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3rd person charged in Versypt slaying

Iowa City police have charged a third person with first-degree murder in the October 2009 shooting death of a Broadway landlord, according to a press-release.

Courtney Lynchoyia White, 23, was taken into custody without incident Monday, the release said.

John Versypt, 64, of Cordova, Ill., was found lying in the hallway in 1958 Broadway after being shot while tending to his property.

The arrest comes nearly a week after a Johnson County judge declared a mistrial in the trial of Charles W.C. Thompson, 19, who had also been charged in Versypt's slaying. The mistrial was granted after the prosecution failed to redact portions of a video interview shown to the jury.

Police also charged Justin Alexander Marshall, 20, with first-degree murder on July 14, after an investigation allegedly revealed his involvement.

Before his arrest, Marshall had been held by police as a material witness.

Throughout the trial, Thompson's defense attorney, Tyler Johnston, told the jury Thompson was in his own apartment at the time of the shooting.

The defense also told the jury police pressured neighbors into changing their story during their investigation.

As of Monday evening, White was being held in the Johnson County Jail under \$1 million bond, the release said.

— by Hayley Bruce

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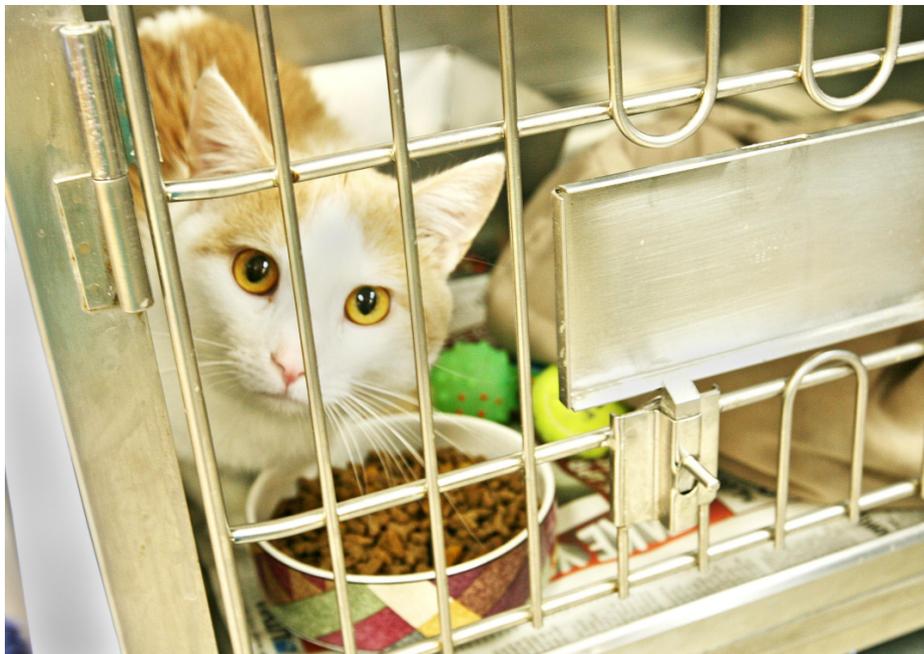


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 Sunny, calm. Yawn.



A cat stares from its cage at the Iowa City animal shelter on Monday. As the shelter raises money to build a new facility to replace the one destroyed in the 2008 flood, animals have been housed in a temporary building. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

City ponders shelter

Iowa City taxes contribute to 68 percent of the Animal Care and Adoption Center's operations.

By **ASMAA ELKEURTI**

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For Iowa City, a single operator of the city's animal-control services may not be enough.

Research of peer communities conducted by the City Manager's Office shows nine of the 14 cities surveyed have animal-control services that contract with local humane societies. In contrast, Iowa City runs an animal shelter itself, without collaboration from nonprofit entities.

The City Council will meet today to discuss options for

the city's animal services as well as a new animal shelter. The city's original facility was destroyed by the 2008 flood, and since then, animals have been housed in a temporary facility.

The City Manager's Office conducted research on cities similar to Iowa City in size and population, looking into what kind of animal-control services existed and which would be most beneficial to Iowa City, said Adam Bentley, an administrative assistant to the city manager.

"We talk to private entities all the time, and there's no pri-

vate entity that's expressed interest," said the Director of Animal Services Misha Goodman. "We have seen no interest in somebody taking this over. It's quite an expensive venture to do."

Similarly, Cedar Rapids operates animal services independently from the Cedar Valley Humane Society, said Diane Webber, the program manager for Cedar Rapids Animal Care and Control.

While Cedar Rapids approached the society for a partnership, it was unable to

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Study abroad not risk-free

Presumed-dead UI student would be the first to die while studying abroad in university history.

By **MATT STARNES**

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Rarely in the United States does an industry that pulls in \$17 billion annually go unregulated.

Still, many study-abroad programs in the United States are operated by private companies, and many answer only to private accreditation boards, not to any government regulators.

University of Iowa student Thomas Plotkin went missing late last month while he was on a trip to India with the National Outdoor Leadership School, one of more than 1,500 independent organizations governed by the Association for Experiential Education.

"The core essence of our accreditation is on risk management and safety," said Shawn Tierney, the director of programs at Association for Experiential Education. "It is no guarantee, but what it does is it provides standards that a program strives to meet and hopefully exceed."

Tierney said the current manual that the association uses comprises 298 standards — ranging from ethics standards to standards on human resources — that must be met or exceeded by every organization that the association accredits.

"There will always be risk," Tierney said, noting that the group's goal is to minimize the risks students in any

SEE ABROAD, 3

Atheists, too, can talk it up

Roughly 100 students approached the UI atheist organization with questions on Monday.

By **RISHABH R. JAIN**

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Stationed on the Pentacrest Monday, Hannah Staley sat at a table with an "Ask an Atheist" poster taped on the side and answered questions about why she's an atheist.

"People would think this is very abrasive and in your face, but we're just engaging in conversations that are initiated by interested students themselves," said the University of Iowa sophomore and a member of the UI Atheists, Agnostics, Skeptics, and Free Thinkers.

With growing religious diversity on college campuses nationwide, experts say more organizations are reaching out to inform students about their religions.

According to a 2008 General Social Survey study conducted by the National Opinion Research Center, just under 50 percent of those in the United States had Protestant religious pref-

Religious diversity

The UI has several groups on campus centered on religious beliefs:

- The Christian Science Organization
- Islam Studies Group
- Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh
- Lutheran Campus Ministry
- University Zen Students Association

Source: UI Parent Times

erences. Roughly 25 percent preferred Catholicism, and 16.3 percent had no religious preference.

Christopher Soper, a professor of political science and the former director of the Center for Faith and Learning at the Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif., said religious diversity has become an important part of college campuses around the nation because United States is an increasingly diverse country. He said the increasing numbers of international students on college campuses is also a



UI students Asher Stuhlman (left) and Lucas Ferguson (right) man the "Ask an Atheist" stand on the Pentacrest on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Rishabh R. Jain)

contributing factor to the increased religious diversity.

"My sense is that [colleges] have become very open in allowing their people of various beliefs," Soper said, pointing out

that as religious diversity on campus increases, so do the number of forums and groups that allow students meet others with similar views.

The UI atheist student group decided to promote its organization and

beliefs following a recent visit to campus by Brother Jed Smock, an evangelist and member of the Campus Ministry who travels to college campuses across the nation to

SEE ATHEIST, 3



Military still refusing transgenders

By **CHASTITY DILLARD**
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UI senior Veronica Hamly knew for a long time she was transgender, but fear prevented her from publicly sharing her identity.

In January, she told loved ones, releasing years of stress.

"For a long time, I got a weekly massage because my back was always tight," she said. "But when I came out, that tightness vanished."

Though Hamly has never served in the military, those like her who do are unable to release their stress and serve openly because of remaining discriminatory laws.

And though last month's ending of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy may have been a win for lesbian, gay, and bisexual rights, some feel it has left America's transgender population in limbo.

