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# New equine center allows horses spaces to grow

By Kelly.Schiro @iowastatedaily.com

Nineteen horses owned by Iowa the new Equine Learning Center, located on Mortensen Road on the south end of

The new Frederiksen Court apartments used to be grazing land for the horses. After April 2013, the horses were moved to the Laboratory Animal Resources near South Duff.

Iowa State houses two breeds — thoroughbreds and quarter horses.

As soon as the water was turned on, the horses were moved into the learning center. Thirteen of the horses were moved to their new home on Feb. 12.

Right now, Iowa State has 10 yearlings, 20 brood mares and three stallions, said Nicole Ferwerda, lecturer and barn manager. They also expect 19 foals this year. Ferwerda said this is an average year in terms of the amount of foals expected.

The horses have been waiting to move in for awhile," Ferwerda said.

Mark Weber, horse farm student employee and senior in animal science, said it was challenging to build the learning center.

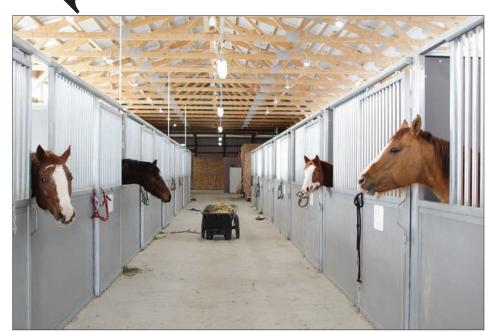
Finding temporary housing was dif ficult, but the push to finish the facility was tougher while still trying to manage schoolwork.

The new Equine Learning Center can hold up to 23 horses, Ferwerda said. The center has bigger stalls that are easier to disinfect and clean.

Ferwerda said that the learning center has 10 stalls that are 12x12 feet, which is a standard size. It also has 10 stalls that are 12x14 feet and three stalls that are 14x16 feet for the stallions.

Heather Smith, horse barn employee and senior in animal science, said, "It's more suitable for horses."

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Horses fill the stalls at the new Equine Learning Center, located on Mortenson Road. The center, to be completed in July, will be able to hold up to 23 horses and will feature a breeding room.



Sitting across from the Memorial Union, the Campus Book Store building on Lincoln Way is currently for sale. There are no confirmed reports of what will happen to the building.

Redevelopment plans for Campus Book Store uncertain

By Kelsey.Batschelet @iowastatedaily.com

The Campus Book Store building at 2300 Lincoln Way, which once catered to students, has sat empty since it closed

The business, which had been a part of Campustown and student life for 39 years, impacted the student community when it shut its doors in 2013.

The store, owned by Floyd and Sandra Ballein, competed with the University Bookstore for students' business, offering similar goods such as textbooks and supplies. With its closure,

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# Financial Counseling Clinic offers free help with taxes

By Blake.Dowson @iowastatedaily.com

Tax season has arrived and the ISU financial services urge students to take advantage of the filing process.

Tax season comes with a lot of questions from students about different tax forms, whether to or not to file for tax returns and many other questions.

Jonathan Fox, di-rector of the Financial Counseling Clinic at Iowa State, encourages all students that have an income to file for their tax return each year.

Even if you're not making a ton of money, you should still file," Fox said. "You could still be having some money withheld from you. We've all seen the H&R Block commercial where they talk about the billions of dollars that are withheld from people each year.'

Jeanna Nation,

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Photo Illustration: Tomhas Huhnke/Iowa State Daily The Financial Counseling Clinic offers free tax advice to students until April 15. The clinic urges all students to file a tax return if they have any income to get full amount of return.

# Weather



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# **Police Blotter**

The information in the log comes from the ISU and City of Ames police departments' records. All those accused of violating the law are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

### March 2

A resident reported the theft of an item from an apartment at Frederiksen Court (reported at 8:34 a.m.).

Justin Murphy, 21, 304 Lynn Ave., Apt. 14, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance at Union Drive and Welch Road (reported at 8:30 p.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 112B (reported at 8:34 p.m.).

Paul McNicoll, 18, 9312 Wallace Hall, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia at Wallace Hall (reported at 11:12 p.m.).

### March 3

An officer investigated a property damage collision at South 4th Street and Beach Road (reported at 9:50 a.m.).

A custodian reported damage to a restroom at Sweeney Hall (reported at 11:06 a.m.).

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Stange Road and University Boulevard (reported at 3:53

An officer assisted a 19-yearold female who was suffering medical and emotional

difficulties at Friley Hall. The individual was transported to Mary Greeley Medical Center for treatment (reported at 6:30

An officer investigated a property damage collision at Lot 21 (reported at 7:18 p.m.). An officer initiated a drug related investigation at Helser

Hall (reported at 7:58 p.m.).

Officers and firefighters responded to an alarm at Wallace Hall. Power to the building was lost for a period of time due to an electrical fire in a mechanical room (reported at 8:33 p.m.).

### March 4

**Sultan Alsamhan**, 21, 2519 Chamberlain St., Apt. 313, was arrested and charged with operating while intoxicated at Chamberlain Street and Hayward Avenue (reported at 1:40 a.m.).

An individual reported the theft of tops from several compressed gas tanks at Science II Hall (reported at 1:00

Hao Lei, 20, 119N University Village, was arrested on a warrant, charging him with domestic abuse assault at University Village (reported at



# Denise Williams, program coordinator for the Iowa State Conference on Race and Ethnicity, addresses the Government of the Student Body during their meeting Wednesday night. Williams encouraged GSB members to sign up for the program. Forum discusses race, ethnicity

# Conference gives chances to travel, learn about issues

By William.Dyke @iowastatedaily.com

The Iowa State Conference of Race and Ethnicity spoke to the Government of the Student Body Senate March 5 to present information on the conference's March 7

ISCORE is a compre-

hensive forum on issues of race and ethnicity at Iowa State and around the state. The local conference models the National Conference on and Ethnicity in Higher Education.

Program Coordinator Denise Williams discussed the functions and purpose of NCORE.

"When you're there, you are engaging with other students, staff and faculty, learning a lot and what might be interesting to bring back to our campus," Williams said.

When a student re-

turns from the all-expenses paid trip to NCORE, they take a three-credit

The course addresses issues of race and ethnicity and meets the US diversity requirement for ISU students.

The students then give a presentation on their research at the next ISCORE

Sen. Peter Benzoni provided a plug for the event, noting his attendance at last year's NCORE in New Orleans and that he will be presenting at ISCORE March 7.

'I just wanted to attest to how awesome ISCORE and NCORE are," Benzoni said. "You should all take the opportunity to attend both ISCORE and NCORE.

Benzoni will present on the experiences of African-Americans on ISU campus. Benzoni brought up the university's graduation rate for African30 percent, during ISU President Leath's address to the GSB earlier this semester.

