

## Cultural expansion



UI senior Jae Eun Kim makes kimchi pancakes at the Taste of Asia event in Old Brick on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

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Community members tried free food — and something new.

The University of Iowa Campus Activities Board cultural committee hosted the second Taste of Asia on Thursday night at Old Brick. Students and local residents were offered Indian snacks, Korean pancakes, bubble tea, and other foods and drinks from across Asia alongside musical performances.

Laura Wang, the group's cultural director, said last year's event was more food-based. This year, visitors could also make crafts such as Korean bookmarks and origami. Campus Activities Board collaborated with the Korean American Student Association and the Malaysian Student Society to expand the event.

As people crowded the hall awaiting the free food's arrival, Wang described the event's purpose.

"Part of what the cultural committee views as important is to introduce the entire University of Iowa community to various cultures around the world, but also



UI students walk past the different food stations at the Taste of Asia event presented by Campus Activities Board in Old Brick on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Tessa Hursh)

we want to do it in an entertaining way," she said.

UI sophomore Melia Dunbar sat with UI student Xiang Chen as a line formed for the first wave of food. Dunbar said she was glad the activities board hosted the event.

"It's really wonderful the university can put on events like

this," she said. "It brings together a lot of diverse people and gives them a chance to socialize in a casual environment."

Some of the food was homemade by students, while Oasis, 206 N. Linn Street, Uncle Sun, 100 S. Linn St., and No. 18, 223 S. Gilbert St., catered.

## Another sex-assault reported

The 12th sexual assault for the school year was reported this week to University of Iowa officials.

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University of Iowa officials have received a report of another sexual assault.

This would be the 12th sexual assault reported for the 2013-14 academic year.

The student reported to UI staff that she had been sexually assaulted this past fall semester by an acquaintance at an on-campus residence hall. The student and acquaintance had attended an off-campus party together.

Reportedly, the acquaintance gave the student a drink, but she has no memory of consuming the drink. The student woke up the next morning with the acquaintance in the student's room. She told officials she was sexually assaulted while incapacitated.

The student also reportedly received information that the same acquaintance has committed another sexual assault earlier this spring. The second victim has not reported the incident to university officials.

UI officials expelled a student for sexual misconduct, following recent calls for a zero-tolerance policy. The male student was a repeat offender, who had forcibly fondled one student before committing the same act, along with forced sodomy, on another in an unrelated assault.

## Supervisors OK hazard plan

Johnson County hazard-mitigation plan proceeds.

By **KAITLIN DEWULF**  
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The five-year effort to establish Johnson County's first comprehensive hazard-mitigation plan continues to push toward increased disaster protection across the county.

The county Board of Supervisors adopted the Johnson County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan in a unanimous vote on Thursday.

Iowa City Department Services coordinator John Yapp said every community has its own hazard-mitigation plan, but that will change under the newly adopted plan.

"What is new is now it's all folded into one county-wide plan," Yapp said. "And that will encourage cooperation on many of the projects."

The purpose of the plan is to identify how a community can minimize death, injury, property damage, and community disruption caused by natural, human, or combination hazards.

In order to better protect Johnson County, the hazard-mitigation plan will use a proactive rather than reactive approach to reduce the negative effects of potential hazards.

Supervisor Rod Sullivan said having a single multi-jurisdictional plan is good for numerous reasons, including seamlessness, allowing communities to work together, and avoiding duplicating services.

"The most important thing is that we have [the plan] in place," he said. "So if you need it, the federal funds are available to you."

Johnson County Emergency Management Director Dave Wilson said the adoption of hazard-mitigation

'We hope we never have to use [the plan], but if we do, we know we're prepared'

— Rod Sullivan, supervisor

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## Teens, police officers hoop it up

By **DANIEL SEIDL**  
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The sounds of basketball fill the gym, sneakers squeaking and balls hitting the court. A police officer sinks a 3-point shot and an eighth-grade student goes up for a block.

"It's pretty competitive — the kids just take it seriously," said Southeast Junior High teacher Michelle Cook. "They can hold their own with the Police Department."

Cook was the architect of the 3-on-3 with the police program. Each Thursday for the next couple of weeks, eight teams meet at Scanlon Gymnasium,



Iowa City police Officer Travis Graves plays 3-on-3 basketball with junior-high students at the Scanlon Gymnasium on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Wanyi Tao)

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LET A SONG GO FORTH



Local R&B artist Mario Smith practices and records his music in his recording studio in the corner of his bedroom on Wednesday. Smith has been singing since he was young and has never had a voice lesson. He works full-time at Goodwill to maintain a healthy financial lifestyle for his wife and four daughters while he pursues his music career. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell) Go to [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com) for a slide show and multimedia piece.

# Iowa City seeks to sing blues

Iowa City kicked off the Blue Zone initiative Thursday evening, becoming the 15th city in Iowa to do so.

By IAN MURPHY  
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Iowa City has an upcoming case of the blues, but it's not a bad thing.

Iowa City is in the Blue Zone Demonstration Site stage, said Dan Buetner, founder of Blue Zones and identifier of the original areas. This means Iowa City is in the process of becoming an official Blue Zone community. Blue Zones are cities and areas where people have been identified to live longer than average.

On Thursday evening, the city launched the Blue Zone Initiative by Healthways well-being programs, in partnership with Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, as a part of Gov. Terry Brandstad's push to make Iowa the healthiest state in the nation by 2016. Community members gathered at the Sheraton in Iowa City to celebrate the kickoff of the program.

"Iowa City is a community that takes healthy living seriously," Mayor Matt Hayek said.

Iowa City will be the 15th Iowa community to seek Blue Zone certification. The project was brought to the city by the Iowa City Chamber of Commerce in 2012. Mason City and Waterloo are the only cities to achieve the certification so far.

The name itself has little to do with the actual color of a place. "We called it a Blue Zone because we were using blue ink when we were zeroing in," Buetner said.

The process to become a Blue Zone city can take anywhere from 18 months to three years, and transformation must



Herky and a percussion ensemble perform during the Blue Zone event outside the Sheraton Hotel on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/James Soukup)

start with the environment, he said.

"We take the general approach that you're going to get more done to more people if you optimize people's environments than if you try to tell them to be fitter or eat better," Buetner said.

To do that, Blue Zones identified the "Power Nine," nine ways to live better they identified from studying the original four blue zones.

Among the Power Nine are the "Plant Slant" and "Wine @ 5," which involve eating more greens and enjoying the occasional glass of wine, Buetner said.

