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 get out and breed with our customer’s cows,” Swenka said. The offspring of the breed becomes very popular. “The Swenka family has been doing business for a long time,” Swenka said. “They’re good, reputable breeders.”

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)

Swenka said his trust in Swenka is a reason he continues to buy from the farm for the past three years.

“I grew up on a farm, and I know what they need,” Swenka said. “I can get them good quality semen.”

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

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Lawmakers approve gas-tax bill

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Quickened legislative movement in the State Capitol has put the notion of Iowa motorists facing 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 gas tax to rise 1.5 cents per gallon for standard gasoline blends and 2.4 cents per gallon for diesel.

Since the legislative session convened in Jan. 11, state Demo- crats, Republicans, and Bran- stad have carefully crafted the gas tax into their daily rhetoric. Lawmakers on both sides of the aisle, along with Bran- stad and Lt. Gov. Kim Rey- nolds, have recognized that the tax is a looming threat. “The proposed addition to the pipeline, which already goes from Cana- da to Nebraska across the Midwest, would add a direct line from Alber- ta to Nebraska across the Gulf Coast in Texas, would add a direct line from Alber- ta, Canada, to Steele City, Nebraska. The pipeline would carry 1.1 billion, the State De- partment of Transportation said, during the construction of the pipeline, $42,000 one- year jobs would be created, the de- partment said. Sen. Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, who was
‘Would You Rather’ opens spring campaign for UISG

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

By BOULLE ALLEMAHIN

Would you rather play Pac-Man or get a root canal? Would you rather hear the sound of breaking glass or the sound of a waterfall? Would you rather have 10,000 tickets to the UI’s annual basketball game or a polka dot umbrella?

These are just a few of the choices faced by students at the University of Iowa as they participate in the ‘Would You Rather’ campaign.

The University of Iowa Student Government is launching its fourth annual ‘Would You Rather’ campaign on Monday, Feb. 18. The campaign is designed to engage students in a fun, interactive way and raise awareness about important issues.

“Would You Rather” is an initiative that aims to spark conversation and encourage students to think critically about important issues. The campaign has been successful in the past with topics ranging from mental health to environmental sustainability.

This year’s campaign will focus on a variety of issues, including,

- Health and Wellness
- Mental Health
- Environmental Sustainability
- Academic Success

The campaign will run throughout the spring semester, with daily updates and challenges for students to participate in. Students who participate will have the opportunity to win a variety of prizes, including gift cards, merchandise, and more.

“Would You Rather” is a fun and engaging way for students to learn about important issues and to take action,” said Student Government President. “We hope to see everyone participate and engage in the conversation.”

For more information and to participate, visit wouldyourather.uiowa.edu.
Iowans aren’t yet sure what to make of South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham’s foray into presidential politics.

Graham seemingly slips into presidential race

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, military 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 Newgard, the head of Hardin County Republicans. Rogers said with ISIS growing, instability in Af- ghanistan, as well as in Russia and Ukraine, are the is- sues that people are con- cerned 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.

"I'm sure if he works on it, he'll be right in the rest of them."
Threat raises U.S. quandary

Economic sanctions: A weapon in the U.S. arsenal, or have we overdone it? In a global world in which outright military conflict between global powers is rare, economic sanctions have become a common tool for gaining leverage. This month, however, the sanctions against Iran seem to have reached their logical conclusion. Sanctions, the threat of sanctions, and the announcement of possible sanctions are options that concern us all.

The origin of this concern is the recent dramatic increase in the price of oil. In the last year, the price of oil has more than doubled, reaching $100 per barrel. This is a concern because it puts pressure on the global economy, and it has the potential to push countries into unrest and conflict.

The question arises: Are economic sanctions an effective tool in this case? While it is impossible to say with certainty, there are arguments for and against their use. Some believe that economic pressure can force countries to change their policies, while others argue that it is ineffective and can lead to unintended consequences.

In the end, it is clear that economic sanctions are a complex and multifaceted issue. It is important to consider the potential costs and benefits, both for the United States and for other countries, before taking any action. This is especially true given the current global economic situation, which is characterized by uncertainty and unpredictability.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Then and now

When I left high school in the early 1960s, the education I received was one of the best I could have hoped for—perhaps even the best I could afford. I was lucky to be able to spend the full amount of my college tuition on higher education. My students today are lucky to be able to attend college at all, but the cost of tuition has risen dramatically in the past decades. The cost of college is now so high that many students are forced to take out loans just to afford the tuition. I would love to be able to say that I have no regrets about my education, but I cannot ignore the fact that the cost of higher education has become an issue that affects many people.

