Minimum wage sets off JC debate

The current federal minimum wage is $7.25.

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University of Iowa students and other workers across the country may see an increase in the minimum wage. — President Obama has suggested to raise it from $7.25 to $9. However, some believe the proposed increase would have unintended consequences for local businesses.

"The immediate (offset) would be I would have to get more productivity out of our workers," said Jon Binella, the owner of the Airliner, 22 S. Clinton St. "Things may sound politically popular, but they're very destabilizing."

Rinella said while costs will not be passed on to customers because of the higher minimum wage — to cast House Republicans in a more selective hiring process.

"[The minimum wage] isn't a big hurdle, but $9 would be a significant increase overnight," he said. "You've just got to get more productivity out of your workers, and you're going to wind up with a very destabilizing situation."
New nail salon aims to add diversity to downtown

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After more than four years, nearly 5 feet of floodwater, and a two-month closure, Delanie Travis’ VaNail Studio is once again back in business — this time aiming to draw a diverse clientele base to a central downtown area.

Her original location, 81 Second St. S., Coralville, succumbed to the 2008 floodwaters and had been in operation at that location for five years.

Come March 1 — after months of hosting clients in the comfort of her home — the Iowa City downtown location is scheduled to open.

After finding limited options for downtown locations, it was another resident who convinced her to try.

A 5-year-old girl, now cultured with a license of her own, was that tenant herself.

“My first nail salon was for kids,” Travis said. “I want to make it a little more adult oriented.”

And Travis didn’t stop there. The new nail studio was created with a diversity of clientele in mind.

“It’s perfect,” Travis said. “The downtown would be a place where people could get a manicure and a pedicure.”

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The Nail salon used to be open for only five months of the year, said Travis. “Everyday’s do- ing it, so it’s not as less expensive,” she said. “I think it will be very successful.”

Travis signed a plea agree- ment that mundial pleaded guilty to attempted murder/joint criminal venture.

The trial for the primary suspect in Versypt’s murder and attempted murder of police officer Andrew Meyer, will now be a joint trial, which is set for May 21. Meyer was charged with attempted murder/murder criminal conduct, first-degree burglary and criminal conduct, and served with intent (criminal conduct) by Corey Rivera

Pfleger gets up to 10 years in sex assault

Dan Pfleger, 20, who was found guilty of an 18-year-old’s sexual assault, was sentenced Friday.

Pfleger was accused of sexually assaulting another individual on Oct. 13, 2012.

The victim testified that she was working her dorm room from being attacked that night.

Pfleger approached and eventually touched the victim, and worked on bringing a harmless document. Pfleger is temporarily in the custody of the Johnson County Jail, according to the Iowa Medical & Classification Center in Oakdale. He will be in court for the time he was in jail while awaiting disposition through the court system.

The court recommended to the Board of Parole that it follow the usual guidelines in determining what sentence Pfleger should serve.

The Board of Parole could potentially see his sentence reduced to 20 years.

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The Iowa City City Council will vote Tuesday on a resolution to approve a multifamily housing development — one that would aid in replacing housing lost in the 2008 flood.

The company, 4 Zero 4 LLC, hopes to replace the housing destroyed or acquired from the flood buyouts. The proposed site is 700 S Dubuque Street, and it would include 40 to 44 multi-family units, according to a city documents. The development would include 12 low-rental beds, 16 one-bedroom beds, and 16 efficiency beds.

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One Democratic official stressed that the current situation with a low minimum wage, affects more people than just the average wage-earner, “When you’re picking up the bagels and putting stress on social-ser-
vene programs to try to
pick up needs not being met,” said Terry Dohse, the head of the Johnson County Democrats. “There is still not much to ensure you’re getting minim-
imum wage.”

The minimum wage al-
ows people to get into the workforce,” she said. “An increase makes it more
difficult to hire entry-level people, more difficult for high college and college
graduates and it’s not going to help anybody.”

Another local business
owner said while he al-
ready pays employees over the minimum wage, an in-
crease would force him to
consider “bumping” their salary and re-examining the other costs associated with the business.

“We would have to look at cutting advertising as well as all of our oper-
ation,” said Terry Dohse, a co-owner of Horton and Biehn, 101 S. Dubuque St.

Survey

The survey written specifically
for the College of Education contained several comments about the atmosphere of the college, which were recently published. Some themes of these comments included:

• Perceptions of little career
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• Low morale among some
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Source: Selected Summary of the
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We are very grateful to our readers for their support during this time. Your continued patronage has helped us stay afloat and continue providing news and information to our readers.

We hope that 2021 will bring improvements in health, safety, and the economy. We look forward to continuing to serve our community in the new year.

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“That’s why we’ll be a law enforcement team coming down the stretch,” Gesell said. “We have so many different weapons, so many different guys who can do something great each night.”

When Minnesota pulled within 6-5, the defense keyed the Hawkeyes’ final push to pull away. Mollahan Basha
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Eric May for a break-
down drive and a foul. May hit his free throw to give the Hawkeyes a 10-point lead, and the

turnaround kept going. “It feels like that
time a few months ago,” Gesell said.

Mellahn Basa-
drew a foul and a break-
down. The Hawkeyes never looked back.

The win is just a mark-

of confidence win,” senior Brody
Reive said. “It’s another way of con-
tinuing to do something great as a team.

This Hawkeye team is just having so much fun, and

Go Hawkeyes!”

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Iowa women’s tennis nails two at home

Iowa women’s doubles team Victor Gomes and Simon Hoang wrap up their third straight victory of the season on Feb. 16 with a 6-3 win over Drake in the Hawkeyes’ win over the Bulldogs on Saturday at the Hawkeye Tennis & Recreation Complex.

“I was really pleased,” head coach Kevin IVanjek said. “In some cases, we went beyond our ability, but we really performed well. It was a high level of competition, which I think we’re in good shape for.”

The two Iowa women are ranked 11th in the nation, and they have won five matches in a row over the past two weekends.

In other doubles action, the top-ranked doubles team of Morven McCulloch and Ruth Seaborne defeated Drake, 7-0, in the opener and then Western Illinois, 7-0, in the second match.

“Everything went well for us,” McCulloch said. “We played our best, and we made them look bad. We had a lot of positive energy, and we did a good job of having fun while we won.”

The Hawkeyes will return to the court on Monday when they take on Michigan State at home.

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The Hawkeyes turned an early 16-point deficit into a 21-point victory over the Boilermakers by dominating both ends of the floor.

**By TRAVIS NASSON**

Missouri has wrestled all year. But highest ranked wrestler Ramos said. “But I knew that if I beat Edinboro handily, 31-6. The season doesn’t satisfy certain wrestlers and only to a zone defense, and they’re only that far today if I’m happy for them to have the opportunity to score big and work and playing optimist-ic works. It’s such a great life lesson for them.”

Samantha Logue, The Big Ten’s leader in steals, said he never had doubts, even when his team was down by so much. “The funny thing about the game was we’re down, 21-3, the whole time. I think we’re going to win and come back and win the game,” White said. “Everyone on the bench thought that’s why we came in the second half and Logue had nothing to agree and said his team’s chances were slim against the Hawkeyes. "I didn’t think it was going to be easy," second-ranked Ramos said. “I just knew that I could stop it dead in its tracks.”

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