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## Health-care law moves closer to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration has decided not to ask a federal appeals court in Atlanta for further review of a ruling striking down the centerpiece of President Obama's sweeping health-care overhaul.

The administration's decision makes it more likely that the U.S. Supreme Court would hear a case on the health-care reform in the court's term starting next month and render its verdict on the law in the midst of the 2012 presidential-election campaign.

Justice Department spokeswoman Tracy Schmalzer disclosed the administration's decision. She declined to elaborate on next moves.

The Atlanta circuit ruling sided with 26 states that had sued to stop the law from taking effect. In another case, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati upheld the individual mandate in June.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Va., rejected two lawsuits on technical grounds. In one, it ruled that the penalty for not buying insurance amounts to a tax and that a tax can't be challenged before it's collected. In the other, the panel said the plaintiff, the state of Virginia, lacked legal standing to file its lawsuit.

In a ruling in August, a divided three-judge panel of the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta concluded Congress overstepped its authority when lawmakers passed the individual mandate provision that requires people to buy health insurance. The administration could have asked the full 11th circuit court to hear the case, potentially delaying high court review.

The Supreme Court is widely expected to have the final say on the law, especially now that the appeals courts that have considered the law have disagreed, and one of them has struck down a key provision.

— Associated Press

## CORRECTION

In the Sept. 26 article, "In U.S., grad-student numbers fall," *DI* reporter Chastity Dillard incorrectly reported the University of Iowa Graduate College has seen a .06 percent decline in enrollment for the fall of 2011. The correct enrollment for fall 2011 is 0.6 percent decline. The *DI* regrets the error.

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Partly sunny, breezy, 20% chance of rain.

'She doesn't know the history of Cuba. It's kind of embarrassing.'

Frank Calzon, executive director of the Center for a Free Cuba



Iowa Republican caucus candidate Michele Bachmann talks to a rally during a campaign stop at the Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids on Monday. Bachmann touched on many topics, including Cuba and the debt crisis of the United States. She contended that Cuba shouldn't be supported because of its alleged involvement with Hezbollah. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)

# Bachmann rips into Cuba

Minnesota Republican Bachmann said Monday she was more concerned about foreign policy than economic issues.

BY CHASTITY DILLARD

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CEDAR RAPIDS — In a caucus season largely dominated by domestic issues, trade policy with Cuba has drawn a stark line between at least two GOP hopefuls.

U.S. Rep. Michele Bachmann, R-Minn., said resuming relations with Cuba "would be foolish" during a campaign stop here on Monday.

"Why would you normalize trading with a country that sponsors terror?" Bachmann said, surrounded by a crowd of roughly 50.

The comments came after Republican candidate and former Gov. Gary Johnson said he would be in favor of resuming flights from

Florida to Cuba during last week's Fox News/Google debate. President Obama began easing tensions between the United States and Cuba by allowing flights between Havana and Fort Lauderdale in January.

"With regard to flights to Cuba? You know, I'm — I'm in favor, I think, of the whole notion that trade promotes friendship, as opposed to not," Johnson said at the debate. "So I would be inclined to looking at establishing support for those kinds of flights."

Bachmann responded to Johnson's comments by saying Cuba is listed as one of the State Department's four nations considered state sponsors of terror, which she iterated Monday. Bachmann also said Cuba shouldn't

be supported because of its alleged involvement with Hezbollah.

"There are reports that have come out that Cuba is working with another terrorist organization called Hezbollah, and Hezbollah is potentially looking at wanting to be a part of missile sites in Iran," she said.

The reports came from an Italian news article that went viral printed in early September.

"When we trade with Cuba, that means that we reward it with an increased prosperity," Bachmann said. "That's why we don't

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# Defense questions probe

The .38 caliber revolver found at the crime scene was presented in court today.

BY ERIC MOORE

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Defense attorneys continued to question the integrity of a homicide investigation during Charles William Curtis Thompson's trial on Monday.

Family members of John Versypt, the landlord Thompson allegedly killed two years ago, turned their heads as photos of Versypt's purple, bloodied face appeared on a television in the Johnson County Courthouse. At one point Monday, they even left the courtroom.

Thompson, 19, the man charged with first-degree murder in connection with Ver-



Crime-scene investigator Sgt. David Droll on Monday displays the .38-caliber revolver that investigators say killed Iowa City landlord John Versypt two years ago. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

sypt's death, watched solemnly as photos came across the screen.

Iowa City police Sgt. David Droll, one of the investigators in the case, identified each photo during his testimony on Monday.

Johnston specifically asked about clothes investigators contend

are Thompson's that were given to Droll a few days after Versypt's shooting.

"You testified that Mr. Thompson's hoodie was in a sack — how many sacks did you get on that day?" defense attorney Tyler Johnston asked.

Droll responded he received several sacks

and was unable to recall the exact number.

Johnston went on to question whether Droll saw the clothes before they were handed to him in sacks, pointing out they could have been tampered with before he viewed

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# Search for missing student continues

As many as 600 people are looking for the missing UI student.

BY MATT STARNES

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The search continues for a 20-year-old University of Iowa student who reportedly fell last week while hiking in northern India.

UI junior Thomas Plotkin was studying abroad near Munsiyari, India with the National Outdoor Leadership School, reportedly lost his footing while on a 10-kilometer hike with a group of students near the Goriganga river, a tributary of the Ganges.

Plotkin, a Minnesota native, is presumed dead as the now five-day search continues.

"We're definitely thinking we're in a body-recovery situation," said Bruce Palmer, a spokesman for the group that organized the trip.

The international-business major fell approximately 300 feet down a steep rock face, where he hit a rock ledge at the edge of the river.

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# Lack of faculty, lack of nurses

Nursing officials point to the economy and a lack of faculty for the current and projected nursing shortage.

By **BRITTANY TREVICK**

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Across the nation, health-care facilities are facing a slight shortage of nurses, and experts say that in the next decade, it could get worse.

University of Iowa nursing officials said a lack of faculty in the educational field could be a contributing factor.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 580,000 nursing positions will need to be filled by 2018 to maintain high-quality care.

If this does not happen, the lack of nurses will continue to grow, with a projected 20 percent shortage by 2020, according to a report by Nurses for a Healthier Tomorrow.

Rita Frantz, the dean of the UI College of Nursing said the nursing shortage may not affect the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, because 300 nurses were hired over the last year.

What is concerning is the lack of faculty in the nursing program at Iowa universities, she said.

"The biggest obstacle we have is a shortage of faculty," she said.

To tackle this, Frantz said administrators are beginning to look at different ways nursing departments can collabo-



Students in the University of Iowa College of Nursing perform a procedure involving the removal and cleaning of a tracheotomy device during a simulated scenario in the UIHC on April 5, 2010. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

## Nursing

**In 2010, there were more than 1,000 nursing faculty vacancies across the United States. Only 80 students are admitted to the UI College of Nursing each year.**

### Nursing Baccalaureate Enrollment Data:

- 2005-06: 2,930
- 2006-07: 3,348
- 2007-08: 2,747
- 2008-09: 3,539
- 2009-2010: 3,689

Source: Iowa Board of Nursing Annual Report Fiscal 2011

rate — such as the UIHC or Mercy Hospital — to help shoulder the burden of the nursing faculty and also create more clinical sites for students.

"[Collaborations] would help us to stretch the resources of our faculty, which are extremely limited at the moment," she said.

According to the 2011 annual report by the Iowa Board of Nursing, there were 1,062 faculty, with 50 faculty vacancies

in the state of Iowa.

And 1,076 nursing applicants were put on waiting lists for basic RN programs, practical nursing programs, and graduate programs.

Experts said the shortage is related to an increase in the number of retired nurses and the average age of Americans.

"The snapshot in today's employment might show that there is not a shortage of nurses," said Darlene Curley, the executive director of the Jonas Center for Nursing Excellence, an organization that works to better professional nursing with grants and programs to help create and keep nurses. "But looking ahead in the next five to 10 years, we know there is going to be a big shortage as many nurses retire and as Americans age."

Curley agrees the lack of nursing faculty also might contribute to the problem.

In 2010, she said, there were more than 1,000 faculty vacancies across the country, and 60,000 nursing applicants were denied access to nursing programs.

