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During his visit to the University of Iowa on Monday, Republican presidential hopeful Newt Gingrich avoided committing to a "Marriage Vow" that has drawn national attention.

GOP candidates Michele Bachmann and Rick Santorum have already signed their names to the pledge — which calls for candidates to promise to reject Sharia Islam, commit to downsizing the federal government, and uphold the Defense of Marriage Act.

Though Gingrich was the guest of the Family Leader, an Iowa-based conservative

Christian group that developed the pledge, he said he wasn't yet prepared to sign on to the group's priorities.

The document covers a wide range of socially conservative points, but it's the first part — pledging "personal fidelity to my spouse" — that likely presents the biggest problem for the former U.S. House speaker. Gingrich has been divorced twice, and he has admitted to cheating on previous spouses, leaving him hesitant to put his name on the vow.

Gingrich said he hopes to "develop the specifics I'm comfortable signing," adding that his staff would work with the Family

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UI aids Braille School

The University of Iowa is sending crews and materials to assist the Iowa Braille School, located in Vinton, after it was damaged by severe weather early Monday morning, officials said Monday.

UI Facilities Management is sending crews to help assess damage, and the UI is prepared to provide power generators, electricians, and ground crews to help with the cleanup.

UI spokesman Tom Moore said the UI also sent two officers from the UI police to assist with overnight security.

The Braille School is a state Board of Regents institution for students who are legally blind; it provides housing, skill development, educational training, and other services.

— by Hayley Bruce

Court orders declaration of 'Don't Ask' stance

A federal appeals court that has called for the immediate halt of the military's ban on openly gay troops issued an order Monday requiring the U.S. government to state whether it will continue to defend the constitutionality of the policy in court.

Monday's order comes less than a week after the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco ordered the Obama administration to immediately cease enforcing "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," which could speed up its repeal.

The ruling stems from a lawsuit filed by the gay-rights organization, the Log Cabin Republicans, against the Department of Justice. The rights group last year persuaded a lower court judge to declare the ban unconstitutional.

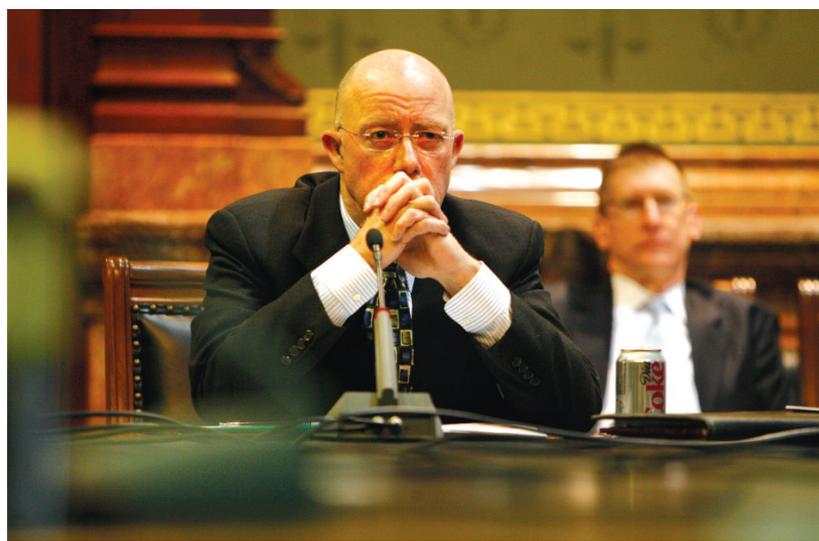
— Associated Press

Correction

In the July 7 article "Santorum Speaks in CR," by Zachary Pound, *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported students received \$1.7 million in Pell Grants between 2010 and 2011; students received \$15.9 million.

In the July 8 article "Officials warn of ATV dangers," by Zachary Pound, *The Daily Iowan* incorrectly reported the most common injuries are beheadings and most accidents are occupational; the most common injuries are head injuries and most accidents are recreational. The *DI* regrets the errors.

Miles quits as regents' head



The University of Iowa saw a handful of big issues during David Miles' tenure as regents' president.

By LUKE VOELZ
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Some officials are blaming "petty politics" for the resignations of state Board of Regents President David Miles and President Pro Tem Jack Evans.

Miles announced his resignation as regents' president Monday following a request from Gov. Terry Branstad. Miles and Evans, whom Branstad also asked to resign, will become regular regents rather than serve out their executive positions through April 2012.

In his letter of resignation Monday, Miles wrote he stepped down because of an ongoing debate between the regents and state government over legislative issues and selecting a new President for Iowa State University.

"Already, decision-making has become more difficult, and time is being taken from the ongoing work of the board," Miles wrote in his letter. "In our judgment, anything that distracts the board from its mission or that weakens the board's collective resolve must go by the wayside."

Branstad's communication director, Tim Albrecht, said the governor appreciated Miles' work but wanted a regents' president more focused on electing a new Iowa State University president and working under current budget constraints.

"Gov. Branstad does believe it's important to have leadership in place that has the full faith and confidence of the governor," Albrecht said. "Given the critical needs of this leadership institution moving forward, a leadership change did need to occur."

He said previous Iowa governors have made similar decisions, asking for regent presidential resignations.

Branstad recommended Miles' position be filled by Craig Lang, an ISU alumnus and member of American Farm Bureau Federation Board of Directors, Albrecht said. A president pro-tem has not been recommended.

The resignations have prompted concern of political bias from some Iowa legislators.

"The governor needs to stop campaigning and start governing," said Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville. "Petty politics are being carried out here. To lose that expertise and men of that high caliber makes no sense."

Dvorsky also said he believes Branstad's decision was influenced by the regents' vote to name an Iowa State University building after Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Lang, like Branstad, is an active Republi-

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2007 RAPE ALLEGATIONS EMERGE



Miles dealt with much of the aftermath of rape allegations against two Hawkeye athletes. In 2008, the UI fired two administrators who officials said were responsible for mishandling rape allegations. Miles commended those efforts, saying, "We must make certain that the kind of reaction tolerated by the student-athlete is taken by no one."

2008 IOWA RIVER SURGES



The UI is still recovering from the flood that ravaged the campus in 2008. Miles worked with then-Gov. Chet Culver and UI administrators to respond to the disaster, including netting millions in support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

2010 LOH MAKES STAY SHORT



The Board of Regents approved former UI Provost Wallace Loh's appointment under Miles' watch in 2008. Loh — who was hired following a \$50,000 search — served just two years here before leaving to become the president of the University of Maryland.

2011 SUPPORT FOR HIGHER ED DWINDLES



The regents have dealt with slumping support for higher education during Miles' tenure. Students have seen consistent tuition increases in the last few years, including a 5 percent hike for in-state students next year. But Miles defended those hikes, saying they're "well below national averages and not nearly commensurate with state budget cuts."

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UIHC implants Total Artificial Heart

By BRITTANY TREVICK
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One University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics heart patient's life has been extended thanks to a successful artificial heart implant.

UIHC physicians completed the state's first Total Artificial Heart implant July 6, UI officials said. The implant serves as an innovative device that allows patients to spend more time at home while awaiting a transplant.

"It's kind of a milestone in that we can now offer the sickest of the sick patients a way to survive

until they can get a heart transplant," said James Davis, the cardiothoracic surgeon who implanted the device.

UIHC officials started a certification process in October 2010 to be able to use the heart in patients with biventricular failure. The patient, a male in his 50s, is up and walking around and said he is feeling better than before the surgery.

He will have to wait for a heart, a process which can take around six to eight months, Davis said. But with this implant, the patient will be able to go home instead of waiting at the hospital.

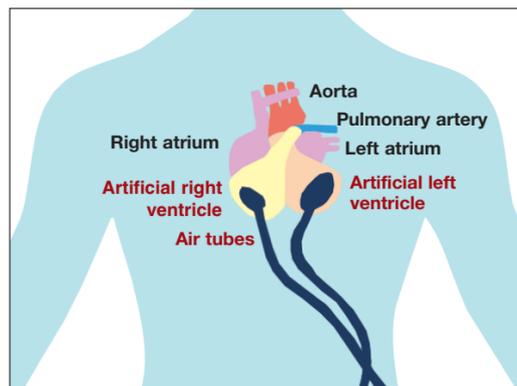
The heart is used for people with end-stage biventricular failure as a means to create more time before receiving a transplant heart. The recipients of this heart tend to be extremely close to death, said Don Isaacs, the vice president of communications for SynCardia, the company that developed the heart.

"[The Total Artificial Heart] can save the sickest of the sick," Isaacs said.