Blue Zones also involve a community aspect, emphasizing social connectedness through things like religious services or finding the "right tribe," another aspect of the power nine, he said.

To find their tribe, volunteers organized people into moai. Moai are groups of friends Buetner

and his team observed when first identifying Blue Zones in Okinawa. For Iowa City, moai are groups of five that walk together daily. Buetner said 60 percent of moai established in Albert Lee, Minn., the first city he worked with, are still together from 2009.

The project has strong community support.

Iowa City community members like Jamie Sharp are behind the project.

"I think promotion of health is important, and Iowa City has a chance to be part of something global," she said.

Buetner met early on in the project with executives from Wellmark.

"It took only 30 minutes for Dan to say, 'Why can't we do this across the whole state,'" said Laura Jackson, executive vice president of Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Jackson said the insurance company looked far and long to find ways

## Blue Zone

Iowa City became the 15th Iowa community to seek certification for as a Blue Zone, an area where people have been statistically shown to live longer than average.

Other communities include:

- Waterloo
- Cedar Rapids
- Mason City
- Spencer
- Cedar Falls
- Spirit Lake
- Sioux City
- Woodbine
- Harlan
- Oskaloosa
- Fairfield
- Algona
- Marion
- Muscatine

Source: Blue Zones Project

to help people live better and longer.

"It's a commitment," Jackson said to the 300 plus people in attendance. "We are absolutely delighted to have you on this journey."

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**Fire probe focuses on welder**

A welder reportedly might have caused a warehouse fire Tuesday afternoon.  
Iowa City Fire Battalion Chief Brian

Platz said in a letter to Chief John Grier that his team believes a welder could have started the fire.

The welder was doing work on a steel trailer inside one of the units.

Seven of the nine units in the warehouse suffered extensive fire damage,

and the remaining two suffered watered damage. The damaged to the building was assessed at just under \$1 million.

According to the letter, the initial crew witnessed at least five explosions. All occupants of the businesses were

out of the building at the time of arrival, and there were no injuries reported.

Officials later found the building contained LP tanks, acetylene tanks, gas tanks, diesel tanks, and many paints and lacquers.

— by Rebecca Morin

BLOTTER

**Mary Chudacek**, 65, 34 Bedford Court, was charged Wednesday with OWI.

**Conner Davis**, 23, 436 S. Van Buren St. Apt. 9, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

**Marco Delabra**, 18, address unknown, was charged Wednesday with possession of marijuana.

**Frank Destefano**, 19, Urbandale, Iowa, was charged Thursday with public intoxication, possession of a fictitious driver's license/ID, and fourth-degree criminal mischief.

**Jesse Duer**, 29, 3015 Clover St., was charged Wednesday with public intoxication and fifth-degree theft.

**Myles Goertz**, 18, West Des

Moines, was charged Thursday with public intoxication.

**Dalton Griebel**, 21, 922 E. College St. Apt. A4, was charged April 4 with possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver, permit gatherings to use controlled substances, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**Lamar Lewis**, 38, 1926 Broad-

way Apt. E, was charged Wednesday with obstructing an officer.

**Deakota Shields**, 24, 1502 Dover St., was charged Wednesday with interference with official acts.

**Julio Villacorta-Menjivar**, 32, 5 Solar St., was charged Wednesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.

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## SUPERVISORS

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gation plan will now allow governmental entities to be eligible to apply for grant funding.

Supervisor Janelle Rettig said the state has approved the plan as well.

The next step will be to file the plan with the state and the Federal Emergency Management Agencies, which Yapp said shouldn't be a long process.

Yapp said after the plan is filed, the communities

in Johnson County can start applying for grant money to pursue projects in the plan. He said solely adopting the hazard-mitigation plan doesn't get them any funding.

"The next step is to apply for grant funds as funding is made available to pursue the projects in the plan," he said.

Yapp said some examples of proactive points in the plan include enhancing communication with emergency responders, improving generators in critical facilities for power outages, removing facili-

ties from floodplains, and elevating areas and bridges above the floodplain.

"There are some very useful things in [the hazard mitigation plan]," said Oxford Mayor Gary Wilkin-son. "And it helps remind everyone what their roles are in the community."

He said if more than one particular town is affected by a disaster, the plan would be a helpful tool to Johnson County.

"We're glad to have this done," Sullivan said. "We hope we never have to use [the plan], but if we do, we know we're prepared."



Iowa City police officers play 3-on-3 basketball against junior-high students at the Scanlon Gymnasium on Thursday. (The Daily Iowan/Wanyi Tao)

## 3 ON 3

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2701 Bradford Drive, to play basketball. Seven of them are made up of students from Southeast.

The eighth team, though, is not like the rest. The group towers over most of the other players, a few players are beginning to lose their hair, and a couple have wedding bands. The eighth team is made of Iowa City police officers.

Cook said she started the program to give the kids something to do.

"We have a lot of kids who hang out at [Mercer Park] after school," she said. "We thought, why not try to create like a six-week 3-on-3 program."

Cook decided to bring the police into it because her husband, Gabe Cook, is an officer, she said.

"It's a positive experience not only for me but for them," he said while waiting on the sideline to be brought in. "[We do] anything we can to have a positive interaction with the youth."

In addition to building good relationships, Gabe Cook said, the program may help the students make better choices.

"I think it's tougher for them to make bad choices because they're held accountable," he said. "They see us more as people and normal human beings rather than a police officer in a uniform."

The police officers get paid time off while they're playing.

Southeast eighth-grader Keyshawn Trice said he wants people to have a good time on the court.

"I just want the whole facility to have a great attitude and just have fun," he said.

While they were playing, smiles were plastered on many of the students' and officers' faces.

Michelle Cook said one thing she has noticed since starting the program is the level of maturity the kids have.

"There's just a high level of mutual respect," she said. "You see all of the assets and skills that they have. Sometimes those just aren't able to come through in the classroom."

There wasn't any fighting or arguing on the courts — just good, clean fun.

Mark Sanders, another Southeast eighth-grader, said he joined the program because he enjoys playing basketball.

"I love basketball, and if it's basketball, I'm always going to do it," he said. "Playing against older people, it gets you better at basketball."

While Keyshawn is mostly playing for fun, Mark said he likes to be more competitive, especially with the officers.

"I mostly want to win and have fun at the same time," he said before going back out onto the court. "We beat [the officers], and they beat us one time. The whole team was playing hard."

