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By Daniel Seidl

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Supervisor Pat Harney said this is a piece of the law he has no particular issue with, though he is hesitant to make marijuana entirely legal.

“I don’t mind changing the law to make it a misdemeanor for small quantities,” he said, noting he supports citations for small amounts of marijuana possession, similar to traffic violations. “I’m not crazy about legalizing it entirely. The smell of marijuana is second to the sewage plant.”

Supervisor Chairwoman Janelle Rettig went a step further, saying a study the school conducted came to the University of Iowa to discuss the health risks, which could possibly hurt the large number of tourists who come to fish for trout.

“This is not a political issue,” she said. “We are trying to prevent the first mine in Iowa.”

“I don’t see marijuana, if it was regulated, legalized, and taxed, as much different than alcohol,” she said. “We are bogging down our courts and making criminals out of people. Any sort of reform here will help the county with our court system and jail and also help a lot of young people not start life with that discussion.”

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Source: Board of Supervisors
Event celebrates human rights

By MEGAN DEPPE
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For the more than 30 people wearing Mr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s cap on their shirts at the Iowa City School Board meeting on Tuesday night, it was a possibility for change.

The board voted on Tuesday night to reconvene a clarification lagging for holding school on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day next year and for years to come.

Over nearly two hours of discussion by the board and testimony from more than a dozen concerned community members and parents, the board voted to have Superman's cape, of course, with Mr. Martin Luther King, Jr. look to the logics for holding school on that day.

This is the first year the Iowa City School District scheduled school on the national holiday, and while community members expressed the efforts had good intentions, some said the decision making process on the holiday was made under the radar.

“We are going back to a day weresident Boyce Plaisir at the meeting, “I don’t agree with what’s going on. The community was not involved. I think that’s very (any) of this. This was accidentally mentioned, and now we’re standing here asking what happened. You did not in- clude us.”

While many community members expressed they wanted the day off to celebrate and honor King, board President Rodney Haskins is not confident that all students and their families celebrate the holiday. She noted that some students’ parents have had work, therefore the children might be left unattended during the holiday.

For the currently scheduled school day, the district has planned a plethora of activities to celebrate Human Rights Day among students in the Iowa City Community School District.

“Iowa City is more and more people suffering from domestic abuse,” said Megan Sanchez, a member of the Iowa City Community School District's District Board of Education. "Without respect for human rights, entirely because these events should still be held, but they should be held in a way that community and the day should be school free. A lot of people just became aware that a lot of people have no idea who Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and there was no input or discussion from community leaders about the important of human rights and what we did is get we do.We get we do.”

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Man charged with domestic-assault abuse

A man charged with domestic-assault abuse at an Iowa City residence. Iowa City Police said that a 34-year-old residence on a domestic violence case on March 29, 1979.

The Iowa U.N. Association held a public reading of the declaration on Tuesday in the Iowa City Public Library, where several different organizations for human rights read the separate articles and spoke about the importance of human rights.

“Dr. Vasef, the executive director of the Iowa U.N. Association, said the reading was begun last year when the Center for Human Rights was moved across the University of Io- wa Boyd Law Building. There had been talk of the Human Rights Center closing at the time.

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Negotiators reach modest budget pact

BY ANDREW TAYLOR AND DAVID ESPO

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shuddering gridlock, key members of Congress reached a modest bud- get agreement Tuesday to rescue approximately $61 billion in automatic spending cuts from pro- grams ranging from parks to the Pentagon and elimi- nate the threat of another partial government shut- down early next year.

The increases would be offset by a variety of spending reductions and higher fees elsewhere in the budget totaling around $82 billion over a decade, enough for a largely sym- pathetic cut of more than $20 billion in the nation’s debt, now $17 trillion and grow- ing.

Federal civilian and mil- itary workers, airline trav- elers, and health-care pro- viders who treat Medicare pa- tients would bear much of the cost. Significantly for Demo- crats, they failed in their bid to include an extension of benefits for unemployed longer than 26 weeks. The program expires on Dec. 28, when payments will be cut off for an estimated 1.3 mil- lion individuals.

Hoping to avoid an elec- toral backlash of any size, Republicans and Democrats weighed an agreement at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. (associatedpress.com) (Scott Applewhite)

Bipartisan approval is expected in both houses in the next several days, ensuring a grumbling from libertarians over the omission of unemployment ex- tension and even though tea-party-aligned groups have already begun push- ing Republican conserva- tives to oppose it.