The device, known as the Freedom driver, allows patients to spend more time at home. It is

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Total Artificial Heart implant



ADAM B SULLIVAN/THE DAILY IOWAN

Local doctors completed the state's first successful artificial heart implant this month. The device, developed by SynCardia, works by pumping air to two diaphragms in the device's artificial ventricles.

Source: SynCardia



Spotlight Iowa City



BRIAN ALBERT/THE DAILY IOWAN

Rinthea Satterlee, the founder of the Barkley Foundation, plays with dogs at the foundation in Williamsburg, Iowa, on last week. Satterlee has been involved with animal rescue for the past six years. Her current project, the Barkley Foundation, started up last year; it was officially licensed as of Jan. 1. The foundation houses 44 dogs and seven cats.

Living for the animals

UI alumna Satterlee personally owns 10 dogs and eight cats.

By BRIAN ALBERT
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Rinthea Satterlee begins her mornings at 4:30.

For more than two hours, she feeds, medicates, and plays with her animals. Work runs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and then she spends another two hours feeding and doing therapy and range of motion exercises. The last few hours of her day are spent using Facebook to raise money and get the word out about pets in need.

But even as the day winds down, you won't see the Williamsburg, Iowa, native curled up in front of the tube.

"I don't have a television because I've committed my life to the animals," she said.

The University of Iowa alumna formed the Barkley Foundation in 2010, a rural space on the edge of Williamsburg with two acres of fenced-in play area. When it was officially licensed on Jan. 1, she stepped down from her position as the director of Safe Haven animal shelter — a Williamsburg-based organization that has saved more than 1,500 animals in five years.

Rinthea Satterlee

- Age: 37
- Hometown: Williamsburg, Iowa
- Education: Master's in social work from University of Iowa
- Career: Animal rescue, six years
- Favorite dog breeds: Pit Bull, St. Bernard, Corgie

Know someone we should shine a light on? E-mail us at: di-spotlight@uiowa.edu. Catch up with others from our series at dailyyowan.com/spotlight.

The Barkley Foundation, named after Satterlee's beloved St. Bernard which passed away Valentine's Day 2010, differs from an animal shelter in that it focuses on proactive efforts and fundraising for special animal cases.

"When animals come into shelters with three legs, one eye, or a heart condition, they usually are the first to be put down," Satterlee said. "But they're just as important to us. We want to give them attention because they're the hardest to adopt out."

Amy Van Scoyoc, the vice president and treasurer of the foundation, spoke about how hard it is to manage so many animals as a small, gray pit bull named Rhino stood near her feet.

"It's tough. You've got dozens of animals, and they all need to eat and drink every day," Van Scoyoc said as a dog with no eyes drank from a nearby bucket. "But we love to do it because not many others will."

The foundation currently houses 44 dogs and seven cats.

Satterlee, who earned a master's degree in social work from the UI, organizes fundraisers and public events every month to fund her foundation.

With the help of Cindy Fetters, the foundation's marketer and media person, Satterlee holds at least one fundraising event each month, usually in Iowa City. The events range from Petco adoption meetings to funnel-cake booths to psychic readings.

"Rinthea loves to dream up these fun things to do, and then I get to work out the details," Fetters said. "She does it because she's

really passionate."

Satterlee said the Barkley Foundation needs the funds after it saved more than 20 parvo-stricken puppies from a North Carolina shelter, ringing up a \$26,000 veterinary bill.

In dire situations, the founder said she turns to social networking, which she described as an invaluable tool.

"There have been times when a dog gets hit by a car and we have to raise \$800 in two hours or it's going to die," Satterlee said. "I can go to Facebook and get the word out and get the funding from some very generous donors within the night."

But Satterlee said it isn't all about the money. Animals such as Barkley changed her life and made her think about the world differently.

"Animals helped me through some difficult and lonely times of my life," Satterlee said. "There are dogs and cats out there that might be a little different and in need of some special help. That's where we come in. That's what the Barkley Foundation is about."

METRO

Police use Taser to subdue suspect

Iowa City police employed a Taser on a local man after he allegedly punched a defenseless person numerous times, according to a police report.

Officers said they saw 21-year-old Michael James Draude engage in a fistfight near 112 E. Washington St. around 2 a.m. Sunday.

Reports said Draude had the other person on the ground and "was just starting to punch the other person in the head."

Complaints said officers used a Taser to subdue Draude.

He allegedly had slurred speech, watery, bloodshot eyes, and poor balance.

The incident was captured by an amateur photographer and

posted to YouTube, where it has attracted more than 100 hits.

Disorderly conduct is a simple misdemeanor punishable by up to 30 days in jail and a maximum fine of \$625.

— by Brian Albert

Woman charged with OWI, endangerment

Sheriff's deputies arrested a Coralville woman after she allegedly drove while drunk with her child in the car.

Tammy Jo Freidhof, 40, was charged July 10 with OWI and child endangerment without injury.

According to complaints from the Johnson County Sheriff's Office, deputies stopped Freidhof's vehicle on Eighth

Street in Coralville just after 8 p.m.

Reports said Friedhof had a blood-alcohol level of .192, and her 1-year-old child was in the car.

—by Hayley Bruce

Man faces OWI, drug charge

Iowa City police arrested an Iowa City man after he allegedly drove over a utility box and into a house while under the influence of marijuana.

Robert Allen Mengis, 54, 2401 Friendship St., was charged July 10 with possession of a controlled substance and third-offense OWI.

According to reports, officers were dispatched to 824 Dover St. after receiving reports of an

accident in which the reporting party told police Mengis drove over a green utility box and into a house.

Mengis was allegedly disoriented, sweating profusely, had slurred speech, and appeared unsteady on his feet when officers arrived on the scene, but he told officers he was driving slowly and all of a sudden his car went off the road.

Complaints said police found a cigarette box with a small amount of marijuana in Mengis' pocket and a tin with marijuana residue and a pipe in his vehicle.

Tests by a police drug-recognition expert determined he was under the influence of a controlled substance.

Mengis has two previous OWI convictions from 2001 and 2005, according to the report.

— by Hayley Bruce

BLOTTER

Joseph Audlehelm, 22, 48 W. Court St. Apt. 310, was charged July 9 with public intoxication.

Deguan Brown, 20, Plymouth, Minn., was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Sarah Jankovich, 20, Bloomingdale, Ill., was charged July 8 with possession of open alcohol container in public.

Tobias Lara, 34, Orland Park, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Tyler McFarland, 21, 650 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Daniel Morice-Oujada, 22, 1103 1/2 Rochester Ave., was charged July 8 with interference with official acts, public intoxication, and

public urination.

Keith Pettigrew, 27, 429 Southgate Ave., was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

Lee Phipps, 18, 902 N. Dodge St. Apt. B6, was charged Monday with keeping a disorderly house.

Sara Rouze, 20, Cedar Rapids, was charged July 8 with OWI.

Austin Schroeder, 19, 443 S.

Johnson Apt. 4, was charged July 8 with possession of open alcohol container in public.

Russell Weston, 51, 420 Gilbert St., was charged July 7 with possession of open alcohol container in public.

Gary Wheeler, 57, address unknown, was charged Sunday with assault on law personnel.

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Republican presidential-nomination candidate Newt Gingrich speaks with the press in the IMU on Monday.

VOW

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Leader to find a compromise on the document.

The vow doesn't have complete support even in the Republican Party.

"I wouldn't sign onto that," said Bill Keettle, the former head of the Johnson County Republican Party. "I think it's an overreach."

Nationally, the pledge has garnered more heat. GOP caucus contender Gary Johnson refused to sign, calling the pledge offensive and un-American. Additionally, many national commentators have criticized the group for including a bit about black children being more likely to live in two-parent homes

GINGRICH CALLS FOR CUTS

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during slavery.

Still, Bob Vander Plaats, a former Iowa gubernatorial candidate and the head of the Family Leader, showed little sign the group plans to step back from the pledge. He defended Gingrich — past infidelity and all — before the politician's speech in Iowa City.

"First off, we're a Christian organization," said Vander Plaats, who led a 2010 charge to oust three Iowa Supreme Court justices who helped legalize gay marriage. "We believe in redemption ... Mr. Gingrich has been up front and transparent, and we believe he's really committed to his wife."

HEART

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an external part of the Total Artificial Heart that regulates blood flow and is currently being looked at in trials with the Food and Drug Administration, Isaacs said.

UIHC physicians expect to do between three and six implants each year, said Jennifer Goerbig-Campbell, a cardiologist in the UI Heart and Vascular Center.

"We are fully equipped to do that now," she said.

But while some people are enthusiastic about the artificial heart, others are detracted by its age and bulkiness.

"[The Total Artificial Heart] is an old device," said Edwin McGee, the director of heart transplants and mechanical assistance progress at the Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "It's from the '80s."