"As the repeal of Don't Ask, Don't Tell makes open service possible for gay, lesbian, and bisexual service members, transgender people are still unable to serve openly,"

said the National Center for Transgender Equality and the Service members Legal Defense Network in a joint statement on Sept. 14.

According to the National Center for Transgender Equality, military rules and regulations negatively affect the transgender population according to a recent estimate by the center.

Individuals in the military face discharge if deemed medically unfit and diagnosed with gender-identity disorder and/or genital surgery. Military members can also be court-martialed for cross-dressing.

And because all military service members are required to report all changes in medical status — including use of hormones or plans for surgery — transgender members face incrimination.

But plastic and reconstructive surgeon Sherman Leis said that declaring transgender people as medically unfit to serve in the armed forces based on the transition process is "ridiculous."

"They would have the

same problems [non-transgender people] would have," said Leis, who has specialized in gender-reassignment surgery for six years.

But evidence shows transgender people are still finding ways to serve.

While conducting a survey of 6,450 transgender and non-gender-conforming individuals, Harper Jean Tobin of the National Center for Transgender Equality Policy Council said the center found one in five had previously served in the U.S. military.

Hamly said transgender people don't receive the same amount of protection that sexual orientation gets.

"I think in national politics, it's the issue of gay marriage, gay adoption, and gays in the military [in the media]," the recreation management major said. "Transgender issues don't get as much media."

But Amanda Irish, the president of the UI Veterans Association, said this issue has much to do with the military's protocol of eccentricity and uniformity.

"Everything is regulat-

ed, because they don't want you to be a distraction," the 27-year-old said. "They want you to complete the primary mission."

However, Irish said, she isn't against transgender people.

"There isn't a lot of fluff in the military," she said. "It's very straightforward, very strict. They're not just discriminating against transgender [people], they're discriminating against personality."

But Tobin disagreed, citing countries such as the United Kingdom, Canada, and Australia, which have or are in the process of accommodating transgender military members.

"They are natural kinds of fears to have, but the facts don't bear it out," Tobin said. "[It] was a big process politically to end Don't Ask, Don't Tell, but at the end of the day, it's implementing it. It's not that complicated, and it's true for transgender people."

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Wall Street protests spreading

By **CHRIS HAWLEY**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Protests against Wall Street spread across the country Monday as demonstrators marched on Federal Reserve banks and camped out in parks from Los Angeles to Portland, Maine, in a show of anger over the wobbly economy and what they see as corporate greed.

In Manhattan, hundreds of protesters dressed as corporate zombies in white face paint lurched past the New York Stock Exchange clutching fistfuls of fake money. In Chicago, demonstrators pounded drums in the city's financial district. Others pitched tents or waved protest signs at passing cars in Boston, St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo.

The arrests of 700 protesters on the Brooklyn Bridge over the weekend galvanized a slice of discontented America, from college students worried about their job prospects to middle-age workers who have been recently laid off.

Some protesters likened themselves to the Tea Party movement — but with a liberal bent — or to the Arab Spring demonstrators who brought down their rulers in the Middle East.

"I've felt this way for a long time. I've really just kind of been waiting for a movement to come along that I thought would last and have some resonance within the community,"



Occupy Wall Street protester Alexi Morris is arrested along with several others in the financial district's Zucotti Park on Monday in New York. The arrests of 700 people on Brooklyn Bridge over the weekend fueled the anger of the protesters camping in a Manhattan park and sparked support elsewhere in the country as the campaign enters its third week. (Associated Press/John Minchillo)

said Steven Harris, a laid-off truck driver in Kansas City.

Harris and about 20 other people were camped out in a park across the street from the Kansas City Federal Reserve building, their site strewn with sleeping bags, clothes and handmade signs. Some passing drivers honked in support.

The Occupy Wall Street protests started on Sept. 17 with a few dozen demonstrators who tried to pitch tents in front of the New York Stock

Exchange. Since then, hundreds have set up camp in a park nearby and have become increasingly organized, lining up medical aid and legal help and printing their own newspaper, the Occupied Wall Street Journal.

Approximately 100 demonstrators were arrested on Sept. 24 and some were pepper-sprayed. On Oct. 1, police arrested 700 on charges of disorderly conduct and blocking a public street as they tried to march over the Brooklyn Bridge.

Police said they took five more protesters into custody on Monday, though it was unclear whether they had been charged with any crime.

Wiljago Cook, of Oakland, Calif., who joined the New York protest on the first day, said she was shocked by the arrests.

"Exposing police brutality wasn't even really on my agenda, but my eyes have been opened," she said. She vowed to stay in New York "as long as it seems useful."

METRO

Student faces drug charges after Mayflower search

A University of Iowa student was charged Sept. 26 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and with keeping a drug house.

Matthew Brow, an 18-year-old resident of Mayflower Hall, was charged after UI police executed a search warrant on his residence, 428C Mayflower.

During the search, officers allegedly located a safe under Brow's bed that contained marijuana, two digital scales, packaging material, and U.S. currency.

The UI police complaint said marijuana paraphernalia was also found in the room. Brow allegedly admitted ownership and knowledge of the marijuana and paraphernalia and to packaging the marijuana for personal transport and use.

Possession of marijuana with intent to deliver is a Class-D

felony controlled-substance violation, punishable by up to five years in prison and a fine of \$7,500.

Keeping a drug house is an aggravated misdemeanor punishable by up to two years in prison and a fine of \$6,250.

— by Matt Starns

BLOTTER

Ryan Blanton, 21, 1100 Arthur St. Apt. G1, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and third-degree criminal mischief.

Ryan Brock, 27, 1631 Muscatine Ave., was charged Sunday with driving with a revoked license.

Audrea Edmonds, 21, Coralville, was charged Oct. 1 with fifth-

degree theft.

Amanda Hanrahan, 26, North Liberty, was charged with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Joshua Helton, 23, 2413 Miami Drive, was charged Sunday with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Alen Hokic, 18, Springville, Iowa, was charged Aug. 5 with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Victoria McClain, 24, address unknown, was charged Jan. 18 with third-degree theft.

Tony Sclaro, 28, 815 Cross Park Ave. Apt. 3D., was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Laura Snyder, 23, 530 12 E. Church St., was charged Sunday with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Grant Souders, 24, 530 12 E. Church St., was charged Sunday with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

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contribute because it was too expensive, Webber said.

But Goodman said the independent organization is able to provide adequate services even without additional help.

"We have a fantastic service," she said, and the organization is able to do licensing, provide safe adoptions, and educational services.

Though the Iowa City shelter receives funds from Coralville, Solon, and Johnson County, it accepts animals from any town in the county regardless of funding contributions. Iowa City taxpayers contributed 68 percent of funding in fiscal 2010.

Iowa City Animal Services

Based on a survey of 14 cities, collaborations with nonprofit entities such as humane societies are a trend.

- Iowa City funded 68 percent of shelter operations.
- Total expenditures fiscal 2010: \$549,375
- City Cost: \$374,357

Source: Memo released from the City Manager's Office

While there's no direct evidence suggesting that collaboration with a nonprofit entity is the most effective way of operation, most cities surveyed do operate with partnerships, Bentley said.

The survey was conducted as a way collect information on what kind of services community members would most benefit from.

The overcrowded animal center has been a long-standing problem Goodman and other city officials hope to finally address.

The new multimillion-dollar facility has received \$1.4 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a 7,000-square-foot facility, which will be located at 3800 Napoleon Lane.

"We'll have to have some discussion about how we want to shape the animal shelter in the future," City Councilor Mike Wright said. "I still think it's going to be incumbent on the city to build some sort of a new facility. The facility is what we need to address first, and we can work at operating models in the future."

And Goodman has big hopes for animal service's future.



Charlotte Tobiason plays with Cooper at the Iowa City animal shelter on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

"Well, ideally, I would like to see a new facility built that accommodates a regional model, the various jurisdictions

within Johnson County budgeting for that service and/or their animals, and I would like to see Iowa City perform its

service," she said. "We've been doing it for a long time, and I feel that we've been doing it very well."

ABROAD

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given program will face. University of Iowa officials acknowledge the risks of studying abroad but maintain that it can provide significant educational benefits.

