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## State Dept. warns Americans about Iran

WASHINGTON — The State Department is warning Americans around the world of the potential for terrorist attacks against U.S. interests following the exposure of an alleged Iranian plot to assassinate Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States.

In a new worldwide travel alert issued late Tuesday, the department said the foiled scheme could be sign that Iran has adopted a "more aggressive focus" on terrorist activity. It said Iranian-sponsored attacks could include strikes in the United States, where the alleged plot against the Saudi envoy was supposed to have taken place, as well as other countries.

"The Department of State alerts U.S. citizens of the potential for anti-U.S. actions following the disruption of a plot, linked to Iran, to commit a significant terrorist act in the United States," it said in the warning that expires on Jan. 11, 2012.

"The U.S. government assesses that this Iranian-backed plan to assassinate the Saudi ambassador may indicate a more aggressive focus by the Iranian government on terrorist activity against diplomats from certain countries, to include possible attacks in the United States," the alert said.

Earlier Tuesday, the Justice Department announced the indictment of two men, including an Iranian-born U.S. citizen, for conspiring with a purported Mexican drug cartel to kill the Saudi ambassador on U.S. soil.

— by Associated Press

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## OCCUPY IOWA CITY: DAY 6

# Sign, sign — everywhere a sign

By **MATT STARNES**  
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Across the country, one of the biggest criticisms lodged against the Occupy movement is the perceived lack of a coherent message. But in Iowa City, demonstrators say that's OK.

"It's not our purpose to articulate specific demands or needs, solutions to the problem; rather [it is] to highlight that there is a problem," said Jared Krauss, a member of the Occupy Iowa City peacekeeping committee

and junior-year International Studies major at the University of Iowa.

For Krauss, the occupation is about coming together in discourse.

"This diversity, this openness, this ability to allow people to disagree and still accomplish things and still move forward with progression; the disagreement is key to our movement," he said. "If everybody is in agreement, then you have no critical thinking."

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Demonstrators have posted signs at College Green Park and around Iowa City as part of the Occupy Iowa City protest. (Daily Iowan illustration/Matt Starnes, Elvira Bakalbasic, Alicia Kramme)



## Primary turnout low

Two of the four City Council candidates moving on to the general election are UI students.

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Tuesday's Iowa City City Council primary election had the third-lowest voter turnout in history, and two University of Iowa students are among those who will move on to the general election.

Iowa City residents cast roughly 2,600 votes, narrowing the field for the two open seats from seven to four. Mayor Matt Hayek, Michelle Payne, Raj Patel, and Jarrett Mitchell will move on to the Nov. 8 at-large election.

Hayek, who won 64 percent of the votes Tuesday as the only incumbent on the ballot, said he was pleased with the results of the election.



Precinct election official Jane Bourgeois hands Hanna Wiesmayer a ballot at the Courthouse on Tuesday. Wiesmayer was the ninth person to vote at the polling place; 34 had voted by the time the polls closed. (The Daily Iowan/Anthony Bauer)

"We're gratified by the results but recognize that what matters is the outcome of the general election," he said. "We intend to keep up our campaign efforts for the next four weeks and focus on November."

Payne, a part-time UI student, narrowly captured second place, beating Patel, a UI

junior, by just 3 percentage points.

"I am extremely pleased and pleasantly surprised, and I have my work cut out for me until we get to the general election," she said. "I'm going to work hard over the next four weeks to get some name recog-

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## Officials laud late activities

UI officials will invest \$200,000 less than they invested in the 2010-11 year for late-night activities.

By **JORDYN REILAND**  
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University of Iowa officials say investing in late-night activities is worth the money.

Though the UI has only allocated \$300,000 toward providing "non-alcoholic alternatives" for students — last year's figure was \$500,000 — officials said they will continue to invest in such programs, pending future development of alternative venues in downtown Iowa City.

"If more non-alcohol venues emerge over time downtown, as I believe they will, we may not need to invest as much

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# Much more than a concert



Janelle Monáe will perform at the IMU today at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$23. (Publicity photo)

Janelle Monáe will perform at the University of Iowa as part of her Campus Consciousness Tour, an initiative encouraging students to live greener.

By **JORDAN MONTGOMERY**  
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Janelle Monáe is a genre-fusing performer whose music features accents of soul, funk, and R&B. And her talent is not unrecognized. At 25, the singer has earned three Grammy nominations, including Best R&B Record, putting her in the same field as such veteran R&B acts as Usher, R. Kelly, and Chris Brown.

"I feel very blessed, very humbled," she said. "You know, it's the beginning of my career, so being recognized at such an early stage in my career makes me want to work hard and inspire more music with my music."

Monáe will perform at 6:30 p.m. today in the IMU Main Ballroom. Admission is \$23.

She is also known for her sophisticated fashion sense — she wears a tuxedo every day. Her live performances are known to leave her fans wowed because of the energy she emanates.

The artist recognizes that her live shows are unlike many others. She said touring with the same orchestra that plays on her newest album helps make the energy onstage electrifying.

She thinks of her show as an experience, not just a concert.

"I have the chance to come to your school and give a performance that people will never forget.

And I want people to be encouraged, I want people to know that the music I am creating is for them," she said. "Sometimes, people feel like they don't have a voice, they are being discriminated against or oppressed or depressed — this music is kind of like a [medicine]."

Monáe's concert, or experience, rather, is not the only thing her national tour has to offer.

This show is part of a series called the Campus Consciousness Tour, and it is powered by Reverb, a company based in Maine that tours with artists to make events "greener" and promote sustainability.

"Campuses are a place where change happens,"

said Maya Jaafar of Reverb. "Students are very passionate about what they believe in. We give opportunities to student groups on campus to reach out to their peers and start a conversation about the need for sustainability."

The artist's promotion of ecological sustainability along with her high-energy musical performances are reasons that SCOPE chose to host Monáe at the UI.

"I can't give it away," said Emily Kane, the SCOPE talent buyer. "But there will be some pretty cool things, production-wise, going on. There are going to be a lot of extra elements to the show that aren't in most shows."

## METRO

### School Board to change meeting days

The Iowa City School Board passed a motion to change the meeting days at its regular meeting Tuesday. The meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Superintendent Steve Murley said the move was needed because of a conflict between the School Board meetings and various area City Council — North Liberty and Coralville — meetings that are scheduled for the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

This change will go into effect Dec. 6, when the School Board will meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

In addition to that change, the board also decided to add a two-hour work session at the beginning of the meetings; it conducted its first work session Tuesday. Murley said the board members were inspired by pre-meeting work sessions conducted by the Iowa City Council.

— by Rishabh R. Jain

### School Board mulls education blueprint

The Iowa City School Board discussed the recently released blueprint for transforming Iowa's education system, Branstad-Reynold's "One Unshakable Vision: World-Class Schools for Iowa."

The blueprint outlines the need for Iowa's schools to be more supportive and selective of their teachers and principals, among with other goals.

Superintendent Stephen Murley announced Gov. Terry Branstad's staff, along with Jason Glass, the director of the Iowa Department of Education, and Linda Fandel, Branstad's special assistant for education, will be in Iowa City on Oct. 16 for a town-hall meeting to discuss the blueprint with the community.

This meeting is open to public, and the board members encourage people to attend.

— by Rishabh R. Jain

### 2 Coloradans face drug charges

North Liberty police arrested two Colorado residents after

allegedly finding marijuana in their vehicle during a traffic stop.

A man and woman from Centennial, Colo., were charged Aug. 4 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver and failure to affix a tax stamp to a taxable substance after they were stopped on I-80 by North Liberty police.

