the area.

"There's been an imbalance toward entertainment, alcohol, and I think that's somewhat being addressed," Markus said.

He said he hopes the city



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City Manager Tom Markus speaks to a room of local business people in Share Wine Lounge on Tuesday. Markus said his plans are not intended to push students away from downtown, despite the recent closings of numerous bars. Rather, he said, he wants to bring a variety of business into downtown that would attract students.

can attract retail students would use. He pointed to other university towns with such stores as Urban Outfitters and Anthropologie as positive examples of the use of retail.

"That's an incredible market strength," he said.

Markus also discussed the concept of a self-supported municipal-improvement district, calling the idea a "smart" move. The money generated from a tax increase for those in the district would go toward adding events and activi-

ties, recruiting new retailers, increasing maintenance, and hiring a downtown business-development manager.

"I think it gives [the business community] a stronger voice on issues that affect them," Markus said. "I think those are all positives."

He applauded the UI's plans for a downtown music building and the creation of a mixed-use facility at the intersection of Clinton and Burlington Streets. "Those would be cultural

New plans

City Manager Tom Markus hopes stimulate growth in Iowa City with:

- More permanent housing downtown
- Retail stores that cater to students
- Industrial plants that bring jobs to the community

Source: Tom Markus

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attractions for our city and create a much more vibrant downtown," he said. "I think it has great bones ... and I think it has great potential."

During his presentation, Markus addressed the recent announcement by the North American Ductile Iron Co. to build a foundry in Iowa City, which will employ roughly 175 people.

City Councilor Mike Wright lauded Markus for taking measures to bring jobs to Iowa City and said he's "doing a terrific job."

"The key for the city is to work and continue to expand to attract new business to Iowa City," he said.

Nancy Quellhorst, the president and CEO of the Iowa City Area Chamber of Commerce — who organized the luncheon — said she has been impressed with Markus' ability to gather public opinion regarding development plans.

"Tom takes a realistic, long-term, premeditated approach to economic development," she said. "I've never been more optimistic about the prospects for downtown Iowa City."

METRO

Cohen warns of research cutbacks

University of Iowa Vice President for Research Jordan Cohen said problems with the federal budget could make funding research at the UI more difficult over the next two to five years.

The comments came during a Faculty Senate meeting Tuesday, during which Cohen presented information explaining how cuts to the federal budget could affect the UI.

"There's no question we're going to be seeing some different times," he said, and the UI is heavily dependent on federal funding.

Cohen said approximately 75 percent of the UI's funding comes from the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Health and Human Services, both of which are receiving cutbacks.

He said the UI needs to become more diversified in terms

of federal sources in order to remain competitive with other research universities.

"We're not diversified enough, and we need to become more diversified in regard to some of our federal sources," he said.

— by Hayley Bruce

Man charged after carrying around 'sword'

Iowa City police reportedly Tasered a local man after he fought with officers, who found him with a "fantasy sword."

Deandre Lamar Irby, 19, 737 Michael St. Apt. 51, was charged April 29 with going armed with a knife blade, carrying weapons into a park, and interference with official acts.

According to complaints, police allegedly spotted Irby rollerblading through the Pedestrian Mall with a large

sword attached to his backpack around 3:30 p.m., prompting him to flee to an alley.

When officers located him, the complaints said Irby allegedly tried to hide the 26-inch blade behind a Dumpster, refused to identify himself, and admitted he did not have a concealed weapons permit.

Complaints said Irby then allegedly tried to grab the sword and run, then fought with police until he was Tasered.

— by Hayley Bruce

Woman reports purse snatching

Iowa City police are investigating a robbery reported over the weekend.

According to a press release, an adult woman told officers she had her purse stolen Sunday while on the 400 block of East College Street.

The release said the woman

was walking alone around 2:10 a.m. when a 5-8 man with tattoos on both forearms grabbed her, threw her to the ground, stole her purse, and took off running.

The release said she was not injured in the reported incident.

Iowa City Area CrimeStoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the suspect.

— by Hayley Bruce

Council OKs Gilbert Street project

The Iowa City City Council approved plans for a construction project on Gilbert Street.

The project includes trees, decorative lighting, and bike racks along the area that runs between Burlington Street and the railroad.

Estimated costs for the project is roughly \$283,000, which will be funded through general-obligation bond proceeds.

— by Alison Sullivan

NATION

Bin Laden not armed, U.S. says

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden was unarmed when he was confronted by U.S. commandos at his Pakistani hideout, but he tried to resist the assault, the White House said Tuesday as new details emerged about the audacious raid that killed the world's most wanted terrorist.

The White House said it was considering whether to release photos that were taken of bin Laden after he was killed but was concerned that the photos were "gruesome" and could be inflammatory.

Other details that emerged on Tuesday, according to U.S. officials: One of bin Laden's wives tried to rush the commandos and was shot in the leg. High temperatures caused a lumbering helicopter carrying the raiders to make a hard landing. And as Navy SEALs swept through the compound, they handcuffed those they encountered

with plastic zip ties and pressed on in pursuit of their target, code-named Geronimo.

Once bin Laden had been shot, they doubled back to move the prisoners away from the compound before blowing up the downed helicopter.

The fuller picture of the high-stakes assault emerged as U.S. officials weighed whether to release video and photos of bin Laden, who was killed with a shot above his left eye.

Future of war in Afghanistan uncertain

WASHINGTON — The demise of Osama bin Laden complicates what was already a tough call for President Obama: how to wind down the nearly decade-old war in Afghanistan. Now the symbolic reason for staying in the fight — to get Al Qaeda's leader and avenge 9/11 — has been undercut.

Momentum had been building in Congress and elsewhere for a shift to a narrower, less costly military mission in Afghanistan even before the U.S. raid that killed bin Laden.

This could suit Obama's desire to put Afghanistan behind him by beginning a phased troop pullout this summer along with NATO partners. But it also could put him at sharper odds with his military commanders, who argue for a slower drawdown and a longer-term military commitment that they believe would lessen the chances of Afghanistan again falling apart.

U.S. commanders fear squandering hard-fought battlefield gains, particularly those achieved with the addition last year of an extra 30,000 American troops. They now face a spring offensive by the Taliban, whose goal remains undermining the Afghan government, discrediting its security forces and driving out U.S. troops.

Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., reflected a wider skepticism about remain-

ing heavily involved in Afghanistan when he said Tuesday that he had not imagined at the outset of the war in October 2001 that U.S. troops would still be there — "with no end in sight, even after the death of Osama bin Laden."

GOP: Obama approval uptick temporary

WASHINGTON — Republicans hoping to unseat President Obama say they see Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden's death as a welcome development but no reason to change political strategy.

While Obama almost surely will get a boost in his poll numbers, advisers for the still-forming field of GOP candidates expect that it will be temporary and that voters will select a president based on how the economy recovers — or doesn't — over the next 18 months.

— Associated Press

BLOTTER

James Keeling, 58, 1218 Rochester Ave., was charged Monday with OWI.

Nicholas Maas, 22, 201 E.

Burlington St. Apt. 1536, was charged Dec. 12, 2010, with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Lee Phipps, 18, 902 N. Dodge St. Apt. B6, was charged Monday with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

Donnell Sanders, 19, 2301 Hollywood Blvd., was charged Sunday with assault and violation of a protective order.

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PARENTS

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For two years, Iowans have been witness to tumultuous battles over gay marriage: the Iowa Supreme Court's 2009 decision legalizing same-sex marriage, the ousting of the three justices who voted in favor of the decision, and the recent calls to impeach the remaining judges.

And the debates have thrust some families into the spotlight as the fight over the legality of gay marriage and the health of children raised by two same-sex parents rages on nationally and in Iowa.

Local same-sex couples and their children said their core familial values are just like any other Iowa family: based on love, understanding, and honesty.

For Nick's parents, Romy Bolton and Julia Moffitt, coming out to their children was an important part of their upbringing.

"We knew we had to change our lifestyle and be much more upfront because we had children and we need to represent [being gay] as a perfectly acceptable way of life," Bolton said. "We're just the same as anybody else."

On a recent Wednesday, Nick sat on a leather couch in his living room with his parents and two sisters, Allie Pearce, 13, and Allison Gerstenberger, 18. Coco, their German Shepard-golden retriever mix, lay at Moffitt's feet, chewing on a toy.

Allie, Nick's full biological sister, said she doesn't choose to talk about her family very much in school, but her peers often stigmatize her when they find out about her parents.

"Sometimes, people hear about it from other people, and they ask, 'Are you gay, too?'" and then they stay away from me a lot, but I'm

Gay-rights views Americans' support of gay-rights areas:

- 76 percent support partners having access to insurance and benefits
- 73 percent favor inheritance rights for domestic partners
- 67 percent favor expanding hate-crime laws to cover gays and lesbians
- 69 percent support hiring gay school teachers
- 54 percent support adoption rights for gay couples

Source: Gallup Poll website

pretty used to it now," she said.