"There are no no-risk environments," said Phil Carls, the assistant director of the UI Office for Study Abroad. "The flip side is that study-abroad programs are reasonably safe."

Carls also said the UI partners with many independent study-abroad programs, such as the group Plotkin was traveling with.

"Because we can't offer programs in all places at all times that perfectly match all students' academic and personal objectives, we allow UI students to participate in programs offered by other institutions," he wrote in an email to *The Daily Iowan*.

"We don't have the capacity to evaluate and monitor each and every one of these programs ..." he said. "... We have to

Study Abroad Statistics

Lack of government oversight on study-abroad programs means statistics are scarce. What we do know:

- 2,364 - number of deaths to healthy Americans abroad between 2004 and 2006
- 596 - Number of safety incidents reported by 477 study-abroad students from the University of the Pacific from 1999 to 2005
- 2.3 - Percentage of female Peace Corps volunteers serving a full year that reported sexual assaults.

Source: ClearCause Coalition website, U.S. State Department

trust that other institutions are taking the same prudent steps that the UI does. In our experience, they do."

But that assurance isn't enough for Sheryl Hill, the founder of ClearCause Foundation, a not-for-profit public-policy organization focused on solving problems in the U.S. youth-travel, study-abroad, and student-exchange industry.

"The United States government needs to step up, because this generation deserves to go abroad and be safe," Hill told *The Daily Iowan*.

"There are literally thousands of youth-travel, study-abroad, and student-exchange programs, but virtually no government oversight or federally mandated safety standards regarding their operations — most importantly, how they handle a crisis involving a child," she said in a press release earlier this year.

Hill said she and her husband founded ClearCause after their 16-year-old son, Tyler, died of preventable causes on a People to People Student Ambassador Trip to Japan.

"Travel and study abroad can and should be a wonderful experience for a young person, but there are inherent risks and failures in this self-governed industry that must be addressed," Hill said in the press release.

Carls said Plotkin's presumed death in India Sept. 22 would be the first study-abroad fatality in university history.

"To our knowledge, which extends to the early 1980s, this [would be] the first UI student to lose his or her life while studying abroad," Carls said.

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vocally reach out to students.

"I want students to stop sinning and embrace Jesus Christ as he sacrificed his life for them," Smock said, and he hoped his outreach would have a lasting effect on students.

UI freshman Lucas Ferguson, a member of the atheist group, said the organization chose a different way to reach out to students by letting them approach with inquiries.

"Notice also how this is the inverse of what [Smock's] doing," Ferguson said. "He walks up to peo-

ple and tells them what to believe. We sit here and let you ask us questions, and we tell you what we think about that."

Sometimes powerful rhetoric can offend students, Soper said. But public universities are unable to restrict these visits because First Amendment rights, though private universities have power to regulate religious public outreach.

"I think it's unfortunate and that [rhetoric] is very rarely helpful," Soper said. "What is much better on college campuses is even if religious voices are very clear about what they do and don't believe in, they do so with a certain humility and awareness

that the virtue of the university is exposure to lots of different ideas."

The UI atheist group estimated roughly 100 students approached it with questions about atheism.

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Editorial

Prosecutor's mishap should result in consequences

One simple slip-up led to a mistrial, valuable time and resources wasted, which may total more than \$50,000 in real costs to taxpayers in Johnson County. The taxpayer-paid Johnson County prosecutor's blunder necessitates much scrutiny going forward, but any scrutiny that occurs will not matter — the next election for county attorney will be in 2014.

In the interest of running a more efficient and accountable government, elections for county attorney should be held every two years. But as electoral reform may be unlikely to change in the near future, disciplinary actions parallel to that of a private firm need to be implemented.

It's been a week since the Charles W.C. Thompson case was declared a mistrial, and the county has yet to yield any insight to the professional ramifications of County Attorney Janet Lyness' locally infamous slip-up. After mistakenly playing video evidence that both sides agreed to be misleading, Judge Sean McPartland decided to declare a mistrial.

It seems the costly mistake to the community will yield no direct ramifications to the person directly responsible.

If Lyness had made the same mistake while working for a private firm, her performance would be closely monitored. At the very least, she would lose respect as an attorney and would likely suffer severe fiscal consequences in lost clientele. Several local law firms were inquired to gauge the outcome of Lyness' oversight analogous to a private context, but none wanted to be quoted publicly.

This is a homicide trial, and Lyness is a lawyer. She has been to law school. She knows how to build a case, how to present briefs, how to make appeals, how to win, and how to count her losses. She has worked and won many cases. She is, by definition of merit alone, a legal "professional."

Lyness is a human being. She makes mistakes. But professionals of her standard should not make these kind of egregious oversights. She must be penalized in some way.

What readers need to understand before examining the aftermath of McPartland's declaration is this: In deciding whether or not to permit the application of evidence, the prosecution and the defense must evaluate and ultimately — if it comes down to it — argue. The process of fighting for the exclusion or inclusion of

evidence, especially in a homicide trial, often takes weeks, even months. The evidence contained in segment of that tape "accidentally" played during the final moments of the Thompson trial contained information that must have been debated over for an extensive period of time, because it is delicate evidence. The exclusion of that particular segment of video was a significant and highly important victory for the defense.

Though not impossible, it is unlikely that Lyness' slip-up during the video presentation was purposeful. But just as it would not slip the mind of a mechanic to replace the wheels of a sedan after brake work, a prosecutor should not forget to press "stop" on a tape player during a high-profile case.

Unfortunately, few voters will recall this mishap in 2014. And if 2014 is similar to the any general election for county attorney since 1970, Lyness will run unopposed.

There are no elections in private practices. Competition continues to be stiff for private practitioners as more and more law graduates flood the limited job market. A survey of the class of 2009 law graduates indicated that 29.2 percent did not have a job requiring a bar passage by this year, 2011. To assume these graduates would not prefer a job in a law firm would be near senseless.

While a high-profile mistake such as this one will have no lasting impact on the county attorney, some law firms would have started to seriously consider reviewing a stacked set of potential replacements.

Lyness has cost the county time and money and has sparked vast negative publicity. If lawyers had to wait three-plus years to replace an injurious partner, their profits would likely dwindle and their livelihoods would be at risk. Lyness should be reprimanded to the satisfaction of the taxpaying public, but she won't be. She'll continue to practice as if nothing had happened.

This is just one example of how government needs to imitate private counterparts for cost-efficiency and quality of employment. By having more frequent elections with effective replacement provisions, the county attorney will be more primed to serve the needs of the community that elects her or him.

Your turn. Should the Thompson prosecutor be penalized? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

How strife imitates the Red Sox



BEAU ELLIOT
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Yes, yes, I know — none of you care a whit about the Red Sox, except that it was enormously entertaining to watch an exorbitantly paid baseball club melt down into utter ignominy.

It's always fun to see multimillionaires fall flat on their smug, self-absorbed faces. It's kind of like watching Mitt Romney campaigning.

(It's not quite so much fun when it's your multimillionaires falling flat on their smug, etc. Trust me on this one.)

And yes, I know, Gail Collins of the *New York Times* has already touched on the subject, sort of. (Which I didn't discover until Sunday night and most of this was already written. Shows you how much I read the *Times*.)

And besides, I've become accustomed to lagging behind Gail Collins by four or five days. I'd get a complex about it, but I'm not prone to complexes. (Or supine.) I'll get an idea, then a couple days later I'll read Collins and — Damn, she's already written about it.

I mean, some months ago I thought it might be halfway cute that every time I said something about Mitt Romney, I'd somehow find a way to bring up his strapping the family dog to the top of the car while taking a family vacation. (Yeah, I know; it was many years ago, and he was just the son of the former governor of Michigan who once got famously brainwashed, which cost him the Republican presidential nomination.)

And damn — there's that Gail Collins finding a way to slip the strapping-the-family-dog-to-the-top-of-the-family-car bit into almost every column.

Well, that does it, I say to myself. Can't ever use the family dog, family car, strapping thingie. Too bad. It's one of those images you can't get out of your mind once you picture it.