The deal is one of a handful of measures left near the end of a year that produced a partial government shutdown, a flirtation with a first-ever federal default, and grid- lock on President Barack Obama’s call for gun con- trol, an overhaul of immi- gration laws, and more.

The White House quickly- ly issued a statement from Obama praising the deal as a “good first step.” He urged lawmakers to both parties to follow up and “actually pass a budget based on this agreement so we can turn our eyes on our economy and our economy can continue growing and cre- ate jobs without more gridlock this time.”

Murray and Ryan hailed their agreement that reduced the threat of another major government shutdown in January.

The legislation that ends the House’s partial government shutdown in October will expire on Jan. 15, and the agreement be- tween Murray and Ryan stipulates a new spending level for the remainder of the current budget year as of the one that began Oct. 1, 2014.

The $63 billion in resto- ration of across-the-board spending would be cut across this budget year and the next, which ends on Sept. 30, 2015. The offsetting $85 bil- lion in deficit cuts would play out over a decade.

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“More savings would come from extending the existing 2 percent cut in payments to providers who treat Medicare pa- tients. Full repeal of the new accountable care organization would have already begun pushing Republican conserva- tives to oppose it.”

Washington, D.C., on Tuesday. (associatedpress.com) (Scott Applewhite)

The offsetting $85 bil- lion in deficit cuts would play out over a decade. They call for newly hired federal workers to make larger contributions to their own pensions, as well as an increase in a federal airport security fee and a $15 per IRS check dis- tribution of unspecified savings from military retirement pro- grams.

“There is his party’s negotiator who chairs the House Budget Committee and was his party’s negotiator in several weeks of secrets- tary talks.”

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The events that transpired on that horrific day trans-figured an already heated debate over gun control across the United States. In Iowa, the public is clearly divided, as evidenced by the following:

According to a Pew Research Center poll, 54 percent of those polled said that the government should be able to seize guns from law-abiding citizens in order to ensure public safety, while 44 percent opposed such a measure. No data was available on how respondents felt about the issue of mental health.

The day after the shooting, the Sandy Hook Elementary shooting occurred. This is the line of reasoning that supports for new employee wages.

However, such an analysis is not without its critics. The only high-schooler I’ve ever worked with in my mid-east fast-food “walk-off,” the public school rather than to the latest spectator sport: desertion of the immi-Grant-wage increases. As this argument appears, proponents and opponents presented varying statistics and case studies, and anecdotal evidence. Wage-ferocious battle on news desks, online forums, and stu-dent surveys across America.

Yet, in the midst of all the hoop-From the same argument centers around the much larger systemic problems. The wage increase that a worker receives relatively affects job growth.

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A very serious criminal felony issue on their list. The issues of industrial hemp and medical marijuana were also discussed, and Retting said these are “non-issues” for the state. A total of 20 states, and Washington, D.C., have legalized medical marijuana, and Retting said Iowa should follow.

“I think the states that have done this are leading the charge,” she said.

Other legislation does not think medical marijuana legislation is legal, including Rep. Dean Fisher, D-Grimes.

“I am opposed to it,” he said. “I don’t find the dangers of its efficacy for medical use to be that crucial.”

“I think it’s just a backdoor to legalizing a drug,” Retting said. “It’s harmful when elected officials are willing to have that discussion.”

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Int'l students ponder break; remain in IC or travel home

Some international students take the monthlong winter break as an opportunity to travel home.

Young Chinese women feel pull of United States

By Lili Airhart

In 1985, Jin Zimun, a young woman from China, decided to pursue a medical degree from the Women's College of the New York University Infirmary, becoming the first female Chinese on record to have a U.S. education.

It's not easy to purchase a plane ticket at a reasonable price … but I don't think it's too sophisticated to be controlled," she said. "They would think those girls too sophisticated to be controlled," she said.

They thought it'd be hard to secure a good job with a degree in math, thus my life would be restricted. "They were more afraid I'd become a nerd and more afraid I'd become a nun."

"Another reason they want to come here is Christmas; they want to get a taste of the holidays," she said. "And so they can have a good time for the winter break, they will not be the only ones..."
Christmas party for international students

University of Iowa International Students will celebrate traditional Christmas customs of today.