But the family is able to joke about some of the wilder misconceptions.

"One girl in my home-economics class thought that if you breast feed from a lesbian, you become a lesbian," Nick said and laughed.

Critics often argue that having gay parents can seriously hinder a child's development.

"Boys need the masculine example of a father," said Bryan Fischer, director of issue analysis at the American Family Association, a group promoting "traditional" families. "They need to see the way a husband treats his wife so that they will be able to imitate that when they become adults, and young girls need the example of a nurturing mother, and they need the model of how a wife relates to her children and to her husband."

Nationally, acceptance of gay parenting seems to be shifting, according to a February study from the Pew Research Center. The survey classified nearly 3,000 participants into three categories based on their overarching attitude towards changing family structure: Accepters, Skeptics, and Rejecters.

The majority of both Accepters and Skeptics — 81 and 67 percent, respectively — said gay parenting either makes no real difference on society or it is a good thing. And, according to the Gallup Poll, 54 percent of Americans support adoption rights for gay couples.

The *Journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics* published a study on psychological adjustment of 17-year-olds in 2010 that revealed that those raised in lesbian families "demonstrate healthy psychological adjustment."

Of same-sex couples in the 2000 U.S. Census, the most recent figures available, only 39 percent were raising children.

However, the effects of gay parents on children remains hotly debated politically.

Sharon Malheiro, the head of One Iowa, the state's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender advocacy organization, said criticism of gay parents is partly based on fear, partly on political strategy.

Rep. Kim Pearson, R-Pleasant Hill, was one of the Iowa legislators who filed a resolution to impeach the remaining four Iowa Supreme Court justices who upheld gay marriage in 2009. She said she believes homosexuality is a behavior, not an unchangeable characteristic.

"I don't believe a behavior should be elevated to protected class status," she said.

Earlier this year, many same-sex families nationwide found a new spokesperson of sorts for their issue: University of Iowa student Zach Wahls.

Wahls emerged on the national stage after he delivered a passionate three-minute speech defending his "normal" and loving family in front of the Iowa House, which was debating a resolution that would clear the way to banning gay marriage in Iowa.

His parents, Terry Wahls and Jackie Reger, have raised two children who are full biological siblings. Zebediah Wahls, 16, is a student at West High and Zach, 19, is a sophomore at the UI and a former *Daily Iowan* writer.

Terry Wahls said more exposure to same-sex-parent families will help boost understanding.

"There aren't as many faces to that story yet, and the more we have the easier it is to see we're just as ordinary just and boring as everyone else," Terry Wahls said.

Shortly after the video went viral on YouTube, Wahls' sister anticipated the worst.

"When it first went viral, I wondered if I would get any negative response for the video directed towards my family," the 16-year-old said. "But to my lovely surprise, nothing."

And now, with gay Republican supporters such as Fred Karger, who is gay himself and planning to run for president, and Ted Olson, there is hope, Terry Wahls said.

"It's not a Republican issue. It's not a Democratic issue," she said. "It's an American issue."

Despite complex moral debates, one of the main points local same-sex families continue to stress is their normalcy.

Jon Trouten and Marc Holbrook are the adoptive parents of D'Angelo Holbrook, 10, and the legal guardian of Leslie Kennebeck, 18.

"Do we stand out?" Trouten recently asked D'Angelo as he supervised his children making Hamburger Helper in the kitchen.

D'Angelo shook his head. "Nuh-uh."

"Are we pretty boring?" Trouten then asked.

D'Angelo nodded, smiling, and the whole family burst out laughing.

ABROAD

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about travel warnings for Americans abroad, she said.

"I am definitely nervous now to be traveling back to the States, especially now since I will be by myself," she wrote in an e-mail.

Schoop is studying with Cultural Experience Abroad, and she said the organization sent an e-mail to students, making sure they don't participate in any demonstrations. The e-mail also said participants should "try not to 'appear' American."

"I have been keeping up with all of the news and hope that all will be safe as I journey back to America in two weeks," she said.

Meanwhile, officials emphasized the safety of the more than 300 UI students abroad is their top concern as the world reacts to the death of the Al Qaeda leader.

Even before the latest foreign-policy frenzy, UI Office of Study Abroad had started planning to expand its system for tracking students studying in other countries, said John Rogers, an assistant director of the office. The change comes on the wake of natural disasters in Japan and prolonged political unrest in the Middle East.

The current system keeps record of where students are studying, the dates of their programs, and a photocopy passports, he said.

Rogers said only students participating in UI study-abroad programs have been required to send the information, but now it's becoming required of UI students traveling through other programs.

The U.S. Department of State travel advisories are always forwarded to students in other countries, Rogers said, and one was sent out Monday after bin

Laden's death.

The message included a note advising UI students to keep a low profile and avoid large crowds, he said. He said the Study Abroad Office has not received any indications of any UI student being in danger or expressing concerns about safety.

Rogers said the joint effort between the Study Abroad Office and UI administration is to ensure officials can contact students overseas in the event of an emergency.

No UI students are in Pakistan or Afghanistan because a United States travel warning prohibits the university from sending students to the area, Rogers said.

Alison Kiss, executive director of Security on Campus, a national organization that works to prevent criminal violence on college campuses, compared the time following bin Laden's death as the time immediately after the 9/11 terrorist attacks and said students should work to be informed about the political state of the country in which they plan to spend time.

"Many times for students, it's their first time leaving the country," she said. "Imagine [a high risk] added to that."

But not all UI students who are studying abroad said they are worried about their safety.

UI junior Joe Moriarty, who's studying in Cork, Ireland, said he is not concerned about anything bad happening during his travels.

He said he is confident about his safety because of increased safety precautions in the area after bin Laden's death.

"If anything, I'd say people back home have more to worry about than anyone in Ireland, or Europe for that matter," the 20-year-old said in a Facebook message.



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Editorial

Cuts in funding for jail-alternative programs imperil justice and dignity

In the current financial zeitgeist, every echelon of government is seeking to cut programs, but with our jails unbelievably overcrowded and the economy-inspired mental-health crisis, it is regrettable that Iowa is putting mental-health services for criminals on the chopping block.

The Iowa Legislature is proposing cutting more than \$2 million from the county's Mental Health and Disability Services Department. These cuts have the potential to bleed jail-alternative programs, such as mental-health diversion programs for inmates. While the state's budget is still embroiled in partisan battles, Johnson County has pledged to continue funding for programs aimed at treating inmates with mental illnesses.

Far from the stereotype of the psycho killer, people with mental illness are no more likely to commit violent crimes than the rest of the population. But many people with these illnesses find themselves in jail as a result of their conditions; incarceration can further destabilize people struggling to get their lives and conditions under control.

Johnson County's support for jail-alternative programs, which provide medical care for people who might otherwise be headed to incarceration, is laudable even as the state forsakes one of its primary duties: operating a justice system that encourages rehabilitation, not recidivism.

Sixty-four percent of inmates in county jails were found to have some sort of mental-health problem, according to a national study by the U.S. Department of Justice; in the state of Iowa, nearly 40 percent of inmates have a diagnosed illness. Jail-alternative programs reduce the number of offenders who return to jail by 63 percent. Furthermore, the average stay for an inmate who went through a jail-alternative program was 154.8 days before the programs were put in place and 58.53 days after intervention — a significant difference of 96.27 days, according to a 2010 report.

Margaret Stout, the executive director of National Alliance on Mental Illness-Iowa, believes serving people who have been incarcerated is an integral part of mental-health care.

"We are always in favor of any diversion program that can be implemented to help people move from one institutional setting to another, whether it be the correction-

al system or the mental-health institution," Stout told the Editorial Board Tuesday.

Johnson County spends roughly \$160,000 on jail-alternative programs, helping approximately 200 people a year. While this may seem like a lot, the money funded for these programs offers inmates everything from substance-abuse counseling to literacy tutoring and job coaching. The money is divided up in three distinct ways: support for the Resource Intervention Center, support for in-house jail programs, and grants to local nonprofits.

"There is still a belief that they can gain from recovery and actually being involved in a rehab program," Stout said. "Sometimes, if these people are kept too long, they become institutionalized, and I think it's harder for them to move toward rehabilitation and recovery."

Michael Flaum, a University of Iowa clinical professor of psychiatry and Consortium of Mental Health director, isn't too worried that these programs will get cut. He says that each county is required to come up with some plan in anticipation of a shortfall in money. So if the state follows through and cuts these programs, he remains confident that Johnson County will find other sources of funding.

"I know nobody wants to cut these programs," Flaum said.

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors has pledged county money to fill any funding gaps created at the state level. Other counties may not be so lucky. With Iowa's prisons more than 25 percent over capacity, and prisons facing staff layoffs at the end of this month because of a budget crunch, any method of alleviating the burden in our often unjust criminal-justice system should be welcomed and supported.

