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TRANSPORTATION

Lawmakers approve gas-tax bill

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Quickened legislative movement in the State Capitol has put the notion of Iowa motorists forking 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 gas-

oline and diesel fuels by 10 cents per gallon.

The vote was closely-split, with 16 Democrats and 12 Republicans voting "yes," while 10 Democrats and 11 Republicans opposed the measure.

In a quick turnaround, Iowa House leaders voted on an identical bill 53-46.

"We can't continue to kick this can down the road," Sen. Tod Bowman, D-Maquoketa,



Branstad
governor

said in an impassioned speech in favor of the bill.

The hike would funnel \$204 million into the next fiscal year, before shrinking a bit each year to \$195 million in fiscal 2020.

Echoing similar, recent sentiments by 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 move forward in economic prosperity.

The last time Iowa lawmakers increased the tax, in 1989,

Boston's New Kids on the Block boy band was soaring to the top of national music charts, Sega Genesis and the GameBoy were kings of gaming, and baggy denim was the fashion.

Proponents of the legislation have said the bill is an answer to Iowa raising \$215 million each year to fund the upkeep of the state's 114,000 miles 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 ethanol-blended gasoline.

The federal tax currently sits at 18.4 cents per gallon for standard gasoline blends and 24.4 cents per gallon for diesel.

Since the legislative session convened on Jan. 12, state Democrats, Republicans, and Branstad have carefully crafted the gas tax into their daily rhetoric.

Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, along with Branstad and Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds, have recognized that the

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Big Tens ready to go



Iowa swimmer Chris Freeman races down the pool during the men's 100 fly in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center during the Hawkeye Invitational on Dec. 6, 2014. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

The Big Ten men's swimming and diving championships are scheduled to begin at the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center today. Turn to Page 9 for the *DI*'s preview of the four-day event.

Follow @lanFromIowa and @RodEngblom on Twitter for updates on this weekend from the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center

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ENVIRONMENT

Veto draws Iowa fire

Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst are disappointed in President Obama's veto of the Keystone XL Pipeline.

By **REBECCA MORIN**
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The Congress has less than a week to whip up enough votes to quash 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 must have two-thirds of votes in both the Senate and House of Representatives to override the veto.

In his statement, Obama said Congress is trying to find ways around the process that determines whether building and operating a cross-border pipeline would be beneficial.

"The presidential power to veto legislation is one I take seriously,"

Obama wrote in the statement provided to the Senate. "But I also take seriously my responsibility to the American people. And because this act of Congress conflicts with established Executive Branch procedures and cuts short thorough consideration of issues that could bear on our national interest — including our security, safety, and environment — it has earned my veto."

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

The pipeline would cost about \$3.4 billion, the State Department has said. In addition, during the construction of the pipeline, almost 42,000 one-year jobs would be created, the department has reported.

Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, who was



Obama
president



Ernst
senator



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Senate majority leader

Farmer discovers bull market

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Steve Swenka is a fourth-generation farmer who sells a unique product — bull semen.

Rather than selling cattle that would inevitably end up in the food supply people find at their local grocery stores, Swenka sells breeding stock. That is, he sells bulls to impregnate cows, and he also sells cows to be impregnated.

"We actually sell a bull that will go out and breed with our customer's cows," Swenka said.

The offspring of the breed becomes a steer, which is then sold by another farmer for meat.

Eastern Iowa farmer Garry Zumbauch has been buying breeding bulls from Swenka for the past three years. Zumbauch said his trust in Swenka is a reason he has been such a frequent customer.

"[The Swenka family] has been doing business for a long time," Zumbauch said. "They're good, reputable breeders."

Zumbauch said the steers that are



Young bulls roam at the Swenka farm near Tiffin on Tuesday. The Swenkas have close to 100 head of cattle on their farm. (The Daily Iowan/John Theulen)

born as a result of Swenka's breeding bulls usually grow up well and have a good temperament.

"Growth is a big thing, but if you can get good temperament, that's an added bonus," Zumbauch said.

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

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Serhat Tanyolac's statue stands inside Kirkwood Iowa City's campus on Tuesday. The statue, which is covered in newspaper headlines highlighting a history of racially motivated violence, was a lightning rod of controversy in late December. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

Artist defends Pentacrest artwork

On Tuesday afternoon, Serhat Tanyolac gave a speech and answered questions at Kirkwood Community College, 1816 Lower Muscatine Rd. In a copy of the speech obtained by *The Daily Iowan*, Tanyolac had harsh words for the University of Iowa and its reaction to the art.

"Both in Tom Rocklin's and President Mason's official statements, the University of Iowa has effectively announced that my artwork is not protected by the First Amendment due to the discomfort it caused to some of those who experienced it," he said during the speech. Tanyolac said this would both the first and final time he would discuss the statue in public.

He said during the panel he thinks artists have a responsibility to raise awareness on social issues such as racial tension. The statue is a KKK figure with a robe made of newspaper clippings of racial tension around the United States. Controversy surrounded the public art display when it was unveiled last December. Many students said the piece was offensive and that they felt terrorized.

The statue was taken down from the Pentacrest, with the UI citing time, place, and manner restrictions, saying the space requires an application for any display. The speech took place during a panel called "Fear of Art" where he and other community members held a discussion on controversy and public space.

— by Nick Moffitt and Chris Higgins

'Would You Rather' opens spring campaign for UISG

University of Iowa Student Government plans big for the spring semester.

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Would you rather get a PAULA or have Netflix? That's the new question a UISG campaign will ask aimed at reducing the number of tickets students receive. The UISG Budgeting and Allocating Committee has recently launched a safety campaign called "Would You Rather," which approximates the amount of money students could use if it was not otherwise being used to pay for negative consequences, such as a PAULA citation.

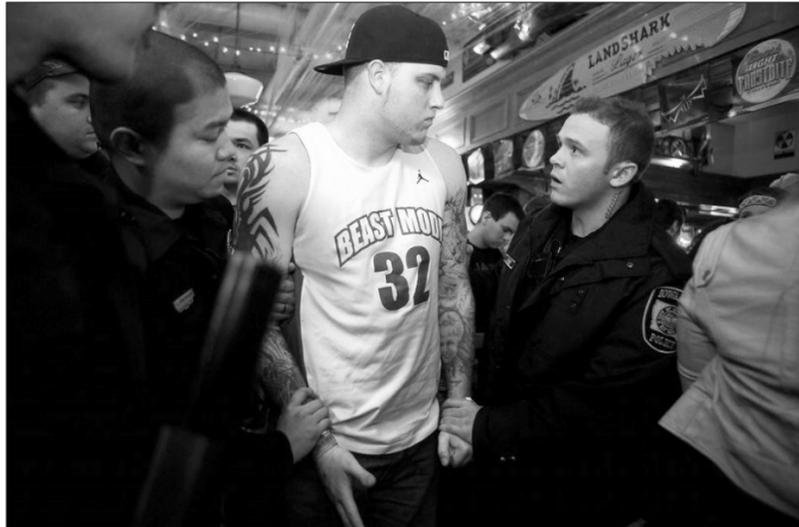
"Would You Rather is kind of equating the financial ramifications of breaking the law in Iowa City," committee head Kolton Dahms, said. "For example we have PAULA — you could spend \$330 on a PAULA or get 36 months of Netflix."

UISG and the committee are spreading the word of this initiative to students across campus, officials said.

"We're definitely going to focus on social media, and we also have fliers that are going to be passed out," Dahms said.

This campaign is aimed particularly at students to promote weighing in on the benefits versus the consequences of their actions, especially underage drinking.

"People don't necessarily think about these ramifications when they're going out on a Thursday, Fri-



Iowa City police take a man into custody in Brothers Bar on Nov. 1, 2013. The UISG 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 Daily Iowan/File Photo)

day, Saturday night," Dahms said. "But it's our goal to make them aware."

During Tuesday's committee meetings, UISG members discussed other new ideas for the future, as well as a few initiatives that have recently been put into play.

