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Iowa solidifies

January caucus date

WASHINGTON — Iowa Republicans will hold their state's presidential-nominating caucuses on Jan. 3, even though New Hampshire is threatening to move its traditional first-in-the-nation primary into December.

Iowa Republican Party Chairman Matt Strawn says voters and candidates need the certainty of a firm date.

Florida's decision last month to move its primary to Jan. 31 set off a chain reaction by early voting states to preserve their leadoff status.

New Hampshire's chief election official says Nevada's decision this month to hold caucuses Jan. 14 would crowd the primary, and he has threatened to hold his before the holidays.

Strawn admits the Iowa GOP board's vote Monday puts his state at risk of falling behind New Hampshire. But he points to 2008 when Iowa went Jan. 3, followed by New Hampshire Jan. 8.

A New Hampshire GOP official says Iowa's move would have no bearing on the primary date but said Nevada could avoid a December primary by moving its caucuses back three days.

"Nevada could really help solve this problem," said New Hampshire Republican National Committeeman Steve Duprey. "If it was to move 72 hours later — a small change — this problem would go away, and I remain hopeful they might do so."

— Associated Press

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Mostly sunny, turning cloudy later, windy.

More locals need assistance



Food Bank volunteer Angela Ohrt restocks the shelves at the Johnson County Crisis Center on Monday. (The Daily Iowan/Jacklyn Couppee)

The Johnson County Crisis Center's Food Bank provided more than 4,000 individuals with food in the month of September.

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Meat at the Food Bank is a rarity, so when volunteer Barb Peterson stocked a package of pork chops, she hoped they could go to a family particularly in need. A man accompanied by his seven children came through, and as soon as he spotted the package, his face lit up.

"The joy on his face was extraordinary," Peterson said.

The U.S. Census Bureau recently reported the U.S. poverty rate was 15.1 percent in 2010, an increase from 14.3 percent in 2009, and that is reflected in Iowa City.

Johnson County Crisis Center officials say some of the center's divisions have seen increases in the number of people asking for assistance with receiving food, paying bills, as well as finding shelter.

Brooke Anstoetter, the Crisis Center's communications and development coordinator, said the Food Bank has seen an increase in people seeking help. According to last month's Crisis Center Impact, 3,335 food bags were distributed to 4,231 individuals — an all-time high — up from 3,402 individuals September 2010.

The Food Bank offers food for anyone in the community, regardless of need.

"We're not going to look at somebody and say, 'You don't look hungry.' All we require is a name," Anstoetter said.

Food Bank officials said workers try to keep shelves well stocked with a variety of goods. Cereals, breads, canned — and occasionally fresh — produce, as well as other essentials line the shelves. Household items such as toilet paper, detergent, and baby supplies are also available.

Anstoetter said a vast majority of the food and supplies are donated by local groups and

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Patel leaves UI



Raj Patel greets supporters after his first speech after announcing his candidacy for the City Council on Sept. 7. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

Raj Patel plans to re-enroll at the University of Iowa after his campaign.

By **DORA GROTE**
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University of Iowa Student Government leaders said Monday there are no plans to drop their endorsement of City

Council Candidate Raj Patel, even though he is no longer a UI student.

Patel, formerly a UI junior, said he withdrew from his classes at the university following his success in the

primary election last week and the "rigorous" time commitment attached to running his campaign. Patel will, however, continue to take classes as a

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Voter-ID debate is on again

Civil-rights activists say new voting laws could disenfranchise voters.

By **AUDREY ROEN**
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Changes in polling rules in Iowa have thrust the state into the heated debate over new voting restrictions and regulations.

Earlier this year, Gov. Terry Branstad rescinded an executive order which gave voting rights to felons. Now, felons must pay off any financial fees before their voting rights are reinstated.

Around the country, similar changes to voting rules have been discussed among state governments and are becoming increasingly controversial.

Earlier this month, the Brennan Center for Justice released a report summarizing new voting laws being implemented and considered across the United States.

"This wave of changes may sharply tilt the political terrain for the election of 2012," the report's authors wrote.

While Branstad's executive-order

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OCCUPY IOWA CITY: DAY 12

Protesting a balancing act

Occupy Iowa City protesters juggle work, school, and their families to make time for the protest.

By **MATT STARNES**
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Protesters aligned with Occupy Iowa City are spending a lot of time in College Green Park, and many have made the decision to live full-time in the veritable tent city that has sprung up.

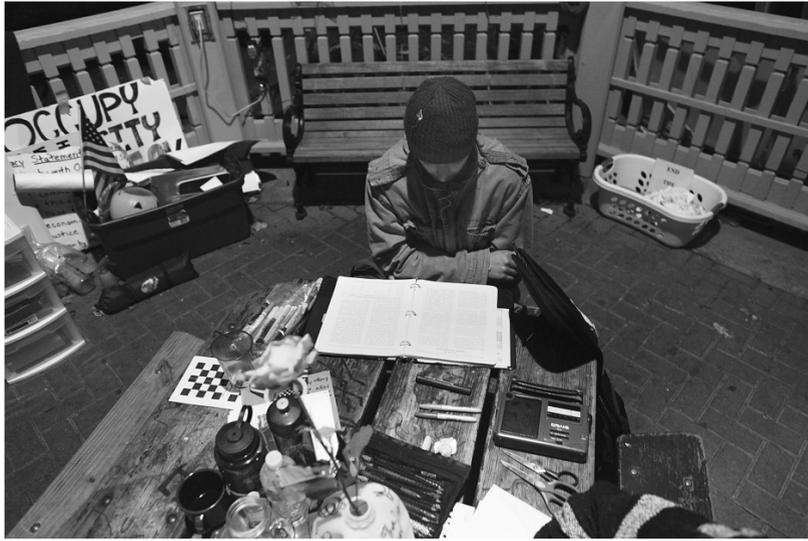
Though many protesters have other obligations — jobs, family, and school — they say they make time for a movement they feel may change history.

For Mike Ciemnoczowski, the movement means getting four hours of sleep to fit protesting into his schedule. The 30-year-old is a part-time University of Iowa student and full-time UI parking maintenance worker.

"I work 40 to 50 hours a week for the university, and then there are six hours of class and all the outside work that goes with that," said Ciemnoczowski, who is majoring in political science and ethics and public policy.

He has worked with numerous committees in the Occupy Iowa City organization, including the peacekeeping committee.

He said his personal life



Mo Yacoub works on his academic endeavors in College Green Park on Monday. Yacoub is a first-year medical student at the University of Iowa but plans on being a part of Occupy for an indefinite period of time. (The Daily Iowan/Christy Aumer)

has also been affected by his involvement in the Occupy protest.

"My girlfriend's not exactly in a good spot with all this right now, because I don't really see her a whole lot," he said.

But he said he hopes his part in the protests — now an international movement — will have a positive effect when all is said and done.

"Everybody's been bending over for so long that something had to give," Ciemnoczowski said.

Diego Davidenko is a guitar teacher who works with Systems Unlimited, a nonprofit that helps people with disabilities.

Davidenko said though

working numerous jobs does prevent him from spending as much time as he would like at College Green, he finds other ways to contribute.

"There's more to this than just living in the park," he said, and he believes the movement is something many are trying to make an important part of the American culture.

Davidenko said he has translated Occupy Iowa City releases into Spanish and conducted fact-finding research on economic issues for the group.

"I feel that I can get involved with things like that when I'm not able to make it here," he said.

Kirkwood student Alison Clark said she and others make time for protesting because it is important.

"Everybody has a little bit of time if they feel that something is important," said Clark, who is also a mother.

Clark, who is unemployed, was a care educator for the Iowa City School District until she was laid off last year because of budget cuts.

Her unemployment is one reason she is protesting.

"I feel like I'm gaining a lot by being here, I'm meeting other people that are in situations similar to mine ... I'm meeting a lot of people that are very passionate," she said.

METRO

Change of venue sought in homicide trial

The defense attorney of an Iowa City man charged with first-degree murder submitted a motion for a change of venue, according to the Iowa courts website.

Defense attorney Quint Meyerdirk filed the motion Oct. 3 in the first-degree murder case of Eric Osborn.

Osborn, 28, was charged in March 2010 after allegedly striking and strangling his live-in girlfriend, Sarah McKay, after a night of gambling, drinking, and marijuana use. He told police he killed her because he didn't want her to suffer.

The hearing on the motion will occur Oct. 21 at the Johnson

County Courthouse. As of Sept. 13, the trial was scheduled to open on Nov. 14.

— by Eric Moore

Man charged with theft

An Iowa City man was charged with aggravated theft Oct. 15 after he was allegedly involved in an altercation with loss-prevention personnel at the Hy-Vee on North Dodge Street.