Erin Rogman and Charles Stockstill, both 28, were reportedly driving on I-80 near Tiffin when an officer pulled them over for not displaying registration.

According to a complaint, Stockstill — who was driving the vehicle — denied the officer consent to search the vehicle. Rogman, who was the passenger, allegedly admitted to there being a small amount of marijuana inside the vehicle.

A K-9 unit was deployed and gave an "alert" signal to the vehicle, and a search was conducted, the complaint said. The complaint said police found nearly two pounds of marijuana in the rear of the vehicle.

Rogman and Stockstill allegedly admitted to possessing the marijuana and transporting it to Chicago.

— by Matt Starns

### Man charged with assault with weapon

An Iowa City man was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon after he allegedly brandished a knife while asking to bum a cigarette.

Michael Elder, 37, was arrested by Iowa City police after a subject called officers to the neighborhood of 931 N. Dodge St., where Elder lives.

The alleged victim of the assault was reportedly walking with friends when Elder allegedly appeared out of the dark, asking him for a cigarette and holding a knife in his hand.

According to a complaint from Iowa City police, Elder continued to look at the knife and then at the alleged victims in a very threatening manner, placing the alleged victims in fear for their safety.

The complaint said the knife reportedly used was located in Elder's car.

— by Matt Starns

## BLOTTER

**Rose Albert**, 20, 327 N. Clinton St., was charged Oct. 7 with PAULA.

**Zachary Boyd**, 22, 314 S. Johnson St. Apt. 1, was charged Monday with OWI.

**Dameka Bryant**, 37, 1958 Broadway Apt. B4, was charged Monday with public intoxication, fifth-degree criminal mischief, and interference with official acts.

**Santino Carbonaro**, 20, Chicago, was charged Oct. 8 with public intoxication.

**Catherine Dicola**, 26, Villa Park, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Jimmie Dudley**, 30, address unknown, was charged Aug. 18 with domestic assault causing serious injury.

**Christopher Gill**, 18, Frankfort,

Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

**Ladasha Harrell**, 22, 1960 Broadway Apt. 9A, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Saehoon Kim**, 24, Solon, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

**Lauren Levis**, 18, West Des Moines, was charged Oct. 8 with falsifying driver's licenses.

**Bruce Lincoln**, 20, West Branch, was charged with public intoxication, fifth-degree theft, and PAULA.

**Peter Lomeli**, 45, West Liberty, was charged Monday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Jon McCarthy**, 20, 517 E. Fairchild St. Apt. 6, was charged Sept. 15 with possession of drug

paraphernalia and possession of marijuana.

**Patrick McGuire**, 21, 404 S. Gilbert St. Apt. 834, was charged Oct. 7 with public urination.

**James Migloire**, 19, 327 E. College St. Apt. 1721, was charged Oct. 7 with public intoxication, interference with official acts, and PAULA.

**Joseph Mika**, 19, 713 N. Dubuque St., was charged Sunday with second-offense public intoxication.

**Joshua Olin**, 23, 25 N. Lucas St., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

**Angel Palacios**, 28, 13 S. Linn St. Apt. 6, was charged Oct. 7 with public urination.

**Kieonna Pope**, 18, 112 Mayflower, was charged Oct. 7 with PAULA.

**Max Raes**, 20, 517 E. Fairchild St. Apt. 6, was charged Sept. 15 with

possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**John Scully**, 21, Dubuque, was charged Oct. 8 with public intoxication.

**Stephen Simmons**, 30, West Liberty, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

**Bryant Smith**, 22, Coralville, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

**Merrit Toland**, 18, 2508 Burge, was charged Oct. 7 with PAULA.

**Amber Weller**, 22, Fremont, Iowa, was charged Sunday with disorderly conduct.

**Charles West**, 28, address unknown, was charged Tuesday with third-and-subsequent public intoxication and possession of an open alcohol container in public.

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Since Oct. 7., protesters aligned with Occupy Iowa City have gathered in College Green Park to show support for the Occupy Wall Street, a string of anti-corporate demonstrations in New York. Since the protests began in New York Sept. 19, Occupy has

become a national movement.

Occupy movements have also cropped up in Des Moines, Mason City, and Cedar Rapids.

And though close to 70 protesters are consistently spending the night in Iowa City, they have different motivations.

Iowa City citizen Brandon Ross said he joined the movement Oct. 7 because he's against the uneven distribution of wealth in America.

"I'm here because I think there's a corporate takeover of this country," he said. "Basically, the corporate strategy was to weaken government."

Johnson County resident Michael Warfield Tibbetts said he doesn't feel he is being represented by the American government.

"This is not just a movement here, it's a movement everywhere, and it's because there's something fundamentally incorrect with what's going on cur-

rently," he said. "We want somebody to address it, because we are the people, and we will be heard."

Fairfield native Jason Burkhardt said he's taken to the park because of his values, centered on freedom of expression.

"This is, for me, a place for humans to come and interact as humans, not under the system of capitalism," said the Fairfield native, who has slept in the park since the beginning of the protest. "We're just

coming here to be humans and talk about progressive things."

Burkhardt said the movement is a way to freely spread these ideas.

"We don't have to come spend money to interact," he said. "Typically, you have to go to a bar, a restaurant, a coffeehouse, you have to buy something in order to sit in a space that's conducive to socialization. This is the complete opposite of that."

### Occupy Iowa City

Protesters occupying College Green park are expressing concerns about numerous issues, including:

- Unchecked military spending by the United States
- The decline of the public-education system in the U.S.
- An unfair distribution of wealth in America

Source: Occupy Iowa City protesters

## NIGHT GAMES

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money in the future for safe late night activities," said Tom Rocklin, the UI vice president for Student Life.

Rocklin said the funding decrease stems from more efficient "economizing" by UI administrators, though he was not able to say where cuts were made.

The Night Games program was established by UI administrators in 2010 to provide students with more late-night opportunities following the 21-ordinance.

"Late-night events are worth the financial expense because our priority as an administration is to maintain student safety and engagement," said Dean of Students David Grady.

Last year, Rocklin said,



Danny Lemus climbs the rock wall at the Field House during Night Games in 2010. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

the program was supported through the UI's general fund, but officials have yet to decide on a source for this year's funds.

Late-night activities are facilitated through organizations in the Office of Student Life and include the Campus Activities Board, SCOPE, Bijou, and Dance Marathon after Dark.

Bill Nelson, the director of the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, said roughly 41,000 students attended these activities — movies, concerts, comedy shows, and recreational activities — in the 2010-11 academic year. And he is pleased with the turnout.

"As the activities and

events are ingrained in campus culture with time, we will see more and more participation," he said.

Peer institutions, including the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, have similar late-night activity programs, with significantly lower funding.

Gophers After Dark provides 52 nights of programming every Friday and Saturday in the student union, including small or large concerts, comedy nights, and craft projects. The program's \$175,000 budget does not include salaries for the staff or marketing for the events. The funding is provided by numerous university partners, said Erik Dussault, an assistant director of student activities of the university.

"Because we have programs every Friday and Saturday night, there is always something going on

in the union, and such continuous activities help create a safer environment for our students," he said.

UI officials said the funding for late-night activities is just a small part of a bigger plan.

Kelly Bender, the coordinator of campus community alcohol harm-reduction initiatives, said that while late-night activities alone might not give the campus

a direct result of reduction in binge drinking, including it in the larger Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan does.

"By having safe student-run activities, the university is able to promote healthy leisure-time norms, and these opportunities give students a chance to connect with other students, faculty, and staff," Bender said.

## VOTING

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tion and let people know what I'm all about."