Evelyn Ward Sen. said that there are many ways that social identities intercept with race and therefore, by exploring issues of race and ethnicity, other societal issues are included.

"The students are what's really at the heart of this program," Williams said. "Their skills have evolved every year. The questions they're asking are deeper, the research is more thorough. And I think if you're attending those sessions, you'll be impressed with the level of conversation you'll have."

The Conference on Race and Ethnicity will take place 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on March 7 at the Memorial Union.

For more information, as well as a listing of all the sessions at the March 7 conference, go to iscore.

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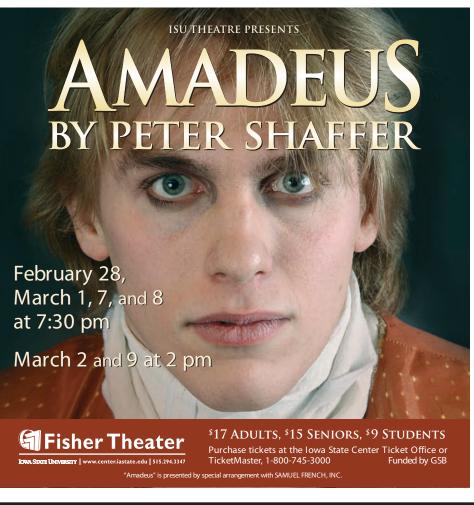
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PERIODICALS POSTAGE

# Scientists develop new way to measure soil nitrates

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A team of scientists at Iowa State have used a new infrared sensor system to measure nitrates in soil.

Nitrates can be produced from the runoff of nitrogen fertilizers and cause harmful effects in nearby water supplies due to runoff.

The technology, invented in the Ames Laboratory, compares traditional measurements to the efficiency of new

The sensor system allows intermediate data to be measured and will create opportunities for determining the level of nitrates in the soil.

Eventually farmers could use the tool to collect data before harvest season. The tool will replace hands-on sampling and allow the infrared light to measure the nitrate count.

The infrared light measures the light emissions on the surface of the soil.

"The new tool will help improve proficiency of corn production," said David Laird, professor of agronomy.

Currently, farmers spread a uniform amount of fertilizer on the soil. If the tool is found successful, it will tell the farmers specific areas that need more or less nitrate.

"The current method is a strenuous process of sampling in the lab and doing a chemical analysis of the soil in the lab," said John McClelland, associate scientist of biochemistry and biophysics and molecular BIO-AGLS. "The process takes time and money.'

The infrared light mea-



ISU scientists measure nitrates in soil with an infrared sensor system. Farmers will be able to monitor nitrates as fertilizer is being applied.

sures the nitrates without taking soil to the lab, eliminating the need for field samples.

The sensor attaches to the tractor and will create more efficiency, but it will also be small enough to hold.

"The goal is to have the sensor go through the field [in] real time," McClelland said.

Nitrates are potentially dangerous for the environment if washed into waterways. When nitrates enter big bodies of water, the ecosystem becomes unbalanced. Greenhouse gasses are a result of nitrate runoff into those bodies of water.

Knowing the exact amount of nitrate for farmers to place in certain areas will help decrease the amount of excess nitrates that wash away.

"The sensor will monitor the amount of nitrate and will help reduce nitrate runoff," said Roger Jones, associate scientist of biochemistry and biophysics and molecular BIO-AGLS.

Knowing the exact amount of nitrate in the soil will also help crop production and will create a healthier field and

The future goal is to test a varied groups of soil and hopefully create a marketable tool.

"The biggest challenge is overcoming the fact that the relevant range is quite low,"

The objective is to test a variety of soils and determine the diversity of the infrared spectroscopy. The research team wants to gather more funding for research and development. Once the data is analyzed, the team will publish a paper explaining their findings and ideas.

Four researchers work on the project: McClelland and Jones work with developing the equipment, and Laird and a graduate student work on the agronomy side of the research.

# Entrepreneurs given chances by Pappajohn

# Program lets students earn experience

By Colby.Siebersma @iowastatedaily.com

Students across Iowa are invited to apply for an entrepreneurship accelerator program for this summer.

The John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Centers are lo-cated at five different universities and colleges around the state of Iowa to provide a unique and valuable opportunities to aspiring entrepreneurs.

The University of Iowa and Iowa State Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Centers have upcoming events that may benefit students.

The Pappajohn Center at the University of Iowa will host a student accelerator for the first time this summer.

Jennifer Ott, John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center Training and Engagement Liaison at Iowa, said this accelerator will have teams of three students paired who are with a mentor. The teams will then build out their products and present it to investors all in a few

As an added perk, this is a paid

Team members will each make \$1,000 a month for living expenses," Ott said. "As a team, they would be eligible for up to \$3,000 for meeting milestones.'

These milestones are based off of the business model canvas, Ott said. There are six milestones, each of which students can earn \$500 for

'We thought it would be a great to provide students with the opportunity to actually get paid to work on their own business idea over the

summer rather than getting a summer job or internship," Ott said.

She said that this student accelerator is open to all students across the state. Anyone who is interested may apply, but the program does not provide housing.

"I think this would be a great way for students at Iowa State and their peers at the Iowa [sic] to collaborate and bounce ideas off of each other," Ott said.

This student accelerator program runs June 2 to Aug. 1.

"For students interested in entrepreneurship, it sounds like a great opportunity to experience the challenges of starting your own business in a more forgiving environment than the real world," said Erik Carlson, sophomore in prebusiness, and a participant of the accelerator program.

The Pappajohn Center at Iowa State also has some upcoming programs to support student entrepreneurs.

'Next week there is an innovation pitch competition happening on campus," said Judi Eyles, the assistant director of the John Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Center at ISU. "It is open to every student at Iowa State from all majors."

This event still has openings for students to enter and it provides an opportunity for students to pitch their business idea, Eyles said. There is even a cash prize for the winner.

Eyles said all of the Pappajohn Centers in Iowa try to reach out across the state to try and find young entrepreneurs and give them an opportunity to compete.

Pappajohn Entrepreneurial Centers around the state of Iowa work together and hold numerous programs in order to make valuable opportunities available to students, Eyles said.

# Phishing scam emails target ISU employees, imitate AccessPlus

By Justin.Lo @iowastatedaily.com

The recent phishing scam sent to ISU employees has Information Technology Services staff going through their usual procedures for whenever a scam comes to their attention.

This scam tried to convince its potential victims they would be given a pay raise if they provided their ISU credentials. Information Technology Services were first notified of this scam on Feb. 21.

you were eligible for a raise by your next paycheck and that you should go to the link they provided to fill out the appropriate paperwork," said Andrew Weisskopf, an information security officer from the ISU Information Technology department.

Weisskopf explained that the link provided in the malicious email led to a Polish website that was a forgery of the AccessPlus page. If an employee entered their credentials on that page, they were then led to a page that was a forgery of the Microsoft Exchange web access page.