Iowa City police responded to the location after they received reports of James Edmondson, 49, fighting with Hy-Vee staff in the parking lot. When the officers arrived, the alleged shoplifter had fled on foot.

Iowa City police used a K-9 to assist in tracking the suspect, who was not located.

According to the complaint, Edmondson was charged after

being identified by the store's security cameras and confirmed by several employees. He allegedly called officers later to speak about the incident, and he allegedly admitted to the attempted theft and to taking part in the altercation.

— by Matt Starnes

Man charged with 2nd OWI

An Iowa City man faces second-offense OWI charges after attempting to flee when Iowa City police approached his vehicle early Monday morning.

According to a complaint by the Iowa City police, officers located what appeared to be a broken-down Ford Ranger on the side of the road at the intersection of Highway 1 and Highway 218. The complaint said officers

approached the vehicle and saw Mario Flores, 31, run from in front of the vehicle into the ditch and attempt to escape.

Officers found Flores allegedly hiding in tall grass in the ditch, approximately 100 yards from the vehicle. Upon contact with Flores, officers reported a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and a lack of coordination. Flores allegedly admitted to being drunk.

The complaint said the vehicle's keys were in the ignition in the on position, and the headlights and windshield wipers were on. Flores allegedly failed field-sobriety tests and submitted to a breath test, which showed his blood alcohol content to be over the .08 legal limit.

Flores has one previous OWI conviction.

— by Matt Starnes

BLOTTER

Nicholas Adamski, 18, Chicago, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of a controlled substance.

Tina Alexander, 36, Ankeny, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Kerry Bass, 34, Coralville, was charged Oct. 15 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Molly Cawiezell, 19, Davenport, was charged Sunday with PAULA.

Camrion Carolan, 25, Burlington, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Rick Clifford, 32, 1526 Aber Ave., was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

David Conway, 19, 706 Slater, was charged Oct. 14 with public intoxication.

Alexandria Corcoran, 20, Rockford, Ill., was charged Sunday with public urination, public intoxication, and interference with official acts.

John Daly, 32, 1186 Briar Drive, was charged Oct. 15 with third-and-subsequent public intoxication and interference with official acts.

Nemanja Delic, 20, Chicago, was charged Oct. 15 with public urination.

Adrian Dickey, 37, Packwood, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Kylie Dirks, 24, Marion, was charged Oct. 15 with public intoxication.

Traci Douglas, 36, Denver, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Kimberly Downing, 43, Blue Grass, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Joseph Dvorak, 23, 715 Bradley St. Apt. B, was charged Oct. 15 with public urination.

James Eaton, 22, Cedar Rapids, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Madeline Fajen, 18, 4415 Burge, was charged Oct. 14 with PAULA.

Brandon Fitz, 32, 30 White Oak Place, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Bryant Friebus, 20, 222 N. Clinton St., was charged Oct. 15 with public intoxication.

James Fyfe, 21, Davenport, was charged Sunday with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Molly Gilhart, 18, 3506 Burge, was charged Oct. 15 with public intoxication.

Kim Goldsberry, 56, 1205 Laura Drive Lot 30, was charged Sunday with fifth-degree theft.

Matthew Hagan, 18, N256 Hillcrest, was charged Oct. 15 with PAULA.

Brenden Hardy, 21, 801 S. Gilbert Court Apt. 311, was charged Oct. 15 with public intoxication.

Jeremy Hassman, 23, 21 N. Seventh Ave., was charged Aug. 17 with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Valerie Hobson, 30, 2012 Davis St., was charged Oct. 15 with driving with a suspended or canceled license.

Matthew Innis, 30, Grinnell, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Elizabeth Keogh, 20, 225 Church St., was charged Oct. 15 with fifth-degree theft.

Christopher Knoll, 29, Dallas Center, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Patrick Ledvora, 23, Lisle, Ill., was charged Oct. 15 with public urination.

Scott Lester, 35, Forest Park, Ill., was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Steven Lickteig, 18, Clive, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Ginger Lorentson, 42, address unknown, was charged Oct. 15 with criminal trespass.

David Luberdia, 35, Des Moines, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Nathaniel Luerkens, 26, 3449 Rohret Road, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Richard Lynch, 28, West Point, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Robert Madsen, 21, Orland Park, Ill., was charged Sunday with public intoxication.

Jason Maurer, 19, 533 Olive St., was charged Oct. 15 with PAULA and presence in a bar after hours.

Bernard McCabe, 20, 511 S. Johnson St. Apt. 3, was charged Oct. 15 with public intoxication.

Christie McFall, 37, Des Moines, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Ramsley Merentie, 19, 528 S. Lucas St., was charged Aug. 17 with possession of marijuana.

Zachary Mickelson, 20, 322 N. Van Buren St., was charged Oct. 15 with PAULA.

Jennifer Moncallo, 23, 2509 Clearwater Court, was charged Sept. 18 with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Christopher Mullis, 34, Cedar Rapids, was charged Oct. 15 with fifth-degree theft.

Joshua Pals, 27, Tiffin, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

George Paulson, 45, Coralville, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Mary Paulson, 46, Coralville, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Travis Penning, 26, Le Mars, Iowa, was charged Sunday with third-and-subsequent public intoxication.

Tanner Peters, 20, Ankeny, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with PAULA.

Stephen Petro, 18, Arlington Heights, Ill., was charged Oct. 15 with public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Laverne Plagman, 37, Guttenberg, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Kenneth Potter, 32, Holy Cross, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Tracy Powers, 36, Dubuque, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Alexander Ramsell, 23, address unknown, was charged Oct. 15 with criminal trespass.

Andrea Randall, 30, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Phillip Randall, 32, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Dustin Rand, 30, Dallas, was charged Oct. 15 with public urination.

Collin Rue, 19, Monument, Colo., was charged Oct. 15 with public intoxication.

Brian Runge, 33, Crest Hill, Ill., was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Michael Salamone, 49, 2730 Wayne Ave. Apt. 6C, was charged Sept. 18 with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

Christopher Snider, 35, Des Moines, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Jared Starkweather, 22, 512 S. Dubuque St. Apt. 9, was charged Oct. 15 with public urination.

Ashley Swick, 26, Burlington, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

Mark Vella, 22, Chicago, was charged Oct. 14 with public urination.

Andrew Wade, 21, Des Moines, was charged Oct. 15 with public urination.

Nicole White, 21, Blue Grass, Iowa, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

John Ziegler, 20, 535 S. Johnson St., was charged Oct. 14 with unlawful use of an authentic driver's license and public intoxication.

Holly Zimmerman, 36, North Liberty, was charged Oct. 15 with possession of an open alcohol container in public.

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full-time student at Kirkwood Community College.

"I was taught growing up and I see it around Iowa City every day, that the secret to success was a strong work ethic, but also knowing one's limitations, and it no longer made sense to remain a full-time student ... while running a rigorous campaign," Patel said in a press release.

UISG formally endorsed Patel Oct. 4. The motion was previously tabled, because some senators expressed concern Michelle Payne — a part-time student at the UI — should also be considered.

UISG Speaker of the Senate Nic Pottebaum said the legislation would stand unless a UISG senator proposed legislation to overturn it.

But UISG President Elliot Higgins said Patel's withdrawal as a UI student "may change the dynamics of the race."

"It's up to the voters of Iowa City whether Raj does represent the voice of students, but it's difficult to claim yourself as the voice of students if you're not a University of Iowa student," Higgins said.

UISG Vice President Brittany Caplin agreed.

"I think that he needs to prove that he still has the student interests in mind and represents us to the best of his ability," she said.

Whether he is elected to the Iowa City City Council or not, Patel said, he plans to re-enroll at the UI after his campaign, emphasizing his choice to remain at Kirkwood, taking courses for his political-science degree.

"The evolution of the flexibility of my University of Iowa courses had changed as my campaign began to show momentum,

Raj Patel

Patel is one of the four at-large City Council candidates

- Matt Hayek
- Jarrett Mitchell
- Raj Patel
- Michelle Payne

Source: City of Iowa City

whereas my Kirkwood classes remain flexible, and I will continue to attend classes there full-time while the campaign continues," the release said.

UISG Executive Associate Kevin Paulsen and other officials said Patel's choice to withdraw from his classes confirms their previous concerns of his taking on too much with school, his campaign, and his former position as City Council liaison. Patel resigned from his city council liaison post last month.

"We knew that running a campaign is a grueling process that involves a lot of time commitment, and that I think now this shows that Raj has really discovered that," Paulsen said.

Caplin said she was glad Patel has recognized his need to focus on one thing and withdrawing was a "mature decision" on his behalf.