On Monday, the community outreach committee launched its new campaign "Behind the Shield." It collects video interviews with both university and Iowa City police officers, which can be viewed via social media such as YouTube, Twitter, and Facebook.

"We decided we wanted to do a web series showcasing who the officers are so that people aren't so afraid of officers; so that people know who the people behind the shield

are," said Janet Lawler, communications specialist and co-chair of the campaign.

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-head of the campaign. "The goal of this is to not only forge those relationships but put a personality and a face to these 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," said Dexter Golvinghorst, academic affairs committee head.

Similarly to last semester's "Flipping into Finals" campaign, it will provide students with refreshments and stress counseling in the days leading up to midterms, Golvinghorst said.

"We're going to have healthy grab-and-go snacks and also different information available at our table from counseling services and different initiatives that are going on at UISG," he said.

A "Managing Midterms" booth will be available to students March 4 and March 11 in the Hubbard Commons and the Main Library.

BLOTTER

Brian Albaugh, 28, Coralville, was charged Feb. 20 with fourth-degree theft.
Bodhi Eagle, 21, Washington, Iowa, was charged Tuesday with OWI.
Troy Fadiga, 30, Knoxville, Tennessee, was charged Jul. 13, 2012, with fourth-degree criminal mischief.
RC Harris, 28, Cedar Rap-

ids, was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance.
Micahel Tan, 19, Mason City, Iowa, was charged Sunday with public intoxication and interference with official acts.
Yu Tang, 43, 747 W. Benton St., was charged Monday with public intoxication and violating a no-contact domestic-abuse protective order.

Kendra Webb, 21, West Branch, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Earnest Willis, 21, 2652 Roberts Road Apt. 2B, was charged Tuesday with driving with a suspended/canceled license.
Jorge Yokio, 22, 1927 Grantwood St., was charged Tuesday with public intoxication.

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Graham seemingly slips into presidential race

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

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Some think Iowans have one of the deciding voices for presidential contenders. And if that's so, then Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., may be in trouble.

Graham made his first Iowa appearance this past weekend since stumping for then-Senate candidate Joni Ernst in October 2014.

The Seneca, S.C., resident, who served in the U.S. Air Force for six years and then in the South Carolina Air National Guard, is often seen as a hawk and a prominent Republican voice on foreign policy, which includes advocating for sending boots on the ground to fight ISIS.

The 59-year-old came to Iowa to test the waters for a possible presidential bid.

While in Iowa last week, Graham met with several state officials, in addition to attending a meet-and-greet in Johnston, Iowa, which drew many military leaders and veterans.

Despite the small, private meet-and-greet, many Iowans don't really know his name.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush is leading several polls, including a poll by Real Clear Politics that was conducted from Dec. 11, 2014, to Feb. 22, as well as polls by Fox News and ABC and the *Washington Post*.

"I haven't talked to anybody who has mentioned

[Graham's] name before," Polk County Republicans Chairman Will Rogers said in regards to the 2016 presidential election, noting that the media have hardly mentioned him as well.

In his home state, Graham led polls as a potential Republican candidate, according to a February NBC News/Marist Poll. Fifty-eight percent of registered voters, however, said they do not think Graham should run for president.

Jim Davis, the chairman of South Carolina Republican Party's 1st Congressional District, said it's too early to tell how well he would do in the 2016 election.

"He is incredibly well-liked here," Davis said. "He's well-liked in South Carolina, he ran an incredibly good race, and won that very handily. The question is to see how he'll do outside of South Carolina."

Being well-liked in South Carolina, however, might not translate to Iowa.

Only around 1 percent of Iowa voters would vote for Graham as the potential Republican electorate, according to a separate February NBC News/Marist Poll.

"Most Iowans have never heard of him," Johnson County GOP Chairman Bill Keettel said. "Most Republican Iowans have never heard of him."

That might be from his lack of involvement in such

national events as the Iowa Freedom Summit.

At the summit, which took place in January, several possible 2016 contenders appeared, including former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio.

"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 Agriculture Summit. Bruce Rastetter, an Iowa entrepreneur, philanthropist, and business leader, created the forum earlier this year.

In fewer than two weeks, Graham will mix his name in with the many possible 2016 candidates who have visited Iowa several times last and this year.

David Yepsen, the director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University, said it's early but also not early to put a new name as a candidate for the 2016 election.

"[Graham] is mostly identified as a hawk," Yepsen said, and that is what makes him different from other candidates who are either economic conservatives or social conservatives.

"He would be the best hawk in the race, and that's what he's known for.

Because there aren't any hawks, he'll add a new dimension to the debate," Yepsen said. "When the world calls 911, Uncle Sam picks up the phone."

Some Iowans said they believe that foreign policy will play a large role in the election.

According to the same February NBC News/Marist Poll for Iowa, mili-

tary action against ISIS is in the top-three most important issues for the 2016 presidential election.

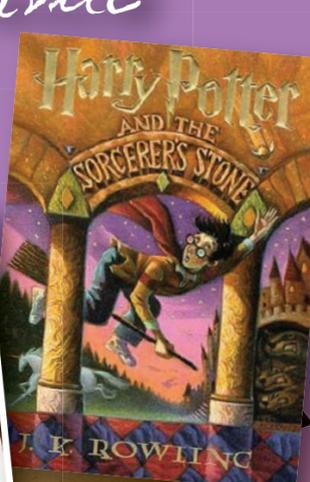
"If things continue the way they are with ISIS, they play an important role in regards to the presidential election, but that doesn't go to say that domestic issues won't as well," said Gene Newgaard, the head of Hardin

County Republicans.

Rogers said with ISIS growing, instability in Africa, as well as in Russia and Ukraine, are the issues that people are concerned with.

"I think it's going to be major in this election," Rogers said. "I think overall, Lindsey Graham has a good message on that."

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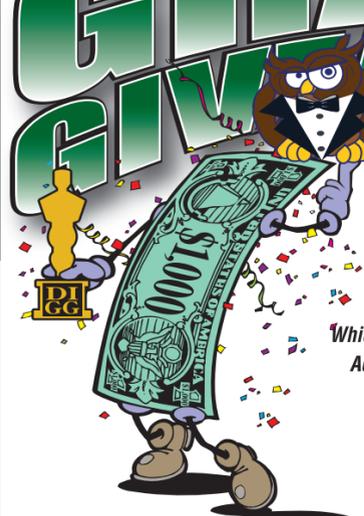
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COLUMN

Threat raises U.S. quandary



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I am conflicted. On Sunday, the *New York Times* reported that Al-Shabab, a terrorist organization in Somalia with ties to Al Qaeda, posted a lengthy video taking responsibility for a 2013 mall attack in Kenya that killed more than 60 people.

The video also served as a call-to-action for terrorists. Referring to the attack on the Westgate Mall in Nairobi as “just the beginning,” the masked individual in the film went on to point out several malls, including Minnesota’s Mall of America, as targets. Other targets included Oxford Street in London and the West Edmonton Mall in Canada, the largest in North America.

As a Minnesotan, this news struck home for me, literally and figuratively. My mind flashed to the dozens of friends and family members who spend weekends roaming the mall. I thought about how the mall was, fortunately or unfortunately, a cornerstone of the Twin Cities. And while I’ve never liked to spend more than an hour at a time there, I know just how important that monstrous testament to American consumerism is.

When this news first broke, however, my Twitter and Facebook feeds were filled with people begging their friends to forgo the mall for just the next few weeks.

According to the *Times*, the Homeland Security Department acknowledged the video but later said, “We are not aware of any specific, credible plot against the Mall of America or any other domestic commercial shopping center.”

The natural reaction of the American public to this video is to avoid malls

at all costs. And believe me, on any other occasion, I’m 100 percent in favor of that plan. But covering in fear of terrorist threats (credible or not) is not the response Americans ought to have.

This is the root of my confliction.

