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Aaron Cunningham feeds his cattle on his farm on March 18. Farm succession is one of the biggest issues in agriculture today. Cunningham is working with his parents on their family succession plan. (The Daily Iowan/Cassidy Riley)

Legacy sprouts doubt

By **CASSIDY RILEY**
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Larry Sailer, a farmer from Franklin County, is one of seven children who owns 10 percent of his family's farm corporation. The 61-year-old also has his own livestock operation. While he is old enough to have grandchildren, he has no plan in place for the estate he will one day leave behind.

The seasoned farmer said there are two key reasons he has not yet created plans to pass down his farmland. First, his father is still alive and owns 30 percent of the family farm. He is waiting until the land is completely passed down to his generation.

Second, his children chose careers outside of agriculture, and he is waiting to see if one of his grandchildren wants to take over. Stories similar to Sailer's

abound in Iowa. Owners of nearly 80 percent of Iowa's farmland are 55 or older, according to the Iowa Farmland Ownership and Tenure report of 2012. In a couple of decades, a substantial transition of land ownership will shape the future landscape of Iowa agriculture.

This upcoming and widespread transition has created one of the biggest issues in agriculture today — the need for succession planning. This means the need to look ahead and plan for how and when farmland will be transitioned to the next in line.

Eight in 10 owners plan to pass their land to their families. This leaves two major unanswered questions: How will owners plan to transition and what will heirs do with the land they receive?

Three distinct possibilities for Iowa agriculture's future emerged from a *Daily Iowan* in-

vestigation that included interviewing landowners and agriculture experts as well as reviewing related studies.

- A renewed interest in farming in which children succeed their parents, and agriculture continues as it has for generations, a transition some may call the ideal scenario.
- A growth in corporate or out-of-town owners who steer profits away from local communities, a scenario that could translate into a nightmare for many in agriculture today.
- Or a hybrid of these two will emerge, featuring a younger generation of farmers, some corporate ownership as well as family farm-corporate industry contracts — a tactic increasing in popularity.

SEE SUCCESSION, 6

UI, VA reach out to vets

The University of Iowa and the Iowa City VA hospital announced ICOVE program details Monday.

By **IAN MURPHY**
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Current and future veterans will have an easier time integrating into college life in upcoming years.

The University of Iowa and the Iowa City Veterans Affairs Health Care System announced details for the pilot Iowa Consortium of Veteran Excellence program on Monday.

ICOVE comprises seven components that officials hope will assist veterans throughout their college experience, and it is a partnership among the UI, the Iowa City VA, and Halfaker Associates, a company based in Arlington, Va.

Michael Hall, the director of ICOVE and a VA hospital neuropsychologist, said those components include more career services, workshops for veteran families and spouses, and a refreshed transition course for veterans, which will include a special textbook written specifically for the course.

Other aspects of the program include peer mentoring, academic faculty training, education for Student Health on how to help veterans, and employer development-marketing the benefits of hiring veterans to businesses and companies.

The goal of the program is to provide specified assistance to veterans and families, Hall said. ICOVE was announced on Veterans Day 2013 and will be fully rolled out in the spring of 2015.

The UI ranks sixth nationally of 234 institutions in best colleges for veterans, according to *U.S. News &*



Hall
director of ICOVE

SEE VETERANS, 3

Theater Building to take summer off

By **DANIEL SEIDL**
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A University of Iowa building hit hard by flooding will close this summer for renovation work.

The Theater Building will close at the end of this week and will not open again until classes start in the fall.

"Waters came within inches of that first floor [of the Theater Building]," said UI Facilities Management strategic communications manager Wendy Moorehead.

Not only was the building hit hard in 2008, but flooding last year encroached on the building as well, because of its proximity to the river.

Some of the changes include better flood protection and different wiring, Moorehead said, and the project will cost roughly \$6.5 million. The 2009 UI flood report estimates the total damage to the building was \$3.5 million, with an additional \$1 million damage to the contents.

"This project will protect the building from future flooding to a level within three feet of the 2008 flood," Moorehead said. "They're moving the mechanical and electrical equipment, which are currently in a basement, up to a rooftop penthouse, [and], it [also] includes the installation of a new patio leading from the front doors to the Riverwalk."

Alan MacVey, the head of the Theater Department, said the changes are exciting.

"We've been without the basement for almost seven years now, so it'll be great to have that back," he said. "The patio out front, I think, is going to be quite beautiful and really an improvement to what we have now."

The relocation of the electrical equipment is even more impressive, MacVey said.

"All the power and electrical systems and heating is being moved to the roof, where it's out of harm's way,"

SEE THEATER, 3

County-attorney hopefuls face off

By **KAITLIN DEWULF**
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The two candidates running for county attorney in the upcoming primary election stressed the importance of addressing racial disparity in the Johnson County Jail.

A public forum allowed the candidates — incumbent Janet Lyness and candidate John Zimmerman — to answer audience questions on Monday.

Both candidates agree that racial disparity in Iowa, and especially Johnson County, is a problem that needs to be a top priority.

In 2010, Iowa had the largest racial disparity in the country of arrests for marijuana possession, with blacks being more than eight times more likely

to be arrested than whites, according to an American Civil Liberties Union study. This study showed marijuana use among whites was at the same rate as that of blacks.

Zimmerman said no one ever searches him, a "middle-aged white guy," when he gets stopped for speeding, but he contended that African Americans get searched often in Johnson County.

He said racial disparity contributes to an overflowing jail, which has been a prominent issue in the county. Zimmerman said three-quarters of the people in jail on any given day have not been convicted, only charged, and they simply can't afford bail.

"If you are wealthy, or have family



Lyness
prosecutor candidate



Zimmerman
prosecutor candidate

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SHORT BREAK



Junior interdepartmental-studies major John Lehmann takes a break from studying for his four finals to have a burger at Short's Burger & Shine on Monday. All beef at Short's has traveled exactly 26.5 miles from the Ed Smith farms. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

Hopefuls mull mental health

The Johnson County Board of Supervisors candidates are worried about mental health.

By **KAITLIN DEWULF**
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Some officials argue regionalization may not be what's best for mental health in Johnson County.

Candidates for the Johnson County Board of Supervisors discussed how to best handle the regionalization of mental-health services in a public forum on Monday.

The Johnson County Task Force on Aging hosted the forum in the Coralville Public Library, 1401 Fifth St., to give candidates an opportunity to answer questions presented by the voters.

In attendance were Supervisor Janelle Rettig, Mike Carberry, Lisa Green-Douglass, and Diane Dunlap, four of the five competing for the two available spots. Supervisor John Etheredge was absent.

A question that sparked passion in all of the can-

didates surrounded the regionalization of mental-health services by the state and what this means for Johnson County.

The regionalization mandated by the state teamed Johnson County with eight other counties — Benton, Bremer, Buchanan, Delaware, Dubuque, Iowa, Jones, and Linn — to serve as a hub for mental-health and disability services.

Previously, mental-health services and funding were taken care of by individual counties.

Rettig said she has opposed the regionalization of mental-health disability services. The problem was not the management of the services, she said, but the funding. Through regionalization, she said she found the state is cutting programs.

“Already in the county leading up to regionaliza-

tion, we're finding that mental-health referees will be no longer paid for with mental-health dollars,” Rettig said.

She said mental-health referees move people along in the process in order to get them to the right place and don't detain them when they shouldn't. The state has never funded that service, so the county picked it up.

“We need to continue to lobby the state for funding,” Dunlap said. “The departments, on the county level, will not be handling the mental-health aspect anymore.”

Dunlap said that aspect concerns her, because there may be people who slip through the cracks who need the help.

“When it comes to mental-health-care systems in the state, I think this regionalization is a hot mess,” Carberry said. “It shouldn't have

happened.”

Mental health is likely one of the most important programs officials can fund, he said. Johnson County is likely to carry the nine-county burden, provide most of the services for the region, and go “in the red” doing so, he said.

Green-Douglass took a slightly different, and more optimistic, stance than the other candidates.

She said Johnson County has been a leader in mental-health services. What the supervisors need to do is look at regionalization as an opportunity to collaborate with other counties to pool resources, she said.

