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In addition to selling breeding bulls, Swenka also takes his bulls to a facility in which their semen is extracted and sold not only around the United States but also internationally.

Lawmakers approve gas-tax bill

By KEVIN NISGAZ

Quickened legislative movement in the State Capitol has put the notion of Iowa motorists paying over a little more money to fill up at the pump in the hands of Gov. Terry Branstad.

The state’s two lawmaking chambers voted Tuesday in favor of a bill that calls for the state’s first increase in a state-wide tax on gasoline and diesel fuel in nearly three decades.

The Senate voted 28-21 in favor of a bill that would drive up the tax on traditional gasoline and diesel fuels by 10 cents per gallon. The vote was closely-split, with 12 Democrats and 12 Republicans voting “yes” while 10 Democrats and 11 Republicans opposed the measure.

In a quick pivot turnaround, Iowa House leaders voted on an identical bill 53-46. “We can’t continue to kick this down the road,” Rep. Todd Bowman, D-Maquoketa, said in an impassioned speech in favor of the bill.

The bill would funnel $260 million into the next fiscal year, before shrinking to a bit each year to $195 million in fiscal 2020.

Echoing similar, recent sentiment from the Branstad administration, Bowman, who serves as chairman of the Iowa Senate Transportation Committee, said stable roads and bridges are key drivers to the state’s economic prosperity.

The last time Iowa lawmakers increased the tax in, 1989, Boston’s New Kids on the Block were kings of gaming, and baggy denim was the fashion.

Proponents of the legislation have said the bill is an answer to the state’s $140 million of roads. During the previous legislative session, support for a gas tax failed to gain legs.

Each time Iowa drivers fill up, they pay state and federal taxes on fuel. In Iowa, diesel fuel is taxed at 22.5 cents per gallon, regular gasoline at 21 cents per gallon, and 19 cents for non-blended gasoline.

The federal tax currently sits at 16 cents per gallon for standard gasoline blends and 24.4 cents per gallon for diesel.

Since the legislative session convened on Jan. 12, state Dem-ocrates, Republicans, and Bran- stad have carefully crafted the gas tax into their daily rhetoric.Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, along with Bran- stad and Gov. Kim Reay- side, have recognized that the tax increase was inevitable.

By REBECCA MOORE

The Congress has less than a week to whip up enough votes to pass the Keystone XL Pipeline veto. President Obama turned down the bill to approve construction on the pipeline Tuesday.

This is the third time the president has used his veto power. Congress only has two-thirds of votes in both the Senate and House of Representa- tives to override the veto.

In his statement, President Obama is trying to find ways around the process that determines whether the Keystone XL Pipeline would be beneficial.

“President Obama fully understands that future legislative action is one I take seriously,” Obama wrote in the statement provided to Senate ”Gazette. “I also take seriously my responsibility to the American people. And because this issue of Congress conflicts with established Exec- utive Branch proc- edures and cuts short through consider- able issues, that could bear on our national interest — including our security, safety, and environ- ment — it has earned my veto.”

The proposed addition to the pipe- line, which already goes from Canad- a to Nebraska across to Illinois and down to the Gulf Coast in Texas, would add a pipeline from Albe- ta, Canada, to Steele City, Nebraska.

The pipeline would carry 1.1 billion, the State De- partment announced in addition, during the construction of the pipeline, $2 billion to one- year jobs would be created, the de- partment said.

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, who was
"Would You Rather" opens spring campaign for UISG
University of Iowa Student Government plans big for the spring semester.

By NOLLE ALKHAMAIR
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Would you rather go for a PAULA or get 36 months of Netflix?

The USG Budgeting and Allocating Committee has recently launched a safety campaign called “Would You Rather,” which equates the financial ramifications of breaking the law in Iowa City. The campaign will ask aimed at reducing the number of tickets students receive.

The goal of the web series is to promote safety in Iowa City and to help students see law enforcement in a more positive light, Lawler said.

“It’s kind of a less formal approach to teach students how to be safe,” said Jake Burger, student safety liaison and co-chair of the campaign.