(Can you?)

What is it, anyway,

about famous Republican politicians and their vacations? Romney and the strapped-down dog, Rick Perry and the hunting getaway with the disgusting, offensive name.

Maybe famous Republican politicians should stop taking vacations.

Of course, some would say the minds of famous Republican politicians are always on vacation. And their mouths are working overtime (to steal a line from the great songwriter Mose Allison).

Exhibit A would be Michele Bachmann, who keeps flogging the dead horse that the HPV vaccine is dangerous. According to FactCheck, a pro-Bachmann ad contends that "doctors opposed [Rick] Perry's order [to inject girls with HPV vaccine] for safety reasons."

The physician cited in the ad, put up by Keep Conservatives United, says that's not what he believed at all. To quote FactCheck: "At the time, my position was that the vaccine was safe and effective," said Dr. Joseph A. Bocchini, the chairman of the Pediatrics Department at the LSU Health Sciences Center-Shreveport.

This view reflects what most health professionals believe about the HPV vaccine, as far as I can tell.

The ad, FactCheck tells us, is running on the Cedar Rapids Fox station. You ever notice that Cedar Rapids gets all the good acts?

It's kind of like Gail Collins getting all the good ideas. (Not to compare Collins to Cedar Rapids, because I like Collins. Well, I like her writing; I don't know her or anything. Which makes it all the harder to understand how she keeps getting my ideas, because I don't believe in telepathy. I don't believe in much that begins with "tele-" — telephones, television, teleportation.)

Speaking of teleportation, I wonder where the real Red Sox were teleported to in September. I mean, the real Red Sox were one of the two or three best teams in baseball from mid-April to Aug. 31.

Then Gail Collins took them somewhere.

That Gail Collins, I'll tell you. ■

Letter

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Floods and the art program

Next June will mark four years since the devastating flood of 2008. While large parts of Iowa City and the University

of Iowa were affected, much of the damage has since been repaired.

Unfortunately, the students in the UI School of Art have been disproportionately affected and have yet to return to

many of their former classrooms and buildings.

I would like to commend all of those students who have suffered through four of the hardest years in that school's history and, despite all the adversity

thrown their way, will graduate this spring. I am sure you never envisioned being displaced your entire college career; your perseverance is admirable.

Alex Wiese
UI senior

Guest opinion

UIHC's recent advertisement is sickening

The recent ad sponsored by the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics both appalled and sickened me.

It depicts a shirtless young woman looking over her shoulder at the camera. She doesn't have the "come hither" look of romance or the proud look of a woman comfortable in her own skin. Instead, insecurity is painted on her face.

At first glance, I thought it was a sex-trafficking-awareness ad. Beneath this tableau of exploitation, students are encouraged to register online for an opportunity to "meet and mingle" with the physicians from UIHC's Plastic Surgery Department during consultations at the hotelVetro. Beneath these sordid details, emblazoned with pride, was UIHC's logo.

It is always painful to have an institution you respect fall short of your expectations, but to do so in such an ignorant manner was shocking. An ad that pointedly targets female perceptions of body image represents a breach of judgment, trust, and responsibility by the university and UIHC.

If you're familiar with Iowa, you know that we have some of the most beautiful and accomplished women in the country. Each year, incoming freshmen are given impassioned speeches extolling the characteristics Iowa will bestow upon them. Unfortunately, the university has rescinded that promise to half of the students. This event says to our young women, "You are inadequate, and

your only value lies in your skin."

The university has been aware of the tremendous disparity between college-age women versus men when it comes to body image for some time.

In 2006, the UI reported that of female students, 80 percent said that they would like to lose weight. Thirty-seven percent of women responded to have gone on binges, and 15 percent reported to have vomited or used laxatives after eating (as opposed to 40, 21, and 4 percent for men, respectively).

To put it in perspective, only one of five women on campus believes she is at a healthy weight. The regular onslaught from the media that portrays Barbie doll ideals with Photo-

shopped images of celebrities has a deleterious effect on the majority of young women's self-esteem. The responsibility to support a culture that nurtures young women's self-image and self-worth lies with the university — it should never actively subvert it.

UIHC is, first and foremost, a teaching hospital. It teaches its doctors to "do no harm," how to judge benefits and risks involved in treatment," and to responsibly inform patients. Hosting such an event off-campus and advertising a "mingle" session with doctors trivializes the seriousness of the risks and consequences of elective surgery to both patients and doctors. The message to future medical professionals is that drumming up business

takes precedence over patient well-being or ethics.

Our university should never be involved in anything that targets any demographic with a message of "you're not good enough." When the UI promotes these attitudes, tacitly or otherwise, it not only creates an atmosphere of distrust, it threatens the safety of patients as well. It signals that Iowa is willing to ignore dangers to safety for increased revenue.

The university has forgotten its responsibility to foster an atmosphere of learning and risks alienating current and prospective students. The UIHC and the university need to issue a formal apology for this ad and the event.

In conjunction with that,

a formal ethics inquiry at the university level should be made to verify if antidiscrimination policies were violated. This will begin to regain the trust between the university and its students. In addition, the Iowa Medical Ethics Board should be asked by UIHC to examine the event, thereby ensuring that future events are planned with better deliberation and forethought.

If the university fails to take these steps, it signals a clear message to all women on campus that the intent was deliberate and calculated.

David Welch is a University of Iowa alumnus with master's degree in biomedical engineering.

Santorum decries current ed

Double-wide humor for IC



Former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., talks to a small crowd in Grundy Center, Iowa, on Monday. Santorum said he wouldn't push to abolish the U.S. Department of Education as president, but he would reduce its scope. (IowaPolitics.com)

By HANNAH HESS
IowaPolitics.com

GRUNDY CENTER — Parents and states should hold the power when it comes to teaching children, former Pennsylvania U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum told Iowans on Monday, saying he wants to “reset the debate on education.”

“Whose responsibility is it to educate children?” Santorum asked about 25 people at Johnny Rays restaurant in this town of about 2,700.

“Parents,” said the crowd that gathered to hear the Republican presidential candidate, who outpaces his opponents in visits but lags behind in statewide and national polling.

“The education system should sit down and work with parents, to design a program that’s best for that child — not children, that child,” said Santorum, a father of seven who helps to home-school his children.

Santorum described the unique learning styles in his family and said, “America is not

about ‘collectively,’ it’s about your kid.”

Iowans in Grundy Center showed curiosity about education on the same day Republican Gov. Terry Branstad unveiled a 10-year plan for reforming the state’s schools. They peppered Santorum with questions about the role of the federal government in education and school vouchers.

Santorum said he supports vouchers at the state level but not the federal level, and he would like to give states the flexibility to implement their own education plans. He said he would encourage Branstad “to go further.”

When asked by IowaPolitics.com if he supported abolishing the U.S. Department of Education, as Minnesota U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann and Texas U.S. Rep. Ron Paul have suggested, Santorum said, “No.” But he said he does envision a “significantly smaller role” for the agency.

William Hoffman, 66, of Grundy Center, reviewed the

education blueprint released Monday morning before driving to Santorum’s town hall. He said he liked what he saw. He also said he liked what he heard in Santorum’s six-minute answer to his question, although he is still undecided about his vote in the caucuses.

“It is a parent’s responsibility to have that child educated,” Hoffman said. “As a grandfather, I spent part of my last weekend making sure that my grandchild had his reading minutes in, and we went over his homework.”

Hoffman said education reform is tied closely with helping the economy recover. Santorum focused on the moral ramifications of what he described as a broken national education system.

“We have a system that comes from the left, that says we need to get in there and get these kids when they’re 2 years old or 3 years old. That we need early, early, early intervention,” he said. “Why?”

By CARLY HURWITZ
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The members of the *Trailer Park Boys* never break from their ex-convict personas, even for interviews.

The show includes crazy antics, including one of the boys, Julian, taking his shirt off and doing a dance routine, stripping down into a tiny leopard print Speedo. Another one of the boys, Bubbles, will perform the famous tune “Liquor and Whores.”