“Regionalization of mental-health services is a fact, and we may not have wanted it, but it's there and we can't undo it,” Green-Douglass said. “So what we have to do is make it work.”

IWP to reach out online again

The University of Iowa International Writing Program plans to launch its second Massive Open Online Course.

By **LILY ABROMEIT**
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The University of Iowa is continuing on the path toward creating an international classroom.

In February, the International Writing program launched the first Massive Open Online Course for students studying in Iowa City as well as all around the world.

Beginning this summer, another interactive online course will be available. The online courses are available to anyone with Internet access, and they focus on an interactive online forum that runs 24/7.

“They're offering a new angle and vision on traditional means of delivering means of information,” said IWP Director Christopher Merrill. “Anybody who has access to the Internet has the chance to hear really superb writers, and artists, and thinkers talk about what they love, and I think that's a great boon for the writing and educational enterprise.”

Merrill co-taught the first course, Every Atom: Walt Whitman's Song of Myself, with UI English professor Ed Folsom. The course reached approximately 2,000 students from around the world.

“Since students were from around the world, time zones were irrelevant, and people were posting comments day and night,” Folsom wrote in an email. “The level of discussion was impressive, and many students reported that, even if they were shy about posting comments, they enjoyed reading the on-going discussion. The evaluations of students at the end of the [course] were universally positive, and a number of people found the course a transformative experience.”

Merrill said the UI seemed to find a way to create this experience that really “strikes a chord.”

The UI has gone about the process in a unique way, said Ashley Davidson, the IWP program coordinator for outreach and special programs.

Davidson said the UI

launched its own platform and thus was able to provide service directly instead of relying on other service providers.

“The advantage to that is you have a lot of freedom in the design of the course and how the course runs,” she said. “It's not just sitting down in front of a computer and watching a video.”

Being in the City of Literature, Davidson said, the people in the IWP thought it would be fitting to make the second round of courses related to writing.

“How Writers Write Poetry” will be held in the summer and “How Writers Write: Talks on Craft and Commitment” will be introduced in September.

“I hope that it will just facilitate a really great and diverse community of writers, at least for the duration of the course,” said Micah Bateman, a graduate assistant in distance learning. “[Students will be able to] engage with writing a little, and the writing community [will be] expanded to include

a diversity of voices to include other voices and cultural backgrounds.”

Bateman, who works closely with designing and producing the course structure and materials, said the greatest advantage is that the information and accessibility to knowledge will be available to a wider audience.

“Instead of a really great professor being locked behind this pay wall of tuition ... [people] can actually take this [course] totally for free and ... have access to this really brilliant mind,” he said.

Folsom said these courses are also valuable advertising tools for the university.

“Two thousand people around the world now have a positive view of the University of Iowa, and that view is based on an actual encounter with an educational and intellectual experience that this university offered them for free,” he said. “Well-planned and well-taught [online courses] give the world a sample of what the University of Iowa does best.”

METRO

Couple sues state, alleging medical negligence

An Iowa City man who sought treatment for injuries at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics has sued the state alleging medical negligence, according to court documents.

In the lawsuit, Rodger Cline says he fell off of a roof in 2011 and was diagnosed with a clavicle fracture and numerous rib fractures. He claims he continued to have severe back pain after

rehabilitation for his other symptoms. Cline contends UIHC physicians failed to diagnose spinal fractures and that Richard LeBlond, UIHC chief quality officer, wrote a letter to Cline admitting UIHC provided substandard care. Cline maintains he has a permanent back injury.

His wife, Susan Cline, is also suing. Together, they seek compensation for medical expenses, lost income, physical and mental pain and suffering, loss of full body, and loss of companionship of a spouse.

The couple is seeking damages and a jury trial.

— by **Chris Higgins**

Sexual abuse trial continued

An Arkansas man's trial for sexual abuse has been delayed once again.

Travis Lee Porter, 47, was charged in 2009 with one count of third-degree sexual abuse and two counts of second-degree sexual abuse. He is accused of committing

sex acts with a young girl from 1999 to 2005, according to court documents.

His trial was originally set to proceed today, but it was pushed to Sept. 30 due to “some discovery issues,” according to Porter's defense attorney, Eric Tindal.

Johnson County County Attorney Janet Lyness said the defense team wanted to add a new witness to the case, which could have been further cause for delay.

Porter's trial has been held back several times over the past four-and-a-half years.

— by **Chris Higgins**

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THEATER

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he said. "That is an amazing process, and I have no idea how they're doing it. That's really the biggest part of the renovation."

While the building is closed over the summer, some of the programs normally put on by the Theater Department will have to be altered, theater director Bryon Winn said.

Typically, the department produces two or three shows for Summer Rep.

This year for Summer Rep, the department will put on the musical *Respect*, which will travel to eight cities around the state.

One UI theater arts student said this could be seen as a benefit of the building being closed.

"In one respect, that's

kind of cool, because the performers get to travel," said UI sophomore Julia-Kaye Rohlf.

Classes will also be cut this summer, MacVey said. "We aren't offering any classes this summer," he said. "Everybody has to get out of the building by Friday."

The administrative staff of the Theater Department will not be affected by the closure, because the members have already relocated, Winn said. Some of the production staff will stay this summer, but they will relocate to the Studio Arts Building to work on

the summer opera. Rohlf said the summer closure will be worth it to restore the building. "A lot of parts of the Theater Building got destroyed," she said. "It's going to be nice to have it all restored and usable again."

VETERANS

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World Report. Last fall, there were 505 veterans enrolled at the UI.

Hall said this process will allow the UI to develop a gold standard in veteran's education, and already 15 other two- and four-year colleges have expressed interest in implementing the project. He said the VA Center for Innovation allocated \$2.2 million in funding for the first two years of the program.

Georgina Dodge, the chief diversity officer for the UI and a veteran of the U.S. Navy, said the cost to the university is minimal, because a grant is helping cover the UI's cost.

Dodge said the pilot program is being designed so that other universities around the nation can better serve their veterans.

"I stumbled to and through education," she said. "People should not have to stumble."

Officials are hopeful the pilot can be implemented at two- and four-year institutions.

"We do want it to be accessible for both two- and four-year institutions because a number of veterans will utilize technical degrees," Hall said.

Allen Roberts, the military veteran's education specialist with the UI Veterans Services Office, said veterans face challenges traditional students don't, an area ICOVE is hoping to address.

In some cases, study skills can be "rusty or non-existent," Roberts said. Additionally, he said veterans often have spouses and children, which can create additional strains on top of being a student.

Michael Considine, the president of the UI

Veterans Association, said it took time for him to switch back from the technical mindset of his military service to the academic mindset needed to succeed in college. He said his grades suffered his first semester after his deployment.

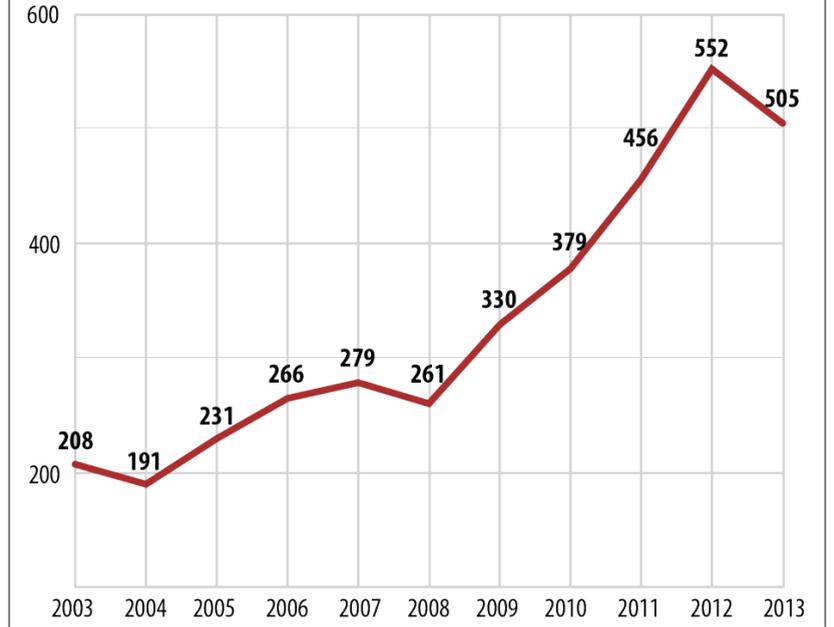
Officials, including a U.S. representative, have high hopes for ICOVE, expecting it will help student veterans have a smooth college experience, from enrollment to graduation.