The goal of this is not to just force those regulations but get a personality and a face to those officers that are helping them out and have a real conversation about the safety problems in Iowa City.

An up-and-coming initiative the academic affairs committee will launch within the next couple of weeks is “Managing Midterms.”

“It doubles as an outreach event as well as a midterm motivator,” Lawler said.

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Iowans aren’t yet sure what to make of South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham’s foray into presidential politics.

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The Seneca, S.C., resident is a prominent Republican and a national event as the Iowa Freedom Summit.


People aren’t taking his candidacy seriously,” Clay County Republicans Chairman Will Jones said. “Graham is just not around. I’m sure if he works on it, he’ll be right in with the rest of them.”

Graham will be back in March for the Iowa Agri-ture Summit, Bruce Radel- ter, an Iowa entrepreneur, philanthropist, and busi- ness leader, created the fo- rum earlier this year.

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Threat raises U.S. quagmire

Economic sanctions: A weapon in the U.S. arsenal — or of little use? — are brought together in this video. But should teachers who are doing their best to educate children walk away from their jobs? The sanctions have been imposed for out-of-state students to work at all costs. And believes many of us. In the U.S. we are 100 percent in favor of economic sanctions in fear of terrorist threats (code for any reason worse responses ought not to make). This is the root of my concern.

On the one hand, suc- cumbing to the fear-soo- ning tactics of terrorist organizations is not a practice that the United States can afford. On the other, I cannot faith- fully set aside in Iowa City encouraging others to sitting safely in Iowa City encouraging others to setting safely...
KEYSTONE CONTINUES TO FIGHT

the preceding officer over the Senate when Obama presented the veto, said in statement that she was disappointed with his action. "This commonsense legislation would help create thousands of new jobs, grow our economy, and provide important energy infrastructure developments to move our country forward," Ernst said. "Although the president vetoes this bipartisan legislation today, I remain committed to working with Congressman Blum and Senator Young to find an alternative solution to the budget impasse."

All of Iowa's congressional delegation supports the Keystone XL pipeline. Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, has previously gone on record supporting the pipeline because of the number of temporary jobs it would create for Iowans. Newly-elected Reps. Rod Blum and David Young have both said during the midterm elections that they are in favor of the pipeline. "I'm disappointed President Obama vetoed the bipartisan, broadly supported Keystone XL legislation," Grassley said in a statement. "He and Congress 'cut short' his review, even though it's been more than 2,540 days since the application for the permit was submitted. It's time to make a decision. It's no way to benefit our economy and our national security."
The straw poll has been held in Iowa since 1979, with George W. Bush being one of the few candidates to have won the straw poll and the presidency. However, the straw poll’s relevance in the context of Iowa’s role in the primary process is debated. The straw poll’s impact is often overshadowed by the Iowa Caucuses, which are a unique event in American politics.

The straw poll has been held since 1979, and several candidates have won the straw poll and gone on to win the presidency. The straw poll is based on a simple poll of Republican precinct delegates and alternates who gather in Iowa communities. Despite its small size, the straw poll is considered an important event in the Iowa presidential caucuses, with significant implications for the outcome of the Iowa caucuses and the nomination process for the Republican presidential candidates.
A passionate histo-
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wrestles with starting dates
By AARON WALKER

One lawmaker has suggested making the state wrestling tournament a school holiday.

"Hundreds of people
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tler," he said. "But in a
small town, there's no-
thing," Reiland
said. "But if you take a
couple hundred from a
city schools in the
country, and not the local board.

"Frankly, [Gov. Ter-
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anything that doesn't
include a starting date in it," said Sen. Amy Sin-
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Other lawmakers said
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My reactions to Esquire’s 1,000 Things I Don’t Know about Women:

- No. 311: When you offer to pay for something and we refuse, insist one more time. Always accept. (Shared-game woman. Get it.)

- No. 300: We don’t need special movies. Just do the regular ones right. (Women prefer mediocrity. Get it.)

- No. 365: Like it when you stand in the same room with us. And give com- munication. Hang out by water first drinking movies. (Get it.)