"[The scam email] was sent to a number of faculty and staff," said Chad Jacobsen, a systems support specialist for the Liberal Arts and Sciences administration. "It was reasonably far and wide across campus.'

Jacobsen and Weisskopf both agree that this scam was more sophisticated than scams that have been seen on campus betical appearances between the AccessPlus website and the malicious website.

IT Services does its best to look at malicious emails when they are notified of them, and they block access to the harmful website to computers connected to the campus' network. When a computer is not using Iowa State's Internet connection, however, users can access these malicious websites.

Phishing scams are nothing new at Iowa State, and IT Services expects to see more of these scams in the future.

"We're just another target," Jacobsen said. "[Iowa State is] a significantly-sized enterprise. That makes it a tempting target for the would-be scammers and phishers who are trying to get information out of us.

Iowa State, though, isn't the only target of the scam.

"Everyone's being targeted," Weisskopf said. "We do expect to

If you feel that you have been sent a phishing scam, forward the message to abuse@iastate.edu and IT Services will determine if any links in that message are harmful.

"You will never get an email from the university that specifically links to a website," Jacobsen said. "Instead, they'll give you instructions."

In the event that employees feel their credentials are known



Jeremy Andrews/Iowa State Daily

Students should beware of possible phishing scams. Recently, Iowa State employees have received malicious emails promising them pay raises.

by someone who should not have them, they are encouraged to change their passwords and take extra security precautions to further protect themselves and their computers.

"If you're clicking on links, you do want to make sure that your anti-virus is up to date and that you do a scan," Weisskopf said.

Weisskopf also said that the Student Network Access Program can help do a scan of computers. It is located in the Solution Center at 195 Durham Center on campus.

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Workers now have automatic water in the learning center, which makes sure the horses always have water. Smith said that the stalls in the learning center are nicer than the stalls in the horse barn because they have mats rather than a dirt floor.

Construction of the learning center started in July 2013, and Ferwerda hopes that it will be completed by this July.

Once completed, it will have a larger breeding room that is inside, a larger reproductive lab, lights on timers, a feed

room, classrooms, wash bays, hay storage, stalls, an office and a bathroom.

With the new learning center, Ferwerda now has to manage two barns. a management perspective, Ferwerda said that the amount of labor hours has doubled. They now have twice as many stalls to clean.

A consequence to having horses housed in two places is the increase in the amount of horse traffic. Ferwerda said the horses are moved around, and every couple of weeks there will be changes.

Mares about to give birth are trans-

ported to the horse barn and, after about a week, both mother and foal are moved back to the learning center.

Ferwerda said the horses are adjusting well. While the young horses have to get used to moving around, a lot of the adult horses are ex-race or ex-show horses and are used to moving around a lot.

There are trade-offs between the new facility and the old space, Ferwerda said. While horses now have their own stall in the learning center, the horses are also losing some social time that they have at the older horse barn.

Students will be able to have labs in the learning center and see demonstrations in the reproductive lab. The lab has a bigger area specifically to hold demonstrations for students. Having it inside also makes it easier for the employees to breed

"Recently, we have been trying to get even better genetics in our quarter horse and thoroughbred breeding programs," Weber said. "With the new breeding lab at [the learning center], I hope ISU can attract some new brood mare and stallion donations to our herd.'

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counselor at the Financial Counseling Clinic, echoed Fox's

thoughts.
"If you don't file for your tax return, you don't get that money that has been withheld from you. It's as simple as that, Nation said.

Fox said that for many people getting their tax returns acts as their 13th monthly paycheck.

"For a lot of people, they count on their tax returns to help

pay for Spring Break, or they count on it as a 13th paycheck,' Fox said. "But if that's the only way you save money, come see us at the clinic."

However, Fox said that having to pay a little back during tax season is not a bad thing, either.

"If you are getting money back to you with your tax return, it means that you have been paying too much during the year,' Fox said. "You basically gave an interest-free loan to the federal government. If you have more of that money during the course of the year, that gives you more of an opportunity to invest and build on your money. The money you get back on your tax return does not build interest.'

Nation believes that many students do not file because the forms look intimidating, or if they don't file on their own, they have their parents do it for them.

Students should try it for themselves," Nation said. "For the typical student, it would take maybe a half-an-hour to

complete."

Fox said that one way to help ease students' way through tax season each year is to keep their taxes and paper work from past years.

"A lot of what you fill out on those forms is your name, address, social security number, and a lot of those things don't change in the course of a year," Fox said. "If you keep your taxes from past years, you can just transfer that stuff over."

The Financial Counseling

Clinic helps students all year with many financial issues like budgeting, credit cards, managing debt, understanding credit reports among many other things.

The cost of the Financial Counseling Clinic is built into tuition and is free for ISU students.

Fox stresses the importance of taking the time to visit the clinic for help with taxes.

"The help that we give isn't free when you leave here," Fox

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students have been left with only one local option for purchasing textbooks for class and have lost another Campustown

Its competitive days have ended, and the empty building has had large "For Sale or Lease" signs plastered on its windows for months now. The structure is currently listed with Buyers Realty for \$2.5 million, and is represented by the broker David Little.

As the buildings on the prominent

2300 and 2400 blocks of Lincoln Way are bought for redevelopment by Gilbane and Kingland Systems, the fate of the Campus Bookstore site is still at large.

There are no confirmed reports on what will happen to the structure. It is likely that it will be redeveloped along the same lines of the other Lincoln Way construction projects.

"Due to confidentiality requirements of my client, I can't release any information regarding the sale of 2300 Lincoln Way," Little said.

According to the city of Ames project

highlights report, a Des Moines-based company, Opus Development, has been considering the purchase of the building. The report describes the proposed redevelopment as a "mixed use retail-residential project.'

The report also references the neighboring Gilbane project at 2330 Lincoln Way, which will result in an apartment building and commercial retail space, and implies that the Campus Bookstore site may be redeveloped in the same vein as the Gilban project.

"The

Gilbane projects,

Development and Opus Development, will replace existing retail space and add a total of 467 beds across from campus for the 2015-16 academic year," according to the Ames project highlights report.

The proposed plan for the projects are in the final stages of review.

Until then, the Campus Bookstore on the street corner of Lincoln Way and Lynn Avenue, which once had students streaming in and out of its doors, will remain empty. The proposed plans will potentially revitalize the site, and bring student life back to the east end of Lincoln Way.

# **Editorial**



As the world puts its trust in the UN to provide essential peacekeeping missions, the organization will continue to fail in that mission time and time again until all five members can reach a unanimous decision.

# Vetoes hinder progress for UN council

The charter of the United Nations points to four main purposes which the intergovernmental organization was created to achieve and maintain. The first such purpose states that the UN was founded "To maintain international peace and security." The remaining purposes work to support this original

Currently, the UN has peace-keeping missions in several countries around the world, including Syria. When it comes to the UN's action plan on mounting issues in the Ukraine surrounding Crimea and Russian forces, however, the peacekeeping organization remains in deadlock.