Payne, unlike Patel, did not have the official support of UI Student Government. She said the support didn't mean much now because the two UI students were "very, very close" in votes.

Despite receiving support from 35 percent of the voters, Patel said he remains humble.

"I think this is the first step in a long, two-step

process," he said. "We plan to continue working as hard as we've been working in the past two months, if not harder."

Both Payne and Patel have said improving downtown Iowa City are among their campaign goals.

Josh Eklow, a recent UI graduate, received support from just 5 percent of voters, but he was excited that Mitchell got through the primary.

Eklow said the campaign process wasn't what he thought it would be.

"During the campaign process, as I learned more and more about city politics, I got more turned off

by it," Eklow said. "No one really seems to care about the election."

Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett said the turnout for this primary election was only higher than 2009 and 1979.

Slockett predicted 1,900 to 2,000 votes by the end of the day. The average number of voters in recent years has been between 3,000 and 5,500, he said.

Slockett said he didn't know how to explain the poor voter turnout.

"I don't know whether it could be the economic situation, or that there's only one incumbent on the ballot, and perhaps some of

the candidates are not as well-known as some of the other people on City Council," he said.

Johnson County Auditor's Office officials will finalize the results Thursday.

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## Editorial

# Economic plan: Diet, exercise, save the economy

It's your choice whether to exercise. But if you prefer minimal government expenditures, you might want to start taking the stairs — by 2050, one-third of the American people are projected to suffer from diabetes. Unsurprisingly, health care costs are also expected to skyrocket.

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad seems to acknowledge these facts, and he hopes to make Iowa the healthiest state in the nation by 2016. In a campaign to improve overall health, fitness, and quality of life, the governor challenged Iowans on Oct. 7 to walk 1 kilometer as a part of the "Start Somewhere Walk" in support of the new Healthiest State Initiative. More than 200,000 Iowans pledged to take part in the walk as of that morning.

"Obviously, it doesn't hurt to aim high when it comes to something like this," said Faryle Nothwehr, a University of Iowa community & behavioral health associate professor. "It is very challenging, however, because there are so many aspects to public health."

While Branstad's ambition seems drastic in scope, his intent is something to praise. In a nation marred by high obesity, national debt, and spiking diabetes rates, government endorsement and communal involvement in regard to public health is a laudable investment of minimal resources.

In order to curb projected American health statistics, awareness must be raised. The stance on poor health can no longer be one of sensitivity and reassurance. Beyond repetitive education and information, we must take it upon ourselves to create an environment in which becoming and staying fit is as important as maintaining a healthy GPA, keeping a job, or participating in philanthropic endeavors. Change is created by fostering an environment in which change can occur. If this doesn't happen, it might be more than our hearts that will be hurt — it'll be our wallets.

America is an increasingly obese nation, and Iowa lands in the middle of the pack in terms of health. Currently, 6.8 percent of Iowa's population has diabetes, representing an 80 percent increase in just under two decades.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that the number of Americans with diabetes — 24 million people — is projected to triple by 2050. Obesity is the leading modifiable risk factor for diabetes.

The incorporation and local relevancy of this new plan of action serves as a catalytic vessel for the all-too familiar topic of public health and personal well-being.

Branstad has the right idea — there's no substitute

for physical activity. The American mentality seems to be forever accustomed to a system in which seeking alternatives to action precedes problem-solving, whether because of procrastination, avoidance, or denial.

By ignoring the body's biological need for proper diet and exercise, one does a disservice not only to her- or himself but to the taxpayers of the community and the nation.

An examination and comparison of the projections for national health expenditure bear an ominous foreboding. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services is projecting a \$924 billion increase in national health expenditure by 2016.

Obesity, diabetes, heart disease — they are serious and costly, and they should not be dismissed as ailments of a modern age. These are not factors of a 21st century life, necessitating reluctant acceptance and incorporation into the norm. These are indicators of ignorance and laziness, of passivity and excuse. Sure, there are biological factors — but there is a difference between a biologically or genetically predisposed disorder and an ailment brought on by action (or lack thereof).

In examining the extent of Branstad's advocacy and agency, we must also consider our own. A continuation of the current public-health trend doesn't just spell disaster for one, but for all. A nationalized health-care program and an increasingly unhealthy public adds up to an increase in cost for Americans, fit or not. Thus, it is an American reality that the poor health choices of a few become the burden of the masses.

While the scope of the Healthiest State Initiative remains naively optimistic and astoundingly ambitious, the potency of the public-health problem and the urgency of addressing it is undeniable.

"There are already so many initiatives underway," Nothwehr said. "If the governor is serious about change, hopefully, he'll continue to fund and even increase funding for programs like this one."

Regardless of aim, government initiative with regards to public health and fitness awareness is a welcomed sight for sore eyes and empty pockets. Given close consideration of national projections, a re-evaluation of goals, and a realignment of policy, Branstad's plan has potential. If nothing else, the initiative sparks public awareness of a very public matter that concerns long-term public spending. A revision of the plan and an increase in programs similar to it, especially at local and state levels, is nonetheless a step in the right direction.

Your turn. Are you scared of a diabetes epidemic?  
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## Letter

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## Letter exemplifies 'Occupy' hypocrisy

Derek Wagenhofer's letter Monday is a classic example of the hypocrisy of the political right.

When it's the Occupy Iowa City movement protesting policies of budget cuts and tax breaks for the rich, when the country really needs jobs, then the right calls them "incoherent" and "quasi-socialist." Yet, when it's angry Tea Partiers

hijacking town-hall meetings and demonstrating in Washington, D.C., comparing President Obama to Hitler and Stalin, well then according to those on the political right these people are "true patriots" protesting against "tyran-

ny" instead of calling them out as ill-informed mobs playing Revolutionary War dress up.

Where was the outrage against Tea Party incoherence in 2010?

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# No free passes



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*Daily Iowan* staffers look at things differently from everyone else.

No, I don't mean we're naturally inquisitive or especially curious about the world or anything fluffy like that. I mean that journalists want bad things to happen.

For instance, when I spent a few months working for a different eastern Iowa news organization, I listened to the police scanner and chased fires and car crashes. I never, ever hoped anyone died in an accident, but I did find myself let down if it was just a little smoke or a fender-bender. My trip to the scene was for nothing.

Sick, right?

We do the same thing with public affairs. We want so badly to uncover a scandal that we're disappointed and bored when a public employee is found to be doing a good job.

For instance, a few weeks ago I used the state's open-records law to request a big batch of emails to and from University of Iowa Student President for Student Life Tom Rocklin. The request turned up around 1,300 messages spanning a few weeks. As with any public-records request, my editors and I sifted through the emails hoping to find something controversial.

Alas, we came up with nothing.

Turns out — predictably so, if you know Rocklin — that he's just doing a good job. He's helpful to all the hundreds of people who email him each week, knows a ton about what's going on across the university, and has students' best interest (or at least his perception thereof) in mind.

But is it bad that we're so motivated by scandal?

That we're always trying to dig up dirt certainly strains our relationship with public officials. When university administrators and local politicians know we're looking for dirt, they're likely to be cold to us, even if they're not doing anything wrong.

Additionally, because we're so focused on public affairs, we do fewer positive stories. Other news outlets in our market run occa-

sional soft stories that basically promote local officials and that probably gives other reporters a better rapport with their sources. We don't really do that. Instead, we have a polite-yet-adversarial relationship with local governments.

In the national media, reporters have a faux-adversarial relationship with policymakers. For instance, ABC's Brian Ross went after Rep. Michele Bachmann aggressively earlier this year about her headaches. He was right to be question aggressively, but he picked the wrong issue to ask about. When there are real issues that demand tough questions from mainstream reporters, Ross and his colleagues are much less aggressive.