The UISG Senate has the ability to endorse any City Council candidate, and officials said if a senator proposed the legislation to endorse Payne, it would be considered.

Payne said she has a busy schedule but does not plan on dropping anything to campaign.

"I work full-time, and my full-time is at least 60 hours a week," she said. "I'm on the Planning and Zoning Commission, which meets four times a month, I'm taking nine hours at the university, and I spend time with my campaign. I am the type of person who thrives on things to do."

The council election will be held Nov. 8.

VOTING RIGHTS

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rescission affects relatively few voters, some lawmakers are looking to make broader changes — which one local official is wary of.

"No voting changes have occurred in the state of Iowa, but if the Republicans take charge of both the House and the Senate, I have no doubt that a voter-ID bill will pass," Johnson County Auditor Tom Slockett said. "I see no reason to change the way proof of voters' IDs are implemented in Iowa; our laws are very strict in determining people are who they say they are."

John Twillman, the head of the UI College Republicans, said he supports new laws being discussed.

"I think the laws will make the next elections as fair and as true as the American people are," he said. "If people really represent themselves, it is what democracy should be."

Opponents of voter-ID laws say the move would exclude eligible voters. Young people or the elderly, for instance, might not have appropriate IDs and getting the IDs might be challenging.

ACLU Iowa legal director Randall Wilson believes the voting restrictions will be unfair and present inequalities among voters who have voted in the past.

"You talk a good game, and what you're really trying to do is get good constituents out of the race to vote," Wilson said.



Junior Jack Rasmussen votes during the City Council primary in the Main Library on Oct. 11. Republicans across the country are advocating stricter voter-ID regulations. (The Daily Iowan/Carrie Guenther)

University of Iowa political-science Associate Professor Tim Hagle describes the voting changes as highly interpretive.

"On the one hand, such laws may help to give people more confidence in the system — at least from the supporters' point of view," he wrote in an email. "Those on the other side will be concerned about disenfranchisement, inequality, etc."

Lawmakers will likely bring up voter-ID rules in the next legislative session, but it's unclear how much traction those proposals will gain.

"It depends on who wins the 'spin' game," Hagle said. "Republicans and conservatives are generally in favor of such laws, while Democrats and liberals are generally against them. The folks in the middle will go with who every makes the best argument or has the most effective scare tactics."

Voting Restrictions Implemented

New voting law implemented by states include the following:

- Requirement of government-issued photo IDs
- Proof of citizenship
- Restriction of registration drives
- Cutting back on early voting periods
- Disenfranchising citizens with completed jail sentences

Source: Brennan Center for Justice

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businesses such as Hy-Vee, Table to Table, and Panera Bread.

The Emergency Assistance division has seen a 75 percent increase in the number of families coming for help in the last two years. On average, 55 to 65 families come in every week for assistance with paying bills, said Elizabeth Haas, the Emergency Assistance coordinator. But the center can only support 17 families per week.

And turning individuals away is often difficult, Haas said.

"I try not to think about it too much, or I would get really depressed. I can't do my job if I think about it too much," she said. "I don't even watch TV, and I don't pay attention to politics, because it makes me angry. I try to do my work and focus on the people we are able to help."

Iowa City Shelter House has also seen an increase in the number of those seeking housing.

Donations

The Johnson County Crisis Center needs steady donations.

- Financial donations
- Canned goods
- Toilet paper
- Baby formula and diapers
- Laundry detergent

Source: Crisis Center web site

Even after the organization moved from a house that accommodated 29 beds to a 70-bed facility, workers have still had to turn people away, which may signify an increase in the number of people looking for shelter, said Shelter House Executive Director Crissy Canganelli.

Meeting the increasing needs of locals remains emotionally trying, Peterson said.

"The newer system is more stressful. You experience their emotions. We're not asking anybody to hide that," she said, referring to the new procedure of allowing individuals to pick out food rather than giving it out in pre-packaged bundles. "The three-hour shift is emotionally harder with the system, but it's such a joy to have somebody find a good match."



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Editorial

Are recent 'Occupy' arrests aiding the protesters' cause?

No

My Facebook wall has been continually littered, my Twitter account won't shut up, and now I'm writing about it. The "Occupy" protests are everywhere.

It is a great idea to show the people of the world there are options other than giant banks, including community credit unions and small-town institutions. On the other hand, it is a bad idea to start yelling at employees who have no say in their corporation's policies. It makes people think the movement consists of a bunch of kids on spring break or anarchist wannabes.

In Des Moines, protesters sat outside the Statehouse. Fantastic, that gets the message out there: You are in Iowa, and you aren't going anywhere. But you can't camp on government property overnight, for lots of reasonable reasons. Like you will probably have to go to the bathroom, and the government doesn't want you to crap on its lawn, or you will probably want to eat, and it doesn't want you to burn the Statehouse down.

Free debate about important issues is what makes a democracy what it is supposed to be: a group of people brought together for the common goal of being heard.

But Occupy Wall Street just kind of sucks at it. The organization, the message, and the hypocritical Wall-Mart tents, all of which are brought to light when arrests are made, make me want to kneel down to Gandhi, to Martin Luther King, begging for their forgiveness.

In their day, they knew how to protest: sit-ins, silent marches, highly organized groups with a clear message springing up out of seemingly nowhere. They had the underground, they had rapid response, they resisted only when it made a point to the public.

The police asked the protesters to leave for valid reasons, and they didn't. The police aren't Wall Street; being arrested for squatting makes it look like being shoved into the back of a police car was the goal in the first place.

The arrests make the movement look like a bunch of college kids who feel like they need to jump on a bandwagon that is actually rolling, so they can put it on their résumés and tell their kids they fought for them. But really, it's just activist vacation, and we'll see if they start finding apartments when the snow starts falling.

— Benjamin Evans

Yes

The goal of the Occupy Wall Street movement, and for the most part, that of affiliated local factions, has been to "ordain a Presidential Commission tasked with ending the influence money has over our representatives in Washington," according to AdBusters.

The objectives, then, on an immediate and especially localized plane — particularly when concerning a movement of such drastic and ambitious scope — must be to gain publicity and accordingly, public momentum. And, let's be honest, what brings in more publicity than extreme volume of vocality, unrelenting boldness, and the perpetual acceleration of proactive measures?

The passionate and idealistic cries of proud and vocal activists are not going unnoticed. The legitimacy of the movement on a national and a local scale has already been asserted.

It would be a rash notion to suggest that no one's in jail is a bad thing. (I mean, please — in a college town such as ours, it's common knowledge that not everyone who ends up in jail, especially on a Friday night, is a criminal.) But it seems imperative to question the movement's ignorance of public-occupation policies (regardless of how ludicrous).

This is not by any means a criticism of the movement itself, which has gained exponentially positive momentum in the past weeks. Yet the reality does raise the question, are these "occupiers" being taken seriously?

We must not ignore that the mass perspective on charges of misconduct seems to find itself altered when judged in relation to a peaceful, political movement.

While the ultimate ramifications of arrests and prosecution on the part of the local government and police force may vary depending on the severity of the offense, the occurrence of executive response is an undeniable weapon in the hands of a movement attempting to gain prominence through means of a socio-journalistic medium.

Any stride of activism, however large or small, needs publicity. And to be honest, we can only write about a group of respectfully angry campers for so long.

— Samuel Cleary

Your turn. Are 'Occupy' arrests emphatic?
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Obama was not King's dream

The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Dedication was this past weekend, and we heard much talk about how President Obama's election was the fulfillment of King's dream of equality.

I would argue just the opposite: NOT electing him would have been such a fulfillment.

I believe King would have despised and rejected the tactics that many of Obama's sup-

porters used throughout the 2008 presidential campaign and beyond, specifically, the charges of racism. Because of the weight that word carries in American politics, nobody in her or his right mind would want to be labeled a racist. It is precisely this fear that led many to make blanket, baseless charges of racism against conservatives, libertarians, Tea Partiers, and Republicans. Would King have wanted this, or would he have wanted people of opposing viewpoints to judge each other

based on the merit of their positions without regard to anybody's race?

If the true measure of equality is judging people based on the content of their character rather than the color of their skin, then we must also not promote people to assuage our guilt of past transgressions. Now, not every Obama supporter voted for him because he is a man of color. Some were liberal, just wanted a change or a fresh face and charismatic smile. But some also supported Obama because they felt that putting

even a wildly unqualified and inexperienced half-black man in the Oval Office proved that they or the country were over their troubled racial past. Without these voters and without the egregiously biased media's promotion of Obama as the nation's racial equalizer, I do not believe Obama would have had a chance. And in King's America, where nobody is judged, either favorably or negatively, on the color of their skin, Obama never should have had a chance.