It is not difficult to see what causes this gridlock. The UN's Security Council, made up of five permanent members and 10 non-permanent member states, is charged with recognizing when there is an international threat to peace or to the security of a UN member country.

The five permanent members of the Security Council — the United States, United Kingdom, China, France and Russia — all have the power to veto any proposal that goes through the council. Even if a proposal receives the required nine votes of approval, one veto from a permanent member means the proposal will fail. Article 27 of the UN's charter, which defines the rules of voting in the Security Council, effectively renders the council incapable of a response in scenarios that involve a permanent member's aggressive

In the case of Ukraine, that member is Russia. As the Security Council discusses the unfolding problems in of the conversation. If the Security Council were to decide that UN forces need to intervene, it would be practically assured that Russia would veto any proposal.

The UN was first established in 1945, back when only 51 member states were involved and the greatest perceived threats were another German or Japanese war effort. The UN has grown considerably since that time with 193 member states, and the sources of global unrest have likewise shifted. With these developments, it would only be beneficial for the UN to consider changing its rules involving permanent Security Council members and their veto powers.

Unfortunately, there looks to be little possibility of these rules ever changing. Since any permanent member could veto the proposal, there is realistically no way to change the current structure. This means that as the world puts its trust in the UN to provide essential peacekeeping missions, the organization will continue to fail time and time again if one of the five veto powers has their own agenda.

Even with little hope of meaningful reform in the UN, there are other potential sources of change. Regional alliances, such as the Organization of American States or the European Union could expand their purview, eventually rivaling the UN for global legitimacy. This may seem unlikely, but as the UN continues to show an outdated leadership structure that gets in the way of its founding goals, seemingly unrealistic options may begin to look more and more appealing to a weary international community.

# **Editorial Board**

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With many students looking for place in Ames for the next school year, housing expansion needs addressed quickly. Columnist Cummings suggests the university should collaborate with the city of Ames to resolve the lack of available housing for a growing student population.

# Work together to fix housing problem

# ISU, Ames must team up for off-campus living

By Kelsey.Cummings @iowastatedaily.com

The deadline for canceling housing contracts without an 80 percent penalty is now two days behind us, and the students who managed to make that deadline are letting out sighs of relief. However, it is the issue behind this strict penalty that might make students cringe: insufficient housing. And with many students now looking to secure a place in Ames for the next school year, the matter of housing expansion needs to be quickly addressed.

In last week's reminder to students to cancel their housing contracts by the deadline, Director of the Department of Residence Peter Englin stressed the importance of students making their housing decisions quickly. If students who are not serious about living on campus another year do not decide to cancel already up, students who want to live on campus have a more difficult time finding the space.

But lack of space seems to be a growing issue as Iowa State's enrollment and the population of the Ames community continues to increase. This past fall marked the highest enrollment in Iowa State's history, as student numbers climbed to 33,241 – a seven percent increase since fall 2012. Not only that, but last year also saw the highest number of total new freshmen enrollment to date - 6,089 to last year's 5,366. With all this record breaking enrollment, Iowa State is struggling to keep up.

The university has, however, made some efforts to make sure everyone who wants to live on campus is able to. Back in the fall of 2012, the Board of Regents approved an expansion of Frederiksen Court, adding an additional six apartment buildings to accommodate increased student demand. Although this did help to give students more oncampus housing options, it stillwas not enough to meet the needs of enrollment.

Other solutions like turning residence hall dens into dorm rooms and offering some students \$1,000 to vacate their dorms in favor or freshmen only worked for a short while. This school year, Iowa State decided to lease bedrooms in the previously non-campus apartment buildings Maricopa and Legacy. These buildings will continue to be leased for the 2014-2015 academic year, and will include some additional rooms in Maricopa-Walton. However, Iowa State's lease on these buildings pushed out around 200 students who already had leases for these buildings.

ment is likely to continue its growth, how will the university meet the housing demands? There only seem to be three options: build new campus housing options, lease other Ames apartment buildings or turn down students once housing has reached its capacity.

Because it is highly unlikely the university would turn away college hopefuls, Iowa State must instead look to the first two options. However, both options would mean moving other Ames residents out of their homes. As proven

by Maricopa and Legacy, leasing existing apartment buildings simply favors ISU students and displaces other Ames residents. And with limited space around campus to build new dorms, Iowa State would need to look farther – ultimately extinguishing that "on campus" feeling.

This is why the city of Ames must step in to help. With Iowa State's population making up about half of the total population of Ames, ISU students do more than their share to keep the Ames economy bustling.

In order to meet the demands of Iowa State's high enrollment and to equally meet the demands of nonstudent residents looking for places to live, Iowa State and the city of Ames must work together to create adequate housing.

With both populations constantly growing, it may be time for Ames to expand. Creating additional housing spaces - whether they be apartments, condominiums, duplexes or houses – would significantly help to house both city residents and ISU students. Likewise, Iowa State would then be able to rent out existing apartment buildings near campus without the fear of displacing non student residents. Then, the traditional dorms could be left for incoming freshmen (as seems to be the preference), and upperclassmen would have the choice to live on campus in university apartments.

Though no solution is going to come without significant cost to Iowa State or to the city of Ames, it is important that we seek to find a proper solution to the housing problem now before students are turned away not by the university, but by the lack of "campus community" on which the university so prides itself.

# **Letter to the editor**

# Hilton's atmosphere suffers due to lack of fans

Michael Harris, junior in agricultural studies

During my three years at Iowa State University there has been revitalization in a once-dormant basketball program. What Fred Hoiberg has done in four short years can simply be described as incredible, and I will forever be proud of the fact that I had the opportunity to witness it in person. However, over the past handful of home basketball games, I've begun to wonder if the number of "proud" students is the vast minority in a population of predominately casual fans.

Then I remind myself that I take basketball far too seriously at times. There are many more things in life that matter more than a game, but are these things the reason that nearly all of the upper deck student section seats remain empty, even for top-25 showdowns? The simple answer is no, though priorities vary from person to person. Maybe I just tend to overestimate the amount of interest that the basketball program should spark. But other than the games against Iowa, Kansas and maybe Michigan there has been essentially zero risk of being turned away. The doors have recently begun opening for students two hours before game time,



According to Michael Harris, students are not attending basketball games at Hilton Coliseum, even against top-25 opponents. Students are given plenty of time to find seats, yet still chairs are empty.

which means a student could show up when the doors open and still get themselves a lower-bowl seat. Few arenas in the nation match the atmosphere that Hilton has to offer. Most importantly, this season's team is among the most likeable group of individuals, as well as one of

the most entertaining teams to watch in our university's proud history. So what reason can there be for all the empty

Ultimately, we may never know the real reason[s]. Excuses will continue to be made, students will continue to gobble up all the tickets,

and seats will continue to sit empty. So what will change? Will seats need to be taken away? Or will the Cyclone Alley Committee find a way to fill the seats? Because I think I speak for many students when I say that I honestly have no idea what that committee does anyway.