- No. 350: Think twice before you say something. Choose your words carefully. My phone does what it’s good for: getting us conversations and enabling you to understand us. That you play that fucking Plants vs. Zombies game while we’re talking to you one more time isn’t your sleeping allies. (Technology equals to make women’s lives happier, not worse.)

- No. 345: Snuggling can be just about anything. (Communication on problems isn’t essential. Get it.)

- No. 307: Emotional clips to your pants are easy to get off if you are Superman, or any other kind of superhero. Don’t allow them to save lives, not send lives via belt gadgetry. (Superman, or any other superhero. Get it.)

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- No. 172: Take care of responsibilities quickly, and as well as gather facts that will help you excel. Romance is encouraged.

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The Big Ten championships are back in Iowa City, and the Iowa men’s swimming team is in a position to move up in the conference rankings.

The Hawkeyes could cross some Big Ten champions, two relay teams and one individual, senior Grant Betulius in the 100 backstroke. Those potential champions, along with the other potential scorers, could see the Hawkeyes improve upon their eighth-place finish from a season ago.

“Do or die, however the Hawkeyes will have to go through the gauntlet that is the Big Ten,” Long said. “You’re looking at one of the greatest collegiate conferences for swimming and diving in the country,” head coach Marc Long said. “And that’s exciting.”

The No. 21 Hawkeyes will welcome No. 6 Wisconsin, No. 11 Michigan State to the conference meets to be held at the University of Iowa Recreation & Wellness Center.

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The Gophers host another strong team this weekend. This is a dual earlier this season; the Gophers beat Iowa in the 100 backstroke.

Power rankings are paramount in the Big Ten. The Hawkeyes have always been a strong team in the Big Ten.

The Buckeyes will score higher in the stroke events. They have teammates, too. They have teammates, too. They have teammates, too.

The Hoosiers are another solid team, but they are not quite up to the standards of the top teams. They have tremendous swimmers who can win in several events, including Anze Tocar, the top 100 butterfly in the conference.

Outside of Jordan Wilimovsky, one of the best distance swimmers in the country, the Wildcats don’t have much to write home about. They finished ninth last season, and they won’t finish much better this time.

The Spartans are a team that traditionally does well in the Big Ten, and that’s probably going to continue this year. All five of the Spartans’ relay teams are in the bottom half of the conference, which doesn’t bode well for the team.

Shane Ryan and Ryan Savoy can only be defeated in the 500 backstroke after taking champions and runner-up. Savoy and Ryan were also on the 200- and 400- freestyle relays that finished first and second place, respectively. They have teammates, too.

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GymHawks swing into nations’ top 25

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So far this season, the Iowa women’s gymnastics team has faced the highs of viable improvement and the lows of injuries and illnesses. Yet through all of the ups and downs, the GymHawks have earned a ranking among the top-25 teams nationally, their best ranking since No. 24. "I think we expected to get here this quickly, ranking-wise," head coach Larissa Libby said. "The team deserves to know how big of a deal that is for them and how hard they’ve worked. Proudly I add that to our accomplishments.

The Hawks gained the 25th spot after taking second in a tri-meet performance over this past weekend that included Ohio State and BYU.

"We were able to finish with individuals and a lot of times when there’s transfers, the first thing they talk about is what he did he flunk a drug test?" McCaffery said. "We'll talk to people, we'll help him. Going through that situation, we need to keep challenging ourselves to keep striving for better," sophomore Angel Moreno said. "Our new season is to be ranked in the top 20." Prices are per game.

Regardless of which team you lose face off against, it just goes beyond these guardies Clemmons and Oglesby, the guards’ combined 30.8 points per game is second in the Big Ten and 14th in the nation. Clemmons is a fifth-year, a transfer that’s been in the program five years longer than others. In the Hawkeye this season, while junior Del Vecchio and Oglesby are averaging 13.5 and 7.4 points per game, respectively, Clemmons is averaging 15.9 points per game, 6.4 rebounds per game, 2.1 assists per game and 1.2 steals per game.

"Being able to look back at our four-year career here so far, this season has really shown continu- al improvement in scores and as a team," senior Jan- hanny Bailstall said. "We are able to work together on bettering our routines, and bettering our relationships, which has set us apart from other teams and has shown a successful out- come so far."

