

US health care overhaul to be scramble for states

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama's health care overhaul is on the way to its ultimate jury: the families, doctors, business people and state officials who'll have to grapple with the confusing details while striving to fulfill its promise.

With the Supreme Court hurdle cleared, open enrollment for millions now uninsured is scheduled to begin 16 months from now, in October 2013. Much of the health care industry is ready. People who do have insurance won't have to worry about the loss of popular new benefits, such as coverage for young adult children expansion of Medicaid, expected to or improvements to Medicare's prescription plan.

And, starting in 2014, insurance companies will no longer be able to turn away people with a history of medical problems, or charge them more.

But carrying out the law will be a mad scramble for states, especially Republican-led ones where officials had hoped this day wouldn't come. And the court added a new complication by giving individual states more leeway to turn down the law's provide coverage to about 16 million uninsured people.

After the ruling, chances of repealing the entire law appear much slimmer for Republicans, although they will again make it an election rallying cry. However, a targeted repeal strategy aimed at individual components of the law including cost controls, taxes and spending cuts, may still work.

Vicki McCuistion of Driftwood, who shuttles between two part-time jobs and is uninsured, said the Supreme Court ruling has given her new

hope. Her husband, Dan, has back problems so bad he can't go to work some days, and with a family history of skin cancer she is worried about a mole that she hasn't been able to get checked by doctors.

"Having access to health insurance that we can actually afford would allow us to improve our lives," Mc-Cuistion said Thursday.

At the White House, Obama repeated his promise that the Affordable Care Act will both deliver health insurance and help get a handle on growing costs. But the glow of victory

may be brief. Even some supporters of Thursday — will affect relatively few the law candidly admit it's only a first installment — a way to get most of the population covered before tackling costs forcefully. Wrenching choices about Medicare and Medicaid cuts could come as early as next year.

Thursday's decision moves the United States closer to other economically advanced countries that for years have guaranteed health insurance to their citizens.

The law's controversial mandate that individuals have health insurance or pay a fee — upheld by the court on

people, because more than eight in 10 Americans already have coverage. But employers with 50 or more workers will face fines if they don't provide insurance for employees.

The law is expected to extend coverage to about 30 million of the estimated 50 million uninsured. Illegal immigrants will represent a large share of those still without coverage, but 90 percent of citizens and legal residents will have insurance.

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Saudi man, former Tech student found guilty of attempt to use WMD

AMARILLO (AP) — In the months before his arrest, authorities said, Khalid Ali-M Aldawsari collected bomb-making supplies and instructional videos and made a list of targets, from nuclear power plants to the home of a former president. His goal, they said, was to carry out jihad.

Despite his attorney's protestations that he was a harmless "failure," Aldawsari was convicted Wednesday of attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction. He faces up to life in prison and is scheduled to be sentenced



stantial step' needed to convict him. "He's

ALDAWSARI a failure academically," Cogdell said. "He's

a failure at relationships.' Cogdell offered no evidence or testimony on Aldawsari's behalf. Meanwhile, prosecutors presented three days of wit-

nesses. On Feb. 1, 2011, Carolina

Jazz Jubilee

Sept. 11.

Aldawsari, a 22-year-old former Texas Tech University student, closed his eyes as the verdict was read. It took the jury fewer than two hours to convict him.

Aldawsari was arrested in February 2011 after federal agents secretly searched his West Texas apartment and found bomb-making chemicals, wiring, a hazmat suit and clocks. He also researched possible targets: nuclear power plants, the homes of three former soldiers that were stationed at Abu Ghraib prison and the Dallas home of former President George W. Bush.

Videos found in his apartment showed how to prepare TNP, a chemical explosive. FBI bomb experts have said the amounts in this case would have yielded almost 15 pounds of explosive — about the same amount used per bomb in the 2005 London subway attacks. He also tried to order phenol, a chemical that can be used to make explosives.

Aldawsari's attorneys acknowledged that he had intent, but argued he never came close to attacking anyone.

Defense attorney Dan Cogdell said during opening arguments last week Aldawsari never

Biological Supply of Burlington, N.C., a chemical company, reported a suspicious \$435 order of phenol to the FBI. Separately, shipping company Con-way Freight notified Lubbock police and the FBI the same day with similar suspicions because it appeared the order wasn't intended for commercial use.

