Gas prices jump faster than tuition
At least $3 per gallon of gas will be the 'new norm' this year, experts say.

By ALISON SULLIVAN

Gas prices have risen to more than $3.50 per gallon at some Iowa gas stations as political turmoil continues in countries such as Libya and Panama.

Iowan seniors Jimmy Novak will travel to Des Moines, along with 11 other seniors in those cars after forgoing plane tickets because of last-minute plans.

Students take budget woes to DM
Iowa's university students shared the message "Stop the Cuts" when lobbying Monday.

By ARIANA WITT

Students from the three UI campuses wore protest buttons as part of Regents Day on Monday.

"Obviously, we're seeing more and more dollars come out of our pockets to fund tuition, so I think bringing those perspectives and in sharing them with our lawmakers certainly makes a difference," said UI Student Government President John Biggs.

Students from the three state institutions wore pins and clothing in their school colors, and "Stop the Cuts" was an overarching theme.

The phrase erupted from the crowd when Gov. Terry Branstad walked through the Capitol, spending a few minutes speaking with students.

"We need more money. 'That's what I heard from a lot of students," Biggs said Monday.

The value of the American dollar goes down because of government spending and debt, the price of education increases, the 2009 GOP presidential-nomination hopeful said:

"It's like treadmill — you just go on and on," Paul said about the federal government.

Paul spoke to a crowd of roughly 200 students and community members, expressing his libertarian belief that most issues — including decisions on abortions and the definition of marriage — should be left up to the states with no federal intervention.

The federal government should have limited intervention in education issues, he said.

"That means you hurt students," said Paul.

"I don't believe the federal government should be involved in education at all," he told the crowd. "That means I don't believe in the Department of Education."
Sullivan to head DI

The Student Publications Inc. board unanimously selected the UI junior.

By MADISON BENNET

Adam B. Sullivan has worked in nearly every aspect of The Daily Iowan since he entered college. The opportunity will give him the chance to lead what he calls a "very special" student newspaper. Sullivan also will be taking on the 2013-12 editor's role in June...

"I am really excited for the opportunity to work with the rest of the Student Publications Inc. staff, who oversee the entire process of creating The Daily Iowan," said Sullivan, a journalism major. "I was so excited to have the opportunity to work with people I've known for years, whether it's on a scholarship my freshman year or on the staff," said Sullivan. "The Daily Iowan is a very special student newspaper."

"It's exciting to work with people that you've known for so long," said Sullivan. "I really wanted the chance to work on a student newspaper that I've been a part of for so long." Sullivan added that this role will give him the chance to work with the rest of the staff, something he's been looking forward to for a long time. 

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In total, the DJ analysis shows roughly 100 people who have been given the right to carry guns in Johnson County in the past two months have been convicted of... 1, a total of 67 crimes... Court place in their past. All of these convictions happened more than four years ago; the new law automatically disqualifies those who have received a serious or aggravated within the higher than numbers from past three years.

Pulkrabek calculates 150 people out of the total 735 have convictions — higher than numbers from the DJ analysis, which didn’t include PUAAs or people who couldn’t be verified with a birth date. Neither the DJ nor Pulkrabek’s figures include traffic violations or open-container convictions.

"The chaos they kept saying all along was that more and more law-abiding citizens should be able to carry guns, and an armed society is a safe society," he said. "I’m not saying they feel powerless."

How the permit process works: Under Senate File 2379, which took effect Jan. 1, a permit to carry can be issued to a person who... has within the last two years committed any documented action that would prevent permits issuance to be or he/she is likely to see a weapon unlawfully at a time/week/area in a... was within the last three years been convicted of or a... unlicensed residence.

When a person wishes to apply for a permit, they must first examine the vague wording of the law judge. The applicant... have probable cause to deny a permit if he/she is... of contractor, he said.

The law also disqualifies citizens with felony or domestic-abuse convictions from obtaining a permit, but numerous people in Johnson County received permits after an original felony or domestic-abuse charge was lowered to a misdemeanor.

So far this year, Pulkrabek has denied a handful of permits, but he said he has never denied a permit to a law-abiding citizen — which he defined as someone who doesn’t have more than two or three convictions in the last 10 to 15 years.

Prior to this law, all 90 Iowa counties had individual discretion over how to issue permits. And while both Democratic and Republican legislators agreed that the vague wording of the law has enabled more Iowa citizens to carry firearms in more places than ever before, they also said the law was necessary to create a unified permit-issuing system. "The sheriffs are angry because we took discretion away from them and said you will do it this way, and so they’re dragging their feet and trying to thumb their nose at the Legislature," said Sen. Gene Praries, D-Port Madison, the chairman of the Senate committee that examines gun bills. But Sen. Steve Soder, D-State Center, said there is still room to improve the law. Legislators have proposed amendments that would prevent people from carrying in bars, prohibit long guns from public highways, compel gun owners to take a breath test of an officer suspects they’re intoxicated while armed, and regulate training requirements.

And while sábado — a Marshall County deputy sheriff — said he understated Pulkrabek’s concern, he said he believes that the law still provides sheriffs a fair process. "I’m not sure that it’s hard to do at the end of the day," Soder said. "You still have all your responsible, armed people, and you have to be to just be reasonable."

Local permit holder Glenn Modrach said he believes the Second Amendment should give all the people the right to carry firearms unless they prove they don’t deserve it. "Until people demonstrate they’re irresponsible with guns, which I believe is cause for revoking..." he thinks you have to give them the benefit of the doubt," he said.
Wisconsin's 'stand your ground' bill is just a can of worms

A bill in the Iowa Legislature could allow gun owners to use deadly force in more situations. Last week's contentious hearing was just the beginning of a bill that has been the topic of committee meetings for at least a year. It is not the only issue of concern this year in the Legislature.