"It's about transition and reintegration into civilian life," said Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa.

Loebsack said he will advocate for the program at the congressional level.

"This is a transitional period, what we want to be able to do is provide those services, and then step away and have that person move on with their life and be a successful person," Hall said.

Number of veterans enrolled in the fall semesters at the UI for the last 10 years.



ATTORNEYS

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money, and are charged even with a serious crime, you can bond out," Zimmerman said. "Whereas if you're poor, you sit in jail before trial."

He said this distorts the justice system, disrupts peoples' lives, and makes it hard to maintain jobs and relationships with family members. Zimmerman's opponent agreed.

"There's not a simple solution," Lyness said. "And racial disparity is not just happening in Johnson County."

Lyness said her staff is looking at disparity in juvenile cases and delinquency problems. She said she decided to start

with the juvenile cases, look at what her office is doing there and make a difference, and then use what they learn to apply to the adult system.

After the release of the ACLU study, Lyness said, it led to the establishment of the marijuana diversion program.

This program seeks to keep people out of jail and wipe their records

clean, while getting some of the treatment and education they may need.

"Because of my diversion programs, we've decreased the population of the jail from 164 per day down to 127," Lyness said.

Larry Kudej, the head of the Johnson County Task Force on Aging, said these public forums have a significant ef-

fect on voters through educating them on the issues and candidates they'll vote for.

"These primaries are an opportunity for people to speak," Kudej said.

"And without proper education, they can't vote very well."

Lyness said this public forum was a great way for the public to realize what it means to be a

county attorney. "This sort of event is very important to our democracy," Zimmerman said. "And the county attorney represents the people."

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COLUMN

The algebra of pink



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I like Professor Kembrew McLeod; we're not great friends or anything, but we have some good friends in common. (Yes, Virginia, I have some friends. At least two. And I didn't have to bribe them all that much.)

And I like conversing with McLeod, the few times we have. He's very intelligent, engaging, and knowledgeable.

But a pink locker room? We're all up in the air again about the damn pink locker room?

Let's turn the clock back to the Hayden Fry era. (Fry is the genius who dreamed up the pink locker room. He also dreamed up the Tigerhawk, according to many reports.)

In October 1985, in Kinnick, Rob Houghtlin beat Bo (Doesn't Know How to Spell Beau) Schembechler's Michigan Wolverines on a last-second field goal. Was that a product of the pink locker room, or was it the product of QB Chuck Long's 300 or so passing yards? Or tailback Ronnie Harmon's 127 yards rushing?

Well, it probably wasn't the product of the pink locker room; Schembechler famously always covered up the pink locker room walls with newspapers. Probably copies of *The Daily Iowan*, because they were not only free, they were available all over campus. Probably Schembechler, mastermind that he was, had the newspapers turned upside down so that his players couldn't read the scintillating prose about them.

Who needs more stories about a damn pink locker room? I mean, who really cares? Yes, I know; it furthers, somehow, the rape culture. I'm not in favor of the rape culture. But I missed the algebra lesson in which pink locker rooms equal rape.

I mean, does anyone think that any of the suspected or convicted rapists in Iowa City have ever even seen the pink locker room?

Enough already. Paint the locker room black, as the great philosophers the Rolling Stones once mused. And then cut the power to the locker room and the showers. See what that does to the opposing players' psychology. (Hey, I think I finally found the soap. Oops, no — sorry, man. What are you doing on the floor?)

Well, at least the pink locker room keeps us from thinking about Joni Ernst. You know, one of the candidates for the Republican nomination for the Senate seat that Sen. Tom Harkin will vacate. She became famous when her campaign aired a political ad that featured her castrating pigs. (Yes, Virginia, castrating pigs is an important qualification for becoming a senator.)

Ernst followed that cutting-edge ad (so to speak) with an ad showing her shooting the hell out of a paper target. That, apparently, is also an important qualification for becoming a senator. No Benghazi happening with Ernst on the job seems to be the subliminal message.

Ernst actually missed the center of the target three times on the ad, but when the target is pulled up to the camera, every shot is in the center, shaded area. Ah, truth. Ah, the algebra on the way to truth.

(Remember back in high school when you looked at algebra and thought, I'll never use this stuff in real life?)

Electing Ernst to the Senate would certainly help the Republicans launch their 10,000th investigation into what happened in Benghazi. Apparently, the Republicans are trying to break their Whitewater-investigation record; the Whitewater probe lasted most of my so-called adult life and cost tens and tens of millions of dollars. It found nothing.

Algebra can find nothing, too, and it doesn't cost millions of dollars.

EDITORIAL

Joni Ernst's problematic politics

Iowa politics got a nod on the front page of Monday's edition of the *Washington Post* in an article tracing the rise of Joni Ernst, a Republican candidate for the Senate seat being vacated by Tom Harkin in January.

Ernst, the article notes, has infiltrated the national consciousness with her March ad "Squeal," which featured Ernst discussing her hog-castrating experience (and how that experience might carry over in Washington) over some b-roll of adorable piglets. The ad, as an unhip observer of the Internet might say, went viral. A further analysis of Ernst's newfound popularity by the *Post*-affiliated blog the Monkey Cage showed that her appearance in the news media has been dozens of times more frequent since the ad's premiere.

The advertising has lifted Ernst to front-runner status in the Republican primary race, which will be settled on June 3. Unfortunately, the mechanism by which Ernst has achieved national fame has cast her as little more than a caricature of rural arch conservatism. Her quirky ads have lifted her to the top of the field despite her support for the same conservative, oft-debunked canards peddled by candidates across the country cast from the tea-party mold.

She's adopted the familiar "repeal and replace" doctrine on Obamacare, even as the good news about the law continues to shrink the already minuscule chance of a repeal. Enrollment numbers beat expectations, and the number of enrollees actually paying their premiums looks promising as well. Early data seem to show that insurance costs aren't increasing as much as opponents suggested they might. The window for repeal, it seems, as closed, but Ernst still says she supports replacing the current law with "free-market alternatives." A platitude, of course, is not a plan.

She also says she hasn't seen convincing evidence that climate change is "entirely man-made," in direct contrast to the consensus of the scientific community, which was re-established earlier this month in a massive report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Cli-

mate Change that states unequivocally that climate change is caused by human activity. The question is whether Ernst's standard of proof is simply much higher than that of the scientific community or if her hubris merely precludes her from rational assessment of information that contradicts conservative dogma.

Ernst is a supporter of a balanced-budget amendment, a particularly common manifestation of conservative fiscal quackery that would destroy the government's ability to exercise the most basic form of economic stimulus — deficit spending — in times of stagnation. Under such an amendment, an economic downturn would mean decreased tax revenue, which would have to be met by commensurate cut in spending, causing a spiral into depression.

On judicial confirmations, she said she would value strict adherence to the Constitution but also a strong moral basis in Judeo-Christian religious values, a troubling, even paradoxical prospect, considering the part in the Constitution that says "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."

She's even adopted a sort of revisionism on Iraq, in which she served in 2003. In an interview with the *Des Moines Register* last week, Ernst said, "We don't know that there were weapons on the ground when we went in; however, I do have reason to believe there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq." That Ernst hangs on to such a belief in the face of massive evidence to the contrary, years after it was abandoned even by the Bush administration, speaks again to her insulation from reality.

Her new popularity is undeniable, but Joni Ernst offers Iowa nothing new. Her policy positions are little more than retreads of already worn-out conservative clichés.

YOUR TURN

Do you support Joni Ernst's Senate run?
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Understanding separation of power

Janet Lyness has served Johnson County extremely well as our county attorney. She knows that the very backbone of government is the concept of the "separation of powers," established by our Iowa Constitution. What does that mean for County Attorney Lyness?