Prosecutors played recordings of a frustrated Aldawsari complaining to the supply company when his order was held up. He had allegedly told the company he wanted the phenol for research to develop a cleaning solution.

"They keep asking me why I'm using this product," Aldawsari was heard on one tape.

Authorities said Aldawsari purchased bottles of sulfuric and nitric acids — chémicals that can be combined with phenol to create TNP — and kept the recipe for the explosive in several emails and journal entries.

"It just didn't happen overnight, on impulse," federal prosecutor Jeffrey Haag said during closing arguments Wednesday morning. "This is something Mr. Aldawsari has been planning for a very, very, very long time."

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PHOTO BY SCOTT MACWATTERS/The Daily Toreador

STEVE JONES, A tenor saxophone player, preforms the song "Loving" with help from the Texas Tech Summer Big Band at the 29th annual Lubbock Summer Jazz Festival Concert in the Student Union Building on Tuesday.

By EFRAIN DUARTE STAFF WRITER

Texas Tech's School of Music hosted the 29th annual Lubbock Summer Jazz Festival on Tuesday.

The concert, entitled "Shimmery," was directed by Alan Shinn and had special guest Don Shelton.

Shelton's musical career has ranged from being in a high school male quartet to being in the musical group the Hi-Lo's! to forming his own group with former Hi-Lo! member Gene Puerling along with Bonnie Herman and Len Dresslar. The group was called Singers Unlimited and recorded 15 albums, which are now available in a boxed set entitled "Magic Voices."

Shelton has been a woodwind-

playing member of orchestras playing with artists such as Sir Paul McCartney, Barbara Streisand, and Celine Dion. Shelton also sang and played in jingles in radio and television in Chicago for 25 years for companies such as Kellogg's, Betty Crocker and State Farm. Currently, Shelton is recording his first solo CD.

Along with Shelton's musical accomplishments, he has also held jazz clinics in various colleges and universities.

The festival consisted of two .sets. The first set included five songs, which included soloists on vocals and tenor saxophone.

included "When Sunny Gets Blue," by Segal/Fisher and arranged by Jerry Nowak, which included a solo vocalist. Another piece performed was "Grits and Gravy" by Jerry Tubb and arranged by Mike Cantwell.

School of Music hosts Lubbock Summer Jazz Festival

In the first set another guest artist lent his talent to the concert. Steve Jones was a soloist in the piece "Loving" by Dave Zoller.

With it being the 29th annual jazz festival, some were first timers to the event.

This was the first Lubbock jazz festival that Kalyn Courtney, a junior speech pathology major, attended.

"I was impressed by the soloists Some of the songs in the first set and performances," Courtney said.

Before the second set started, Shelton was presented an award by Carol Edwards, the dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

The second set of the festival consisted of six songs including a piece by Duke Ellington titled "Second Line" and "Party Hearty" by Bob Florence.

Shelton had woodwind and vocal features throughout the program.

"Shelton was an amazing vocalist and instrumentalist, he brought an element of likeability to the program," Corey Rauscher, a senior math and psychology major, said.

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By ASHLYN TUBBS STAFF WRITER

After making budget cuts for the upcoming fiscal year, Texas Tech will no longer fund KTTZ within the next 14 months.

"The university decided to phase out the funding to the two entities," said Robert Giovannetti, associate vice chancellor for communications and marketing, "so they can put those dollars towards other academic areas of need."

Giovannetti said the radio station, 89.1 FM, and TV station, which is channel five, will still thrive and even become stronger.

"Our vision is not for them munity as well."

to go away, but to become a selfsustaining enterprise," he said. "It's going to be hard for them, but we feel it's going to be beneficial in the long run."

Giovannetti said it is important for students to have access to these stations not only on Tech campus, but at the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center and even Angelo State University, which are both part of the systems.

"I think it's important to have strong public broadcasting," he said, "and we are committed to providing strong radio and television stations not only to this campus community, but to the system and the Lubbock com-

Giovannetti said KTTZ-FM has been around for 25 years, and Channel 5 has been around for 50 years. The university consolidated the stations under John Kirby's management last fall.

Kirby, who has been the general manager of the station for 18 months, said he knew the funding would be pulled, he just did not know when.

"Any budget that is supported by tax dollars, whether they be state or federal, is under a great deal of scrutiny and being squeezed," he said, "and we're one area where the university decided to cut back."