Gabe Cook said there are some students who beat the officers despite their best efforts. While

### 3-on-3

Southeast Junior High students play basketball with Iowa City police officers each Thursday. The program:

- Started after spring break
- Expected to last six weeks
- Seeded tournament at the end of the program

Source: Michelle Cook, Southeast Junior High teacher

the officers can land some good shots, the students often slip through their defense.

"We didn't let them win, that's for sure," he said. "They're too good; they're too quick. I think that's part of what they like. It gives them the satisfaction of knowing they beat us when we were giving it everything we have."

While the basketball program will end in a few weeks, Gabe Cook said he hopes they can continue this kind of program with other sports.

"The city and the Police Department has gotten more involved in doing stuff with youth," he said. "A program like this is something we can keep going."

# Clinton pregnant

By KEN THOMAS  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For the Clintons, 2014 is the year of the baby.

Chelsea Clinton, the 34-year-old daughter of former President Bill Clinton and ex-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, announced Thursday that she and her husband, Marc Mezvinsky, are expecting their first child this fall.

There has been wide speculation about a future baby in the Clinton family. Chelsea Clinton said in an interview with *Glamour* magazine last year that she and her husband were hoping to start a family soon, calling 2014 "the year of the baby."

"Marc and I are very excited that we have our first child arriving later this year, and I certainly feel all the better whether it's a girl or a boy that she or he will grow up in a world with so many strong female leaders,"

Chelsea Clinton said in New York, joined by her mother at a Clinton Foundation event on empowering women.

"I just hope I will be as good a mom to my child and hopefully children as my mom was to me," she said.

The former first lady, secretary of State, and New York senator, who is considering another presidential campaign in 2016, said she was "really excited" about becoming a grandmother.

"It makes this work even more important because we've made a lot of progress," Rodham Clinton said. "I want to see us keep moving and certainly for future generations as well so that maybe our grandchild will not have to be worried about some of the things that young women and young men are worried about today."

She later added on Twitter: "My most exciting title yet: Grandmother-To-Be."

The former president

also expressed jubilation about the news on Twitter: "Excited to add a new line to my Twitter bio...grandfather-to-be! @HillaryClinton and I are so happy for Chelsea and Marc."

Preparations for the new baby will coincide with Rodham Clinton's deliberations over another campaign for the White House. Rodham Clinton is set to release a book about her time at the State Department in June, followed by a book tour, and Democrats hope she will be a top surrogate for their candidates in the 2014 midterm elections.

The former secretary of State is expected to announce her decision later this year and polls show her as the leading contender for the Democratic Party's nomination if she runs. If Rodham Clinton seeks the White House, her campaign would potentially coincide with her grandchild's first two years.

# SLAUGHTER CITY

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## COLUMN

### The other side of LBJ's legacy



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Last week, Presidents Barack Obama, George W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and Jimmy Carter gave speeches celebrating Lyndon B. Johnson's efforts in the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 at the LBJ Presidential Library and Museum in Austin, Texas.

The legislation, which outlawed discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, and national origin, also declared racial segregation in public places illegal. It laid the groundwork for the following year's Voting Rights Act, and later, the Fair Housing Act of 1968.

While African Americans were free from bondage in 1865, an entire century passed before black men and women were seen as equals in the eyes of the law. 1964's Civil Rights Act was designed to eradicate the white backlash against emancipation that loomed over the descendants of American slaves for decades. But it also benefited other racial and ethnic groups.

The turbulent '60s were violent and destructive but necessary and progressive. Without the decade's civil-rights legislation and Johnson's efforts in the aftermath of the first Kennedy assassination, African Americans, other communities of color, and religious minorities would live significantly different lives than they do now.

On paper, people of color have been equal to whites for 50 years now. But in many ways, what has been devised on paper has yet to be translated into a mode of reality.

The act has yet to be regularly reinforced by not only all influential and powerful members of society — politicians, landlords, bank tellers, CEOs, administra-

tors, faculty, employers, and the like — but everyday Americans. Personal biases play a significant role in either hindering or improving the treatment of underrepresented populations. These personal biases determine whether marginalized groups will receive the same respect and affirmations as whites.

While former Presidents Harry S. Truman supported legislation that desegregated the military, and Dwight D. Eisenhower with the desegregation of public schools, Johnson is allotted most of the credit when it comes to the advancement of racial equality in the 20th century.

When remembering Johnson's overall legacy, though, Obama admitted, "During [Johnson's] first 20 years in Congress, he opposed every civil-rights bill that came up for a vote, once calling the push for federal legislation a farce and a shame."

I don't want to be blinded by the idea that Johnson was a man who was painstakingly for racial justice when he still held negative presumptions about African Americans.

Neither do I wish to believe that because of the legislation in the '60s, Americans don't need to focus on race anymore because we've supposedly gotten where we should, because we haven't.

Some believe that once something is made legal, that is the end-all, be-all of said issue. I'm afraid to say that is just the beginning.

Just because a politician signs a legislation ensuring equality for a disadvantaged group does not necessarily mean that either the politician, or a dominant group, respects the population the law is meant to protect.

Not everyone is willing to abide by the law. Internal biases, leading to discriminatory behavior, deter us from equality.

It's important we not only recognize this and our own biases when reflecting on America's progress, but be familiar with Johnson's entire legacy and not just his victories.

## EDITORIAL

### Don't reduce funding for UI

Legislation that would fund the state's regent universities next year has stalled after the Iowa House of Representatives unexpectedly amended the bill to reduce funding growth for the University of Iowa.

The original budget proposal supported by the state Board of Regents and Gov. Terry Branstad and passed in the state Senate provided an across-the-board 4 percent budget increase for each of the regent universities and an additional \$4 million for the University of Northern Iowa. The amended version passed in the House maintains the 4 percent budget increase for Iowa State University and UNI but allows for only 2 percent growth for the UI.

The slower growth would mean about \$4 million in reduced funding for the UI next year, a cut that could possibly derail the UI's ability to extend its tuition freeze for in-state students for another year, a widely supported policy.

A bipartisan committee will reconcile the funding disparity between the Senate and House plans, but we encourage the House Republicans to reinstate the funding levels proposed by the regents. The proposed reduction in funding growth for the UI would undermine the potential benefit of a tuition freeze.

The House Republicans in favor of this budget amendment say the UI has a sufficient reservoir of funds to absorb the slower growth and still offer a tuition freeze for its in-state students.