Sometimes the stakes are even higher. Look at the White House, for instance. Because the White House press corps is so chummy with the administration, reporters have failed to ask tough questions of the two most recent presidents. In particular, former President George W. Bush mostly got a free pass on the War on Terror, and President Barack Obama has seldom heard tough questions on his connections with Big Business.

"That much-ballyhooed 'liberal press' hasn't been nearly as tough on President Bush as it was on his predecessor," wrote Rachel Smolkin in the *American Journalism Review* during the Bush years. "One key reason: Bush's controversies have involved policy rather than personal peccadilloes, and the media have a much bigger appetite for the latter."

Likewise, Washington, D.C., media have constantly failed to shine much light on Obama as a corporatist. He championed big bailouts for profit-making corporations and has done little to pursue regulations and higher taxes that his base supposedly wants. Despite all that, the mainstream media still take Obama adviser David Plouffe seriously when he says, "If you're concerned about Wall Street and our financial system, the president is standing on the side of consumers and the middle class."

So are we too negative at the *DI*? Maybe. But if the alternative is giving free passes, we're OK with that. ■

## Guest opinion

# Media and libel: an ongoing battle

Forty-seven years ago, the free press became much more free.

In *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan*, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that journalists may not be sued successfully by public officials for libel unless their news coverage was false, damaged a reputation, and was published with "actual malice." That meant establishing that the defamation was published "with knowledge that it was false or with reckless disregard of whether it was false or not." The court concluded

that such protection was necessary to preserve open debate and discussion about government policy and conduct. Without that protection, the First Amendment guarantee of a free press was largely subject to widely disparate state laws, none of which provided a similar shield against lawsuits.

The 1964 case set the stage for the aggressive investigative reporting to come, including landmark reporting in the Watergate era. It is certainly one of the most important legal decisions in the history of

American journalism — and arguably one of the most settled.

That's why it was interesting to hear Associate Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia bring up the case in a conversation at the Aspen Institute 2011 Washington Ideas Forum at the Newseum last week.

In elaborating on his point that courts should not render decisions that in effect legislate, he said *New York Times Co. v. Sullivan* means "you can libel public figures without liability so long as you are

relying on some statement from a reliable source, whether it's true or not."

"Now the old libel law used to be [that] you're responsible, you say something false that harms somebody's reputation, we don't care if it was told to you by nine bishops, you are liable," Scalia continued. "*New York Times v. Sullivan* just cast that aside because the court thought in modern society, it'd be a good idea if the press could say a lot of stuff about public figures without having to worry.

And that may be correct, that may be right, but if it was right, it should have been adopted by the people. It should have been debated in the New York Legislature, and the New York Legislature could have said, 'Yes, we're going to change our libel law.' But the living constitutionalists on the Supreme Court, the Warren Court, simply decided, 'Yes, it used to be that ... George Washington could sue somebody that libeled him, but we don't think that's a good idea any more.'"

Scalia was using the case as an illustration, and there's no immediate likelihood that *Times v. Sullivan* will be overturned. But the justice's comments serve as a reminder that the protections afforded by that decision are not engraved on a monument — and America's news media can't afford to take them for granted.

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# Locals ponder indie film/café

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Iowa City may soon have an independent film theater.

According to emails obtained by *The Daily Iowan*, local filmmakers have been in contact with University of Iowa vice president for Student Life-Tom Rocklin in hopes of collaborating with the UI's Bijou.

Andy Brodie and Andrew Sherburne, cofounders of FilmScene — a nonprofit organization dedicated to showcasing film as an art form — initially contacted Rocklin in June.

"Andy and I saw a hole in our cultural fabric, and we were tired of waiting for someone else to patch it," said Sherburne. "... In the end, we think that it will give everyone the kind of movie-going experience that we've been missing."

The cost of the cinema, to be named FilmScene, would vary according to the number and size of screens and location, Brodie said.

Brodie said similar theaters — such as the Ragtag Cinema in Columbia, Mo. — cost roughly \$1 million to build.

Sherburne and Brodie said they are committed to locating the theater in or near downtown — possibly south of Burlington Street.

FilmScene would be similar to the Bijou, but it would be open 365 days, seven days a week.

Last year, approximately 13,000 patrons attended Bijou movies. In the 2009-10 school year, the theater saw 9,574 patrons, said D. Jesse Damazo, the Bijou executive director.

Rocklin said officials are discussing a possible partnership between the Bijou and a downtown cinema, but officials have not reached a definite decision.

Rocklin said FilmScene organizers approached him with the idea, and the collaboration is not related to previous discussions of bringing more non-alcohol alternatives to downtown.

"We have not established any specifics, just that we are open and excited about the possibility of collaborating on a downtown cinema," said Damazo.

Brodie said the independent film theater would be funded by community support, an upcoming capital campaign, and its own revenue. It would not only be a

## Downtown Cinema

Local filmmakers hope to bring an independent film house to Iowa City, but they have not determined where they will obtain funding.

Other theaters in the Iowa City area:

- Englert Theatre: Features live music, performances, and film screenings
- Riverside Theatre: Features plays
- Bijou: Shows independent films
- FilmScene: Would serve as an independent cinema

theater, it would also be a café serving craft beers, wine, and various food.

Brodie said the venue would "provide something that is sorely needed downtown" — a moderate level between excessive alcohol consumption and completely dry.

"We want to create a venue for responsible and reasonable alcohol consumption," he said. "There is a middle ground that needs to be covered in Iowa City."

Sherburne said FilmScene would be a place in which movie lovers could enjoy films with friends without traveling hundreds of miles to see "first-run indie films."

"We want people to think about films as a legitimate art form, which they are," Brodie said.

Andre Perry, the executive director of the Englert Theatre, 221 E. Washington St., and a member of the FilmScene Board, said it is a huge loss to Iowa City — a cultural landmark — not to have an independent cinema.

Brodie said the new theater may also collaborate with the Englert on events such as film festivals.

Brodie said he, Sherburne, and the FilmScene Board of Directors are in the process of finding a location for the cinema, building relationships with community members, and finding funding for the project.

Plans are moving forward, but Brodie said they want to take their time and ensure the cinema turns out as planned.

"We want it to be top-notch, fun, cool, and a place that people will want to come to," he said.

# Taking aim at domestic violence



Erin O'Gara, Audrey Saftlas, Corinne Peek-Asa, and Karen Heimer participate in a Domestic Violence Intervention Program panel discussion. The four presented their various studies to a crowd of 20 on Tuesday night in the University Capitol Centre. (The Daily Iowan/Elvira Bakalbasic)

Director says victims are 72 times more likely to be killed in the two weeks after leaving a relationship than during it.

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Domestic violence in rural areas is harder to control because of the distance from help centers, experts say.

So Johnson County officials are aiming to improve their outreach to better help these victims.

"I think there is always more that the government can do," said Johnson County Supervisor Janelle Rettig. "It's a federal decision to help fund programs."

Each year, 1.3 million people are victims of physical assault by an intimate partner, according to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

University of Iowa researchers and officials spoke about the necessity of collaboration in addressing domestic violence at a panel discussion Tuesday night.

From June 2010 to June 2011, the Domestic Violence Intervention Program served 1,773 men,

women, and children from four counties — Washington, Iowa, Johnson, and Cedar — down from 1,793, previously. Roughly 1,023 of those people were from Johnson County.

"Numbers have gone down slightly because of the number of women we can shelter," said Kristie Fortmann-Doser, the executive director of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program, and victims are staying longer because of hardships, meaning there is less room in the shelters.