On the one hand, succumbing to the fear-inducing tactics of terrorist organizations is not a practice that the United States should engage in. On the other, I cannot fathom sitting safely in Iowa City encouraging others to continue to visit the Mall of America with the potential that even one threat be deemed credible, or worse, is acted upon.

Following the release of the video, the mall tightened its security measures and allowed video-access into their training in an effort to reassure shoppers, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* reported.

In a video accompanying the *Star Tribune* article, mall security officers said the mall operates at an extreme level of security, given that it caters to 40 million annual guests.

I want to be cautious about the Mall of America, because it was listed specifically in this video. But the truth remains, however, that malls have always been possible terrorist targets, and mall security has always been aware of that.

Allowing threats such as these to consume and prevent us from going about our daily lives is not an appropriate response. Frightening though they may be, its important to remember that, as implied by the name, terrorist organizations thrive on the fear of others.

When tragedy arises as a result of terrorist attacks, those under attack — especially Americans — are brought together in a display of confidence and unity. How can we come together as a nation and proclaim our bravery following terrorist attacks if we don’t have the courage to show them they can’t control us before the fact?

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EDITORIAL

Iranian actions create wariness

Economic sanctions: A weapon in the U.S. arsenal that can devastate foreign economies and strike fear into their hearts. Right?

Maybe not. In a globalized world in which outright military conflict between global powers is rare, economic sanctions have been the go-to weapon in international disputes.

Last month saw the end of a dispute spanning more than five decades. President Obama eased some of President Kennedy’s economic sanctions on Cuba. Ultimately, the sanctions appeared to have little effect in ousting the communist regime, and they made the life of the average Cuban unfairly difficult. We can only hope a taste of free markets might spark a new vision in Cuban hearts, if one doesn’t burn there already.

Current economic sanctions have been all about Russia and Iran. And they both represent some of the real problems with theoretically sound economic sanctions. For example, in Russia, shortages and decreased economic activity is used to fuel support for President Vladimir Putin and incite anger towards the United States.

As for Iran, well, it has come under fire this week. What do you do when someone is blocking your way? You go around them.

According to Reuters, Iran has smuggled at least \$1 billion in U.S. cash into its country. The money is converted from other currencies in Dubai and Iraq to the U.S. dollar, funneled through front businesses, and physically transported to Iran by couriers. Their carry-ons are stuffed with Benjamins.

Iran has been severely affected by sanctions. Without access to international banking and oil exporting,

its economy has shriveled. Whether the effects will be blamed on Tehran or Washington by the Iranian people is yet to be seen.

The sanctions have been a powerful tool in the Iranian nuclear negotiations. The smuggling of U.S. dollars brings into question the integrity of Tehran and whether it would take a similar underhanded approach to its nuclear-program agreements.

While the country’s integrity is questionable, its motives are logical. That is the major difference to consider when evaluating Tehran and its trustworthiness. Sanctions have crippled its economy, and it has found other ways to get money in and out of the country. Much like moonshine production during Prohibition, Iranians discovered a way around the rules. With a nuclear-program treaty, no one would apply pressure through such force, except conditions that would likely require inspections by international agencies. Under those circumstances, could we trust Iran to honor any nuclear deal?

The *Daily Iowan* Editorial Board greatly disapproves of Tehran’s money laundering. The act undermines U.S. economic sanction strategies, though it is understandable. One would expect a squeezed government to do anything it could to boost its economy.

Still, the money brought into Iran is cause of further suspicion in the nuclear-program talks between that country and the United States and other major powers. It is both unfortunate, because of the importance of the talks, and unsettling, because of the ramifications of an untrustworthy Iranian government. The Board sees this turn of events as a foreboding sign of possible contention moving forward in the Iranian nuclear-program talks.

COLUMN

Teachers’ burden never over



Christopher Cervantes

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In Ankeny, Iowa, teacher Jennifer Rich found herself out of a job after she was discovered to be intoxicated during a Valentine’s Day celebration in her kindergarten class on Feb. 13. After being suspended, the 40-year old teacher resigned from her post. She faces charges of public intoxication and child endangerment. Rich had an alcohol level of 0.145, much higher than the legal limit of .08.

This event has forever changed how this teacher, a once highly respected member of her community, will be perceived. Such is the curse that all teachers and educational personnel must endure. Because

of their status as role models and mentors to the future generations, individuals in the field of education are placed upon a high pedestal similar to the likes beloved icons. However, that means that when they fall, they fall harder than most.

But should teachers be held to such a high standard?

To be frank, yes, they should.

I want to state that this is not a personal attack on Rich and the private issues that she must face. She is a human being, just as any other educator is. But while it is imperative to remember that these individuals are just as human as anyone else, their careers exist solely for the purpose of molding the minds of the youth. In the absence of a child’s parents/guardians, teachers must not only uphold their role as educators, but they must also act as a parental figure.

That is the key here, the parental role that is almost forced upon those in the educational field.

The role of parents is simple. They not only go out of their way to teach children right from wrong while instilling knowledge so that their children are able to grow into functioning members of society, but they also aim to protect their children from any sort of preventable danger in the world.

Now, what are the roles of a teacher? They are largely the same as the parents. Several of my family members and acquaintances, who are either teachers or administrators, have worked in districts in which some students’ parents simply did not care what happened to them. In those instances, the teachers had to step up and take over, in a sense, as surrogate parents. Because of this role, the student would not go without the care and guidance they need-

ed to succeed.

Now compare the public fall of teachers with that of parents. Parents fall under media scrutiny for crimes such as child endangerment, abuse, and sexual abuse. Coincidentally, or not so coincidentally, those are the occurrences that more often than not, have educators in the news. And what happens to parents who put children in danger? They lose them. So, in turn, when teachers put children in danger, they must be kept away from children.

The reason we hold teachers to such a high standard is because of how pivotal they are to the developmental stages of our nation’s youth. Like parents, though, teachers have the opportunity to better themselves and get their children (and jobs) back in their lives. Once that happens, the errors of the past are merely a lesson used to guide future choices.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Then and now

When I attended the UI, then called SUI in the 1960s, out-of-state tuition — which I paid — was about \$745/year. As tuition was billed monthly for eight months, each installment was about \$90. With a part-time job and a short-term loan from the Financial Aid Office, even I could afford it.

It was the best \$745/year that I’ve ever spent.

Reading a *DI* article today, the out-of-state tuition was reported as being around \$28,000/year.

It seems to now be impossible for out-of-state students to work their way through school unless their parents are, at least, financially comfortable. That must chase a lot of qualified students away from Iowa.

The university must be poorer for excluding talented people by charging so high a tuition amount.

Mike Norton

Enduring war vs. enduring peace

The word “enduring” has entered the conversation on U.S. military policy in the past few weeks. Its most notable mention was in President Obama’s Feb. 11 request for additional war authority. The proposed authorization for the use of military force says it does not authorize “enduring” offensive operations. A much less-noticed speech was by Adj. Gen. of the Iowa National Guard Timothy Orr on Feb. 5. He lauded the Iowa Air National Guard’s 132nd Fighter Wing for its progress on a new, “enduring” mission — remotely piloted aircraft. What he refers to is the 132nd’s preparation to become a piloting center for MQ-9 Reaper Drones, armed with Hellfire missiles and bombs.

Another speech, by Obama on Feb. 2, was on the proposed budget for fiscal 2016. It would allocate 54 percent of discretionary spending to

the military; that military budget includes \$821 million for 29 additional Reaper Drones.

Despite the new war-authority-request’s intent to not authorize enduring offensive operations, the proposed request does not repeal the one passed in 2001, which is still in place and is being used to authorize offensive operations in numerous countries, relying heavily on lethal strikes from Reaper Drones.

Citizens need to find their voice. Tell Obama and Congress to repeal the 2001 authority and to reduce the bloated Pentagon budget so we may have a chance at enduring peace. And say “No” to Iowa piloting armed Reaper Drones by attending the March 4 vigil at the 132nd’s Des Moines base.