"[Lowering the increase] was the decision, because the University of Iowa can stand less of an increase the way appropriations have been," Rep. Cecil Dolecheck, R-Mount Ayr, told *The Daily Iowan*.

Republicans propose to use money saved for a specialized program at Iowa State and a statewide education network that would help local school districts.

UI officials say that this purported cash reservoir is more-or-less a mirage.

Joseph Brennan, the UI vice president for Stra-

tegic Communication, told the *DI* that "the perception we have a vastly larger balance is not accurate."

Doug True, the UI treasurer and senior vice president for Finance and Operations, said the UI's finances look different from those of the other recent schools due to the presence of the medical center and some relatively arcane nuances of the schools' accounting.

Even if the UI were able to fund a tuition freeze despite this reduced growth, this action by the House Republicans would still undermine a positive trend in education funding in Iowa.

Over the past few decades, the funding mechanism has fallen further and further out of whack as public investment has fallen precipitously. In Iowa, the decrease in public funding has been particularly steep. In fiscal 2001, around 64 percent of the regent-university funding came from government appropriations and 31 percent came from tuition. For fiscal 2014, 35 percent of that funding came from government appropriations and 60 percent came from tuition.

That phenomenon has shifted the burden of higher education from the state to the students — one reason for the dramatic rise in student debt over the past decade — but the fast divergence between state funding and tuition money has stabilized since fiscal 2012, and the trend could actually be reversed through a combination of state funding increases and tuition freezes.

Ultimately, maintaining robust state funding growth for the UI is about far more than the ability to extend a tuition freeze. We encourage the House Republicans to adopt the regents' original funding.

## YOUR TURN

Do you think the Legislature should reduce budget growth for the UI? Weigh in at [dailyiowan.com](http://dailyiowan.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Electrify Africa

I'm writing regarding an opportunity the United States has to continue our legacy of assisting developing countries and helping the world's poorest. The Electrify Africa Act is a bill introduced in 2013 that would bring electricity to some of the 589 million people living without it in sub-Saharan Africa.

Here in Iowa, we don't often consider what it would be like to be without electricity. However, for hundreds of millions of people across the globe, it is a reality. One key area that is affected by this lack of access is health care.

In Iowa City, we are fortunate to have a world-class hospital at the university, with modern technology to deliver life-saving care. Care

providers are not concerned that we won't have power during a routine surgery or childbirth, let alone a procedure that runs into complications. This is not the case across the globe, where women give birth in the dark, and surgeons are forced to use techniques that would seem primitive to us — all because they do not have access to electricity.

The Electrify Africa Act can help

to begin solving some of these issues by bringing electricity to 50 million people and, according to the Congressional Budget Office, can do so at no cost to taxpayers. The bill is in the House and will soon be introduced to the Senate.

Please contact our members of Congress to ask them to support this life-saving legislation.

Nick Evans

## GUEST COLUMN

### District deters records requests

The request seemed simple: Provide your school district's policy for handling emergencies that require a school lockdown and notifying parents. Libby Collins, a University of Iowa senior working as a journalist for the nonprofit Iowa Center for Public Affairs Journalism — IowaWatch on a news story, asked Iowa's 30 largest school districts for that information in late February.

One-by-one, school districts responded within a few days, some with links to policies on their website, some with emails. One district superintendent sending documents expressed being offended by a formal letter and another seemingly indignant superintendent wrote that all you had to do was ask.

Most were courteous and friendly, with one school district employee adding a smiley face to her email response. Even those declining to send documents, citing an Iowa Code section that allows school officials to keep confidential information they feel could endanger safety if released, spoke in general about ways they notify parents about emergency situations at school.

No one responded the way the Iowa City School District did. "Per your request and prior to starting the process, I wanted to inform you that the fee for the work will more than likely be between \$25-\$50. I will not know the exact amount until we navigate further through the process," the district's chief community-affairs officer, Chace Ramey, wrote in his email, getting right to the point after a pleasant greeting.

Want to know a good way to deter the public from obtaining a public document? Start by talking price, especially more than they think they should have to pay. Money matters to citizens, and many of them seeking information from a public entity see a high cost as a roadblock, especially if they are not aware of their right to inspect public documents on site without any initial fee.

Open-government advocates have been making this case for years. Emphasize costs, especially on the high end, and records requests shift from how helpful a public entity is in producing public documents to how much you can afford. High costs deter people.

And, yes, \$25 or \$50 can seem high when the request seems to be routine.

The problems with this particular request went beyond money. They became a battle back and forth for too long to get an existing written policy that 28 other districts — one failed to respond to the records request — could provide, or promised to provide, quickly. It took 31 days to get three pages from the Iowa City School District.

State law requires them to reveal potential costs for fulfilling open-records requests but it also allows for you to view records on site at no initial cost. Collins asked for a time to do that at the School District office, but nothing was set up until a second person, IowaWatch staff journalist Lauren Mills, joined the effort and exchanged a series of emails and phone calls. The documents finally were obtained more than two weeks after Collins' request to inspect in person.

Fairness requires some acknowledgments. Public entities may charge reasonable costs to produce public records. The Iowa City School District does not charge if documents

can be retrieved in less than an hour but charges \$25 an hour after that, as well as \$25 an hour to search archived emails. Charges are prorated.

Also, district officials were gracious when explaining safety precautions taken during an emergency at a school when the reporters finally could view the policy.

District officials will tell you that warning people up front about potential costs is being transparent so that an unexpected bill is not sprung on someone knee-deep into a records search. Any deterrence would be unintended, they say.

Unintended or not, it deters. Starting the public's process with costs that seem out of line, even prohibitive, is like leading with your chin in the battle to be more transparent to the public. Why would you do that?

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# No worries yet on planting corn

Farmers aren't concerned with historically low crop planting.

By **ALEKSANDRA VUJICIC**  
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Iowa's prized crop has gone largely unplanted so far this year, but farmers' concerns aren't growing.

Iowa, along with other major corn-producing states, are planting their corn at historically low rates for this time of year, according to a crop process report released earlier this week by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The report shows that only 3 percent of corn has been planted among 18 states, half of what the average was from 2009-2013.

Tiffin area farmer Steve Swenka does not find this report alarming because farmers still have plenty of time to plant the rest of their corn.

"When you're talking about government reports, it's always good to start out with a quote from Dwight Eisenhower; 'Farming looks very easy when your plow is a pencil, and you're thousands of miles away from the corn field,'" Swenka said.