First, she understands that the Legislature is one branch of government and that she's not part of it. She knows the legislative branch is deemed closer and more responsive to the public. The public thus entrusts the Legislature (not prosecutors) to make policy decisions and to use those decisions to make laws. Then,

if the public doesn't like those decisions, it merely elects new legislators. The new legislators, in turn, make policy decisions in line with the public's wishes and draft laws more to the public's liking. Janet also knows the Constitution designed the Legislature to make sound policy by making it out of deliberative bodies of many persons, who have the time and money to study, take public comment, investigate, hold hearings, and debate. These are all things the drafters of the Constitution felt important to the making of sound policy and good laws.

Second, she knows that her office in Iowa (like U.S. attorneys in the federal government and "DAs" in other government structures), are a part of our

executive branch. County attorneys are not deemed as responsive to the people as are legislators. In fact, in many jurisdictions (including our U.S. government), prosecutors are not elected. Instead, they are appointed by the president. County attorneys are not empowered or prepared to make sound, informed policy decisions. County attorneys can't debate with peers, study matters, investigate, hold hearings, or take public comment. County attorneys are instead legal specialists. They should work to ensure only that all the laws — mostly criminal laws — are enforced fairly.

Janet Lyness understands and works within the framework of the Iowa Constitution's separation of powers. She

does not expropriate power to make policy decisions that Constitution entrusts to only the Legislature.

Johnson County residents should not be fooled by a candidate who ignores the separation of powers. It is heady stuff to decide important policy questions on your own, instead of among 100 or 50 peers and after extensive study and public comment. But it makes for ignoring the views of whole portions of the public. I ask you: If a candidate expropriates the power to make policy regarding marijuana, what policy decision will he usurp next? The one concerning hashish? The one concerning the legal drinking age? The one outlawing prostitution? Just where will it end?

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COLUMN

A new American socialism



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One of the most popular memes in American political culture is that the United States is in a state of institutional paralysis, in which partisan polarization and dysfunctional political mechanisms (the filibuster, gerrymandering, etc.) have essentially rendered politics a broken enterprise incapable of taking action on any of the nation's major policy issues.

As tempting as it may be to buy into this worldview, the reality is actually much more grim. The U.S. government isn't so much an institution defined by an overall inaction as it is a contradictorily both passively and actively destructive force on the American body politic.

The U.S. government has no problem acting in carrying on a costly and injurious War on Drugs, which not only acts as a mechanism to jail blacks and Latinos at

a startling rate but also destabilizes neighboring Latin American countries through incentivizing violent drug cartels. The U.S. government has no problem erecting a massive, unaccountable security apparatus in the NSA, which, among other offenses, collects the private information of U.S. citizens en masse (data mining), violating any semblance of the notion of privacy rights.

The U.S. government has no problem carrying out extrajudicial killings of American citizens on foreign soil in the form of the CIA's drone program (which also results in the deaths of innocent civilians in such countries as Yemen and Pakistan). The U.S. government has no problem in maintaining a fundamentally immoral death penalty.

Our government's passive tendencies are even more pernicious. The Justice Department revels in refusing to prosecute major financial institutions such as JP Morgan Chase and HSBC for instances of inarguable criminality (such as money laundering for drug cartels, municipal-bond-market manipulations, etc.) in favor of paltry fines. The U.S. government refuses to

asphyxiate the fossil-fuel industry, whose pumping of CO₂ emissions into the atmosphere will eventually choke the life out of civilization. The United States stills lack rigorous gun-control measures and an adequate health-care delivery system, among other failings.

What's clear from all of this is that what ails American society is not a political class plagued by a glacial mindset but rather one that exerts its titanic assets toward enriching the livelihoods of the wealthy at the expense of most of its populace, who are left with the consequences of unfettered capitalism and misplaced government priorities.

There is, however, answer to this wreck, an answer that, rhetorically, has been anathema to American political discourse for centuries.

Socialism.

Not Soviet-style, totalitarian, state socialism (which could more accurately be described as "state capitalism" if we're being honest) but rather democratic socialism in the mold of a place such as Sweden or Norway.

At its core, this New American Socialism, as

I'd like to call it, would arrange the massive resources the United States has at its disposal to create an egalitarian society. This would be accomplished by expanding the government that works (Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, etc.), which are all basically socialist programs to begin with) and excoriating the government that doesn't (the American surveillance state, the Drug War, our lax financial-regulatory system, etc.).

There are tons of specific policy aspects to this philosophy (which I've been talking about in columns all year and exist in multitude across the policy discussion landscape), but what's more important to understand is the core ideology of this socialism. The maintenance of a basic standard of living, protecting citizens from the worst abuses of the labor market, and allowing for a more collective, accountable form of governance are not only noble ideas to strive for but can actually be an effective means of governing (just look at how happy the Swedes seem to be).

It's time for socialism in America. Just look at how we're doing without it.



Interior Department employee Vicki Dixon helps colleague Steven Avila with his Washington Monument costume at the Washington Monument on Monday before a ceremony to celebrate its re-opening. The monument sustained damage from an earthquake in August 2011. (Associated Press)

Washington Monument reopens

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A cross section of Americans awakened early and waited in line for hours to be among the first to ride to the top of the Washington Monument, open to the public Monday for the first time in nearly three years after an earthquake chipped and cracked the towering symbol.

The 130-year-old, 555-foot-tall obelisk was built in honor of the nation's first president between 1848 and 1884 and briefly reigned as the world's tallest structure until it was eclipsed by the Eiffel Tower.

Engineers have spent nearly 1,000 days making repairs stone by stone. Now, new exhibits have been installed, and the National Park Service is offering extended hours to visitors through the summer.

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For the hundreds of visitors, the trip to the top of the tallest structure in Washington is brief: It's a 70-second ride to the top and a more leisurely two minutes, 45 seconds back down. The massive monument's meaning is much more lasting for Marc Tanner.

"I just love American history; I love traveling to see American history, and this is it. You can't get more historic than

this," said Tanner of Boca Raton, Fla., who was one of the first to visit the top.

"I used to be a stockbroker; I went through 9/11 as a broker, and ... it stands alone in the United States to represent freedom for me."

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Ferrell Armstrong, 74, of Kinmundy, Ill., and his wife, Connie, 70, visited with their son and were determined to be among the first visitors when he promised the family a stop in D.C. after he underwent treatments for cancer — now in remission — in Virginia. A tear formed in his eye after they came down from the top.

"It's just immaculate. It's just great that people that far back thought about building something this great that's still here," he said. "It symbolized to me a great man, George Washington."

Randall Armstrong, his 36-year-old son, said the view from the top looking over the White House and National Mall was "breathtaking — probably the top site I've seen, ever."

"The tour guide pointed out and showed me

Obama's basketball court, and you could see the little girls' swings," he said, referring to the swing set at the White House for the president's daughters, Sasha and Malia.

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National Mall Superintendent Robert Vogel greeted each of the first visitors as they waited in line. It was an emotional ending to a long repair project and a reminder that the public rallied to build the memorial in the 1800s, he said.

"They're all very excited," Vogel said of the visitors "They're from all over the country and the world, and that's what it's all about."

"It's been a long, arduous task to get it open," he said. "But what's kept us all going is there's just been this great outpouring of interest and caring about the Washington Monument from the day the earthquake hit.

"Hopefully, it reminds everyone how important this monument is."

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Brandon Hillock, 22, of Lehi, Utah, was seeing the monument for the

first time after finishing a two-year Mormon mission in Virginia. It was an eye-opening experience with his parents before they take him home.

"It's really cool to come here and experience what this is all about and the history behind it — the symbolism and everything else," he said.

After going to the top, Hillock said the monument made him think about the country's unity and "appreciate the freedom that people laid their lives down for so that we could have."

Most impressive, though, was how many blocks of stone make up the monument inside and out, he said, adding that the view from the top "is indescribable."

"It's much bigger than we thought," said his mother, Debbie Hillock. "In the pictures, it just doesn't do it justice."

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Kristopher Lewis of Augusta, Ga., and wife Mary Lewis were visiting Washington for a medical conference.

"I played in front of the monument when I was in the eighth-grade band, so I wanted to come back and see it," Mary Lewis said.

It was Kristopher Lewis' first time going inside.

"It was a very exciting experience, riding up to the top," he said. "It was a beautiful day to see in all different directions."