According to a study by UI Professor Corinne Peek-Asa, 61.5 percent of isolated rural women were victims of four or more domestic-violence incidents in the past year, compared with 39.3 percent of urban women.

Supervisor Terrence Neuzil said the county is working against domestic violence through social service funding, proper law-enforcement training, and the court system.

"Unfortunately, it's not

an issue that is going away as the population increases," Neuzil said.

Fortmann-Doser said raising awareness means dispelling the myths.

"It's talking about what happens," she said, noting that people make a lot of incorrect assumptions about domestic-abuse issues. "It's a myth that battered women don't leave."

The Domestic Violence Intervention Program in Johnson County receives an annual \$63,500 block grant from county officials out of a total social-services block grant of \$1.1 million.

Even so, Rettig said, social service needs rise during bad economic times.

"And when people don't have a lot of resources [but do have] a lot of stress, the situation kind of cascades," she said, citing the growing need for services.

And risks are high for women ages 20 to 24. Last year, the program serviced 617 people between the

## Domestic Awareness Month

Officials will hold several events throughout October to raise awareness of domestic violence.

- Saturday, Shop for the Shelter, Iowa City and Coralville Hy-Vees
- Saturday, Monster Brawl, Coralville Marriott Point
- Oct. 26, UI Student Safety Fair

Source: Domestic Violence Intervention Program

ages of 18 and 24.

Linda Kroon, the director of the Women's Resource and Action Center, said she works in conjunction with other UI officials with a recent grant to prevent violent acts on campus.

"We are hoping to educate the campus as a whole, to provide info on how to proactively keep people safe," she said. "In the event that something happens, we want to provide assistance, support, and law enforcement."

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## the ledge

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### If I could be violent in class, I'd punch these people:

- The Bobble Head. I get it; your teacher is singling you out, looking at you and just waiting for you to agree. It's OK. Give them a nod. Just not a "Hey baby, what's up?" nod. And end the nod after 2.4 seconds; it's simply not OK to nod the entire class period.
  - The Vocabulary Misuser-Abuser. This person uses big words that make no sense given the context. Arbitrarily, you commensurately enjoy pickle gurgitation ad infinitum? Huh? All I heard was "you ... enjoy ... pickle."
  - The Armless Magician. One minute he has arms, the next he's somehow stuffed them inside his sleeves without anyone seeing. Is he cold? Is he braiding his chest hair? What's actually going on in there I do not care to know.
  - Mr. Wiggles. This guy talks in a voice that is so happy sounding, it's almost like he's singing. Sing me a love song, and I might feel differently about you, Mr. Wiggles.
  - The Foodie. I'm fine with you bringing a granola bar to class, assuming you chew with your mouth closed. But bringing microwaved eggs? That makes the entire class smell like a Port-o-John.
  - The Common Walking Cold. Snot all over your face? Stay home. Reek of Vick's vapor rub and coughing-up bits of lung? Stay home. Popping lozenges like candy? STAY HOME. I don't want no scum.
  - The Crotch Grabber. Boys, why do you need to adjust yourselves every five minutes? Do you see me adjusting my strapless bra every five minutes? No, you absolutely do not. And believe me, those puppies shift (and I'm assuming much more than what's between your legs).
- Carly Correll has awakened with a black eye before and wondered why.

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## COME ON OUT



To celebrate National Coming Out Day, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center hosted a Coming Out Stories Dinner on Tuesday. LGBT students and allies came together to enjoy a meal and tell stories about coming out. (The Daily Iowan/Carrie Guenther)

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Campus channel 4, cable channel 17

7 p.m. WorldCanvass Studio, with host Joan Kjaer, "Arab Voices: What They are Saying to Us and Why it Matters," James Zogby, March 6

8 Juneenth Celebration, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, June 19, 2010,

9:30 Daily Iowan Television News

9:45 Kirk Ferentz News Conference, Iowa football coach meets with the media, presented unedited by UITV and Hawkeye Video

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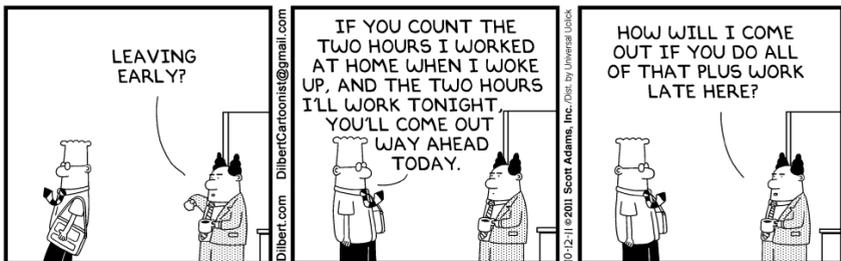
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10:45 University & Concert Bands, directed by Richard Chapman, Marc Decker, Kevin Kastens, Carter Biggers, March 7

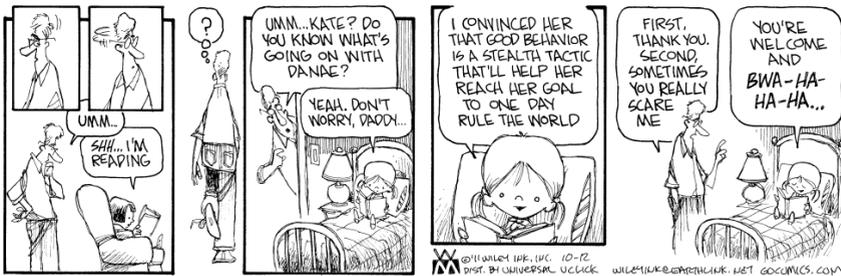
## horoscopes Wednesday, Oct. 12 - by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Too much pressure will bring about an impulsive move that will be difficult to reverse. Step back from the situation, and take a look at the big picture. Don't feel the need to act fast or to give in. Time is on your side.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Avoid overindulgent people. Quality, not quantity, should be your goal. A problem with a coworker, supervisor, government agency, or large institution can be expected if you don't abide by the rules and regulations. Don't leave anything to chance.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Rein in your emotions, and you can control whatever situation you face. Use your head, and apply practical solutions to whatever is being requested of you. Change can be positive as long as you or someone else doesn't use force.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 Call in favors, and you will receive more than you ask for. Socialize, even if someone is trying to take up your time with demanding requests. You will broaden your horizons and your circle of friends by getting out and trying new things.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 You'll make wise choices and create opportunities if you are positive and productive. Good fortune will come through a partnership that is equal and complimentary. A change in location will inspire you to make last-minute arrangements that can alter your lifestyle.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Hold on to what you've accumulated. Consider every facet of a situation you face before you make a move. You will discover valuable information that can help you get ahead as long as you don't let emotions stand in your way.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Irrational behavior will cause setbacks, regardless of who is being difficult. Don't overextend yourself emotionally, financially, or physically. Work hard to help someone in need, but don't give in to demands made by those who can fend for themselves.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Don't let a personal problem lead to anger. Focus on being the best you can be and developing an idea or skill you have that can lead to higher returns. Keep your thoughts to yourself until you have what you want secured.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Having a better understanding of the current economic situation is necessary. There is money to be made if you are in the right place at the right time. Don't fear doing things differently. Standing out can be what gets you in the door.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You may have some leverage at home or at work, but when it comes to discussions with friends and neighbors, you'd better know what you are talking about. Expect to be challenged by someone who doesn't see things your way.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Overreacting will lead to trouble. An incident from your past will come back to haunt you. Look for an unusual opportunity, give it a unique twist, and you will make financial gains. An improved living arrangement is attainable.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 A past partner, peer, or colleague can help you get ahead now. Be the first to make contact, and rectify any problem that may have occurred in the past. Your maturity and ability to put the past behind you will help you advance now.