Kirby said he understands the budget cuts and is ready to make up the money.

own two feet and do very well going forward," he said.

Part of Kirby's plan to raise money is to ask community supporters to continue and increase their support as well as seek support from foundations, grants and private gifts from around Texas. Kirby said they also receive funding from underwriting and have two excellent underwriting

executives: Tom West and Sherril Skibell. We've never sold more underwriting than we have the last six months," Kirby said, "And we're going to continue to do

that.' Reagan Doyal, a recent electronic media and communica-

"We're going to stand on our tions graduate, just got hired cial to me in that way." full time at the stations after he had an internship there. He has been working for the stations for almost a month.

> "This station, as an internship, I was able to work on expanding my creativity and produce stuff that people watch," he said. "No other place could've given me as much creative freedom as this place did."

Doyal, who is from Lubbock, said he grew up watching children's programs like "Wishbone" on Channel 5 and listening to KTTZ-FM with his father.

"It's some of the most intelligent media programing you can pick up on radio or TV anywhere else," he said. "It's been benefi-

The news about the budget cut disappointed him at first, Doyal said.

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"We're hoping the community will really get behind us," he said, "and appreciate the educational and cultural programing at a high intelligence level that we provide."

Kirby said he is confident the stations will be fine through the budget cuts.

"We're supporting the university and what they're doing, and we appreciate their past support," he said. "Our motto is we're not just going to survive, we're going to survive and thrive. And we will."

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New baseball staff discusses recruiting plans for next season

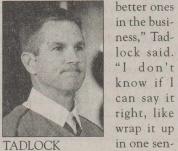
By KATELIN KELLY STAFF WRITER

Thursday afternoon at a news conference head baseball coach' Tim Tadlock, assistant coach J-Bob Thomas and pitching coach Ray Hayward discussed their plans for the 2013 season.

Tadlock, who was named interim coach after the firing of Dan Spencer, was hired as the head coach in early June and began the search for assistant coaches soon after.

On June 20, Thomas was the first assistant coach to be hired. The hiring of Hayward followed on Tuesday.

"I feel like we got two of the



tence, but I'll tell ya the simplest thing is good men, good people, good baseball guys — that'll take care of it."

Tadlock said he believes hiring Thomas and Hayward should help recruiting and help guarantee a bright future in Tech baseball.

THOMAS

in 2004. Hayward was the Midwest scouting super-

visor for the Miami Marlins for eight years. "I think eight years gives you

a new perspective," Hayward, "a perspective of, well, just the fact that you've thought about what's happened in the past, you've seen other coaches, you've matured,



learned s o m e things over the time, and I know there's a lot of things

that I want to implement of things that I did at OU, the time I played, and the things I did to help me, and the other players."

Prior to coming to Tech, Thomas spent seven seasons as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Howard College in Big Spring.

"I'm going to come in here just like I did in junior college and just come in here with a passion," Thomas. "I have a passion to recruit, a passion to get the best players in here and get them better, and be good people on and off the field and you know, that's what we've always recruited and it's the way these two guys have mitment level from these kids always recruited.

"Get good players from good families, they're going to come in here and buy into what we're doing."

Tadlock, Thomas and Hayward are taking the next few weeks to focus on recruiting and committing their time getting the "best" guys to Tech, Thomas said.

"I think the pieces of the puzzle are definitely in place," Thomas said. "You know, we've got some good guys coming in high school-wise, junior college players, we got a fair amount of guys coming back from last year's team.

"You know, the overall comcoming in, they know what to expect, and they know we need to set the bar high, and we need to do that right off the bat. The key is to get them in here and get them better and win right now, and anything less is something we're not working with, and we're working to get in there and win." »» kkelly@dailytoreador.com

Health care ← **CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

The focus now quickly shifts from Washington to the states.

While health insurers, big hospitals and major employers have spent the last two years planning and carrying out the law, states are all over the lot.

Although they are expected to play a crucial role in delivering insurance to their residents, only 14 states, plus Washington D.C., have actually adopted a plan for doing so. Hoping the law would be overturned, Republican governors and legislatures have resisted

If states aren't ready, the law calls for Washington to step in and run things. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius says the feds are ready to do that.

State plans for the markets — called exchanges - are due to the federal government this fall. Washington will run the exchanges in states that lag behind. The new Internet-based markets are supposed to provide one-stop shopping for health insurance, steering middleclass households to private plans and low-income people to an expanded version of Medicaid, the federal-state program for the poor and disabled.