Johnson County deserves praise for acknowledging the importance of jail alternatives in driving down recidivism and overcrowding and giving those suffering the counseling and services they need; other, less well-off counties may suffer under Iowa's willingness to jeopardize the state of mental-health services to make ends meet elsewhere.

Your turn. Should Iowa cut funding to jail-alternative programs for people with mental illnesses? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

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Misrepresentation of the royal wedding

Perhaps I'm pandering to an enemy from more than 200 years ago, but I found Beau Elliot's framing of the guest list of the royal wedding to be ridiculous. Elliot gleefully emphasized that neither of the two Labour Prime Ministers Blair and Brown were invited, while missing

the point that Sir John Major was only invited as the former guardian of the groom (after his mother died). The leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, Labour Leader Ed Miliband, was notably invited.

In addition, Elliot mentioned that President Barack Obama was not invited, while missing that Nicolas Sarkozy, the conservative French president, was not invited as well. The only

heads of state of non-monarchy countries that were invited were other royal families from around the globe. Every head of government in countries with a monarchy was invited, pointedly including Julia Gillard, the Liberal (and monarchy-opposed) Australian prime minister.

Had this been a formal state event — which it was not, given that Prince William is not the first in line for the throne —

Presidents Obama, Sarkozy, and many others would have been invited.

I would last like to point out that the royal wedding is a break from news of negative events, which Elliot never fails to bring to our attention. Considering how much he hates all these negative happenings, shouldn't a joyful event like a wedding bring him some happiness?

JohnPatrick Brown
UI freshman

U.S.A! U.S.A!
U.S.A!CHRIS STEINKE
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At 9:30 p.m. in Iowa City, the bars were as empty as any given Sunday evening. A half-hour later, throngs of people were crashing into the bar district, wearing flags around their necks, taking red, white and blue shots, and firing off fireworks.

U.S.A! U.S.A! U.S.A!

Osama bin Laden was dead, and the self-declared "peace-loving" community of Iowa City erupted in delight and decadence.

One could watch the news and see some version of the same thing on any college campus that was covered, communities that are supposed to be densely populated with rational, often liberal, thinkers. As soon as the news broke, anyone that is both politically aware and has a common sense realized that this did not mean the war on terror is over, that it did not negate 10 years of civilian and American deaths, and that it was nothing more than a strictly symbolic victory — which is why I think that Iowa City erupted, along with many other college campuses, because college kids (brace yourselves for this one) love to drink. Especially in a fit of spontaneous celebration.

"Spontaneous celebration" is not something typically connected with the war on terror, so maybe that's part of it. When it was announced that President Obama was going to make an unscheduled address to the country, most were expecting the worst, because, well, that's what we've come to associate with this war. It was a relief to celebrate our troops for once rather than mourn for them.

I did not partake in any of the festivities. I also think that someone's death, however evil that person may be, is not a reason to celebrate.

But if I hadn't had a 40-page portfolio due the next day, you bet your ass I would have taken out my "Proud American" T-shirt and sang "God Bless America" on the steps of the Old Capitol, because that sounds like a damn good time.

These celebrations were disgusting to lot of people, and for good reason. People were taking to the streets, waving flags, and

honking horns just as some Palestinians did following the attacks of 9/11. You wouldn't see very many, if any at all, family members of the 9/11 victims carousing in the streets the same way many college students did, and that's because it inevitably evoked excruciating memories from their past. College students are typically between the ages of 18 and 22, and for most of us, that was too young to fully understand the effect and tragedy that happened nearly 10 years ago. That's part of the reason we yelled, U.S.A! U.S.A! U.S.A!

Does this make it all right for us to celebrate death, stooping near the level those that wish "Death to America"?

No, not at all. I'm not proud to say I would have gone out and drunk with the rest of them, but it would be false to say I would not have and hypocritical to judge anyone who did.

Also, let's be clear: The majority of college students, I would say, were celebrating tongue-in-cheek. Do you think the reason people wore American flags around their necks was to express patriotism? Or rather, were they attempting to caricature a red-blooded, Bush-loving, American who was legitimately reveling in another person's death, who did believe this justified more than 4,500 American casualties since the start of the war?

Perhaps related, which do you think was quoted more on colleges campuses the night of May 1: The Declaration of Independence, or "Team America: World Police"?

I would answer the latter to both questions.

Again, this still does not justify it. I would be more proud of our community if we were to meet on the Pedestrian Mall and have a moment of silence for both the victims of 9/11 and the Americans and civilians who have died as a result of the ensuing war.

But in our defense, this was just as much a celebration of the success and dedication of our troops as it was anything else. Also, to offer a less excusable defense, there will be plenty of time for silence for the next two weeks; Sunday was the last day for many to celebrate anything, whether it be the weekend, the troops, the Bulls, or the death of the founder of Al Qaeda. So, please, allow me to be not the first one to say, U.S.A! U.S.A! U.S.A! ■

Guest opinion

The 20-week abortion myth from the GOP

Much has been written about abortion doctor LeRoy Carhart opening a clinic in Council Bluffs. It's an uproar at Council Bluffs City Council meetings and even caused the proposal of HF 657, a bill to ban abortion after 20 weeks. Let's ignore for a minute how ridiculous it is to write legislation to prevent someone from coming into your state or community to practice legal medicine; any such clinic is unlikely to open, and this issue is really a diversion.

I had the opportunity to work for Carhart in 2009-10. I've met over the course of my career tens of thousands of women who were

seeking safe, legal abortion services, some of these women needed later abortions. What seems to be lost in this debate is the actual human equation. Have any of these legislators even asked why a woman would seek an abortion after 20 weeks? Have they thought to seek someone out to share their story? If they did, they would never support this bill.

Late abortion is a heart-wrenching decision that is never made lightly. In my practice, I saw women travel thousands of miles with just the clothes on their backs, crying, distraught and broken, and the only hope they had left was that

someone might be there and be able to help them through this situation. Women who are facing severely deformed pregnancies, some which would be incompatible with life, children who had become pregnant as a result of incest or rape, women who were told lies by their physicians in order to deter them from abortion — the stories are myriad.

The forgotten element here is the women. Women need abortion; they need it to be safe, legal, and available. This bill's sole aim is to roll back the tide on *Roe* and decrease access to abortion. The right-wing has been chipping away for

decades now, and this is its newest mechanism. HF 657 is a myth that focuses on the 20th week of pregnancy, an arbitrary line, and would restrict abortions past this time.

Who are these legislators to decide the fate of women's lives? Women will die, women's lives will be destroyed, and forced pregnancy, which is tantamount to slavery, will result in unwanted births (which rarely end well).

For some reason, Republicans don't want to fund Medicaid, food stamps, welfare, and various social programs that many of these women will need if forced to

carry these pregnancies to term; in short, they only really care about these "babies" when they're in utero. This isn't about nurturing healthy kids; it's about pandering to their base and aiming to score political points.

If you could only see what I've seen and heard the stories I've heard. Can any of you who support this bill consider walking a mile in someone else's shoes? Do you think late-term abortion is an easy decision? Women don't just wake up one morning and decide, at 28 weeks pregnant, that they want an abortion.

I implore the Iowa Senate to vote down this destructive measure. I implore the Council Bluffs City Council to get back to doing the work its members were elected to do instead of letting this continue to waste their time. Instead of focusing on the issues that could help put Americans back to work and to ease the struggle of trying to survive such harsh economic times, these legislators, nearly all of whom are elderly, white, and male, have decided that their lack of empathy should take legislative form.

Ryan Swanek is a resident of Council Bluffs. A version of this article also appeared at RHRealityCheck.org.

Spotlight Iowa City



In his Coralville home on Tuesday, 15-year-old Bennett Luthje sorts through Japanese newspaper clippings of coverage of the March 11 earthquake and tsunami, which devastated Japan. Luthje's fundraising efforts have, as of the end of April, raised more than \$10,000, which will be donated to the Japanese Red Cross.

RACHEL JESSEN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Teen aids Japanese relatives

Bennett Luthje attends the Iowa City Japanese School.

By ALISON SULLIVAN
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One warm spring Saturday morning, Bennett Luthje bends over his notebook, working on math problems in his makeshift classroom — a tiny room in the basement of Zion Lutheran Church. Sitting between two classmates, his hand moves feverishly as he works on the equation.

As he does, a red band hugging his wrist wiggles with the rhythm of his hand scrawling out the answer.

Though the Northwest Junior High eighth-grader may be concentrating on his schoolwork, the band serves as a vigilant reminder his heart remains with a nation far across the ocean.

Etched into the band's surface are words that send a clear message.

"Ganbare nippon." Stay strong Japan.

Japanese-born, Bennett is one of several students who has raised funds to

Bennett Luthje

- Age: 15
- Lives: Coralville
- Favorite Food: Sushi
- Vacation Spot: Okinawa
- Favorite Artist: Wilco
- Favorite Hobby: Soccer

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Check out a multimedia piece on Bennett Luthje.