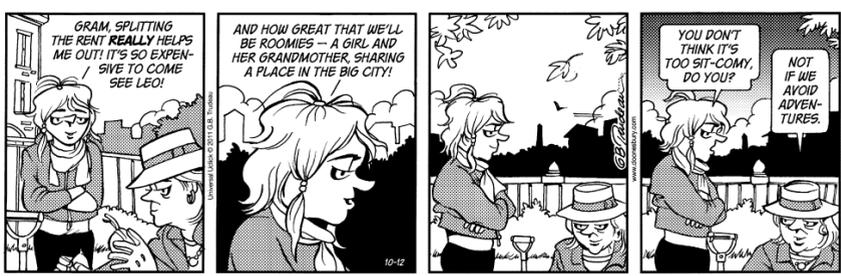
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- **College of Public Health Info Fair**, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., University Capitol Centre second floor
- **Drawn into Learning**, workshop for UI faculty and teaching assistants, 11:30 a.m., 2390 University Capitol Centre
- **Inorganic Seminar**, "Water-Treatment Applications of Engineered Nanomaterials," David Cwiertny, Environmental Engineering, 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **CIMBA Informational Session**, 1 p.m., W326 Pappajohn Business Building
- **Staff Council Meeting**, 2:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Academic Success Workshop: Test-Taking Skills on Multiple-Choice Exams**, 3:30 p.m., C29 Pomerantz Center
- **"From Virtue to Virtuality: Property, Commerce, and the Quest for Masculine Character from Dostoevsky to DeLillo,"** Russell Valentino, Cinema/Comparative Literature, 3:30 p.m., 304 English-Philosophy Building
- **Farmers' Market**, 5 p.m., Chauncey Swan parking ramp
- **UI Opera Studies Forum 2011-12 Lecture Series**, "Anna Bolena," Katherine Eberle, Music, 5:30 p.m., 2520D University Capitol Centre
- **Zumba with Aimee**, 5:30 p.m., Old Brick, 26 E. Market
- **Readers & Writers Group**, Uptown Bill's, 6 p.m., 730 S. Dubuque
- **Passing Strange: The Movie**, 6:30 p.m., Bijou
- **Japanese Language Workshop**, 6:30 p.m., Asian Pacific American Cultural Center
- **Spoken Word Open Mike**, Uptown Bill's, 7 p.m.
- **PJ Story Time**, 7 p.m., North Liberty Community Library
- **Yoga for the Mind**, Embodiment, 7 p.m., Heartland Yoga Studio, 221 E. College
- **IWP Cinémathèque**, *The Last Communist* (Malaysia), 8 p.m., E105 Adler
- **The Cherry Orchard**, Mainstage Series, 8 p.m., Theatre Building Mabie Theatre
- **Tabloid**, 9:45 p.m., Bijou
- **Jam Session**, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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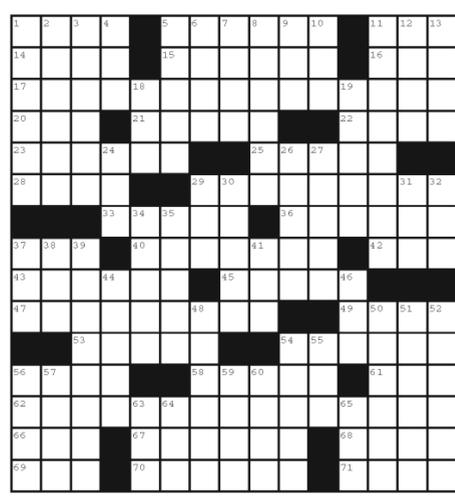
## The New York Times Crossword

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  - Fasten, in a way
  - PC "brain"
  - Place for a pavilion
  - Wild child
  - Cauldron stirrer
  - Sing-along direction
  - Masago, e.g., at a sushi bar
  - Writer Chekhov
  - Team nicknamed the Black Knights
  - Obey
  - Frank with six Oscars
  - River ferried by Charon
  - Children's game
  - Direction to an alternative musical passage
  - Become fond of
  - Fertility lab stock
  - Chase scene shout
  - "... who?"
  - Figure of many a Mayan deity
  - Before dawn, say
  - Pursue a passion
  - Spreadsheet function
  - Neuters
  - Word missing from the answers to 17-, 23-, 29-, 40-, 47- and 62-Across
  - Worthless sort
  - One of 22 in a Kruggerand
  - "Agnus ..."
  - Do as a mentor did, say
  - Home of the Tisch Sch. of the Arts
  - First-timer
  - Play ... (enjoy some tennis)
  - Longtime mall chain
  - Times for showers
  - Modest response to kudos
- Down**
- Some urban transit systems
  - Urge on
  - Quick
  - Turn on the waterworks
  - Knocks for a loop
  - Oxygen
  - Sacramento's former
  - Singer whose "name" was once a symbol
  - Chaney of film
  - Dyne-centimeter
  - Game with many "points"
  - Lifeline's location
  - Like a 16-Across
  - Thole insert
  - Netanyahu's successor, 1999
  - Prefix with biology
  - The constellation Ara
  - Cultured gem
  - Maria (liqueur)
  - Misanthrope, e.g.
  - Balmy time in Bordeaux
  - "Frasier" role
  - Lesley of "60 Minutes"
  - Invite, as trouble
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  - Richard with a much-used thumb
  - Like pretzels, typically
  - Clotho and sisters
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  - Throw a barb at
  - "And Winter Came ..." singer
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# Senate filibuster kills jobs bill



President Obama arrives to speak at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local No. 5 Training Center in Pittsburgh on Tuesday. (Associated Press/Susan Walsh)

By **BEN FELLER**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — United against President Obama, Senate Republicans voted Tuesday night to reject the jobs package the president had spent weeks campaigning for across the country, a stinging loss at the hands of lawmakers opposed to stimulus-style spending and a tax increase on the very wealthy.

Forty-six Republicans joined with two Democrats to filibuster the \$447 billion plan. Fifty Democrats voted for it, but the vote was not final. The roll call was kept open to allow Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H. to vote. The likely 51-48 eventual tally would be far short of the 60 votes needed to keep the bill alive in the 100-member Senate.

The demise of Obama's \$447 billion jobs package was expected, despite his campaign-style efforts to swing the public behind it. The White House and leaders in Congress were already moving on to alternative ways to address the nation's painful 9.1 percent unemployment, including breaking the legislation into smaller, more digestible pieces and approving long-stalled

trade bills.

The White House appears most confident that it will be able to continue a 2-percentage-point Social Security payroll tax cut through 2012 and to extend emergency unemployment benefits to millions of people — if only because, in the White House view, Republicans won't want to accept the political harm of letting those provisions expire.

White House officials are also hopeful of ultimately garnering votes for the approval of infrastructure spending and tax credits for businesses that hire unemployed veterans.

Democrats Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Jon Tester of Montana — both up for re-election next year in states in which Obama figures to lose — broke with their party on Tuesday night's vote. Every Republican present opposed the plan.

Earlier in the day, Obama capped his weeks-long campaign for the measure in an appearance typical of the effort — a tough-talking speech in a swing state crucial to his re-election. In fact, it seemed aimed more at rallying his core political supporters heading into the election than changing

minds on Capitol Hill.

"Any senators who vote no should have to look you in the eye and tell you what exactly they're opposed to," Obama said to a union audience in Pittsburgh. "I think they'll have a hard time explaining why they voted no on this bill — other than the fact that I proposed it."