Kristopher Lewis said it's a great monument "to the founders of our country and our first president, the great wisdom exercised in founding our country."

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SUCCESSION

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The challenge of succession

More than half of Iowa's farmland is owned by someone who has reached the age of retirement. This means by the time a college student is 45, more than 55 percent of farmland owners will likely have passed on their estates.

Landowners can address succession planning in two ways, said Ryan Drollette, a farm-management specialist with the Iowa State University Extension Office in Johnson County. One is to create a transition plan that takes place while the landowner is still alive. These plans can take many forms but usually result in the owner gradually transitioning control to a successor.

The second path an owner may choose is to will the land to a successor after death.

The trickiest aspect of either transition plan is the taxes owners incur. Some farmland in Iowa is worth \$10,000 an acre, according to the 2013 Iowa Land Value Survey. This means if an owner has 550 acres, he may possess \$5.5 million in assets. At the federal level, a gift is taxed at 35 percent after \$5.34 million.

The remaining \$160,000 would be taxed if all of the land was gifted at one time. Owners typically couldn't pay those taxes and would have to sell land. Drollette said owners don't want to lose the land they struggled to hold onto through the farm crisis of the 1980s.

Sailer is one such owner who managed to survive a time when agriculture was brought to its knees. The crisis was caused by a combination of factors, including drought, poor prices, debt, and a federal block on exports to, at that time, the Soviet Union.

"The very biggest challenge was that interest rates skyrocketed," Sailer said. "Back then, you couldn't handle very much debt at all because interest just ate you alive."

Sailer, like many other landowners, said that after the '80s, he wanted to make sure he maintained the land he had.

Therefore, farmers often look for ways to circumvent taxes that could result in a loss of land. Selling and willing land to successors also produces a tax liability that would result in a land division. Land has appreciated over the years, so in selling it, owners face capital-gains taxes. When willing land after death, heirs face estate taxes.

One option for avoiding taxes is giving up to \$14,000 worth of land to an heir each year, but at today's prices, this might only amount to 1.4 acres a year.

Families also put land into corporations and trusts to avoid taxes. They can transfer assets through these entities without incurring capital-gains or estate taxes.

Because of the complexity of succession planning, the Iowa Farm Bureau recently created a program called Take Root, to help families choose a succession plan that works best for them.

For families who do break through what can be a confusing process, it is still unclear what the majority of younger people will do with the land their parents leave behind.

Drollette said it is very difficult to measure the interest of young people in agriculture objectively, and the state is going to have to wait to see how the future of Iowa agriculture unfolds.

The ideal scenario

Ask most farmers with

children, and most likely they want to see their children, grandchildren, or some other relative carry on the family legacy. But what's ideal doesn't pan out for everyone.

This was the case for many families in the years following the farm crisis.

After surviving the 1980s, Sailer said, he and his wife encouraged their children to pursue jobs outside of agriculture so they wouldn't have to undergo the level of hardship they had faced. As he holds off on his succession plan to see what his grandchildren will do, there are still elements of skepticism in the family about the stability of farming.

"Grandma kind of thinks they should all go and find better jobs," he said, referring to his wife.

Scott Johnson, Iowa FFA Association executive secretary, said this was a trend following the 1980s.

However, he said, in the past decade, there has been a resurgence of interest in agriculture by young people. Association enrollment in Iowa surpassed 16,000 students in 2011, the highest it had been since 1978.

Similarly, enrollment at Iowa State Universities in the agriculture-studies major — the most common major of students who plan to return to the farm — has seen an increase.

In 1980, before the crisis hit, enrollment in the farm-operation major (now called agriculture studies) was more than 400 students. Ten years later, enrollment had fallen to 161 students. Today, enrollment in ag studies is nearly 350.

Aaron and Laura Cunningham, both 25, recently graduated from ISU and are part of the younger generation that wants to get back on the family farm.

Aaron Cunningham's family farm is currently owned by his father Grant, 60. They own more than 1,000 acres. Because of tax concerns, Laura Cunningham said the family has decided that creating a family-farm corporation is the best route for them.

Aaron and Laura Cunningham own their own cattle operation and are waiting for the transition process to begin so they can play a larger role in the crop production side of the family business.

"My husband's dad is ready to start scaling back, but he wants to do it in a way that [Aaron Cunningham and his younger brother] learn what they need to learn and are able to ask questions," Laura Cunningham said.

Johnson said that in recent years, there has been a push toward the idea there are many opportunities for young people in agriculture outside of farming. People are needed in research, business, and even in more unexpected careers such as public relations.

So while enrollment in ISU's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences has gone up by more than 1,000 since 2000, this doesn't mean they all want to become farmers.

What does this mean for farmers such as Sailer who are looking for an heir for their legacy? Well, the answer is twofold.

First, the ideal scenario for family farms may be unrealistic. While more young people are interested in agriculture than they were 20 years ago, it is hard to know how many of them actually want to farm.

Second, fewer farmers are needed in Iowa agriculture today than in the 20th century because of the advancement of technology. Farmers can now plant and harvest more and more ground in the same amount of time. This naturally lends itself to farms increasing in size and consolidating.

So, if fewer young people want to go into the field, it may not be a big problem.

The nightmare scenario

As much as family farmers know what they want to see for the future of agriculture in Iowa, they also know what they don't want to see — large corporations monopolizing the industry.

"You're not going to mitigate the fact that farms will continue to get larger," said Craig Hill, the president of the Iowa Farm Bureau. "But what you want to see ... is a family, and their capital, and their knowledge and management, and their own labor going into that farm. You want to see it all combine in what we call a family farm."

The concern is if large or non-family corporations become more prominent, the profit made off that land wouldn't be reinvested in the local economy.

Laura Cunningham said that a few years ago in their town outside of Mason City, there was a plot of land that went up for sale and was purchased by someone who lived in another part of the state. When something such as this happens — even if the owner isn't a corporation but perhaps a wealthy landowner — the owner invests profits from the land in her or his hometown and likely buys equipment for the farm there.

Laura Cunningham said this is a slow growing trend farmers need to be aware of. Selling land used to be more of a neighbor-to-neighbor transaction, but now there are buyers from around the state who go to auctions and tend to have deeper pockets, she said.

Because not every family farm has an heir interested in taking over, it is likely more land will be sold in the coming years. But there is concern the remaining family operations won't be able to compete with large corporations [defined in Iowa law as corporations with more than 25 shareholders] or wealthy out-of-town owners.

To protect family farms from being overrun by large corporations, laws exist in Iowa to prevent land or livestock operations from being owned by large and non-ag corporations.

There are, however, ways large corporations can play a role in Iowa agriculture. For example, the law has no restriction on how large a farm corporation can be as long as all shareholders are related. Roger McEowen, the director of the ISU Center for Agriculture Law and Taxation, said this can result in multimillion-dollar corporations from around the country owning land and livestock in Iowa.

He also said that in the last decade, conditions have become somewhat easier for corporations to buy land, in part because the Iowa Attorney General's Office no longer has a farm division to seek out and enforce the law on violators.

It is still a risk for an unauthorized corporation to buy land in Iowa, but the enforcement would only take place if the Attorney General's Office was made aware of the violation.

"We don't have the resource to go to every county courthouse and look to see if corporations are buying Iowa land," said Eric Tabor, the chief deputy in the Attorney General's Office.

The hybrid scenario

There appears to be a consensus among those involved in agriculture that while it is unclear what the future holds for farming in Iowa, it is unlikely either the ideal

or the nightmare scenario will completely come to fruition.

Instead, experts suggest, it is likely the landscape of agriculture in Iowa will be more heterogeneous and involve both family farms and corporations coexisting along with other forms of ownership arrangements.

A growing trend is renting. Landowners who don't have family to succeed them can rent land to younger people and benefit from the rental fee.

Renting land can potentially have a mixed economic impact. It may hurt small-town economies in a similar way as large corporate operations, because the owners may not live in Iowa or contribute to the state economy, said Neil Hamilton, a Drake University law professor. This is called absentee farming.

However the farmers who work the land are likely to live near the local town and support local schools and businesses. John Baker of the ISU Beginning Farmer Center said they also usually own the crops they produce and will have the profits to reinvest in the community, as opposed to a corporation owning the profits and sharing them with their stockholders.