The heart was developed in the 1940s by Dr. Willem Kolff. The first implant of the Total Artificial Heart doctors use today occurred on Dec. 2, 1982, by Kolff. The patient lived for 112 days.

The organ was originally intended to be a permanent heart, but it became more successful as an artificial heart. The retail cost is \$124,700, but Isaacs said insurance companies usually cover the costs. The first implant of the heart used as a bridge to a heart transplant occurred in 1985. More than 26 years

SynCardia Total Artificial Heart Facts

UIHC physicians implanted the state's first artificial heart July 6. Facts on the heart include:

- By Day 5 after implantation, roughly 65 percent of patients were out of bed.
- 60 percent of patients walked more than 100 feet two weeks after implantation.
- There have been more than 900 patients, who have added more than 210 patient years of life.

Source: SynCardia.com

later, more than 900 implants have occurred.

And these implants have been fairly successful.

A 10-year pivotal clinical study that ended in the Food and Drug Administration approving the heart on Oct. 15, 2004, showed 79 percent of patients who received the artificial heart went on to receive a transplant.

"It's the only device that can help a very, very sick patient," Isaacs said.

But McGee said he has been approached by SynCardia to use the heart and has refused to incorporate it in his hospital.

"It makes a lot of noise," McGee said. "[And] it's kind of bulky."

But Isaacs still has faith in the heart and said it gives people with cardiovascular disease — the No. 1 cause for death in the civilized world — more time to live.

"[The Total Artificial Heart] makes the body operate as it's designed," Isaacs said.

Good news on the Missouri

By EARL HORLYK
Associated Press

SIOUX CITY — A glimmer of hope at last.

Local officials welcomed the news Monday evening that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers plans to decrease flows from Gavins Point Dam near Yankton, S.D., from 160,000 cubic feet per second to 155,000 July 31 and 150,000 on Aug. 1.

It's the first bit of good news they and other Siouxland residents affected by Missouri River flooding have received since late May, when the Corps announced it would set a record by increasing releases from a previously announced 110,000 cfs to 150,000 cfs. A week after the river gushed out of Gavins Point at 150,000 cfs for the first time, on June 14, the Corps announced it would release 160,000 cfs and maintain that level at least until mid-August.

Monday's announcement brought a sigh of relief from Woodbury County Disaster and Emergency Services Director Gary Brown.

"We're finally heading in the right direction," he said. "A lot of times, these things go the other way."

Jody Farhat, the chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' River Basin Water Management Division, said during Monday's daily media briefing that, barring a change of plans because of heavy rain, flows from Gavins Point Dam will drop to 155,000 cfs on July 31 and to 150,000 cfs on Aug. 1. Releases from the dam will continue to decrease gradually in August, she said.

The Corps has been managing releases from six reservoirs along the Missouri as a result of above-normal snowpack and extraordinary rainfall in Western states.

"Storage at all of our six reservoirs are currently holding at a steady level, and water elevations are also looking good," Farhat said Monday. "I think we're looking at the downhill side of the situation."

"I don't know how going from 160,000 cfs to 150,000 cfs will affect Dakota Dunes' elevation," said Jeff Dooley, community improvement district manager for Dakota Dunes, where hundreds of homes have been evacuated since the first week of June. "But from a psychological standpoint, this is very good news."

"After all, any reduction is good news."

Dakota County Emergency Manager Pat Foust said a reduction may allow his department to move from "a mandatory state of emergency to a step towards recovery."

Despite the anticipated reduction, Brown said the flood fight will continue for some time to come.

"We'll be working hard up until we can get the river back into its channel," he said.

The river level was 34.37 feet at Sioux City on Monday, down slightly from 34.39 feet Sunday. Flood stage is 30 feet.

Rain and thunderstorms are forecast today through Thursday, but the sun is expected to shine later Thursday and all day Friday, according to National Weather Service predictions.

MILES

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can, and he openly opposed the naming of the Harkin Institute at ISU in April. Other regents, including Miles, voted in favor of the decision, which GOP members of the Iowa Senate opposed.

Rep. Greg Forristall, R-Macedonia, said he understood having a regents' president the governor supports.

"It sounds like the gov-

David Miles

Background for the outgoing state Board of Regents president:

- 16th president of the Board of Regents
- Owns the investment firm Miles Capital Inc.
- Served 11 years on Drake University Board of Trustees
- Attended Drake University
- J.D. from Harvard Law School

Source: State Board of Regents

ernor is asking for someone compatible with his views to chair the board," he said.

Regent Bob Downer said he doubted Branstad's request had partisan influence.

"I have not felt that partisanship has been a significant factor in any vote we have taken on the board, with the exception of project labor agreements," Downer said. "While there could be perception this is motivated by partisanship, my guess is it's not going to make a

lot of difference as to the outcome of partisan issues."

While he doubted a direct political motivation, Downer said, Miles and Evans likely stepped down to avoid conflict.

The regents are scheduled to meet by telephone today at 2 p.m., when they are expected to elect a new board president and president pro-tem.

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Editorial

Reconsider the need for rural tornado sirens in county

Following the tornado-related destruction that ripped through the southern U.S. this past spring, it is integral that residents of Tornado Belt states be well aware of approaching weather. This rings especially true for inhabitants of rural areas, where there are far fewer severe weather warnings available.

Johnson County officials announced late last month that six new tornado sirens will be erected in rural areas of the county over the coming five years as part of the Board of Supervisors' push to better protect residents. Each solar-powered siren will cost between \$15,000 and \$25,000 and cover an area of approximately 2.2 square miles.

While it is important that all residents of the county are warned about inclement weather, traditional sirens are neither the most cost-effective nor reliable way to alert residents in rural areas.

Prior to 2009, the southwestern corner of the county had zero sirens; there is now one located in the village of Frytown. The first planned siren from the county's latest push is to be erected later this month in Joetown, where the Iowa Mennonite High School is located. This siren is the exception to our general opposition; modern technological alerts are not available to the roughly 140 students there, and it will also alert schoolchildren at the neighboring elementary school.

But for the rest of the sirens — at the cost of tens of thousands of dollars to the county during an economic slump — the traditional warning system makes little sense.

"These sirens will protect schools, camps, parks — basically, places where many people are likely to congregate," Johnson County Supervisor Rod Sullivan told the *DI* on June 23.

But how much more cost-effective would it be to simply announce approaching severe weather over school or campground intercoms? And given the number of native Iowans who have developed an immunity of sorts to these sirens (or have gone their whole lives without them) how effective will their presence be?

Additionally, in this age of technological advancements, it would seem far more efficient to send out mobile alerts to people in these areas. Create a voluntary listserve, and alert rural inhabitants when necessary. Though the sirens purportedly require little to no maintenance, sending out a text message, e-mail, or Facebook alert requires even less.

In rural Tennessee, residents of Cumberland County have started using Facebook to send out weather

warnings, while two other sparsely populated counties have opted for a "reverse 911 system" that automatically calls residents when dangerous storms approach. Johnson County officials would do well to look into emulating either of these functional approaches.

According to Johnson County's Emergency Management coordinator Dave Wilson, many complaints have been filed by people unable to hear the sirens while in their houses. He noted in a SourceMedia News interview that the warnings are intended for any rural Iowans who may be outdoors. Thus, not only are the sirens ineffectual for people (or students) staying out of the wind and rain, they cover a very small amount of ground and are likely to go unheeded.

This is not to say that rural tornado sirens are not without their usefulness: prior to the 2011 tornadoes that swept through Guntersville, Ala., warning sirens had been strategically placed following consecutive years of immense wind damage. According to the emergency-management director of Marshall County (which includes Guntersville) following an especially destructive storm, "The track [the tornado] took is exactly where we'd put the new sirens up." They might make sense, therefore, in oddly common tornado paths.

"We'll never have a system to cover the whole county, and we wouldn't want to," Sullivan told the *DI* Editorial Board on Monday. "We just want to cover where people gather." Following the flood of 2008, he said, the county instituted a "Code Red" program that allows residents to opt in for emergency telephone notifications of impending weather.

When asked about the costs to the county of implementing six new tornado sirens, at an average of \$20,000 each, Sullivan said that by erecting only two a year the price tags should remain manageable.

"By spreading it out, it makes [paying the costs] a little easier," he said.

While there is an undeniable need for tornado and severe-weather warnings in rural areas where other options are unavailable, the supervisors should reconsider the push for expensive (and potentially unnecessary) sirens in this time of financial belt-tightening. Keep residents in rural areas safe, but build on cost-effective, modern innovations to do so.

Your turn. Should Johnson County erect tornado sirens in rural areas? Weigh in at dailyiowan.com.

Say Ah, wilderness



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Objects of art are closer than they appear.