"One of the biggest problems right now is the faculty shortage and the growing demand for nurses," she said.

UI junior Amanda Kohlbeck, a second-year nursing student, said she believes the nursing shortage is a problem, and she heard about it during her time as a student nursing technician at Mercy Hospital.

"[The nursing shortage] is a pain in the butt for nurses because they have more patients, and it's more stressful to not be able to give patients all their care," she said. "I work at Mercy, and they're always saying we need more nurses. We always need more nurses."

## METRO/NATION

### Man charged with 3rd OWI

Johnson County deputies arrested a local man after he allegedly drove while intoxicated for the third time on Sunday.

Reynaldo Marcelino-Cabanas, 21, 824 Basswood Lane, was charged Sept. 25 with operating while intoxicated.

According to complaints, Marcelino-Cabanas was driving a maroon Oldsmobile Alero when he was stopped for going 65 miles per hour in a 55 zone.

Upon contact with police, Marcelino-Cabanas allegedly smelled of ingested alcohol and admitted to drinking.

After submitting to a breath test, he allegedly blew a .146.

The complaint said Marcelino-Cabanas has two OWI convictions from 2005 and 2008.

— by Hayley Bruce

and flood-proofing requirements above the required minimum.

On a 1 to 10 scale, "1" given the highest discount, "10" the lowest, Iowa City has been assigned an "8" as a result of community actions during May. Among the discounts, which will take effect as of Oct. 1, is a 10 percent discount for those in the 100-year floodplain, those in the 500-year floodplain will receive 5 percent flood insurance discount. This becomes \$152 and \$51 in savings, according to the release.

As more community flood programs are planned, Iowa City will request its rank to be reconsidered in 2012, with hopes to increase discounts in the 100-year flood plain by 15 percent for at least October 2012, the release said.

— by Janet Lawler

### Man charged with attacking officer

Iowa City police arrested a Des Moines man after he allegedly punched and kicked an officer.

Paul Jacob Deshetler, 18, was charged Sept. 25 with assault causing injury on peace officers, possession of a controlled substance, and obstructing officers.

According to complaints, Deshetler punched and kicked a uniformed police officer who was attempting to detain his friend for fighting. The complaint said Deshetler was repeatedly told to get back, but he approached the officer several times, punching him and kicking him in the head and body and leaving him with pain in his upper thigh.

Deshetler then allegedly ran out of his shirt when the officer tried

to detain him while holding his friend on the ground.

The complaint said officers located Deshetler one block away, and he admitted, under Miranda, he was trying to get the officer off of his friend.

Deshetler allegedly had a smoking pipe with marijuana residue on him at the time of his arrest.

— by Hayley Bruce

### Obama: Not passing jobs bill will be 2012 liability

WASHINGTON — President Obama promises to "keep pound-ing away" at Congress to pass his \$447 billion jobs plan. If lawmakers don't do enough to help the economy, he says, "then we'll get a new Congress."

Obama made his remarks in an interview with the BET network. The interview aired Monday night.

The pointed rhetoric comes as Obama draws sharp differences with congressional Republicans and as he prods lawmakers to pass his economic plan. Republicans have given the plan mixed reviews, but have flatly rejected his proposal to pay for the initiatives with tax increases on the rich and on corporations.

Obama says he expects some of his jobs package will pass. He argues that the public supports his proposals but says Congress may not be responsive to the public.

— Associated Press

### Congressional deal would avert U.S. shutdown

WASHINGTON — Ending weeks of political brinkmanship, Congress finessed a dispute over disaster aid Monday night and advanced legislation to avoid a partial government shutdown only days away.

The agreement ensured there would be no interruption in assistance to areas battered by disasters such as Hurricane Irene and last spring's tornadoes in Joplin, Mo., and also that the government would be able to run normally when the new budget year begins on Saturday.

The Senate approved the resolution after a day of behind-the-scenes talks and occasionally biting debate, spelling an end to the latest in a string of standoffs between Democrats and Republicans over deficits, spending, and taxes. Those fights have rattled financial markets and coincided with polls showing congressional approval ratings at historically low levels.

The breakthrough came hours after the Federal Emergency Management Agency indicated it had enough money for disaster relief efforts through Friday. That disclosure allowed lawmakers to jettison a \$1 billion replenishment that had been included in the measure — and to crack the gridlock it had caused.

The Democratic-controlled Senate approved the measure on a bipartisan vote of 79-12, sending it to the Republican-controlled House for a final sign-off.

— Associated Press

## BLOTTER

**Detre Anderson**, 32, Coralville, was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Gary Beall**, 45, 2018 Waterfront Drive Apt. 89, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree criminal mischief.

**Ryan Cannon**, 29, 706 Miller Ave., was charged Sunday with assault causing injury and criminal trespass.

**Lucas Franzen**, 20, 625 S. Clinton St. Apt. 12, was charged Sept. 24 with public urination.

**Xiomara Gomez**, 40, 1681 Tofting Ave., was charged Sunday with tampering with a witness or juror.

**Alyssa Kliefoth**, 20, 632 S. Dodge St. Apt. 4, was charged Sept. 24 with keeping a disorderly house.

**Nicol Mason**, 40, 2021 Davis St., was charged Sunday with fifth-

degree theft.

**Rashid Moss**, 19, Coralville, was charged Sept. 24 with possession of marijuana.

**Jose Sanchez**, 18, Chicago Heights, Ill., was charged Sept. 24 with public urination.

**Andrew Simoson**, 21, Cedar Rapids, was charged Sept. 24 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

**Christopher Stipp**, 44, 1740 F St., was charged Monday with domestic-abuse assault and public intoxication.

**Daniel Vangorp**, 18, 513 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 3, was charged Sept. 23 with PAULA and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

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## TRIAL

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them. Droll said he could not speak to this possibility, because it would have happened prior to the clothes being in his possession.

Droll also explained the bullet that killed Versypt entered a piece of drywall at an upward angle. He said he determined this by rolling up a piece of magazine paper and sticking it through the bullet hole in the piece of dry wall it was found in, a method he created.

Johnston asked whether there may be some margin of error because the technique was self-created.

"Unfortunately, everywhere that I looked, there was nothing to learn how to deal with the thickness of drywall," Droll said. "I'm not trying to make it any more than it was."

Johnston asked whether dusting was performed on the area. Droll said he did not "see anything worth dusting for" and also said it's difficult to retrieve fingerprints from drywall.

Johnston also asked why more testing was not done on the carpet the day of the homicide, before it was rolled up and removed.

"Nothing jumped out at us as being significant, but at the same time, we weren't comfortable leaving the carpeting there," Droll said. "I believe anytime you manipulate evidence, there is a potential of losing something. There is no perfect way of doing that. As I said, care was taken."

The piece of drywall used to determine the bullet trajectory was cut out of the wall by Officer Andrew Rich, who also assisted with retrieving the bullet from the wall. During his testimony, Rich confirmed several pictures of the drywall taken from the crime scene but explained he "was there just mostly for physical labor if needed."

Monday's proceedings concluded with a part of a video interview between Thompson and special agent Richard Rahn, who worked with Iowa City police. The interview took place four days after the homicide.

Before video of the interview was shown, the defense requested and succeeded in having some portions of the video blocked. Representative for the defense Sarah Hradek said certain snippets of it could "arguably have some prejudicial value" that could affect the jury's decision.

The trial will continue at 9 a.m. today in the Johnson County Courthouse.

## BACHMANN

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want to see Palestine become a state until and unless it renounces terrorism against Israel. That's the problem with Cuba."

But experts contended the Minnesota congresswoman may not fully understand U.S.-Cuban relations.

"There's a real question about Cuba being on [the State Department's] list," said Ann Louise Bardach, the author of *Without Fidel* and a foreign correspondent and Cuban-affairs expert. "Most intelligence experts,

## Iowa Caucus Candidates

Grass-root events and rallies will continue in Iowa as the caucus nears.

Here is who will be in the state next:

- Ron Paul, Tuesday, Dubuque
- Ron Paul, Tuesday, Clinton
- Newt Gingrich, Thursday, Des Moines
- Newt Gingrich, Friday, Ames

Source: Politico.com

like the NSA and CIA do not believe that Cuba should be on the list."