In 1982, slightly more than 20 percent of land was rented in Iowa. As of 2012, 46 percent of land was rented. There has also been a 14 percent increase in the number of landowners who are not full-time Iowa residents.

Another practice becoming more common that contributes to the hybrid scenario is contracts between Iowa growers and corporations.

There are laws in Iowa to protect against vertical integration in agriculture — for example, a packing corporation owns hogs through the entire production to packing process and hires a farmer to raise them, as opposed to the farmer owning the hogs and then selling them to a packing plant.

But in 2005, a case concerning Smithfield Foods, one of the largest pork processors in the country, resulted in the state effectively ceasing to enforce the law.

McEowen said Smithfield claimed the law was unconstitutional because it illegally impeded commerce, and the attorney general didn't think the state would be able to win a court battle because other state courts had struck down similar laws.

The case was settled outside of court. Smithfield agreed to create contracts with farmers that guaranteed rights and fair treatment, and in return, the state would not enforce the law. This agreement will expire next September.

"The idea is to extend those agreements for a period of time," Tabor said. "Everyone thinks that's working pretty well, and if we had to go back to argue the constitutionality of the [law], we think that would be a pretty big uphill battle."

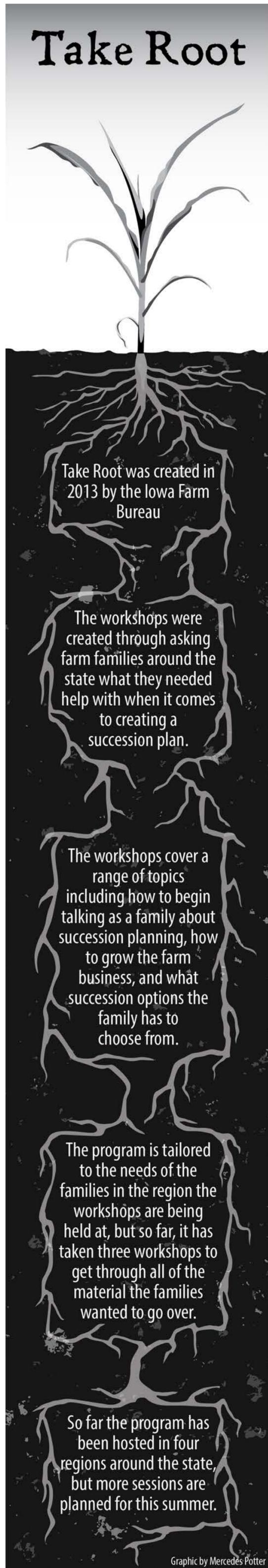
Baker said he expects corporations are going to be less concerned with buying up land and livestock operations in the future and more interested in furthering vertical integration.

While many possibilities exist, no one can say with certainty what the future holds.

Sailer sums it up perfectly when he talks about waiting for an heir to potentially emerge among his grandchildren.

"I'm basically sitting tight, and we'll see what happens," he said.

Take Root



Take Root was created in 2013 by the Iowa Farm Bureau

The workshops were created through asking farm families around the state what they needed help with when it comes to creating a succession plan.

The workshops cover a range of topics including how to begin talking as a family about succession planning, how to grow the farm business, and what succession options the family has to choose from.

The program is tailored to the needs of the families in the region the workshops are being held at, but so far, it has taken three workshops to get through all of the material the families wanted to go over.

So far the program has been hosted in four regions around the state, but more sessions are planned for this summer.

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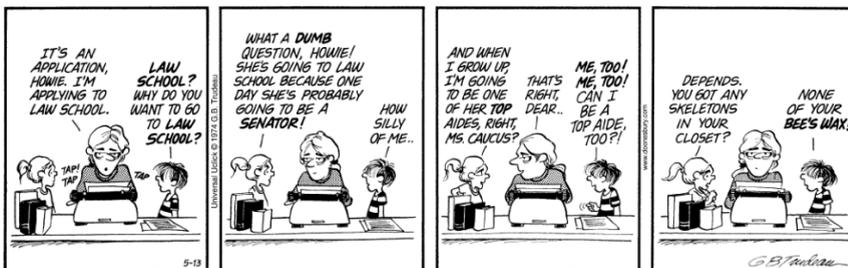
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- "Andrew impressed me with how much he taught me because he didn't seem to know much."
- "I like how you went too slow enough [sic] for me understand the homework explanations, but I wish you had gone faster so class would have gotten out early more often."
- "You were OK. Not great, but not bad, either."
- "I thought Mr. Juhl was a great TA, and I learned a lot from him. I would definitely take this class with him again."
- "I thought Andrew did a great job of losing weight this semester."
- "Mr. Juhl is the worst TA I have ever had."
- "I think Mr. Juhl is the best TA I have ever had."
- "I liked Andrew. He taught me without making me feel dumb for not understanding what he was teaching me. He also owns two of the same shirts as me, so I know he's an OK guy."
- "... I don't think Andrew understands calculus any better than me."
- "This TA angered me on a daily basis because I am not a morning person ..."
- "I have no opinion of Andrew. He seems smart."
- "I think I could take Andrew in a fight."

Andrew R. Juhl uses calculus every-day at his job. Really. No, not really.

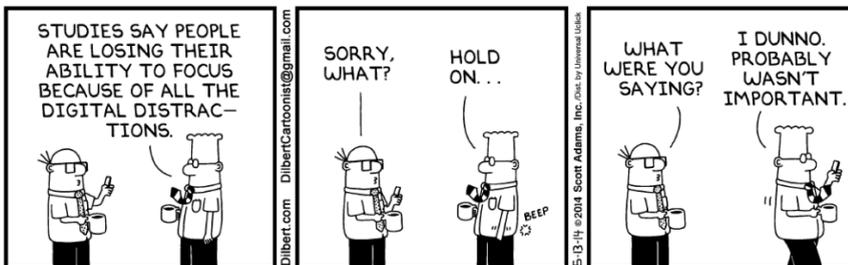
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- Art and Life in Africa, 9 a.m., IMU Black Box Theater
- Cosponsored Seminar, "Innate Immunity and Metabolic Homeostasis," Ajay Chawla, University of California-San Francisco, 10:30 a.m., 1117 Medical Education & Research Facility
- College of Nursing Research Forum, 11 a.m., 133 Nursing Building
- Rainbow Graduation, 6 p.m., Old Capitol
- City High Jazz Ensemble, 7 p.m., Mill, 120 E. Burlington
- School of Music Presents: Brandenburg Concerti Concert Series: Part II, 7:30 p.m., Riverside Recital Hall
- School of Music Presents: Aly Olson and Allison

- Gerstenberger, sopranos, 8 p.m., University Capitol Center Recital Hall
- Lower Deck Dance Party, 10 p.m., Yacht Club, 13 S. Linn

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- 8-9 a.m. Morning Drive
- 10 a.m. - Noon Sports Block
- Noon-2 p.m. Sports Block
- 2-3 p.m. The Lit Show
- 5 p.m. KRUI News
- 8-10 p.m. I've Made a Huge Mistake
- 10 p.m. -Midnight Local tunes
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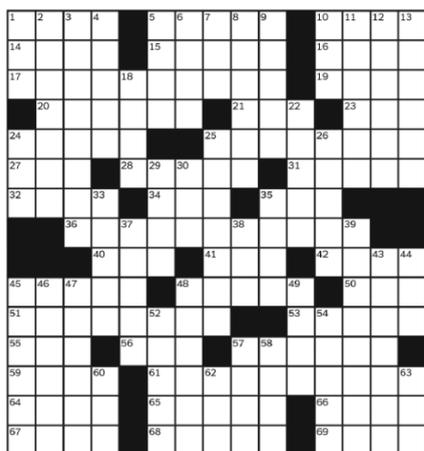
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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0408