Edward Flaherty

Online comment on

‘Osgerby: Paywalls and the future of online journalism’

Interesting suggestion at the end, but I predict folks won’t pay for that content, either. Quite frankly, the news business isn’t profitable because people aren’t willing to exchange dollars for information they share daily. The only thing missing from the equation, and it’s coming, is user-provided news and an expanded user web experience in which the users are also contributors such as Facebook.

These will be developed at a community level — community-owned media with a journalism core. More or less a community Facebook. Why pay reporters to come into our world and give us their version of what we already experience? Better yet, why pay companies such as Gannett, which has headquarters in Virginia, to provide these services in Indiana?

Todd Smekens

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KEYSTONE

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the presiding 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 vetoed this bipartisan legislation today, I remain committed to making Washington work again."

All of Iowa's congressional delegation supports the Key-

stone pipeline.

Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa, has previously said he supports 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 approval legislation," Grassley said in a statement. "He said Congress 'cut short' his review, even though it's been more than 2,340 days since the application for the permit was filed. That's a long time to make a decision. It's no way to benefit our economy and our energy security."



Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, accompanied by Sen. John Thune, R-S.D. (right), meets with reporters on Capitol Hill on Tuesday to talk about his move to disentangle one of two contested immigration measures from the Homeland Security budget. (Associated Press/J. Scott Applewhite)

BULLS

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

States, but also abroad, including Canada and New Zealand.

Swenka said the business of extracting and shipping bull semen is a specialized trade that requires specific equipment and scientific expertise.

"Collecting and freezing semen — it may sound like a simple thing — but it's a complex process," he said.

In order to ensure this

process is properly done, Swenka takes his bulls to Hawkeye Breeders in Adel, Iowa.

The owner, David Jensen, said his family has been in the semen-collection business since 1969, when his grandparents started the business.

The process of collection from a bull usually takes a little over six hours.

Once a bull owner brings a bull into Hawkeye Breeders, the bull mounts a teaser animal.

The bull believes it is breeding naturally, and,

as a result, ejaculates into an artificial vagina.

The artificial vagina then collects the semen into a tube, and the semen is taken into initial evaluation, in which it has to pass three parameters.

"If the bull passes those three initial parameters, we'll take that and mix it with an extender," Jensen said.

The extender added to the semen is a protein base, which contains egg yolk and glycerol.

"[The extender] keeps the cells viable and alive as they

go through the cooling process," Jensen said.

The cooling allows the semen — which comes out of the bull at roughly 92 degrees — to cool down to the necessary 37 degrees before it is frozen to minus-300 degrees to ensure the cells remain static to prevent any damage.

Typically, once the process is over, approximately 30 million sperm cells per dose are expected.

"From that point, that's when we pull two to three random straws and check post-freeze to make sure the

samples survive the freezing process," Jensen said.

Straws are what the semen is sold in, and they are priced anywhere from \$25 to \$30. Each straw can inseminate one cow, and they are usually sold in packs of 10.

"It's a lot more work and a lot more record-keeping," Swenka said. "It's just a lot more management than if we were a commercial cow herd. The reward is to be able to see the offspring from your farm."

Once the sperm from Swenka's bulls successful-

ly impregnate a cow from another farm and the calf turns out to be healthy to the new owner's approval, a certificate can be bought from Swenka for \$30 to verify that his bull is in fact the father of the calf.

"We're really in the business of genetics as opposed to just simply selling meat," Swenka said. "It's what our family has done for more than 100 years. We're very selective on the breeding stock we use. We like to think we have a high-quality product we offer for sale."

GAS TAX

CONTINUED FROM FRONT

state's infrastructure is aging and eroding in parts.

But a cohesive, fix-all conclusion on how exactly to upgrade roads and bridges has not been reached.

Sen. Tony Bisignano, D-Des Moines, who voted against the measure,

said the passage of the bill is a slap in the face of Iowa's working-class families and will be seen as a ceremonial win for the Republican governor.

Bisignano said he is also opposed to dipping into Iowa's general fund for infrastructure development, even as some state and national agencies have pointed to that funding pot for an easy fix.

"That is not a stable place to be," he said. "When you start pitting education against roads, it gets to be ugly."

Top aides have said Branstad will "carefully review the bill in its final form" and he had not yet received the bill from the Legislature.

Upon receiving it, he has three days to act, aides say.

The bill calls for the new tax to begin the first

day of the month after it is signed. So if Branstad signs the measure in the next few days, it could take effect on March 1. But if he waits until next week to sign the bill, it won't take effect until April 1.

Each penny per gallon of state fuel tax generates around \$20 million annually, the Iowa Department of Transporta-

tion has said.

Iowa Senate Republicans who had looked to an amendment from Sen. Brad Zaun, R-Urbandale, as an anti-tax saving grace expressed deep disappointment following the vote.

Zaun's counterproposal called for diverting 3 percent of the general fund into the road-use tax fund that powers many state

infrastructure projects.

That plan would have raised \$219 million, \$4 million more than what Iowa Department of Transportation officials have said is necessary, Zaun said.

"We're going to be in the same problem 10 years from now," he said. "I wasn't sent down to the capital to increase taxes on Iowans, and we need to tighten our belts."



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GEORGE W. BUSH



2007
MITT ROMNEY



2011
MICHELE BACHMANN

The straw poll has been held six times, beginning in 1979. George W. Bush is the only candidate to have won both the straw poll, Iowa caucuses, and the presidency in the same cycle.

STRAW POLL LIVES ON

There will be a 2015 Straw Poll, but key state party members are pondering whether the event will remain in Ames. An initial decision could come as early as next week, with a formal recommendation in April. Interviews with influential political hands and state party officials indicate even a change in scenery will not alter the core of the event. Like it or not, **the straw poll is here to stay.** | Story by Brent Griffiths

The detractors

Though signaling a transition from the Ames Straw Poll's historical roots, a move away from the Iowa State Center would do very little to mask many Republicans' scathing criticisms of the event.

"It's a circus, not a caucus," Phil Musser, a senior adviser to former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty during the 2012 presidential campaign, said at the Institute for Politics at the Harvard Kennedy School in 2013. "It's a joke."

Iowa GOP Chairman Jeff Kaufmann is quick to point out that Musser and others in Pawlenty's circle overplayed their hand at the 2011 poll.

"He should look in the mirror," Kaufmann said, noting part of the problem rests with campaigns that try to make the event into something it is not.

But even in defense of the Straw Poll, critics are never far behind. Kaufmann has lobbied national Republicans to say the poll would have no effect on the caucuses. If it did, he said, the event would be canceled immediately.

Republican Party general counsel John Ryder said in a two-page memo in January the straw poll did not violate Republican Party rules for determining its next presidential nominee. But Ryder made it abundantly clear that the event is less-than-inspiring, writing that the event is easier for lesser-known candidates, forces presidential aspirants to shell out for top advisers, and in the end is "substantially a media 'beauty pageant.'"

David Roederer knows the Straw Poll well. While he may be the director of Iowa's Department of Management, he possesses a wealth of experience on the campaign trail. He was state chairman for Arizona Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign when word came down from Washington that McCain would join former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani in skipping the Straw Poll.

The maverick senator parked the Straight Talk Express elsewhere and drove off with the Republican nomination. No Straw Poll, no problems. Roederer says the calculation was simple: Top-tier candidates have to look at more than the caucuses. Money spent filling the stomachs of supporters and filling the air with cooing of country stars under a hot Iowa sun cannot fund TV ads in New Hampshire, staff in South Carolina, or volunteers in Florida.

"Do you want to spend \$1 million on a straw poll that has attention for a day or two or spend it on organization efforts in other states," Roederer said about a national campaign budget.

Moreover, he said, "you don't need the Straw Poll to find out what people are thinking." Gallup, Bloomberg, and the *Des Moines Register* can do a far more accurate and scientific look at the electorate without all the costs — keep the event, the candidates, the picnic-like atmosphere, Roederer says, but toss the preference poll.