Yeah, I know — nobody's talking about objects of art this summer. Well, except for the Iowa City Summer of the Arts people, and the Riverside Shakespeare people (Should that be wandering in Eugene O'Neill's wilderness people?), and the Iowa Summer Rep people. And they may be excused, because art is what they do, while the rest of us wander in the wilderness of debt and deficit.

OK, let's be honest. Most of us are not spending the summer wandering in the wilderness of debt and deficit, because that's a quite boring wilderness. Who knew that a wilderness could slay you with ennui?

Hegel, apparently.

And, it seems, our political leaders have a pretty good idea about ennui and wilderness — though I use the word "our" advisedly, because there doesn't appear to be a whole lot of "our" in America these days, especially when it comes to politics.

Which puts us splat back in the wilderness of debt and deficits.

Sorry.

But the food fight going on in Washington, D.C., these days over raising the U.S. debt limit and what to do about the deficit — well, OK, "food fight" is far too polite a description. As are some of the other terms being bandied about, "political theater," for instance, or "political circus," the latter of which has a particular resonance in Iowa these days. (Does that mean it's time to send in the clowns? Oh, wait — we already did that, in November.)

What is the big deal about the debt limit? you ask. And why can't we go play disc golf?

I'm not sure what the big deal is. I mean, Congress has raised the U.S. debt limit 102 times in approximately the last

94 years, according to NPR. The public-radio network also reports that Congress raised the debt limit eight times during the George W. Bush administration and three times so far during the Obama administration. So, the members of Congress, including the Republicans, are no strangers to raising the limit.

So why won't the Republicans agree to raise the limit? you ask. Because President Obama wants them to raise the limit. If Obama came out against raising the debt limit, the Republicans would vote to raise it faster than you can snap your fingers.

In any case, the concept of the debt limit is not one of the beloved foundations of the republic. The limit did not even exist before 1917, which means that for (depending on how you count at home) 141 years or 134 years or 128 years, the republic got along just fine without the debt limit.

So what happens if Congress does not raise the limit? you wonder. Thank you for asking. Cataclysm, apparently. At least according to many experts. The U.S. defaults on its debt, the whole world falls into another recession, the Chinese buy the entire world, global warming speeds up, and another Ice Age begins, simultaneously.

I'm not exactly sure about all of the details.

But NPR did report that in April and May of 1979, because of what were described as technical reasons, the U.S. did default on some \$120 million of its debt (the total debt was \$800 billion at the time), and the interest rate that the country had to pay rose by 0.6 of 1 percent. Which doesn't sound like all that much, until you consider that 0.6 of 1 percent on \$800 billion is \$4.8 billion — which rather dwarfs that \$120 million default.

Say Ah, wilderness. You know, you're right — disc golf sounds pretty good right now. ■

Letter

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Solve the economic crisis: Legalize & tax marijuana

At this point in time, all levels of government in the U.S., including the federal government, are financially strapped because of a four-year-long economic recession. Our collective governments' usually reliable

sources of revenue have either plummeted or dried up altogether.

Solution: Legalize and tax America's largest agricultural cash crop — marijuana. If we legalize and tax marijuana nationally, perhaps bypassing the Supreme Court through a constitutional amendment, all of

America's local, county, and state governments — as well as the federal government — will get out of debt and into the black overnight.

Marijuana is the key to getting America out of this crippling recession. All 50 states are chomping at the bit to legalize and tax the one as-yet untaxed commod-

ity that we have ready to go. Not one single state among the 50 does not (albeit illegally) produce marijuana. To continue to keep America's largest cash crop illegal and untaxed is positively irresponsible.

David Lester Hornberger
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Guest opinion

Government shouldn't control drug consumption

The U.S. Supreme Court has declared a California law banning the sale of violent videos unconstitutional. Although the rationale would be different, how about going further and declaring laws banning the possession and distribution of drugs by adults to be unconstitutional, too? After all, if we're going to treat minors like adults, what would be wrong with treating adults like adults, too?

In fact, the drug war is the ultimate example of the paternalistic state. The government serves as everyone's daddy, one who sets the rules on what his adult children

are permitted to ingest and who sets the punishments for those who violate his rules.

Can drugs harm a person? Of course they can. So can lots of other things, such as fatty foods, sugar, and even such terribly damaging drugs as alcohol and tobacco.

But simply because a substance is harmful, a government is not sufficiently justified in wielding the power to punish a person for ingesting it. Is there any moral, legal, or constitutional justification for the government to serve as a daddy for American grownups, regulating what they choose to put into their mouths?

What about the concept of freedom? When the government wields the power to punish a person for ingesting an unapproved substance, that person can't rationally be considered free. Doesn't freedom entail the right to make one's own choices in life, so long as they don't involve the initiation of force or fraud against others?

Sure, the choices that people make may be considered irresponsible, dangerous, unhealthy, or immoral by others, but the right to make such choices is the essence of individual liberty. If a person is "free" to do only those things that the authorities consider are

responsible, safe, healthy, and moral, then in what sense is he living in a free society? By that measure, aren't people in China, North Korea, and Burma "free"?

Moreover, it's his body, isn't it? Let's take a simple case — a person sitting all by himself in the privacy of his own living room smoking marijuana. Obviously, he's not violating anyone else's rights because he's not initiating force or fraud against anyone. Yes, some would say that what he's doing is harming himself and his family, but people do lots of things that harm themselves and their families

that are not violent or even illegal, such as drinking, smoking, overeating, or even watching too much television.

While people can say that the marijuana smoker is ruining his life or even destroying it, freedom entails the right of the person to say, "Butt out and leave me alone." Freedom entails his right to live his life the way he wants, so long as his conduct remains peaceful. What business is it of policemen, prosecutors, judges, and jailers to be breaking down his door, carting him away, prosecuting and convicting him, and sending him away to do time in jail? Nobody elected or

appointed them to be the guy's daddy.

The fact is that what people put into their mouths is no rightful business of government. It is not a legitimate role of government to be a busybody for the citizenry.

It is no more the business of government to control what people put into the mouths than it is to control the sale of video games to minors. Adults have a right to be adults. And that right encompasses the right to ingest whatever they want for whatever reason they want.

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Gingrich: Kill EPA, NLRB

In Iowa City, Gingrich calls for deep cuts to federal agencies.

By IAN STEWART
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GOP presidential-nomination hopeful Newt Gingrich lambasted several federal groups, including the Environmental Protection Agency and the National Labor Relations Board, which he called a "rogue operation," during a speech on campus Monday.

Organized by the Family Leader, a conservative Christian group headed by former gubernatorial hopeful Bob Vander Plaats, the speech was part of a series organized to have Republican candidates address social issues.

But while Gingrich touched on ethical and religious questions — the focus of the Family Leader's lecture series — he spoke strongly about his plans to rethink government offices in light of the current economic situation, something Natalie Ginty, the chairwoman of the Iowa Federation of College Republicans, said she supported.

"They do hamper on business, and they do hurt America," she said. "The individual, the citizenry should be more important than the bureaucracy in Washington."

Gingrich had some specific ideas about where that downsizing should occur.

"If they're going to cut spending, start with the National Labor Relations Board," he said. "It is ... trying to destroy the American work system and killing jobs at Boeing in South Carolina in ways that are totally unconscionable in this kind of economy."

Gingrich was referring to the board's recent criticism of the aviation giant, which, according to the agency, moved production from Washington to South Carolina to punish its union workers.

Union issues have been at the forefront of the political debate in recent months, including in Iowa. The Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement, for exam-

Newt Gingrich
During his Monday visit to the UI, the GOP presidential-nomination hopeful called for cuts to federal agencies.

He also discussed:
• Judicial reforms
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• Rethinking the Food and Drug Administration

ple, group is planning a march on Saturday in Des Moines to protest what they call anti-union policies from Gov. Terry Branstad.

Dennis Roseman, the former head of the Johnson County Democratic Party, said the issue of unions is a highly political one.

"There's a push by various factions in the Republican Party to basically destroy organized unions," Roseman said. "Traditionally, the unions have had the support of the Democrats."

Citing new electricity regulations established by the EPA, Gingrich said such agencies are "killing manufacturing jobs."

"These are agencies so out of touch with reality that we ought to save a lot of money [by cutting their funding]," he said.

But Gingrich, a former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, told the crowd of approximately 50 gathered in the IMU of what he sees as an opportunity for job creation and debt reduction.

"We ought to put into the debt-ceiling bill drilling offshore for oil and gas," Gingrich said. "Every time we get a barrel of oil from the Gulf of Mexico, the federal government gets money."

Roseman called that plan "ridiculous."

"It's totally poppycock to think that any change in that policy will have a change on anything in the near future," he said. "It won't get us gas in the near future, and it won't get us jobs in the near future."