- ACROSS**
- Dashboard gauge, for short
 - Palindromic title
 - Jared of "Dallas Buyers Club"
 - Pretty agile for one's age
 - "-" terminal
 - Plow beasts
 - "That's enough!" to a hot dog-eating contestant?
 - Covet
 - Alfred Nobel and others
 - Doofus
 - "-ching!" (cash register sound)
 - Full of nerve
 - "That's enough!" to a store clerk at Christmas?
 - Certain graph shape
 - Thin and graceful
 - Seeing red
 - Doc's "Now!"
 - Bit of intimate attire
 - Singer Guthrie
 - Ghostly
 - Sports shoe brand
 - Dangerous stinger
 - Gridiron units
 - Tennis units
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 - Jungle film attire
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 - Chess finale
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 - Scooby-___
 - Program producing online pop-ups
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 - Simmer setting
 - Two-horse wager
 - Drill sergeant's shout
 - Like books for long car rides, say
 - Bucolic verse
 - Vice president Agnew
 - Rental car add-on, in brief
 - Miscellaneous things
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horoscopes

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Avoid any disputes by keeping busy and refusing to argue with anyone trying to blame or criticize you. Believe in who you are and what you do, and keep moving forward. What you accomplish will turn into sweet revenge.
- TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Use your skills wisely, and you will be recognized for your ability to get things done. Look at the big picture, and you will find it easier to branch out in more directions, making you marketable and in demand.
- GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Make personal changes that will enhance your appearance or add to your skills. Getting involved in a group that is trying to make a difference will allow you to use your knowledge and skills. Don't overspend trying to make an impression.
- CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Don't play with fire. You are likely to take on more than you can handle, leaving you in a vulnerable position that opens you to criticism and complaints. Don't make an impulsive move. Time is on your side.
- LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Engage in talks with people or organizations that can offer you something new and exciting. Changing the way you do things or embracing a philosophy that suits your current situation will help you move forward emotionally. Love is on the rise.
- VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't leave anything to chance when it comes to money or health issues. Follow through, but don't feel obligated to make an impulsive decision. Get the facts first, and you will find a solution to whatever adjustment needs to be made.
- LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stop waffling, and start embracing change. You need to make a move if you want to be successful. Use your mind and your body to reach your destination. All talk and no action will lead to a poor reputation.
- SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotions will escalate if you don't channel your energy into something creative or constructive. Do whatever it takes to discover and use the information you gather in a positive and efficient manner. An unusual change at home will stimulate your senses.
- SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Fix up your home, or make a move to better quarters. Put a little effort into the way you look. Start a new diet or exercise program that will boost your energy level and encourage you to live a healthier lifestyle.
- CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Bide your time. Listen attentively, but don't give anyone the upper hand. Choose your battles carefully. Work quietly on the projects that you feel are most important, and add your own personal touch to signify your skill and talent.
- AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Listen and observe without reacting. Keeping your feelings a secret will give you an edge when dealing with your peers, relatives, or anyone in your community. Size up your situation, go over your budget, and make a strategic move.
- PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Make your money work for you. Look into unusual investments that will help you expand your interest and your earning potential. Network, but don't overstate what it is you have to offer. Paint an honest picture, and you'll get what you want.

Only two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former. — Albert Einstein

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Who should have won Newcomer of the Year?

Jarrod Uthoff

It was a couple years in the making, but Cedar Rapids native Jarrod Uthoff was able to don the black and gold in the 2013-14 season, and he provided much excitement.

Finally able to play for the Hawkeyes after a tumultuous transfer from Wisconsin, the 6-9 sophomore gave coach Fran McCaffery a talented and stable scorer off the bench.

Uthoff was fifth on the team in minutes per game at 18 and scored 7.6 points per game on a respectable 50 percent shooting from the field. He also grabbed 4.6 rebounds per game and led the team in 3-point percentage, knocking down 43 percent of his attempts, as well as free throw percentage at 82 percent.

At 6-9, Uthoff has respectable size on the wing. Paired with his smooth athleticism and gargantuan wingspan, he found himself behind only Gabe Olaseni in blocks per game, swatting away 35 shots in just 33 games, many of which were sent back in the face of jump shooters outside the paint.

McCaffery had to tighten the rotation later in the year, and Uthoff's still respectable numbers dipped as a result. In games played in the 2013 half of the season, he averaged 10.9 points per game, 6.5 rebounds per game, 1.4 blocks per game, with 57 percent shooting and a frightening 53 percent from beyond the arc.

He also had what was likely the most impressive dunk of Iowa's season when he

went baseline to throw (literally) down a very Blake Griffin-esque tomahawk against Penn on Nov. 22, 2013. It's worth a Google.

Uthoff's inaugural season for the Hawkeyes was individually successful, and as a candidate to start in the 2014-15 campaign, he will try to take the next step and become one of the premier wing scorers in the Big Ten.

— by Kyle Mann

Desmond King

Nobody, not even Kirk Ferentz himself, knew what he'd get when Desmond King stepped onto the field to replace the injured Jordan Lomax.

Nobody knew that King would become an immediate impact player, a physical corner who was thrown to the wolves but became the wolf.

Nobody knew that King, just a freshman this past season, would not only be able to hang with some of the Big Ten's best receivers but effectively shut them down.

Nobody knew any of that coming into this year's football season. Hell, the media weren't even allowed to ask him about it because he was just a freshman — but we watched him blossom into the next great Iowa defensive back.

Is that too much? Perhaps. But I'm pretty confident in saying that right now.

I'll end with this: Think back to the Outback Bowl, in which both King and B.J.



Iowa defensive back Desmond King tackles Wisconsin running back Melvin Gordon in Kinnick Stadium on Nov. 2, 2013. King had 7 tackles in the game. (The Daily Iowan/Alyssa Hitchcock)

Lowery were tasked with shutting down two elite wide receivers in Odell Beckham Jr. and Jarvis Landry — both of whom, by the way, were drafted this past weekend and will soon be making millions.

Numerous times during the broadcast, Jon Gruden praised King's play because Beckham and Landry couldn't get open.

King had them cloaked nearly all game and forced LSU quarterback Anthony Jennings into awkward passes that didn't end up anywhere near his receivers — mostly because he didn't want King to intercept them.

Shutting down future NFL receivers? As a true freshman? What more do you need?

— by Cody Goodwin

DISTERHOFT

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from a nice role player to a solidified starter and a cog in the Big Ten's most potent offense. Iowa went 13-4 with Disterhoft starting,

and she was the team's third-leading scorer in conference play — she ranked fourth among Big Ten freshmen.

She was named to the 2014 Big Ten All-Freshman Team and to the Big Ten All-Tournament Team as well as being named an honorable

mention All-Big Ten member by league coaches and media.

But perhaps her most telling moment came in Iowa's final game — a 30-point loss to Louisville in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Facing a team that later advanced to the Elite

Eight and one that had lost just four times that season — three times to undefeated and eventual champion UConn, Disterhoft stuck out in Iowa's worst loss of the season.

For years, Disterhoft had watched the Hawkeyes from the seats in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Now, she was playing for that same team. Posting 15 points and 8 boards, Disterhoft didn't play like your ordinary freshman.

Then again, time after time, Disterhoft had already proven she wasn't one.

"People are going to know her know, for sure,"

Logic said. "Scouts get a little more fine-tuned, a little more specific, because you know each other so well. She's got to be ready for that. But I'm not worried about that ... she'll be ready."

Daily Iowan TV sports reporter Rachael Bedell contributed to this article.

TRACK

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assistant coach Molly Jones' system. Spejcher was not one of her recruits and like many new coaches, it takes a year or so to implement a new system.

"My whole training is a little bit different from last year, and now, I've kind of come in with a different mindset," Spejcher said. "I'm not trying to learn what it's like to compete in the Big Ten; it's go out there and do something now."

Of the changes that Jones has worked into his routine, an emphasis on running workouts and several off-days have allowed him to relax. The modifications have worked better than expected, though this certainly could be because the workouts are basically tailored for him.

Spejcher happens to be the only male jumper on the team and spends his workouts with one of his counterparts on the women's team — junior Khanishah Williams. It is a fairly rare occurrence to

have a training partner of the opposite sex, but it has worked to perfection for both athletes.

"Him being a boy, he jumps higher than me, so when we are high jumping, I tend to try to keep the bar as high as I can get it to him," Williams said. "He's really focused, but at the same time, he'll make a joke with a serious face."

"He's become an inspiration to me."

She certainly is not the only one that he has inspired and dazzled, which was obvious from the

number of teammates surrounding him after Musco.