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n an empty hallway of Wells Fargo Arena at the 2009 Iowa High School State Wrestling Tournament, Kyven Gadson stood in front of his coach, desperate and dejected. He had just lost in the finals and as he looked his coach in the eye, he said, "I'll do whatever you tell me to as long as this does not ever happen to me again.'

Kyven's coach and father, Willie Gadson, accepted.

Willie had a father who taught him the enduring, painful lessons and trials of manhood at a young age. Willie's father showed him what not to become.

One of four children born to Bernice and William Gadson, Willie spent the first ten years of his life — 1953-63 — working in the cotton fields of South Carolina.

The hard-nosed work ethic that would define Willie later in life was forged under the unforgiving and unrelenting South Carolina sun as he walked through row a ter row of cotton, harvesting the sinewy lint from boll after boll, day after day. Working hard became the norm in Willie's young life, and nothing came easy.

His life at home was no exception.

Willie's father was an alcoholic, and according to Willie's wife, Denita Gadson, there was, "quite a bit of domestic abuse." In 1963, Bernice had had enough.

She took her children and moved to Huntington, N.Y., where Willie met Lou Giani, the man that changed the course of

Giani, a former Olympic wrestler, took Willie under his wing. Willie was out of the South, but what he had learned from his time in South Carolina did not leave him.

With nothing but his work ethic and the tutelage of Coach Giani, Willie began to flourish as a wrestler, but Denita says Giani and wrestling provided something more for Willie and his brother.

Giani came to 'When Coach Huntington and Willie started with wrestling, that's really when his life started to turn around," Denita said. "And up to that point, he was kind of lost in the sense that he didn't have direction.

"He got into a lot of things, and it's amazing that with the kind of things that inner city kids get into, it was just amazing that he came out of New York and that he came out alive. He came out without ever

having gone to jail.' After high school, Willie went on to wrestle at Nassau Community College, compiling a 45-0 record with two national championships before coming to Iowa

State and wrestling for Harold Nichols. Willie thrived under Nichols, becoming a two time All-American and two-time

Big Eight champion. After his days as a wrestler concluded, Willie found his niche and took on his most

known role: Coach Gadson As an assistant coach for the Cyclones

from 1979-82, Willie worked with Nate Carr, one of three wrestlers in ISU history to win three national titles.

In 1992, Willie landed a job as the head coach at Eastern Michigan and led the 1995-96 team to one of the program's best seasons by winning its first ever Mid-American Conference Championship and Willie was the Middle American Conference Coach of the Year.

When Willie left Eastern Michigan in 1997, he became an assistant coach at Iowa City High School. He became head coach of the Waterloo East High School wrestling team in 2004, where he would mentor his star pupil: his son.

At a Hawkeye Kids Club wrestling prac-

tice in Iowa City in the early 1990s, as hoards of children with their replica University of Iowa singlets took to the mat like their idols, Kyven Gadson was worried about fashion.

'I would never wear the singlet," Kyven said. "It's one thing I would not do. They'd give you a replica Iowa singlet, and I was one of the few that refused to wear it."

While Willie never pushed his son onto the mat, Kyven was certainly immersed in the sport from a young age. The two formed a bond that made them almost inseparable. As a young wrestler, Kyven and Willie spent countless hours in the car, listening to their favorite oldies songs on their way to tournaments.

As Kyven grew up, he began to distinguish the two sides of Willie, but sometimes Coach Gadson could make an appearance at home.

"As a kid, it was tough to break up the two into having 'Coach Gadson' and a dad, and we had some talks about that," Kyven said. "But just as a dad, I always felt like he was a general-type guy, but now looking back on it, he was just someone who really cared about his family and doing what it takes to keep it going down the right

Hard work and doing things right are intangibles that Willie honed, and he implemented those qualities in his children both on the mat and at home.

Willie had always threatened that if he found a spot on his dishes that he would make Kyven and his sister wash every dish

in the house. Every dish. A week later, Willie found a spot on a plate. General Gadson proceeded to remove every dish in the house, and Kyven

and his sister cleaned each one of them. 'Stuff like that — that you don't really understand as a kid, that once you get older and start maturing — it just all starts to come together and make sense," Kyven

Willie's lessons were not always clear and Kyven's ears were not always open, but in his sophomore year of high school at state wrestling finals, Kyven opened his

Under the lights of Wells Fargo Arena, on possibly the biggest stage in Iowa high school sports, Kyven was in the finals for the first time in his career. He faced a grappler from Iowa City West named Derek St. John, University of Iowa's current reigning national champion at 157 pounds. The match did not go Kyven's way, and he was

beat by major decision. As St. John stood in the center of the mat and had his hand raised under the lights, the dejected Kyven found himself in

a back hallway, face-to-face with his father. "I decided to listen at that point," Kyven said.

After that moment in the back of Wells Fargo Arena when Kyven opened himself to Willie, Kyven finished his final two seasons at Waterloo East undefeated and as a twotime state champion.

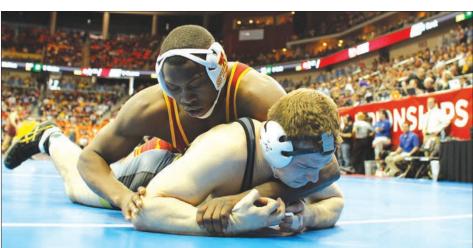
After high school, there wasn't much discussion as to where Kyven would wrestle collegiately. The same boy who had once refused to don a black-and-gold singlet was bound for Ames, same as Willie.

In 2011, Kyven made his Cyclone debut at Hilton Coliseum against Oklahoma after redshirting as a freshman. It would be his first and last match for more than a year.

Gadson injured his shoulder during the match and had surgery in December 2011. It was also around this time that Willie was making strides to improve his own health.

Still coaching the Waterloo East wrestling program, Willie had decided to drop some weight and get back into shape. While Willie was successful in his diet and workout plan, he noticed something out of the ordinary.

Willie realized he was losing weight more rapidly than he should, and his weight and strength continued to drop even after reaching his target weight loss.



Kyven Gadson holds down Missouri's Brett Haynes at the 2013 NCAA Championships. Gadson sealed the win with the score at 7-3. The win came shortly after his father, Willie Gadson, died.

Gadson family got the final test results back. In March 2012, Willie was diagnosed with stage 4 lung and bone cancer.

After several health evaluations, the

Redshirt junior Kyven Gadson finished sixth in the 2013 NCAA tournament. He is currently ranked No.1 in the

197-pound weight class. He will wrestle in the Big 12 Championships on Saturday.