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Tell me about the cheeseburger

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"Danny," the investigator begins.

She turns pleasant, like some of the store windows do when you're walking along the street, not that that's recommended, looking for spare \$10,000 bills people always drop and never pick up because they're pretty much worthless, and then some of the store windows, the few that still work, smile at you — always the face of a pretty woman teasingly warning you about those extra 40 grams you packed on today. Don't pretty women have something better to do?

"May I call you Danny?" the 'gator says.

"Well, my name is Edmund," Edmund says. Who's Danny? He wonders.

The 'gator consults the Podster in her palm. "No, Danny. The arresting officer says your name is Danny."

Edmund considers this. Authority is never wrong; that's why it's called "Authority." It's the Law of the Land, just as the Religion of 9-9-9 is the Religion of the Land. Just as Watch Your Grams is the Pledge of the Land. Edmund no more believes in the Religion of 9-9-9 than he does his name is Danny. Edmund seriously wishes he had never spotted that cheeseburger.

"Danny, tell me about the cheeseburger," the 'gator says in her soothing soprano. "You know that we scanned you twice, once in the police vehicle and once here; you're 101.37 grams overweight. That's why cheeseburgers have been illegal since anyone can remember."

The cheeseburger was lying in a pothole in the sidewalk where he was walking, scouring the angular light for fallen \$10,000 bills because jobs were scarcer than temperatures under 90. Edmund knew, of course, that cheeseburgers were illegal, but he just wanted to dispose of it properly, and because there hadn't been any public trash receptacles since garbage was privatized, his only option was the soy shop behind him. So he carried the cheeseburger into the soy shop, and — wouldn't you know it? — sitting there

were four cops on their soy-shake break. I only wanted to throw it away.

Edmund tells all this to the 'gator, trying to be so earnest but keenly aware of being 101.37 grams overweight. She sighs in a soothing soprano.

"Danny, you picked up a cheeseburger, right? Possession of a cheeseburger is illegal. You know that, right? Punishable by 10 years in Cleveland."

Ten years in Cleveland. No one ever returns from Cleveland. But the stories — they whip through the city faster than the daily wildfires zapping through the abandoned buildings.

"Or," the 'gator soothes, "if you're truly lucky, the magistrate might take pity on your worthless, cheeseburger, overweight soul and pack you off to the Army, where you'd undoubtedly end up in Ecuador. Ecuador — is that what you want, Danny?"

Why was America fighting Ecuador? Edmund couldn't remember exactly, but it had something to do with Ecuador straddling the Equator, and true 9-9-9 believers believed no nation should straddle the Equator because it was shifting the balance of the Earth.

Barren corn ears and soy-less micro-dots of soybeans filled the Land. It was all so obvious.

Quito was rubble fit for a Moon crater, Guayaquil and Cuenca the same, the Gulf of Guayaquil was choked with the dead bodies of straddlers, and still, Ecuador stubbornly straddled the Equator.

Of course, Ecuador was also filled with the bodies of Amerian boys and girls who had foolishly been caught possessing cheeseburgers.

"Or," the 'gator says, "we could send you to the Mexican border moat to tend the alligators. Some people return from that."

The alligators kept dying, Edmund knew, because it had turned out they weren't all that well suited to a desert climate. The Border Patrolers had to swim into the border moat to retrieve the dead bodies; most did not swim back out.

"So tell me about the cheeseburger speakeasies you go to, Danny," the 'gator says. "Where are they? And I mean addresses."

"My name is Danny," he begins. ■

Guest opinion

Raising awareness about breast cancer

If you notice an increased number of pink ribbons, pins or advertisements promoting Breast Cancer Awareness, that is because October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

In honor of this important month, I would like to remind all Iowans that in addition to showing your support during October, also use this time to take action by getting information about this disease. Do not

just notice the pink this year, but rather, talk to your doctor, mother, wife, or daughters about prevention and encourage them to get examined.

My passion for this issue comes from a very personal place: I lost two sisters to breast cancer. Unfortunately for my family, my sisters were diagnosed at a time when regular mammograms and improved treatment methods were not

widely available. What gives me hope in combating this disease is that now many women have access to preventive services and medical opportunities. In fact, I was proud to champion historic opportunities in preventive care as part of the Affordable Care Act, the health-reform law. That law calls for preventive health services with early detection, such as mammograms, without co-pays or

deductibles. And this is critical, because it is recommended that middle-age women get mammograms on a regular basis. Those who are younger or who are more susceptible to breast cancer should also be screened regularly.

Mammograms are also essential to combating the staggering statistics on breast cancer. According to a Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Study, 230,480

women will develop breast cancer this year alone. Early detection is key to spotting and treating cancer effectively and the new health reform law will ensure more women have the ability to get screenings that may save their lives. And the new law will hopefully transform the health system as we know it.

We must also remember that breast cancer is a disease that affects both sexes

and their families and friends. Most Iowans have been affected in some way by cancer and know the trials, hardships, and pain it causes for the person and their families. This month, please encourage your loved ones to get the care and preventative services that can save their lives.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, was born in Cumming, Iowa. This column originally appeared on his website.

Board hears criticism

Public forum brings unnecessary spending to auditor's attention

By **MEGHAN HORIHAN**
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Community members are still concerned the Iowa City School Board is spending their tax dollars on unnecessary programs.

During a public forum on the Iowa City School Board audit Monday, citizens said they want School Board members to improve communication and make more responsible spending a priority.

Board members were receptive to the criticism, citing the audit as the first step toward creating a more open relationship between the School Board and the community.

"[The audit] is the first step for the district to look at mistakes being made to create better transparency with the public," School Board member Jeff McGinness said.

The School Board has faced several financial issues in the recent past, including accounting errors exposed by an external audit in August. The errors included a failure to obtain certification for employees funded by federal programs and improper segregation of duties over cash receipts, bank-transfer functions, and student-activity funds.

"There needs to be an upgrade on facilities and provide better programs for students," McGinness said. "We have to learn to do better with less."

Community members said Monday the School Board is spending too much money on programs it is not using effectively — including SchoolDude — a program that tracks the costs for all the schools in the district.

"There needs to be an equal chance to do business with the district," said Ken Funk, a retired school employee, and the program could be key to keeping

track of work orders. Funk also said the program, if used appropriately, could help determine what kind of maintenance needs to be completed in buildings throughout the district.

Attendees also said school officials spent too much money on RSP & Associates — a consulting company the board hired for \$50,000 to assist with redistricting in 2009.

Julie Van Dyke, who ran for the board, said the use of the company wasn't necessary because the University of Iowa Geography Department could have provided the same services for less.

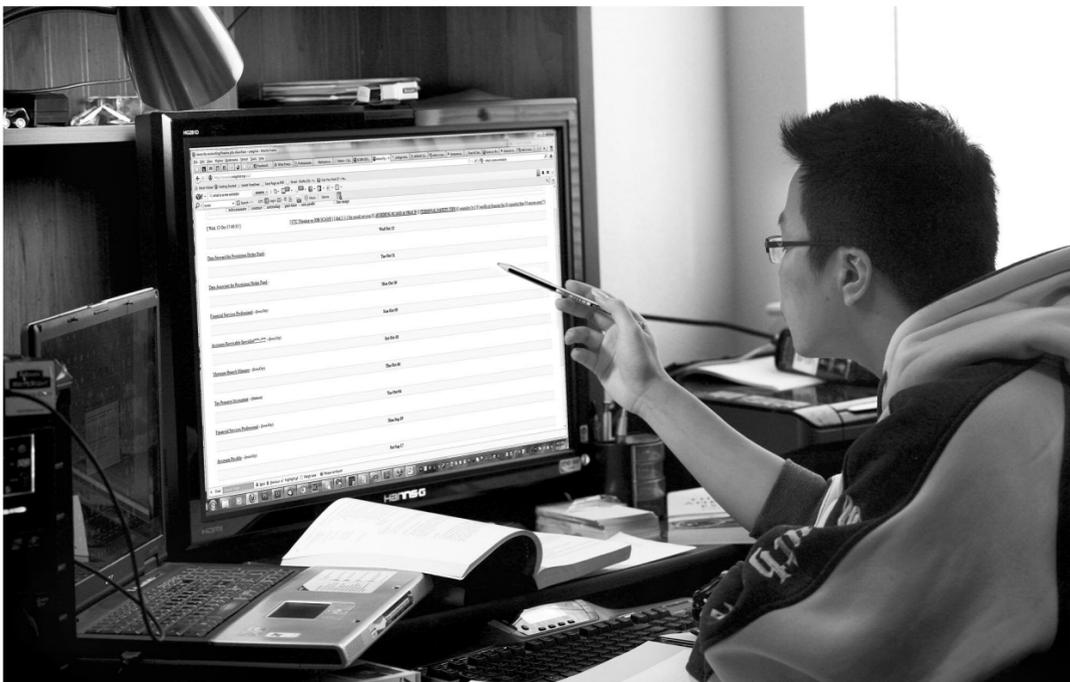
The forum was run by Phil Hansen, a representative from Synesi Associates, which was hired to run the audit. Hansen said a survey will go out to the staff throughout the district within a few weeks, and officials with Synesi will look over the feedback to determine what the next big move will be.