"It's not going to have the impact that he seems to be portraying."

Iowa trims aging agency



The Iowa Department of Aging hosts a meeting in the Coralville Public Library on Monday. The goal of the statewide series is to provide Iowans with a better understanding of the aging network and discuss a new Iowa law that reduces the number of area agencies on aging.

The Iowa Department on Aging employs 35 and has a budget of \$29.8 million.

By BRIAN ALBERT
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Iowa's 99 counties are represented by 16 area agencies on aging — institutions that provide older Iowans with the information and resources necessary to lead productive lives.

House File 45 will cut that number down to six by next July and reduce the agencies' budget by \$300,000.

"The governor originally asked for a \$500,000 cut," said Rep. Dave Heaton, R-Mount Pleasant. "Legislature thought that was a bit much, so we got the number reduced by a few hundred thousand."

Donna Harvey, director of the Iowa Department on Aging, held a community event Monday at the Coralville Public Library at which locals were free to ask questions and voice concerns about the reduction in the number of agencies — which provide information on health care, assisted living, meal delivery, and employment.

Harvey said the reduction legislation is both beneficial and commonplace in nearby states, citing Wisconsin, which was trimmed down to three areas from 15, and Minnesota, which saw a decrease from 12 to five.

"I've spoken with people from aging departments

Iowa Aging Statistics

Numbers below are for Iowans age 65 and over.

- Average income: \$31,863
- Poverty rate: 7.3 percent
- Number of people who moved to Iowa between 2008 and 2009: 4,313
- Number of Social Security beneficiaries: 427,910
- Number of Iowans in the workforce: 73,942
- Percent disabled: 37.9 percent

Source: Iowa Department on Aging

in [those] states, and they tell me it's the best thing that could have happened," Harvey said. "They're much stronger now because their consolidation led to better communication and efficiency."

The Iowa Department on Aging has until Dec. 15 to propose an updated agency layout. It currently has two possible maps.

Harvey said agency funding will depend on population count and resident demographics.

But one Coralville woman, Charlotte Walker, said she's wary of these so-called "super agencies," and she contended that people who aren't involved in major groups will have greater difficulty finding information.

"Please remember the public who aren't affiliated with the big groups," Walker said. "I know from over 10 years of direct experience that I've had

trouble finding information because I don't belong to the AARP or the Task Force on Aging or an elderly living community."

Machelle Shaffer, the communications director for the Iowa Department on Aging, said the community needs to understand nothing is going to be lost — there will simply be some restructuring.

"We're tightening up the organization," she said. "They will retain the same services, but we're bringing them together. And as a more cohesive group, we can also look at the possibility of expanding those services."

Heaton echoed Shaffer's belief, saying the current services won't disappear, they'll simply be part of a larger administrative umbrella.

"Existing agencies will move into a minor, secondary role," Heaton said. "But we were reassured the expertise for services would be preserved within their areas."

Not everyone is entirely optimistic about the

change.

Rep. Mary Mascher, D-Iowa City, said just because other states have seen success under similar circumstances doesn't mean Iowa will necessarily benefit from the change.

"It's disappointing there wasn't the support to see [the agencies] succeed in their current capacity," she said. "A lot of people become fearful the farther from home accountability lies, so we'll have to watchdog things pretty closely."

The Department on Aging is organizing 16 more community events over the next two weeks. Harvey said she hopes older Iowans will show up and express their concerns.

"Going forward, it's all about communication on a face-to-face basis," she said. "Care for the aging is best handled at a local, grass-roots level, so we want to encourage that sort of interaction."

Harvey said she hopes to begin the implementation by the end of August.

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Notes to Self:

• The next time your arms are full and you decide to open the convenience-store door with your hip, try to choose the hip opposite the pocket your car keys are in. You're a bleeder.

• If you insist on washing every towel in the house, make sure you do not need to take a shower just after doing so, or else you will be drying yourself with T-shirts.

• Mixing a Captain and Coke does not require the use of a cocktail shaker. Unless you like a sticky kitchen floor. And ceiling.

• When in bed during the summer, you often have a stationary box fan pointed directly at you to help keep you cool. Remember this the next time you decide to sleepily unleash a Class-12 Sul-furous Taco Fart at 3 a.m.

• To correctly make ice, you must place filled ice trays inside the freezer, not on top of the fridge.

• Never again go to Target on a day you happen to be wearing your favorite red shirt and khakis to work. The other customers will keep stopping you and asking you questions. About electronics. Which you know the answers to. And cannot help but give them additional advice regarding.

• Next time you order a nice three-quarter-sleeve T-shirt from J-Crew, do not open the box with your 8-inch chef's knife — unless, of course, you are in dire need of a new \$42 cleaning rag.

• Never use WebMD to self-diagnose anything EVER. Especially a headache. You will always diagnose it as a tumor. ALWAYS.

Andrew R. Juhl was going to write something here, but he forgot what it was.

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Members of the Teen Reads Book Club create African masks in the Coralville Public Library on Monday. All teens in grades seven through 12 may participate; the club meets every two weeks during the summer.



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5 p.m. Where Literature & Music Meet, Concert No. 2, Music by Webern, Schoenberg; Tricia Park, Conor Hanick, Jay Campbell, Maia Quartet, Katie Wolfe, and Nathalie Cruden, June 25

6:30 p.m. Where Literature & Music Meet, Concert No. 3, Music by Golijov, Schubert; Maia Quartet, Katie Wolf, June 26

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— by Eugenia Last

ARIES March 21-April 19 Look at all your investment options, but don't take a risk or spend money you don't have readily available. Networking will help you make an important decision. Don't be afraid to make a change based on what you discover.

TAURUS April 20-May 20 Concentrate on self-help and spiritual growth, along with looking your best. It's how you present yourself to the world that will count, especially when you are trying to make an impression.

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LEO July 23-Aug. 22 Present what you have to offer personally and professionally, and you will attract a buzz that is sure to lead to an interesting proposal. Travel or change of location will inspire you.

VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Be ready to do the work yourself and to make things happen if you want things done. An emotional encounter will set you back. Live for the moment, and let love lead you down the right path.

LIBRA Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't let laziness be your downfall. Push what you have to offer, and refuse to give in to temptation and demands. Make your own decisions, and be sure-footed when it comes to how you are going to get what you want.

SCORPIO Oct. 23-Nov. 21 The past will be a reminder of what not to do in the future. Don't leave anything to chance when there is so much to gain by taking control and allowing your creativity to blossom.

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Concentrate on what you have to offer and what you have to gain by the connections you make at events you attend. Someone you are involved with may want more of a commitment or at least more of your time.

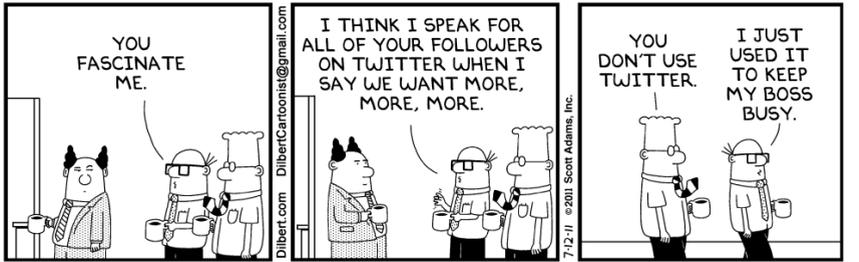
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AQUARIUS Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Do what you can to help others, and you will be rewarded in an unusual way. Making changes to your home and family life will pay off. Opportunities are apparent if you reach out and grab them. Good fortune is close by.