Enduring war, enduring peace

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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?

DAVID ROEDERER
Mayor of Des Moines, March 2013

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The 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 a change in some scenarios will not affect the core of the event.

Iowa Senate back minimum-wage hike

The six-month tops of FreedomWorks President, David Roederer, and Joni Ernst, Iowa Republican, as they talk at an event.

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Jacoby wrestles with starting dates

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

By AARON WALKER

A passionate historian of wrestling courses through the state of Iowa's veins, 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 — a state holiday. 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 discussions 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 Indianola School District, said in an email. “Frankly, [Gov. Terry Branstad] won’t sign anything that doesn’t include a starting date in it.”

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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 college and high schools are renowned for their wrestling programs. Highland schools send at least one athlete to every state tournament. The three winning wrestlers 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 differences,” Reiland said. “But if you take a couple hundred from a small town, there’s nobody left.”

A wide variety of courses and disciplines is declared by the state and not the local board,” Benson said. “But in a bigger city you get ten wrestlers and maybe ten families, it’s just a different environment in the smaller town.”

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It’s a question every athlete asks after a major orthopedic injury. And it’s what drives us to improve recovery with new minimally invasive surgeries and rehabilitation techniques. So whether you’re a seasoned pro or an amateur, the answers we find help unleash the full potential of athletes everywhere. UHealthcare.org/SportsMed

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Today’s events

• Managing Gender Identity and Expression as a GA, RA, or TA, 11 a.m., 103 Lindquist
• Spring Job & Internship Fair, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., IMU
• Managing Gender Identity and Expression as a GA, RA, or TA, 4:30 p.m., Van Allen Lecture Room 2
• Special Colloquium, “Atomic Legos: Building Sequencing to Machine Learning,” Thomas Casavant, W323 Chemistry Building
• Nick Schneider, “Research Updates,” 12:30 p.m., 1021 Deming Building
• Special Colloquium, “Atomic Legos: Building next-generation Instruments in the 21st Century,” Shaunia Rolle, 4:30 p.m., UI Kleiman Lecture Room 2
• Live from Prairie Lights,” T. Geronimo Johnson, 7 p.m., Prairie Lights, 15 S. Dubuque
• Video Screening and Panel Discussion, “Being Black at Iowa,” A Deeper Black: Race in Fiction, 7 p.m., Englert 221 E.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Get together with old friends, or discuss future plans with someone you love. Take care of paperwork that is timely. Do something special for someone who is important to 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 into 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 reputation.

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 as well as gather facts that will help you excel. Romance is encouraged.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 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.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Stick close to home. Travel and communication on problems is essential. Get it: 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 let the past hold you back. Someone says no: Plant to take action on your own, and follow through with your plans. Romance will come when you are ready.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Use your creative energy to implement your idea. This will change. Don’t be complacent. Don’t be afraid to do your own thing. Problems while traveling can be expected. Someone will meddle or misunderstand if given the chance. Refuse to be manipulated.

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‘We’re all doing real well when it comes to executing as the regular season winds down,’ said Libby. ‘I am blessed to have kids that will look to me in any circumstance and say ‘I’m ready.’

‘Despite the importance of the game to the top team, Libby doesn’t want the rankings to influence the mentality or the focus of her players in any way.’

‘This was a big hit difficult but not important the playing for the team and our own personal goals. We are able to reach our full potential through our strong team dynamic. We have a classroom setting in our line-up focusing on the girls of our team goal.’

‘This season, Iowa broke the 190 barrier in the ranks, something that was the first time the program has made the mark since March 8, 2012, against Iowa State, a team that was ranked in the top 25 and improving at a steady pace.’

‘It’s not their main focus. That will look you in the eye at any circumstance and make sure that they fit not only their routines, but also their relationships, which has set us apart from other teams and has shown a successful outcome so far.’

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

15.9 per contest, while Kendrick Nunn and Malcolm Hill average 15.1 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.

“Let’s face it,” 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.”

“Here 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.

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By DANNY PAYNE

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.

“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.

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