House moves on e-cigs

The Iowa House passed a bill banning electronic cigarette sales to minors, 74-23, on Tuesday.

By BREN SANCHEZ

Gov. Terry Branstad will have the final decision on whether to ban selling electronic cigarettes to minors after a bill cleared the Statehouse on Tuesday.

The House voted 74-23 in favor of the bill, 23-0, with 38 Democrats and 46 Republicans voting for it, after originally passing the measure on Feb. 11. Democrats who voted for the bill made to House Speaker Eddie R-Boone, remains opposed to the idea behind regulating non-nicotine devices, but a variety of factors caused him to acquiesce. "It's philosophical. It's still a challenge for me to accept that we're essentially regulating behavior," he said. "In an effort to reach a compromise, which still gets the main goal accomplished, and understanding the practical difficulties for law enforcement, we made this small compromise." Baltimore said the whole concept of the bill is to keep nicotine out of the hands of children — something that was unfulfilled by the deal. Republicans were also able to thwart people who wanted to take this "bill much further" and make it something it was not intended to be. In an effort to better express her self, Margalea Warner composes and writes some of her responses.

Margalea Warner remembers a time when she could hear and see things around her that others could not. She writes: "My childhood was largely joyful, the child of older parents who cherished their late-in-life child. But I do remember a time when I ran a fever and I heard grumbling, vibrating, terrifying noises. My mother came to comfort me and rubbed me with a cotton ball dipped in perfume, and the terror went away." The 54-year-old, who now lives in Coralville, is one of approximately 2.4 million Americans living with schizophrenia — a disorder that causes people to have a hard time differentiating between what is real and what is not. When her terror went away, the turmoil of her childhood was largely joyful.

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A Corallville woman counts her keys to coming back.

Fighting sexual assault

University of Iowa officials respond to recommendations from the White House.

By SHERYL MURRAY

A task force created by President Barack Obama released recommendations Tuesday to colleges across the nation as a way to respond to sexual assault on their campuses. The task force is co-chaired by Vice President Joe Biden and the White House Council on Women and Girls. It was formed in January "Colleges and universities can no longer turn a blind eye or pretend rape and sexual assault doesn't occur on their campuses," Biden said in the 20-page report. "We need to provide survivors with more support, and we need to bring perpetrators to more justice, and we need college and university administrators to step up." The report is broken down into four parts: identifying problems on college campuses, preventing sexual assault, responding effectively after an assault occurs, and improving the government's enforcement efforts while making them more transparent. The first part recommends schools conduct
**Peninsula residents seek road**

Some Iowa City residents want City Council action for a secondary access. By Daniel Seul
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Some Iowa City residents want City Council action for a secondary access. When the Board of Regents approved the access to homes of students of Iowa City, many families were given 30 minutes to evacuate their residences. Peninsula residents on Foster Road just lost another chance to get access to the neighborhood, since only one street granting access to the neighborhood was in the area that was approved. Peninsula residents and the president of the Peninsula Homeowner Association, said that the Peninsula Neighborhood only hold 100 residents, but today is surrounded with close to 1,300 residents. “We now have a lot more people up here and some who are even more vulnerable,” Wieland said. “We want to make sure other residents can have safe access to our homes if there was flooding in the future.”

The city has itself identified the neighborhood on high ground as not being at risk of flooding. Wieland said that 96% of people in the area have flood insurance. Recently Jeff Davidson, director of the city’s planning and community development department, said officials have created a project proposal to tackle the issue of access. The first suggestion is to elevate a portion of Foster Road that is currently south of the property. The second option would create a road for emergency use with Laura Dris, a resident, as well as two residents at the intersection. The road would be built on the property and connect to a road in the Mckinley substation.

Davidson said the city is most in favor of this option but there is a concern from community members and city officials concerning if a temporary road should be built on the property or if it would be better to shut down the busy road for a permanent road. “This would allow surf road would only cost $483,000. A gravel road would be even less — $32 million,” said Wieland. “We know there is another flood coming and it’s not the matter of if but the matter of when,” Davidson said. “We would like to see this agree with track.

City Councilman Jim Thompson said the city is working to create a permanent plan, but it might take some time before budgets and approvals are secured to build the road. “We don’t have the money to buy a building a temporary road when a road and complete road could be built a few years later.”