By HERMANA MORIN

Christmas was always celebrated in University of Iowa junior Gloria Chang's family, a native of Singa-
pore. But after arriving in the United States, Chang had one small culture shock, until she ate her first Christmas feast.

"One funny thing I've noticed is [my family] has turkey for Christmas, but it seems like people here have ham for Christmas," said Chang. "That's the first thing I noticed."

Bridges International will host a Christmas party for all UI students on Friday at the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center to introduce American tra-
tions to all students.

The group is part of Iowa City Chapter of Bridges International for Christ's international ministry.

"I joined this program and started going to events and getting to know the people," said Chang, who transferred from a school in Malaysia. "I thought it's going to be on the last day of classes, and it's a nice way to get out of school."

The party will allow stu-
dents to partake in Christ-
mas traditions practiced domestically as well as discuss the meaning of cel-
trating Christmas.

"They will get to do tra-
tional things like making gingerbread houses and sing Christmas carols," said Ashley Crogan, a staff member at Bridges International. "But we'll also discuss the spiritual side and meaning and why we celebrate it."

University of Iowa ju-
rneywoman Jin Yang said she did not celebrate Christ-
mas until she came to study in the United States, but she has for the past several years.

"I didn't celebrate Christmas back in China, but I did feel some hem-
since I've been here," Jin said. "Sometimes, I would just host a party with my friends or visit American families with my Ameri-
can friends."

Some students who have celebrated Christmas in their home countries have noticed some differences about the popularity of the holiday.

"There's more of a cul-
tural thing," Chang said. "Back home, it's just another holiday — we have Christmas, New Year, and also I have friends who do Jewish Christmas.

One Bridges Interna-
tional's leaders has been being able to interact with international students, as well as the spontaneity they bring to conver-

"I'm going to the Bridges International Christmas Party because not only am I a leader of Bridges and kind of required to go, but it's an event I actually want to go," said senior Kaitlyn Gonzales.

"I love hanging out with international stu-
dents — they are full of surprises and have lots of questions."

Although a Christmas party was hosted last year, it was only for female stu-
dents. This year officials are expanding the party by making it co-ed.

"Last year we did it just for women, but this year it's co-ed," Crogan said. "International students are here, and they want to know and experience American holidays."

Gonzales said the party will stick to traditional holiday celebrations and the meaning of Christ-
mas.

"I don't think there will be any different customs at the party," Gonzales said. "I am sure all the students — they are full of surprises and have lots of questions.

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 horoscopes

- ARIES (March 21-April 19): Don't spend all your hard-earned cash. You may want to surprise or spoil the people you love, but keeping your cash and offering your help, kindness, and love is a better choice. You'll learn from an experience you have regarding integrity.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Step through a notch, and prepare to get a lot done. Interesting information regarding someone you know will help you make a decision about this person. Respond openly to a different lifestyle, philosophy or way of doing things.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Make adjustments to your schedule to ensure you have time to take part in the events that are scheduled toward the end of the year. Speak up about what you want and what you intend to do.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't shy away from change. Showing your ability to move along with the times will make a difference to future prospects and participations. Throw a little romance into the mix late in the year, and enjoy what life has to offer.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Expect to be criticized if you don't stick to the rules. If you venture down a path that isn't practical, have your defense ready and your facts and figures accurately calculated to back your claims. An emotional situation will catch you off guard.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out of the house and into the hustle and bustle in your neighborhood. Keeping secrets may not be easy, but it will be necessary. An investment you make isn't likely to sit well with someone you are close to. Proceed with caution.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be criticized if you don't stick to the rules. If you venture down a path that isn't practical. Have your defense ready and your facts and figures accurately calculated to back your claims.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Re-examine what you have done in the past and where you happen to be in the present and what you want to achieve in the future. As the year comes to a close, having your plan in place will ease stress.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't believe everything you hear. Go to the source, and find out firsthand. Someone is likely to meddle in your affairs. Focus on what you know and do well, and refuse to get dragged into situations that can only lead to trouble.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't count on anyone doing what you want on time or to your liking. If you want something done, do it yourself. A relationship will flourish if you add a little romance into the mix. Enjoy time alone with someone you love.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Disciplines will get you back on track. Pull out your to-do list, and make sure adjustments necessary to improve your life and your relationships with the people you care about most. Someone older will influence your future.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make time for your friends. The information you gain can make a difference to the situation. Honesty will make a difference to the outcome of a relationship you have with someone. Romance can lead to a promise.
Brooks thrives at 197

Iowa’s Sammy Brooks has had success wrestling at 197 pounds — while still weighing in at 184 — in place of Nathan Burak.