Swenka said even though the weather isn't there yet when it comes to planting corn right now, it won't be a problem unless the optimal ground temperatures have not been reached by mid-May.

"This is one of the most severe winters we've had," Swenka said. "In certain areas, there was up to 5 feet, or

maybe over 5 feet, of frost in the ground. As a farmer you have to plan when conditions are right; you can't go by the calendar."

Illinois State University agricultural economics Professor Patrick O'Rourke agreed, and said it's too early to be worried.

"The spring has been cold and wet," O'Rourke said. "We've seen a lot of variation over the last decade because of differences in how the spring weather has unfolded."

Though Swenka is remaining optimistic, he said the window of good planting opportunity is narrower now than it has been in the past.

"It does seem like it's a little harder to get a crop planted than it once was," Swenka said. "The weather is just so changeable and volatile. You really have to take advantage of the good weather when it's there because you never know what tomorrow might bring."

The report also found that Iowa has planted about 10 percent more oats this year than it did at the same time last year. Iowa also beat seven out of eight other oat-producing states in the amount thus far.

Local farmer Kevin Kinney planted a field of oats a week ago, but he had to hold off on planting corn.

Oats are a cool weather crop, meaning they can stand cooler temperatures

## Corn

The rates at which corn is being planted this year are historically low.

The ranking of the average percentage of other Corn-Belt states in planting corn for the 2009-2013 average are:

- Iowa: 2
- Illinois: 10
- Nebraska: 1
- Indiana: 5
- Kansas: 9
- Minnesota: 2
- Missouri: 16
- Ohio: 2

Source: USDA Crop Progress Report

compared with corn or soybeans, Swenka said. And because we've had a pretty dry March, Kinney was able to get his oats planted without the ground temperatures affecting the process.

Swenka attributes the spike in oats to the optimal weather conditions that corn has yet to see.

Kinney agreed, expecting to see a change in the coming weeks.

"It will probably be a week or two before you see corn being planted," Kinney said. "Within the past week, the frost is finally coming out of the ground; we've had frost much later this year."

For now, Swenka said, corn can be planted as late as May 15, allowing ample opportunity to raise a record-breaking crop.

# Health plan signs 8 million

By **JOSH LEDERMAN** and **RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eight million people have signed up for health care through new insurance exchanges and the proportion of younger applicants has increased, President Barack Obama said on Thursday. The enrollments exceeded expectations and offered new hope to Democrats who are defending the law ahead of the midterm elections.

An impromptu appearance in the White House briefing room offered the president an opportunity to trumpet the new figures, which beat initial projections by 1 million. With an eye toward November, Obama castigated Republicans for continuing to seek out every opportunity to thwart the Affordable Care Act.

"This thing is working," Obama said of his signature domestic achievement.

Touting modest progress on another front, Obama said 35 percent of enrollees are under 35 years old, suggesting that in the final weeks of enrollment, the administration managed to sign up higher numbers of younger, healthier people who are critical to the law's viability.

The most coveted age group comprises those between 18 and 34 years old. White House officials said that for the 36 states in which the fed-

eral government is taking the lead, 28 percent are in that age group — a step in the right direction from March, when the administration said just 25 percent were 18 to 34.

In a sharp rebuke to his political opponents, Obama called out states that have refused to embrace an expansion of Medicaid under "Obamacare," arguing that their opposition was rooted in nothing more than sheer ideology and political spite.

"That's wrong. It should stop," he said. "Those folks should be able to get health insurance like everybody else."

Although the first year's open enrollment season for the exchanges closed on March 31, the administration is still tallying the number of total enrollees. States managing their own exchanges have been slower to report data, and some Americans who started applications before the deadline were given extra time to complete their enrollment.

The demographic figures also give Democrats an opportunity to blunt the pessimism of Republicans, some of whom have accused the White House of "cooking the books" by announcing large overall enrollment numbers that tell only part of the story.

"They still can't bring themselves to admit that the Affordable Care Act is working," Obama said.

"The longer we see the law benefiting millions of people, the more we see accusations that the law is hurting people being completely debunked."

Democrats have been hoping that better-than-expected results could help their candidates reclaim the political high ground on "Obamacare" before Election Day. Seven months out, Democrats are seeking to turn the page on the law's disastrous debut in October, when HealthCare.gov was virtually unusable. Obama seemed to affirm that strategy last week when he announced that Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, who became the face of the rollout failure, was stepping down.

Polling shows the law remains unpopular in much of the country, but Democrats plan to argue that by trying to repeal the law, Republicans are actively working to take health care away from 8 million Americans.

Although the new figures provide some clarity about how well the exchanges performed, there are still plenty of unknowns.

Officials haven't released a tally of how many enrollees were previously uninsured and are thus gaining health care thanks to the law. It's also unclear how many enrollees sealed the deal by paying their first month's premium to the insurance companies.



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**Andrew R. Juhl, Professor of Letters:**

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Oh. Right.
- Dear Netflix: How about a "private mode" that lets a guy sneak episodes of shows he's supposed to watch with his partner? NOT THAT I WOULD DO THIS, OF COURSE.
- Dear My Cell Phone's Auto-Correct: If the word I typed was a real word, then don't change it to another real word just because you think that's what I really meant. I get enough of that shit from my girlfriend.
- Dear My Family When We Out For Pizza: Picking which pizza to order, even by committee, should not take longer than making one from scratch.
- Dear New Parents: I do not care nor need to know how many inches long your babies are; I will not be making them any suits.
- Dear Mom: When you spend the first eight minutes of every phone call demanding to know why I don't call more often, you're answering your own question.