Bardach also said Cuba isn't on the list for domestic or political reasons, noting that the United States has maintained a relationship

with other hostile nations, including North Korea.

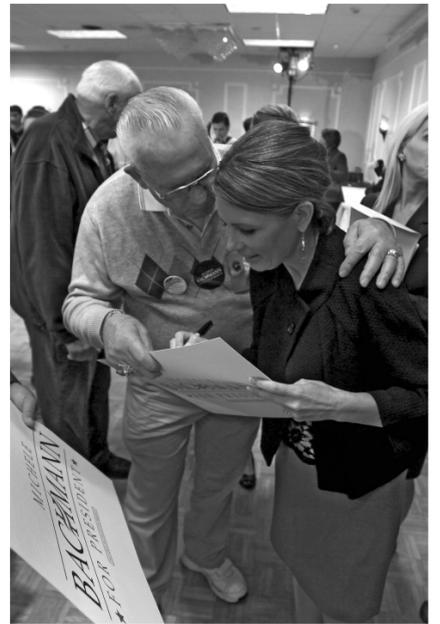
"[Cuba does] a lot of things wrong, but terrorism is not one of them," she said.

Frank Calzon, the executive director of the Center for a Free Cuba, said Bachmann doesn't understand the background behind the conflict.

"She doesn't know the history of Cuba," he said. "It's kind of embarrassing."

Calzon also said there needs to be freedom in Cuba so that Cubans can engage in trade, and having a relationship with Cuba would be in the United States' interest.

"We don't need an enemy in our hemisphere," he said. "It's not doing anything for us."



Iowa caucus candidate Michele Bachmann makes a campaign stop at the Longbranch Hotel and Convention Center in Cedar Rapids on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)

## MISSING

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Ardell Brenner, Plotkin's grandmother, said it had rained for approximately two hours that day, making the cobblestone trail slippery. She said Plotkin was hiking with the group when he lost his footing, tried to right himself, and twisted his ankle, which had previously undergone surgery.

"The weight of his backpack just took him over," she told *The Daily Iowan*.

Brenner said a student following behind Plotkin witnessed the fall and alerted instructors who were following the group.

## National Outdoor Leadership School

Steps taken by the school to ensure student safety:

- Emphasis on training of instructors
- Comprehensive screening of students
- Four-page student-risk disclosure
- Systematic program review
- Safety audits

Source: Bruce Palmer, school spokesman

The group then attempted to search for Plotkin.

"They searched until it got so dark they couldn't see beyond the scope of their headlamps," she said.

Elizabeth Brenner, Plotkin's mother, had a Skype conference call

Monday morning with eight students who were with Plotkin on the trip.

"Thomas was excited and inspired by both the nature of India and the people," Plotkin's grandmother said. She said the students on the Skype call told a number of funny stories about their experience in India with Plotkin.

And friends were in shock when they heard the news.

"It's just something that you can't really make sense of," said Alex de la Peña, one of Plotkin's teammates on the UI lacrosse club. "... something like that happening to such an incredible person."

Palmer said the search efforts remain underway.

"The next day, a much broader search was conducted," he said. "We've been coordinating with the U.S. Embassy. We have several instructors still involved with the search."

Palmer said the search crews — which numbered more than 600 and included military personnel, police, and volunteers — recovered Plotkin's rain jacket and head lamp on the rocky bank of the river.

The search crews used helicopters to comb the area for two days after the incident, when they were called off and the search continued on foot.

Austin Smith, the captain of the UI lacrosse team, was with Plotkin as he decided to go on the trip.

"It just sucks," said Smith. "He wanted to get away from college for a bit and do something he'd never have the chance to do again. He just wanted to have a good time."

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## Editorial

# Not pulling the rug out from under poor spending decisions

Three subjects continue to make headlines everywhere, though especially in Iowa, it seems: The economy remains in a constant slump, college tuition keeps rising, and public officials continue to invest money inefficiently.

Last week, the state Board of Regents approved \$375,000 — covered by private donations to the independent Iowa State University Foundation — in renovations for Iowa State University's president's house; \$90,000 of that money will be spent on replacing the first-floor carpet.

The amount of money set aside for the carpet is undoubtedly exorbitant. While state and university officials continue to cut budget across all sectors, the size of this investment represents the same thinking of many careless expenditures and oversights that contributed to today's unfortunate fiscal climate.

The reasoning behind the investment was not the issue as much as the price tag.

University presidents' houses, as a whole, do serve a financial purpose (along with its symbolic purpose). The 12,000-square-foot University of Iowa President's Residence, for example, hosts more than 100 events each year. Many of these events are held to solicit fundraising from alumni and others — and they seem to work. ISU raises more than \$100 million in donations on an annual basis.

ISU Vice President Warren Madden defended the investment, estimating that more than 5,000 people walk on the floor each year. He reasoned that the expensive wool carpet is necessary because the same material is used at other prestigious public buildings, such as the state Capitol and the governor's mansion.

The *DI* Editorial Board sought price quotes for carpets of equal size and value.

"I would say the range [for replacing 4,400 square feet of high-quality carpeting] is probably \$20,000 to maybe as much as \$35,000," said Steve Moellers, a sales representative at Randy's Carpet & Interiors in Coralville.

When asked to what degree carpeting could improve if the cost was doubled, Moellers said, "You can't improve that much, probably."

Moellers noted that wool, the material of ISU's carpet, can be more expensive than other carpeting. He said that wool is more

environmentally friendly and durable than other products, but he thought the benefits likely wouldn't outweigh the costs.

"A natural fiber is very 'green,' but they're certainly a lot of money," he said. "You could do a synthetic — it'd be a polyester or a nylon — and their product could be recycled. If they chose wool because it's a natural product, it is going to be very expensive and durable, but I would be surprised if there would be enough difference to warrant that additional expense."

The purpose of the \$90,000 investment was not to improve the property's resale value. It was to improve the aesthetics of the university's social gatherings. If the new carpet could conceivably translate to more donations than its half-price counterpart, the investment may be worth the money — but that is not the case.

Maintaining a multimillion-dollar estate will generate criticism for any public institution stressing fiscal responsibility. Controversy over his residence's renovations prompted former North Dakota State University President Joseph Chapman to resign in 2009. In an interview with *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, he emphasized the importance of public disclosure.

"... it's really important to understand the politics of whatever setting you're in," he said. "It's very important for other presidents to realize that [houses] create an opportunity for others to go after you."

That the regents failed to take either the inevitable criticism or the rather high carpet price into consideration is more than concerning — though Regent Bruce Rastetter doesn't seem to think so, according to reports by Radio Iowa.

"It's kind of interesting to me that we spend the time and the debate on \$90,000 of carpet when we have \$14 billion worth of facilities at the universities," he said.

It's this class of thought that continues to raise concerns. While it's better for the university to use private donations for such a project rather than tuition or tax money, the fact remains that any for-profit establishment would likely not spend \$45,000 more than what is necessary, even in the case of a billion-dollar corporation. Savings of that magnitude could put one Iowa resident through four years of higher education.

Providing education should be at the forefront of the regents' agenda, not slightly more prestigious-looking carpeting, or anything else.

Your turn. Is the steep carpet price a cause for concern? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

# Horseless wrangling rules



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So, because of wrangling in Congress (they do all this wrangling, but they never saddle up any horses), the federal government is on the brink of being shut down again.

Wait a minute, you say. Didn't we see this movie already?

Well, yes. How nice of you to notice. Way, way back in the foggy mists of time — late July — we were at this point, a government shutdown because of horseless wrangling.

It comes down, apparently, to temporary government funding and not wanting to fund disaster aid (who can be against disaster aid?), and, I guess, wishing the Sun would rise in the West.

On the good-news side of things, women in Saudi Arabia will be allowed to vote. (Before we Americans get all haughty about women not being allowed to vote in Saudi Arabia at present, we should remember that American women weren't allowed to vote until Aug. 18, 1920, which, by my reckoning, is only 91 years ago.)

Or, if you wish to reckon it differently, 133 years after the Constitution was ratified.

Hmm.

Then there's Iowa Director of the Education Department Jason Glass, who took a trip to Brazil to attend an education conference, paid for by the education company Pearson Foundation. Iowa Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds says Glass did nothing wrong, even though Pearson does millions of dollars of business with the state.