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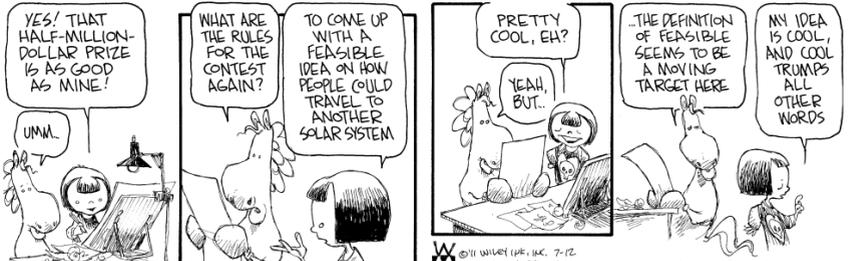
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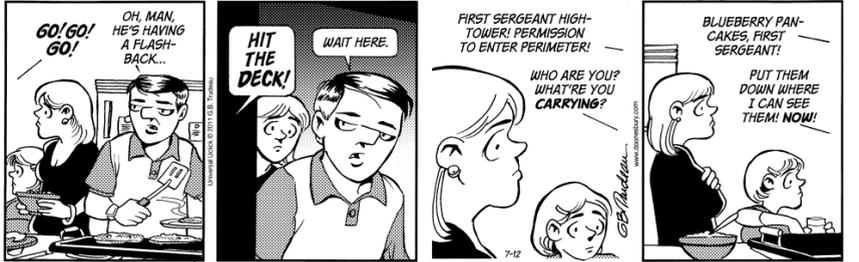
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- **Tot Time**, 9 a.m., Scanlon Gymnasium, 2701 Bradford
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 9:30 a.m., Creekside Park
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 9:30 a.m., Fairmeadows Park
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 9:30 a.m., Willow Creek Park
- **Chemistry Final Thesis Defense, "Theoretical Studies on the Structure and Dynamics of Room-Temperature Ionic Liquids," Harsha Annapureddy**, 10 a.m., C121 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Kids Rule Summer Film Series**, 10 a.m., Sycamore 12
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barns & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Tech Help Tuesdays** 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library 123 S. Linn
- **Preschool Story Time** 10:30 a.m., Coralville Public

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- **Iowa Summer Writing Festival Eleventh Hour, "Clarity and Depth," Venise Berry**, 11 a.m., 101 Biology Building East
- **Summer Playgrounds**, 1 p.m., Wetherby Park
- **Farmers' Market**, 3 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **"Live from Prairie Lights," John Dalton, fiction**, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Iowa Summer Rep, I Do! I Do!**, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Theatre B
- **Potiche (Trophy Wife)**, 8 p.m., Bijou
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- **Dance Party** 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

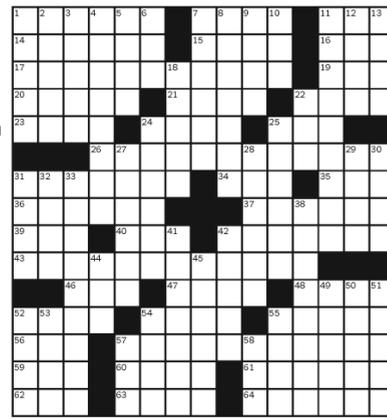
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 - Comment about comic actor Marlin when standing next to a peewee?
 - Fireplace wood
 - "Tony n' Wedding" (Off Broadway hit starting in 1988)
 - Military force
 - They outrank kings
 - Knife wound
 - Campus area
 - Something found in a Parliament
 - 54 Letters
 - Comment about actor Jack, racially speaking?
 - Nimbleness
 - Architect I. M. _____
 - "For example ..."
 - Place for a marquee
 - Still green
 - "Poetica"
 - Anger
 - Like ironed pants, often
 - Comment about well-dressed pop singer James?
 - Peacock (Clue character)
 - Irritating sort
 - Cass Elliot
 - Former drink marketed as "something different"
 - 54 Letters
 - When doubled, band with the 1984 #1 hit "The Reflex"
 - Wash. neighbor
 - Comment about impressionist Rich when playing a packed house?
 - Artem contraction
 - Baldwin or Guinness
 - Green, purple or red food
 - Vote to kill a bill
 - Sieve, essentially
 - Nothing to write home about?



Puzzle by David Liben-Nowell

- Down**
- Adds to a blog
 - Still standing, as a target
 - Hotelier Helmsley
 - The record score in this game is 1,049 points
 - Vittles
 - Holy Hindu's title
 - Acela operator
 - Seafood-based party food
 - Friend
 - N.J. neighbor
 - Emergency of 1973 or 1979
 - Lotion ingredient
 - Fraternally party staples
 - Impertinent
 - "That hit the spot!"
 - Local staffer for Al Jazeera, e.g.
 - Hair braider, e.g.
 - Settings for mansions
 - Relax, slangily, with "out"
 - It's on a make?
 - Org. defending the Second Amendment
 - On/off _____
 - Shaded recess
 - Home of L. L. Bean
 - Unsettled feeling
 - Jewish homeland
 - Glimmering
 - About 4% of a marathon
 - Have supper
 - Escape
 - Canon camera

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Advanced courses go rural in Iowa

The center aims to have one student from every high school in Iowa enrolled in an online AP course this year.

By JULIANA FABIANO
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High-school students in rural Iowa may have a better chance of enrolling in Advanced Placement courses starting this fall because of a new appropriation by the Iowa Legislature.

For the first time, the University of Iowa Belin-Blank Center received a \$482,000 appropriation for the 2011-12 school year that will allow high schools across Iowa to receive funding for Advanced Placement courses, exam reviews, materials, and instructor training.

The funding will be directed to the Iowa Advanced Placement Online Academy to offer mainstream online courses such as calculus, biology, and history to students in areas that nor-

mally do not have the opportunity to take college-level courses.

UI Professor Nicholas Colangelo, the director of the Belin-Blank Center, said the funding is a major plus for many rural schools in Iowa because the size of many rural high schools may not allow funding for advanced classes.

"The heart of the funding is taking the course online," he said. "It definitely helps students who are interested and would otherwise miss this opportunity if the funding wasn't available."

The center will try to monitor every school to ensure students in the state have an equal chance to receive the education they deserve, he said.

"We try to do this equally, and the fact that this funding came from

the state Legislature has many benefits," he said. "It helps out every area of Iowa, not just specific parts."

The center's goal is to have at least one student from every high school in Iowa be enrolled in an online Advanced Placement course during the 2011-12 school year, Colangelo said.

Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames, a member of the education appropriations subcommittee, said the legislators want equal opportunities for available Advanced Placement content. Smaller and rural schools have traditionally faced more challenges in providing college credits to high-school students.

"In smaller schools, there may only be three students enrolled in Advanced Placement classes, but it is hard to

Iowa Online Advanced Placement Academy

About the program:

- Founded: 2001
- Advanced Placement courses and tests will be offered online.
- Funding will go to training teachers and exam reviews.
- Courses such as biology, calculus, and history will be offered.
- Allows for teachers to develop AP courses

Source: Belin-Blank Center

justify a budget for only three students," Quirmbach said. "With this funding, we are offering the opportunity for a small district to provide an online course so the content is available."

Rep. Cecil Dolecheck, R-Mount Ayr, also a sub-

committee member, said that while offering online courses to smaller schools allows opportunities for rural students, he does not think there is a specific focus on funding to rural schools.

"There is not a particular focus on rural areas; I know there has been use of it as well as to other areas of the state," he said. "This funding is available statewide and is a great opportunity for students to better prepare their interest in college."

Students, including those in smaller schools, can view the Advanced Placement courses as electives that will provide them an opportunity they would not be able to receive otherwise, he said.

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In this June 23, 2011, file photo, Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks during the 28th-annual National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials Conference in San Antonio on June 23. Perry has phoned influential Republicans in New Hampshire and Iowa in recent days as he weighs whether to enter the GOP race for its presidential nomination.

By STEVE PEOPLES AND THOMAS BEAUMONT
Associated Press

EXETER, N.H. — Texas Gov. Rick Perry has telephoned influential Republicans in early voting New Hampshire and Iowa in recent days as he weighs whether to enter the race for the GOP presidential nomination.

"He was looking for my thoughts in terms of what the presidential field looked like and what might happen if someone came in and shook things up a little bit," New Hampshire Senate President Peter Bragdon told the Associated Press on Monday after receiving a weekend voicemail message on his cell phone from Perry. "It certainly left me with the impression that he's doing his homework and giving it some serious consideration."

The conservative Texan also called several GOP leaders in Iowa, which will hold the first contest in next year's GOP presidential nomination race. Among those contacted, Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds said Perry left a message for her but didn't indicate whether he planned to run.

"He looked forward to the opportunity to have a face-to-face and talk about great things that could happen in Iowa as well as the nation," Reynolds told the AP. "He just said he looked forward to seeing me soon."

Perry's efforts to reach out to Republican officeholders in both states show just how seriously he's considering a run as polls suggest Republican primary voters in early voting states and elsewhere are generally underwhelmed by the current slate of GOP candidates.

The field is largely set, with former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney — who lost the nomination to John McCain in 2008 — ahead in most early surveys. Sarah Palin, the former Alaska governor and 2008 vice-presidential nominee, and Perry are the only two major question marks.

Perry, Texas' longest serving governor, had spent months saying that he would not seek the nomination. He reversed course several weeks ago, and he has been openly considering a bid.

Last month, Perry aides began making

inquiries in Iowa about the timing and rules of the state's leadoff nominating caucuses, as well as the Iowa GOP's presidential straw poll, scheduled for Aug. 13 in Ames. There also is an Iowa movement afoot to draft Perry to run; it has hired staffers to try to build support for Perry at the Ames popularity contest that could shape the race.

