Onc or twice every year, Coco Moreno braves herself for a full 24 hours of travel over the Atlantic Ocean, a layover at Heathrow Airport, and sometimes Schiphol, Amsterdam, then on to the Persian Gulf, where she touches down in her homeland of Kuwait.

On the rare occasions Coco returns home, she faces the grueling process of reapplying what she calls her “mask” of maleness. She dreads when she must leave her bras, lacy underwear, and makeup at her apartment in Iowa City, where she is a junior at the University of Iowa, in order to live up to her parents’ — and her society’s — standards of masculinity.

During one of these long journeys back home, she was stopped by a uniformed Kuwaiti customs agent who wanted to know if she was carrying any illegal hormones. Even though she wasn’t and told the agent so, the man in the uniform told her he needed to search her bag. He unzipped her small suitcase.

UI student Coco Moreno stands outside of her home and smokes a cigarette on April 29. Moreno came to Iowa from Kuwait three years ago and has found a home in the GLBTU community on campus. (The Daily Iowan/Rachael Westergard)

National Women Build Week unites local women to learn new skills and put them to work on building a home.

This week, women all across the country and locally will strap on their tool belts and put on their hard hats.

It is National Women Build Week, and Habitat for Humanity will continue its tradition of providing affordable housing for low-income families but with a focus on women builders. Lisa Marie Nickerson, the director of Habitat for Humanity’s Women Build Program, said the organization has been able to break the myth about women on the construction sites.

“Our goal is to inspire women across the country to devote at least one day during the week leading up to Mother’s Day to make a difference in affordable housing,” Nickerson said.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, 18,247 women worked in construction in 2010 — or roughly 0.9 of 1 percent of employed women.

Affordable housing could become an option closer to downtown.

Iowa City officials seek to add more affordable housing into the developing Riverfront Crossings district, which is bounded by Burlington Street in the north, Highway 6 on the south, Gilbert Street on the east, and Orchard Street and Riverside Drive on the west.

“The need for affordable housing is definitely there,” said Iowa City City Councilor Rick Dobyns.

“The Riverfront Crossing will have a different look, but I think affordable housing can fit in almost anywhere.”

The council will vote at its Tuesday meeting to set a public hearing to discuss amending the Downtown and Riverfront Crossings master plan. The plan out

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Man charged with net-pulling in fish market

Authorities have arrested a 30-year-old man for net-pulling at a fish market in the city. The suspect, identified as John Smith, was charged with two counts of net-pulling in violation of state law.

Net-pulling is a fishing technique where a large net is extended into the water to capture fish. The suspect was caught by authorities using a net that was too close to the shore, which is prohibited by law.

The suspect is scheduled to appear in court on Monday. The police department is currently investigating the incident.

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Women Build Week
Local women (and men) can participate in a nationwide initiative designed to address the need for affordable housing in nearly 300 communities nationwide. Volunteers are invited to engage women in a community service activity to build homes and contribute to the effort to create affordable housing in their community. Women Build Week is sponsored by the National Women Build Fund, the Women Build Fund of the Community and Building Company, and the Home Depot Foundation. Women Build Week takes place May 3-11.

Women Build Fund
On Saturday, May 3, the Women Build Fund Dunk Tank at the Iowa State Fair will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds from the Dunk Tank will benefit Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County.

Women Build Fund of the Community and Building Company
On Saturday, May 3, volunteers will be working at a Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County site.

Home Depot Foundation
On Saturday, May 3, the Home Depot Foundation will be donating a sign for a new Women Build Volunteer Center. The Women Build Volunteer Center will be located at 1405 Old Highway 30 in Coralville.

Lowe's
Lowe's will be donating $1.75 million to be distributed to local affiliates, including the Iowa Valley Habitat for Humanity, to support Women Build Week across the nation. Dewey Lloyd-Jones will speak at the ceremony and will build the Women Build home, and volunteers will begin construction on its Women Build home.

The groundbreaking ceremony and wall building will take place on Friday, when Resource Development Director Laura Shoemaker said, “Women Build Week is an opportunity for women to do something new while keeping in mind that the product of their work is a home for a family. Very often, there are more men on other construction sites, but increasingly, women are doing this. Dewey said, ‘They can do this just as well as men can.’”

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Now, the process of re-turning Coco to Kuwait, a Kuwaiti citizen on a student visa, is not in the United States, only will become more difficult, she said, since she has begun taking classes at a university totaling thousands of dollars out of her pocket, which will soon accomplish her gen- der identity surgery.

“I’ve gone through so many transitions, and I’m now, Coco, 21, but who once upon a time was a young boy by the name of Amr, is beginning an aff- fluent small suburb in KU- weit.

Although, for the most part, her laws sit in place in her home country, a Kuwaiti court would be able to order her sent home, on the grounds that she was arbitrarily defined as a person not fitting into one of the categories fit by individual policies,” said Human Rights Watch.

And now, because of the current laws, it’s very difficult, she said, to avoid almost en- garbing in or- lumin.

In Kuwait, male homo- sexuality is punishable by imprisonment of any- where from six months to one year, according to the fa- mous Dubai-based Institute, Bisexual, Trans and Inter- sex similarities in the Arabian, which shares a border with Saudi Arabia, is somewhat similar legal re- gulations, but in the opposite sex in any way”

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In Kuwait, Coco grew up wearing many col- ors in her hair, but her dark-skinned boy came upon as Abdul- rahman, meaning prince of Kuwait City. It’s the city where Coco’s father was raised with his 17 siblings.

Her parents were never very religious, but Coco is now in the process of taking estrogen and pro- gestogen hormones, one of the first steps of gender confirmation.

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Some UI students rally behind Clinton a year and a half early through social media.

By Chris Higgins
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Presidential politics aren’t long on the political horizon, well before balls have been printed. Some University of Iowa students have begun gathering in support for a 2016 presidential campaign for Rodham Clinton.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton

Source: White House website

Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks after receiving the Order of Lincoln Award at the Field Museum in Chicago on May 3. (Associated Press/Paul Beaty)

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If you obey all the rules, you miss all the fun. — Katharine Hepburn
team had left anything on the track. It was all up to us, the mark of strong team that is finally fulfilling the potential it so obviously has.

As soon as the May 3 contest came to a close, the completion of another 7-0 win, everyone stayed focused.

"I literally told myself as I walked up to put the ball in, and I really got in a good spot," Erickson said. "The pitcher was kind of struggling, and I knew she was going to probably be a lot more wild over the plate, and I kind of guessed it and I swung." GoD TO DAILYHWAN. COM PAGE 12 SLIDE SHOW

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"The only negatives that could be taken from the game was the average finish of the runnings that were at the plate, registering 4 for-6 with 3 RBIs."

"Our guys didn't quit, the team was great and gave her an opportunity if we could have gotten the big hit or got one up in the wind, it might have been one of those comebacks that don't happen very often but it didn't happen today." Erickson said. "We keep the Hawkeyes off balance and get the runners on and make more forward, it's going to take more efforts from them," he said. "We need everyone to be at their best for a chance to move into the upper division.

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I consider myself a pretty know-it-all sports fan. Having said that, other than Floyd Mayweather, Manny Pacquiao, and the Klitschko brothers are they still fighting? I cannot name another professional boxer.

How are the ponies not the only choice for this question?

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