The defenders

The delicate dance of whether presidential hopefuls should head to Ames has led other candidates to the same conclusion. Mitt Romney, who won the 2007 event only to be overshadowed by Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's second-place finish, skipped it in 2011. Front-runners bypassing the poll may take a little off the veneer of the event, but in strategists' eyes, it opens the contest up to candidates who want to break out of the pack.

Huckabee did as much in 2007, when his national advisers decided to use the poll to break out of the crowded race for a second-place finish. It worked; Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback soon dropped out, and Huckabee was able to seize momentum — and more importantly, campaign contributions. Huckabee then traded in his Straw Poll finish for first in the caucuses just a handful of months later.

"I've always appreciated it as an early test, the idea that you've got to get several thousands people across the state to one location in the middle of the summer," said Eric Woolson, Iowa's political campaign fixer who ran Huckabee's Iowa efforts in 2007.

But on the other side of the argument, many remember former Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann's 2011 Straw Poll victory. Her win features heavily among those who criticize the event and often bring up her sixth-place finish in the caucus. But just 152 votes behind her was former Texas Rep. Ron Paul, who went on to finish third in the caucuses. His state director, Drew Ivers, argues that all the extra flourishes tied to the Straw Poll are really just that: extra. A candidate does not need to shell out thousands of dollars to do well at the event — mainly because the prize is not always in a first-place finish but in finishing above expectations set by a candidate and/or the media.

"You don't have to provide dinners and entertainment because that's all after the fact," Ivers said. "All the people got there because of organization, because [the campaign and supporters] asked them to show up and they did. They already committed to show up before all the expensive benefits."

The event is a "great companion to the caucuses," he said, and while others fear it winnows out candidates too soon, he sees this as an added service.

"Look at the benefits that Pawlenty found out five months earlier," he said. "He saved a whole lot of money, time, and energy and effort that he would have wasted."

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DAVID ROEDERER

State chair for Arizona Sen. John McCain's 2008 presidential campaign

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ERIC WOOLSON

Ran former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee's Iowa efforts in 2007

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Blum to speak at libertarian gathering

Rep. Rod Blum, R-Iowa, will speak at the Young Americans for Liberty Iowa State Convention next month, organizers announced Tuesday.

The convention is scheduled to take place on March 7 on the University of Iowa campus.

"Thousands of young Iowans have figured out big government doesn't work, and we intend to have an impact in the Iowa caucuses next year. The YAL State Convention is a great starting point for students who want to get connected and make a difference," Young Americans for Liberty Chairman Matthew Evans said in the release.

FreedomWorks President and CEO Matt Kibbe will provide a keynote at the convention.

Those interested in the convention can register online now at YALiberty.org/states for \$25.

— by Kristen East

Iowa Senate backs minimum-wage hike

Barring opposition from House Republicans and/or Gov. Terry Branstad, Iowa's minimum wage could increase for the first time in seven years, as key lawmakers voted Tuesday to elevate wage bases on a two-tiered system.

The Iowa Senate voted 27-22 without any debate to approve Senate File 269, which calls for a preliminary rise to \$8 an hour by July 1, 2016, a bump up from the current \$7.25 minimum, which mirrors federal standards.

The bill's language also calls for an additional increase to \$8.75 one year later.

The bill has received strong support from Democrats, who control the Senate.

In all, 26 Democrats voted "yes." Sen. Rick Bertrand, R-Sioux City, also backed the measure.

Many top Republicans have said they are opposed to such an increase and would block its movement in the GOP-controlled House.

Iowa lawmakers are just over one month into the 2015 Legislative session, and Democrats have worked to shape the issue of increasing the hourly wage into an utmost priority, staging several wage-summit meetings and taking to social media to rally supporters.

Democratic candidates in the 2014 midterms dangled the promise of increasing the state minimum wage if elected, as their Republican challengers worked to shape agenda to suggest that it would burden small-business own-

ers and drive up unemployment.

Should the House approve the bill and Gov. Terry Branstad sign the bill into law, approximately 300,000 Iowans would benefit with an extra roughly \$3,000 for day-to-day spending money, said Senate President Pam Jochum, D-Dubuque.

In 2012, approximately 46,000 Iowans worked for the minimum wage, state records show.

Should the bill become law, Iowa would join a short list of neighboring states that have upped their minimum wages in recent years. Residents in Minnesota and Nebraska currently receive \$9 per hour, while South Dakotans receive an hourly wage of \$8.50. Illinois' and Missouri's minimum wages stand at \$8.25 and \$7.85, respectively.

Iowa lawmakers last voted for a state increase in the minimum wage in 2007.

— by Quentin Misiag

Jacoby wrestles with starting dates

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

By AARON WALKER
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A passionate history of wrestling courses through the state of Iowa's veins, and while some lawmakers discuss freeing students to attend the Iowa State Fair, one representative sees the State Wrestling Tournament equally as important.

While it is never explicitly stated, some lawmakers say the Iowa State Fair is the determining factor for a bill concerning school starting dates. In response, Rep. Dave Jacoby, D-Coralville, introduced an amendment to the bill that would designate the Thursday and Friday of the wrestling tournament — which occurs every February — school holidays, an event he believes is just as valued to Iowans.

"If we're forcing people to go to the State Fair, we should also allow people to enjoy one of our state

pastimes, the State Wrestling Tournament," Jacoby said. "It is a serious amendment, but it also is a little tongue in cheek, saying we need to let local school boards to make these decisions."

Though the amendment is not likely to pass, Jacoby said, he thought if lawmakers are going to start picking winners, why not the state's most popular sport?

Iowa's colleges and high schools are renowned for their wrestling lineage. He said almost every school sends at least one athlete to the state tournament.

West High wrestling coach Mark Reiland said the tournament is a huge deal in small towns such as Eagle Grove, where he grew up wrestling.

"Hundreds of people go to watch one wrestler," he said. "But in a bigger city you get ten wrestlers and maybe ten families, it's just a dif-

ferent environment in the smaller towns."

These small towns get the same representation as city schools in the tournament. The three divisions, based on enrollment, get 14 weight classes from 106 to 285 pounds.

Reiland said because wrestlers get so much support, many small towns shut down to watch their community members compete.

"[If] you take a couple hundred people out of Iowa City, nobody knows the difference," Reiland said. "But if you take a couple hundred from a small town, there's nobody left."

Aside from the common knowledge of wrestling's influence in Iowa, Jacoby said the discussion of starting dates is regressive in the works for bettering Iowa's educational system.

"We have to worry about funding schools, making sure they are back at No. 1 in the

country," Jacoby said. "Arguing about school starting dates is just ridiculous."

David Benson, the Cedar Rapids School District superintendent, said he disapproves of any bill that would encroach on local control. The addition of the tournament as a holiday is a "dangerous precedent" for the state's educational system, he said.

"We're already short of days because of the discussion around the tourism industry and State Fair," Benson said. "We've got all sorts of activities. We don't need to go down that road."

A desire for local control seemed widely apparent from school administrators across the state.

"This is overkill," Arthur Tate, the superintendent of the Dav- enport School District, wrote in an email. "I do not support such legislation ... especially if it is declared by the state



Second-ranked Max Lyon of Western Dubuque shoots against top-ranked Isaiah Patton of West Des Moines Dowling during their Iowa Class 3A state championship match at 170 pounds. Patton won the match in sudden-victory. (Associated Press)

and not the local board."

Sen. Bob Dvorsky, D-Coralville, said the Senate would likely bring a bill that provides local control for the school starting dates to the floor today.

"Frankly, [Gov. Terry Branstad] won't sign anything that doesn't include a starting date in it," Dvorsky said. "I think we'll have to look into that in the future."

Other lawmakers said

they agree a date, either Aug. 23 or Aug. 17, will be necessary to gain approval from Branstad.

"I don't believe even if both chambers passed something that just eliminated a starting date that the governor would sign it," said Sen. Amy Sinclair, R-Allerton, a ranking member of the Senate Education Committee. "So a compromise will be where we ultimately land."