He said city officials and the most likely scenario is that the topic in January was a major capital improvements program — when if a member of the pro- pect new permanent road. “We have an uphill battle to fight these last five to ten years and I’m sure it is something that everyone is concerned about when they are considering moving to this area,” she said. “Some people move here for a short time, and people want to make sure they have access to their homes and move out of the neighborhood after a few years. She said she is grateful the city has given them the land but said the residents want a safe passage back and forth to their homes.”

The residents are a little concerned, “The city is going to be in process of this but we want to keep our issue at the forefront,” she said. 

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Building against sexual assault

Tough it came and went without much fanfare, April was Sexual Assault Awareness Month, a time when the University of Iowa campus (through the efforts of each and every student) took a stand against sexual assault. Each year Take Back the Night rally to change the culture surrounding sexual assault is held at a time of heightened attention, with 12 reported sexual assaults on campus over the past academic year.

Controversy around UI President Sally Mason’s comments on sexual assault helped to fuel mistrust on the issue in Iowa City leading to the formation of a bill by State Senator Mark Chiero that would add a number of new measures and additional prevention measures as part of Mason’s re-election campaign.

The UI held its first student advisory board meeting last week to begin planning for the coming year’s action on sexual assault in earnest narrative. From Yej Language schools such as Dartmouth, whose president called for an end to “extremist behavior,” including policies based on Brown University where some president promised “aggressive steps to ensure that our campus is safe for everyone,” movement for ag- gressive action against sexual assault is building. The White House took up the issue Monday with a report on campus sexual-assault prevention as well as the launch of a website for survivors. New legislation and school’s policies are needed to address how to report an attack.

The UI announced prevention events such as puppies, purses, or cell phones. You are not allowed to enter or leave. The common area consists of a study area where you can do your homework. There are broken windows, but no people. There is one old bike in the hallway. Everyone is quiet. There is a sense of community. No one speaks. It is a great place to be alone, isolated, and sick. I wish that my head at a Behavioral Care Unit (medical ward) would be bright, filled with books and music and have a quiet meal. I wish I could walk by every 15 minutes.

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Honeybees are vanishing from their hives with- out leaving a trace. The phenomenon known as “Colony Collapse Disorder” occurs when worker bees abruptly disappear from a beehive. It was first reported in the Uni- ted States in 2006. Since then, continued decreases in honeybee populations are making the disorder a prevalent issue threatening food production both locally and in the country.

Symptoms of the disorder include the rapid loss of workers and a smaller number of adult worker bees, few or no dead bees found in the hive, and only a small cluster of bees with a live queen present. “The demand for honey is growing, and the supply is sharply de- clining,” said Matthew O’Neal, an assistant pro- fessor of entomology at Iowa State University. O’Neal said the demand for honeybees and the lack thereof will cause problems for the honeybee industry. He said the problem de- mand is to raise the cost. Beekeepers charge farmers to pay, and eventually consumers will feel the price hike.

“It’s just a matter of time,” O’Neal said. “If we don’t adjust that relation- ship somehow, it’s going to affect all of us.” Honeybees are directly and indirectly responsible for pollinating one-third of the food humans consume. Dave Irvin, president of Eastern Central Iowa Bee- keepers, said Iowa lose was hit by colony collapse disorder closely a year ago, and bee- keepers have been trying to rebuild since. In Johnson County and counties close by, Irvin said there are beekeepers who operational up to 50 per- cent colony loss.

“After the winter, you find dead bees in the hive that have starved,” Irvin said. “But with this, the bees were all gone for no apparent reason, and the hive was all still there.” And Cuts, a 251 dis- tinguished professor of entomology, said losses be- cause of this year’s harsh winter have been greater than usual, with some bee- keepers losing 75 percent of their hives.

“The number of bee colonies in the United States has dropped by more than three million since 1950. That number dropped to roughly 6 million in 1970 and zero million in 1990. Today’s number is approximately 2.5 million colonies. “Many fruit and veg- etable growers depend on honeybees to pollinate their crops.”

O’Neal said there isn’t yet one cause of the decline, but numerous “stressors” honeybee popu- lations are facing forms of decline contributors include pesticide exposure, disease, invasive species, disease, use of habitat and habitat fragmentation, a lack of diverse food sources.

“Most of the world’s most widely managed honeybees iniled, most of the world’s most widely managed honeybees are being acrized for recently killing honeybees. When honeybees are exposed to neonicotinoids, their immune system is compromised,” O’Neal said. “And they’re more prone to being in- fected by diseases.”