OK. I believe her. I also believe it's OK to believe Republicans, at least once in a while and as long as they're not contending that the Sun orbits the Earth, as they so often do.

But. I do have a question about Glass' trip. The purpose was for him to learn new ways to improve Iowa's education, Reynolds said. So — Iowans have to travel to Brazil to learn how to improve the state's educational system? Didn't Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad recently hold an education summit? Did he hold it in Rio de Janeiro?

Nothing against Brazil; it's a wonderful country

with a burgeoning economy, a woman president (speaking of the right to vote), beautiful language and music, and, not that it matters all that much, Brazil is the hero, such as there is one, of the novel I'm writing.

So we should all go to Brazil sometime. Pearson probably won't pay for it, but oh, well. (Of course, if we all went there, it would be quite crowded.)

When we think of crowded, we're inexorably led to the GOP presidential-nomination race, which is nothing if not crowded. So many people desiring to be the leader of a government they'd just as soon shut down. Well, it's a free country, until you try to live free and not pay the rent.

Which brings us to front-runner for now Rick Perry, who, in the Sept. 22 GOP debate, contended that he has lots of foreign-policy experience because he flew military transport planes overseas for four years.

OK.

By that same logic, because I was married to a German woman, lived in Berlin for several years, and worked for the U.S. Army for a while, I have lots of NATO experience. I should be the U.S. representative to NATO.

It seems almost a Sisyphean task to make Mitt Romney seem smart, but Perry keeps giving it his dogged Aggie try.

As demonstrated by Perry's daring guerrilla raid on Romney during the Republican debate (transcript via the *New York Times*):

"I think Americans just don't know sometimes which Mitt Romney they're dealing with. Is it the Mitt Romney that was on the side of — against the Second Amendment before he was for the Second Amendment? Was it ... was before ... he was before the social programs from the standpoint of ... he was for standing up for *Roe versus Wade* before he was against first ... *Roe versus Wade*? Him ... he was for Race to the Top. He's for Obamacare, and now he's against it. I mean, we'll wait until tomorrow and ... and ... and see which Mitt Romney we're really talking to tonight." (Ellipses indicate Perry's pauses, not deletions.)

Um.

Kind of makes you want to go out and wrangle some English.

Or at least corral it. ■

## Letter

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### More accidents will occur

It is only a matter of time before more pedestrians get hit in crosswalks. And I wouldn't be in a rush to blame drivers —

Cambus or otherwise. A lot of factors are in play, including:

1) Those green cones, with the signs saying cars must stop for pedestrians in crosswalks, practically encourage pedestrians to step into traffic.

2) Some pedestrians cross streets barely glancing up from their phones or even while texting.

3) Many pedestrians wear headphones.

4) Many drivers haven't yet realized how oblivious pedestri-

ans are becoming. Either that, or they are on phones themselves.

Both pedestrians and drivers should note that it's suddenly getting more dangerous on our streets.

Jim Leonard  
Iowa City resident

## Guest opinion

# UI students should seek and embrace diversity

I was born in Togo, a country in West Africa, and raised in Moline, Ill. Coming to the University of Iowa was exciting for me because I thought my days of culture shock were behind me, but I was wrong.

"Diversity" isn't a word people associate with a city in Iowa. Many are unaware of the number of diversity programs our university has to offer, and even more are unaware of how diversity affects them. This may be because of the lack of attention given to the UI's multicultural organiza-

tions. We have more than 50 of these.

These groups are more than organizations; they are communities, families, and support systems. My own drive and curiosity to learn about new cultures has led me to explore several of these communities on campus, which ultimately led me to the position I serve now as diversity advocate for the UI Student Government.

During my sophomore year as a resident assistant in Burge Hall, I worked with my fellow RAs to plan a drag show for our resi-

dents. I even took the opportunity to participate in Bollywood dances, knowing that college would be one of the few places with opportunities to interact with other cultures.

Realizing I may have had misconceptions about groups such as the UI Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender Allied Union, I knew it was important for me to make the effort and challenge myself to learn about this group. In my native country, Togo, and even in my own household, topics such as GLBT issues were never discussed. The initiative that I took to edu-

cate my residents about this group changed my perspectives on the community.

This is one of the many experiences I was able to have at the university because our campus is a very diverse community. We all need to step out of our comfort zones and not be afraid to try new things.

How do we expect to overcome cultural barriers if we are not willing to step out of our bubbles? We all have misconceptions about certain groups, and the only way we can accept and celebrate our differences is to be willing to learn and be

inclusive. This is why, as a diversity advocate, I believe it's important for our student organizations and leaders to have the opportunity to participate in diversity training. That takes many forms, but most importantly, it provides a forum for honest and safe conversations that address common stereotypes and misconceptions. These conversations are vital to creating an atmosphere in which we appreciate and respect each other's differences.

My goal is to start a dialogue for our students so that they begin to reflect on

diversity issues in our community and to understand the role they play in creating an inclusive community.

We are a member of a university that has the tools to educate ourselves, but it's our job to take action. It's important for us to acknowledge the diversity in our communities. If we don't take an active role in our learning, we miss out on extraordinary experiences, friends, and memories.

Kotheid Nicoue is a UI student and diversity advocate for the UI Student Government.

# More than the \$



UI President Sally Mason speaks during a UISG meeting on Sept. 13. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

By KRISTEN EAST

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The University of Iowa will likely continue to boost the number of out-of-state students on campus but officials say that's more than just a financial ploy.

"We benefit from the rich mix of students that come here and make [the UI] a more vibrant place," said Michael Barron, the UI assistant provost for Admissions. "I think it would be a misrepresentation to think that it's only about the money. We offer a pretty darn good education here."

In her State of the University address earlier this month, UI President Sally Mason said tuition from out-of-state students will continue to play an important role in the university's budget as state appropriations dwindle.

And the UI isn't alone in its dependence on out-of-state money. According to the recently-released Survey of College and University Admission Directors. The survey, published in *Inside Higher Ed* this year, showed several four-year colleges admitted to relying heavily on the funds from out-of-state, or "full-pay," students.

But UI officials say it isn't all about the money. Barron said out-of-state students help to diversify the university.

"We have room to reach out to out-of-state and international students," Barron said. "One of the goals there is to create an environment on campus that more closely mirrors the world in which our students will go to work."

More than half of this

year's freshman class is made up of out-of-state and international students. Forty-five percent of the freshmen are from Iowa, 44 percent are from out-of-state, and 11 percent are international students.

The UI has historically worked with contiguous states, but it also reaches out to prospective students who "resonate well" with the Iowa message, Barron said.

The freshman class includes students from 44 states, including California, Florida, Ohio, and Texas.

Barron said the UI has a lot of techniques to attract prospective students, including using social media, the university's website, and a telephone team.

Jake Christensen, a UI admission counselor, said the UI does not operate any permanent admission centers outside the state of Iowa or the UI Admission Office. Instead, admission counselors travel to specific regional locations throughout the year.

To ease the admissions process for international students, the UI website is translated into six or seven languages, Barron said. The top four international countries are China, South Korea, India, and Canada.

"We try to have a very robust international section on our webpage," Barron said. "International students can't come to visit — it's unrealistic. They really rely on online information and word of mouth."

Increases in out-of-state enrollment have

affected scholarship and grant funds.

Mason said the UI increased the funds set aside for scholarship funds from \$33 million in the 2009-10 school year to \$46 million in 2011-12.

The UI ultimately had approximately 186,000 prospective students for the 2011-12 year, Barron said. All of those students received at least one contact from the university. The UI received roughly 19,000 applications and ended up with 4,565 first-year students.

Mark Warner, the director of UI Student Financial Aid, Warner attributes the large increase in funds to the growth in the number of students.

"We've had two record freshman classes, and our overall enrollment has increased over the past two years," he said. "In large part, it's been the growth of our student populations, increase in the diversity of our populations, and we've also enhanced the number of high-quality students."

# Brazil trip raises questions

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DES MOINES — Should a free trip to Brazil be considered a gift?

That question is at the heart of national scrutiny surrounding the ethics of a free trip that 12 state education chiefs, including Iowa Department of Education Director Jason Glass, took to Rio de Janeiro from Sept. 9-16.