Phil Hemingway, a City High parent who ran for Iowa City School Board this fall, said the focus of the board is too narrow, and he suggested the board strip everything down to get a true benefit from the audit.

Hemingway also said the board should re-evaluate the \$39,000 contract with those who conduct maintenance work at each school to determine the true cost.

The district's community-relations coordinator, Kate Moreland, said the audit needs to focus on human resources, technology, food service, facilities, and business office.

Job seekers turn to web



Browsing Craigslist is a common source for area job hunters. (The Daily Iowan Illustration/Toan Nguyen)

Craigslist receives more than 20 billion page views per month, according to the website.

By **ERIC MOORE**
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The Internet is helping Iowa City residents find employment in tough economic times.

Though the number of online job advertisements has dropped by 1,700 in the state between August and September, according to data collected by the Conference Board, some Iowa City residents are finding success on Craigslist.

Some experts say Internet presence will continue to be important as employers try to fill vacant jobs.

"The people who are trying so hard to be invisible [online] are also missing an opportunity," said Susan Joyce, the editor and publisher of job-hunt.org.

With an unemployment rate of 6.1 percent in Iowa — according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics — sev-

eral locals said they are taking advantage of such opportunities.

Iowa City resident Kristy Rekers said online job searching and advertising has proven successful for her.

Rekers said she began using the site to promote her gardening services to make extra income after her family moved to Iowa City a year ago.

Since then, she said, she's received enough work from online job postings to allow her to garden five to six days a week for two to five hours a day.

She said she also gets around four emails per week, and roughly three of those four become clients.

"All of my clients that I have in Iowa City I've gotten off Craigslist," she said. "Some of them have been one-timers, and some of them are turning into a full maintenance thing ...

they have a great yard, and they don't really know what they're doing. So I come in and clean it all back up."

Rekers, who said she usually works while her children are in school, said free posting originally attracted her to try Craigslist two months ago.

"I didn't want to put an add in a newspaper and put that money out not knowing if I was going to get anything in return," Rekers said.

Davenport resident Matt Molyneux, who advertises DJ services for Iowa City as a "side project" to his main DJ job at a strip club, said he feels the site is going to "change the way people find their jobs."

"I do think that Craigslist is kind of taking over the classifieds section ... it doesn't even have a word limit — you can put as much information on

Craigslist
More about the site:

- The site receives more than 1 million job listings per month
- It is the seventh-most-visited English-language webpage worldwide
- "Jobs" is the first category listed under the site's "What Can I Find Here?" page.

Source: Craigslist.org

there as possible," he said. "It's just a nice way of people being able to see what I have, and then they can actually contact me."

Though the online job posting site can prove successful, Joyce warned that users should be cautious.

"Craigslist is wonderful but be very, very careful using it," she said. "... Craigslist is a little crazy, because a lot of the people who are using it don't know how to use it, and a lot of people are using it for scams."

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If superheroes weren't needed:

- Superman would work for the Transportation Security Administration.
- Batman would continually be chased out of people's belfries. Or, you know, spend his time running his multibillion-dollar corporation.
- Robin would be beat up constantly.
- Spider-Man would sell his web fluid recipe to 3M, which would call it "liquid duct-tape."
- Sue Storm, the Invisible Woman, would pose for Playboy. Her centerfold would just be a picture of a couch.
- Captain America would be the undisputed World Frisbee Golf Champion.
- Iron Man would end up inventing things for Ronco. Or, you know, spend his time running his multibillion-dollar corporation.
- The Hulk would probably have a nightly show on Fox News.
- Aquaman would train dolphins at Sea-World ... and eventually marry one.
- Wolverine would kill on "Iron Chef." Literally.
- Professor X would win the World Series of Poker 18 years in a row.
- Storm would be a weather forecaster. And always right. Even if the weather needed a little ... persuading.
- Wonder Woman would be the new Oprah.
- The Flash would already be done. Fist bump (blow it up).
- Gambit would still be annoying.

— Brian Tanner is quite happy that we live in a world where superheroes are needed.

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FINDING A HOOK FOR HALLOWEEN



Brittney Swensen tries Halloween costumes at Halloween Halfway on Monday. She plans to dress as Captain Hook for Halloween. (The Daily Iowan/Toan Nguyen)

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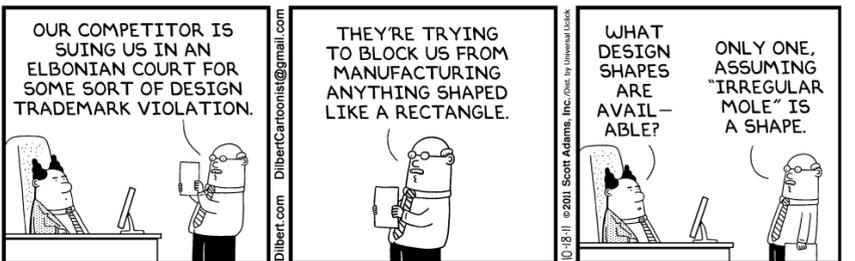
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— by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** March 21-April 19 Trouble is brewing at home and with family. Listen to what's being said. A valid point can make a difference to the outcome of an important decision you have to make. Don't let someone from your past confuse you about your future.
- TAURUS** April 20-May 20 Associate with people who share your interests, and you will form a workable partnership that can lead to greater financial opportunity and incentives. A personal service you offer someone will lead to a better relationship.
- GEMINI** May 21-June 20 Listen carefully and learn. Let your findings help you develop an idea that is marketable or can improve your chances of getting a better job. Something or someone from your past will help you make the right choice now.
- CANCER** June 21-July 22 You'll have trouble containing your emotions. Let your feelings be known, and don't hesitate to make a move romantically that can change your life. Don't wait to see what others do. Taking action will demonstrate that you mean business. Favors will be granted.
- LEO** July 23-Aug. 22 Let others make mistakes. It's not up to you to cover for everyone else. Focus on having some fun and altering your life to suit your needs. Personal changes will pay off and bring you greater opportunity to concentrate on what's important to you.
- VIRGO** Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You will have the opportunity to break new ground if you discuss your intentions and share future plans with someone. Financial assistance is attainable for something you want to do, if you are willing to share the returns.
- LIBRA** Sept. 23-Oct. 22 Don't let depression set in when it's vital to keep moving. Stop worrying, and start doing. You cannot change the past, but you can alter the future. Avoid people who bully in order to advance. Use intelligence, know-how, and discipline to prosper.
- SCORPIO** Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Make your move. Stop fixing and fussing, and start showing off what you've accomplished. Don't fear failure or success. What counts is that you try and keep trying. There is a shift taking place in the way you think. Make it work for you.
- SAGITTARIUS** Nov. 22-Dec. 21 What you do for others' benefit will pay off. Social networking will open a door to new contractual opportunities. A group you join will adopt one of your creative ideas. Do what works for you, and others will follow your lead.
- CAPRICORN** Dec. 22-Jan. 19 A partnership will influence the outcome of a professional deal you are working toward. Don't let someone's negativity rain on your parade. Love is in the stars, and a romantic evening to celebrate your gains should be on your agenda.
- AQUARIUS** Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Put money into something that shows growth potential. Spending on friends, travel, or items that promise the impossible will lead to disappointment. Take direction from someone experienced who also has a vested interest in your success.
- PISCES** Feb. 19-March 20 You've got what it takes to achieve professionally and financially. Contracts and legal matters will turn out in your favor. Romance is looking good, and sharing your success will enhance your relationship. Someone from your past will play an important role in your future.