Seven months later, a physically overweight and mentally overworked Kyven walked into the office of Kevin Jackson, Iowa State's head wrestling coach, and sat

down. He was done. The sport he grew up around — the sport that he and Willie had bonded over

his whole life — wasn't fun anymore. Even at the beginning of the season, I wanted to quit," Kyven said. "I walked into Coach Jackson's office and said, 'I'm not doing this anymore, this isn't fun anymore, so what's the point? [Willie and I] set up goals for me, and now he's not here to watch me, so what's the point?'

Jackson listened to Kyven, who was

struggling both mentally and physically. He was coming off a bunch of injuries [as well] and just wasn't having success on the mat, and it wasn't any fun. And if something isn't fun, with as hard as wrestling is, it makes you not want to do it," Jackson said. "We sat down and had that conversation,

and luckily, he decided to stay with us." Throughout the season, Kyven was kept relatively in the dark as to the status of Willie's health, per his father's wishes. With every phone call, Willie would tell Kyven it was all OK, never giving the slightest hint that it was not.

Kyven's career was just getting started in Ames, but Willie's health was deteriorating back home. Just before the Big 12 tour-

nament, Willie was at his worst. "So the whole time during wrestling season, I didn't know a whole lot, so there wasn't a big worry," Kyven said. "Dad's go-

ing to do his best to fight this.' The week before the Big 12 tournament in Stillwater, Okla., Kyven went with his family to the hospital and learned that Willie was nearing the end of his fight. The

cancer was winning. That week at practice, mentally and emotionally drained, Kyven's head was anywhere but on wrestling. Kyven wanted to be was with his dad, but Willie told him to go to Stillwater. Kyven did just that, promising to return with a first-place medal for Willie, just a piece of the lifelong puzzle the two had been working to complete.

Once at the Big 12 tournament, Kyven still did not want to be there with the knowledge his father could pass at anytime, even with his family's blessing. After the first match of the tournament, he went to Jackson and told him he was leaving.

"His heart, his mind and his soul just wasn't there," Jackson said. "He broke down after that match in the locker room and said he didn't want to be there, just like any person would in that situation.'

But Kyven stayed because that's what Willie wanted, and he won because that's what he told Willie he would do.

After he defeated Oklahoma State's

Miranda Cantrell/Iowa State Daily

Blake Rosholt, Kyven let his emotions go. 'Me and Rosholt had some words, and the Oklahoma State crowd called me some choice names," Kyven said. "I wasn't really in a good p lace right after that match and I know I had some words with Coach Jackson after that. [The coaches] kind of had to snatch me up and had to put me in my place a few times because I was so distraught in that situation."

The ride home from Stillwater was calming for Kyven. As he sat listening to the same oldies he and Willie had listened to all those years ago on their way to wrestling tournaments, Kyven was back in the passenger seat of his dad's car for a moment

with Willie behind the wheel. Kyven finally made it home and to his father's side. He gave Willie the medal he

had promised him. At 11:38 a.m. on March 10, 2013, just one day after the Big 12 tournament, Willie Gadson died.

Kyven stepped onto the mat on Feb. 23, 2014, as the recognized No. 1 wrestler at 197 pounds. Across from him stood University of Minnesota's Scott Schiller, the same wrestler who beat Kyven in the fifth-place match of the 2013 NCAA Championships

just 13 days after Willie's death. Denita sat in the stands of Hilton Coliseum and watched her son win that match. Aside from joy, Denita felt something else as Kyven walked off the mat admiration.

Going into the Minnesota dual, he was [feeling] sick," Denita said. "One thing I admire about him, and I know it is something about the way his dad trained him, is that he is not going to duck, he's not going to make excuses and he's not going to not show up.

"I admire that — that he put aside, that he could save his energy, that he could probably not wrestle because he might not be feeling his best ... I admire his integrity, I admire his work ethic that my husband instilled in him.

The 2014 season has not come without trial, as for the first time in his life, Kyven en-

tered a wrestling season without his father. "Earlier in the season, he was really struggling with starting the year without his father," Jackson said. "He gathered himself and kept moving forward. He's matured as a young man, and I don't think he'll ever get over the fact that he's lost his dad at such a young age, but he's where he needs to be to

do something special." As the Big 12 tournament nears, Kyven is ranked No. 1 in a sport ruled by the ferocious, the fast and the strong. But Kyven's strength, just like Willie's, is not the type that can be built in the weight room or on the mat, for it can only be learned and taught by coaches and fathers.

And the lessons for that type of strength never come easy.

# SAM BLUSKE: Leader of the pack

By Chris.Wolff @iowastatedaily.com

Sam Bluske found herself in the middle of the pack of the 5000-meter run at the Big 12 Championship.

Bethanie Brown, her freshman teammate and a cross-country All-American, was up in the front of the pack, battling with Olivia Mickle of the University of

As the race progressed, Brown would take the lead. Then a few laps later, Mickle would recover the lead. All the while, Bluske ran back in fifth place, just biding her time and staying relaxed.

The redshirt senior and team captain kept her sights on the leaders, watching as Brown and Mickle pushed the pace, just to make sure the head of the pack was always within her striking distance.

With 800-meters to go, I realized that I felt really good ... and I was like, 'Heck, I have a chance to win this if I play it right," Bluske said. "With 600 [meters] to go, I had moved up to third and Coach [Andrea Grove-McDonough] was like screaming at me to make sure I had my move, and with 350 [meters to go], I knew I had enough, and I just put my head down and ran as hard as I could that last 350 meters.'

While Brown began to run out of gas and would ultimately finish in sixth place, Bluske only seemed to grow stronger. She tracked down Mickle and rode in her hip pocket for a while before out-kicking her down the final stretch.

"Coach [Grove-McDonough] has really made me realize I have the kick, which I never thought I had before," Bluske said. "When I jogged to the line at the start she was like, 'Hey, you have the kick,' and I

Bluske outlasted and out-kicked her way to a Big 12 Championship title in the 5000-meter race, the first of her career.

"She is such a great closer, so we had a lot of faith in that," said Grove-McDonough. "I didn't necessarily know she was going to win it, but that was some great icing on the cake. It took a 16-second



Redshirt senior Sam Bluske won a Big 12 Championship title in the 5000-meter race, a career first. For most of the race, she was in the middle of the pack, a frequent place in her career.

personal record to do it, but what a great moment to do something like that."

The way Bluske ran the race personified her time at Iowa State. While the headliners battled out in front for everybody to see, Bluske remained a steady, consistent presence in the middle of the pack, just waiting for her time. Just waiting to make

Bluske is a team captain for the ISU women's track and field team this season, a decision she said she never expected when she first arrived on campus as a transfer from Illinois State. However, Bluske would ultimately grow into a model athlete at

"Being a team captain is probably one of the most rewarding experiences I have had," Bluske said. "If you look back at my last few years, honestly, I don't think many people expected this to happen because on paper I was not the favorite at all.'