But the court added a new wrinkle,

Matt Salo, head of the National Association of State Medicaid Directors, said it's too early to tell what states will do.

"This opens up what was a mandate into a state option, and states are going to have to think very, very carefully as they weigh all the political, policy and fiscal ramifications of the decision," Salo said.

States that turn down the money will still be stuck with the cost of treating uninsured patients in hospital emergency rooms. States that accept the money may be on the hook if Washington later decides to reduce the generous federal matching funds and uninsured people, the Supreme Court decision also means an expanded safety net for all Americans. Starting in 2014, insurance companies will not be able to deny coverage for medical reasons, nor can they charge more to people with health problems. Those protections, now standard in most big-employer plans, will be available to all, including people who get laid off, or leave a corporate job to launch their own small business.

Seniors stand to receive better Medicare coverage for those with high prescription costs, and no copayments for preventive care. But hospitals, nursing homes, and many other service providers may struggle once the Medicare cuts used to finance the law really start to bite. The health insurance industry's top lobbyist said the ruling relieved one big concern for insurers — that the mandate would be struck down, allowing people to buy coverage literally on the way to the hospital. But the companies are still worried about costs.

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Cogdell accused prosecutors of playing "Fear Factor" with the emotions of jurors. He said authorities had substituted facts with prejudice.

"Let's scare them," he said in court Wednesday. "Let's tell them about what could have happened."

Aldawsari came legally to the United States from Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, to study chemical engineering at Texas Tech. He

was studying business. A Saudi industrial company was paying his tuition and living expenses in the United States.

His intentions all along; according to prosecutors, were to plot an attack.

"His focus was on jihad and he was marching down that road," said Denise Williams, another prosecutor. "He's been marching since he was 11 years old." Cogdell, meanwhile, called

Aldawsari "the antithesis of what you'd expect him to be."

"He's as grateful and decent and appropriate from an attorney's standpoint," he said after

setting up new insurance markets that are a linchpin of the legislation, and that could turn into a problem for the whole country.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners expects only about Under the law, the federal government half the states to be ready to set up new health insurance markets, slated to open for business on Jan. 1, 2014.

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ruling that states cannot be threatened with the loss of their entire Medicaid allotments if they refuse to carry out the expansion, which is geared largely to helping uninsured low-income adults. will pick up all of the cost for the first three years, eventually dropping to a 90 percent share.

for the expansion.

"What this really means is the decisions are going to be made after the elections this year," said Wisconsin's health secretary, Dennis G. Smith, whose state has not moved to put the law in place. "This is going to go back to Congress. We had always thought (the law) was unworkable, and today's ruling proves the point even more." Aside from help for low-income

transferred in early 2011 to nearby South Plains College, where he

Jazz

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During the second set there were two songs in the program, which only featured Shelton and three instrumentalists. The fourperson feature was a break from the regular big band feel of the trumpets, percussion, trombone and saxophone big band feel that had been present earlier in the program.

The band also played a piece composed by Singers Unlimited group member Gene Puerling titled

the verdict.

"One More Time, Chuck Corea." "The big band feel made it seem like I was in New Orleans," Rauscher said.

Solos played a big role in the festival with solos from students in the band to Shelton himself.

"I loved the fact that most people got to do solos because it showcased everyone's talents," Rauscher said.

The final piece played by the band was titled "Shimmery," composed by Bob Florence. >>> eduarte@dailytoreador.com

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Lubbock, Tech community camp out for new restaurant

By PHILIP WHEAT STAFF WRITER

Tents of all sizes are scattered in a parking lot. People are chatting in circles beside their tents. Some are laughing and some are getting

ready for bed.

A smiling woma n approaches a table near speakers and a microphone. The patrons near

We drove from Abilene. LLANA AND KACEY

the front stop talking and pay her their attention.

"One through 25 line up, it's our last check and we have an ice-cream party for you," said Amanda Butts, a Chick-fil-A employee from Alabama that came to help streamline the new store's grand opening, referring to the first 25 people who showed up to the restaurant Wednesday morning at 6 a.m.

The first 100 get 52 free combo meals, one per week, Butts said.

"It's about six dollars a meal," she said. The total cost, she said, is

about \$31,200. "That's put into the budget of the new store," she said.