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by Scott Adams



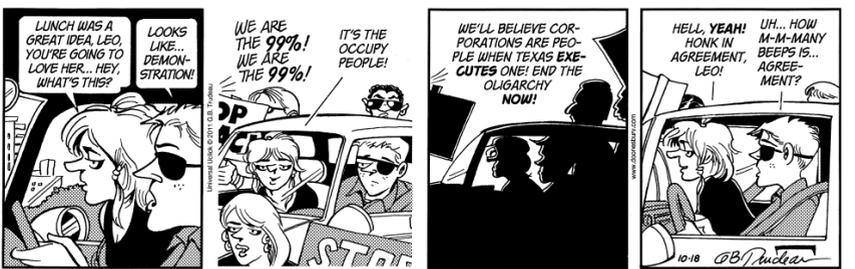
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- **Meditation Classes**, 7:45 a.m., Heartland Yoga, 221 E. College No. 213
- **Bicyclists of Iowa City Tuesday Morning Ride**, 9 a.m., Waterworks Park
- **Story Time**, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble, Coral Ridge Mall
- **Tech Help Tuesdays**, 10 a.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Pharmacology Faculty Seminar**, "WD40 Proteins Working Hand-in-Hand in Signaling Function," Songhai Chen, 10:30 a.m., 2189 Medical Education & Research Facility
- **Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature Workshop**, 11 a.m., Hardin Library
- **Meditation Classes**, 12:15 p.m., Heartland Yoga, 221 E. College No. 213
- **Staff Language and Culture Services English Conversation Group**, 12:30 p.m., UIHC Pomerantz Pavilion Melrose Conference Room 7
- **Free English Class for students and nonstudents**, 1 p.m., 341 IMU
- **Operator Theory Seminar**, "Recursively Determinate Truncated Moment Problems," Raúl Curto, Mathematics, 1:30 p.m., 301 Van Allen
- **Gray Knights Chess Club**, 2 p.m., Senior Center, 28 S. Linn
- **Public Symposium on the Future of the Book**, 2 p.m., 2032 Main Library
- **Math Physics Seminar**, "Cohomology of the Acceleration Group," Sujeew Wickramasekara, Physics/Astronomy, 2:30 p.m., 309 Van Allen
- **Farmers' Market**, 3 p.m., Sycamore Mall
- **Faculty Senate meeting**, 3:30 p.m., Old Capitol, Senate Chamber
- **Microbiology Seminar**, "A molecular basis of bacterial unclonability," Eric Stewart, North-

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- **Library-Community Writing Center**, 4 p.m., Iowa City Public Library, 123 S. Linn
- **Communication Studies Department Seminar**, "Intercultural communication after the (social media) revolution," Kristine Muñoz, 4 p.m., 101 Becker
- **Fall Corridor Welcome Reception**, 5:30 p.m., Coralville Center for the Performing Arts, 1301 Fifth St.
- **Homecoming, Ruckus at the Rec**, 6 p.m., Campus Recreation & Wellness Center
- **The PHD Movie**, 7 p.m., Bijou
- **Peace Corps Informational Session**, 7 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** Wendy Call & Midge Raymond, nonfiction & fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Pub quiz**, 7 p.m., Deadwood, 6 S. Dubuque
- **Geneva Lecture Series**, "Souls in Transition: The Cultural and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults," Christian Smith, Notre Dame, 7:30 p.m., 100 Phillips Hall
- **Alexander's Legacy in South Asia**, 7:30 p.m., Main Library Shambaugh Auditorium
- **Arts Enterprise Presents Improv with Paperback Rhino**, 8 p.m., Bedell Entrepreneurial Center
- **Night People Records Showcase**, 8 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- **Mason Reed, River Glen, Josh Bohnsack**, 8 p.m., Gabe's 330 E. Washington
- **Iowa Friends of Old-Time Music Jam Session**, 8:30 p.m., Hilltop, 1100 N. Dodge
- **We Were Here**, 8:45 p.m., Bijou
- **Homecoming, Casino Night**, 9 p.m., Currier Hall multipurpose room
- **Flight School**, 10 p.m., Gabe's, 330 E. Washington

The New York Times Crossword

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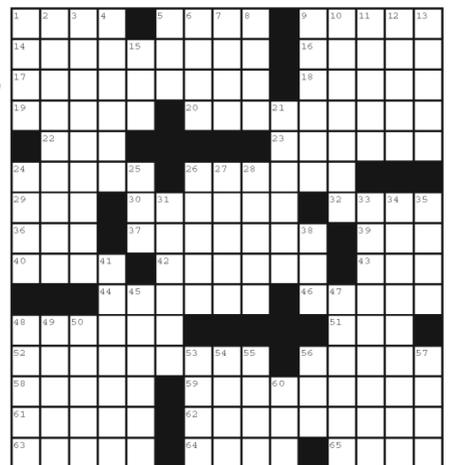
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- A ditz hasn't one
- Downs
- "High Hopes" lyricist
- Slightest amount
- Guilty plea, say
- Lilylike garden plant
- It might make the nose wrinkle
- Singer with the #1 R&B hit "I Feel for You"
- Suffix with ox- or suff-
- "Paper Moon" father and daughter
- Biscotti flavor
- Like Batman, the Lone Ranger, etc.
- Hagen of stage and screen
- Japan's "way of the gods" religion
- Eurasian duck
- Pre-K child
- Scam ... or an apt title for this puzzle?
- Useless tic-tac-toe line
- Certain blood type, for short
- Economist Friedman
- Suffix with no-good
- Pieces
- Aides; Abbr.
- Dead Sea Scrolls ascetic
- Grafton's "___ for Outlaw"
- He was Sonny to Marlon Brando's Vito
- Chilly
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- Allowed to wander, as a chicken

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- "A miss ___ good ..."
- Sport with a birdie
- Having no delay
- Says "Cheese!"
- Hypo meas.
- Nonclerical
- "Looks like I goofed"
- City of central Sicily
- Gaseous hydrocarbon
- Sneakers brand sported by Abdul-Jabbar
- The younger Obama girl
- Of base 8
- Intends
- Fashion monogram
- Indiana University campus site
- Grand Theft ___
- Upper-left key
- Cooper cars
- Protractor measure
- Field goal percentages and such
- Handle the fixin's for a party, say
- Boxer who almost upset Joe Louis in 1941
- "I'm done!"
- Jonas who developed a polio vaccine
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Boat races spur Homecoming spirit

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Four teams of University of Iowa students made a splash Monday night at the first-ever UI Homecoming recyclable-boat races at the Field House pool.

Freshman Zeke Gunnink of Rienow swam away victorious.

"I want to contribute [the win] to the fifth-floor shufflers," said Gunnink, adorned in a suit of plastic bottles, dripping with water after winning the speed race. "It was really a team effort. These guys put a whole hour of work into this."

The premise for the race was to construct a boat out of recyclable materials that could be manned by at least one person.

Residence Life Events Director Amanda Keegan said the staff came up with a short list of recyclable materials — including cardboard, plastic, aluminum, pcp pipes, sealant, and duct tape — that students were limited to in constructing their boats.

The teams were made up of four members from the same residence hall, and the boat races were part of a universitywide residence-hall competition.

The contest consisted of

a speed race, a spirit contest, and the Titanic title — given to the boat that sank the fastest.

While Gunnink's team chose to strap him with water bottles, other teams constructed more traditional boats out of cardboard and plastic bottles.

UI freshman Matt Schutz said the Daum team's strategy was survival.

"We are Team Hopeless Futures. So you would think, you know being from the Honors dorm, we would bring in an engineering major on our team," Schutz said. "No. We have an English psychology major, an English theater major, and a psychology major, doing what is clearly engineering. So hopeless? Probably."

Keegan said the event is part of the Residence Life Sweepstakes — in which each residence hall has the opportunity to earn points for participating in Homecoming Week events.

The boat race was one of four separate events sponsored by the UI Residence Life and was one of two events new to UI Homecoming this year.

Residence Life is also sponsoring two-night movie showings, as well as Herkey's Homecoming (scavenger) Hunt to take



UI freshman Zeke Gunnink paddles his way to first prize in the Homecoming recyclable boat race on Monday in the Field House pool. Gunnink swam on his high-school swimming team. (The Daily Iowan/Ya Chen Chen)

place across campus. There is no entry fee for the Homecoming events, which are sponsored by Residence Life.

"All of our events are centered on bringing students together and getting them excited about Homecoming Week," Homecoming adviser Nellie Hermanson said.

Keegan said that Residence Life council members began planning for the events began in November

2010.

The council members decided to try the boat races at UI based on their success at other institutions, she said.

"We did some research on what other Big Ten schools do for Homecoming Week," she said.

As a safety precaution, there were four lifeguards on duty during the event, said Residence Life finance director Stephanie

Schwanke.

Organizers said that limiting the materials to recyclable ones was not only in an effort for a fun event.

"We are trying to come up with events that help out our community. Homecoming isn't just about the football game, it's about the University of Iowa community," Keegan said. "Being green and recycling has definitely been a part of the residence halls, so we want-

ed to introduce the recyclable boat races to raise awareness as well."