Yokohama, he and his family lived in Japan for five years. His mother and father met in Japan while his father was serving in the U.S. Navy.

And though the 15-year-old and his family now live in the United States, they return to the Asian country every summer to visit family.

Bennet said he was sitting in front of the television as the images of his birth country became covered with rubble and engulfed by waves when the earthquake and tsunami struck.

At first, he said, he had trouble reaching out to those he knew overseas, but he was able to eventually.

One uncle, he said, lives near the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear reactors, which

took a direct hit from the tsunami.

"We can't just stay there and watch the whole thing without doing something," Bennett said.

In response, he and several others created T-shirts and wristbands to sell, their earnings to be donated to the Red Cross, to help the victims of the disaster.

"I don't know if they'll ever get their lives back," he said about his friends and family.

Fourteen-year-old Brenna Marks, a friend who has joined Bennett in his efforts, said, "I hope it will help them in some way."

Luthje notes his passion for helping isn't just because of his loved ones. It's also about preserving his heritage.

"I don't want to forget, you know?" he said.

This is the third article in a five-part series on interesting local youth. Check back Thursday to read about a concert pianist from City High.

METRO

New restaurant Basta gets liquor license

The Iowa City City Council granted a liquor license to a new restaurant set to open in the former location of 808.

Co-owners of Atlas and Jimmy Jack's, James Adrien and Jack Piper, are set to open Basta, 121 Iowa Ave. The two have teamed up with Brady McDonald to open the Italian-style restaurant.

They expect to open toward the beginning of June, Piper said. The trio are renovating the former bar to fit the owners' expectations of a restaurant to benefit the entire community, he said.

— by Alison Sullivan

Woman charged with endangerment

Coralville police arrested an area woman after her daughter reported she had allegedly given her drugs, and tried to cover up the evidence.

Victoria Michelle Eckwall, 32, Coralville, was charged April 29 with child endangerment without injury.

According to a complaint, Eckwall's 12-year-old daughter

went to the Coralville police and reported her mother gave her narcotics and allowed her to use them in her presence.

The girl also told police Eckwall tried to make her shave her head in an attempt to prevent officials from testing her hair follicles for drug use.

Child endangerment without injury is an aggravated misdemeanor, punishable by up to two years in prison and a maximum fine of \$6,250.

— by Hayley Bruce

Liquor license for 'new' Summit OK'd

The Iowa City City Council approved the liquor license for the Summit Restaurant and Bar, 10 S. Clinton St., under a new owner on Tuesday.

The application for a license was filled by Christopher "Topher" Wanek, a business owner in Des Moines who intends to acquire the business.

Wanek, who knows current owner Mike Porter, said the offer arose when talking with Porter. He said he anticipates revitalizing the venue.

— by Alison Sullivan

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PROVOST

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Sukhatme said he hoped to discuss strengths and opportunities in public universities, as well as provide examples of his leadership in past administrative positions.

He worked in various teaching positions throughout the country after receiving a doctorate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1980. He worked for the University of Illinois-Chicago for 22 years, beginning as an associate professor of physics in 1980 and exiting as the interim provost for academic programs in 2002.

That same year, he took on an administrative position as dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the State University of New York-Buffalo.

Charles Stinger, the senior associate dean of faculty affairs at SUNY-Buffalo, worked for Sukhatme

Uday Sukhatme

A portion of Sukhatme's university résumé:

- Indiana University/Purdue University-Indianapolis, executive vice chancellor and dean of the faculties, 2006-present
- SUNY-Buffalo, dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2002-06
- University of Illinois-Chicago, various positions, 1980-2002
- Iowa State University, visiting professor, 1979-1980

Source: Uday Sukhatme's curriculum vitae

when the candidate served as the dean of the liberal-arts school.

Stinger said he "admired [Sukhatme] enormously."

In New York, Stinger said Sukhatme focused on expanding the number of faculty and the use of interdisciplinary research.

"In working with him, I think that his most remarkable personal characteristic is that he was never ruffled," Stinger said. "His temper was always even, no matter what the

challenge or the issue in front of him."

Sukhatme received a Bachelor of Science in mathematics from the University of Delhi in 1964. He then came to the United States, earning a Bachelor of Science and Doctorate of Science in physics from MIT.

Henrik Aratyn, the head of the physics department at the University of Illinois-Chicago, said Sukhatme is an "excellent" physicist who cowrote a successful book on supersymmetry in quantum mechanics — and a leader.

"He would help the University of Iowa in identifying and growing scientific and funding opportunities, and I anticipate that he will be an excellent fit there," Aratyn said.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said no specific time frame has been set for the announcement of the position. But he said the administration hopes to have the selected candidate on board by summer and working at the start of the academic year.

HOUSING

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"Any type of information is always great for students and first-time renters, but there is definitely a bigger problem going on in Iowa City than just this," said Molly Burke, a former UI student who is involved in a pending class-action lawsuit against Apartments Downtown for damages following a burglary after last winter break.

A judge recently added three more plaintiffs to the lawsuit, which claims Apartments Downtown targets renters with unfair and illegal rental practices.

Christopher Warnock, the plaintiffs' attorney, called Higgins' plan "naïve."

Though Warnock doesn't oppose the measure to increase education, he said he's concerned city officials may use it as a feeble way to claim any

problem has already been addressed.

"It doesn't do you any good to be informed about something if the landlord blatantly breaks the law," he said.

Higgins said students' right to their safety deposits and to better document their residence before and following their lease are some things new tenants may not know. After he had heard of others being taken advantage of by "unscrupulous landlords," Higgins decided to seek a way to help renters.

"Students oftentimes don't have a good understanding of the process because they're often the first time renting, they're vulnerable, and they're easily taken advantage of," he said.

Bal said he has students approach him frequently throughout the year regarding tenant-and-landlord issues. In 2010, roughly 323 students sought help from legal serv-

ices about tenant/landlord problems — 60 percent of those issues concerning their security deposits.

City Councilor Mike Wright said with many housing codes enforced at the state level, the city's abilities are limited.

"There's only so much we can do," he said. "I hope it helps."

Bal said Higgins approached him last fall, the first time a student government official had come to him to propose official action with the city.

Some changes Higgins wants to make cannot be done at the city level because the codes regarding issues such as security deposits are at the state level, said City Attorney Eleanor Dilkes.

But Higgins said this is just the start of changing regulations for renters. He plans to continue efforts in the next academic year with lobbying efforts to state legislators advocating for better codes for renters.

FINES

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Hayek said it is too premature to make changes to the 21-ordinance, which is less than a year old.

Under the proposal, people would receive a \$300 fine for their first offense — with the \$235 fee addition, that would total \$535.

"I'm very pleased that the council and city staff moved quickly on this," said Elliot Higgins, the University of Iowa Student Government president. "We always thought it was an excessive fine, but I waited until enough time had past to initiate this proposal."

During his tenure as City Council liaison, he first proposed the tiered system to city officials in April and said his ability to work with city councilors and advocate for students on other issues besides alcohol allowed him to be taken more seriously by councilors.

Despite any changes in fines, Iowa City police Sgt. Denise Brotherton said law enforcement's role won't change.

"It won't change how we do business," she said. "We'll still be enforcing like we would. It doesn't matter what the fine is."

Brotherton said she believes the amendment to the fine won't change student behavior.

"We always anticipate as new ordinances are passed that people will try to find ways around it, and we adjust accordingly," she said.

If all three considerations are passed, the amendment will take effect July 1.

The Council also approved \$250,000 in aid to downtown developer Marc Moen in rehabilitating the space formerly known as Vito's, 118 E. College St. Moen recently bought the building, and the project is expected to cost around \$2 million.

In accepting the tax increment financing, Moen agreed to not establish a bar or restaurant on the premises. The grant represents roughly 12.5 percent of the total project redevelopment expenses for the project. The developer is required to enter into a minimum assessment agreement of \$1.56 million over a span of eight years.

Moen is also associated with Plaza Towers and owns other buildings in the area. He said he hopes to attract national retail and create office space in the new area.

Iowa City Planning and Development Director Jeff Davidson told councilors Moen had been recently approached by potential renters interested in using both floors for retail, a deviation from original mixed-use plan.

All city councilors were in favor of Moen's plans and expressed interest in seeing the developments unfold.

"We're all very excited about this project," Councilor Regenia Bailey said. "This is exactly what we want to see downtown."



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WOMEN'S TENNIS

The Hawkeyes struggled all spring despite entering the season ranked No. 30. **3B**



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore Kelsey Hart leaps over the water barrier while competing in the 3,000-meter steeplechase during the 12th-annual Musco Twilight Meet at Cretzmeyer Track on April 24. Hart crossed the finish line in second place with a time of 10:56.57.

Steeplechase – a race with barriers

A select group of women on the track and field team runs the steeplechase, a strength event involving barriers no other event can claim.