The *Trailer Park Boys* will unveil its brand-new live show “The Drunk, High, and Unemployed Tour,” at 8 p.m. in the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St.

Trailer Park Boys is a Canadian mockumentary comedy television series created and directed by Mike Clattenburg. The show follows the lives of trailer-park residents of Sunnyvale Trailer Park in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, many of whom happen to be ex-convicts, pot-smokers, and drunks.

Ricky, Julian, and Bubbles are open about their shenanigans, which often involves cops, drugs, and moneymaking schemes. The evening will include Bubbles trying to get into the movie business, Julian working on his moneymaking scams, and Ricky’s attempt to change the world.

“There’s a lot of drinking, smoking, and a little bit of fighting,” Bubbles said. “We come to the town and get high, and we technically are unemployed.”

The boys said they will interact with the audience throughout the night. They said they try to pick out members of the audience to assist them in their antics.

“I’m trying to get myself in a Hollywood movie. I’m going to work with the crowd to get a reel together,” Bubbles said. “[I might] shoot myself out of a cannon, have a trapeze act, a tiger show, and light myself on fire.”

Ricky said the only way for these the boys to make a living right now is to go on tour. As an added bonus, they get to see a lot of their fans,

COMEDY SHOW

Trailer Park Boys

- When: 8 p.m. Wednesday
- Where: Englert, 221 E. Washington
- Admission: (sold out)

although their ex-convict records make it hard for them to travel easily.

“It’s hard for me to get into the United States of America,” Ricky said. “[I have] convictions for drinking and driving, growing and selling marijuana, gunfights, and kidnapping.”

The TV series airs in approximately 71 countries, and the live tour will play in Canada, England, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, Germany, Italy, the United States, and Southeast Asia, the boys said.

For those who are dedicated fans of the seven seasons of the TV series, the live show does not stray far from their on-screen humor. Ricky said it is definitely quite similar but a lot more fun.

UI student Luke Tigges, an enthusiastic fan, said he expects to see the same funny one-liners and situations that the guys get embroiled in during a usual episode. Tigges said Julian has all the ideas, Ricky’s the partner in crime, and Bubbles always follows along.

“The dialogue is really a big part of what makes them so funny,” Tigges said. “The small things such as Bubbles’ cats, Julian always carrying a drink around, and Ricky’s special talent for growing pot, all make the show that much more funny.”

The “Drunk, High, and Unemployed” tour has been all over the United States, selling out at almost all of the venues. They have done it again at the Englert.

“[This will be] one of the funniest nights you’ll ever have in your life,” Bubbles said. “People will laugh their asses off.”



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What I'm Probably Doing While You're Reading This:

- Sneaking up behind you with an air-filled paper bag.
- Just remembering a joke that would have been perfect for this week's Ledge.
- Tracking every single calorie burned during every second of the day, even during routine activities, like raising and lowering a glass of rum and coke.
- Devising my latest scheme to take over the world through cryptic messages in my Ledges.
- Ubmitsay ouryay ill-way otay emay, ouryay Igh-way Overlordway!
- Hopefully, something more productive than reading the Ledge. Like writing the Ledge. I know, hypocritical of me isn't it? But then, everyone's a hypocrite.
- Building an ark. Oh sure, you scoff now, scoffer.
- Daydreaming about Ledge editor Andrew R. Juhl and fighting crime together as his sidekick. I never find his feedback as awkward as he finds my emails of adulation intrusive and unsettling.
- Writing an email of adulation to Andrew R. Juhl.
- Drawing Andrew R. Juhl, like one of my French girls. Whilst he sleeps.
- Deciding who to ask to help bury this body. A Facebook post requesting assistance should narrow that down, but that compromises discretion ... why does burying a body have to be so hard?!
- Getting fellow Ledge contributor Nate Wulf to help him bury Andrew R. Juhl's body. Don't ask. It's not what you think. OK, maybe it is; I don't know what you're thinking.
- Brian Tanner would totally help you bury a body, if you needed him to.

Think you're pretty funny? Prove it. The *Daily Iowan* is looking for Ledge writers. You can submit a Ledge at daily-iowan@uiowa.edu. If we think it's good, we'll run it - and maybe contact you for more.

GREENING IOWA



Members of the UI Sierra Student Coalition meet on Monday. Held by leaders Meredith Price and Zach Carter, they discussed their tour to Illinois this past weekend. Anybody who is interested is allowed to join. (The Daily Iowan/Gabrielle Eliason)

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UITV schedule

- Campus channel 4, cable channel 17
- 7 p.m. Carver-Hawkeye Dedication Ceremony, the new wing of the arena is dedicated, Sept. 23
 - 8 Women at Iowa, interview with Laurie Haag, WRAC, October 2009
 - 8:45 UI Explorers Lecture, "Earthquakes," Ray Anderson, Iowa Geological & Water Survey, Sept. 15 (some technical problems with recording)
 - 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
 - 9:45 Ueyey, features on student life and activities
 - 10 Kirk Ferentz News Conference, Iowa football coach meets with the media, presented unedited by UITV and Hawkeye Video
 - 10:30 Daily Iowan Television News
 - 10:45 Java Blend Encore, music videos from the Java House
 - 11 Women at Iowa, interview with Laurie Haag, WRAC, October 2009

horoscopes Tuesday, October 4

- by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 There is nothing you cannot accomplish if you are focused and willing to adapt to the changes being made. Don't let an emotional matter lead to a lack of productivity. Re-evaluate and follow through with your plans and you will be successful.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Don't agree to something you may regret, and try not to overreact before getting all the facts. Put greater emphasis on research, and you will avoid a situation that can put you in a vulnerable position professionally, as well as financially.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 The quality of your work will lead to a better offer. A creative slant to a mundane project will set you apart from the competition. You can write your own ticket if you let your imagination run wild. A celebration will highlight your day.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Being too clingy will lead to a lack of devotion and affection from others. You will be disappointed with the outcome of any home or self-improvement you make today. It will be hard to handle inevitable changes.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Take the initiative and do the work yourself. Bending to someone's demands will be your downfall. Take action in order to remain in control. Your dedication, reserve, and intelligence will help you get what you want. Less can be more.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Open up about your intentions, feelings, and future plans. Honesty will allow you to wiggle your way into situations that being secretive could not. Rely on past experience, but don't let an emotional attachment hold you back.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Emotional demands will be put on you if you refuse to discuss problems. You can run, but you cannot hide. Face controversy head-on so that you can move on. Your astuteness will bring you added respect and control.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Express your opinions, and listen to the advice being offered. Apply the experience you've acquired from past relationships to help you size up your current situation and avoid making a mistake. Realize what you are worth and price what you have to offer accordingly.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Sell what you have to offer, and you will get what you deserve. Your unique way of approaching friends, neighbors, and relatives will allow you to overcome any adversity you face. Don't use brawn when brain is what's required.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You will end up wasting time if you keep making the same mistake. Trust your own judgment, and forget about the demands being put on you by others. You may have to take on more responsibility, but in the end, you will gain experience and prosper.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't keep secrets that may incriminate you. It's vital to be up-front with potential partners. There are gains to be made if you are honest. Your ability to come up with solid and unique ideas will pay off.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 You will recognize what must be done to get what you want. Don't let your emotions stand in the way of a good decision. Confront someone from your past in order to avoid legal and financial repercussions in the future. Form a partnership.

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BY VILEV

DOONESBURY

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I'M JUST A LITTLE SURPRISED, ROZ. YOU ALWAYS ACTED LIKE YOU WERE INTO GUYS.

I KNOW, AND I'M NOT PROUD OF IT...

... BUT I REALLY LIKED BEING IN THE SERVICE. I THOUGHT I NEEDED THE COVER. I EVEN WENT ON DATES.

YOU DID?

YUP. OF COURSE THE GUYS WERE ALL GAY.

THAT'S A DATE?