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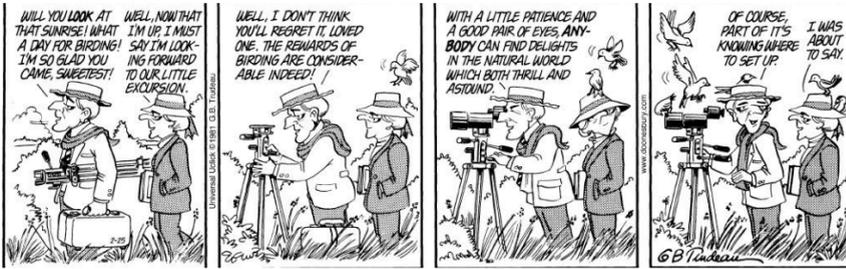
My reactions to Esquire's 1,000 Things [I] Don't Know about Women:

- No. 111: When you offer to pay for something and we refuse, insist one more time. Always insist. (Second-guess women. Got it.)
- No. 100: We don't need special moves. Just do the regular ones right. (Women prefer mediocrity. Got it.)
- No. 158: We like it when you stand in the dressing room with us. And give compliments. (Hang out by women's dressing rooms. Got it.)
- No. 244: We like it when your phone does what it's good for — getting us reservations and enabling you to order flowers — but if you play that fracking Plants vs. Zombies game while we're talking to you one more time, you're sleeping alone. (Technology exists to make women's lives happier, not men's. Got it.)
- No. 452: Snuggling can fix just about anything. (Communication on problem resolution is overrated. Got it.)
- No. 124: Electronics clipped to your pants are sexy only if you're Batman, Superman, or any other kind of man who needs them to save lives, not send email. (Superman does not save lives via belt gadgetry. Your point is invalid.)

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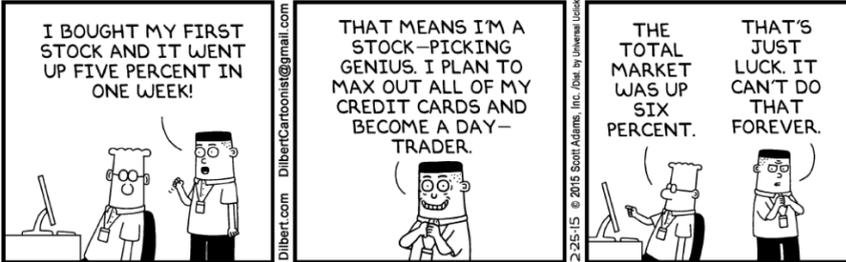
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- **Immunology Seminar, "Bioinformatics Research and Training at Iowa: From Next-Gen Sequencing to Machine Learning,"** Thomas Casavant, 12:30 p.m., 283 Eckstein Medical Research Building
- **Nick Schnicker, "Research Updates,"** 12:30 p.m., W323 Chemistry Building
- **Special Colloquium, "Atomic Legos: Building next-generation Electronics in the 2D limit,"** Shawna Hollen, 4:30 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 2
- **"Live from Prairie Lights,"** T. Geronimo Johnson, fiction, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
- **Being Black at Iowa, "A Deeper Black: Race in America,"** Ta-Nehisi Coates, 7:30 p.m., Englert 221 E. Washington
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY'S PUZZLE 2/25/15

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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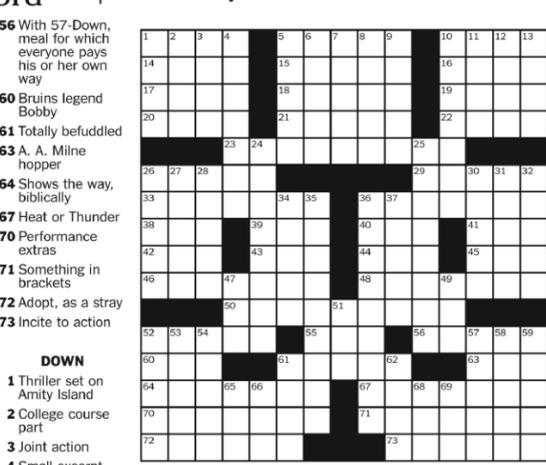
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OBJECTS OF ART

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0121

- ACROSS**
- 1 Protrudes, with "out"
 - 5 With 7-Down, incapable of leaking
 - 10 Online info sources
 - 14 When Juliet tells the Nurse she will come in from the balcony
 - 15 Stand
 - 16 Chill producer
 - 17 Popular online reference, for short
 - 18 Mr. Spock's forte
 - 19 Wreck
 - 20 Flight component
 - 21 Self-portraitist Frida
 - 22 "Lethal Weapon" force, briefly
 - 23 History is recorded in it
 - 26 With 28-Down, disagreeable quality of diet sodas
 - 29 With 30-Down, frequently
 - 33 Not at all hidden
 - 36 Pointless
 - 38 Defense grp. since 1948
 - 39 J.F.K. Library architect
 - 40 Chem. unit
 - 41 Catty remark?
 - 42 "Rocky III" actor (and an apt answer in this puzzle)
 - 43 Wheat bristle
 - 44 Sta-___ fabric softener
 - 45 Suffix with ethyl
 - 46 Trees with triangular nuts
 - 48 Alarm clock's purpose
 - 50 Following the nine black squares in the center of the grid, a hint to five pairs of answers in this puzzle
 - 52 With 54-Down, song with the same name as its album
 - 55 Exiled Amin



- DOWN**
- 1 Thriller set on Amity Island
 - 2 College course part
 - 3 Joint action
 - 4 Small excerpt
 - 5 Beats the rap
 - 6 "Three Men in ___" (Jerome K. Jerome novel)
 - 7 See 5-Across
 - 8 Roman magistrate
 - 9 Scout's mission, for short
 - 10 Socialists, on the political spectrum
 - 11 Lago or rio contents
 - 12 Witty bit
 - 13 Texter's button
 - 14 Ally of the Cheyenne: Var.
 - 15 Chitlins, ham hocks, etc.
 - 16 Enola Gay's payload, in brief
 - 27 Roadside attention-getter
 - 28 See 26-Across
 - 30 See 29-Across
 - 31 Justice Kagan
 - 32 Handrail support
 - 34 Built later
 - 35 Some sheet metal workers
 - 36 Fidgety
 - 37 Michael of "Flashdance"
 - 47 North-of-the-border grid org.
 - 49 First Burmese prime minister
 - 51 YouTube video lead-ins
 - 52 Sign of availability
 - 53 "The Faerie Queene" woman
 - 54 See 52-Across
 - 57 See 56-Across
 - 58 Kinkajou cousin
 - 59 Go yard, in baseball slang
 - 61 "...-foot pole!"
 - 62 Simple quatrain pattern
 - 65 Buck passer, maybe
 - 66 Verdi aria "___ tu"
 - 68 Hacker's need
 - 69 ___-80 (classic computer)
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horoscopes Wednesday, February 25, 2015 by Eugenia Last

- ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Get together with old friends, or discuss future plans with someone you love. Take care of paperwork that is time-sensitive. Do something special for someone who has stood by you in the past. Romance is encouraged.
- TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Consider what you are told, but do your own research. Too much of anything will turn in to a costly affair. An emotional matter will lead to a deceptive situation. Do your best to stabilize a relationship by being straightforward.
- GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** It's fun to dream, but don't create a fantasy world that will hurt your current status with a personal or business partner. Focus on going above and beyond the call of duty to ensure you maintain a good rapport.
- CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Don't be afraid to be different. Taking a different path will give you an inside view of a situation that is festering in the background with a peer or colleague. Stay on top of matters, but don't fuel the fire.
- LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Step into the limelight, and offer suggestions based on what you know to be true, and you will get the support you need to follow a dream. The feedback you get will encourage travel, knowledge and communication. Hold out for the best deal possible.
- VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Someone you thought you could trust will disappoint you. Don't share your personal thoughts or secrets with anyone. Put more effort into doing your own thing, and you'll avoid interference. You can make home improvements if you keep them simple.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Don't procrastinate — take action. Your interest in different philosophies and cultures will lead you to interesting events and seminars. You will have an opportunity to make new friends as well as gather facts that will help you excel. Romance is encouraged.
- SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Take care of responsibilities quickly, and then move on to enjoyable projects. A change in your position will turn in your favor. Don't allow anyone to disrupt the way you live or the things you do at home to relax.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Partnerships will make a difference to your outlook and opinion. Make changes at home that will ensure comfort, ease your stress, and make your life more enjoyable. Love is in the stars, and sharing with someone special will make your life better.
- CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Stick close to home. Travel and communication will lead to delays and conflicts. A pushy attitude will be met with force. Work on your own in order to accomplish the most. Take a conservative approach to whatever you pursue.
- AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Looking back will help you move forward. Don't be discouraged just because someone says no. Plan to take action on your own, and follow through with your plans. Romance will flourish if you are suggestive with your lover.
- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Use your creative energy to implement personal change. Don't let complaints stand between you and your desires. Problems while traveling can be expected. Someone will meddle or mislead you if given the chance. Refuse to be manipulated.

