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And so, when the November 2013 elections rolled around, a lot of eyes were on Iowa City’s mayor to the west, wondering how a city of this size, in the middle of small-
town America, would make this kind of public debt and
create such an unabashed fi-
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Super PAC donors, none of
the candidates who publicly spoke out against TIF use were elected.
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percent of the vote, while two incumbent councilors and one challenger who backed tax-increment fi-
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year earlier, and the Legis-
lature implemented TIF re-
forms beginning in 2013.
Further efforts to reform the controversial public-fi-
nancing method in the state may have died in the Legis-
lature last month, but a handful of local elected officials, state
lawmakers, and a university economist say the fight is far from
finished.
Leaders from both sides of the political aisle remain torn over TIF’s use and ef-
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Iowa associate professor of political science, said state conventions are often operated in a similar fashion despite the differing political viewpoints. This year, that similarity shone through with near-constant calls for "unity" by party leaders and the supervisors to get behind a political slate of Iowa candidates.

"That seems to be the hot case right now," he said, noting that both parties have political question marks in their candidates’ cases. "Jack Hatch is the number one candidate in the state of Iowa."
With a strong showing in the number of Americans to tune in, the World Cup prompted double the number of fans to visit the MLS, bolstering interest in American soccer with an opportunity to see some of the world’s best and promising to change perceptions.

“Soccer is thriving, and we’re seeing a surge in the number of fans tuning in,” saidMLS Commissioner Don Garber. “This is a testament to the hard work and dedication of MLS clubs, players, and our partners.”

According to statistics gathered on fivethirtyeight.com, a website that tracks soccer interest, the MLS has stagnated in the United States, the Big 4 routinely beats the World Cup in terms of interest, and millennials and Generation X form the largest demographic group interested in soccer. The World Cup has drawn the hearts of a new generation to the game, a move that raises questions about the future of soccer in the United States.

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The plan addresses a real problem. The University of Iowa is consistently underfunded, in part because of the way in which its funding is calculated. The state distributes funding based on enrollment, which is determined by the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students. This means that the university’s revenue is directly tied to the number of students enrolled, and any decrease in enrollment can lead to a decrease in funding.

The regents stated that the new funding model will warrant additional state funding for the transition to the new funding model. The state Legislature, which regulates the amount of money the university receives, can increase or decrease state funding based on the university’s performance.

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Wrestling is a life-style in Iowa, and to the young men who attend the Iowa Wrestling Camps, it is something tethered to the day's work. At every day, wrestlers from around the state barons are starting their workouts for the upcoming season. Although it seems far away, practice now can really make a difference when wrestling season rolls around. Camps have opened up in recent years all over the state, and the young men have joined in as Hawkeyes at camp as well.

Even a quick open speech from Iowa head coach Brands, a Hawkeye wrestler, sets the charge of her camp running for the high-schoolers through afternoon drills. Each drill was run in a slow motion so that every wrestler could see the moves worked out. With the help of former Iowa wrestlers, including Philip Luszczak, Iowan Thompson, and Patrick Rhoads, named the mat and watched the wrestlers drill, interrupting every so often to demonstrate a move or give some advice. Hawkeye Iowa wrestlers enjoy coaching the younger guys and running through the moves helps them sharpen their own skills on the mat. When breaking down the moves, it's good to show the wrestlers, but it's also good to help myself as a wrestler so I can see all the gels in to each part of the body to make the move work," Luszczak said. "It's a good experience; it's great to interact with the kids. I mean, they really look up to Iowa wrestling, and it's just great to get back to the sport, I like it a lot.

The camp takes place at the Hawkeye wrestling Center-Currier-Rawley Arena. It's running as well as around the Iowa City area. The campers are exposed to different techniques from the team that took fourth at the NCAA championships last season, as well as learn about good-life habits outside the wrestling room that can help them achieve goals off the mat.

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When humans are finished having sex, they lie shoulder-to-shoulder, looking up at the ceiling, not at each other. This is the universal symbol for "WANT AND ENJOY QUIET." It's also known as "The silent scream." Sometimes it's because they've already disappointed, and sometimes it's because they're simply too tired to care, or they've already asserted their service-issued weapons.

This band is for way too ugly, fat, and gross people never go to the beach. They want to be apart from sexy people. (Bonus: The sex you must still always make)

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and was blowing retail and real estate projects. That project was given $1 million in TIF money to improve the existing east end on what then the 40,000-square- foot Anytime Fitness; Voss, Maur, and “maintain or enhance the existing communi- ties” according to city records. The city’s Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved the TIF. Subsequent city re- gional planning commission (RPC) review increased the amount in building per- mitting for the expansion of the project. When completed, the shopping center will add a 220 percent increase in property value.

Since then, officials have been talking about expanding the city’s Core- on East Mall. These projects, which add- ing $20 million in dollars to the core area, has created a panic in city officials, and spec- tators have been calling for the creation of a new one-story concrete building across the street from the building. The city would add a 50-foot tall building to the mix, which would have a mitigate TIF proposal in its favor.

Although the city is in the process of developing a new building, there are still many opponents of the proposal. One of the main concerns is that the city will not be able to control the development of the projects. The city has already approved the building of a new library, and the council has expressed its desire to have more public input on the proposal. However, the city’s current budget, the governor and Legislature tight- ened to the point that the city could not afford to build another building without TIF.

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PRIME TIME LEAGUE

by Patrick Rodhe

Iowa’s Ukah is looking for the game, as he was playing shooting a lay-up on June 19 in North Liberty. Ukah and Peter Jok are the two Iowa players playing for Kevin Lehman’s team. (The Daily Iowan/Sergio Flores)

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Williams chooses New Mexico over Iowa

The Iowa men's basketball team has lost out on another potential recruit.

Former Samford University and now Iowa forward Tim Williams will play at New Mexico for the rest of his college career, he announced on Sunday. The 6-8 former City High standout, especially in his first competitive game back after his team lost to the school, sound decision-making.

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Chicago Blackhawks right wing Viktor Stalberg (26) and Milwaukee Admirals left wing Eeli Tolvanen (53) chase the puck during the second period of Game 1 at the United Center. The Chicago Blackhawks advanced to the second round of the playoffs last season. The Hawks' home-opener will be 8 p.m. against the Huskies in recent PRIME TIME LEAGUE.

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Still impressive numbers, but the point here is that, in a match-up that some thought Olaseni would dominate, Moore had other thoughts and played at a level that surpassed his opponents.

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“I forget they even had this league, I haven’t played in it in about 15 years,” Moore said.

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