"That is a gift," Iowa House Chief Clerk Charlie Smithson, the former executive director of the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board, told IowaPolitics.com, noting that the trip involved free transportation and free food. "But the issue is if it's permissible."

Iowa Department of Education officials and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds maintained Monday that the trip was not a gift.

"The trip does not qualify as a 'gift' because it was for a conference sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers, a major education stakeholder and a professional organization that the Department of Education belongs to," said Staci Hupp, a spokeswoman for the department.

The trip is raising eyebrows — and has spurred a review by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board — because it was funded by the Pearson Foundation, a nonprofit education organization whose corporate side, the Pearson corporation, is one of the largest education companies in the world that contracts with states to provide standardized tests, packaged curricula, and textbooks.

Hupp emphasized that

funding for the trip came from the Pearson Foundation, a nonprofit that donates money, rather than from the Pearson corporation, which is based in London and has operations in Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, and Coralville.

But Hupp also confirmed that the Iowa Department of Education has four contracts totaling more than \$4.8 million with Pearson Data Solutions, which is one part of the Pearson corporate umbrella. Those contracts are for an "eTranscript and portal system," an electronic transcript and student-record system for quick transfer of student data; and for a "School Interoperability Framework System," a data model and a transport mechanism by which data is securely requested from, routed, and delivered to authorized applications.

So is there an ethical problem with a foundation providing free trips to people that its corporate arm is wooing for millions in dollars of contracts?

"I think it's more of an appearance thing," Smithson said.

Iowa law prohibits public officials or state employees from accepting gifts from "restricted donors" such as lobbyists and vendors that do business with the state. However, the Council of Chief State School Officers is not bound by this restriction because it's not a "restricted donor" that has a financial interest with the state.

Gifts that are made to a state department must be reported to the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board. Smithson said he would have recom-

mended the Iowa Department of Education file such a report, so there's public disclosure. But Hupp said the department does not plan to file a report because the trip was not a gift.

Educators on the trip attended an International Summit on Education and had a chance to tour Brazilian schools, which have made large academic gains in the past decade. Branstad and Glass on Oct. 3 are expected to unveil education-reform proposals intended to make Iowa education a leader in the world.

"It's an opportunity for continuing education," said Reynolds, who compared the trip to ones that Gov. Terry Branstad takes with the National Governors Association, the bipartisan organization of the nation's governors. "It's an opportunity for him to continue to look at ways that we can bring information back to Iowa to provide a world-class education to Iowa students."

Hupp said the trips are not uncommon. She said many education directors, including former Iowa Department of Education Director Judy Jeffrey, have been on international education trips funded by the Pearson Foundation and other groups.

"The director feels that he has an obligation to learn from the world's highest-performing systems and bring back good ideas to Iowa for how to improve schools in Iowa," Hupp said. "When that can occur at no expense to the Iowa taxpayer, the director feels that is a win/win for the state."



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### Signs your girlfriend is too young:

- She makes you kiss her, pause mid-makeout, reach your arm out, and capture the moment on camera. She then proceeds to squeal, “NEW PROFY PIC.”
  - She hangs out at the mall, where “getting crazy” involves treating herself to a soft pretzel.
  - She has Bieber Fever. Baby, baby, baby ah-choo. (I’m dreaming of the day there will be a Bieber Fever vaccine.)
  - She still writes on her Xanga daily. (Today she ate a peanut butter and banana “sammich” for lunch.)
  - She won’t eat gummy bears, teddy grahams, or animal crackers because “they have feelings, too.”
  - Ninety-five percent of her Facebook pictures were taken in front of a bathroom mirror. (Do toilets have some slenderizing effect that I’m unaware of?)
  - She writes you notes and folds them up like a paper football.
  - She still proclaims that vegetables are yucky. (Have fun growing improperly, kid.)
  - Still brushes her teeth with a two-minute timed musical toothbrush that plays Hannah Montana songs
  - She thinks “No Tears” shampoo will keep her from sobbing in the shower about you ditching her for the boys
  - Can’t tell time on an analog clock. (Oh, wait ... I can’t really do this either.)
  - She insists you tuck her in to bed every night. (What a sheets-shaker.)
  - She still shops at Hollister.
- Carly Correll says she’s not too young for you, bros.

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## THE RECRUITING TRAIL



Members of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity stand under their recruitment tent on Monday in Hubbard Park. Delta Tau Delta is this year’s installation of the plan by UI Fraternity & Sorority Life to bring a new fraternity back each year for the next three years along with a number of interest groups. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

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- 1 p.m. “Acquired Brain Injury: Prevention, Outcomes, and Challenges,” James Torner, UI Institute for Clinical and Translational Science, Aug. 25
- 3:30 Piano Sundays Concert, Schumann and Liszt selections by School of Music faculty Uriel Tsachor and Ksenia Nosikova, Sept. 4
- 5 University Lecture Committee, Paul Farmer, worldwide leader in global-health and social-justice issues, Aug. 24
- 6:30 Iowa Magazine — Iowa football coach Kirk Ferentz did not have a news conference this week because it was the bye week
- 8:30 The Ponseti Method, UI Health presents the story of Dr. Ignacio Ponseti
- 9:30 Daily Iowan Television News
- 11:30 Iowa Women’s Archive Honors Linda Kerber, Dec. 10, 2009

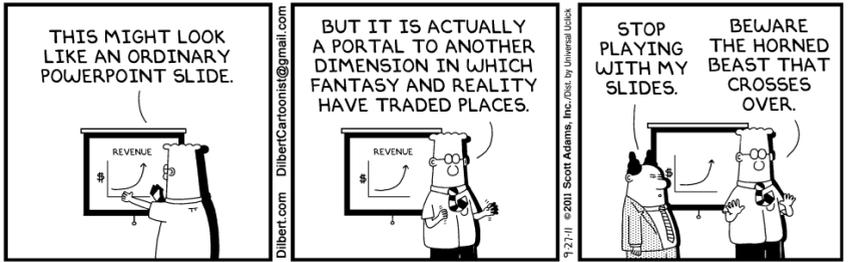
## horoscopes September 27

— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Re-evaluate your connections to others. If you are in an ineffective partnership, you may want to make changes or at least discuss them. Make decisions based on what works for you, and you will quickly discover who is a keeper and who isn't.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Too much of anything will work against you. Concentrate on taking better care of your health and your relationships. Befriend people who share your interests and contribute to your life. Stop procrastinating. Move forward with your plans.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Socialize and participate to meet people who can contribute to your goals. When signing an agreement or entering a joint venture, don't lose sight of what you have to offer, or you will end up taking less than you deserve. Romance is highlighted.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Sensitivity will lead to problems. Don't take what others say to heart. Concentrate on helping others, and forget about any annoyances. It's time to put your own needs first and turn to entertaining pastimes that help eliminate frustration.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You'll be the center of attention if you get together with friends, neighbors, or anyone you might want to get to know better. A change of scenery will inspire you to make changes that will improve your life. Don't let someone's overindulgence cause trouble. Love is on the rise.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You may have to take a stroll down memory lane before you can move forward constructively. Mulling over your past, present, and future goals will help you formulate a plan that shows promise. Follow your dreams.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Emotional instability because of criticism or complaints will leave you in a vulnerable position. Don't let last-minute changes ruin your plans. Embrace those who are supportive, positive, and share your goals; walk away from those who aren't.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Time is on your side. Double-check any information you've been given. You don't want to act on false pretenses. Once you've got all your facts straight, you can move forward more aggressively. Don't share your intentions until they are underway.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Enjoy the moment. Your positive, outgoing attitude will help you move ahead personally and professionally. You'll get the backing you need, but don't overstep your bounds by promising something you cannot deliver. Love is in the stars.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Worry will get you nowhere. Don't let the doom and gloom of others deter you from moving ahead. Before taking action, sort out how to proceed with an idea you have been contemplating. Reassess your situation, and put your plans into motion.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You can get ahead if you concentrate on finances, settlements, agreements, contracts, and anything else that could change your current situation. Stick to simple and moderate plans that will ensure slow but constant growth. Love looks promising.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 Be careful what you sign up for. Taking on someone else's problems can lead to personal setbacks. Putting pressure on any situation will be met with equal resistance. Protect your assets, or someone may try to take what rightfully belongs to you.

