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Hawkeyes ready to justify 10th-place ranking.



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# Assaults spur loitering discussion

Public hearing on proposed ordinance could come in a week.

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In the aftermath of two alleged assaults on residents, the Burlington City Council has fast-tracked passage of an ordinance intended to quell loitering on public property.

On Monday, councilmen will review the initiative drafted by Burlington Police Chief Dan Luttenegger. A week later, a public hearing on the

ordinance will convene.

Luttenegger said the measure only applies to those loitering on public property who attempt to hinder or prevent persons from accessing businesses, public facilities, sidewalks and streets.

Enforcement would be complaint driven, he said. Violators will be cited for a simple misdemeanor, which could result in a fine between \$50 to \$500.

"We have simplified a law passed in Iowa City. We feel it will be a good tool for us to move people along," Luttenegger said. "This won't stop all of the assaults we are seeing, but it will

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Burlington Police chief*

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At a recent council meeting, Jon Hazell of Burlington recounted how he was attacked by four teens while bystanders urged them on. A few days earlier, a 26-year-old Burlington man

said he was robbed and beaten by four or five black men on Curran Street, police say.

No arrests have been made in either case.

Hazell urged the council to quickly pass the ordinance first discussed in July, which he said may have prevented his assault. His plea did not go on deaf ears.

"There is obviously a need for this ordinance," Mayor Bill Ell said. "With that said, we aren't rushing into it. There is a process we have to go through that we're following."

According to Ell, the council also is considering toughening the existing

city code, including a curfew for young adults, and establishing an ordinance to penalize landlords who rent to tenants engaged in criminal activity.

The measure discussed by the council in June would impose a criminal penalty on landlords who knowingly rent to lawbreakers. The language of the ordinance has not been finalized.

"We can't wave a magic wand and fix this. We can only make our ordinances tougher to give police the tools they need," Ell said.

On July 28, police were called at 10:53 p.m. to Hy-Vee on Angular Street where Hazell reported the

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## RELAY FOR LIFE



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Glenna Mehaffy, Burlington, a two-time cancer survivor, and her daughter, Diane Buechel of Danville, look at the names on luminaria as they walk during the 17th annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Des Moines County Friday at Great River Medical Center in West Burlington. Glenna was carrying a rose to place on a memorial brick in her husband Lewis's memory at the Hospice House.

## Organizers hope to raise \$100,000 to fight cancer

Year-old cancer fighter helps motivate walkers.

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WEST BURLINGTON — Considering the 17th annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Des Moines County had a birthday theme this year, Jorden Gibson's presence couldn't have been more appropriate.

Jorden was born with a softball-sized tumor on the lower right side of his head last year, and was airlifted to the Children's Hospital of Iowa in Iowa City to remove the tumor. A biopsy revealed it was spindle-cell carcinoma. Two more tumors were discovered in his lungs, and Jorden had to endure chemotherapy every three weeks.

Friday was Jorden's first birthday, and he had

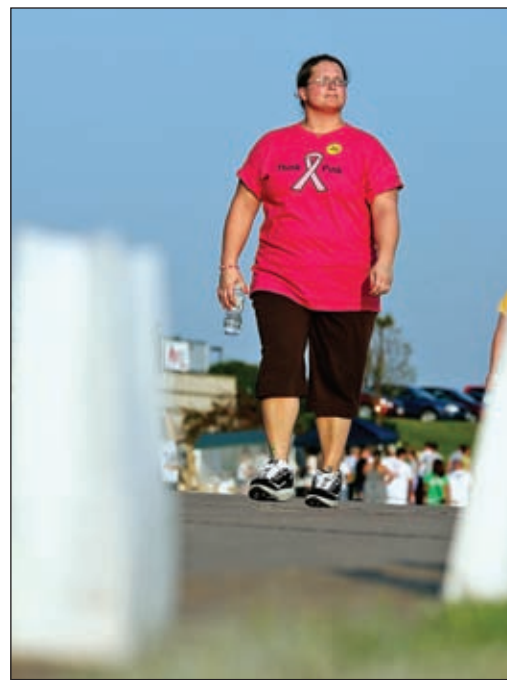
just finished his last chemotherapy treatment. There was no better way to celebrate than a stroller ride around the lake at Great River Medical Center.