Democrats were not wholly united behind the measure. In addition to Nelson and Tester, Sens. Jim Webb, D-Va., Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Joe Lieberman, a Connecticut independent who aligns with Democrats, said they oppose the underlying measure despite voting to choke off the filibuster.

Obama's plan would combine Social Security payroll tax cuts for workers and businesses and other tax relief totaling about \$270 billion with \$175 billion in new spending on roads, school repairs, and other infrastructure, as well as unemployment assistance and help to local governments to avoid layoffs of teachers, firefighters, and police officers.

Obama said that the plan — more than half the size of his 2009 economic-stimulus measure — would be an insurance policy against a

double-dip recession and that continued economic intervention was essential given slower-than-hoped job growth.

"Right now, our economy needs a jolt," Obama said. "Right now."

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ning east, west,” Ferentz said. “... He can still move and hurt you. The real danger right there is you’ve got a guy who can break the pocket and still throw the ball down the field. That really presents a challenge.”

**Trent Mossbrucker – QB?**

Fans may have noticed an unfamiliar sight on the Iowa sideline during the Oct. 8 game at Penn State. Signaling in calls to James Vandenberg were fellow quarterbacks John Wienke and Jake Rudock — and junior kicker Trent Mossbrucker.

With A.J. Derby serving the first of a two-game sus-

pension, Iowa coaches asked if the No. 2 kicker was willing to perform sideline signal duty.

“Absolutely,” said Mossbrucker, who set career records at Mooresville (Ind.) High in completions (525) and passing yards (4,208).

Vandenberg — Mossbrucker’s roommate — almost couldn’t believe what he saw prior to kickoff.

“It was really funny to

me when I came out, and I was warming up, and I looked, and Trent was throwing with Jake on the other side of the field,” Vandenberg said. “I asked John what was going on.”

Mossbrucker joked Vandenberg “vastly underestimates my athletic ability all the time.”

“I make him watch my [high-school] highlight video once a year, just so he knows I’m actually probably a better quarterback

than he is,” Mossbrucker said. “He’s just got height on me, that’s about it ... I put in my highlight tape and shut him up.”

**Lowery back this week**

Ferentz said Tuesday that sophomore corner B.J. Lowery — out since preseason camp because of a wrist injury — is available to play this week, though he will wear some form of protection on his wrist.

Lowery primarily played

on special teams as a true freshman last season, recording five tackles.

“The reality is he has not practiced with pads on or a helmet on in basically two months,” Ferentz said. “At least it’s a start back, and we can get him going and get him back with the football team, and maybe he can help us out, depth-wise. We’ll just keep bringing him along.”

**BIG TEN**

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“The way we’re handling the thing now is best for the team, and that’s the important thing.”

**Miller provides hope for Buckeyes**

While Penn State struggles to choose a quarterback, Ohio State may have watched one emerge on Oct. 8.

The Buckeyes blew a 27-6 lead in a crushing loss to Nebraska. But the collapse happened after true freshman quarterback Braxton Miller left the game in the third quarter with a sprained ankle.

Ohio State looked dominant until that injury, because Miller was having a breakout game. He passed for 95 yards and a touchdown and gained 91 yards on the ground as the Buckeyes opened up a big lead.

“You saw him play with a lot more confidence,” head coach Luke Fickell said. “He can throw the football,

understands the game. He gets better every week.”

**Wolverines face tough Spartan D-line**

Brady Hoke knows firsthand that the Michigan State defensive line is well-coached.

When Hoke was a defensive lineman at Ball State in 1978, Ted Gill was his position coach. Gill now

holds the same position for the Spartans.

Every Michigan State defensive unit has been impressive this season — the Spartans had allowed the nation’s fewest yards entering their bye last week.

But Hoke said Gill’s defensive line was the most impressive, and it could give the most trouble to

Denard Robinson and the Michigan offense on Saturday.

“The way those guys play and attack the line of scrimmage, the way they get off blocks with their fundamentals and techniques,” Hoke said. “They’ve got a lot of depth there, and a lot of playmakers.”

# Bruche, Vasos raise their level

Seniors Marc Bruche and Will Vasos are the Iowa men’s tennis team’s top two players, and they have had great starts to their final season as Hawkeyes.

By RYAN MURPHY  
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Iowa seniors Marc Bruche and Will Vasos have used their matches in two fall events to have a national impact against some of the country’s strongest players.

Vasos and Bruche, who are ranked No. 41 nationally in doubles, put together winning streaks in both singles and doubles at the Baylor Invitational and

the Intercollegiate Tennis Association All-American Championships.

The duo shook off a combined 2-4 record in singles play at Baylor to advance to the tournament’s championship doubles match, then fell to the nation’s No. 23 team.

The duo’s success switched to singles at the All-American. The two seniors lost their only doubles match, but then combined to win eight matches in Tulsa — five from Vasos and three from Bruche — in the first national championship of the college-tennis season. The Hawkeyes placed two players in the qualifying stage, and Bruche became the first player in school history to reach the tournament’s main draw.

Bruche said both players have improved by spending time together on the road.

“We’ve both benefited from staying together and traveling together,” said the native of Holsbrunn, Germany. “We had more time to focus on singles in practice, so our doubles wasn’t as good as we hoped.”

Iowa head coach Steve Houghton attributed much of Vasos’ and Bruche’s success to the players’ focus and desire to play well in their final season.

“You never know with seniors, but they really wanted to take advantage of their fall season — especially in Will’s case,” Houghton said.

Vasos’ play in past fall seasons had not been as strong as his spring performances — which, Houghton said, the Fort Collins, Colo., native has worked hard to rectify.

Vasos and Bruche have not made any drastic

changes on the court in their fall run, the coach said.

“They’ve both been inspired and enthusiastic about their senior year,” he said. “It hasn’t come from changing their game or changing their strokes.”

Despite the record-setting play of the two, Vasos said, the most important thing is to not rest on his achievements; instead, the two must always try to improve in the next event. Last season, they went 13-6 as a doubles team.

“We just can’t settle. We have to keep working hard,” Vasos said. “We have to forget about our accomplishments, and we have to move on to the next tournament.”

Both players will compete in the fall season-ending Big Ten Singles and Doubles Championships, which will be held Oct. 28-31 at the Hawkeye Tennis

& Recreation Center.

Houghton said Bruche and Vasos’ play, especially against ranked competition, is going to give the Hawkeyes a boost going forward.

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## Persa no stranger



Northwestern quarterback Dan Persa runs downfield during the first half of the Wildcats' 21-17 win over Iowa at Ryan Field on Nov. 13, 2010. The senior has shredded the Hawkeyes in his career, accounting for 472 yards and four touchdowns in two games against the Black and Gold. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

The Iowa defense is focused on containing Dan Persa, whose quarterback rating is 157.5 in two games since returning from an injury.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**  
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Kirk Ferentz has seen some good opposing quarterbacks during his 12-plus seasons as Iowa's head coach.

He's experienced the headaches of trying to prepare to face such players as Antwaan Randle El, Troy Smith, and Terrelle Pryor.

But Northwestern's Dan Persa is at the top of the list. Ferentz didn't hesitate to men-

tion him Tuesday in the same breath as Randle El — the former Indiana quarterback who finished his career with the fifth-most total offensive yards in NCAA history — after Persa victimized the Iowa defense in 2010.

He was 32-of-43, accounting for 368 total yards and three touchdowns while leading the Wildcats to a 21-17 victory.

Ferentz will try to prevent a similar performance Saturday,

when the Hawkeyes play Northwestern in Kinnick Stadium.