ALMOST. IT'S JUST NICE TO CHILL WITH SOMEONE ON THE SAME PAGE.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

today's events

- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Tuesday Morning Ride**, 9 a.m., Waterworks Park
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Tech Help Tuesdays**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Tot Time**, 10 a.m., North Liberty Community Library, 520 W. Cherry
- **Pharmacology Visiting Seminar Speaker**, 10:30 a.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Preschool Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St.
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **College of Public Health Epidemiology Journal Club**, 11:30 a.m., 107 Bowen
- **"Thought Balloons: Talking About Comics": Comic Book Café**, 11:30 a.m., Main Library
- **Biochemistry Workshop**, Mishtu Dey, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Staff Language and Culture Services English Conversation Group**, 12:30 p.m., UIHC Pomerantz Pavilion Melrose Conference Room 7
- **Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program**, 1 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 2 p.m., Senior Center
- **Farmers' Market**, 3 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- **Faculty Council Meeting**, 3:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Communication Studies-Department Seminar**, 4 p.m., 101 Becker
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Occupational and Environmental Health Seminar, "Reducing the Burden of Traumatic Injury and Violence: Introduction to the Injury Prevention Research Center," Marizen Ramirez**, 4 p.m., 123/125 Institute for Rural and Environmental Health
- **English Conversation Group**, 5:30 p.m., UIHC Atrium Room A
- **Crumb**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Face the Music and Dance**, 7 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Pub Quiz**, 7 p.m., Deadwood, 6 S. Dubuque
- **Oni Buchanan, piano**, 7:30 p.m., University Capitol Centre Recital Hall,
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop Tavern, 1100 N. Dodge
- **Point Blank**, 9:45 p.m., Bijou
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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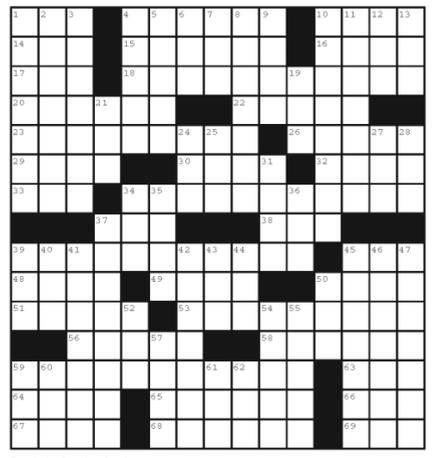
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0830

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- Hungry mouth
 - Person assisting a worship service
 - Jockey's whip
 - Lincoln, the Rail-Splitter
 - Place for a bookcase
 - Auto company whose name is Latin for "listen"
 - Title of respect
 - Longtime New York theater critic
 - Emphatic follow-up to yes or no
 - Corporate dept. that may include labs
 - Actor in 1960s TV's "77 Sunset Strip"
 - Nary a soul
 - Tropical citrus fruit
 - Fleischmann's product
 - Wilson of "Midnight in Paris"
 - Spanish king
 - Popular card game since 1954
 - Spec
 - Org. issuing many refunds
 - TV/film/stage actor once married to actress Meredith Baxter
 - Informal
 - International furniture retailer
 - Facility
 - Madame Chanel
 - Italian city famous for its cheese
 - Big dog
 - Yankee great Roger
 - Came ashore
 - Prime cooking spot
 - de mer
 - She Sweet
 - "That's it for me"

- Down**
- Rubber man?
 - Cut
 - In an odd manner
 - Davenport, long-running "Doonesbury" character
 - Aunt of "Oklahoma!"
 - Start of the third century
 - "Mazel ___!"
 - Be in charge of
 - Singer McEntire
 - Nowadays they usually have power locks and windows
 - Decrepit
 - Pindar creation
 - Fraternity letters
 - The Atlantic's Cape ___
 - Baseball stat
 - ___ pros. (court record abbr.)
 - Building extension
 - Born in Brittany
 - Naval officer below lieutenant
 - Annual theater award
 - Quaintly stylish
 - Barry Manilow's "Could ___ Magic"
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Puzzle by Bernice Gordon

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Practice and high jinks on the links

Each Iowa women's golf player has her own way of approaching practice.

BY TORK MASON
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Golf is a sport often called an individual's game — a sport without teamwork in the most common sense of the word.

That sort of individualism is apparent in a typical day of practice for the Iowa women's golf team.

"Everybody's a little different," head coach Megan Menzel said.

Each player spends most of her time working on the aspects of her game she feels need the most work. Some players spend their days on the practice greens going through a variety of chipping and putting drills, and others take time to hit the driving range and work on full-swing shots.

The team will occasionally participate in organized drills, but it's largely an individual process.

And how each player approaches the day is just as variable as what she works on in practice.

Freshman Shelby Phillips, for example, can often be seen by herself listening to her iPod as she works on her game, seemingly in her own world. Once the earbuds come out, though, she appears willing to talk about anything and everything.

A conversation between Phillips and Menzel turned to Phillips' trademark high-cut socks.

"When I was at the tournament in New Mexico, [the other players] were all like: 'You're still wearing the socks?' 'Yes I am,'" Phillips said to a laughing Menzel.

"I love the socks," Menzel said.

Junior Gigi DiGrazia



Junior Kristi Cardwell practices her putting as head coach Megan Menzel watches on Sept. 7. Iowa finished 12th in its first tournament of the fall, last week's the Dick McGuire Invitational. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

and freshman Lauren English seem to be the jokers on the team. At the driving range, they could be heard cracking wise with nearly anyone who came near them.

Menzel said DiGrazia in particular is a player that likes to liven things up. She and Menzel talked briefly about the flu shots each player received before going to New Mexico, and several players said their shoulders were aching from the vaccine.

After a few swings, Menzel asked DiGrazia, "How's [your swing] feel?"

"My flu shot? It still hurts," DiGrazia said and laughed.

A man walking toward a set of Porta-Potties placed on the course for football tailgating provided the players with another way of entertaining themselves while on the driving range.

Senior Chelsea Harris looked at junior Woojay Choi with a grin, and asked, "Should I?"

After the man was safely inside, Harris lined herself up and started lobbing shots at the Porta-Potty.

"This is how we have fun," Choi said.

"We're probably the only team in the Big Ten that takes target practice at Porta-Potties," Menzel said.

But this was just one day of practice for the team; what they do tomorrow may be wildly different. As each player said, the daily routine "depends on the day."

MLB PLAYOFFS: RANGERS 4, RAYS 3

For Rays, the Price is not right

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ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — David Price's late-season swoon carried over into October against a familiar nemesis.

The All-Star lefty took a shutout into the seventh inning, then coughed up a slim lead as the Texas Rangers rallied for four runs to beat Price and the Tampa Bay Rays, 4-3, on Monday in Game 3 of their AL division series.

"Just haven't got it done," Price said. "We need to win these games ... This is the postseason. Winning is the only thing that matters."

Rookie outfielder Desmond Jennings hit two solo homers for the Rays, who trail 2-1 in the best-of-five matchup. Game 4 will be today at Tropicana Field.

"We're fine," Price said. "No one is going to panic in this locker room."

Price was winless in six starts last month. He has never beaten the Rangers, including a pair of losses when Texas defeated Tampa Bay in last year's ALDS.

Counting the postseason,

Price is 0-6 in nine starts against the Rangers.

Mike Napoli hit a two-run homer off Price during a four-run seventh inning that put Texas up, 4-1.

"This is the year of the Napoli, man," Tampa Bay manager Joe Maddon said. "He's just hot."

Napoli had gone 3-for-13 with eight strikeouts against Price before his third career postseason homer.

Price departed later in the seventh after giving up a two-out single to Craig Gentry. After Brandon Gomes walked two in a row to load the bases, Josh Hamilton made it 4-1 with a two-run single off J.P. Howell.

"Disgust. I'm just really bad," Howell said. "That's it. It's a negative. All negative. But move on. The series isn't settled, so let's just roll on."

Price was charged with three runs and seven hits over 6 2/3 innings.

Tampa Bay rookie Jeremy Hellickson and Texas left-hander Matt Harrison are the scheduled starters in Game 4. After a remark-

able run to the playoffs, the Rays need to win to extend their season.