Andrew R. Juhl thanks Jayne Sanderson for contributing to today's Ledge.kr

## Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



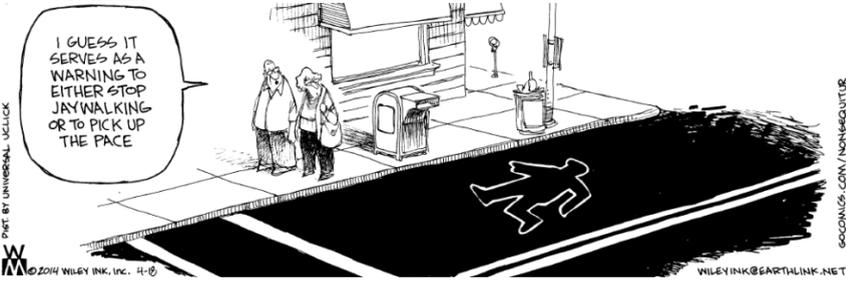
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- **Biology Ph.D. Thesis Seminar**, "Wnt/Planar Cell Polarity mechanisms in epilepsy and interactions with ciliopathy," Xue Mei, B20 Biology Building
- **European Studies Group's Lunch & Talk**, "Agency and Authorship in the Early Modern Social Network," Blaine Greteman, noon, 315 Phillips Hall
- **Exploring Majors Fair**, 12:30 p.m., Main Lounge IMU
- **National Day of Silence Art Project**, 4 p.m., LGBT Resource Center
- **School of Music Presents: Chris Thompson**, trumpet, 6 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Erik Levine, visiting artist in sculpture**, 6:30 p.m., 116 Art Building West
- **School of Music Presents; Virtuoso Flute, Nicole Esposito and Friends**, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- **UI School of Music Presents: Gustavo José do Carmo**, 8 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- **Campus Activities Board Movie, Ride Along**, 8 & 11 p.m., 348 IMU
- **Campus Activities Board Movie, Lone Survivor**, 8 & 11 p.m., IMU Iowa Theater
- **Slaughter City**, Series on Arts and Rights, 8 p.m., Thayer Theater
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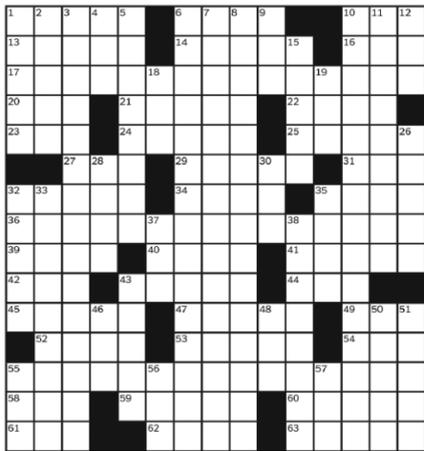
## OBJECTS OF ART

### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0314

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- 1 Did some above-average work
  - 6 Doesn't just tear up
  - 10 One way to get the beat going?
  - 13 Master, in Mysore
  - 14 Hostiles
  - 16 "Well, well, well!"
  - 17 He may be trying to unload crates
  - 20 "Am \_\_\_ France?": King Lear
  - 21 Jeans reinforcer
  - 22 They're easily fleeced
  - 23 Chinese dish eponym
  - 24 See 39-Across
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  - 27 Not nixed
  - 29 Composition of some wreaths
  - 31 Living or dead follower
  - 32 Yom Kippur War setting
  - 34 Dam designer: Abbr.
  - 35 Vet
  - 36 Mutating, highly resistant microbe
  - 39 Lang, in which "friends" is 24-Across
  - 40 Start of an intermission?
  - 41 Boo Boo Bear's co-creator
  - 42 "\_\_\_ name I love" ("America" lyric)
  - 43 Shop spinner
  - 44 Campus letter
  - 45 Fence alternative
  - 47 Old paper parts
  - 49 Monitor option, for short
  - 52 "\_\_\_ back!"

- DOWN**
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  - 2 Mecca or Medina
  - 3 1985 Ralph McInerney novel
  - 4 Support
  - 5 Longtime ainer of "Any Questions?"
  - 6 Place for a delivery
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  - 8 Withdrawing
  - 9 Range of sizes, briefly
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## horoscopes

Friday, April 18, 2014 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Refuse to let petty comments or disruptions stop you from enjoying life and having fun. An aggressive approach to social events and interaction with people will lead to interesting proposals or moneymaking opportunities. A change to your living arrangements will be beneficial.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): You'll face frustrating situations with friends, relatives, or neighbors. Look for an investment that can help you save money or improve your skills or the services you can offer. Put time aside to appease the youngsters and seniors in your life.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Separate your business from your personal life. Don't trust someone offering too much and asking for too little. Make changes based on what will help you the most. Your actions will draw enough attention and support to move you forward.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Stick to your original plan. Interference is apparent and will only lead to confusion and uncertainty. Stay focused on the task you want to accomplish, and don't stop until you reach your destination. Your strength will be in your ability to follow through.
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- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Find out the facts, and move on swiftly. Don't waste time on accusations or feeble rumors. Focus on home, family, and making the changes that will ensure your happiness and a brighter future. Take action instead of just talking about your plans.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick close to home, and be very observant. Back away from any situation that appears to be out of control. An unpredictable individual will lead you astray. Get your information straight, and make the right choice.
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True friends stab you in the front. — Oscar Wilde

# Seaborne swan song

Ruth Seaborne will compete in her final home match as a Hawkeye on April 20.

By **KYLE MANN**  
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The Iowa women's tennis team will conclude its regular season at home this weekend, facing Ohio State at 3 p.m. today as well as Penn State on April 20. Lone senior Ruth Seaborne will also be celebrated on the latter, Iowa's Senior Day.

Boy, is there a lot to celebrate.

Born and raised in Wimbledon, London, Seaborne has been close to tennis her entire life. That is not to say, however, that tennis hasn't taken her on a journey. It has.

Seaborne lived in London through high school and competed in numerous International Tennis Federation tournaments. She is particularly proud of having competed at the Junior Wimbledon Championships in 2010, in which she defeated the present-day No. 7 Division I women's tennis player, Lauren Herring of Georgia.

Coming out of high school, Seaborne said, she had a decision to make.

"We haven't got opportunities like this in the UK, in terms of scholarships to a university," she said. "You either go to a university and stop playing, or you play and don't go to a university."

But having to choose school or tennis wasn't going to cut it for the academ-

ic-minded Seaborne, so she moved to the United States.

"Knowing what the opportunities were here, I wanted to utilize both aspects of education and tennis," she said. "So I just went for it."

Seaborne was an early enrollee at the age of 17 in the spring of 2011 at Florida State. Unfortunately — or fortunately for the Hawkeyes — an untimely stint with mononucleosis got her "out of whack," as she put it, and looking for a change.

Having previously met head coach Katie Dougherty, Seaborne decided to compete for the Hawkeyes, and she said she hasn't looked back.

"It's one of the best decisions I've ever made," she said. "Coach Dougherty and the Athletics Department here have definitely gotten the best out of me."

Dougherty agrees. From her perspective, Seaborne has made great strides at Iowa both as a player and as a leader.

"It's been really fun to watch her progress, and I'm really proud of everything she's done for our program," Dougherty said. "She's been a rock at the top of our singles and doubles lineup for the last two years."