By **AMY TIFFANY**
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Iowa senior Hannah Roeder is dripping with sweat. Her legs and uniform are covered in water. She had just completed the steeplechase — a track event covering 3,000 meters (7½ laps) that includes 35 barriers, including a water jump.

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Watch footage of the steeplechase from last weekend's Drake Relays and interviews with sophomore Kelsey Hart and junior Danielle Berndt.

The other barriers resemble long hurdles and stretch across roughly 3½ lanes.

The Iowa athletes who

run steeplechase have a fascination with the event.

Junior Danielle Berndt began competing in the event last year. She ran it once in high school and decided she wanted to try it in college. Berndt is one of the Hawkeyes who will compete in the steeplechase at the Big Tens.

"It's kind of brutal at times," she said. "So you

have to find it fun."

At the beginning, when the athletes are still bunched up, the barriers can be difficult and dangerous. Athletes can fall, and if a lot of the runners are still packed together, others can be taken down, too.

"When you try to jump over the hurdle in a big pack, you can't even see the hurdle, so you just have to

guess where to jump," Berndt said. "You have to position yourself so you can see where to jump."

She said she likes to stay out of trouble at the beginning of race by hanging back from the main pack to more easily identify where barriers are, then slowly pick people off as the race goes on. The anxious go-getters tire as her

endurance carries her through.

Success comes from being able to accelerate through the barriers, especially the water hazard, which slants up with the deepest water closest to the hurdle itself. It's the only barrier competitors can

SEE **STEEPLECHASE**, 4B



DAVID SCRIVNER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa sophomore and softball student assistant Ashley Vanderloo answers questions at Pearl Field on Tuesday. An aggravated injury of a previously slipped disc in her back during a weightlifting accident in the fall of 2009 eventually ended her playing career.

Hawk helps after injury ends career

A weightlifting injury ended her playing career, but Ashley Vanderloo still helps the Iowa softball team as a student assistant.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**
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Ashley Vanderloo, the student assistant for the Iowa softball team, sits in the press box every game day with a laptop computer and watches every pitch. As soon as the ball

reaches the catcher's mitt, Vanderloo goes to work.

She clicks the mouse on one of several buttons for different pitch types — curve ball, fastball, rise, or drop. She then

SEE **VANDERLOO**, 4B

Softball tries to end streak

The Hawkeye softball team will try to break its losing streak in a double-header against Illinois tonight.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**
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The Iowa softball team is in a slump. After sweeping its home series against Michigan State and Northwestern in the first half of April and toppling No. 1 Michigan in Ann Arbor, the Hawkeyes have fallen in their past five games against Michigan, Wisconsin, and Indiana.

Iowa lost to Wisconsin last week after making three errors in two games and then were defeated by Indiana when the Hawkeyes registered only three hits in the two-game series in Bloomington, Ind., on April 30 and May 1.

But Iowa will have a clean slate when the Hawkeyes challenge Illinois in a double-header today at Pearl Field. The first game will begin at 4 p.m. and the second at 6 p.m.

"We know that we've learned from those outings, but we're not going to dwell on them," head coach Marla Looper said. "That's always hard, because



Looper
coach

SEE **SOFTBALL**, 4B

India and Alexander named Iowa Athletes of the Year

Seniors Vince India and Kachine Alexander have been named the Iowa Athletes of the Year. They are now the Hawkeyes' nominees for 2011 Big Ten Male and Female Athlete of the Year honors.

India was the recipient of the award after putting together the best individual golf season in Hawkeye history.

The Deerfield, Ill., native received the Les Bolstad trophy for having the lowest stroke average in the Big Ten and was named the conference's Golfer of the Year. The nation's eighth-ranked player was Big Ten Golfer of the Week twice this spring and won three tournaments this year.

India has played in nine stroke-play tournaments this year and has finished in the top-15 in all, including eight top-10 finishes.

Alexander, a native of Minneapolis,

became the first player in Iowa women's basketball history and just the fifth player in Big Ten history to collect 1,000 career points, 800 career rebounds, and 300 career assists.

This season, she led all guards nationally in rebounding, recording 9.5 per game and was a first team All-Big Ten selection and a member of the league's all-defensive team.

She was also named an honorable mention All-American by the AP and won the first-ever Premier

Player of College Basketball Award. The Minnesota Lynx selected her with the 26th overall pick in the 2011 WNBA draft on April 11.

India is now in the running for the 2011 Jesse Owens Male Athlete of the Year award, and Alexander is a candidate for the Suzy Favor Female Athlete of the Year award.

The winners will be announced in late June following a vote by a panel of Big Ten media.

— by Ben Wolfson

Moeaki returns

Tony Moeaki will be back in Iowa City today.

The former Iowa and current Kansas City Chief tight end — along with former Hawkeyes Jeff Tarpinian and Brett Morse — will be at

Active Endeavors today from 5-6:30 p.m. Fans are invited to attend the event and bring memorabilia, because the trio will sign autographs. The players will be discussing the benefits of training in the Vibram Fivefinger shoe.

Moeaki played at Iowa from 2005-09, recording 76 catches for 953 yards and 11 touchdowns. The Wheaton, Ill., native was selected in the third round of the 2010 NFL draft by Kansas City, and he caught 47 passes for 556 yards and three touchdowns as a rookie.

Tarpinian played linebacker from 2006-10, and made 97 career tackles, including two sacks. Morse, who also played at Iowa from 2006-10, started 34 games at full-back during his Hawkeye career.

— by Jordan Garretson



Moeaki
Kansas City Chief
tight end



Alexander
nominee for Big
Ten Female Athlete
of the Year



Baseball looks for offense

The Hawkeyes have used a variety of lineups this season amid their offensive struggles.



BRENNAN NORMAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's Trevor Willis slides into third base during the bottom of the first inning of the Hawks' game against Kansas at Banks Field on April 12. Iowa lost, 12-5.

By MATT COZZI
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The Iowa baseball team's offense has been so lethargic this season that head coach Jack Dahm has used more than 20 different lineup combinations.

Leadoff man Trevor Willis and No. 3 hitter Mike McQuillan have been the only constants for the Hawkeyes (16-25, 5-10 Big Ten) in 2011, and McQuillan is the biggest source of run production so far in Big Ten play.

Heading into today's game against Wisconsin-Milwaukee (19-22, 9-7 Horizon League), Iowa's limited offense has been a reason for the lack of consistent lineups. The Hawkeyes will square off

against the Panthers for a 6:05 p.m. first pitch at Banks Field today.

"We would have liked to have had a set lineup heading into Big Ten play, but we just haven't been producing offensively," Dahm said. "We've mixed and matched. For the most part, though, we've tried to stick with our older guys."

Dahm noted that after the Michigan series on April 22-24, the coaching staff decided to stick with the Hawkeyes' more-experienced players. While there have been a few tweaks in the lineup every so often, the same players have usually occupied the nine spots in the batting order, despite the struggles.

More than half of the

Iowa (16-25, 5-10 Big Ten) vs. Wisconsin-Milwaukee (19-22, 9-7 Horizon League)

When: 6:05 P.M. TODAY
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order is filled with upperclassmen, among them fifth-year senior Tyson Blaser, who hit his first home run of the season on Sunday.

"When we've been struggling offensively like we have, you're going to try to find the best lineup that's going to work," Blaser said. "We've had a variation of lineups, but right now I think we're close to [solidifying] a

lineup that will give us the most productivity."

While Iowa is third to last in team batting average in the Big Ten, Willis and McQuillan have been productive for the Hawkeyes.

Willis has been the leadoff spot almost the entire spring, and he has proven to be a legitimate threat there. The 6-3 center fielder is tied for fifth nationally with seven triples. McQuillan leads Iowa with a .338 average and has 26 RBIs.

This is the second-straight season McQuillan has seen a majority of his plate appearances in the third spot in the order, and the junior second baseman has had success.

"Mike is a natural hitter," Dahm said. "We feel really good about him in the 3-hole. He's the one guy who teams have worked around at times. He's our best hitter, so the natural spot for him is in that third spot."

For Iowa, tonight's midweek game against a non-conference opponent will allow less-experienced players to receive some at-bats. Dahm said he expects freshman outfielders Kyle Haen and Taylor Zeutenhorst to play at some point during the game, if not start.

Sophomore Ricky Sandquist will toe the rubber against Milwaukee; the right-hander has become accustomed to starting midweek games. Sandquist is 1-3 this season with a 9.00 ERA in 29

innings pitched.

"[Tonight's] midweek game is an opportunity to build some confidence going into the weekend series," McQuillan said. "We can work on some things before Friday. It will definitely be a springboard for us."

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Seniors to push rowers at Big Tens

The Iowa rowing team's senior class leads the squad into the season's final weeks.

By RYAN MURPHY
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As the Iowa rowing team prepares for its biggest event of the season — the Big Ten championships on May 15 in Indianapolis — the squad looks to one group in particular leadership: the 13-member senior class.