However, the most impressed person of all might just be his coach.

"You always think athletes have it in them to do incredible things, but you never know for sure until it actually happens," Jones said. "It's fun to be able to work with someone who has this level of talent and actually kind of realized it."

"I think he has more in him, but — we still have a couple meets to go, and hopefully good things continue to happen."

COMMENTARY

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returns to Iowa. If that happens, the Hawkeyes will return as one of the top teams in the Big Ten.

They'll return every starter but Zeutenhorst, whose power — 9 home runs thus far — will certainly be missed, but he won't be irreplaceable. The Hawkeyes will return every starting

pitcher and every bullpen arm. And if they're lucky, they'll remain healthy for the entire season.

But that scenario is unlikely.

A more likely situation is one that sees first-year head coach Rick Heller losing several members of the team to the draft, something he was clearly aware of before the season began.

"The fact that out junior group is so talented is a positive," Heller

said at the team's media day. "The only thing that could set us back a bit is if say [Eric] Toole, [Jake] Yacinich, [Sasha] Kuebel, and [Nick] Hibbing all have great years ... if they do, they'll more than likely get drafted, which would throw a wrench into our plans for next year."

As Heller referred to, and judging by performance of the season, the two most likely candidates to get drafted are Toole and Yacinich. They are two of the Hawkeyes' best all-around players, excelling both in the field and at the plate.

Often, what the decision boils down to is money. Not that these players don't play because they love the game, but common sense says that juniors have the most leverage of any draftee other than a high-school prospect. The threat of returning for their senior year of college often bumps up a junior's signing bonus.

However, it's not unheard of for juniors to turn down a signing bonus and play their final college season. This is probably the scenario that Heller would likely prefer. But it's also a scenario that he, or any coach for that matter, has little say in.

Iowa has 19 juniors on the roster. And whereas this year's senior ceremonies were minimal, you likely wouldn't hear a complaint from Heller

if next year's ceremonies were drawn out because of the number of seniors.

If this turns out to be the case, Iowa can seriously contend for a Big Ten title. If not, Heller might face his toughest task yet as coach of the Hawkeyes.



Iowa infielder Jake Yacinich runs to first base in Banks Field on May 10. (The Daily Iowan/Allison Orvis)

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Fleming commits to Iowa

Oak Hill Academy's Andrew Fleming has committed to Fran McCaffery and the Iowa basketball program.

The 6-5, 200-pound shooting guard joins small forward Brandon Hutton of Chicago (De La Salle institute) as the second commitment of McCaffery's 2015 recruiting class.



Fleming
recruit

Fleming, a three-star recruit from Nashville, Tenn., visited Iowa this past weekend and called McCaffery Sunday evening to inform the coach of his plans to become a Hawkeye.

Fleming chose Iowa despite being linked to the likes of Ohio State, Vanderbilt, UNLV, and Florida.

— by Joshua Bolander

Lowery signs with Chiefs

Former Iowa defensive back B.J. Lowery may not have heard his name called in this past weekend's draft, but the 5-11, 193-pound corner will get his chance to make an NFL roster after signing with the Kansas City Chiefs on Monday.

The Cincinnati native made 62 tackles and intercepted 3 passes, two of which he returned for touchdowns, for Phil Parker's defense during the 2013 season.

Lowery is the 10th Iowa player to receive a tryout or sign with an NFL team.

— by Joshua Bolander



Iowa defensive back B.J. Lowery runs the ball for a pick-6 in Kinnick Stadium on Sept. 21, 2013, against Western Michigan. Lowery returned 2 interceptions for touchdowns, a single-game school record. (The Daily Iowan/Callie Mitchell)

Cubs rout Cardinals 17-5

ST. LOUIS — Junior Lake homered, doubled twice, and drove in 6 runs as the Chicago Cubs broke loose, routing the St. Louis Cardinals, 17-5, on Monday night.

The Cubs had totaled just 4 runs while getting swept in a three-game series at Atlanta over the weekend, and they had lost seven of their last eight. Chicago has the worst record in the league at 13-24, but it is 4-3 against the defending NL champions.

Mike Olt's 2-run homer capped a 4-run first. Leadoff man Emilio Bonafacio had four of Chicago's 20 hits and scored four times, once on a play overturned by video review.

Anthony Rizzo and Starlin Castro each drove in 3 as the Cubs set season highs for runs and hits.

— Associated Press

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YEAR-END AWARDS

Blowing past expectations



Iowa guard Ally Disterhoft contests a lay-up against the University of Dayton on Nov. 10, 2013, in Carver-Hawkeye. Disterhoft was voted the D/I's Hawkeye Newcomer of the Year. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

Ally Disterhoft not only met the lofty expectations that followed her to Iowa, she exceeded them.

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Expectations are a dangerous thing. They can place unfair hopes on athletes, setting them up to fail. Behind every failed prospect, "could've been" or "should've been," there were once high expectations.

This is what made Ally Disterhoft so exceptional in her freshman season; the highly heralded recruit from Iowa City not only fulfilled every expectation, she exceeded them.

"Coming in, I wanted to contribute however that was," she said. "I didn't know whether that would be starting initially or whatnot, but if I was out on the court, I was going to give it my all, or on the bench, I was going to be there for my teammates." The expectations began before Dister-

hoft ever donned a Hawkeye uniform. In high school, she was a 2013 PARADE All-American, Miss Iowa Basketball, Iowa's Gatorade Player of the Year, and a McDonald's All-American nominee.

However, those expectations didn't begin to solidify themselves until the team's media day, where the 6-foot guard was lauded for not only her skills on the court but her presence off it.

"She's fit in really nicely," junior Melissa Dixon said at the team's media day. "She came in, and she's already made such a big impact, and I think that she'll make a really big impact this season."

You could pretty easily split Disterhoft's freshman season into two parts — pre-starting and post-starting.

For the first 19 games, Disterhoft came off the bench. She was at the time a key

role player, one who could provide a spark and regularly get rebounds among taller defenders.

But following a blowout loss to Michigan State on Iowa's home court, head coach Lisa Bluder made the decision to sub Disterhoft for Kali Peschel in the starting lineup. Disterhoft responded by posting a double-double at Ohio State; in Iowa's 81-74 victory, Disterhoft scored 24 points and snagged 10 rebounds. She also hit the clinching free throws down the stretch.

"She had that time to grow before being put in the starting lineup," teammate Sam Logic said. "She used that time really well, and then that transition [to the starting lineup] was perfect for her."

From then on, Disterhoft transformed

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COMMENTARY

Next season up in the air



Iowa junior Nick Hibbing pitches against South Dakota State at Banks Field on April 26. (The Daily Iowan/Allison Orvis)

Senior Day was a indicator of what next season could be for Iowa baseball and what the reality might be.



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Before the rain extended Iowa's final home game against Illinois to last just

under six hours, the program held its Senior Day ceremony.

The seniors were introduced one-by-one with their parents alongside them. However, contrary to what one would expect from a baseball team that has 34 players on its roster, the ceremony took no longer than 10 minutes.

The Hawkeyes will graduate just three players this season — Taylor Zeuten-

horst, Trevor Kenyon, and Bryan Niedbalski. This shortage of seniors provides hope for next season. But, as every college baseball team is reminded on a yearly basis, not every player is guaranteed to return.

Let's assume the extremely unlikely scenario that every junior on Iowa's roster forgoes the draft and

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Leaping into attention

Sophomore Kevin Spejcher launched himself from afterthought to a contender in one meet.

By JORDAN HANSEN
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After clearing 2.20 meters and winning the Musco Twilight meet high jump, sophomore Kevin Spejcher bounced off the mat, his shaggy brown hair flying and let out a noise that can only be described as "victorious."

His outpouring of emotion was the perfect moment to cap off a contest that catapulted him to second in the Big Ten and in a tie for 16th in the nation.

Even more impressive is that his sudden breakout came just a year after a season in which he finished a meager 15th at last season's Big Ten meet.

"Being up there really means a lot to me — last year I came in not being able to make NCAAs, and it's kind of nice being up there," Spejcher said. "It's good to see that I'm finally showing, and I'm up there with everyone else."

It helps that the sophomore has had a chance to learn second-year



Spejcher
high jumper

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