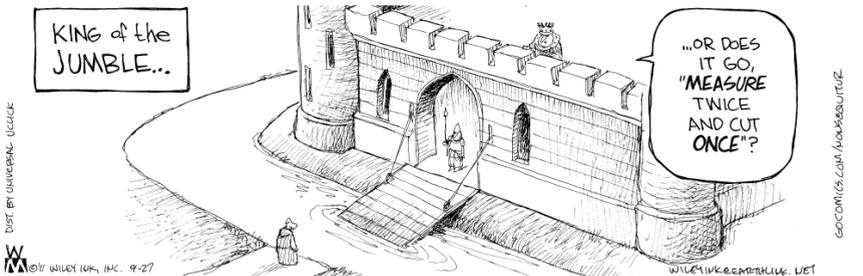
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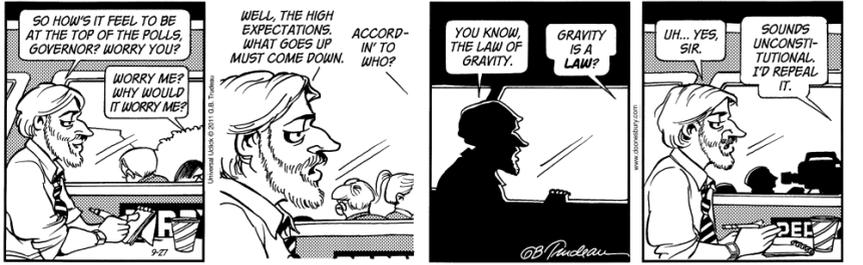
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## today's events

- **Google Basics**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Toddler Story Time**, 10:30 a.m., Iowa City Public Library
- **Orthopaedics & Sports Medicine Interest Group Meeting**, 12:30 p.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility Building
- **Physical and Environmental Seminar**, “Using Discourse to Enhance Student Understanding of Physical Chemistry,” Renee Cole, 12:30 p.m., 104 Iowa Advanced Technology Laboratories
- **Hand & Foot**, 1 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Amana Wine Walking Tour**, 3 p.m., Amana Heritage Society Museum, 705 44th St.
- **Coralville Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Coralville Community Aquatic Center, 1513 Seventh St.
- **Affirmationists Toastmasters**, 5:30 p.m., Pappajohn Business Building
- **River City Toastmasters**, 5:30 p.m., Gus', 2421 Coral Court
- **Ballroom Dance Lessons**, 6 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **UI DeGowin Blood Center Currier/Stanley Blood Drive**, 6 p.m., Currier Residence Hall
- **Zumba**, 6 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Society, 10 S. Gilbert
- **Jaron and the Long Road to Love**, 7 p.m., Blue Moose, 211 Iowa
- **“Live from Prairie Lights,”** Eric Olsen, nonfiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Dustin Edge**, 7:30 p.m., Wild Bill's Coffee Shop, 321 North Hall
- **PS I Love You**, 9 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

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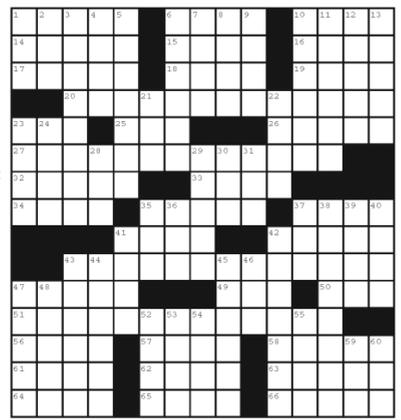
## The New York Times Crossword

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- Across**
- 1 Handled, as a matter
  - 6 Sleepaway, e.g.
  - 10 Wood strip
  - 14 “Er... um...”
  - 15 Instrument heard in Sonny & Cher’s “I Got You Babe”
  - 16 Currency that replaced the drachma
  - 17 “Spitting” snake
  - 18 Roller coaster, e.g.
  - 19 Rigging support
  - 20 Bolt
  - 23 Cousin of Muhammad
  - 25 Sharer of an exclamation point on a keyboard
  - 26 Locale of the île de la Cité
  - 27 Bolt
  - 32 Tatum of “Paper Moon”
  - 33 The “she” in the lyric “She walked up to me and she asked me to dance”
  - 34 Window part
  - 35 Unlikely to hug, say
  - 37 Frozen dessert franchise
  - 41 Part of the Old World
  - 42 Wipe the slate clean
  - 43 Bolt
  - 47 Marble, for one
  - 49 What “-” may mean: Abbr.
  - 50 511, to Caesar
  - 51 Bolt
  - 56 Wrist/elbow connector
  - 57 Every family has one
  - 58 Energy
  - 61 Toy sometimes pulled with a rope
  - 62 Leer
  - 63 It’s a blessing
  - 64 Half of a famous split personality
  - 65 Unite under fire?
  - 66 Smarts
- Down**
- 1 Word to an attack dog
  - 2 \_\_\_, amas, amat
  - 3 They have homes that many people visit
  - 4 Protective covering
  - 5 Hot, scoring-wise
  - 6 Pupil coverer
  - 7 Somewhat
  - 8 Number in statistics
  - 9 \_\_\_ review
  - 10 Renter
  - 11 Foreign domestic
  - 12 Choo-choo
  - 13 See 24-Down
  - 21 Like Brahms’s Symphony No. 3
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  - 23 Famous \_\_\_ cookies
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# Running in the family

Freshman runner Kayla Beattie boasts a distinguishing pedigree as a Pan-American Junior champion.

By **ELDON GIANNAKUOROS**  
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Running was a part of Kayla Beattie's life before she learned to walk.

"Both my parents ran in college at Bowling Green University in Ohio, so I just kind of grew up around the sport," she said. "When I was younger, they would push me in a jogging stroller as they went on runs. As I got older, I ran along-side them."



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The closeness and fraternity Beattie associated with running seemed to dissipate as she reached high school, because she spent most of her prep career flying solo. Beattie far surpassed the skills of her school's cross-country teams — both boy's and girl's — and learned self-reliance the hard way with only her coach to motivate her through workouts as she trained alone.

That changed from the moment she hit the gym as a Hawkeye. Beattie has yet to compete in the Black and Gold, but she's beginning to bond with her teammates and coach Layne Anderson as she gears up for her first college test on Saturday in the Loyola Lakefront Invitational.

"The team and Coach

Anderson are the two main reasons I picked Iowa; I knew the girls on the team were girls I could fit in with," Beattie said. "It's a lot of fun having three girls next to you on hard workouts, when you're just struggling to finish but you know there are three of your teammates right there with you."

Along with helping revive Beattie's sense of community in her sport, the freshman's training partners are also helping her grow as a competitor.

"I've been doing my workouts with three seniors, and they've just helped me so much," she said. "The first weeks and the first few workouts, I struggled a bit just adjusting to a new coach and a different training plan, but they were really helpful."

Anderson said he feels competing alongside Hawkeye athletes will give Beattie the time and the space she needs to find her stride as a competitor.

"A good thing for her is that we've got some seniors and some older kids who are at and around her level, so she doesn't come in with the expectation that she has to be the No. 1 girl," Anderson said. "If she is, great — but she also understands we've got some great people, so even if she races well and ends up being our second or third or fourth, that could still mean she's racing at a very high level."

Anderson said he feels a talent such as Beattie, who won two gold medals at the Pan American Junior Games this past summer, is joining the Hawkeyes "at just the right time." The ninth-year coach said he has put together one of Iowa's best teams in recent

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-Kayla Beattie

memory, and senior Betsy Flood said Beattie will play a large role in whatever success the Hawkeyes have this season.

"Since she's been here, it's just been great; she's really focused and seems to have adjusted to college really well," Flood said. "She's a great addition, and she's going to help our team do great things this year."

Beattie's will have some extra support in Chicago on Saturday. The meet is less than an hour from her hometown of Woodstock, Ill., and she said her parents and high-school coaches will be on hand to cheer her on. It won't be the only joyful reunion she has with her family and friends this season.

"I wanted to stay in the Midwest partly so my parents could continue to watch me run and come to my meets," she said. "Three of our meets are in Illinois, so I'll have support at a lot of our meets this season."