In their time as Hawkeyes, the seniors have experienced the construction of the state-of-the-art Beckwith Boathouse and have individually received accolades such as All-American (Jessica Novack) and National Scholar Athlete (Haylie Miller, Heidie Miller, Anna Kolden, and Allison Robinson). The senior class has been instrumental in the team's success this season, including victories over Duke, Cornell, and Oklahoma, among others.

Assistant coach Carrie Callen, who has been on staff for all four years of the seniors have been in Iowa City, said they have been able to use experience to have a positive effect on their more youthful teammates.

"A group as large as our senior class can have a big impact on the people around them," Callen said. "They can be those leaders who know that our training has prepared us, know that we can go beyond our limits, and just have confidence in that."

Despite gaining individual accolades throughout their time at Iowa, the seniors have never finished higher than fifth at



FILE PHOTO/THE DAILY IOWAN

The Iowa women's rowing team competes in the Head of Iowa on Oct. 31, 2010. The squad's 13-member senior class will be crucial to a good performance at the Big Ten championships on May 15.

"They can be those leaders who know that our training has prepared us, know that we can go beyond our limits, and just have confidence in that."

— Carrie Callen, rowing assistant coach

the Big Ten championships. The last top-five finish at Big Tens for the rowing team came in 2003. The squad has never won a Big Ten championship in the 11 years the conference has had the sport.

Senior Allison Loft-house said a big perform-

ance at the conference championships would be the perfect cap on their careers.

"It would definitely solidify the whole four years and all the work we've put in," she said. "To be able to end on a good note and have that good taste in your mouth after the season would be great."

Nine of the 13 seniors started as members of the novice team as freshmen and have worked their way up to varsity level over the past four years. Their experience has helped them bond, especially on the water.

Callen said the seniors will be very important for the Hawkeyes to compete well at the Big Ten championships. She said their influence will come both

before the event and during the races in the boats.

"This is their fourth time doing it, so I think they have gained experience and drawn confidence," she said. "They know what it's like to be in this position, and they know that they have to pull together and have their best race of the year, and nothing about that changes."

Robinson said she has loved her time as a Hawkeye rower but noted that the job of the Class of 2011 is not quite done.

"It's been an intense, but really fun, four years," she said. "And we're really looking forward to going out on a good note and hopefully getting to the medals [at Big Tens]."

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Women's tennis hopes to rebound

The Hawkeyes started the season ranked No. 30 but finished with a 6-16 record.

By NICK SZAFRANSKI
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Coming off of a 17-7 2010 campaign, Katie Dougherty had high hopes for the No. 30 nationally ranked Iowa women's tennis team.

Four days after the 2011 spring season came to a close, the second-year head coach looked back upon the year with a far different attitude.

"I knew going into the season we would have a lot of quality opponents," Dougherty said. "Our schedule wasn't padded. I knew we would have a lot of matches that could go either way, I wouldn't have been shocked, but we are disappointed. That is part of the deal when you play a tough schedule."

The Hawkeyes finished the season with a 6-16 record.

Players and coaches pointed to inconsistent play over the entirety of the season as the reason for the poor year.

"We weren't playing our best tennis at the same time," Dougherty said. "We had good performances from a lot of different players; our doubles weren't where they needed to be. We had opportunities to put it all together. We had a couple of close matches, 4-3 matches."

"If we would've won half of them, our season would have been different."

Iowa played eight matches in which the vic-



RYAN MILLER/THE DAILY IOWAN

Iowa's doubles duo of Jessica Young (left) and Sonja Molnar compete against Purdue's Jennifer Rabot and Mara Schmidt on April 3 at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. The Hawkeyes' No. 1 doubles team fell to the Boilermakers, 8-3.

tor won by two or fewer points. The Hawkeyes dropped five of those matches en route to their unsatisfactory record.

However, the team has taken the objective to look forward rather than dwell on the past.

The Hawkeyes' recruiting class includes three five-star recruits and was ranked the No. 19 recruiting class in the country by tennisrecruiting.net.

"I'm going to be looking at them to make an imme-

diated impact in singles and in doubles," Dougherty said. "They all come in with a wealth of experience, a couple of them at juniors and a couple at the international level. The level won't be new, it is just balancing school and the Big Ten and a national schedule. That will be the piece that determines how well we do."

This year's team was top-heavy on experience. Three seniors and three juniors headlined the

seven-woman team.

However, with the three seniors — Jessica Young, Alexis Dorr, and Lynne Poggensee-Wei — graduating, and no sophomores on the roster, next season's squad will have a new look.

"This year we had an older team with a lot of upperclassmen," freshman Christina Harazin said.

"Next year, we are definitely going to have a younger team with five underclassmen. Hopefully they can win for us and

continue to compete throughout the year. Our three seniors — Sonja [Molnar], Cassie [Escobar], and Ally [Majercik] — are going to be the leaders and are going to show us how to have a good season in the Big Ten.

"The three seniors are definitely going to help the freshmen coming in."

Molnar, who is the No. 99 singles player and was part of the No. 35 doubles team, has the most experience. Along with Escobar

and Majercik, she will have to step into a leadership role.

"Sonja wants to close out her career on a high note," Dougherty said. "That has been a goal for herself. [Harazin] has really progressed well for herself and turned into a completely different player, really matured. Cassie did a great job, and Ally is right there. They all will need to do a great job in mentoring the younger players."

Heat use late run to push series to 2-0

A late 14-0 run lifts Heat past Celtics, 102-91

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

MIAMI — LeBron James walked toward Mario Chalmers in the final minute with a content look.

He punched his teammate twice in the chest. Fitting, because James and the Miami Heat have now landed two blows against the Boston Celtics.

James scored 24 of his 35 points in the second half, Dwyane Wade added 28, and the Heat used a late 14-0 run to pull away and beat the Celtics, 102-91, in Game 2 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series on Tuesday night.

"Now the mental discipline begins," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "This thing is just getting started."

Chris Bosh finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds for Miami, which leads the best-of-seven 2-0.

Boston tied the game at 80 on a pair of free throws by Paul Pierce with 7:10 left. The Celtics missed their next six shots and Miami pulled away, taking command of both the game and the series — which doesn't resume in Boston until Saturday night.

"That's our staple. We know the only way for us to win games, especially in the playoffs, is to play defense," James said. "Everyone has each other's back. If one guy gets beat, another steps up. They made a run, a heck of a run ... but we just kept grinding, kept playing our principles, and we finally wore them down."

Rajon Rondo played through a balky back to score 20 points and add 12 assists for Boston, which got 16 points from Kevin Garnett and 13 from Paul Pierce. The Celtics have only rallied from an 0-2 deficit in a best-of-seven series once.

Jeff Green scored 11, and Delonte West added 10 for the Celtics, who got only seven from Ray Allen on 2-for-7 shooting.

Even for a franchise with such fabled history as the Celtics, an 0-2 deficit represents a colossal challenge.

This is now the ninth time Boston has dropped the first two games in a best-of-seven series. In the previous eight, the Celtics prevailed only against the Los Angeles Lakers in the 1969 NBA finals.

And it's something this group of Celtics have never faced before, either.

The last time Boston lost the first two games of a playoff matchup was in 2004, when it was swept by Indiana. The current core of Celtics had lost Game 1s four other times before this series, then bounced back to win Game 2 each time, against Chicago and Orlando in 2009, then Cleveland and the Lakers in 2010.

Not this time. "Nothing we can do about it," Celtic coach Doc Rivers said. "We've got a third game, and we've got to take care of that. Whatever the past is, it is. They've won two games at home. But we can't allow them to play like this, or it's going to be tough at our place."

To win this series, Boston will need to prevail four times in a five-game span — which it did in the first round against Miami last year, then again in the second round at the expense of James and the Cavaliers in the East semis. So it can be done, but neither James (7-0) nor Wade (5-0) has ever been part of a playoff series defeat after their clubs won the first two games.

"This is a great team we are going against right now," James said. "We're just trying to give ourselves a good chance to win, just try to keep

on attacking them, playing as hard as we can defensively, just trying to wear them down throughout the game, but it's a great team."

The Celtics had more than a chance to avoid the 0-2 hole.

James scored 12 points in the third quarter, one more than he managed in the first half, to help Miami take a 72-67 cushion into the final 12 minutes. James then added the first basket of the fourth, but Boston answered with a 13-6 run over the next four minutes to knot the game at 80.

Miami's rebuttal was swift — and crucial.

That's when Miami's big run began, including a three-

point play in which James dunked and got fouled after Joel Anthony kept an offensive rebound alive. Chalmers started it all with a 3-pointer — his only points of the night — off a pass from Wade, and Miami was on its way.

"Great trust," Spoelstra said.

Jermaine O'Neal had a chance to end Boston's drought with 4:53 left, but his dunk was partially blocked by Anthony and bounced off the rim. James hit a long jumper from the left corner 17 seconds later, pushing the Heat lead to 92-80, their biggest to that point.