Butts said she has handed out about 12,000

> coupons this last week to get the word out to Chick-fil-A fans. "We drove from Abilene,"

said Llana and Kacey Williams. "There are four checks - break-

WILLIAMS CHICK-FIL-A CAMPERS

said Butts. If any of the first 100 is not present for the check, she said, they lose their 52 combo meals.

On Wednesday, the temperature reached 104 degrees.

It was not all bad though, Llana Williams said the campers had a scavenger hunt, lots of games involving water and even a DJ

Now, the Chick-fil-A fans have their free meals for 52 weeks

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TENTS FILLED THE new Chick-fil-A parking lot on University Avenue on Wednesday in anticipation of its Thursday opening. The first 100 people in line received 52 coupons for free Chick-fil-A chicken sandwiches - a year's supply.

High court ruling benefits most health care firms

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The quo for those companies. Supreme Court's decision Thursday to uphold President Barack Obama's historic overhaul is expected to be a boon to most of the health care industry by making coverage more affordable for millions of uninsured Americans.

The ruling could give the biggest boost to hospitals and health insurers, but drugmakers and biotech companies also will get additional customers because the law requires nearly everyone to have health insurance by 2014 or pay a fine. That's expected to bring coverage to about 30 million more Americans.

But medical device makers will be hit with a tax on sales as a result of the law, and experts disagree on whether those companies will see much of a jump in business in a couple years.

Overall, the ruling could boost health care stocks both by increasing

He noted the law — which the industry strongly supported — didn't carry significant reductions in what government programs pay for medicines. That's a big positive given that drug prices are much higher in the U.S. than other countries and are a perennial target of industry critics and anyone looking for places to cut medical costs.

Biotech and traditional drugmakers likewise already are absorbing the negative parts of the health care law: fees based on their share of the prescription drug market, discounts to seniors on Medicare who have hit the "doughnut hole" coverage gap and much-higher rebates to the government on drugs bought through Medicaid.

All those costs from the overhaul are reflected in drugmakers' share prices and financial forecasts, said

UBS drug analyst Matthew Roden. He said the companies likely will get a boost in drug revenue from new patients starting in 2014, but not a huge one. That's because patients needing the most expensive drugs, for cancer and rare disorders, aren't going without now — generally are getting them through government or industry patient assistance programs.

Roden thinks investors who shifted into safe-haven stocks such as pharmaceuticals recently on Thursday decided to jump over to hospitals, which appear to have fared best under the ruling.

HOSPITALS

Hospitals perhaps could have the

most to gain from the law. "Hospitals may be the biggest ben-

eficiary because their biggest problem is people without insurance," said analyst Les Funtleyder, health care fund manager at Poliwogg, a private equity fund for small investors.

Indeed, the 30 million or more people expected to gain health insurance in 2014 will reduce the number of uninsured patients showing up at hospitals needing urgent care, often for conditions that could have been treated much more cheaply early on.

Such charity care has been a big drag on hospitals, and those costs should drop sharply. Federal payments to hospitals to offset some charity care costs will be reduced as more people are insured, said UBS health care services analyst A.J. Rice.

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access to and use of health care and by ending months of uncertainty and speculation. Shares jumped on Thursday for hospitals, but fell slightly for drug makers and most insurers.

Here's the potential impact to each major sector in the health care industry:

DRUGMAKERS

The ruling's effect on drugmaker stocks was muted Thursday.

Les Funtlevder, health care fund manager at Poliwogg, a private equity fund for small investors, said that's because the ruling keeps the status



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University of Texas study links alcohol to isolation, lower grades

By ALEX NIVER RAISCH DAILY TEXAN (U. TEXAS)

While some students use drinking as a form of socialization, a U. Texas study has found that alcohol use in teens may hinder rather than fuel a fun night out.

In a study funded in part by the UT Population Research Center, sociology professor Robert Crosnoe and assistant human development professor Aprile to real holes in the notion that Benner measured the attitudes drinking will somehow make you of 8,271 students in grades seven to 12 in 126 schools who were exposed to drinking. Benner said although this is just one study, the results contradict common notions about partying. In one instance, the study found a cor- way to get popular or fit in with

relation between the students the crowd. who drank regularly and the ones who reported feelings of loneliness. It also found that students who reported drinking alcohol had lower grade point averages.