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— James A. Baldwin

BIG TEN

MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

By IAN MURPHY
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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 ranks.

The Hawkeyes could crown some Big Ten champions, two on relays 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.

To do that, however, the Hawkeyes will have to go through the gauntlet that is the Big Ten.

"You're looking at one of the greatest college conferences for swimming and diving in the country," head coach Marc Long said. "And that's exciting."

The No. 21 Hawkeyes will welcome No. 24 Penn State, No. 23 Minnesota, No. 19 Wisconsin, No. 9 Indiana, No. 8 Ohio State, and No. 5 Michigan, as well as Purdue, Northwestern, and Michigan State to the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center for, as Long put it, "one of the best conferences meets in the country."

"We want this to be our fastest meet of the year," he said. "The last time the Big Ten picked Iowa City as its host, 2012, it was."

The Hawkeyes finished fifth in 2012, the only time they have finished in the top half of the Big Ten since 2000, although there is an opportunity to finish in the top five this season.

"I think we're doing really [well] just because we've been doing well all season," senior Chris Freeman said. "It's looking good in the water, so we'll see what happens in a couple days."

Freeman said the hometown crowd played a big factor in 2012, and he hopes having the meet here will benefit the team again this season.

"I just visualized that during Hawkeye Invitational, when you stepped out on the relay with everyone cheering, it's going to be even better, I bet," junior David Ernstsson said.

The visibly excited Ernstsson said walking in and seeing Big Ten banners on the windows and ropes surrounding the pool fired him up.

Combining the hometown advantage with the potential for several Big Ten champions, this could be a special meet for the Hawkeyes. The pieces are there for a finish as high as fourth, although the team does not like to predict finishes.

"I have actually no idea [how we'll finish]," Ernstsson said. "I think swimming is better; I think diving is better."

Although, when informed the team fin-

ished eighth last season, he quickly added it would finish higher.

With the field as fast as ever, and the chance for a strong finish, the Hawkeyes are ready for what they believe will be their best of the season. "I think this is

going to be one hell of a meet," Ernstsson said. "I can't believe it's here."

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Iowa senior Grant Betulius competes in the men's 100 backstroke in the Black and Gold intrasquad meet on Oct. 11, 2014, in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center. Betulius has the chance to be an individual champion at the Big Tens. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

POWER RANKINGS



1. The Wolverines are perennial title winners in the Big Ten and title contenders nationally. Paul Powers, Dylan Bosch, and Bruno Ortiz, to name a few, will lead the Wolverines to another strong Big Ten finish.



2. The Buckeyes are the second-deepest team in the conference, flush with freestylers and a number of swimmers who will score in the stroke events. The Buckeyes will score points this weekend.



3. The Hoosiers are another solid team, but they are not quite deep enough to crack the top two. They have numerous swimmers who can score in several events, including Anze Tocar, the top 100 freestyler in the conference.



4. This is an optimistic ranking, but I think the Hawkeyes could finish fourth. Grant Betulius could win the 100 backstroke, and the Hawkeyes could win two relays — events they haven't won since 2012.



5. Shane Ryan and Nate Savoy can only do so much in the 100 backstroke as the returning champion and runner-up. Savoy and Ryan were also on the 200- and 400-free relays that finished first and second last year, respectively. But they have teammates, too.



6. Wisconsin is a good team, led by Drew Teduits in his senior campaign, and it returns three of four members of its second-place 800-freestyle relay from a season ago. Finishing higher than sixth is not out of the question.



7. The Gophers beat Iowa in a dual earlier this season; however, that in October, and Minnesota is a team built for duals meets, especially after graduating the Big Ten's best sprinter, Derek Toomey.



8. Purdue doesn't have the strongest of relays, but it will get a point boost from its always-strong divers. The Boilermakers also have a good breaststroke group to act as a safety net. That will keep them out of the basement.



9. 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.



10. The Spartans are a team that traditionally a bottom of the barrel team in the Big Ten, and that's probably going to continue this year. All five of the Spartans' relays rank in the bottom half of the conference, which doesn't bode well for the team.



Swimmers dive into the pool during the Iowa-Northwestern meet in the Campus Recreation & Wellness Center on Jan. 24. (The Daily Iowan/Peter Kim)

SCHEDULES

DIVING

Thursday
1-meter diving trials (1 p.m.)
1-meter diving consolation finals
1-meter diving finals (6:30 p.m.)

Friday
3-meter diving trials (1 p.m.)

3-meter diving consolation finals
3-meter diving finals (6:30 p.m.)

Saturday
Platform diving trials (1 p.m.)
Platform diving consolation finals
Platform diving finals (6:30 p.m.)

SWIMMING

Wednesday (6:30 p.m.)
200 medley relay
800 freestyle relay

Thursday (Prelims begin at 11 a.m., Finals begin at 6:30 p.m.)
500 freestyle
200 individual medley
50 freestyle
400 medley relay (finals only)

Friday (Prelims begin at 11 a.m., Finals begin at 6:30 p.m.)

400-individual medley
100 butterfly
200 freestyle
100 breaststroke
100 breaststroke
200 freestyle relay (finals only)

Saturday (Prelims begin at 11 a.m., Finals begin at 6:30 p.m.)
200 backstroke
100 freestyle
200 breaststroke
200 butterfly
1,650 freestyle (Approximately 4:15 p.m.)
400 freestyle relay (finals only)

GymHawks swing into nations's top 25

By ALEXANDRIA GRIFFIN
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So far this season, the Iowa women's gymnastics team has faced the highs of visible improvement and the lows of injuries and illnesses.

Yet through all the ups and downs, the GymHawks have earned a ranking among the top-25 teams nationally; they debuted this week at No. 24.

"Nobody expected us to get here this quickly, ranking-wise," head coach Larissa Libby said. "The team should know how big of a deal this is for them and how utterly proud I am in their accomplishments."

The Hawks gained the ranking after taking second in a tri-meet performance over this past weekend that included No. 18 Denver and BYU.

"We were able to finish with five girls who finished with individual bests, and they did a fantastic job in a strange environment with some of the highest scores our

team has seen this season," Libby said.

Coming into the season, one of the squad's major goals was to place in the top 25 and improve their season-average team score to 196.

Currently, the Hawks have an average of 195.280, up from a week ago, when they were ranked No. 26 in the nation.

"This is such an exciting time, but as a team, we need to keep challenging ourselves to keep striving for better," sophomore Angel Metcalf said. "Our new vision is to be ranked in the top 20."

'We all have our own job on the team and our own personal goals in order to keep the team going.'

—Melissa Zurawski, freshman

Even with three gymnasts out for the season because of injuries, the Hawks are able to prevail and work even harder in order to reach for higher scores and better rankings.

"I don't think anyone can understand the amount of effort and work they do and how they have paid off in the

rankings," said Libby. "I am blessed to have kids that will look you in the eye at any circumstance and say 'I'm ready.'"