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The Miami Heat's LeBron James (left) prepares to drive against the Boston Celtics' Ray Allen during the first half of Game 2 Tuesday in Miami.

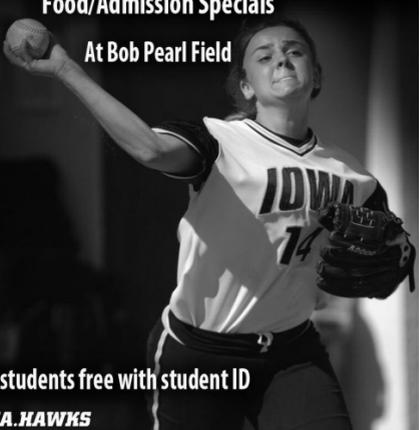
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actually step on to get over, and getting good position on every barrier is important.

"You're at the mercy of the people around you in hoping that not only can you navigate around the course, but they can too without potentially getting in your way or in some way hampering your performance," head coach Layne Anderson said.

Roeder, a first-year Iowa graduate student who has run the steeplechase since her freshman year of college, said she can tell when it's a good jump over the water barrier because her stride is long and it easily clears the jump. She tries to land with one foot in the water, her second step clearing the water.

But naturally, steeplechase competitors are going to get wet.

At the 102nd Drake Relays on April 28-30, Roeder and Berndt com-

peted in the steeplechase. Evelyn Ross, one of Iowa's volunteer assistant coaches who is working toward competing at the USA Championships in the steeplechase, also ran unattached at Drake. Ross, a first-year graduate student, has run the steeplechase since her freshman year at Claremont-Mudd-Scripps in California.

"I actually find the steeplechase to be my best event because the barriers force you to be really aggressive, and so I have in my head every time you're going through a barrier you've got to accelerate," Ross said. "... You have to be really competitive, and you have to be aggressive to get in a good position and not get boxed in, because otherwise, it's scary."

Anderson said the race is made for people who are able to grind it out, such as Roeder, enjoy the long runs, and are powerful runners. Ross said she trains like 10K or a 5K runner, with high mileage during the week.

"[Roeder has] raced it

quite a bit," Anderson said. "She has a good game plan, and it fits well with the type of runner she is."

Sophomore Kelsey Hart ran the event for the first time at the Musco Twilight on April 23. After the race, she was told she would run it at Big Tens, which Iowa will host May 13-15. Hart said she was surprised at how well her first attempt went — she finished in second place, clocking in at 10:56.57.

The curious nature of Berndt and Hart led them to experiment with the event, and now they are both running it at the Big Tens. The barriers are a track rarity, and steeplechase competitors are not very common. These distance runners have a curiosity in the event not many track athletes can say they have tried, or are even willing to try.

"It's also just the ridiculous nature of it," Roeder said. "It's pretty fun."

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clicks on a grid to indicate where in the strike zone the ball crossed the plate. Finally, she clicks "save," ensuring that the system will record video of the pitch, along with the type and location she's just entered.

Vanderloo is occasionally asked how she's able to tell so quickly what type of pitch it was.

"Sometimes, it's kind of a 'guesstimate,'" the Sioux City native said and laughed. "But I've grown more comfortable with it, and it's come with experience."

Also helping Vanderloo recognize the pitches is that she spent a year facing them each day in practice and a high-school career crushing them. Last season, she was a Hawkeye outfielder who appeared in 15 games and started one. In high school, she batted .497 for her career and led the state of Iowa as a junior hitting at a .602 clip.

"That's the reason why we felt that was a good role for her," head coach Marla Looper said. "That experience, and she

knows what the pitches are supposed to look like."

In the fall of 2009, Vanderloo lifted weights with her teammates in preparation for her first season of college softball. The sophomore admits she "didn't really know what I was doing." As she attempted a hang clean — where a person starts with the bar at waist level, then lifts it up to her shoulders — Vanderloo aggravated a previously slipped disc in her back.

Though she didn't realize it at the time, her softball playing career had effectively ended before it began.

Vanderloo played and practiced through mild pain for a full season and trained hard last summer in hopes of earning a starting spot her sophomore year. But the pain grew worse, and despite therapy this fall with team trainers, her back had been too badly injured.

Over winter break, Vanderloo called Looper and tearfully told her that she had decided, after consulting with doctors, to stop playing.

"A doctor told me that I could play now and pursue my dream or have a normal healthy life in 10 years," the sophomore said. "That kind of swayed me."

Vanderloo asked if she could stay on as a manager. She still attends every practice and game, feeding the batting machine and helping set up equipment in addition to her video work. Teammates say despite not playing, she still provides some of the same benefits to the program she did last year.

"She really has filled a lot of the same role she did last year," senior Chelsey Carmody said. "She's a big part of the team, and she always has been. She's a great person to bring people together, and she's continued to do that this year."

Looper said Vanderloo showed professionalism in transitioning from player to staff and said Vanderloo's pride and work ethic make her an asset to the organization. In return, Vanderloo gets to hang around the team and the players she grew attached to.

"I think I'd be a lot more sad if I had completely quit the team," she said. "But them having me around helped. Most of these girls are my best friends, and they treat me like I'm on the team. And I still have the team's best interests at heart. I try to do whatever I can to help it out every day."

With four conference games left, the Hawkeyes feel the urgent need to get out of their slump, with the most pressure on the seniors to bring the team back together. The last conference games against Illinois and Penn State will be crucial if Iowa hopes to qualify for regionals.

"Things were going really well," Looper said. "We were on a high. The thing is though, when you're up there, the only place to go is down unless you can maintain it, and that's not easy. People want to knock you down when you're up there, but you've got learn to not knock yourself down — you have enough people trying to do that for you. And if you do get knocked down, you have to get yourself back up."

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you're dwelling on it to learn from it, but you've got to learn to shut out the negative and only use the positive."

Freshman pitcher Kayla Massey is making a proactive effort to fix mistakes she made against Wisconsin on April 28. After missing an opportunity to pick off a "sleeping" base runner at second, Massey allowed a three-run homer to the next batter.

But instead of dwelling on the negative, she went into practice and worked on pitching from the same count that she allowed the home run on. The Foothill Ranch, Calif., native also said she learned to trust her instincts when fielding the ball and picking off base runners.

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"Working on it definitely makes me feel more confident because if it happens again I know I won't have to struggle with it again," Massey said. "Once you learn from it, then it's much easier when it happens a second time because you've had time to think about it and work on it."

Although many of the mistakes the team is working to fix are physical, the team will still put a lot of effort into recovering mentally as well. The biggest psychological mistake they've made is dwelling on their mistakes, but as a team, the Hawkeyes are learning to let go.

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Things Freshmen Should Have Learned By Now:

- You don't need to raise your hand to ask the professor in your 150-student lecture if you may use the restroom.
 - You don't need to bring notes from your mom explaining why you missed the previous class.
 - There is no such thing as a "clique" in college — except the annoyingly loud people in the back corner of each lecture hall ... the athletes ... the sorority girls ... the frat guys ... the Honors students ... the ... OK, I'm wrong.
 - You don't need to text under your desk; the professor won't take your phone to the principal. You may, however, be called-out in front of the 97 other students doing exactly the same thing.
 - Course evaluations are your opportunity to tell your professor her dog sweaters are hideous, her exams are a pain in the ass, and her eyebrows need tweezing.
 - That's not a cold sore.
 - If your TA doesn't know your name by the third discussion, chances are he never will, and you can just forget about getting any participation points. Or his cell number.
 - The Pentacrest Cambus, despite what its name may imply, does not go around and around the Pentacrest all day.
 - There are no assigned seats, meaning you really don't have to sit next to the tweaked-out guy in the corner. So if you keep doing so, don't bitch about it.
 - Starting a term paper five hours before it's due doesn't mean you're a bad person or a procrastinator; it means you're fuhmazing because you get'er done.
- Trisha Spence misses being a naïve freshie.

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HERE COMES THE SUN



JULES PRATT/DAILY IOWAN

UI engineering students take turns watching over a solar-powered cooking system outside the Main Library on Tuesday. The cooking system is part of a mechanical-engineering senior design project in which the students plan on charging the system for two days before testing its cooking capabilities. By utilizing such simple items as sand, which can be used to store the heat generated by the Sun, the students hope the system can be used to help people around the world who have little or no access to electricity.