“Many fruit- susceptible bees are alid to make the chemical longer lasting, and therefore making it significantly more toxic.” State agronomist Andrew Joseph said the problem with pesticides in use in farm- ing is all the alent honeybees face and the modernization of air-driv- en plants. When plant- ing a seed go through a mechanism in which alent of air are released. Pesticides are alent for the air beehive with chemical from the pesticide treat- ment into the air for bee to breathe.

Joseph said we’re at the point where the damage of pesticides on honeybees are keen; the debate is now what we can do about it. “Our industry is at a critical time where beekeepers are having extremely high losses that aren’t sustain- able,” he said. “There’s a lot of room for improvement.”

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“There are thousands of other bee species,” O’Neal said. “We’re wanting to learn how to manage them so they can be pollinators, some are even more efficient.”

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Margalea is 26 years old and has been living with a mental illness since she was a child. She was diagnosed with schizophrenia when she was 30 years old. She has been hospitalization-free for 10 years and currently lives in Iowa City, Iowa. She is a member of the Compeer Group, which is an organization that helps people with mental illness. She has a salary that a lot of people would be proud of, but she still struggles with employment and has to get by on her disability. She uses her writing as a form of expression and therapy. She writes about her experiences living with mental illness and how she has coped with the challenges of her condition. She is a advocate for mental health awareness and advocacy. She believes that recovery is possible and that people with mental illness can lead fulfilling lives. She encourages others to seek help and to never give up hope. She is a survivor and a voice for those who are struggling with mental illness.
buildings in at least 10 halls, police stations, tense in the east, troubled east. Largest cities in Ukraine's east are key site in one of the country's biggest cities, Luhansk. The storming came as the demonstration, an anti-government protest, in front of the government building in Luhansk, a city of 150,000 people. The protesters were demanding greater autonomy for the region, which they say was seized by pro-Russian separatists. The demonstrators waved flags, chanted slogans, and burned Russian flags. They also tried to break into the building, which is under the control of pro-Russian separatists.

The Ukrainian government said it would hold a referendum on the status of the region, which has been under the control of separatists for over a year. The government said the referendum would be held on May 11, and that it would be supervised by international observers from the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE).

The OSCE has been monitoring the situation in eastern Ukraine for several months, and has called on all sides to de-escalate the violence. The organization said it was ready to help facilitate a political solution to the conflict.

UI sees no competition from Chinese students

UI junior Daniel Dai said China's growing economy is driving a component of the growth. "In the past decade, China has seen a huge economic growth, and more and more Chinese students want to study abroad," he said. "Because America is the No. 1 place for higher education, a lot of people want to come here."

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WASHINGTON — Several civil-rights organizations are applauding the NBA for its lifetime ban of Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling because of racist comments the league says he made in a recorded conversation.

However, some groups still want to meet with NBA Commissioner Adam Silver to discuss diversity in the executive ranks of the professional basketball league and to figure out ways to ensure such situations don’t happen again.

The National Urban League, the NAACP, and the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation have been calling for the NBA to meet with Sterling.

The NBA banned Sterling on Tuesday for life after a recorded conversation was released in which Sterling allegedly makes racist comments about his former mistress.

David Wheaton, Sterling’s lawyer, said his client would appeal the NBA’s decision.

The NBA also said Silver will seek to have Sterling forced to sell the Clippers. That decision, with a trial expected in June, would be “a bold, courageous, and resolute message that the values expressed by the NBA don’t represent the National Basketball Association as an organization today or the kind of organization that it seeks to be in the future.”

Sterling’s suspension isn’t enough, the groups said, calling for Sterling to meet with them to ensure Sterling “remains on an anomaly among the owners and executives in the league.”

Winter’s latest on Twitter: “Two Saturdays before Iowa softball hosts the University of Kentucky, Iowa had hit 7 home runs in only four games since April 22. Presently, Iowa’s batting average is .235. The Hawkeyes have yet to hit a home run since April 22.”

In Iowa’s case, the struggles have produced a disappointing season for the program. Iowa softball head coach Renee Gillispie has said the team has “hit the wall” during the game against Michigan State on April 6.

Softball’s struggles have contributed to a number of great defensive plays by Iowa’s infielders, including Michelle Zoeller leading the conference in fielding percentage with a .975 average.

Sitting pretty at 25-15 with close to a half of the Big Ten season played, the Hawkeyes are looking to improve in just about every single category.

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