"Jeremy's ready to roll and win that game and take it back to Texas," Maddon said.

The Rays won the series opener, 9-0, and had a 3-0 lead in Game 2 before the Rangers rallied at home to win, 8-6.

The road team has won seven of the eight playoff games between these teams the past two years. Texas took their first-round series in five games last season.

Texas failed in three tries to get a hit with a runner on second through two innings. Price also came up big in the sixth by retiring Hamilton and Michael Young on consecutive grounders to work out of a two-on, one-out jam.

Hamilton (3-for-23) and Young (2-for-22) are a combined 5-for-45, including postseason games, against Price. The duo went hitless in six at-bats Monday against the lefty.

Texas right-hander Colby Lewis retired nine in a row before Jennings

started the fourth with a homer.

Pinch-hitter Sean Rodriguez pulled Tampa Bay within 4-2 on a bases-loaded RBI grounder in the seventh. Alexi Ogando then got a two-out grounder from pinch-hitter Sam Fuld with runners on second and third.

Darren Oliver started the seventh for Texas but was pulled after allowing three singles.

Jennings' second homer of the game, off Mike Adams, cut the deficit to 4-3 in the eighth.

Women's hoops opens practice

The Iowa women's basketball team held its first practice of the 2011-12 season on Monday.

The Hawkeyes took the courts in the newly named Howard Family Pavilion at Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Iowa players have been working out since classes began in August, but coach Lisa Bluder said real practices bring an excitement to the game that individual workouts can't replicate.

"It was great to get on the court for the first official practice of the year," she said in a release. "It's always exciting when the season actually begins. Everyone was anxious to get going this morning, and practice went very well."

Bluder's squad has four starters returning to a team that went 22-9 last year, 10-6 in the Big Ten; guards Kamille



Bluder head coach

Wahlin and Jaime Printy, forward Kelly Krei, and center Morgan Johnson.

Iowa adds five freshmen to its roster this season. The new players — highlighted by Top-10 recruit Samantha Logic — make up the No. 11 recruiting class in the nation, according to ESPN HoopGurlz.

Iowa's first game of the season will be an exhibition against Division-II Winona State on Nov. 6 in Carver-Hawkeye. Tip-off is scheduled for 7 p.m.

— by Matt Cozzi

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COMMENTARY

MLB becomes a local game



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"I wonder if baseball is our ... generation's boxing and horse racing," ESPN personality Scott Van Pelt said recently on "The B.S. Report" podcast.

"Couldn't agree more," said host of the podcast Bill Simmons, a fervent Red Sox fan. He then said his most recent column about the American League MVP race was the first time a reader emailed him to ask why he even bothered writing about baseball. Both Van Pelt and Simmons seemed to find the sport's devolution as inevitable and were somber in their declaration.

In some ways, the old guard who enjoyed splendid day games at a not-rundown Wrigley and the Polo Grounds are correct. Baseball is no longer America's most popular sport, and baseball is no longer even a national pastime.

Rather, numbers show that the days of a Clemente fan's existence in Seattle are likely over, and that the Pirates will most likely attract the mass of the team's following in just Pittsburgh. But that's how baseball will survive into the next century and onward.

Unlike the NFL, which broadcasts all but one of its weekly games — at least early in the season — on over-the-air networks, the vast majority of baseball games are shown on local sports cable networks.

As simple as it sounds, if the local team is good, it will attract a following. The lovable Washington Nationals received a 139.3 percent ratings boost from 2009 to 2010 with the addition of prodigal pitcher Stephen Strasburg.

Anecdotal, living within an hour of Washington, D.C., when not at school, I can honestly say those starts were a topic of local conversation. While it garnered a good amount of national attention, the local coverage was equivalent to when the Redskins

make their quadrennial playoff run. Even when it wasn't Stras-mas, conversations about the Curly Ws had a new excitement that promoted local Nationalism, because people were watching at least one of every five games.

This effect seems true in all markets, not just the small markets. Even the Mets and Dodgers can't rely on a national fanbase now, but fans will watch if the teams are competitive.

The 2011 midseason numbers released in July reflected this. The worst team in baseball this past season was Houston, and the Astros' ratings were down 34 percent. But the Brewers — who eventually had a 96-66 record — had a 32 percent ratings increase from last season. Milwaukee's attendance was also in the top five this year, up four spots from when the team finished 77-85 last season.

This all seems counterintuitive with the solidification of the Internet, which is now as much a part of daily life as television. With the Internet, it's easier to be a Yankee fan

in Detroit because television can now come through your MacBook.

But Major League Baseball hasn't been shrewd in promoting national fandom, with minor decisions like paying separately for the online television pass and for DirecTV MLB Extra Innings. Perhaps this is what has driven fans to settle for the local market when they need baseball.

So while the World Series looms, MLB awaits yet another national event that has had declining numbers in recent years. No longer the All-American spectacle that was as popular as the Super Bowl, the World Series' ratings have declined with cable and the local shift in baseball.

But in the six instances that Boston or New York have played in the Series since 2000, viewership has stayed above 17 million people. In 2006 and 2008 — featuring teams from St. Louis, Detroit, Philadelphia, and Tampa Bay — there was an average audience of approximately 14.7 million.

At least to me, it's official: Baseball is America's local pastime.

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Which NFL team is most surprising?

Detroit Lions (4-0)

Three years ago, the Detroit Lions were the laughingstock of the NFL.

The Lions won the games that didn't matter (they went 4-0 in the pre-season in 2008), then lost all the games that did and became the first team in NFL history to finish 0-16.

Now, the Lions are one of two unbeaten left in the NFL a quarter of the way through the year. While Detroit was the "sexy" pick to be a much-improved team before the season started, it seems improbable anyone could have legitimately thought the Lions would be tied with the defending Super Bowl champion Packers for the league's best record.

Much of their success is thanks to the players' health, namely that of Matthew Stafford. Detroit still has many of the same key players as it had last year, but those players are lining up at the line of scrimmage instead of sitting on the sidelines.

The team had its most impressive win this past

weekend when it erased a 24-point second-half deficit against the Cowboys. Part of the comeback was thanks to three interceptions, an aspect of Gunther Cunningham's defense that is vastly improved over last year. Through four games, the unit has seven interceptions; it had 14 all of last season.

Surprising, for sure. Offensively, Calvin Johnson is a beast. He has eight touchdowns so far and is on pace to challenge Randy Moss' single-season record of 23 scores.

Some may argue that Philadelphia's slow start is more surprising. After all, the Eagles signed several high-profile free agents, and they were picked by many to fight for the NFC title. But as their play on the field has shown, it's taking some time for that talent to mesh as a team. Spending sprees don't always equal wins and titles; the New York Yankees and Miami Heat are proof of that.

But it's been more than 30 years since Detroit fans saw their team get off to a 4-0 start. And now, Detroit is giving the entire country something to watch.

— by Ben Schuff

Philadelphia Eagles (1-3)

Entering the 2011 NFL season with newly acquired stars Nnamdi Asomugha and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, some called the Philadelphia Eagles a dream team.

Instead, the Eagles' 1-3 start has been more like a nightmare.

The Eagles spent parts of two games without all-pro quarterback Mike Vick, leaving the Eagles in the hands of backup Mike Kafka. But Vick and his injuries haven't been the main reason for the Eagles' shockingly slow start — Kafka completed 11 of his 16 passes when Vick was on the sidelines.

Philadelphia's run defense ranks near the bottom of the 32 NFL teams, allowing such backs as Atlanta's Michael Turner and San Francisco's Frank Gore to run roughshod over the Eagles. After heavily bolstering the secondary in the off-season, the front seven has let the Eagles down defensively.

Myers Invitational. "When you start trying to pull off those miracle shots, that's when you start posting those big numbers."

Brant's struggles this past weekend placed even more significance on Ihm's play. The Edwardsville, Ill., native — who has played all three tournaments as Iowa's No. 1 — shot the highest team score at 14-over for the tournament.

Brant said it's "really important" to have someone like Ihm play to the point where the team can have a consistent third scorer.