But then again, Bluske has never really been the favorite. She always seemed to be overshadowed. Bluske was always a steady background presence, but never the headliner.

Still, Bluske went to work every day, and this year, as a team captain, she began

to see that work pay dividends.
At the Big 12 Championships, Bluske saw all of her work culminate into a Big 12 Championship title by doing what she has always done: putting her head down and

"I think showing the younger girls that if you go to practice working hard every single day and committing yourself, like no matter how many things go against you, as long as you keep believing in yourself and your teammates and your coaching, anything is possible," Bluske said.

Katy Moen, a redshirt junior on the team, finished just behind Bluske and Mickle in third place. Moen said it was hard to put into words how much Bluske meant to the team as an athlete everybody looked up to during the season.

"I think it showed all of our hard work paying off, especially Sam who has worked so hard the past couple years, and it was finally her time to shine," Moen said. "Sam is definitely a leader by example, a leader by compassion, and just taking us all under her wing. She has the captain title, but to us, it goes beyond that."

Grove-McDonough, who helped Bluske realize she had the kick necessary to win a Big 12 Championship down the stretch, echoed Moen's take on how valuable Bluske was to the team, not just as an athlete, but as a leader and a teammate.

"I actually think that almost everybody on the team, if they were asked who they would pick to win a championship at this meet, who it would mean the most to, I think everybody would have said Sam and everybody would have been the hap-

piest for Sam," Grove-McDonough said. Suddenly, Bluske, the team captain and model athlete, had moved from the background to a headliner, not only on the team, but also in the Big 12 Conference.

Bluske has thrived as team captain, and it showed throughout the season. After leading her team this season, her teammates got to look up to her once again.

This time, they were looking up at Bluske standing on the top of the podium with a Big 12 Championship medal around her neck.

Still, Bluske deflected all of her individual attention and success back to her teammates, the university and the program that means everything to her.

"I'm just really happy to be able to represent Iowa State that way because the university and the program has given so much to me and so many opportunities, and to be able to do this for them ... It's not really for myself ... it's for my team, but it just means so much," Bluske said.

Bluske's time in the spotlight had just begun, and yet she was already focused on drifting back into the background.

Drifting back to the middle of the pack, where she bides her time, keeping herself in striking distance until she needs to make her move yet again.

# Women's basketball looks forward in postseason play

By Alex.Gookin @iowastatedaily.com

As the buzzer sounded in Hilton Coliseum for the final time in regular season for the ISU women's basketball team, the scoreboard read Baylor 70, Iowa State 54. The result was not what the team had hoped for, but the smiles throughout Hilton showed the season is not yet over.

As the team's three seniors were announced and gave their speeches, the thought that they might get one more game in Hilton as a host of the first and second rounds of the NCAA tournament makes a loss to No. 9 Baylor sting less.

ISU coach Bill Fennelly spent time answering questions about the loss before turning his focus to the Big 12 tournament and saying there would be no looking back now.

proud of what we did, and now the Big 12 tournament is a totally separate entity," Fennelly said. "If it's one game or three games, we'll enjoy the experience."

"The regular season is over, we're 20-9, we're

The Cyclones drew the No. 5 seed in the tournament and will face No. 4 seed Oklahoma State at 11:05 a.m. March 8 in Oklahoma City. Iowa State split the regular season series with Oklahoma State, each winning on the road.

The ISU squad will play the equivalent of a road game with the Oklahoma State's campus 12 tournament host site in Oklahoma City — a travel time only longer than that for the Oklahoma Sooners. Iowa State will have the second farthest distance to travel, making the 580-mile

However, travel doesn't seem to affect the It will be a great experience for our kids, and we are looking forward to going down there and playing"

Bill Fennelly, ISU head coach

Cyclones very much. The team finished with a better record on the road in Big 12 play (5-4) than in the friendly confines of Hilton will have only two practices to prepare for the Cowgirls, but the team says they feel ready after their last meeting.

'It's really fresh in our minds, knowing that just played them," senior forward Hallie Christofferson. "[Just] like we did down there, just try to hit shots and rebound and see what happens."

The Cowgirls are com-

ing off a regular season where they finished 22-7 (11-7 Big 12) and head into the tournament ranked No. 18 in the AP Poll.

Fennelly said this tournament will be as tough as it's ever been and has talked all season about the Big 12's strength from top to bottom. Calling it the "best conference in the nation," Fennelly is excited to see what the tournament

"That's what's fun about this league: You're the Big 12 tournament and you're playing a top-20 team," Fennelly said of Oklahoma State. "The 'March Madness,' the Big 12 tournament — it will be a great experience for our kids, and we are looking forward to going down there and playing.'



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Senior forward Hallie Christofferson shoots a jump shot during lowa State's 69-62 loss to Oklahoma State Jan. 11. Christofferson has scored double figures in every game this season.

# ISU choirs prepare for showcases

By Devin.Wilmott @iowastatedaily.com

Founded by James Rodde in fall of 2000, The Iowa Statesmen is the university's only male choir. The Statesmen will showcase this semester's repertoire at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall in Music Hall.

"The Statesmen have a really diverse song lineup this year, and we're very excited to perform it," said Alex Tinguely, senior in physics and fourth-year Statesmen member.

The ensemble will be singing a variety of pieces ranging from classical and spiritual to a favorite from "The Lion King."

"Most students haven't attended choir concerts before, at least not at the collegiate level, so they might be hesitant to go," Tinguely said. "But I think students would be really impressed with the quality of our and most concerts.

The 130-voice Statesmen rehearse for at least three hours each week with members from all different fields of study across Iowa State. Under the direction of Rodde, these students come together to present a memorable concert for their diverse

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The lowa Statesmen choir prepares for a concert. The Statesmen will perform a new lineup at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. "The Statesmen have a really diverse song lineup this year, and we're very excited to perform it," said Alex Tinguely. The Cantamus choir will also perform Sunday after the Statesmen.

out the year which specialize in traditional and contemporary literature.

In 2006, The Statesmen performed at the Intercollegiate Choruses' National Seminar in Eau Claire, Wis.

On April 20, the choir, joined with students from other ISU choirs, will journey to Carnegie Hall in New York City to present material that will be performed at the annual Masterworks concert April 26.

The Masterworks concert brings all students from the choir department together to sing works that will leave its audience in awe. The headlined piece, "Dona Nobis Pacem" by Vaughan Williams, is a 68-page score accompanied with an orchestra. The ISU choir department is excited to come together and present this piece along with other works to the ISU community.

Cantamus, another one of the four major choral ensembles at Iowa State, is an all-women choir selected by audition. Directed by Kathleen Rodde, the ensemble received many opportunities to present solo performances for many North Central American Choral Directors Association conferences.