"It's a cute little story," said Jorden's teammate LuJuann Hartman, who was walking with her team, Family Ties.

Almost 600 people walked through the night and into the wee hours this morning for one reason — to combat a deadly disease that has taken away those most precious to them. Organizers raised \$86,000 with last year's walk, and hoped to top \$100,000 this time around.

"Three of our teams have more money than the top third of our earners last year," said Kiersten Peck, community relations director for the American Cancer Society. "People are diagnosed with cancer everyday. They have to continue their fight,

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Rebecca Brooks, a member of Team Think Pink, circles the hospital lake.

## Accused killer seeks friends

Suspect met ex-wife, former girlfriend on prisoner website.

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Phillip Erric Boldon has not wasted time advertising for a special friendship, even while awaiting trial in a Texas jail for the stabbing death of a Burlington teen.

Boldon, who prosecutors say also goes by the name Phillip Bolden Jr., is charged in Harris County, Texas, with the murder of 19-year-old Sarah Ashley Weyrick. Officials with the Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences said Weyrick was stabbed multiple times in the neck.

Weyrick lived a few blocks from an apartment complex parking lot where she was found inside her burnt car June 2. She had been dead two days. Prosecutors said her legs had been bound.

On Friday, Boldon, who is in the Harris County jail, registered with the online pen pal site, writeaprisoner.com, looking for friendship or more.

"I'm seeking to find someone genuinely real and sincere to establish a friendship with and see where things can go," the 31-year-old wrote. "Age and race are not important to me, neither is geographical location. Personality, sense of humor and honesty are a must."

The website included an alert, notifying those browsing the site the posting was new.

Boldon, like other inmates who advertise on the site gave a description of himself including his "likes and dislikes."

He also posted a photo. "I'm very open-minded with an outgoing personality and great sense of humor," he wrote. "... I love to get out for a night on the town, but can also enjoy myself just the same spending

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## Race to the Top won't have Iowa

Neighboring state will make case later this month.

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Being shut out of the Race to the Top competition represents a loss to the state of Iowa and the Burlington School District, according to the Burlington school superintendent.

"It would have been great to have that money for the district," Jane Evans said.

"I'm very disappointed."

About \$3.4 billion in federal grants was available in the second round of the Race to the Top federal grant competition. Iowa was seeking up to \$175 million. The state also failed to advance in the first round, placing 24th of 40 states applying, plus Washington, D.C.

Had Iowa received Race to the Top funding, the Burlington district would have been guaranteed at least \$1.4 million over four years.

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Bobby Tuetken, part owner of the Blue Inn in Monticello, walks out of the flood-damaged apartment complex July 26. Eighteen inches of water filled the first floor of the building prompting an evacuation of all residents in the complex. Increased flooding in Iowa has prompted environmental advocates to call for additional regulation of state wetlands and flood plains.

## Activists: State needs more flood protection

Expanded wetlands, floodplain rules advocated.

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DES MOINES — Environmental advocates and state and city officials urged the state Friday to expand wetlands and floodplain protections, arguing the changing climate is increasing the danger of flooding.

"Flooding across the state is becoming a growing threat

due to changes in land use and as rivers are increasingly cut off from their floodplains," said Mark Tercek, president of the Nature Conservancy.

Iowa is in a crucial spot because of both the Missouri and Mississippi rivers, he said. The Missouri River drains roughly one-sixth of the United States, while the Mississippi River empties directly into the Gulf of Mexico.

"Keeping the state's waters, wetlands and floodplains

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