

Iowa lawmakers question regents' proposed funding model

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa lawmakers expressed concern about a proposed performance-based funding model for the state's three public universities. Board of Regents President Bruce Rastetter spoke to the House appropriations committee Monday about the funding model, which regents approved last year. It bases 60 percent of funding allocation for the schools on the enrollment of in-state students. Rastetter says the model would help balance funding allocations between Iowa State University, the University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa. But lawmakers on the committee questioned the model's potentially negative impact on private colleges and community colleges competing for in-state students. Rastetter says the current funding model is dated and not sustainable. Legislative lawmakers must approve Gov. Terry Branstad's budget proposal for the funding model to be applied.

Iowa woman accused of stealing \$500,000 from car dealership

CRESTON, Iowa (AP) — A south-central Iowa woman has been accused of stealing more than \$500,000 from a local car dealership. Authorities say 44-year-old Lyndsay Jo Huntsman, of Creston, was arrested Monday on charges of ongoing criminal conduct and five counts of first-degree theft. According to a news release, police began investigating a report of missing money from a local Ford dealership, Creston Automotive, in October. The investigation determined that more than \$500,000 was missing from the dealership's accounts. No further information has been released. An attorney for Huntsman could not be located.

4-month-old dies after officials find her hurt at Iowa home

COLUMBUS JUNCTION, Iowa (AP) — A 4-month-old girl has died one week after authorities found her severely injured in her southeastern Iowa home. Officials say Marleen Jimenez of Columbus Junction died Saturday morning at the University of Iowa Hospital. An autopsy was performed Monday at the hospital. Results have not been released. The Iowa Department of Criminal Investigation says local police responded last week to information that a baby had been seriously injured. They later arrested 21-year-old Oscar Jimenez on a charge of multiple acts of child endangerment. If convicted, Oscar Jimenez could face up to 50 years in prison. A message left for his attorney was not immediately returned. Officials say the investigation is ongoing.

Application for Iowa medical marijuana card now available

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Two state agencies say a process has been established to approve, administer and generate registration cards allowing the use of cannabis oil. Following months of deliberation between Iowa's Department of Public Health and its Department of Transportation, the departments announced Monday an application form to obtain the card is now available online. The Legislature last year approved a law permitting the possession and

use of a certain form of cannabis oil for patients with intractable epilepsy. Only patients and their primary caregivers can apply for the registration cards. According to a news release, the application requires a written recommendation from a neurologist. Upon approval, the patient or caregiver will receive an official approval notification and information on how to get the card through the Transportation Department's driver's license issuance sites.

Spokesman: Iowa governor to be hospitalized overnight

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad will be hospitalized overnight after he fell ill at an event. Spokesman Jimmy Centers said Monday afternoon that Branstad had been admitted to Iowa Methodist Medical Center and is being observed for flu-like symptoms. Branstad's Tuesday appearances have been canceled. The governor was taken by ambulance to the hospital after he required assistance at a ribbon-cutting event Monday for a new research center at DuPont Pioneer in the Des Moines suburb of Johnston. He struggled with a speech and began to lose his balance. Branstad was then offered a chair before being helped to lie on the floor. The 68-year-old Republican governor was recently re-elected to a sixth non-consecutive term.

Iowa State Patrol captain pays ticket in speeding case

NEWTON, Iowa (AP) — A high-ranking Iowa State Patrol officer has paid a \$208 ticket for an off-duty speeding incident, two months after he was initially pulled over and let go by a subordinate. Jasper County court officials said Monday that Capt. Ken Clary pleaded guilty last week to driving 92 in a 70-mph zone. Video released this month shows trooper Bryan Guill speeding past cars on Interstate 80 near Newton to catch up with a van driven by Clary. Guill let Clary go without a ticket after a brief, friendly exchange. Clary was wearing his uniform but off-duty, driving a vehicle owned by a nonprofit for which he volunteers. Patrol officials have repeatedly refused to say how fast Clary was clocked on radar and whether they reduced the speed listed on the ticket.

Police charge 4 in connection with 2 killings in Osceola

OSCEOLA, Iowa (AP) — Osceola police say they have arrested four people in connection with the killings of two people whose bodies were found Sunday. Police announced Monday the bodies were found in a vehicle in the south-central Iowa city. They appeared to have died from gunshot wounds. Autopsies are planned for Tuesday. Police didn't release the names of those killed until relatives could be notified. Investigators charged 38-year-old Richard Ryan Lamb Carson with two counts of first-degree murder. They also charged 47-year-old Lynn Ranean Sutton, 43-year-old Tracy Kay Johnson and 42-year-old Christopher Martin Elben with one count of accessory after the fact. All those arrested are from Osceola. Online court records don't indicate whether those arrested have attorneys.

Police charged man with Ottumwa shooting death

OTTUMWA, Iowa (AP) — Police say authorities have arrested a man near St. Louis who was sought in connection with the shooting death of a man in Ottumwa, Iowa. Police announced Monday that Ottumwa officers arrested 24-year-old Dustin William McDanel on Friday in the St. Louis suburb of Richmond Heights, Missouri. Officers searched a home and found McDanel under a bed. An arrest warrant at earlier been issued for McDanel, charging him with first-degree murder and escape from custody. McDanel is accused of shooting 25-year-old Roger Wiseman Jr. on Jan. 4. Wiseman was found in an Ottumwa street and died later at a hospital. Court records don't indicate if McDanel has an attorney.

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