Despite the importance of getting into the top 25, Libby doesn't want the rankings to influence the mentality or the focus of the team.

This week was a bit different because of how important the rankings were to the team, but normally it's not their main focus.

"We all have our own job on the team and our own personal goals in order to keep the team going," freshman Melissa Zurawski said.

"As a freshman, I feel this team is so successful and was able to reach 24th rank

through our strong team dynamic with the upper classmen keeping us in line and reminding us younger girls of our team goal."

This season, Iowa broke the 196 barrier at home against Illinois on Feb. 14 (196.370). It was the first time the GymHawks had made the mark since March 8, 2013, against Iowa State,

when they posted a score of 196.375.

"Being able to look back at my four-year career here so far, this year has really shown continual improvement in scores and as a team," senior Johanny Sotillo 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 outcome so far."

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And if history is any indication, the Hawkeyes better hope they get a Paige-esque performance rather than one like Trice's. In Iowa's loss to Michigan State in Caver-Hawkeye Arena, Trice dropped 25 points on 8-of-13 shooting, including 7-of-8 from beyond the 3-point line. Paige scored 13 on 4-of-16 shooting.

Regardless of which

team Iowa does face off against, it's imperative those guards Clemmons spoke about have strong games defensively. Clemmons, one of the best perimeter defenders in the conference, is all but a given to play well, while Jok and Gesell aren't far behind, statistically speaking.

According to Basketballreference, Jok's defensive rating is 109.3, while Gesell falls right behind him at 109.5. Oglesby is the worst-rated of the bunch at 113.1.

So it's obvious the Hawkeyes are in for a test against Illinois, and a passing grade would greatly benefit — and perhaps lock up — Iowa's NCAA Tournament chances.

"Athletic team. It's going to be a tough game for us; they're fighting for their postseason lives, so to speak," White said. "It's going to be a good game."

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We really only have one job," Hodges said. "So to not do as well is kind of disappointing, but you just have to stick with the workouts and trust the coaches' plan. It's all coming together for sure."

Monroy averages 12.960 on the event for

the Hawks this season, while junior Del Vecchio Orazco averages 13.560.

Although the team average of 69.310 is better than 2 points over last season, it remains the team's worst event. Aside from a solid anchor in junior Doug Sullivan, who averages 14.970, the rest of the lineup is under pressure to execute as the regular season winds down.

"These past two weeks

we've been doing really well when it comes to training on the horse," Orazco said. "I see that our routines are becoming a lot more consistent. I couldn't even tell you the last time I fell on a pommel-horse routine."

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DICKERSON

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Clemmons is familiar to these types of situations after considering a transfer of his own last summer. He said he talked to Dickerson about the situation and gave him advice on his future.

"He talked to me about it early on. All you can do is try to stay positive," Clemmons said. "... It's not like coach isn't noticing what you're doing. Most of it is pride, but a lot of people can't take stuff like that."

"He was a strong enough individual and said, 'All right, I just can't go through it.'"

Despite the difficult decision, McCaffery said, he will support Dickerson

and do everything he can to make sure he finishes the semester at Iowa on a high note.

"We'll help him. Going to get a ton of phone calls about him," McCaffery said. "We'll talk to people, impress upon them that he has great character. A lot of times when there's transfers, the first thing is, 'Are there character issues? Is he a knucklehead, did he flunk a drug test?' Anything like that. There are no issues at all with regard to those issues."

With Dickerson gone, Iowa now has two scholarships available. McCaffery said he was unsure what he will do with the extra one. He has a few options — some of which are more likely than others. In the two most likely scenarios, Iowa will find another

guard in its next recruiting class or wait and use the scholarship on a potential transfer.

That will be something to keep an eye on as the recruiting season progresses, and the result, at this juncture, remains to be seen.

"Ultimately, what's important to me is our team chemistry. You start adding a guy who is a fifth-year guy, a transfer that's eligible right away," McCaffery said. "You want to make sure that they fit not only in terms of what you see on the floor, but they fit in the locker room, they fit with what we're trying to do as a program."

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Slowing guard trio key for Hawks



Iowa guard Anthony Clemmons contests a lay-up against Minnesota in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 12. The Gophers defeated the Hawkeys, 64-59. (The Daily Iowan/Joshua Housing)

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

By **DANNY PAYNE**

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

Both Iowa and Illinois have 16-10 records overall, and Iowa's 8-6 record in the Big Ten is one game better than the Fighting Illini. In terms of offensive production, the teams get their points from different places.

Iowa is one of the taller teams in the Big Ten and gets a large chunk of its offensive contributions from two of its forwards — Jarrod Uthoff and Aaron White. They are the only players on Iowa's roster who average double-digit points per game.

Conversely, Illinois enjoys most of its offensive production from its guards — 6-4 Rayvonte Rice averages 15.9 per contest, while Kendrick Nunn and Malcom

Hill average 11.5 and 14.7 per game, respectively.

Even more, those three players are all shooting just below (Nunn is at 39.7 percent) or more than 40 percent from 3-point range on the season and will be one of the best, if not the best, trio of shooters the Hawkeyes have seen this season.

"It puts a lot of pressure on your defense; how you plan to guard them," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "They're also willing to give it up, which is good. It's not like one guy gets it, he puts his head down. They'll give it up, move on."

So how will the Hawkeyes combat this when they try to win three-consecutive Big Ten games for the first time this season?

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.

"[Illinois'] guys can go," Clemmons said. "... It's going to be our job as guards — me, Mike, Pete, Josh — to try to contain them and not let them have an All-American night."

That's not to say any of those three players in head coach John Groce's crew is necessarily at that level, but put together, they can be more dangerous than any individual player.

SEE MBB, 10

Iowa men's basketball vs. Illinois

When: 8 p.m. today
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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.

Its lineup is strange — a sort of band of misfits assigned the task of tackling the program's all-too-familiar kryptonite.

They aren't the all-arounders; in fact, none of them even compete in more than two of the six events.

For this reason, more time in practice can be devoted to what is the Hawkeyes' lowest-scoring event not only this season but every season since 2012.

"If you look at pommel horse guys, there's just a different mentality and personality," 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."

It's a unique challenge because of the level of concentration it demands. Mentally exerting in nature, it brings a psychological struggle paralleled by none other in the sport — much as the balance beam is for women.

Gymnasts with lankier bodies best execute on the horse, and those with more upper body bulk tend to struggle to make turns consistently. Emmanuel Monroy, a 5-8, 155-pound junior, is Iowa's lone exception.

"It's that event that's just tricky com-



Iowa gymnast Doug Sullivan does a pommel-horse routine during a tri-meet against Minnesota and Nebraska in Carver-Hawkeye on Feb. 14. Iowa defeated Minnesota and Nebraska with a score of 435.400. (The Daily Iowan/Margaret Kispert)

pared with the other ones," he said. "That's why you have people who specialize in it or only do one or two events."

After a lowly average of 67.233 on the event last season, Reive focused on bringing in talent to contribute to the event immediately.

"You also need to recruit pommel horse," he said. "Every other event, kids get stronger and get better on. Pommel horse, if you don't learn it properly when you're young, it's very hard to get better."

Freshmen Austin Hodges and Eli-

jah Parsells were two of his targets. Although Hodges has competed on the high bar in a few meets this season, he and Parsells are designated specifically to the horse.

After a rough start to the season, Hodges responded in his last two meets with quality scores of 14.450 and 14.300, bringing his season average to 13.740.

Parsells averages 13.690, but he is coming off a season-high 14.750 on Feb. 14.

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McCaffery talks about Dickerson

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

By **DANNY PAYNE**

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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 this season.

"He wasn't getting the playing time he hoped to get," Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery said. "He didn't have the role that he envisioned for himself when he came here."

Doing the math, the decision makes sense. Dickerson is stuck behind three-year starting point guard Mike Gesell, who is only a junior, and junior Anthony Clemmons, who is a regular in the rotation.



Dickerson
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