"He played as well against us last year as any quarterbacks that we have faced, if you go back 12 years," Ferentz said. "... I would expect he's going to be ready to do the same thing this year."

Persa has played in just two games this season, needing until Oct. 1 to finally return from the ruptured Achilles he

suffered last year against Iowa. But in those two games, he is 42-of-58 for 454 yards with four touchdowns and one interception, registering a quarterback rating of 157.5.

The Bethlehem, Pa., native is running less this season — he's totaled minus-8 rushing yards — but that doesn't lessen Ferentz's concern.

"He may not be running north and south, but he's run-

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### BIG TEN NOTEBOOK

## JoePa sticks to two QBs

Despite a seemingly superior performance from Matt McGloin all season, Penn State coach Joe Paterno said he still can't decide between his two quarterbacks.

By **SAM LOUWAGIE**  
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The Nittany Lions' ongoing quarterback competition appeared over to most people watching the Iowa-Penn State game on Oct. 8.

Matt McGloin completed 12-of-19 throws for 133 yards and a touchdown. Those aren't stellar numbers, but Rob Bolden — McGloin's competition for the starting job — fared much worse. Bolden completed just 3-of-7 passes. He averaged just 4.4 yards per attempt, to McGloin's 7.

But Penn State coach Joe Paterno's comments Tuesday on his quarterback situation sounded a lot like they have all season.

"It's worked for us in the sense that both kids have done well," he said in a teleconference. "Both of them deserve to play. It's hard for me to tell you which one would be better for the team."

Bolden has started every game for Penn State this year. He started against Iowa, but played only one series after the opening drive. On the season, McGloin has completed more than 63 percent of his passes for 681 yards, with five touchdowns and an interception. Bolden is at 49 percent for 305 yards with one touchdown and two interceptions.

Those numbers clearly point to a better player — but they don't to Paterno, it seems.

"We're going to watch it each week in practice and see what happens," he said.



**Paterno**  
Coach

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### HAWKEYE SPORTS

#### Women's golf finishes 10th

Inconsistency has plagued the Iowa women's golf team throughout the fall season, and it reared its head again on Monday at the Lady Northern Intercollegiate in French Lick, Ind.

The team finished 10th out of 12 teams in the tournament, 39 strokes off the pace set by Central Florida.

A different Hawkeye held the team's top score in each of the three rounds.

Senior Chelsea Harris fired a 2-over 73 to lead the charge in the first round, then she fell back in the second round. Junior Kristi Cardwell carded a 1-under 70 in the second round to move into the top 10 before struggling on Monday. Junior Gigi DiGrazia and freshman Shelby Phillips carded the low scores in the final round, each scoring a 5-over 76.

Head coach Megan Menzel said the experience should help her team progress.

"I think it was a good learning experience," she said. "This course exposed some of our weaknesses, so we just need to go back and work on those things."

Menzel said the inconsistency, while frustrating, speaks to the depth of the team. She said she has several players who are capable of scoring well and doesn't have to rely on a single player in every round.

Cardwell finished in a tie for 23rd place at 16-over for the tournament. Harris ended in 33rd place with a 19-over 232. DiGrazia carded a 24-over. Freshman Lauren English finished in a tie for 47th place with a 25-over, and fellow freshman Phillips was right behind her at 26-over, tied for 50th. Sophomore Karly Grouwinkel, competing individually, ended in a tie for 69th at 59-

over.

The Hawkeyes will wait almost three weeks before competing in the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas, on Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

— by **Tork Mason**

#### Big Ten honors Barnett, McGraw

Iowa field hockey's Jessica Barnett and Kathleen McGraw were awarded Offensive and Defensive Big Ten Player of the Week on Tuesday, according to a release.

McGraw, a junior goalkeeper, racked up 21 saves over the weekend and earned a shutout in the Hawkeyes' win over No. 18 Ohio State on Oct. 8. The last Iowa player to receive the conference's defensive award was Meghan Beamesderfer (now a Hawkeye assistant coach) on Nov. 2, 2009.

Barnett, a midfielder, tallied three goals and six points in wins over the Buckeyes and Ohio University. The native of North Vancouver netted the winning goal against the Bobcats.

"Jess and Mertly [McGraw] had unbelievable presence in both games this weekend," head coach Tracey Griesbaum said in a release. "Jess did a great job of converting on our penalty corners. She ran the field and defended with great intensity. Mertly was poised and aggressive. Her decision-making and ability to organize were excellent."

Neither player had previously won a Big Ten weekly award, but the offensive honor was Iowa's third of the season. Sophomore Kim Scrapper took home two-consecutive awards on Sept. 6 and Sept. 13.

The Hawkeyes' final home game of the season will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, when the Black and Gold host Indiana.

— by **Nick Szafranski**

## Position switch works wonders

Iowa volleyball senior Tiffany Nilges has exploded since switching positions earlier this year — as a right-side hitter, she's near the top of the team in both digs and kills.

By **MOLLY IRENE OLMSTEAD**  
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Iowa volleyball player Tiffany Nilges switched from outside hitter — the position she had played her entire career — to playing on the right side of the net in mid-September.

Since making the change, she has registered more than 250 percent more kills per set and 50 percent more digs per set.

In her senior year, she is playing better than ever and is now a go-to player for the Hawkeyes in an otherwise tough Big Ten season.

"Her whole time here, she's wanted to have a huge role in the program, but she hasn't always produced enough to do that," head coach Sharon Dingman said. "She's producing now, and her role is huge. Absolutely huge."

Nilges spiked 13 kills and dug nine balls in a five-set battle with Indiana on Oct. 7, including the match's winning point



Iowa senior Tiffany Nilges sends the ball over the net against Marquette's Danielle Carlson (left) and Chelsea Heier (right) on Aug. 27 in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. Nilges has flourished since changing from outside to right-side hitter earlier this season. (The Daily Iowan/Ricky Bahner)

for Iowa's first Big Ten victory of the season.

Those are solid numbers coming from a position generally known as being more defensive than the outside hitter. An outside hitter plays on the left half of the net and gets more passes, sets, and opportunities to attack; a right-side hitter has more opportunities to block the opponent's active outside hitters and play defensively against them in the backcourt.

Playing on the right also means the right-handed Nilges has to swing across her body, which requires footwork and athleticism — two aspects of the game in which she excels.

Nilges was reluctant to accept the new position when first approached to make the switch in September, but she finally accepted it after much urging from Dingman —

and now it appears she has found her niche on the team.

Now, as the Hawkeyes are in the middle of their Big Ten season, Nilges' position and success there are helping Iowa remain consistent offensively and defensively.

"I've always been an outside," Nilges said. "I loved outside more, but [right-side] was my role for this team this year, so I just had to suck it up and embrace it. Now I'm getting more significant playing time so I can do so much more for our team in this place, and I like that."

She was named MVP of the Iowa Invitational and tallied 30 kills for the weekend coinciding with her Sept. 9 position change — more than double the number she had gathered in the season's previous five games.

Nilges added eight digs

against Purdue to her nine against Indiana last week and finished as the weekend's second-highest digger behind libero Bethany Yeager.

"It's awesome to play back there with her," Yeager said. "She gets just about anything that comes her way in the backcourt, along with getting a lot of kills in the front. She can do both."

Dingman said Nilges is more confident than she's ever been. She attributed the shift partly to the number of kills and digs, but said it's also because she's finally realized her role on the team.

"Tiff knows herself," Dingman said. "She knows her strengths, she knows her weaknesses ... she's more confident now because she's playing better than she ever has. She is absolutely a great thing for our team."