Because of interest from students outside the residence halls, officials said they may open the boat race up to all students next year.

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'Outsider' Cain allied with Kochs

By RYAN J. FOLEY
Associated Press

IOWA CITY — Republican Iowa caucus hopeful Herman Cain has cast himself as the outsider, the pizza magnate with real-world experience who will bring fresh ideas to the nation's capital. But Cain's economic ideas, support, and organization have close ties to two billionaire brothers who bankroll right-leaning causes through their group Americans for Prosperity.

Cain's campaign manager and a number of aides have worked for Americans for Prosperity, the advocacy group founded with support from billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch, which lobbies for lower taxes and less government regulation and spending. Cain credits a

businessman who served on the group's advisory board with helping devise his "9-9-9" plan to rewrite the nation's tax code. And his years of speaking at the group's events have given the businessman and radio host a network of loyal grass-roots fans.

The once little-known businessman's political activities are getting fresh scrutiny these days since he soared to the top of some national polls.

His links to the Koch brothers could undercut his outsider, non-political image among people who detest politics as usual and candidates connected with the party machine.

Americans for Prosperity tapped Cain as the public face of its "Prosperity Expansion Project," and he traveled the country in 2005 and 2006 speaking to activists who were starting state-based Americans for Prosperity

chapters from Wisconsin to Virginia. Through his work with the group, he met Mark Block, a longtime Wisconsin Republican operative hired to lead that state's Americans for Prosperity chapter in 2005 as he rebounded from an earlier campaign scandal that derailed his career.

Block and Cain sometimes traveled together as they built up the group: Cain was the charismatic speaker preaching the ills of big government; Block was the operative helping with nuts and bolts.

When President Obama's election helped spawn the Tea Party, Cain was positioned to take advantage. He became a draw at growing Americans for Prosperity-backed rallies, impressing activists with a mix of humor and hard-hitting rhetoric against Obama's stimulus, health care, and

budget policies.

Block is now Cain's campaign manager. Other aides who had done work with the Koch brothers' organization were also brought on board.

Cain spokeswoman Ellen Carmichael, who recently left the campaign, was an Americans for Prosperity coordinator in Louisiana. His campaign's outside law firm is representing Americans for Prosperity in a case challenging Wisconsin campaign-finance regulations. At least six other current and former paid employees and consultants for Cain's campaign have worked for the group in various capacities.

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been able to do. I'm excited."

The most Logic(al) arrival

Bluder said freshman Samantha Logic would likely join the four returning starters on the floor if a lineup was needed immediately; Iowa will play an exhibition contest on Nov. 6 and open its regular season against Harvard on Nov. 12 as part of the Hawkeye Challenge.

Logic is a heralded recruit, having been named a McDonald's All-American

and Miss Wisconsin Basketball. Though she played point guard in high school, Logic will likely assume the starting position vacated by graduated small forward Kachine Alexander.

"We're still kind of playing with [Logic's role]," Bluder said. "With Kamille, we quite honestly don't need [Logic] at point guard, so we've got to find a place to have her on the floor."

Logic hit the game-winning shot in the Hawkeyes' win over BC Strakonice in the Czech Republic during Iowa's trip to Europe in August, so it seems she's ready to step into a starting role from the opening tip.

"If you don't have that confidence, people are going to eat you alive," Logic said. "Wherever they

put me, I'll try to do what the coaches tell me to do."

Nesbitt and Taylor ready to go

Guards Trisha Nesbitt and Theairra Taylor said they're happy they aren't feeling something they've felt for several months: pain.

Taylor suffered three torn ACLs within the past two years, and Nesbitt missed the first 15 games of the 2010-11 season with a foot injury that didn't fully recover until this past spring.

Taylor's injuries have been difficult to overcome, and she'll wear a brace on her left leg and be limited to 10-15 minutes a game to begin the year. Nesbitt is

expected to play point guard behind Wahlin.

"A lot of it is mental," Taylor said. "I'm focusing on that right now, and hopefully [the fear of further injury] will go away as the season progresses."

The redshirt sophomore showed flashes of promise as a true freshman, earning eight starts in 10 appearances before her first ACL tear.

"It means a lot to be playing right now," she said. "I never take any of the practices for granted. This means a lot to me, so you hope for the best. That's all I can do."

WAHLIN

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dine was really trying to fulfill that role for us — and she was voted captain by our team as a senior — but unfortunately with her torn Achilles [injured in the preseason], she's on the sidelines.

"It's a lot tougher to be that role when you're on the sidelines. You can still contribute, but it's a lot harder to do."

Bluder said she thinks the leadership will be done by committee — and while Wahlin's named cropped up

a lot when talking to the team, it was also apparent the point guard won't be asked to shoulder the burden alone.

"[Alexander] was the loud-mouth, and we know that she was a great leader on the court. We miss her a lot," junior Jaime Printy said. "I'm trying to be more vocal this year; Kamille is a great leader and point guard, but she'll definitely need some more help, so I'll try to do that this year."

The Hawkeyes will return four starters and will introduce the No. 11 freshman class in the country, according to ESPN HoopGurlz. Leading the five freshmen is guard Samantha Logic, who ranked as the No. 10 player

in the class of 2011.

When asked about whom she looks to as a leader on the team, the native of Racine, Wis., said, "Definitely Kamille."

Logic said Wahlin was a huge help integrating the freshmen to Iowa basketball during the summer, and her patience with the first-year players was invaluable.

"I know it's hard — after knowing this stuff for three years — to try to teach it to someone else," Logic said. "[But] she's definitely taken that role [of team leader]."

Wahlin said she's comfortable helping the freshmen and wants to get them adjusted for the start of their season, because

they'll be vital if the Hawkeyes hope to make a push for the NCAA championship.

"I've been hoping to talk a lot [this year] and give instructions to help the freshmen adjust," Wahlin said. "On the court, I'm able to show them how things are run. I won't replace Kach's emotions — she's one-of-a-kind — but I can be the go-to leader as the senior point guard."

"I expect to be that leader, on and off the court."

GOLF

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player right away.

"He got the most out of his shots. Golf is sometimes

a game of misses, and Steven's good shots were obviously really good, but some of his bad shots were still very playable, and then he did a good job of making the best score out of whatever shots he happened to hit. He just man-

aged what he had very well.

"Sometimes the guys with less experience can get frustrated real quickly after a bad shot, but Steven just stuck with it and did a nice job."

"It's still really early —

our team has only played three tournaments, and I don't know how many Iowa has played — but to say they're a top-three team, I don't think many people would argue with that. They may be better."

DEFENSE

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"We don't have a lot of options, we're a bit thin at that position," Ferentz said. "It's a bit like last year. It's the way it goes."

But Morris emerged as a contingency plan last year, totaling 70 tackles as a true

freshman, and Alston has a similar opportunity to do so this season.

"He's in the army now, too," Ferentz said of Alston, who hails from the same town (Sicklerville, N.J.) as former running back Shonn Greene. "He's got a great, unbelievably positive attitude. He learns, listens, and pays attention. He's got a good future because he thinks like a football

player."

Ferentz's latest prognosis for Hitchens wasn't particularly encouraging. He said Hitchens still wasn't "full-speed" last week, but he hopes he would be this week.

The 13th-year coach said he thinks Nardo and Morris "have a shot" to play Saturday against Indiana. Both were listed as starters in Iowa's two-deeps

released Monday.

"We'll probably know more Tuesday, Wednesday," Ferentz said. "They both made really good progress [last] week. They really didn't get to practice a lot. They go in a game without practice and someone falls on them, you're right back to step one."

COMMENTARY

Bias in football polls



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Clemson and Wisconsin won't play each other for the BCS national championship, even though they should be given just as much a chance as LSU and Oklahoma.

And this was determined before an official game was even played, not because of the BCS.

Preseason polls turn sports into reality television. Sure, the reactions and results are authentic, but there's no longer a vacuum in which the early season games occur. As with an episode of "Jersey Shore," there are falsifications and people prodding the opinions of others.

"You know, Snooki, J Woww didn't really appreciate what you said last night ..." an MTV producer

might say offscreen.

"Well, voters and fans, Texas is still 'Texas,' even though it went 5-7 last season and has an unstable quarterback situation," a pollster is telling us by placing the Longhorns in the preseason Top 25.

"Makes sense to me" says Joe Footballfan, because Texas is Texas, after all.