The strongest correlation was seen between those who drank regularly at school where alcohol use was not common by their peers.

"Our findings definitely point more popular," Benner said.

Regarding how this study pertains to UT students and incoming freshman, Benner said students should think twice before they resort to drinking as a

"The transition to college is already tough, especially as freshman try to find their niche and where they fit in at this very large university. The idea that drinking is going to help these entering students make social connections, at least according to our work, seems unlikely."

Ivana Grahovac, UT Center for Students in Recovery director, said alcohol addiction treatment requires a holistic approach. The recovery center helps UT students treat their alcohol addiction through group therapy and other methods.

"This study further proves why now more than ever we need to support programs that model sobriety and holistic wellness as a way of life, and to continue supporting the students whom these programs serve," Grahovac said. "Your life will improve dramatically if you change the way you relate to yourself and the world around you, and removing the symptom of alcohol use is the entryway to learning this way of life."

Accounting senior Emily Kong said she disagreed with the notion that students who drink are more likely to be lonely and social outcasts.

"During my six semesters at UT, I found that those who don't drink are more likely to feel lonely or like outcasts because they don't fit into the 'college norm," Kong said. "It makes sense that there's a correlation with drinkers and low academic achievement, because drinkers spend more time drinking than studying."

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((T will kill him with my own bare hands." This is what I said to my best friend as she was sobbing in my arms, explaining in Skinner detail how he broke her heart.

We've all been there, both guys and gals --- well, maybe girls a little more than guys. But, we cry hysterically to our best friend and share all the terrible things our exes did to us, thinking somehow that will make everything better.

And we have all been on the other side as well. Doing a rub, rub, pat on our best friend's back while they try to grasp enough air to breathe through all the crying.

What I've come to learn from moments like these is my best girlfriends will hate any guy who does me wrong way more than I could ever even think about hating him.

Friends automatically hate the heartbreaker. They cuss him out, completely ignore him, physically push him away from you, unfollow him on Twitter, defriend him from Facebook and tell everyone he plays for the other team — if you know what I mean.

They refuse to let you text him,

Senate finds agreement on keeping loan rates low

By KATELYNN MCCOLLOUGH IOWA STATE DAILY (IOWA STATE U.)

The Senate reached an agreement on a bill to extend subsidized federal student loans for another year.

The agreement is on an extension of the 3.4 percent rate on Stafford loans, which will double on July 1 if the House

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does not also pass the bill. Senator Chuck Grassley, R-Ia, ex-

plained that he had faith the bill would

pass, but that congressional leaders needed to reach a compromise on how to pay for the loan extension. That compromise came in a \$6.7

billion bill from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Senate Minor-

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Appreciate your friends. They only want what's best for you.

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ex's legs in half to teach him a lesson. But what happens when you have forgiven the person that did you wrong, but your friends haven't? Friends always remember the bad things the person did. Sometimes, you are able to remember the good things, but really good friends hold onto the terrible things and don't let you, or anyone, forget it.

My advice for situations like these is to listen to your friends. This is not a matter of jealousy, but just a matter of your friends wanting what's best for you. I'm not saying to forever hate someone because of some bad things they did, but when your friend is telling you to not be buddy-buddy with an ex, I would stop and listen. More times than not, your friend has seen you stabbing a Voodoo doll with his face on it and cursing his name. They've seen your highs and lows and have stuck

the need to act like a 16-year-old and around for all of them. The best thing is when you have a

couple of good guy friends on your side. Gentlemen: if given the opportunity, Skinner is a junior public relabe this friend to a girl. For a girl, it's the tions major from Garland. best feeling in the world knowing one

ity Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. \$5.5 billion of the bill will be paid for through two new pension measures. One would make changes to how private pension interest payments are calculated and the other would put higher premiums on companies participating in the Pension

Benefit Guaranty Corporation. The other \$1.2 billion of the bill will come from limiting how long a student can receive Stafford loans to six years. There was previously no limit on the loan.

The House is expected to pass the bill has well, most likely by or before Friday.

If the bill is not passed in the House by Sunday, around 7.4 million students that rely on subsidized Stafford loans would see an increase of \$1000 to the interest costs over each loan's life.

Roberta Johnson, director of financial aid at Iowa State, said that that increase would mean around \$7 added to your monthly payment if the student is on a 10-year repayment plan.

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