When trying to put a finger on why Seaborne is having the best season of her career — she has won two Big Ten Athlete of the Week awards with a 13-6

record — both player and coach agree that the senior has matured significantly in her years at Iowa.

Seaborne recalled that she was the baby at Florida State, having entered college at age 17, but she has changed roles with the Hawkeyes.

"Part of that process was getting to play at the top of the lineup and being stuck in a leadership role, which she has embraced and done a great with," Dougherty said. "Ruth's doing a great job of making everybody better, and they're all following."

Of the other players on the team, junior Morven McCulloch — who prior to last weekend had shared a 10-match winning streak as a doubles partner with Seaborne — particularly appreciates the senior's leadership and poise.

"She's a really good leader for our team," she said. "She's always bringing the energy at matches and practices. She's always really confident toward how I play, and if I'm getting down in our matches, she's always there to pick me up."

"I'm playing for the team, as opposed to playing for myself," Seaborne said. "I haven't enjoyed tennis as much as when I've been at Iowa. Having this group around you; they're good teammates, good friends."

She has one more week-end to enjoy it.

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## SOFTBALL

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Head coach Marla Looper has seen Mullarkey's hard work and is happy she has finally started to contribute more despite her struggles at the plate.

"She's been working hard and watching videos. She's been trying to

find ways to give herself a chance to succeed," Looper said. "If you don't put in the time, you can't expect it to happen. She did a nice job of sitting and waiting on a pitch she can drive."

But the biggest question will be if Iowa is able to carry its momentum over the weekend series.

"It's a lot of momentum, but we've got to carry it," Looper said. "We have a

day of practice and then Friday is a new day, and they still have to get rest, get up, and have that same energy, attitude and effort that they had today."

Against Mizzou, the Hawkeyes picked up their tempo, which was largely the reason for two of their best wins this season.

"We need to be in control of the speed of the game and the tempo, and I think

when we can maintain tempo and be in control, we can take care of our opponents, and I think we've got to do that with Michigan State this weekend," Looper said.

Michigan State (10-28) comes into the series after narrowly getting a victory over Western Michigan, 1-0, on Wednesday. The Spartans are last in the Big Ten with a 2-12 record, having

only notched wins against Indiana and Purdue.

After playing 10-straight games in which an opponent was ranked, Iowa takes on a Spartan team that is not only unranked but has a losing record, something the Hawks haven't seen since they played Drake on April 2.

However, that's no reason for Iowa to sit back. To avoid a losing season, the

team needs to win 10 of its last 11 games to get back up above .500 — where the team has ended for 28-straight seasons.

"Every game is important at this point," shortstop Megan Blank said. "I think they've been struggling like we have, so it will definitely be a good match, and after [Wednesday's] games, it will be a confidence boost going into the weekend."

## TRACK

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bode well for the overall well-being of the team.

Track is basically two separate seasons — indoor and outdoor — and over the course of time, loss of focus isn't out of the norm. However, what prevents a talented team from becoming great is the lack of the ability to refocus when things matter most.

To delve into this subject, Roberts is absolutely correct — Iowa does have the talent to compete

with some of the best; it's just a matter of whether the Hawkeyes can get the most out of that talent.

Despite his harsh words, Roberts has the utmost faith that the team can turn the ship around.

**'They need to start being men and stop being little boys. The sky's the limit.'**

— Clive Roberts, assistant coach

"These young men and these older men just need to step their game up; they need to start being men and stop being little boys," Roberts said. "The sky's the limit; we work hard to attract the best athletes to the

University of Iowa, and we've done that.

"We'll figure it out." Once the coaches and athletes get things in order, the ball could really start rolling for the Hawkeyes. It's much too early to throw this season away and the ultimate goal remains a good finish at the Big Ten meet, or that's at least how junior Gabe Hull feels.

"Coach [Larry Wiecek] has a saying, 'Be Happy in May,' and I'm using these meets as steppingstones," he said. "Each one is important, but you're working toward a bigger goal."

## BASEBALL

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The Hawks will need Frankos and his bat this weekend when they play host to Minnesota, a team that is dead even with the Hawkeyes in the Big-Ten standings (5-7).

"Minnesota coming in this weekend is a big series for us, so we have to wipe away everything that's happened so far and try to get another couple wins," Frankos said.

Iowa, a team that prides itself on being tight defensively, saw that reputation fall a bit in its last game, against Western Illinois, a wild, 10-inning contest that saw the Hawkeyes commit 4 errors in the 10-8 loss.

The Golden Gophers have struggled to find their footing in the Big Ten this season, having lost five of their last seven games, including four that saw them give up at least 5 or more runs.

And while they rank third in the Big Ten in fielding percentage (9.73), they are second-to-last in team

batting average, hitting an anemic .240 through 32 games this season.

They will face Iowa ace Calvin Matthews in the first game of the series tonight at Banks Field. Matthews leads the Big Ten in strikeouts with 53.

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"Big Ten is just huge for us," Hickman said. "It's the main focus of our season, and we need to just keep winning."

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## MEN'S TENNIS SET FOR ROAD TRIP

It will be a David and Goliath story if the Iowa men's tennis team can pull off a win in either one of its away matches this weekend. The Hawkeyes will conclude regular-season conference play against No. 1 Ohio State at 6 p.m. today and then No. 22 Penn State at noon April 20.

Iowa closed its season at home against No. 35 Northwestern on April 13. Following a series of tight matches, the Hawkeyes ultimately dropped the dual in a 5-2 decision, recording their ninth-consecutive loss on the season and fifth-straight defeat at home.

Ohio State (16-3, 9-0) is undefeated in the Big Ten, most recently posting a 4-3 win over No. 28 Purdue — a team Iowa lost to, 5-2, in a pair of decisive matches on April 4. Peter Kobelt, ranked seventh nationally, will help lead the Buckeyes. Kobelt and teammate Kevin Metka make up the No. 3 nationally ranked doubles team.

Penn State (19-4, 6-3) dropped its most recent two matches against Purdue (6-1) and No. 59 Indiana (4-2) last weekend. Earlier in the season, the Lions fell to the Buckeyes by a final score of 5-2.

— by Jordan Bucher



Iowa player Jonas Dierckx hits a backhand against Northwestern in the Hawk-eye Tennis & Recreation Complex on Sunday. The Wildcats defeated the Hawkeyes, 5-2. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

## BLUES BEAT BLACK-HAWKS IN 3 OTS

ST. LOUIS — Alexander Steen scored at 26 seconds of the third overtime to give the St. Louis Blues a 4-3 victory over the defending Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series on Thursday night.