By the way, the Associated Press ranked Texas fifth to start the season last year. At No. 24 last week, the Longhorns lost a second-straight blowout to a BCS contender after four wins against meager schools. The burnt orange jersey is keeping them in the polls as much as Mack Brown's credibility. If Texas and surprise Big 12 contender No. 12 Kansas State (a quiet 6-0) switched uniforms and program histories, the Wildcats would be in the top 5. But nay, K-State was unranked to start the season and is playing the system every week just as much as it is

playing the team on the other side on the line of scrimmage.

Deeming a squad the best team in the nation before even the first Thursday of college-football season puts the non-typical contender at a disadvantage.

Analyzing last season's results and returning players, it's no surprise Houston is having an undefeated year. Case Keenum is one of the best players in the country, and he leads an offense that can make Chip Kelly jealous. But the Cougars are only No. 19 because the team is climbing out of a hole just to get into the top 25 and has a tough time moving up.

The preseason polls really do affect the outcome of a season in college football without a playoff. In basketball, the top teams make the tournament and get to prove themselves in the finest spectacle in American sports. But in football, discrimination because of your school's

perceived lack of history means a loss of a spot in a BCS bowl or national-championship game. Just ask TCU last year or Utah or Boise State in years before that.

And unlike the complexities of money and logistics that restrict a quick change from bowls to a playoff system, escaping preseason bias would take a single act. Eliminate the preseason poll, or simply say that teams aren't eligible until they've played another Football Bowl Subdivision opponent — because nothing is really learned about Michigan State after its glorified scrimmage against Youngstown State.

But history, the element clouding pollsters' votes from spring practice on, will prevail. Since 1950, the Associated Press has had a preseason poll, so obviously there's no reason to change it now.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL MEDIA DAY



Iowa women's basketball head coach Lisa Bluder answers questions during media day in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on Monday. The Hawkeyes have four returning starters for the 2011-12 season, which will begin against Harvard on Nov. 12. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

Wahlin set to lead hoopsters

Kamille Wahlin wants to replace the departed Kachine Alexander as the go-to leader of the Iowa women's basketball team.

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The Iowa women's basketball team is coming off its fourth-straight season with 20 or more victories — and despite graduating one of the best players in school history in Kachine Alexander, the Hawkeyes are confident about who will lead them this season.

That responsibility falls to senior point guard Kamille Wahlin.

The Crookston, Minn., native has been a floor general ever since she stepped foot on the court for Iowa.

She recorded 14 points and 10 assists in her first-ever start, against Michigan on Jan. 26, 2009. The 10 dimes were the most ever recorded by a Hawkeye freshman in her first career start.

The 5-8 guard emerged last season after starting all 31 games and playing more than 33 minutes per night. Wahlin averaged 12 points per game as the team's third-leading scorer and led Iowa with 117 assists.

"You can tell we have a lot of confidence in this group of women," 12th-year coach Lisa Bluder said at the team's media day on Monday. "When I go to practice every day, I go to practice with Kamille Wahlin, who I think is the most experienced point guard in the Big Ten. There's nobody I'd rather have leading our team than Kamille Wahlin."

Alexander led Iowa to a 22-9 record last year, and Bluder acknowledged the team lost a good leader when she graduated in May. But she said she's happy with the makeup of her team.

"I think the thing we miss Kachine most is the fire she brings, the enthusiasm she brings," Bluder said. "[Guard] Megan Consi-

Women's hoops loves its depth

The Iowa women's basketball team considers its depth a key heading into the 2011-12 season.

By **MATT COZZI**
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The Iowa women's basketball team played with a depleted bench at times last season.

The Hawkeyes won't this year.

Iowa will return four starters and three other letter-winning players to go along with the 11th-best recruiting class in the nation.

So even though the team lost Megan Considine and Jade Rogers for the season in

fall practice, depth shouldn't be an issue this season for the Hawkeyes — a program that has rattled off four-straight 20-win campaigns.

"We have 12 healthy players right now, and I don't remember the last time we've been able to say that," head coach Lisa Bluder said at the team's media day on Monday.

"We've always tried to be up-tempo, but I think when you have 12 players that are just chomping at the bit to get on

the court, you can really rotate some people in to keep your transition game going, as well."

Senior Kamille Wahlin expressed her excitement to have a full rotation of players this season.

The point guard, who averaged 12 points and just under four assists per game in 2010-11, said the Hawkeyes' depth will make a difference throughout the season.

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"We have a lot of players who are going to contribute," she said. "We're able to throw in some different looks as far as [pressing other teams], which is something we haven't

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Big Ten coaches assess men's golf

Other Big Ten men's golf coaches spoke highly of Iowa through three fall tournaments.

By **BEN SCHUFF**
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The Daily Iowan spoke with three Big Ten head men's golf coaches to see what impressions Iowa has made.

Penn State head coach Greg Nye

"They have a couple strong players [Chris Brant and Barrett Kelpin] at the top at the Minnesota tournament — if you just look at the results, those are some seasoned players that are continuing to play well. [Iowa head coach] Mark [Hankins] has a couple young guys who are coming along.

"I guess my impression is they're off to a good start again this year ... to be doing that well after graduating [Vince India and Brad Hopfinger] is certainly noticeable ... It's impressive to me that you can replace those two guys and be off and running again."

Wisconsin head coach Michael Burcin

"It's really a big adjustment in many different ways. Not only what you can expect from kids in that position to shoot; you know Vince India is going to get you a 68 to 74 every time out, so that's kind of the obvious, and that's what people see on the exterior.

"But there's a lot more that goes into that from a

maintenance standpoint. There's a lot more time spent with younger kids and trying to get them to buy into your system and what you're trying to do. [There's] probably a lot more of Coach Hankins' time on the golf course at the tournament that he is spending with the younger kids — where [as] a Vince or [Brad Hopfinger], you can for the most part just turn them loose once you get them to the golf course. They're sharp enough and they're experienced enough where you don't have to worry about them a whole lot.

"So it's a big change; not only is it a pure score, but you're shifting your time spent where you probably wouldn't have spent as much time worrying about kids in that same position in the past."

Michigan head coach Chris Whitten

"I just happen to be walking with one of the Michigan players who was playing with Steven [Ihm at the Rod Myers Invitational], and I only saw him for around 12 holes, but he has a really mature game and a really good demeanor out on the course.

"I've never met Steven before, but I could tell he is going to be a really good

Iowa defense banged up

With two defensive starters and another key contributor nicked up, Iowa followed a 'Next Men In' philosophy against Northwestern — and may need to continue to do so.

By **JORDAN GARRETSON**
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The Iowa defense is a little beaten up right now.

Middle linebacker James Morris, the only Big Ten player averaging better than 10 tackles a game, is nursing a sprained ankle. Tackle Tom Nardo, the conference's defensive Player of the Week after a 12-tackle performance against Louisiana-Monroe, has an undisclosed knee injury. Linebacker Anthony Hitchens, who owns the most tackles (19) by any Hawkeye nonstarter, is also working through a knee problem.

All three missed Oct. 15's game against Northwestern. It was the second-straight absence for Hitchens, who also sat out the previous week at Penn State.

Two starters and another key contributor gone? No problem.

Juniors Steve Bigach and Tom Donatell registered their first career starts at tackle and outside linebacker, respectively. Tyler Nielsen shifted to Morris' middle position and true freshman linebacker Quinton Alston played in relief.

"I thought all of our guys had a good attitude," coach Kirk Ferentz said. "And nobody is sitting around getting ready to make excuses, they're just



Iowa linebacker Tom Donatell grabs a handful of Northwestern running back Adonis Smith's facemask on Oct. 15 in Kinnick Stadium. Donatell, a first-time starter, finished with seven tackles in the 41-31 Iowa victory. (The Daily Iowan/Adam Wesley)

trying to play and get the job done."

Bigach tallied a sack and recovered a fourth-quarter fumble. Donatell recorded seven tackles, while Nielsen had a career-high 12. Alston added three stops.

"They came in, and they did what they were supposed to do — Next Man In," safety Jordan Bernstine said. "Our defense — it doesn't matter who's out there — we just have to execute and play as one."

Iowa was not far

removed from dealing with another name on the infirmary report. Sophomore corner B.J. Lowery played his first game of the season after suffering a wrist injury during August training camp.

Lowery is still sporting a protective wrap on his left wrist, but he said he "felt good" after posting two tackles in the Northwestern game.

The more precarious linebacking situation — Nielsen hasn't been 100 percent for most of the season, either, dealing

with foot and ankle injuries — is a little too reminiscent of 2010 for Ferentz's taste.

Linebackers Nielsen, Bruce Davis, Jeremiha Hunter, and Jeff Tarpinian all fell victim to injuries at times last season.

This year, the attrition started even before Iowa opened the season. Sophomore Shane DiBona ruptured his Achilles tendon during training camp.

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