No matter where she finds herself racing, Beattie will find herself in a close group of teammates and friends.

"I'm just really happy that I chose Iowa," she said. "Every day, there's just small reminders that I really made the right decision."

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**GOLF**

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The scores reflected that as a result. As a team, the Hawkeyes went from shooting 5-under on Sunday to 6-over on Monday. All five Black and Gold golfers shot higher scores than they did on day one.

Iowa wasn't the only team struggling. Of the 75-player field, 56 golfers — almost 75 percent — posted higher scores than they did in round one. Ball State and New Mexico State were the only teams to post lower team scores on day two than on day one.

"It was crappy all day," Ihm said. "It was windy, rainy, and cold — all at the same time. It was just grueling. It was a seven-and-a-half-hour round almost, so it was just tough to put up with."

He put up with the weather as well as any Iowa golfer. The Indian Hills transfer fired an even-par round, recording three birdies and three bogeys.

"The into-the-wind holes were just brutal," he said. "The downwind holes, you were able to score on some of those — so you had to take advantage of them when you had them."

Others didn't fare so well. Sunday's hero-of-sorts, Brad George, posted a team-high score of 12-over 84 with one eagle, one birdie, seven bogeys, a double bogey, and an 11 on the par-5 fourth hole.

Redshirt freshman Ian Vandersee and senior Barrett Kelpin let potential lower scores go awry at the end of their rounds. Vandersee was on pace to repeat his round one score of 1-over until he double-bogeyed the 18th hole to finish at 3-over 75.

Kelpin started the day hot by birdying three of his first five holes. But a triple bogey on the par-4 13th and a double bogey on the par-4 17th led to 2-over 74.

"Guys battled through it pretty well," Hankins said. "I think the guys shot a pretty good score out there. We dropped a couple shots on the last holes, but other than that I'm pretty happy with how we played."

The tournament's final round begins at 8:30 a.m. today in a shotgun start.

**COMMENTARY**

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the same 2010 poll, hockey sits at 5 percent.

The foundation for hockey and the NHL to become the fifth-most popular sport and league in America is there (in case you're wondering, it's college football and NASCAR at three and four, behind the NFL and MLB).

Particularly in dual markets in which the NHL team is now more

popular — think Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., or Detroit — the lack of basketball will cement what has already been a losing battle for those NBA teams. In even-popularity or NBA-favored dual markets such as Dallas, Boston, or Los Angeles, the NHL will at least temporarily fill the winter-sports void.

The NBA lockout isn't close to being resolved. Unlike the NFL's recent standoff, which dealt with how to divvy up massive amounts of cash to everyone, the NBA is trying to configure numbers that

would stop the league from hemorrhaging money. Ask President Obama and John Boehner about solving a debt crisis. It takes time.

But so does building a reputation. The NHL's image has improved immensely since its lock-out ended, but it took five years and bold decisions by the league to get to this point. While the NBA would by no means be doomed if it locks out for part of a season or even the whole year, it would be costly.

As the NBA's ice gets thinner, the NHL's is getting thicker and thicker.

**TENNIS**

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Of the nine Big Ten teams that report the height of their players, only Illinois checks in at under an average of 6-0 (5-11.1). The conference's tallest team, Ohio State, records an average height of 6-2.5. The Hawkeyes record an average height of 6-0.3.

The trend toward tall players is especially evident in the professional game, Houghton said. The longtime Iowa coach pointed out professional tennis player John Isner as an example. The 6-9 American, currently ranked 18th in the world, is best known for playing the longest match in tennis history in 2010.

Additionally, six of the

world's top 20 players, including world No. 6 Robin Soderling, are 6-4 or taller.

One of the Hawkeyes' "giants," Hagan, said his height helps him in both singles and doubles competition — especially in the serve, where his size helps him get more power behind the ball.

"It helps on the serve, big time," he said. "It also helps you cover the net when you are playing doubles, but the main advantage is on the serve."

The serve might be a strength, but senior Will Vasos, who is 5-10, said the challenge when playing a taller player is to wear him down throughout the match.

"They have humongous serves, so you have to neutralize the serve and grind them down during the point," Vasos said.

Houghton said that while men's tennis is

trending toward bigger players, shorter players are still able to compete and win, and the Hawkeyes are a prime example.

The Hawkeyes return five players from last year's final starting lineup, and all of them except Dunn stand under 6-0. Iowa's top two players are two of its shorter members: The 5-10 Vasos and 5-9 senior Marc Bruche.

The Hawkeye head coach said that while the taller players use their power to defeat opponents, shorter players use speed to claim victory.

"You have to evolve, and that is the trend that is going on," Houghton said. "But the smaller players are still able to be successful; they just have to be quick."

**FOOTBALL**

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The Hawkeyes have scored 30-plus points in four-straight games for the first since 2002. Louisiana-Monroe, allowing an average of 345 yards per game, is the best defense Iowa has seen thus far.

And despite impressive numbers from quarterback James Vandenberg — 81-of-129 for 1,095 yards, 10 touchdowns, and only one interception — the junior said he knows the unit can still clean some things up.

"We have a lot of things to correct," Vandenberg said.

But besides using the

extra time to cram for Big Ten play, the Hawkeyes can also use the extra time to cram for something else.

"I have to take care of practice those first couple days and stay on top of the homework," cornerback Shaun Prater said. "I know I have a lot of papers and exams coming up, so it's a busy week."

**POINT/COUNTERPOINT**

**Who will be the Big Ten's best player in conference games?**

**Russell Wilson, Wisconsin quarterback**

The best Big Ten player this year will be the offensive leader of the conference's best team.

That team is Wisconsin, and that player is quarterback Russell Wilson.

Wilson has been stellar in the Badgers' nonconference schedule, albeit against some lousy competition. The North Carolina State transfer has thrown for 11 touchdown passes with only one interception. Wilson has also recorded an off-the-charts 218.4 QB rating in Wisconsin's four games.

The Richmond, Va., native instantly improved a Wisconsin team that was without a stable signal caller in spring practice, and the Badgers have steamrolled into Saturday's showdown with Nebraska as a result. The game, played in prime time with ESPN's "College GameDay" on campus, will be the first display of Wilson in Cardinal and White on a national stage.

Wilson's numbers could also approach Big Ten records if he is able to continue his red-hot start. The Wisconsin QB has completed at least 70 percent of his passes in each of his first four games as a Badger; if he continues connecting with his receivers at that rate, he could threaten Northwestern quarterback Dan Persa's conference-record 73.5 completion percentage set last year.

Additionally, Wilson's competition for the Player of the Year honor all have major flaws. Michigan quarterback Denard Robinson hasn't shown he can stay healthy for an entire season, and Montee Ball has to share carries for the Badgers.

Wilson is the best candidate for Big Ten player of the year, and he will be the one standing with the hardware at the end of the season.

— by Ryan Murphy

**Montee Ball, Wisconsin running back**

Tailback Montee Ball has gone above and beyond to establish himself as the MVP for not just his Badgers but for all the Legends and Leaders in the Big Ten.

Ball has nine rushing touchdowns in just four games, the third-most of all Division-I running backs. The junior is also averaging 5.7 yards per rush and 20 yards per catch through Wisconsin's nonconference season.

Granted, Ball does have a little help carrying the rushing load; true sophomore James White has more than 300 rushing yards and three touchdowns. However, the Wisconsin offense is based on Ball doing all the heavy lifting in the early quarters, while the speedy White can tear up whatever is left of a weary defense.

It's also tough to make the argument against the Badgers' play-caller, Wilson. The quarterback has excel-

lent stats in his first year for the Badgers, and he is not only a contender for the Big Ten MVP, but possibly the Heisman Trophy as well. But Wilson's jaw-dropping numbers are almost certainly helped by throwing against defenses that are terrified of facing whichever Badger emerges from the backfield on the ground.

Last season, Ball rushed for 996 yards and 18 touchdowns. He's on pace to eclipse those numbers and make himself not just the premier running back in the Big Ten but the most valuable player in the one of the premier football conferences in the country.