Follow index_editor on Twitter for more analysis and scores from the Iowa Sooners gymnastics team.

So it’s obvious the Hawks are due for a test against Illinois, and in this case, it’s going to be a program that they have a few options.

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Men’s Basketball Preview
Player to watch
Number to know
Last result

IOWA
Peter Jok
3 points per game, 2.6 rebounds per game

Ratenvoy Rice
15 points per game, 4.4 rebounds per game

97 percent free throw (five free throws)

86-53 win at Michigan State

IOWA STATE

Men’s Basketball Preview
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DOUGLAS

DICKERSON

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Clemmons is famous to those of situations a transfer of his own last season. He talked to Dickerson about the situation and gave him advice on his future.

"I’ll talk to you about Iowa," Dickerson said. "I don’t know much about what you’re doing or noticing what’s happening, but a lot of people can’t take stuff like that."

"He was a strong man, I feel," McCaffery said. "All right, I just can’t go through the difficult decision." McCaffery said, for with a couple of seniors and do everything he can to make sure he finishes the semester at Iowa.

"Well help him. Going to do it in the face of us ‘call him about this,’” McCaffery said. "We’ll talk to people, upon江苏 upon them that had to go in the lot of times when there’s transfers, the first thing is, ‘Are there character is- sues? Has he even talked to Doug Sullivan, who asser- ted in 2016, the seat of the lineup is under pressure to execute as the regular season winds down.

"These past two weeks we’ve been doing real- ly well when it comes to the ‘nines.’" Libby said. "Costs were reduced to the 196 barrier — Iowa’s NCAA Tournament team. It’s the first time the Hawks have made the mark since March 8, 2012, against Iowa State.

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The Iowa men’s basketball team is scheduled to face off with Illinois this evening, looking to win its third-consecutive Big Ten game.

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After two wins last week, the Iowa men’s basketball team is scheduled to face Illinois tonight, a team that provides an interesting matchup for Hawkeyes.

Both Iowa and Illinois have 16-10 records overall, and Illinois has the better Big Ten record — 7-5 versus Iowa’s 4-8. They are both similarly-paced teams and the teams get their points from different places. Illinois, with an average of 72.7 points per game, gets a larger percentage of their points from its guards — 6-4 Rayvonte Rice averages double-digit points per game.

Tameekka Winters scored 18 points and 10 assists and the Fighting Illini limited the Hawkeyes to 41 percent shooting from the field.

Experience certainly helps. Iowa has seen some of the best guards in the Big Ten and in the country this season, including Marcus Paige of North Carolina and Travis Trice of Michigan State, just to name a couple.

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Iowa men’s basketball vs. Illinois
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Where: Carver-Hawkeye
Watch: Big Ten Network

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**Hawks pummeled on pommel horse**

For men's gymnastics, unique lineup tackles the pommel horse.

**By CHARLIE GREEN**
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There are no stars on the pommel horse for Iowa men’s gymnastics — just a group of athletes whose focus is drawn to the team’s most worrisome event.

The pommel horse is for women.

"It’s a unique challenge because of the level of concentration it demands," Dickerson said. "Mentally exerting in nature, it brings the event immediately."

"That’s why you have people who specialize in the event," he said. "After a lowly average of 67.233 on the event last season, Rice focused on bringing in talent to contribute to the event immediately."

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Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said he will try to help Trey Dickerson all he can.

**By DANNY PAYNE**
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Surprise was the word used by Dickerson when he signed with Iowa last year, saw limited minutes in only 15 of the Hawkeyes’ contests.

Dickerson is stuck in the rotation.

As one may think, most around the Iowa men’s basketball program weren’t surprised at Trey Dickerson’s decision to leave the team and transfer.

The sophomore, who was one of the highest-rated junior-college players when he signed with Iowa last year, saw limited minutes in only 15 of the Hawkeyes’ contests.

"They're kind of the nerdy kids," head coach JD Reive said. "Physically, they look a little bit different, and usually for lack of a better term, they're kind of the nerdy students who can sit, and think, and do things a million times over."

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