A former Perry aide also is inquiring about available campaign staff, according to Greg Baker, an Iowa Republican consultant now working for a faith-based advocacy group in the state. Baker wouldn't identify the ex-aide who was reaching out but said: "He was just checking on a few names of people seeing how I felt about them, checking on different possible staff

people, if he were to run.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner acknowledged that the governor was reaching out to people across the country, saying: "He's continuing to talk to folks as part of his process of making a decision."

New Hampshire conservative leader and former Senate candidate Ovide Lamontagne said he spoke to Perry "for the better part of half an hour" on July 9.

"I told him that I think this is a wide-open race. While there are some good candidates out there, I think folks are still looking," said Lamontagne, who hasn't committed to a candidate. "I have the impression that he's in the process of making a decision. Obviously, he's quite serious about it."

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Who will win the All-Star Game

American League
The major-league All-Star Game boasts plenty of talent on each side, but the American League will run away with the win and the resulting home-field advantage in the World Series.

From top to bottom, the AL roster is loaded with big names. Baseball's top two home-run hitters, Toronto's Joe Bautista (31 dingers) and New York's Curtis Granderson (25), call the AL East home. The pair also leads the majors in runs scored; Granderson has crossed the plate 79 times and Bautista has come around 73 times.

The AL East is also represented by Boston slugger Adrian Gonzalez, who leads the majors in hits (128), runs batted in (77), and batting average (tied for first with .354).

If you need more proof of the AL's offensive advantage, look no further than the starting lineup. The team has so much firepower that Boston's David Ortiz, who has revitalized his career and is hitting .304 with 19 homers, will bat in the seventh spot — a place usually reserved for offensively mediocre shortstops.

The American League doesn't just have offense, either. The AL has a solid number of young, dynamic pitching talent as well. Los Angeles' Jered Weaver will bring his major-league-leading 1.86 ERA and 11-4 record to the hill to start the game, and he will be backed up by such hurlers as Seattle's Felix Hernandez (140 strikeouts), Boston's Josh Beckett (2.27 ERA), and Oakland's Gio Gonzalez (2.47 ERA and 111 strikeouts).

The National League will present a stiff challenge, of course — any game featuring Prince Fielder and Roy Halladay on the same team will be fascinating — but the AL's incredible depth up and down its roster means the Junior Circuit will take home the All-Star title for the eighth time in nine years.

— by Sam Odeyemi

National League
The All-Star game has been defined by one league or the other dominating for years at a time.

From the first mid-summer classic in 1933 to 1949, the American League won 12 of 16.

For about the next four decades, the National League was routinely the victor — it won 33 times during that stretch.

Then it was back to the American League, who won 12 of the 13 All-Star games from 1997-2009.

Notice a trend? The NL finally came through last year with a 3-1 victory, and it will officially make it a streak tonight when they beat the AL in Arizona.

Last year's score is an important indicator of how the Senior Circuit will win this year's contest — with pitching.

The NL is going to have the pitching needed to shutdown the AL's high-powered bats.

Roy Halladay, Cliff Lee, and a cast of others will

mow down AL hitters with relative ease.

Lee has been the hottest pitcher in all of baseball over the last two months or so. He's 7-2 with a 2.06 ERA during that stretch, including

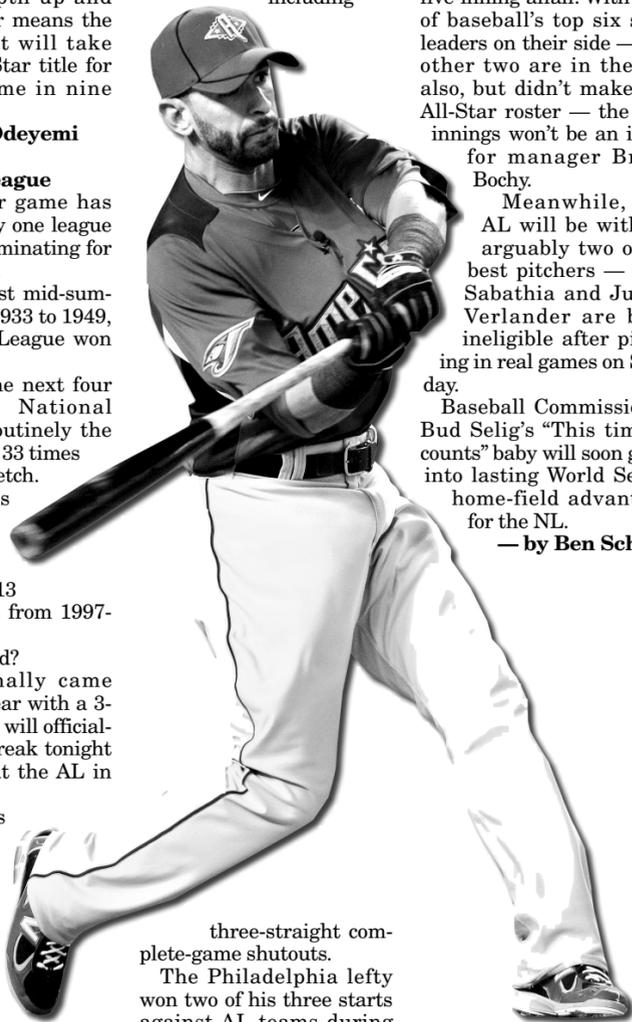
seeing him manhandle St. Louis a couple weeks ago, there's no way I'd bet against his capabilities.

Lee and Halladay could quickly shorten the game, turning it into a four or five-inning affair. With four of baseball's top six save leaders on their side — the other two are in the NL also, but didn't make the All-Star roster — the late innings won't be an issue for manager Bruce Bochy.

Meanwhile, the AL will be without arguably two of its best pitchers — C.C. Sabathia and Justin Verlander are both ineligible after pitching in real games on Sunday.

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig's "This time it counts" baby will soon grow into lasting World Series home-field advantage for the NL.

— by Ben Schuff



three-straight complete-game shutouts.

The Philadelphia lefty won two of his three starts against AL teams during interleague action, and his most impressive performance came in Boston with a two-hit shutout against baseball's best offense.

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GOLFER

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and get people together," Irvine said. "A lot of disabled veterans don't get out of the house. They introvert themselves.

"We're using [golf] as a way to get them out [and] get them to do something that is low-impact and ... something they can enjoy."

Irvine and two other veterans in Miller's foursome — Mike Hull and Chad Page — helped spot the 58-year-old by standing directly in between him and the line his ball should have taken to the hole.

Miller has derived his own system to read breaks in the greens when it comes to the short game. With the help of a guide, the Kalona, Iowa, resident walks from his ball to the hole and back.

On the first hole, the group had a roughly 30-foot

putt from the back of the green. Miller's ball ended up closest to the hole, missing left by only a few inches.

"He's a deadly putter," Irvine said.

Hull said he had met Miller before, but Monday was the first time he golfed with him.

"He's an inspiration for all of us," Hull said. "He's going to make the best of [his situation]. He's not gonna let it interfere with his life."

While his shots may not

have always been the best of the group, Miller said humor plays a big part in getting through his days and the course.

"These guys have been out playing for years," he said. "What do you say we put a blindfold around them and see how they do?"

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PRIME TIME

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4. Falbo/Culver's (3-3)
Two-straight losses have dropped Falbo to No. 4, but it won't stay that low for long.

Matt Gatens and Mel-sahn Basabe make up arguably the best duo in the league, averaging a combined 54 points per game. They also have a great third option in incoming freshman Aaron White, who is chipping in 18 points per contest.

The team is loaded with firepower, and as long as the Big Three continues playing at a high level, Falbo will be a dangerous team to meet in the playoffs.

Last Week: No. 2

5. Monica's/Pelling (2-4)

Monica's finally ended its four-game losing streak by beating No. 6 McCurry's/Gatens on Sunday, and — surprise — it was because of defense. The team held its opponent under 88 points for the first time all season, conceding just 76 points.

Roy Devyn Marble is playing out of his mind, averaging a league-best 29



Anthony Hubbard (right) hustles during a Prime Time game in North Liberty on Sunday. Hubbard scored 19 points and pulled down 12 rebounds for Coach's Corner, the No. 1 team for the third week in a row.

points per game, and he has scored 30 or more points in half of his games. Anthony Lee is a great second option, averaging 17.5 points.

The team is much better than its record indicates, and the win should help Monica's to pick up momentum heading into the playoffs.

Last Week: No. 6

6. McCurry's/Gatens (2-4)

McCurry's loss to Monica's dropped it to 2-4 and tied for last place in the

standings, but all is not lost for the team.

Eric May continues to spoil Iowa fans with his athleticism while averaging 22.8 points per game. Andrew Brommer is rousing into form after knee surgery, and he is averaging 11 points in two games.