By BYRDE GOODWIN

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It was a simple two-on-one move. Sammy Brooks clinched up Iowa State’s Kyven Gadson’s left arm — one hand on the wrist, another at the elbow — and shot his head through a hole underneath Pickett’s body. The maneuver allowed Brooks to roll through and hold a tilt, and he ended up scoring 3 near-fall points from it.

Brooks used his tilt twice more in the second period of his match with Edinboro’s Pickett last week. He ultimately won the match, 31-0, a crucial major decision for No. 3 Iowa at the time.

And he did so while giving up about 13 pounds.

“You gotta realize, he’s weighing in at 184 [pounds],” Iowa wrestling coach Tom Brands said. “There’s a difference weighing in at 84 and wrestling 97 than some of the lighter weights. It’s not easy to make the weight, then move up a weight.”

Brooks has spent his last two matches wrestling up from the normal 184 pounds. He’s competed in place of Nathan Burak, who’s ranked 10th at 197 pounds. Brooks has split his two matches, earning a win against Edinboro and dropping a 3-2 decision to Iowa State’s Kyven Gadson on Dec. 1.

And Brooks nearly had a shot to upset the second-ranked Gadson. Near the end of the third period, Brooks picked up the pace and found himself in deep on Gadson, but a scramble pushed the two out of bounds.

The talent that Brooks, a redshirt freshman, has shown excites Brands — and it shows the depth Iowa has at the heavier weights.

“That’s what we want,” Brands said. “And he did so while giving up about 13 pounds.”

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The Box Score: Inside Hawkeye Basketball Statistics

By IVY PROBASCO

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College Basketball

Ohio State. vs. Penn State, Big Ten Network, 7 p.m.

NFL

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WASHINGTON: vs. Seattle, ESPN, 5 p.m.

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THE BOX SCORE

Flashy stats for Hawks

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BOX SCORE

Defensive rating of Iowa's centers — Adam Woodbury 91.6, Gabriel Olaseni 84.4.

This statistic is an estimation of the points a team allows per 100 possessions. Simply put, every 100 possessions, Iowa's defense would allow 1 point fewer with Gabriel Olaseni than it would with Adam Woodbury.

Mary: Hawkeyes are calling for Olaseni to become a mainstay in Iowa's starting five, and the center's offensive ratings are bolstering that argument even more so. Olaseni's estimate of points produced per 100 possessions sits at 1.24, while Woodbury's comes in at 1.12.5.

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At the Iowa wrestling squad’s media availability on Tuesday afternoon, head coach Tom Brands gave reporters an insight to his philosophy in regards to coaching athletes to rebound after subpar performances. Brand’s team traveled to Edinboro on Dec. 5 and muscled out an 11-10 win over the Fighting Scots — not quite the domination it was looking for.

Two Hawkeye starters lost their matches — Edinboro’s AJ Schopp won a 3-2 bout over Tony Ramos, and Mitchell Port pinned Josh Dziewa — and Brands said balance is key when dealing with his grapplers following performances of that nature.

“To me, the tough balance would be if you’re a raving lunatic because they don’t perform and, you know, higher than a kite when they do perform,” the eight-year Iowa head coach said. “That’s when you get in trouble a little bit, I think.”

While Brands said he isn’t worried about how Ramos will respond, he noted that Dziewa might need a different form of coaching after his loss.

Ramos excited about Schopp rematch
Ramos lost his first matchup of the young 2013-14 campaign at Edinboro. The senior struggled with an opponent he had defeated handily — 9-0 with 1:26 of riding time — on Feb. 16.

“All that does it make Ramos hungrier.”

Burak, Telford may crack lineup
Brands announced Tuesday that starters Nathan Burak and Bobby Telford may be in the lineup for the final meet before the highly anticipated Penn State dual on Dec. 21.

Breaking down the bounce back