Cantamus will also have an opportunity to showcase their material after the Statemen at 4:30 p.m. Sunday in Martha-Ellen Tye Recital Hall.

The audience will hear the calming sounds of "Northern Lights" by Eriks Esenvalds and upbeat tempo of "Spirituals" by Stacey Gibbs.

Tickets for both Statesmen and Cantamus concerts are \$5 for the public and \$3 for students. Tickets for the annual Masterworks concert on April 26 have yet to be announced.



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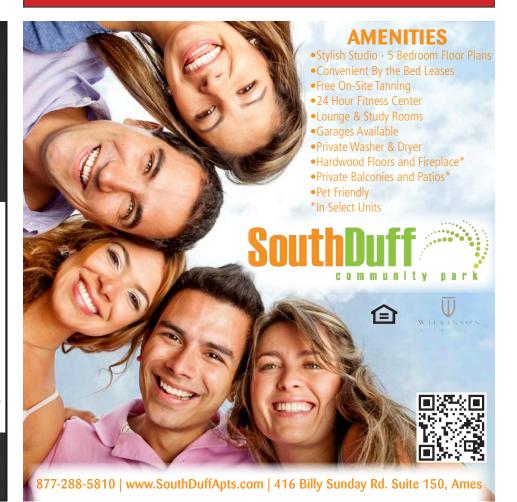
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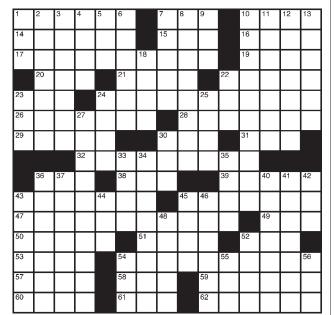
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# Crossword



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- 10 Daddy 14 Longtime Hawaiian senator Daniel 15 Ottowan interjec-
- tions 16 Woeful cry 17 \*Large emigration 19 Frisks, with "down"
- 20 Asian holiday 21 Letter-shaped fastener 22 Land at Orly?
- 23 Confederate 24 \*Lunchbox item 26 Smallish crocodil-
- 28 Portal toppers 29 100-eyed giant of myth 30 Word of greeting
- 31 Points a finger at 32 \*"I'll Be There for You" on "Friends," e.g. 36 \_\_ date 38 Levy 39 Brought about 43 Southeast Asian
- honey lover 45 Oporto native, e.g. 47 \*Children's litera ture VIP 49 Brandy label

- 50 Cream of the crop 51 CNBC topics 52 Breadbasket, so to speak 53 Director Gus
  - 54 \*Daily Planet setting 57 Palm smartphone 58 Celebratory poem 59 Valuable lump 60 Bldg. annex

61 Beersheba's land:

Abbr. 62 Word that can follow five prefixes hidden sequentially starred clues

# Down

1"Tell \_\_": 1962-'63 2 Winning steadily 3 Get clobbered 4 It's not an option 5 Observe 6 Church maintenance officer 7 Disgusted 8 Back-and-forth flights 9 Navy hull letters 10 Empty threat 11 Afraid

### 12 Platoon activities 13 Look over carefully 18 Burden

- 22 X, sometimes Victor
- 24 Window part 25 Silver opening? 27 Remote control
- 30 Spell 33 Floride, par exemple 34 Many couples 35 Cub or Card
- 36 Simpleton 37 Like some loose leaf paper 40 Reveal 41 More to one's
- liking 42 Plastic \_\_ Band 43 Cuarenta winks? 44 Tongue suffix 45 "Click \_\_ Ticket": road safety slogan
- 46 Quantúm gravity particles 48 More timely 52 Painter van \_\_ 54 French pronoun 55 tent 56 CPA's office,

perhaps

# **Taurus**

(April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 - You do best working through others, and your investments do especially well. Loved ones provide support, and the route becomes obvious. Consider consequences before issuing words or actions.

# Gemini

(May 21-June 20)

Today is a 7 -- There's plenty of work over the next eight months, with Jupiter direct. Prosper with a partner's help. Romance is getting easier, too. Get the house the way you want it. A financial matter moves forward now.

**Today's Birthday** (3/6/14)

Nurture creative collaborations this year. Stick to basics, revising strategies, infrastructure and action plans for efficiency. Work chugs along, while you focus on fun, home, friends and kids from now to August. Romance lights up the summer, and autumn launches your career to a new level. Balance work and play. Grow happiness by focusing on

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

what you love.

# (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 – A schedule

conflict could disrupt travels. Jupiter goes direct today, for the next eight months. Working with others gets easier. The money for home improvements becomes available. Whip up a feast and invite everyone, to celebrate.

# Horoscope by Linda Black

(June 21-July 22) Today is a 6 -- Friends provide

decisive leadership over the next eight months. Love, prosperity and home improvements grow. Make plenty of time for play. Move forward with an agreement. Adapt to another's preferences. Cut frills.

# Leo

(July 23-Aug. 22)

**Today is a 7** -- Turn down an invitation to go out. Advance a work project. Make sure you know what's required. It's easier to learn over the next eight months. Love and money come easier, too.

# Virgo

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is a 6 – It's easier to

concentrate, communicate with clarity, and take powerful strides in projects at home and work, now that Jupiter's direct. Study your course and handle practical details before leaping into action.

# Libra

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 5 -- It's easier to

advance and make money now. Finish old projects to clear space for new enthusiasms. Get your partner involved. Have your home support your passion.

# **Scorpio**

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 - New information handles an issue. Projects that were delayed move forward, with Jupiter direct. Finances and romance grow with greater ease. Take slow, measured steps. Dance with your subject silently. Create a little mystery.

# **Sagittarius**

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 7 – Take it one step at a time. For the next eight months

with Jupiter direct, your dreams seem prophetic, and it's easier to get whatever you want. Stash away as much as possible. Speak only the truth.

# Capricorn

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 7 — Cash flow

improves. Career advancement gets easier (and more fun), with Jupiter direct for the next eight months. Do your homework, and don't over-extend. Keep expenses low. Celebrate with creature comforts at home.

# **Aguarius**

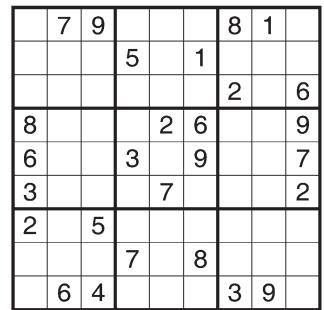
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 6 – Money may be tight today, but savings grows over the next eight months with Jupiter direct. Travel and new projects go well. Advance a level, as you meet important people. Let your partner lead. Share good food and home pleasures.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 – Discuss ways to keep costs down. Group efforts make significant gains. For the next eight months with Jupiter direct, get farther than expected. Personal and professional goals advance with ease. Upgrade your communications infrastructure.

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**LEVEL:** 



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