The team lacks consistent scoring after May, which hurt its chances all season, but if May can get solid contribution from Brommer in the playoffs, the pair will be tough to beat.

Last Week: No. 4

Player of the Week: Bryce Cartwright

Cartwright led his team to two wins this week to get his team back to .500, and he has done a great job of shouldering the bulk of the scoring without alienating his team. He had 15 points and 8 assists against Falbo on July 5 in arguably the team's best win of the season.

The D/S Prime Time rankings will be published every Tuesday. Teams are ranked by overall record, and tiebreakers are decided by record over the past two games.

MCCABE

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to an upset victory over previously undefeated Anthony Hubbard's Coach's Corner/Two Rivers squad.

The game was quite a turnaround from the last time Armstrong played Coach's Corner, which was the game in which McCabe showed up late.

"Zach is playing really good basketball right now," said Hubbard, who was held to 19 points in Sunday's game. "I think if Zach

continues to play aggressive — he'll play like that every game."

Hubbard also said he strongly believes that McCabe and the rest of the Hawkeyes can use Prime Time to improve on last season's 11-20 record.

But for now, McCabe is focused on the possibility of winning the league championship.

"I just need to play my game and help the team win," he said. "I like to win a lot, and that's what I'm going to try to do. And once the [Iowa] season comes around, [I'll] do anything to win [there, too]."

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Three football Hawkeyes honored

Three members of the Iowa football team received preseason recognition, according to a release.

Offensive lineman Riley Reiff and defensive back Shaun Prater have been included in Rivals.com's Top 100 Players Countdown. Reiff was No. 49 on the list and Prater was No. 70.

Wide receiver Marvin McNutt was named to the watch list for the Biletnikoff Award, which is given every year to the nation's top wideout. The award, which originated in 1994 and has been won by the likes of Randy Moss (1997) and Larry Fitzgerald (2003), has never been awarded to a member of the Hawkeyes.

Reiff, a 6-6 native of Parkston, S.D., has been named to four preseason All-American lists and is on the watch list for the Outland Trophy, given to the country's best offensive lineman. The junior was a first-team All-Big Ten pick by two media outlets earlier in the summer. He started all 13 games for Iowa in 2010 and was second-team All-Big Ten.

Prater has also received plenty of recognition this offseason. The Omaha native intercepted four passes last season and was named second-team All-Big Ten by league coaches and media. He was named second-team preseason All-American by Lindy's and Athlon Sports. The senior was named to the watch lists for the Bednarik Award and Nagurski Trophy last week. Both recognize the nation's best defensive player.

McNutt, a 6-4 senior from St. Louis, was named to Phil Steele's Preseason All-America team earlier in the year and is on the College Football Performance Awards watch list for wideouts. The receiver led the Hawkeyes in receptions (53) and yards (861) last year, and his 16 career receiving touchdowns is the fourth-most in Iowa history.

— by Seth Roberts

Vet still knows how to swing

A Vietnam war veteran was one of many golfers who showed up for the charity tournament.



ZHONGZHU GUO/THE DAILY IOWAN

Vietnam veteran Eldon Miller plays golf at Finkbine Golf Course on Monday. Miller's sight was impaired during the war, and he has since joined the Golf for Injured Veterans Everywhere Foundation, an organization that aids disabled veterans and their families.

By BEN SCHUFF
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Eldon Miller played 18 holes at Finkbine golf course on Monday in nearly the same fashion as everyone else.

His shots were rarely used in the Lion's Club best-ball Swing for Sight tournament, but he didn't let it bother him too much.

He was just happy to be out there. "These golf tournaments are lifesavers," the 58-year-old Vietnam War veteran said. "They get you out [and] get you doing something, rather than sitting in the house staring at the walls all day, 24/7."

During his time in Vietnam, a C-4 bomb blew up on him. The result was a major loss of eyesight.

"In my right eye, I've got one-half of one degree," Miller said. "It's the equivalent of you looking through a drinking straw."

The sight in his left eye deteriorated this past winter to the point where he can't see with it; he said the eye can't focus on anything.

But thanks to the Golf for Injured Veterans Everywhere Foundation, he's able to play a game he loves. The foundation provides free clubs and instruction to disabled veterans and

their family members who are interested in learning about the sport.

Russ Irvine, an instructor for the foundation, said this year's lessons started in April, when Blue Top Ridge Golf Course in Riverside, Iowa, opened after the winter. Veterans receive lessons in five-week increments and learn everything from swing basics to golf etiquette.

Irvine, also a disabled Vietnam veteran, was out at Finkbine on Monday helping Miller around the course.

"Golf is a very good game to get people out

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The improvement game

Zach McCabe has turned his Prime Time season around after a rough beginning to the summer.

By CODY GREDELL
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Plenty of players use the Prime Time League to get back into basketball shape after spending some time away from the game.

But some players, such as current Iowa sophomore Zach McCabe, use the league to improve their skills in hopes of having a better season.

McCabe, who averaged 5.8 points per game on 35 percent shooting for Iowa last season, is playing for Armstrong/Kroeger in the summer league, and he was a high draft selection for the squad. The No. 7 overall pick said he would like to improve on crucial fundamentals while participating in the league.

"Ball handling, not forcing so many turnovers, and just taking better shots," he said when asked about what he was working on.

His Prime Time season got off to a late start — literally. The forward from Sioux City missed the entire first half of his team's season-opener because of confusion over a late schedule change.



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Zach McCabe drives during the second half of a Prime Time League game on July 5 in North Liberty. McCabe is averaging 14 points per game in the summer league.

McCabe showed up just in time for the second half, but he played poorly and finished the game with only 2 rebounds and no points.

"I started a little bit slow," he said.

But since then, things have gotten a lot better. The 6-7 post is averaging 14 points and 6.8 boards a contest — and 16.8 points and 7.8 rebounds in the five games since the season-opener.

"I [have] a little bit more confidence, and everything is starting to work out," he said.

McCabe has helped lead his team back to a 3-3 record, including wins in three of the last four games.

"He's getting better

every game," said Dan Aherns, McCabe's Prime Time League coach. "That's what I'm hoping these summer leagues are for."

Aherns also said he has noticed a change in how McCabe runs the court.

"When he makes a shot, he gets back, and if he misses a shot, he gets back," Aherns said.

The coach said he thinks this could be caused by McCabe's increased confidence, which has him playing a much more controlled style of basketball than he was showing earlier in the season and for the Hawkeyes last year.

"He's playing more physically," Aherns said.

Zach McCabe

The Hawkeye from Sioux City is putting up strong numbers this summer:

- 14 points per game
- 6.8 rebounds per game
- 45 percent shooting
- 36 percent 3-point shooting

"He's playing more aggressively."

This proved to be true on Sunday, when McCabe had arguably his best game of the season. He scored 26 points on 10-of-24 shooting, including hitting 5-of-10 from 3-point range. He also collected 9 rebounds as he helped lead his team

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PRIME TIME LEAGUE

Upset city in Prime Time

A series of upsets shakes up the *DI's* weekly Prime Time League rankings

By SAM ODEYEMI
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Another week of Prime Time League basketball has come and gone, and *The Daily Iowan* brings another round of league rankings. A series of upsets this week means that, for the first time all summer, there are substantial changes in the rankings — although no one should be surprised about the No. 1 team.

1. Coach's Corner/Two Rivers (5-1)

Anthony Hubbard's squad suffered its first loss of the season on Sunday, but it remains at the top of the rankings because it has the league's best record. Hubbard and Northern Iowa's Anthony James are an excellent one-two punch, averaging a combined 43.3 points per game, and they have an outstanding supporting cast made up of Chip Rank, Alex Novak, and Chris Olivier.

Coach's Corner has also secured the No. 1 seed and first-round bye in the playoffs, which will begin July 17.

Last Week: No. 1

2. Armstrong/Kroeger (3-3)

Armstrong is the only team to beat Coach's Corner so far, and the Boys in Black won by a comfortable margin (107-96). Zach McCabe and Ali Farokhmanesh combined for 58 points in the win, a vast improvement on their already impressive average of 39.5 points.

The team is also getting solid contributions from Eric Washpun and Tucker Wentzien, who are averaging 14.3 and 13.5 points per game, respectively.

Last Week: No. 3

3. Ready Mix/Vinton (3-3)

The comeback team of the summer, Ready Mix won two-straight games to get back to .500 after languishing near last place for most of the season. No. 1 draft pick Bryce Cartwright is averaging 18.8 points and 7.2 assists per game after missing the first contest of the year, and the team has benefited from his leadership on the floor.

The team doesn't have a solid second leading scorer, but it has received contributions from different players each week.

Last Week: No. 5

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