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THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE

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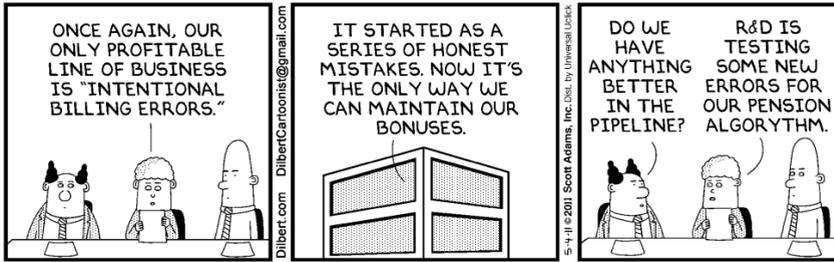
- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 5:40 p.m. Center for New Music Concert, Wolfgang David, violin, Guo Gan, ehru, and David Gompper, piano, Feb. 19
 - 7 Finkbine Awards Dinner, April 5
 - 7:50 College is Possible, information about college admissions from the UI Admissions Office
 - 8 Stuit Hall Grand Reopening, April 14
 - 9 Iowa Magazine, Impact Impact, Center for Media Production & the Big Ten Network
 - 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
 - 9:45 Concerto/Aria Concert, UI Chamber Orchestra, April 18, 2010
 - 10:30 Daily Iowan Television News
 - 10:45 Java Blend Encore, music videos from the Java House
 - 11 Finkbine Awards Dinner, April 5
 - 11:50 College is Possible, information about college admissions from the UI Admissions Office

horoscopes

 Wednesday, May 4, 2011
— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Overload is normal for you, and although you aren't happy unless you are running around in a frenzy, focus more on what truly needs to get done. Pay attention to your emotional, mental, and physical well-being. Romance is in the stars.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Your concern with financial security for you and your family will prompt you to find out more about investment opportunities. Small-business ventures can pay off if you start small and let your idea grow naturally.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Branch out, and discover new people and places. A change in your regular routine will help you recognize what you want to do next. Taking part in events geared toward a cause you believe in will lead you to someone who can help you advance.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Stop clinging to the past. Get rid of negative energy and the people who don't treat you properly. It's time to stand up for your rights and to follow a path that is geared toward your advancement.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Focus on work, applying for a new job, or working toward advancement where you are working. You need a change, so don't be reluctant to apply for a position that entails a geographical move. An unexpected opportunity will revive your hope for a better future.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Acceptance and moderation will be required. Don't jump to conclusions or let your emotions take over. Loss is likely if you don't protect your possessions and your cash. You'll regret an impulsive response you made.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Love will play a role in your life today. You will attract attention wherever you go, so be careful not to lead someone on. The potential to come into money because of a rebate, surrender, or a win is in the stars.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Use your imagination to decorate or renovate your home, but don't go over budget. Emotional issues regarding money and someone you are close to could develop. A change can be good but it doesn't have to break the bank.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Take advantage of the opportunities that allow you to alter your living space or get involved in a social group where you can network freely. Your self-confidence will persuade someone to take a chance on a proposal you make.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Keep your thoughts to yourself. Arguments will be a waste of time. Colleagues are not likely to agree with whatever choice you make. Do your own thing, and stick close to those you can trust to not jeopardize your position or your future.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Hooking up with an old friend or changing the way you do things will keep you busy and stir up old memories and ambitions. Expect someone to disapprove of what you do or who you are with. Evaluate your motives.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Refrain from letting your emotions rule. Put your time and energy into what counts and you will attract the help you need to get your plans up and running. A practical approach will convince others to take part.

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today's events

- **Know the 10 Warning Signs**, 10 a.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Master of Public Health Poster Session**, 10 a.m., Eckstein Medical Research Building Atrium
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Inorganic Seminar**, "Comparative Studies of Guanidinato Complexes of Iridium (I): Ligand-Donor Strength and O2 Reactivity," Matthew Kelley, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **"Plant Leaves as Templates for Ordered and Porous Metal Oxides: Facile Synthesis and Complex Morphology,"** Andrew Zimmerman, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Combined Performance: Movies and Musicals**, 2 p.m., Senior Center
- **Iowa New Play Festival Reading**, "Black intellectuals chew the flan waiting for death and/or tenure," Iris Goodwin, 2:30 p.m., 172 Theatre Building
- **Biostatistics Seminar**, Preceptorship Reports "Heart Rate and Walking Speed in a Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program," Derek Blanchette, "Unsafe Median and Shoulder Crossings in Alzheimer Patients," 3:30 p.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Public Forum**, UI Provost Finalist, 3:30 p.m., Bijou
- **Bike Rodeo**, 5 p.m., Horn Elementary, 600 Koser
- **From Bourgeois to Boogie: Black Middle-Class Performances**, 5 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Iowa City Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **Mary Vermeer Andringa**, lecture, 5 p.m., Sheraton Hotel, 210 S. Dubuque
- **Iowa New Play Festival, People of the Ditch**, by Kevin Artigue, directed by Patrick Reynolds, 5:30 & 9 p.m., Theatre Building Thayer Theatre
- **AICHe National Student Design Competition 2011**, 6 p.m., 3111 Seamans Center
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Wednesday Ride**, 6 p.m., Penn Meadows Park, North Liberty
- **Bingo**, 6:30 p.m., Eagle's Club, 225 Highway 1 W.
- **Certified Copy**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Francisco Goldman, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 6:30 p.m., Senior Center
- **PJ Story Time**, 7 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **SoundReach Choir Concert**, 7 p.m., Senior Center
- **Travelogues with Patrick Nefzger**, 7 p.m., Senior Center
- **UI Jazz Jam**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **Nonfiction Writing Program Writers Gone Public**, undergraduate nonfiction readings, 7 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building
- **University and Concert Bands**, 7:30 p.m., IMU Main Ballroom
- **Title Tracks**, 8 p.m., Blue Moose
- **Even the Rain**, 9 p.m., Bijou
- **The Jam**, 10 p.m., 13 S. Linn

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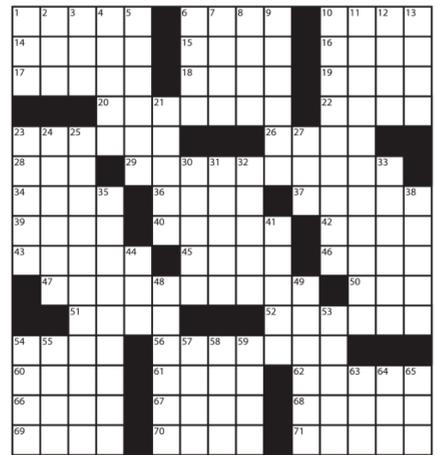
The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- Pursuit of a goal
 - Yoda, for one
 - 10 Altar locale
 - 14 Thompson and Watson
 - 15 Two eighth notes, for iTunes, e.g.
 - 16 Empty, in math
 - 17 Cause to cover
 - 18 Oater fare
 - 19 Understand, slangly
 - 20 What a smudge may indicate
 - 22 Foreman portrayer on "House"
 - 23 Typewriter keyboard format
 - 26 Bluffer's undoing, in poker
 - 28 Use one's scull
 - 29 *Like a baby girl's laundry?
 - 34 Bag brand
 - 36 One going before a judge
 - 37 Corrida wear
 - 39 Done for
 - 40 Eye problems
 - 42 Theocratic state
 - 43 Often-mocked cars of the past
 - 45 Jack's love in "Titanic"
 - 46 Possessing many pesos
 - 47 Like light from stars moving away from us ... or like the answers to this puzzle's starred clues?
 - 50 Confirm-deny link
 - 51 Opportunities for discussion
 - 52 "___ touch!"
 - 54 Vista part: Abbr.
 - 56 He had a Blue Period
 - 60 Dolly the matchmaker
 - 61 Grow wearisome
 - 62 ___ de Torquemada, Spanish inquisitor
 - 66 Abe or Ike
 - 67 They may clash
 - 68 City on the Mohawk
 - 69 Like the Atacama
 - 70 Scrubbed, as a mission
 - 71 Material for a baking dish
- Down**
- "And that proves it"
 - Thurman of "Pulp Fiction"
 - Creature on Australia's 50-cent coin
 - Not so off the wall
 - Feature of some sandals
 - Happy people dance them
 - Color of raw silk
 - Ill-humored
 - Still being tested
 - Pasta variety
 - "Newspapers read by royalty?"
 - Not stay in the bucket, say
 - Some lodge members
 - "Sealed With ___"
 - Canine, to a tot
 - Bravery, in Britain
 - 25 *Illness caused by eating Cheetos?
 - 27 Key near F1
 - 30 ___-Grain cereal bars
 - 31 Stevie Wonder's "Songs in the ___ Life"
 - 32 Take forcibly
 - 33 Priest's assistant
 - 35 Freshen
 - 38 Bull pen sound
 - 41 Comes across as
 - 44 Ukr., e.g., until 1991
 - 48 Come to pass
 - 49 Quarrel
 - 53 Like a chimney sweep
 - 54 Matherhorn's locale
 - 55 "A ___ technically!"
 - 57 "Aladdin" parrot
 - 58 Pipe problem
 - 59 Moreover
 - 63 Atlantis docked with it
 - 64 Sleuth Ventura
 - 65 Tenor ___

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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