He pointed to last year's team — one that finished the season at nationals — as an example of what can happen when they get five golfers playing well at the same time.

"The more guys we can have as steady scorers — that's a great asset," Brant said. "When [we get five guys all playing well], I think we can compete with anybody."

LACASSE

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able to play to my strengths on the outside."

DeMoss is tied for second on the team with five goals, and Dalrymple is right behind her with four goals and two assists.

The new offense has been effective so far in catering to the team's strengths, and it will be used for the rest of the conference season, DeMoss said.

"We're using it to all of its advantages," she said. "[Opponents] are starting to see that [Lacasse] is a good player, so they put another defender on her. She's also creating space for us when she's running out of the way, because she's dragging two players instead of one."

"She makes everyone around her look good."

GOLF

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ing the par-3 16th hole on the final day and firing a 6-over 78.

But this time, he was able to reverse his final-round woes.

"I would really attribute that to just slowing down," he said. "On that last day, you can kind of get ahead of yourself — you almost want the round to be over so you can see where you're at in the field."

Ihm has also decreased the amount of "big numbers" on his score card through his three tournaments. He recorded four double-bogeys or worse at the Gopher Invitational on Sept. 11-12, but since then has recorded only two in the last two events combined.

"When you get in trouble, just chip out and take your bogey," said Ihm, who only had five holes over par for the entire Rod

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Lacasse adapts to Big Ten Ds

Cloé Lacasse is comfortable in her offensive role for the Iowa soccer team.

By **BEN WOLFSON**
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Senior Alyssa Cosnek took possession of the ball on the left side of the field during Sunday's soccer game against Michigan State and passed it ahead to freshman Cloé Lacasse.

Lacasse was immediately set upon by Spartan defenders, but she was able to find wide-open teammate Dana Dalrymple on a cross.

Dalrymple took the cross and scored the goal for Iowa, notching the only score of the game in a 1-0 victory.

That moment epitomized how Lacasse has adapted and changed her playing style this season.

Lacasse, a speedy freshman striker from Ontario, has been a major part of the Hawkeyes' (11-1-2, 2-1-2 Big Ten) success this year.

She leads the team in scoring with 10 goals and is second in assists with five through 13 games.

After terrorizing opposing defenders in the nonconference schedule, she has been heavily marked and double-teamed whenever she gains possession of the ball during Iowa's five conference games so far.

"I have to change my strategy if I'm going to get double-teamed and hit physically, because there's nothing I can really control about that," Lacasse said. "When you're not capable of getting through defenses [by yourself], you have to find another way to get through and find holes in the defense."

Lacasse hasn't scored in the past four games, but the



Iowa forward Cloé Lacasse fights for possession against Michigan State at the Iowa Soccer Complex on Sunday. Lacasse had an assist on the only goal in the Hawkeyes' 1-0 victory over the Spartans. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Hawkeye offense hasn't missed a beat.

Head coach Ron Rainey has implemented a five-player midfield that features Dalrymple and sophomore Leah DeMoss as attacking players on the outside of the field.

Now, when Lacasse has the ball in the attacking third of the field, she refrains from taking on defenses single-handedly. Instead, she waits for the inevitable double-team from defenders and plays the ball back to her trailing midfielders.

"As a forward, we want [Lacasse] to get chances on goal and to also help create scoring chances," Rainey said. "Three of our last four games have been 1-0 [final scores]; a goal or an assist, in my mind, is the same thing."

With DeMoss and Dalrymple on the wings, Lacasse often has an open player to dish the ball to in order to create more scoring opportunities for the Hawkeyes.

The transition to outside

wing was welcomed by DeMoss, who often played the striker role in the team's offense as a freshman last year.

"One of my strengths would be getting the ball in front of me and running at people," DeMoss said. "When I was playing in Cloé's spot, my back was toward the goal. I can do that, but I'm better with the ball in front of me, and I'm

SEE LACASSE, 8

Hawks' Ihm becoming consistent

Sophomore Steven Ihm is proving to be a solid No. 3 golfer for Iowa, especially after placing second last weekend.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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Steven Ihm has always been a confident golfer.

The Indian Hills Community College transfer was quick to point out during the first week of practice that he wouldn't have come to Iowa City if he didn't think he would play right away. After all, he still had a year of eligibility remaining at Indian Hills.

But now, his confidence is growing.

"I don't want to just play with the boys now," he said. "I want to be one of the leaders [and] try to compete for a championship every tournament."



Ihm golfer

Through three tournaments this fall, Ihm has solidified himself as Iowa's No. 3 golfer and a consistent scorer behind seniors Chris Brant and Barrett Kelpin.

The Dubuque native played his best golf as a Hawkeye this past weekend at the Rod Myers Invitational, in which he finished second.

For the first time in his short Iowa career, he was able to put together three solid rounds — he carded a 2-under 70 in both the first two rounds and 1-over 73 on the final day.

"Obviously, he's progressing," Iowa head coach Mark Hankins said. "He felt a little bit more comfortable in this tournament coming into the final round, and he finished off a good tournament."

His final day improvement was a welcome change for the Hawkeyes.

At the first tournament in Minnesota, Ihm spoiled a pair of 2-over 74 scores by shooting a 13-over 85 in the third round.

Then at the Golfweek Conference Challenge 13 days later, he fired rounds of 1-under 71 and even par before triple-bogey-

SEE GOLF, 8

Derby suspended for 2 games

Iowa backup quarterback A.J. Derby will be suspended for two games following a weekend arrest, head coach Kirk Ferentz said in a release on Monday morning.



Derby quarterback

The 20-year-old was arrested on Oct. 1 and charged with fourth-degree criminal mischief and public intoxication after he allegedly punched out a window of a bus. A criminal complaint filed in the Johnson County Courthouse alleged that Derby registered a blood-alcohol concentration of .120 in a preliminary breath test.

The complaint said he admitted to punching the window and said he would pay for it.

Fourth-degree criminal mischief is a serious misdemeanor in which the cost of replacing or repairing the damage is more than \$200 but less than \$500. Derby could face up to a year in prison and a fine of between \$250 to \$1,500.

Ferentz didn't comment on the situation until Monday morning, when he didn't say anything besides the nature of Derby's punishment from the football program.

"A.J. Derby will serve a two-game suspension as a result of his poor decisions this past weekend," Ferentz said in the statement.

Listed as the Hawkeyes' second-string quarterback until his suspension, Derby has completed 3-of-6 passes for 30 yards in two appearances this season. Junior John Wienke will serve as Iowa's No. 2 signal-caller until Derby returns.

— by Seth Roberts

Bruche advances

Senior Marc Bruche advanced to the second round of the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships' qualifying stage in Tulsa, Okla., on Monday.

Bruche defeated Javier Pulgar of San Diego State (7-5, 6-2) in straight sets in the first round, and he will face Florida's Tripper Carleton in the second round. A win today would put Bruche one win away from the main draw.



Bruche tennis player

One day after senior Will Vasos completed a mammoth comeback — in which he rallied from a 1-6, 1-5 deficit to advance to the qualifying stage — Vasos lost to Boise State's Damien Hume, (4-6, 4-6). Vasos will compete in a consolation

match against Tulsa's Tristan Jackson at 10:30 a.m. today.

This year was the first time in program history two Hawkeyes have competed in qualifying stages, which, head coach Steve Houghton said, was a notable accomplishment.

He said the achievements of his senior pair while competing against the top teams and players in the nation makes the history even more satisfying.

"This tournament is the who's who of college tennis, and to have six wins in singles already is really big for us," Houghton told *The Daily Iowan*.

The doubles team of Bruche and Vasos will begin play today. The duo is seeded seventh in the qualifying round and ranked No. 41 in the nation. It was given a bye to the second round. Bruche and Vasos will face a team from either Oklahoma or South Alabama at 5:30 p.m.

— by Ryan Murphy

INTRAMURAL KICKBALL



Kyle Kearby unloads on a pitch during an intramural kickball game at the Iowa Recreation Fields on Monday. For complete coverage, log on to dailyiowan.com. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)