Steen beat Corey Crawford off a pair of short passes from Steve Ott and David Backes to cap the longest overtime game in franchise history.

"It's big. We want to start this series off on a good note," Steen said. "Especially at home in front of our fans."

Ryan Miller blanked the Blackhawks after Patrick Kane scored on a breakaway to put Chicago up 3-2 late in the first period, and Jaden Schwartz tied it with 1:45 to go in regulation.

The Blues' previous longest overtime game was a 4-3 loss at Detroit in 1984 that was extended 37:7. The home record for a playoff overtime game was 33:49 extra time in a 5-4 win over Chicago on April 20, 1989.

— R.B. Fallstrom, AP Sports Writer



St. Louis Blues' Alexander Steen (left) is congratulated by teammates David Backes (center) and Steve Ott (right) after scoring the game-winning goal during the third overtime in Game 1 against the Chicago Blackhawks on Thursday in St. Louis. (Associated Press/Jeff Roberson)

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### MLB

Boston 3, Chicago White Sox 1  
Philadelphia 1, Atlanta 0  
Minnesota 7, Toronto 0  
Minnesota 9, Toronto 5  
Detroit 7, Cleveland 5  
Texas 8, Seattle 6  
LA Dodgers 2, San Francisco 1  
Colorado 3, San Diego 1  
St. Louis 8, Washington 0  
Pittsburgh 11, Milwaukee 2  
NY Yankees 10, Tampa Bay 2  
Kansas City 5, Houston 1

### NHL

St. Louis 4, Chicago 3 (3OT)  
NY Rangers 4, Philadelphia 1  
Colorado 5, Minnesota 4 (OT)  
Los Angeles, San Jose (late)

### Soccer

Hanover 3, Frankfurt 2

## WHAT TO WATCH

NHL: Boston vs. Detroit, Friday, 6:30 p.m., NBCSN  
NHL: Chicago vs. St. Louis, Saturday, 3 p.m., NBC

# Catching spot opens up



Iowa catcher Trevor Kenyon suffered a knee injury earlier this season, and he has been replaced by Blake Hickman (top), Jimmy Frankos (bottom), and Joe Tellez. (The Daily Iowan/Photo Staff)

The Iowa baseball team has relied on a cycle of catchers since starter Trevor Kenyon injured his knee.

By RYAN RODRIGUEZ

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When Iowa catcher Trevor Kenyon injured his PCL sliding in to third base a few weeks ago, many in attendance wondered who would shoulder the load behind the plate in his absence.

Would it be sophomore Blake Hickman, the right-handed pitcher and catcher with a cannon for an arm?

What about junior Joe Tellez or even sophomore Jimmy Frankos?

While Kenyon's loss to this Iowa team cannot be understated, it wasn't as if head coach Rick Heller was devoid of options. Quite the opposite, in fact.

Since going down against Indiana back on April 8, Heller has used all three in replacement of Kenyon, a luxury most Big Ten teams simply do not have.

"Obviously, we're all wishing Trevor a speedy recovery because you never want to see a teammate go down like that, but I'm looking forward to taking advantage of the opportunities that will come our way," Frankos said.

And while all three have seen their fair share of struggles, Frankos has emerged as the clear No. 1 option behind the dish for the Hawkeyes.

"Catching-wise, he's done really, really well since coming in," Heller said. "He's really been outstanding pretty much every time we've needed him. He's blocked the plate well and has called games really well back there."

Frankos, a Park Ridge, Ill., native, has gotten the nod in five of Iowa's last seven games.

And though he had made just a handful of appearances in the nonconference games, Frankos has been dynamic since playing full time.

"The experience will come," Frankos said. "The big thing is that the opportunity is there and that I take advantage of it."

SEE BASEBALL, 8

## Iowa baseball vs. Minnesota

When: 6 p.m. today  
Where: Banks Field

# Men's track seeks rebound



Iowa thrower Gabe Hull competes in the shot put at the Drake Relays on April 26, 2013, in Des Moines. (The Daily Iowan/File Photo)

A trip to California could be just what the Hawkeyes need heading into final stretch.

By JORDAN HANSEN

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As Iowa heads to the Mt. SAC Relays this weekend, the general consensus is that the next three weeks will determine how the Hawks' season will be viewed.

The past couple weeks have not been kind to Hawkeyes — they have struggled in their last three meets, most noticeably in last weekend's disappointing third-place finish at the Illinois Twilight meet.

That performance and the general dissatisfaction the coaches have had with certain performances culminated in a team meeting on Tuesday.

"As a boys' team, we're kind of struggling right now," sophomore James Harrington said. "We're going to try to use Mt. SAC as a turning point for the rest of the season and to really start doing some big things and running some big times."

The atmosphere surrounding the team is vaguely positive, but the undertones are definitely on the critical side as the season is rapidly moving toward its close.

Assistant coach Clive Roberts, never one to mince his words, didn't hold back on his assessment of the team.

"They have to grow up and start being men; we've got a lot of people on this team

right now who aren't focusing on the things they are supposed to be focusing on," Roberts said. "We've got the talent, but we've got to get some of these young athletes to figure it out pretty quick."

On a team that features 33 underclassmen, with many in prominent roles, a loss of focus by some of the younger athletes does not

SEE TRACK, 8

## Iowa track at Mt. SAC Relays

When: Walnut, Calif.  
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# Softball set for Spartans

Struggling teams battle it out in Iowa City this weekend.

By JACK ROSSI

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An important Big Ten matchup awaits Iowa this weekend at Pearl Field: Michigan State will visit this weekend for a three-game series.

Iowa (12-23) is coming off an impressive offensive showing against No. 13 Missouri. The Hawkeyes swept the Tigers in a two-game series for their first series win since late March against Wisconsin, when they took two of three games from the Badgers.

"It's really awesome, especially coming off of our weekend in Nebraska to get these two wins against Missouri and move into the Big Ten series this weekend," sophomore Whitney Repole said. "It's going to be really helpful for our team, and we're just going to build on it and roll from here."

Iowa's offense exploded on Wednesday for a combined 16 runs in two games — its best offensive performance this season. Repole and first baseman Kaitlyn Mullarkey hit home runs in a display of Iowa's power in its first multi-home-run game of the season.

SEE SOFTBALL, 8

## Iowa softball vs. Michigan State

When: 6 p.m. today  
Where: Pearl Field  
Watch: BTDN