— by Ben Ross

**Denard Robinson, Michigan quarterback**

Big Ten play hasn't even started yet, and Denard Robinson is playing as if he wants the conference championship. He has shown he's more than capable of stepping up in big games to get big wins, and that mentality makes him a worthy Big Ten Player of the Year for the second year in a row.

Robinson has been named Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week twice in Michigan's four games, including after the Wolverines' historic comeback victory over Notre Dame on Sept. 10.

The Wolverines trailed the Fighting Irish, 24-7, at the end of the third quarter, but Robinson led Michigan

to a 28-point comeback to win the game 35-31, with Robinson throwing a touchdown pass in the final seconds.

What's most impressive is that he rushed for 29 yards and passed for 202 in the fourth quarter alone and kept his mental control in the waning seconds despite fumbling and being intercepted in the period.

Robinson exerts an important leadership quality — call it a standard of excellence — that is crucial for the Wolverines.

Robinson is hot right now (especially when he's running), and it's doubtful that he's going to slow down once Big Ten play starts this week. He's leading the conference in rushing yards this season, with 552 in four games, and he just moved into the second spot on the league's career quarterback rushing list, with 2,605 yards.

Big Ten football will always be competitive, and plenty of quarterbacks will have similar offensive statistics every year. What differentiates Robinson is his ability to come through with fantastic plays when it really matters. The way he's played in pressure situations so far, he'll probably step it up and perform even better in conference games.

— by Molly Irene Olmstead

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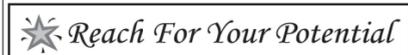
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## Hawks happy with a break



Iowa defensive lineman Broderick Binns (left) and linebacker Tyler Nielsen tackle Tennessee Tech's Dontey Gay on Sept. 3 in Kinnick Stadium. Nielsen, who is nursing a sore ankle, said he'll use the Hawkeyes' bye week to rest and return to full health. (The Daily Iowan/Rob Johnson)

Iowa enters its bye week with a 3-1 record, but players and coaches insist the break comes at a good time.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**  
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After a painful loss to Iowa State two weeks ago, the Hawkeyes have rallied. The offense appears to be finding its rhythm, a young defense is steadily improving, and special teams seem to no longer be a liability.

Sounds like a bad time for a bye week, right?

Not so much.

Despite Iowa's 3-1 record and seemingly mounting momentum, linebacker Tyler Nielsen sounded ready for a break.

"It's perfect timing for a bye week," said Nielsen, who has been limited by an ankle injury he suffered in the Iowa State game. "For me especially — to get some time to relax a little bit and get back to 100 percent."

Nielsen isn't the only one. Cornerback B.J. Lowery has been out of commission since preseason camp because of a wrist injury, and a sports hernia derailed Nolan MacMillan's bid to open the season as Iowa's starter at left guard. Head coach Kirk Ferentz said the bye week should give both an opportunity to return for Iowa's next game, its Big Ten opener at Penn State on Oct. 8.

Ferentz also looks forward to using the extra week for more evaluation — and hopefully, more improvement.

"The way I'm looking at it, we know a lot more about the group than we did maybe four

weeks ago. This probably comes at a good time," the 13th-year head coach said. "We can regroup a little bit, think a little bit more about what we can do to best maximize the guys, what they are showing us, and see if we can't try to be a little more efficient as we go along."

Improvement will likely be necessary if Iowa is to emerge from its next challenge with a victory. As sophomore linebacker James Morris said, "You have to show up every week if you want to win in the Big Ten."

The case will be no different when the Hawkeyes roll into State College, Pa., for their contest against Penn State in front of more than 100,000 fans at Beaver Stadium.

Iowa has won three in a row against the Nittany Lions, but the team is now without cogs that made those victories possible — Daniel Murray, Ricky

### Iowa versus Penn State

Iowa's game against Penn State in State College, Pa., on Oct. 8 will kick off at 2:36 p.m. (CDT). ABC will televise the contest regionally with an ESPN mirror nationwide.

The Nittany Lions, who are receiving votes in the latest AP Top 25 Poll, are 3-1 entering their Big Ten opener Saturday at Indiana. The Hawkeyes have won their last three games against Penn State.

Stanzi, Adrian Clayborn, and a dominating defense. Conversely, the offense will face its biggest challenge yet. Penn State's defense allows just 249 yards a game, the eighth-best mark in the Football Bowl Subdivision.

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### GOLF WEEK CONFERENCE CHALLENGE

## Golfers battle weather

Poor conditions led to high scores as the Iowa men's golf team fell to fourth place on Monday.

By **BEN SCHUFF**  
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BURLINGTON — Monday morning and afternoon at Spirit Hollow Golf Course were downright ugly.

The Sun never appeared, gusts of wind up to 25 mph blew through the course, and rain fell all day.

By the end of the second round, the Hawkeyes had fallen, too — down the team leaderboard.

The Iowa men's golf team finished day two of the Golfweek Conference Challenge in fourth place at 1-over, but Iowa's descent came after the team spent a significant amount of time either tied or in sole possession of first place.

Chattanooga capitalized, and the Mocs are in first heading into the last day of the tournament today.

The five Black and Gold golfers collectively shot even-par on the front nine, but the treacherous back nine eventually caught up with head coach Mark Hankins' squad. The Hawkeyes were 15-over on the back nine.

"The back nine is much more demanding," said senior Chris Brant, who carded a 1-over 73 and is now tied for seventh. "I felt like the conditions got worse as we turned. As we progressed through our round, the conditions definitely deteriorated."

Hawkeye sophomore Steven Ihm had similar feelings about holes 10-18.

"The back nine is just tough," he said. "Especially with the wind, [holes] 13 and 14, you couldn't miss your drive by more than 15 yards."

Brant described the playing conditions as "exasperating." Fellow senior Barrett Kelpin said the conditions were probably "as tough as conditions could get on this golf course."



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### COMMENTARY

## Look out, NBA, here comes NHL

The NHL could surpass the NBA in popularity if the lockout isn't resolved.



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The most talked-about NBA season in recent memory concluded with LeBron losing again and Dirk playing the hero. It was almost too well-written. Yet, with its current labor dispute, the NBA's lack of compromise has resulted in probable cancellations of at least some of the regular season.

If precedent is followed, expect a half-season from the NBA — the league did the same in 1999. The NHL's lockout in 2004-05 was the only time in the history of America's four major sports that an entire season was canceled because of a labor dispute.

But it's that same NHL that will gain the most from even a partial NBA season.

Puck-and-stick was on the rise from the dismal TV ratings of its post-lockout season even before the NBA

lockout. There are so many factors: It's because of stars in cold-weather markets, it's because of such rule changes as the shootout, and it's because — perhaps more than any other sport — high-definition television enhances the hockey viewing experience.

And don't forget the Winter Classic, a savvy TV deal in which the league isn't second-fiddle to other sports on ESPN and ABC, or the phenomenal NHL video-game series.

Even with no NBA lockout, the NHL's popularity was on the rise, and the line between the popularity of the NBA and NHL is closer than I — and most — would guess. A recent Harris poll showed the decline of the NBA's popularity since 1998, when 13 percent of those surveyed said "pro basketball" was their favorite sport.

But Commissioner David Stern's baby never recovered after Michael Jordan's retirement and the partial season lockout, with now just 6 percent of those surveyed saying the same thing in 2010. In

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## The tall & the tall of it



Iowa junior Garret Dunn returns a volley during a match on March 27 at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex. Dunn is one of five Hawkeyes to stand at least 6-0; the junior is 6-8. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

The Iowa tennis team has three of the tallest players in the Big Ten, which seems to give the Hawkeyes an advantage.

By **RYAN MURPHY**  
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Three members of the Iowa men's tennis team tower over their competition.

Literally.

The Iowa roster contains three of the confer-

ence's tallest players — 6-6 freshman Matt Hagan, 6-6 sophomore Michael Swank, and 6-8 junior Garret Dunn, the conference's tallest player. The only other Big Ten player listed at 6-6 or taller is Ohio State sophomore

Peter Kobelt, who is listed at 6-7.

Iowa head men's tennis coach Steve Houghton said recruiting taller players wasn't a planned strategy, but he said it's becoming a trend in men's tennis.

"[Recruiting bigger players] was just by happenstance," he said. "But in college and pro tennis, it's kind of heading in that direction, and you're seeing that more often now."

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