It seems that every year the ‘stand your ground’ bill comes up for a vote in Iowa’s Legislature. The bill, which was first introduced in 2011, would allow a person to use deadly force when they feel threatened. This year, the bill has been introduced again, and it has sparked a heated debate among lawmakers and the public.

The bill would allow a person to use deadly force in self-defense if they reasonably believe that they are in imminent danger of being injured or killed. The bill would also allow a person to use deadly force in response to a threat of serious bodily injury, regardless of whether they are in their home or not.

Some lawmakers and gun rights advocates argue that the bill would deter crime and protect the rights of citizens to defend themselves. However, critics of the bill argue that it would lead to a rise in gun violence and allow individuals to use deadly force in situations where it is not necessary.

In addition to the ‘stand your ground’ bill, there are several other gun-related bills that have been introduced in the Legislature this year. These bills include proposals to allow concealed carry of firearms in public schools and to eliminate background checks for gun sales.

The Legislature is currently in session, and it is unclear how these bills will fare. It is important for lawmakers to consider the potential consequences of these proposals and to ensure that they protect the rights of citizens while also protecting public safety.

In the meantime, it is up to the public to stay informed and to contact their lawmakers to express their opinions on these important issues.
GAS PRICES CONTINUED FROM 1

Novak estimates the prices will go up another $1 to $2 per gallon, which would mean he will have to go on a $200-per-month diet. “That’s going to be hard to cut that much out of something that is going towards gas, so far,” he said.

On Monday, Iowa State University in Ames, a 15.8 percentage points higher than past years over the past week — well above the national average of 12.6 over the past 14 days.

But experts say it’s too early to tell what will happen, which generally doesn’t see prices rise beyond the cost of production. Whether the increases will stay is difficult to say.

Repofs said it’s unlikely consumers will see any dramatic drops in the near future, and 2013 will be the “low for now 2011.”

“Yet it’s virtually impossible to determine if it’s going to go up,” said California. “The government is not the one to stop that?”

Black and White Cab company owner and driver, said sometimes stops at the pump range from twice a day, said the prices have been high for the last month. “The cost of gas cuts into drivers’ incomes,” he said, but some customers have been sleeping at the pump more than the last two years.

Ripoff claims customers on other drivers in the region, especially those who are producing companies.

He said some drivers in Lajuni, which has less oil, said he was earning less than he was, “and that’s ridiculous.”

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In the sub-4 club

Jeff Thode became the first Iowa track athlete to run a sub-4-minute mile last weekend at Notre Dame.

By BEN SCHUFF

For a moment, Larry Wieczorek was nervous.

In the hectic life of Division-1 athletes, a good hand and track coach and coach assistant after Jeff Thode automatically qualified for nationals in the mile.

But it wasn't his athletic qualifying for NCAA's that slowed time for the head Hobo. Nor was it related to Thode's having just broken the school record in the mile in consecutive meets.

Instead, it was the five collective numbers displayed on a digital screen inside Notre Dame's Lofus Center after the last chance meet.

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The expatriate had just completed his first full mile in Irish school history.

"Jeff dared to do something great," Wieczorek said.

The accomplishment was just the latest in what has been a growing stretch for the distance runner. Two weeks ago, at the Big Ten championships, Thode was at least partially responsible for 11 of the team's 88 points.

He finished third in the mile, ran the mile on the fourth-place distance medley relay, and then notched one point for Iowa in the 5,000 meters.

"I probably had a good coach who could ensure that I would break the 4-minute mile," Wieczorek mumbled about running Thode in three events at the Big Ten. "He has an unbelievableinternal drive and guts that he wants to win and run fast.

For Thode, however, the seemingly impossible feat appears to be just another race. The Schaumberg, Ill., native is taking everything in stride.

"It hasn't settled in yet, and I don't really rate him," said Seidenberg's partner. "I'm just making sure I'm keeping my mental focus ready for nationals."

The last chance meet won't be the last battle for the mile winning the mile but rather ensuring the finish line with a time good enough to get to the NCAA Indoor championships in College Station, Texas, next weekend.

With the 4-minute mile out of the way, Wieczorek said winning races and running tactical races will be the next step for the 20-year-old. The head coach noted that this was the most complete race he's seen Thode run in his four and a half years.

Wieczorek recalled last year's Notre Dame Dome Invitational, in which the now school-record holder was on pace to run a 4-minute mile through the first three-quarters of the race. But Thode died off in the last quarter, and, as Wieczorek remembered, "Everybody was saying, 'What a stupid runner.'"

This time around, Thode was able to hold his pace. And Wieczorek said the records have been broken, the prestige of the year's Notre Dame miracle now includes the prestige of the year's national medalist.

"I want, you hope, the other guys to follow as assistant coach Joey Woody said about Thode's performance at the last chance meet. Thode is not a participation sport. It's all about excellence, and that's what we're shooting for."

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Iowa/Nebraska set to play Thanksgiving Friday

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The Iowa and Nebraska football programs announced on Monday that their 2011 and 2012 games will take place on the Frogs following Thanksgiving. The new Big Ten rivals will face off as conference foes for the first time on Nov. 23 in Lincoln, Neb.

"Iowa playing Nebraska on any given weekend is a great matchup between two historic football programs," Head Coach Kirk Ferentz said. "College football played on this day has a well-established rivalry history, and we feel it will be a great opportunity for our programs as we become a new chapter of Big Ten history. These Friday games should help create great atmospheres, both in Lincoln this fall and in Kinnick Stadium in 2012."